

# 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.

## **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 26 SCHEDULE

## **VERGER**

Steven Swanner

## **ORGANIST**

Christin Baker

## **USHERS**

8:15am - Derek Bates

10:30am - Sarah Moore, Stig Egede-Nissen

## **READERS**

8:15am - Elizabeth Hansen

10:30am - Colleen Stevens, Larry Vellani

## **ACOLYTES**

8:15am - Elizabeth Hansen

10:30am - *CHALICISTS* - Paige Ysteboe, Martha Stewart

*CRUCIFER* - Micah Ash

*LEFT TORCH BEARER* - Wesley Swanner

*RIGHT TORCH BEARER* - William Swanner

*GOSPEL BEARER* - Lorenzo Johnson

## **VESTRY COUNTERS**

Max Newbauer, Derek Bates

## **FLOWER GUILD**

Jennell Harris, Margaret Egede-Nissen, Patsy Isley, Mary Telander

## **ALTAR GUILD**

Janie Sellers, Betty Brown, Rene Burgess, Mary Collins, Lynn Dahl, Beth Glidewell, Elizabeth Hansen, Debbie Nichols-Smith

## **SUNSHINE COMMITTEE**

Susan Ryan, Gretchen Peet, Martha Stewart, Debra Scott

## **MEALS ON WHEELS**

May 28 - Diana Wallace, Rene Burgess

May 29 - Cherry Wrenn, Stan Williams

May 30 - Jane and Jim Romer

May 31 - Coral Erikson, Gretchen peet



# WEEK OF MAY 26 CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, MAY 26

8:00am | Breakfast Ministry  
8:15am | HE Rite II Service  
9:30am | Bible Study  
9:45am | Choir Rehearsal  
10:30am | HE Rite II Service  
11:30am | Coffee in the Parlor

## MONDAY, MAY 27

7:00pm | Courage to Change

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

7:00pm | Choir Rehearsal

## THURSDAY, MAY 30

7:00pm | Courage to Change

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# WHAT IS STEPHEN MINISTRY?

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Our congregation equips lay members to provide one to one Christian care to people in the church and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. This ministry is confidential- the identity of care receivers and everything they discuss with their Stephen Ministers remain private.

Stephen Ministers provide emotional and spiritual care during different crises and life difficulties.

Contact **Rene Burgess** for information about receiving care or becoming a Stephen Minister.

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# A WORD ABOUT **VOTIVE CANDLES** IN THE CHURCH



The custom of lighting candles when worshipping goes back thousands of years and is one that remains important in many faiths around the world. In some churches there is a votive stand for worshippers to use when offering private prayers in the nave. The lit candle symbolizes that we are coming to God in prayer or praise and that our prayer continues even when we have turned to other things. In Holy Comforter our votive stand is in the back corner of the nave and is prepared with tea lights in votive cups and lighter sticks to use. Each candle will burn for about 4 hours and, if possible, the candle is allowed to burn until it is used up. Our stand is always available and offers a little space for worshippers to have a private moment with our Lord no matter what is going on around them.

Thank  
you

For Your Support!

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To everyone who brought Matt and me food after the operation, and flowers, and kind visits, and transportation assistance, I want to say a very deeply felt "thank you". I feel so honored to be part of such a loving congregation, and pray God pours out His blessings upon all of you! With love, Kathia Kerr .

With Love,

Kathia Kerr

# Housing the Homeless, Feeding the Hungry

Allied churches of Alamance County, Inc.

# ACAC



Give Something

**SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND**

that Nourishes Bodies  
And Spirits of those needing  
a Healthy Safe Haven.

*"The simplest acts of kindness  
are by far more powerful than a  
thousand heads bowing in prayer."*

MAHATMA GHANDI

## SPECIAL REQUESTS

\* *Cooking / Olive Oil*

55-60 Gallon Trash Bags

\* *Sweet Tri-Color Peppers*

3 compt. lidded food trays

Cornbread Mix

Butter/Margarine

\**Most Needed* (but all items of any  
kind are gratefully used!)

Please bring donations  
any time by ringing our  
church's back doorbell, then  
taking them to the Bell Tower  
basket. Easy Peasy.

Thanks again for being  
amazing. Your LOVE gifts in  
May filled a car trunk.

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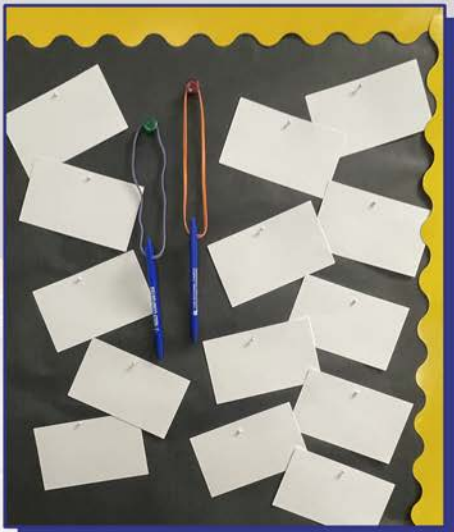
# transparency

This past year the Vestry has committed to transparency. We're asking the parishioners to join us in this transparency.

The bulletin board in the hall by the rector's office is prepared for all parishioners and newcomers to interact, to be transparent with how they see their church now and in the future.

**Pens and 3X5 cards are on the bulletin board for your use.**

Add items, suggest ending some activities/events/etc., suggest changing some activities/events/etc.



**JOIN US  
TRANSITIONING  
INTO THE CHURCH  
WE DESIRE TO BE.**

**Carol Thornell**  
VESTRY: MISSION & OUTREACH

# 112 YEARS AND GROWING



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