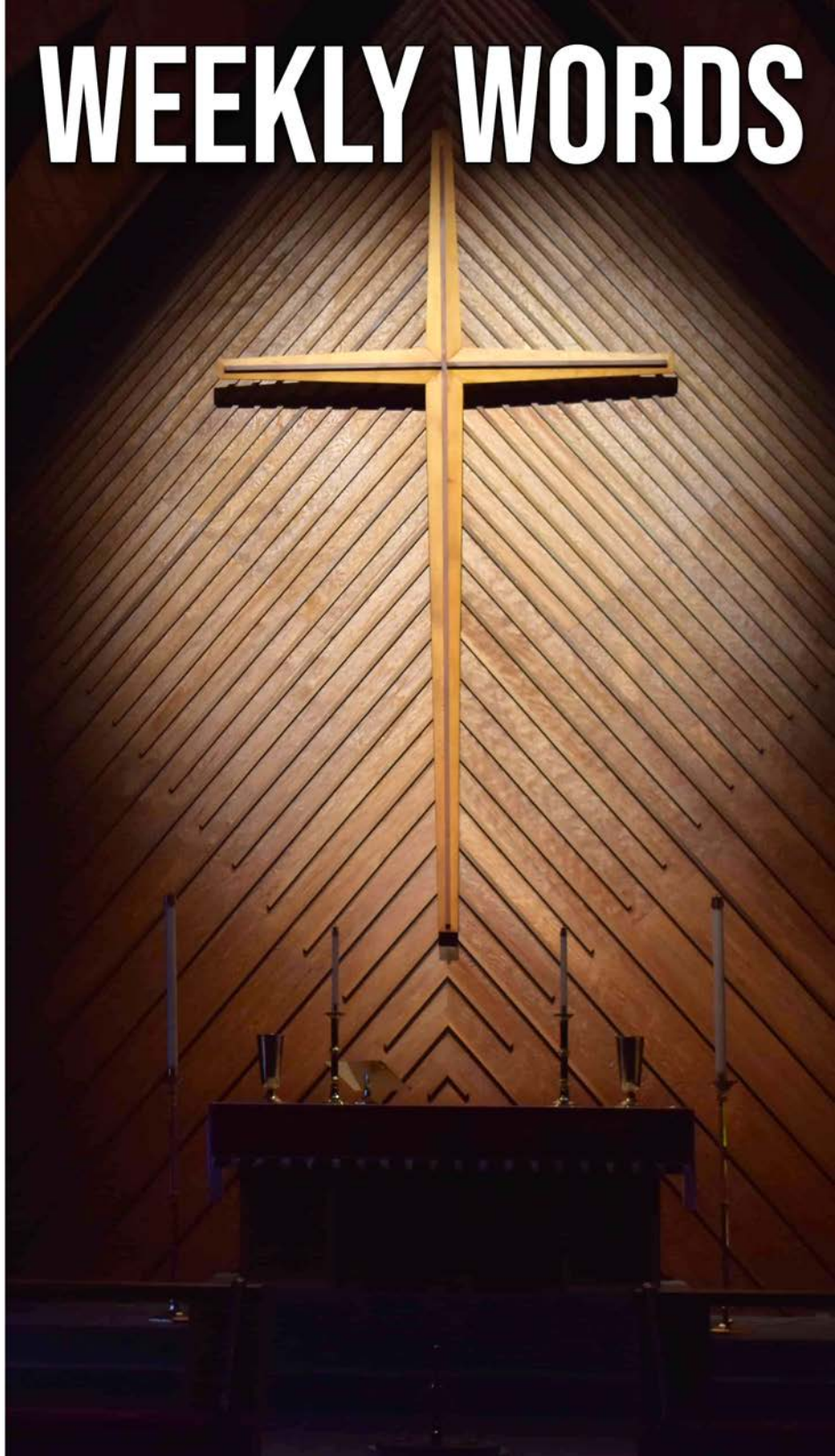


WEEKLY WORDS

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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 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.

WAYS TO CONNECT

- CHURCH OFFICE** 336-227-4251
- WEBSITE** www.hc-b.org
- OFFICE HOURS** Monday-Thursday | 8am-2:30pm
Friday | 8am-12pm
- INSTAGRAM** www.instagram.com/holycomforterburlington
- FACEBOOK PAGE** www.Facebook.com/holycomforterburlington
- FACEBOOK GROUP** www.Facebook.com/groups/holycomforterburlington
- YOUTUBE** www.youtube.com/ECHCBurlington

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 14

OFFICIANT	The Rev. Melanie Barbarito
LAY MINISTERS	
VERGER	Steven Swanner
ORGANIST	Christin Baker
USHERS	8:15am Ron Driscoll 10:30am Patrick Rudd, Hu Womack
READERS	8:15am Linda Buff 10:30am Patrick Rudd, Sandy Gerow
ACOLYTES	8:15am Curt Odem 10:30am Chalicist - Martha Stewart Crucifer - Mourine Todd Left Torch Bearer - Micah Ash Right Torch Bearer - Sandra Wells Gospel Bearer - Aurora Maresca
CHILDREN'S CHAPEL	Maggie Holt, Cheryl Miner
VESTRY COUNTERS	Joanne McClusky, Max Newbauer
FLOWER GUILD	Janie Sellers, Ren Bryan
ALTAR GUILD	Shara Partin , Verne Booker, Ren Bryan, Connie Griner, Mary Telander, Marilyn Tyler
SUNSHINE COMMITTEE	Susan Klopman , Betty Adams, Judy Driscoll, Beth Glidewell, Julie Tighe

CALENDAR WEEK OF JANUARY 21

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

8:00am | Breakfast Ministry

8:15am | HE Rite II Service

9:30am | Bible Study

9:45am | Choir Rehearsal

10:30am | HE Rite II Service

10:40am | Children's Chapel

11:30am | Coffee in the Parlor

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

7:00pm | Courage to Change

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

7:00am | United Way Event

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

7:00pm | Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

9:00am | Men's Breakfast Group

7:00pm | Courage to Change

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

9:00am | Vestry Retreat

2024

I AM EXCITED!

THE EPISCOPAL
CHURCH OF THE
HOLY COMFORTER

Stewardship

PLEDGE CAMPAIGN 2024 WEEK OF 1/17/2024

\$450,000

STEWARDSHIP GOAL

For 2024

3

NUMBER OF PLEDGE CARDS

Received through the week ending Jan. 17

76

TOTAL NUMBER OF PLEDGE CARDS

Returned for 2024

\$277,808

AMOUNT PLEDGED FOR 2024

As of January 17



LUCKY LISTENERS PROGRAM RENEWED NEWLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE

**In February 2024, Newlin Partnership will welcome
New Lucky Listeners at Newlin!!**

The Augustine Literacy Project is renewing the LUCKY LISTENERS program which has been on hold. This is a low stress, minimal-prep and training opportunity for an adult to go to Newlin Elementary School for 30 minutes and listen to a second grader read.

The teacher will assign the child for a listener to work with and give them books that will be controlled vocabulary or books that the teacher knows the child will have some success with. Later, Listeners will be encouraged to select books, together with their student. The new Lucky Listeners are: Julie Smith, Jim McAdams, Janice Davis, Louanne Thompson, Susan Klopman and Laurie Fais.

The only requirements for this are 1) the motivation to reach out and lovingly be present to a child who needs attention and 2) willingness to have an ABSS background check, doing a brief safe church training online, and attending a one-time orientation/training to make you feel confident. People can choose to be Lucky Listeners every day, once a week, once every two weeks, or once a month. It's very flexible. There is no cost to you.

For your initial visit, we will make every attempt to have a member of the literacy team meet you at Newlin and provide orientation. As a Valentine's gift to yourself, please consider becoming part of this very successful mission that Holy Comforter has sponsored for more than 10 years.

This is open to all in the community. Initially we're going to have a limit of 10. Call with questions!

Susan Kern, susanh.kern@gmail.com, (919) 923-3325
Lee Kern, lsk.msw@gmail.com, (919) 332-8321

BE A READING BUDDY

PARISH HOME GATHERING

The background of the text is a photograph of a living room. It features a green leather sofa with several pillows in shades of yellow and green. In front of the sofa is a white round coffee table with a vase of dried branches. On the wall behind the sofa is a framed abstract painting with geometric shapes and colors like green, yellow, and brown.

Home gathering dinner groups are a wonderful way to get to know people you've been sitting next to for years in church or the people that have just walked in the door.

Please sign up if you'd like to be placed in a group of six or eight people who can then arrange to meet together approximately four times between now and June and simply enjoy several meals together and get to know each other.

Sign-ups will be offered in person at church on January 21st, and 28th. Or you can call Jocelyn Safrit (336 260-7557) or Maggie Holt (919 840-6731).

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP - THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

ELON ATHLETICS

The new Athletic Director at Elon University, Jennifer Strawley, will be guest speaker for the Men's Breakfast Group on Thursday, January 25th. Ms. Strawley was named Elon's new AD in July, 2023 after serving for eleven years as Senior Deputy Director of Athletics at the University of Miami. Prior to that position she worked for the NCAA as Director of Academic and Membership Affairs. She also served as Associate Athletic Director at Columbia University. Jennifer played softball at the University of Pennsylvania and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in history. She also earned her Master's degree in Sports Administration from the University of Miami. **Welcome to Elon Jennifer Strawley and to the Holy Comforter Men's Breakfast Group!**

8AM for breakfast; 8:45 for the program
Coble Rehabilitation Center, Twin Lakes

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

FAITH, FOOD &
FELLOWSHIP

stephen MINISTRY

Christ caring for people through people



Stephen Ministry continues to receive referrals for members of our parish who are experiencing personal crises.

We need to train new Stephen Ministers who can provide the care that need.

New training will be an opportunity for folks to gain the skills needed to serve and to deepen their own spiritual being.

Commit to the training during Lent this year as a personal spiritual discipline. All are welcome to apply to attend the training and become a Holy Comforter Stephen Minister.

Contact Rene Burgess, Stephen Leader
(burgessrene@gmail.com or 336-269-5959)



Join us for a
Valentine's Day
Bake Sale

Come join us for a festive fundraiser benefiting the Newlin Partnership! Browse tables of cookies, cakes, candies, and treats to purchase by the pound for your sweeties and yourself! There will be a raffle and games, crafts, and entertainment for the kids! All proceeds will benefit the Newlin Partnership.

February 11th
12 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Holy Comforter Episcopal Great Hall
320 E. Davis Street
Burlington, NC 27215



See you there!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SYMPATHIES

For the repose of the soul of Doug Kline, and for the comfort of his family and friends, including Kathy Hykes.

MEMBERS

Lidia Serrano	Chappy Moser	Phil Savage
Cecelia Walker	Bishop Curry	Bobby Puett
Margaret Egede-Nissen	Curt Odem	Elizabeth Hansen

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Joshua Lehman, II - *Gary Schilke's grandson*
Annette Driscoll - *Ron & Judy Driscoll's daughter*
Robert Pagan - *Lou Padmos' daughter Alyssa's father-in-law*
Arthur Van Biijon - *Derek Bates' friend*
Brady John Pichurski - *Janie Sellers' great nephew*
Mary Doughty - *Mother-in-law of Jane Sellers' son, Whitt*
Marco Morel D'Amico - *Angie Boone's friend*
Debora Plumb - *Les Plumb's daughter-in-law*
Jennifer Petty - *Les Plumb's daughter*
Forrest Rainer & Michael Rainer - *Betsy Baldwin's grandsons*
Caryl Barbknecht & Mark Warren - *Sandy Gerow's friends*
Theresa Testa - *Debbie Nichols-Smith's daughter*
Marc Day - *David Day's brother*
Andrea Martin - *Gary Schilke's friend*
Dale Norstrom - *Gary Schilke's brother-in-law*
Catherine Shanahan - *Maryanne Shanahan's sister*
Rudy Jordon & Susan Hatfield - *Maryanne Shanahan's friends*
Zachary Lopez - *Barbara Jones' grandson*
Kathy Cusano - *Nancy Christian's friend*
Jeff Safrit - *Jocelyn Safrit's brother-in-law*
Garrett Magon - *Stephanie Wrenn's friend*
Cindy Rugg - *Judith Driscoll's friend*
Mindy Williams - *Sarah Williams' cousin*
Aubrey Henderson - *Nancy Powell's Great Granddaughter*

MILITARY

Patrick Nadolski - *Paula Boyd's grandson*



111 YEARS AND GROWING



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