

Weekly Words

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YOUTH *Sunday*

THIS SUNDAY, MAY 5

www.hc-b.org

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU

WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS

Please complete the information card and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of the ushers.

WE, THE PEOPLE OF HOLY COMFORTER

Though very diverse politically and socially, care for each other and care deeply for how our faith is manifested in the community. We believe all people are equal in God's hand. Our nurturing congregation has an appreciation for diverse perspectives and opinions. We grow through a continually evolving and questioning discussion regarding our faith, God, and society. We welcome all, without reservation, into our Christian body to be part of a loving and sharing family.

WE CARE

Please call the church office at 336-227-4251 if you or someone you know needs visitation, prayers or other assistance because of illness or inability to attend worship service.

MISSION STATEMENT

To worship God, revealed to us as Creator, as Jesus the Christ, & as the Holy Spirit, and experience God's presence within the church family, nurturing each other through a comprehensive parish program while affirming each other's individual ministries and responding to Jesus' continuing call to minister to others.

LAY MINISTRY MAY 5 SCHEDULE

VERGER

Steven Swanner

ASST. VERGER

William Swanner

ORGANIST

Christin Baker

USHERS

8:15am - Tom McLean

10:30am - Mary & Brad Collins

BULLETINS - Sam Fitzpatrick, Abigail Fitzpatrick

COLLECTION PLATES - Jazzymyne Griffith-Petty, Evie Surratt

READERS

8:15am - Julie Smith

10:30am - *1ST READING* - Lorenzo Johnson

THE EPISTLE - Davis Slott

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Max Fitzpatrick

ACOLYTES

8:15am - Julie Smith

10:30am - *CHALICISTS* - Adriane & Max Newbauer

CRUCIFER - Micah Ash

TORCH BEARERS - Wesley Swanner, Anna Newbauer

GOSPEL BEARER - Holden Newbauer

ELEMENTS - Bea Swajkoski, Libby Swajkoski, Caroline Adams,

Cameron Adams

VESTRY COUNTERS

Diana Wallace, Carol Thornell

FLOWER GUILD

Connie Griner

ALTAR GUILD

Audrey Deadmon, Leslie Haines, Elizabeth Hood,

Sandy Moulton, Jane Spencer, Bea Swajkoski

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Nancy Slott, Mary Collins, Connie Griner,

Terri Stevens, Cherry Wrenn

WEEK OF MAY 5 CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 5

- 8:00am | Breakfast Ministry
- 8:15am | HE Rite II Service
- 9:30am | Bible Study
- 9:45am | Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30am | **Youth Service**
- 11:30am | **Cinco de Mayo picnic**

MONDAY, MAY 6

- 7:00pm | Courage to Change

TUESDAY, MAY 7

WEEKLY WORDS DUE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

- 7:00am | School Testing
- 7:00pm | Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY 9

- 7:00am | School Testing
- 8:00am | Men's Breakfast
- 11:00am | Brookwood Village Eucharist
- 7:00pm | Courage to Change

YOUTH

Sunday

CINCO DE MAYO

**LOTS OF FUN FOR
ALL AGES!
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

MAY 5

**TACO
BAR**

**GRILLED CHICKEN
BREAST
MEXICAN DESSERT**

Bring a lawn chair, kids bring your bathing suits and bring your appetites. Bouncy house fun, food and fellowship. Seating in both the Great Hall and in the Grove.



ACAC

Allied churches of Alamance County, Inc.

Housing the Homeless, Feeding the Hungry

“WHEN WE KNOW WHERE THE HUNGRY, THE HOMELESS AND THE SICK EXIST, THEN WE CAN HELP.” JAN SCHAKOWSKI

PLEASE BRING YOUR GIFTS SUNDAY, MAY 5TH OR ANYTIME.



SPECIAL NEEDS FOR MAY

- Cooking Oil/Olive oil
- 55-60 Gallon Trash Bags
- Disposable Plastic Forks
- SPAM
- Salad Dressing
- Face and Bath towels
- 3 Compartment Food Trays with lids

When best for you, just ring the church's backdoor bell and take your gifts to our Belltower basket. All will go to ACAC after the first Sunday monthly.

Thanks for your bountiful donations in April. Your generosity never ceases to amaze!

**But all food, toiletries or cleaning items you offer are used and needed.*

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MAY 4-5

(4) 10am-6pm

(5) 12pm-5pm

**Burlington City Park
1388 S. Main Street
Burlington**



**FREE
EVENT**

Come out and help us celebrate the 33rd Anniversary of the Burlington Carousel Festival! This event features live music, arts & craft vendors, food & a beer garden. Amusement park rides & fun for the whole family.

THURSDAY, MAY 9 | SPEAKER: BRAD MOORE

Our presenter on May 9 will be Brad Moore, Associate Vice President for Facilities and Chief Facilities Officer at Elon University. Brad has more than 18 years of experience at Elon, having served as university architect and construction manager as the campus facilities tripled in size. Major projects have included the Schar Center, The Inn at Elon and the new physics and engineering buildings. Brad will speak about the Campus Master Plan including a new center planned for the site of the former Elon Elementary School. He holds a bachelor's degree in environmental design in architecture from NC State and a masters in architecture and regional and city planning from Clemson University.

TWIN LAKES

8AM for breakfast | 8:45 for the program
Coble Rehabilitation Center

If you have questions about the location or programs, contact Bob Kirchen (kirchenrv@gmail.com), Richard McBride (mcbride@elon.edu) or Phil Savage (savageboatman@bellsouth.net).



MEN'S
BREAKFAST



Lend a Helping Hand
Church
WORK DAY
SATURDAY, MAY 11

Come help us get ready to open the

COMFORTER HOUSE
AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM.

We are partnering with
Benevolence Farm to provide affordable
childcare for struggling families.

Please call or text Jocelyn
at 336-260-7557 if
you can clean / paint
at Comforter House.

10-2PM





NEXT ECW MEETING IS **11:00AM**
MONDAY, MAY 13
IN SMALL DINING ROOM

ECW
EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

The ECW will gather on May 13 at 11:00
in the Small Dining Room
for the **ANNUAL LUNCHEON.**

**EVERYONE IS ASKED TO BRING A SALAD
OR DESSERT OF THEIR CHOICE TO SHARE.**

This will be the
FINAL MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER.
It is a chance to
celebrate a good year.



EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US

STEPHEN MINISTRY

WHERE IS GOD WHEN IT HURTS?

I've lost my job and money's tight.
I can't think what to do!
Where are you, God, when I'm unemployed?
Why can't I seem to find you?
My marriage is broken, my family is gone,
My home feels empty and bare.
Where are you, God, when I'm lonely and sad?
Why don't you answer my prayer?
The doctor completed my tests today.
The diagnosis is frightening and unsure.
Where are you, God, when I'm ill and afraid?
Why can't you bring me a cure?

When everything is right in our world, When life seems entirely good, We know exactly where God is then, And give thanks to God as we should. But there's no difference in where God is. He's in the same place every time! God lives in the heart of each of us, Whether hurting or feeling divine. So if you're suffering from anything now, And your life is filled with fear, Will you pray, then listen, and hear God say, "Be still and know that I am here!"

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THE ENDOWMENT FUND

HOLY COMFORTER ENDOWMENT BOARD

APPLICATIONS FOR ENDOWMENT FUND DISTRIBUTIONS

Thanks to the generosity of the parish, the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter endowment is currently just over \$600,000. The Endowment BOARD is very pleased to report the following distribution amounts available.

	2023 (carry forward)	2024	TOTAL
General Endowment Fund	\$11,089	\$12,808	\$23,897
Edwin H. & Cecil Gant Fund (maintenance)	\$3,197	\$4,696	\$7,893

Distributions from the general endowment are restricted to mission and outreach, specific capital needs, and other purposes that support the mission and goals of the church.

The Endowment BOARD is currently accepting proposals from the Vestry, parishioners, and parish committees/groups for the funds to be distributed this year. Distributions will typically range from \$500 to \$5,000. The application form is available from the parish administrator or from the Endowment Fund website. The due date for applications is May 31, 2024.

A revised brochure for the Endowment Funds is now available. The Endowment Fund website has also been revised. The brochure may be obtained from the parish administrator. The website is found at the following link:

<https://www.holycomforterburlington.org/endowment>.

Parish Members of the Endowment BOARD

Pete Glidewell - At Large - Secretary

Pat House - Vestry

Steven House - At Large - Chair

Tom McLean – At Large

Chappy Moser - At Large

Mark Thomas - Sr. Warden - Ex Officio

Rector - Ex Officio

The Endowment BOARD wishes to thank everyone who made gifts to the endowment and for the positive impact your support is having on Holy Comforter.

VETERANS' OF FOREIGN WARS BUILDING

634 W. Webb Ave. Burlington, NC

With the summer holidays (Memorial Day, Flag Day and the 4th of July) just around the corner, some of us look at the American Flags we have displayed and notice they're not as nice looking as they should be.

For proper disposal of them, there is a small box (with the red and white stripes) located in front of the Veterans' of Foreign Wars building located at 634 W. Webb Ave.

It was an Eagle Scout project and one that is meant to be used.

A small slit will accommodate our nation's flag which has been properly folded. The Boy Scouts will see they are retired in the appropriate manner.



This is why we Sing!

Presented by

Alamance Chorale
CELEBRATING **50 YEARS**
1974 - 2024

50th Anniversary Program

MAY 21, 2024 AT 7:30PM | FREE ADMISSION

St. Mark's Community Church, 1230 St Marks Church Rd, Burlington, NC 27215



North
Carolina
Arts
Council

INCLUDING SOME OF
OUR VERY OWN
CHURCH MEMBERS

*Jim McAdams
Nelson &
Dale Young*

Featuring Guest Artists:

- The Burlington Boys Choir directs by Bill Allred
- Linda Cykert, *flute*
- Karl Ronnevik, *cello*
- Erin Studstill Lopp and Jim Brandt, *percussion*
- Alumni Singers, Directors, and Accompanists are invited to join us for selected pieces.

ALAMANCE ARTS



For more information visit
www.alamancechorale.org

112 YEARS AND GROWING



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