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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 or email George Silides (gsilides@hc-b.org) if you or someone you know needs visitation, prayers or other assistance because of illness or inability to attend worship service.

OUR PARISH 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.

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GROUP

www.Facebook.com/groups/holycomforterburlington

YOUTUBE

www.youtube.com/ECHCBurlington

MARCH CALENDAR

ARTICLES FOR WEEKLY WORDS DUE ON TUESDAYS

MARCH 7, 14, 21, 28

ARTICLES FOR COMFORTABLE WORDS DUE

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 1

7pm | Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAR. 2

9am | Men's Breakfast

7pm | Courage to Change

FRIDAY, MAR. 3

5:30pm | Parish Home
Gatherings

SUNDAY, MAR. 5

8:00am | Breakfast Ministry

8:15am | HE Rite I Service

9:30am | Bible Study

9:45am | Choir Rehearsal

10:30am | HE Rite I Service

10:40am | Children's Chapel

11:30am | Coffee in the Parlor

MONDAY, MAR. 6

5:30pm | Vestry Agenda Mtg.

7pm | Courage to Change

TUESDAY, MAR. 7

12pm | Staff Meeting

WEEKLY WORDS DUE

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 8

11am | Healing Service

7pm | Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAR. 9

9am | Men's Breakfast

11am | Brookwood Eucharist

7pm | Courage to Change

SUNDAY, MAR. 12

8:00am | Breakfast Ministry

8:15am | HE Rite I Service

9:30am | Bible Study

9:45am | Choir Rehearsal

10:30am | HE Rite I Service

10:40am | Children's Chapel

11:30am | Coffee in the Parlor

MONDAY, MAR. 13

10am | ECW: Episcopal

Church Women Meeting

7pm | Vestry Meeting

7pm | Courage to Change

TUESDAY, MAR. 14

12pm | Staff Meeting

WEEKLY WORDS DUE

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 15

11am | Healing Service

7pm | Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAR. 16

9am | Men's Breakfast

11am | Twin Lakes Eucharist

7pm | Courage to Change

SUNDAY, MAR. 19

8:00am | Breakfast Ministry

8:15am | HE Rite I Service

9:30am | Bible Study

9:45am | Choir Rehearsal

10:30am | HE Rite I Service

10:40am | Children's Chapel

11:30am | Coffee in the Parlor

11:30am | Youth Service

Project

MONDAY, MAR. 20

7pm | Courage to Change

TUESDAY, MAR. 21

12pm | Staff Meeting

WEEKLY WORDS DUE

THURSDAY, MAR. 23

9am | Men's Breakfast

7pm | Courage to Change

FRIDAY, MAR. 24

Diocesan Youth Event

COMFORTABLE WORDS DUE

SATURDAY, MAR. 25

Diocesan Youth Event

SUNDAY, MAR. 26

8:00am | Breakfast Ministry

8:15am | HE Rite I Service

9:30am | Bible Study

9:45am | Choir Rehearsal

10:30am | HE Rite I Service

10:40am | Children's Chapel

11:30am | Coffee in the Parlor

MONDAY, MAR. 27

7pm | Courage to Change

TUESDAY, MAR. 28

12pm | Staff Meeting

WEEKLY WORDS DUE

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 29

11am | Healing Service

7pm | Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAR. 30

9am | Men's Breakfast

7pm | Courage to Change

LAY MINISTRY MARCH SCHEDULE

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Mar. 2	Ski Swajkoski
Mar. 9	Bill Amidon
Mar. 16	Ben Ansbacher
Mar. 23	Brooks Graebner
Mar. 30	Jeff Andrews

VESTRY COUNTERS

Mar. 5	Larry Stevens, Shara Partin
Mar. 12	Tom McLean, Diana Wallace
Mar. 19	Mark Thomas Max Newbauer
Mar. 26	Paula Boyd, Joanne McClusky

ALTAR FLOWER DONORS

Mar. 5	John and Bea Swajkoski
Mar. 12	Steven and Julie Swanner
Mar. 19	Janie Sellers
Mar. 26	Cheryl Miner

FLOWER GUILD

Mar. 5	Connie Griner
Mar. 12	Betty Brown, Julie Smith, Sandy Gerow
Mar. 19	Janie Sellers, Ren Bryan
Mar. 26	Jennell Harris, Patsy Isley, Mary Telander, Margaret Egede-Nissen

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Mar. 5	Team A - Maggie Holt, Cheryl Miner
Mar. 1	Team B - Adriane Newbauer, Rachel Gledhill
Mar. 19	Team C - Jim Romer, Mourine Todd
Mar. 26	Team D - Larry Vellani, Corrinne Surratt

LAY MINISTRY MARCH SCHEDULE

ACOLYTES

- Mar. 5** 8:15am Julie Smith
10:30am Martha Stewart - *Chalicist*
Paul Surratt - *Crucifer*
Micah White - *Torch Bearer*
Amelia Surratt - *Gospel Bearer*
- Mar. 12** 8:15am Curt Odem
10:30am Richard Parker - *Chalicist / Crucifer*
Wesley Swanner, Mourine Todd - *Torch Bearers*
William Swanner - *Gospel Bearer*
- Mar. 19** 8:15am Julie Smith
10:30am Meredith Patterson - *Chalicist*
Max Newbauer - *Crucifers*
Adriane Newbauer and
Annagrace Newbauer - *Torch Bearers*
Holden Newbauer - *Gospel Bearer*
- Mar. 26** 8:15am Peter Dahl
10:30am Kathy Hykes - *Chalicist*
Sandra Wells - *Crucifer*
Steve Slott. Davis Slott - *Torch Bearers*
Fletcher Slott - *Gospel Bearer*

ALTAR GUILD

- Mar. 5** ***Audrey Deadmon***, Leslie Haines, Elizabeth Hood, Jane Spencer, Bea Swajkoski
- Mar. 12** ***Joanne McClusky***, Cheryl Miner, Tish Murray, Susan Ryan, Julie Smith, Nancy Smith
- Mar. 19** ***Shara Partin***, Verne Booker, Ren Bryan, Connie Griner, Mary Telander, Marilyn Tyler
- Mar. 26** ***Janie Sellers***, Betty Brown, Rene Burgess, Mary Collins, Lynn Dahl, Molly Exum, Beth Glidewell, Elizabeth Hansen, Debbie Nichols-Smith

LAY MINISTRY MARCH SCHEDULE

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

*Joanne McClusky, Angie Boone, Paula Boyd,
Rene Burgess, Jane Romer*

READERS

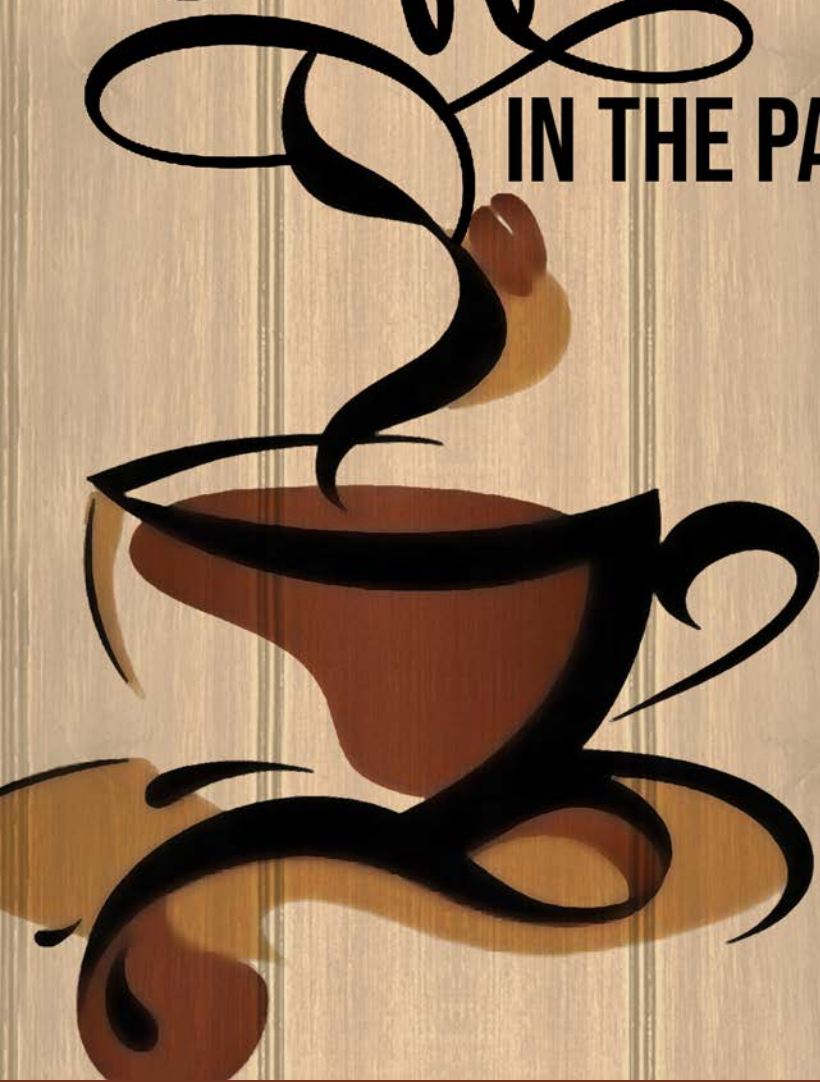
Mar. 5	8:15am	Julie Smith
	10:30am	Colleen Stevens, Martha Stewart
Mar. 12	8:15am	Elizabeth Hansen
	10:30am	Paige Ysteboe, Meredith Patterson
Mar. 19	8:15am	Linda Buff
	10:30am	Mary and Brad Collins
Mar. 26	8:15am	Peter Dahl
	10:30am	Patrick Rudd, Gary Schilke

USHERS

Mar. 5	8:15am	Tom McLean
	10:30am	Susan and Peter Klopman
Mar. 12	8:15am	Stan Williams
	10:30am	Sarah Moore, Tom McLean
Mar. 19	8:15am	Ron Driscoll
	10:30am	Brad and Mary Collins
Mar. 26	8:15am	Paula Boyd
	10:30am	Phil and Betsey Savage

Coffee

IN THE PARLOR



SUNDAYS at 11:30am

MEN'S BREAKFAST

8AM | BREAKFAST | 9AM | MESSAGE

THURSDAYS

MAR. 9

SPEAKER | GAEL O'SULLIVAN

Gael O'Sullivan is a longtime friend of Maryanne Shanahan whose more than 30-year career in international development has taken her around the globe. She has worked in 42 countries in Africa, the Middle East, Europe, Asia, and the Caribbean. Gael lived at length in Switzerland and in Togo. She received her bachelor of science degree at Georgetown University and was awarded an MBA in International Marketing at George Washington University. Gael is Adjunct Professor, Social Marketing for Global Good, at Georgetown University, McDonough School of Business. She is fluent in French.

Gael will share some key concepts from behavioral science that explain why we behave the way we do, with a focus on health behaviors. Gael also will share real-world examples from her work around the world and from the published literature. Whatever our age, behavioral change to improve our health and welfare or financial circumstance and the environment--is not out of reach. Understanding the science behind such change may help us get there!

The breakfast and fellowship part of the meeting will start at the Coble Rehabilitation Center at 8am, and the program will begin at 9am. The presentation will also be available on Zoom. Anybody who choses to attend will have to have a Twin Lakes ID.

Contact Richard McBride (mcbridge@elon.edu) for one. Bob Kirchen (kirchenrv@gmail.com) or Phil Savage (savageboatman@bellsouth.net) for Zoom or other info.



Next ECW meeting is
MONDAY, MARCH 13
in small dining room.



The **REV. CALEB TABOR**
will be guest speaker and updating
us on his current activities.

**EVERYONE IS
INVITED**



Nancy Smith | 336-430-7838



THE WAY OF LOVE

*Practices for
Jesus-Centered Life*



ANNOUNCING 2023 LENTEN SUPPERS

ADULTS

Please join us in March as we explore the

“WAY OF LOVE”,

a set of practices developed under the guidance of Bishop Curry. These practices are intended to help guide us as we search for ways to pattern our lives and communities in the likeness of Jesus Christ. As usual, a light soup-based meal will be served.

Children and youth

Following the Lenten suppers on Wednesdays, Children and youth are invited to learn

“DIFFERENT WAYS TO PRAY”.

We have a Bible story, a craft, and games to enjoy, every Wednesday evening following supper, while the adults participate in their series.

PLEASE COME! AND BRING THE KIDS!!

WEDNESDAYS at 5:30pm,
continuing each Wednesday through March 29.



HOLY COMFORTER'S GREAT GROWN-UP SPELLING BEE



What the BEE really spells.... Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! "The church gathered..... This is Holy Comforter...." Words Fr. George used the Sunday after the Great Grown Up Spelling Bee to describe what the true gift of the Spelling Bee was. And he was right. What a joyful, committed, and generous effort that event represented – and to what end? To provide the resources to support young learners so they have an equal chance for success in school and in life. This is Holy Comforter mission work at its best. There are many ways to be the Body of Christ in the world, and the Newlin Partnership is one of the high impact ways this church has done that, joined by invaluable volunteers throughout the community. The Newlin Partnership has put its heart and soul into this mission for 10 years - 10 years! How many young lives have been changed by a patient and skilled reading tutor? Have many tummies have been filled with food and comfort over a weekend? How many teachers have felt the strength of a partner cheering them on, helping them do their best each day, too? YOU are the Newlin Partnership, providing this love, your time, your talents and your financial support. Who do we thank? Look in the mirror. Smile. Know that you are an instrument of peace, love, and caring for your neighbor. Thank you, and thank you again, for making this fund-raising event so successful. While the final count of our success has not been absolutely determined, you have given us a year's worth of food pack backs or hours of tutor training and materials; an appreciation luncheon for the staff or a Christmas present for a child who might not get one otherwise. To the Spelling Bee Committee and each one of you, thank you deeply. Spread the buzzzzzzzzzz!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
The Board of Trustees of the Newlin Partnership





GOAL
80-85 BAGS

BAGS WITH A BLESSING

Now thru Sun., March 19, the youth of Holy Comforter will be collecting items for the Blessing bags that they will be putting together for the homeless that eat breakfast with us each Sunday morning. The items below are what they need. Any other items parishioners would like to donate would be greatly appreciated. All items are due by Sunday, March 19 and the youth will assemble during their event that day. **All donations can be placed in a box at the back of the church or in a box outside the Christian Formation office.**

ITEMS INCLUDE

- * Socks
- * Deoderant
- * Tissues
- * Lotion (*travel size*)
- * Ziplock Gallon bags
- * Crackers (*individually wrapped -- NABS, snack goldfish...*)
- * Tooth paste
- * Chapstick
- * Wipes
- * Comb
- * Tooth brushes
- * Wash cloths
- * Small brush
- * Feminine products
- * Granola bars

QUESTIONS CONTACT

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ACAC

Allied churches of Alamance County, Inc.

Housing the Homeless, Feeding the Hungry

**Practice Bishop Curry's "Way of Love"
Sunday March 5th with a donation to
the Hungry and Homeless at Allied
Churches of Alamance County.**

**Your gift is a way to "Bless, share faith
and unselfishly give and serve."**

SPECIAL REQUESTS

- 3-compartment food trays
- 55 gallon trash bags
- salt and pepper
- BBQ sauce
- plastic forks

But, all foods and supplies are welcomed.

Our ACAC basket in the Bell Tower
is always ready for your contributions.

**Thanks to you, in February our county's needy enjoyed
more heartwarming, nourishing meals.**

CONTACT Martha Adams (awam3a@outlook.com)



YOUR CONGREGATION'S MISSION

Mission-Focused Actions That Are Central to Your Stephen Ministry



- Equipping People to Use Their Gifts in Ministry
- Helping People Grow in Their Faith
- Providing Care and Support for Hurting People
- Building Up the Congregation as a Caring Community
- Reaching Unchurched People with the Love of Jesus

Stephen Ministry is recruiting parishioners to provide consistent, confidential care to those in crisis.

The **training will be offered soon** and is free to those who are ready to take a spiritual journey during which you provide care for others.

You can be part of Stephen Ministry at Holy Comforter to provide help for those experiencing difficult times in their lives. Contact Rene Burgess, Stephen Leader (336-269-5959 **burgessrene@gmail.com**), Paula Boyd, or our Rector Rev. George Silides.



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Christ caring for people through people



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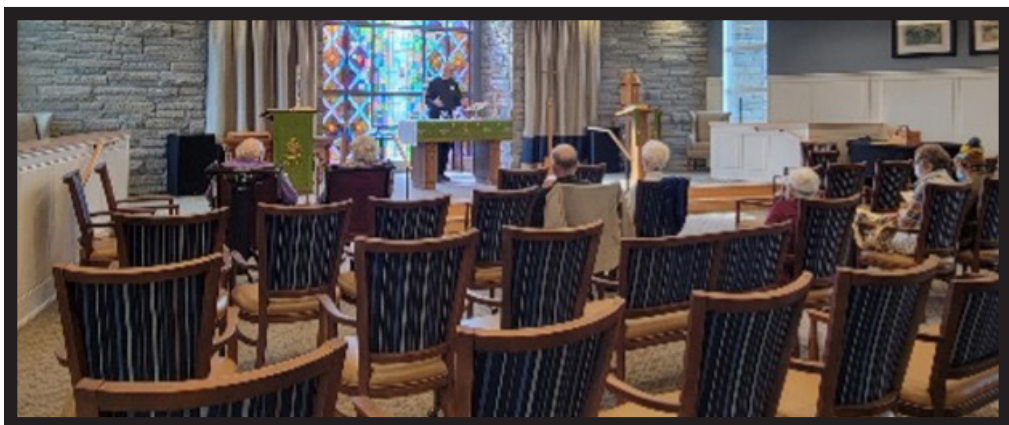
WHEW! As a newcomer to working with the wonderful folks involved on so many levels of Pastoral Care I am thrilled to report on some of the highlights.

The **Sunshine RED RIBBON committee** was started in May of 2021 to address the pandemic breakdown of communications. Since then, **145 beautifully wrapped and labled “Love Gifts” have been delivered all over the county**. Not all for sad reasons, but also to celebrate baby’s births, cancer free results, newcomers, and other good news. These are small, targeted, quickly delivered reminders that Holy Comforter is there for our parishioners and their families



Bakers are always welcome,
please contact Nancy Slott (336-693-1207) or
Susan Ryan (336-684-3211) if you are interested
in helping out with this brightly shining project.

The **Lay Eucharistic Ministry** will be re-starting. And, of course, Holy Comforter has **monthly services at Brookwood and Twin Lakes**. Everyone is welcome to attend these and visit with the folks there. (The photo below shows the beautiful new chapel at Twin Lakes.)



Rene Burgess has lovingly headed up **Stephen Ministers** for a good long time and is **looking for a few good people to become consistent, confidential ministers to those in need**. There is free training required for this important ministry.

Holy Comforter looks out for its people.

Please let us know if we can help you or someone you love. We don't want to intrude. We want to help.

Paula Boyd | 336-260-6151
Vestry Liaison Pastoral Care

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



APRIL 2ND

PALM SUNDAY

10AM HE RITE | SERVICE | HYBRID



APRIL 6TH

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7PM HE RITE | SERVICE | HYBRID



APRIL 7TH

GOOD FRIDAY

12PM HE RITE | SERVICE | HYBRID
7PM | STATIONS OF THE CROSS | IN-PERSON



APRIL 8TH

SATURDAY VIGIL

7:45PM HE RITE | SERVICE | HYBRID



APRIL 9TH

EASTER SUNDAY

8:15AM HE RITE | SERVICE | IN-PERSON
10:30AM HE RITE | SERVICE | HYBRID

MARCH

HAPPY
Birthday
TO YOU

MARCH

Mourine Todd - **5**

John Swajkoski - **6**

Martha Ann Rabon - **6**

Nancy Slott - **7**

Stan Williams - **8**

Kim Partin - **8**

Otis Powell - **12**

Micah White - **12**

Casey Holt - **13**

Sandra Wells - **13**

Betty Hatch - **14**

Patricia House - **15**

Cameron Corbett - **17**

William Swanner - **17**

John Blake - **18**

Robin Perez - **18**

Heather Slott - **19**

Kelvin Bradsher - **19**

Paige Ysteboe - **22**

Brad Lingerfelt - **22**

Kathryn Wright - **22**

Max Newbauer - **23**

Clyde Gordon - **27**

Steve Slott - **30**

Bob Stewart - **30**

Caroline Wall - **30**

Phoebe Murray - **30**

Tish Murray - **30**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MEMBERS

Chappy Moser

Blake Pinson

Nancy Christianson

Sue Schilke

Elizabeth Hansen

Cecelia & Bob Walker

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Greg Sykes – *Cat Sykes' husband*

Rev. Pat Sykes – *friend of Chappy Moser*

Kathy Cusano – *Nancy Christianson's friend*

Billy East – *Gretchen & Doug Peet's friend*

Sylvia Hubbard – *Sarah Moore's sister*

Price Savage – *Phil & Betsey Savage's grandson*

Will Nadolski – *Paula Boyd's grandson*

Tina Parks – *Jocelyn Safrit's sister-in-law*

Marcus Day – *David Day's brother*

Johnny Brown – *Friend of Paula Boyd*

Jason Liepert – *Mary Telander's brother-in-law*

Susanne Hetrick – *Elizabeth Hansen's friend*

Dale Norstrom – *Sue Schilke's brother*

Cindy Rugg – *Judy Driscoll's friend*

Aubrey Henderson – *Nancy Powell's Great Granddaughter*



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OF THE
PEOPLE



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