

# 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.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

8:00am	Breakfast Ministry	Great Hall
8:15am	Advent IV <i>with The Rev. Melanie Barbarito</i>	Sanctuary
9:20am	Children's Chapel	3rd Fl. Atrium
9:30am	Lectionary Bible Study	SDR
9:45am	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
10:30am	Advent IV <i>with The Rev. Melanie Barbarito</i>	Sanctuary
10:30am	Coffee/Lemonade in the Parlor	

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:00pm	Courage to Change	Parish House
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## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

### WEEKLY WORDS ARTICLES DUE

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

5:00pm	Christmas Eve w/ Pageant	Sanctuary
6:00pm	Christmas Eve Reception	Parlor
10:00pm	Christmas Eve w/ Carol Prelude	Sanctuary

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

10:00am	Christmas Day Service	Sanctuary
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## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:00pm	Courage to Change	Parish House
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**Housing the Homeless, Feeding the Hungry**

Allied churches of Alamance County, Inc.

# ACAC



**"IF YOU WANT TO ELIMINATE HUNGER,  
EVERYBODY HAS TO BE INVOLVED."** Bono

Help Holy Comforter launch a Happy New Year for those  
struggling by bringing what you can

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>.**

YOU CAN ALWAYS DROP OFF DONATIONS ANY TIME. JUST RING OUR  
CHURCH'S BACK DOORBELL, THEN TAKE THEM TO THE BELL TOWER BASKET.

**THANK YOU**  
for providing our  
community with the  
generosity and love in  
December that Jesus  
would appreciate.



## **SPECIAL REQUESTS**

3 compartment food trays with lids \*

Sloppy Joe Mix \*

Carrots

Sweet/English peas

Diced Tomatoes w/Green Chilies (Rotel)

Sugar and Brown Sugar

But, all gifts of food, toiletries and supplies make a huge difference.

*\* Most needed*

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# DECEMBER 22 LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

VERGER	Steven Swanner
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	Christin Baker
USHERS	<b>8:15am</b>   Derek Bates <b>10:30am</b>   Sarah Moore, Phil Savage
READERS	<b>8:15am</b>   Curt Odem <b>10:30am</b>   Cheryl Dickey, Meredith Patterson
ACOLYTES	<b>8:15am</b>   Curt Odem <b>10:30am</b>   <b>Chalicians</b>   Paige Ysteboe, Meredith Patterson <b>Crucifer</b>   Mourine Todd <b>Torch Bearers</b>   Wesley Swanner, William Swanner <b>Gospel Bearer</b>   Caitlyn Todd
CHILDREN'S CHAPEL	Jocelyn Safrit / Christmas Pageant Practice
VESTRY COUNTERS	Joanne McClusky, Julie Swanner
FLOWER GUILD	Patsy Isley, Margaret Egede-Nissen, Jennell Harris, Mary Telander
ALTAR GUILD	<i>Janie Sellers</i> , Betty Brown, Rene Burgess, Mary Collins, Lynn Dahl, Beth Glidewell, Elizabeth Hansen
SUNSHINE COMMITTEE	<i>Susan Ryan</i>

# DECEMBER 24 LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

VERGER	Steven Swanner
ORGANIST	Christin Baker
10PM GUEST MUSICIANS	<b>Cello</b>   Margaret Petty <b>Harp</b>   Bonnie Bach <b>Bassoon</b>   Daniel Ponder
USHERS	<b>5PM</b>   Paula Boyd, Brad and Mary Collins <b>10PM</b>   Ron Driscoll, Tom McLean
READER	<b>5PM</b>   Julie Swanner <b>10PM</b>   Jim McAdams
5PM ACOLYTES	<b>Chalicist</b>   Steven Swanner <b>Crucifer</b>   Bo Slott <b>Torch Bearers</b>   Steven Slott, Davis Slott <b>Gospel Bearer</b>   Fletcher Slott
10PM ACOLYTE	Julie Smith
ALTAR GUILD	Janie Sellers, Betty Brown, Rene Burgess, Mary Collins, Lynn Dahl, Beth Glidewell, Elizabeth Hansen
SUNSHINE COMMITTEE	Susan Ryan

# DECEMBER 24 - 5PM CHRISTMAS PAGEANT CAST

<b>DIRECTOR</b>	Jocelyn Safrit
<b>ASSISTANT</b>	Elizabeth Hansen
<b>NARRATOR</b>	Lorenzo Johnson-Miranda
<b>GABRIEL</b>	Jordan Furman
<b>MARY</b>	Jazzmyne Griffith-Petty
<b>JOSEPH</b>	Sam Fitzpatrick
<b>BABY JESUS</b>	Julian Furman
<b>MAGI #1</b>	Isaac Read
<b>MAGI #2</b>	Abi Fitzpatrick
<b>MAGI #3</b>	Evie Surratt
<b>SHEPHERDS</b>	Wesley Swanner, Millie Surratt, Shannon Hobbs, Rhett Pinson
<b>SHEEP</b>	Isla Smith, Ralph Holt, Amelia Pearce
<b>ANGELS</b>	Shannon Byrd, Maggie Holt, Caroline Adams, Caitlyn Todd, Miles Pinson, William Swanner, Raleigh Holt, Ellie Barham, Jordyn Griffith-Melvin, Layne Smith, Phoebe Smith

# DEC. 25 LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**ORGANIST**

Daniel Ponder

**USHERS**

Derek Bates

**READER**

Elizabeth Hansen

**ACOLYTE**

Curt Odem





**22**

DEC

## **ADVENT IV**

8:15am

**Advent IV Service**

10:30am

**Advent IV Service**

IN-PERSON / ONLINE

**24**

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## **CHRISTMAS EVE**

5:00pm

**Christmas Eve Service  
with Pageant**

6:00pm

**Christmas Eve Reception  
in the Parlor**

10:00pm

**Holy Eucharist  
with Carol Prelude**

IN-PERSON / ONLINE

**25**

DEC

## **CHRISTMAS DAY**

10:00am

**Christmas Day Service**

**29**

DEC

## **FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

8:15am

**HE Rite II Service**

10:30am

**HE Rite II Service**

IN-PERSON / ONLINE

**CHURCH OFFICE  
CLOSED for  
the holidays**

**24**

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# 2024 ACAC HONOR CARDS

The Honor Card Campaign has begun. This year's card continues to follow the tradition of past year's card. The beliefs of hope, faith and charity continue to shine through in this picture.

**"Life can be tough! Things happen that are unexplainable.... Nights get long, they can get cold, but we must keep pushing forward. Sometimes we feel that there is darkness and despair in our lives. We continue to live, we must "Look to the Hills!"**"

In this year's Honor Card, there are visuals of the cold night and despair. The Snow and Ice are prominent in the illustration. But upon further observation, we see the water is starting to flow again, the light of the day bringing about a fresh new view and maybe even a promise of what is to come. This illustration speaks of the job we do, to the lives that we touch and to the changes that happen in the lives of the individuals, families and children that we serve.

## TO PURCHASE CARDS

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# STEPHEN MINISTRY

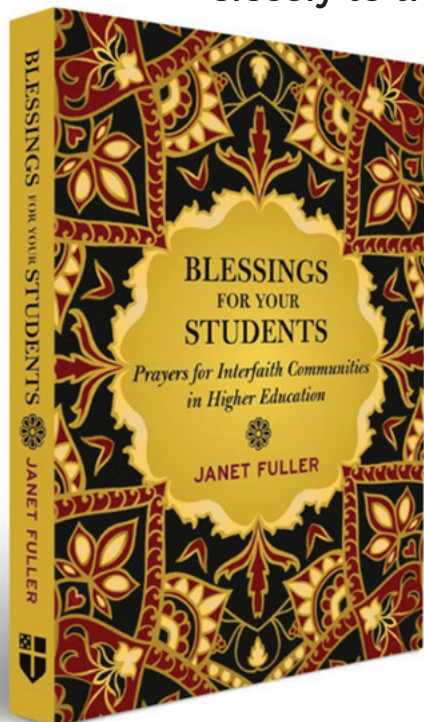
Pray for our ministry as we say goodbye to a long serving Stephen Minister. She has served other for 7 years. Her Care Receivers valued her care. ***This means we need new folks to become part of this ministry. Training will begin in the new year.*** Contact **Rene Burgess**, Stephen Leader to sign up for this opportunity (336-269-5959. [burgessrene@gmail.com](mailto:burgessrene@gmail.com))



# A NEW BOOK BY ONE OF OUR VERY OWN JANET FULLER

An essential interfaith resource for university chaplains and spiritual leaders in higher education. With this heartfelt collection of interfaith prayers, Janet Fuller leverages the fruits of 40 years of chaplaincy to bridge this gap, offering sample prayers and spiritual direction for use across all communities of learning, from the first day of school to the bittersweet crossroads of graduation.

**Blessings for Your Students** invites readers to listen closely to the power of prayer.



**“This inclusive, passionate, and sacred book will be a useful tool for countless chaplains.”**

*- Board of Directors, Associate for Chaplaincy and Spiritual Life in Higher Education (ACSLHE)*

If you would like a signed copy by Janet, contact her at **[jfuller3@elon.edu](mailto:jfuller3@elon.edu)**.



**Church**  
PUBLISHING



**The Rev. Rhonda M. Lee, PhD**  
joins us at Holy Comforter

on **JAN. 5**, 2025

**ON JANUARY 5TH AFTER THE 10:30AM  
SERVICE COME WELCOME RHONDA  
AT A MEET AND GREET RECEPTION**

**WE'RE SNOW HAPPY  
YOU'RE HERE**





DECEMBER

# Birthdays

## CELEBRATIONS

**23** Rene Burgess  
CW Wilkerson

**29** Richard Parker  
Jennell Harris

**25** David Day

**30** Becky Gilbert

**27** Susan Ryan

**31** Les Plumb

**28** Adam Scarboro  
Ed McCauley

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY WAS MISSED, PLEASE MESSAGE  
INFO@HC-B.ORG SO WE CAN ADD IT IN OUR RECORDS.**



# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## MEMBERS

For the repose of the soul of Danny Seiler, for the comfort of his wife, Lori and for his family and friends.

## MEMBERS

Gene Griner	Amy Hess	Chappy Moser
Nelson Young	Edward Dunlap	Bill Amidon
Curt Odem	Bobby Puett	Nancy Christensen
Mittie Landi	Evie Surratt	Doug Peet
Bob Stewart	Cecelia Walker	Margaret Egede-Nissen

## FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Peggy Payne, Bob Bick - *Sid & Ann Little's friends*

Randy Williams - *David Williams' brother*

John Lewis - *Sarah Moore's friend*

Will Nadolski - *Paula Boyd's grandson*

Carolyn Strafacci - *Cat Sykes' mom*

Annie Griner - *Connie Griner's daughter-in-law*

Richard Lehman - *Gary Schilke's friend*

Mary Leighton Sellers - *Janie Seller's mother-in-law*

Gus Holbrook - *Julie & Steven Swanner's friend*

Phillip Tillman - *Sandy Gerow's friend*

Janet and Bill Bates - *Derek Bates' parents*

Allison - *Ren Bryan's daughter-in-law*

Terry Babin - *Elizabeth Hansen's friend*

Dick Rowe - *Adriane Newbauer's father*

Lisa Daniels, Lupe Wood - *Julia Buffington's friends*

Pat Harwood - *Amy Hess' mother*

Marcus Day - *David Day's brother*

Sid Owens - *Linda Buff's friend's grandson*

Lavette Morgan - *Angie Boone's former mother-in-law*

Bonnie Honeycutt - *Cherry Wrenn's friend*

Brynja Bowman, Jeff Safrit - *Jocelyn Safrit's niece & brother-in-law*

Patricia Holt Langston, Aubrey Henderson - *Nancy Powell's  
granddaughter & great granddaughter*



# 113 YEARS AND GROWING



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