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WEEKLY WORDS

A WEEKLY PUBLICATION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

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.



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WEEK OF JANUARY 26, 2025 AT HOLY COMFORTER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

8:00am	Breakfast Ministry	<i>Great Hall</i>
8:15am	HE Rite II	<i>Sanctuary</i>
9:45am	Choir Rehearsal	<i>Choir Room</i>
10:30am	HE Rite II	<i>Sanctuary</i>
11:30am	Coffee / Lemonade in the Parlor	

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

7:00pm	Courage to Change	<i>Parish House</i>
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

2:00pm	Betty Wooten Funeral	<i>Sanctuary</i>
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	<i>Choir Room</i>

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

8:00am	Men's Breakfast Group	<i>Twin Lakes</i>
7:00pm	Courage to Change	<i>Parish House</i>

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

2:00pm	Nancy Christensen Funeral	<i>Sanctuary</i>
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WEEKLY & COMFORTABLE WORDS

If you would like to submit an article for Weekly and Comfortable Words please submit NO MORE than 250 words.

Weekly Words submissions are no later than Tuesdays the week of.

Comfortable Words submissions are due

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24TH

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 26, 2025

VERGER

Steven Swanner

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Christin Baker

READERS

8:15am | Julie Smith
10:30am | Cheryl Dickey, Julie Swanner

USHERS

8:15am | Paula Boyd
10:30am | Ed & Rene Burgess

ACOLYTES

8:15am | Curt Odem
10:30am | CHALICISTS - Paige Ysteboe, Meredith Patterson
CRUCIFER - Bo Slott
TORCH BEARERS - Steven Slott, Davis Slott
GOSPEL BEARER - Fletcher Slott

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

PRESENTER - Mourine Todd
ASSISTANT - Jocelyn Safrit

VESTRY COUNTERS

Julie Swanner, Joanne McClusky

FLOWER GUILD

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

ALTAR GUILD

Janie Sellers, Betty Brown, Rene Burgess,
Mary Collins, Lynn Dahl, Beth Glidewell, Elizabeth Hansen

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Susan Klopman, Betty Adams,
Judy Driscoll, Beth Glidewell, Julie Tighe

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Jan. 30 | The Rev. Dr.
Rhonda M. Lee, Rector

A WORD FROM RHONDA

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord,

☉ heavens and all waters above the heavens.

*Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.*

*Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew,
all winds and fire and heat.*

*Winter and Summer, glorify the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him for ever*

*Glorify the Lord, ☉ chill and cold,
drops of dew and flakes of snow.*

*Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him for ever*

*Glorify the Lord, ☉ nights and days,
☉ shining light and enfolding dark*

*Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.*

(From Canticle 12, "A Song of Creation," Part I,
"The Cosmic Order," BCP 88-89)

A couple of weekends ago, I attended a diocesan meeting that had to be moved online due to icy, snowy weather. As we gathered on Zoom for Morning Prayer, we prayed together the portion of the "Song of Creation" that celebrates God's cosmic order. I smiled as we joined in glorifying God together with chill, cold, snow, frost, ice, and sleet: the very forces that were keeping us from meeting in person as we would have preferred to do. And yet, of course, these phenomena are our fellow creatures of God; they have their place in God's creation just as we human beings do; in some way, they glorify God just by being themselves; and it is right to thank God for them.

It's easier to imagine that cold and ice glorify God when one sits inside a warm house, with a reliable Internet connection facilitating a meeting, and a hot drink to sip on. It's harder when one is unhoused, or worrying about how to pay the heating bill next month, or stuck with an unpleasant or abusive companion, or alone and unable to get to a highly-anticipated coffee date with a friend. In those situations, we might wonder, how can the

forces that cause us pain possibly glorify God? It can be easier to blame the ice and snow for simply being, than to realize that we are caught in patterns of sin—sometimes our own, but very often stretching far beyond ourselves—that made it hard to glorify God, and hard to see the beauty in some of our fellow creatures of God.

In these situations, using our imaginations and trying a change of perspective can be helpful. That's especially true when we enjoy certain privileges or have certain forms of power at our disposal (like the knowledge that we can pay the increased heating bill that a cold snap brings). Our faith affirms that to thank God for the means to make snow angels is good; and to combine those thanks with remembering neighbors who don't have a warm house to return to, is better. To ask God for help in meeting our basic needs is good; and to join with neighbors to pool what we have in mutual aid, is even better. To share what we have is good; to work to ensure that everyone has what they need, through fair wages and necessary social supports, is better.

Friends, what are the things for which you find it challenging to glorify God? Where are the places where you find it hard to see your own fellowship with other creatures of God, including your fellow human beings? In what ways do your own privileges keep you from noting and responding to other people's needs and fears? Or, in what ways do feelings (like shame or embarrassment) about your own needs and fears keep you from reaching out to others to find paths forward together?

Trying on a change of perspective, sitting quietly with those insights long enough to see what God's invitation might be, and sharing what we learn or what we wonder about with even one sibling in Christ: these are steps that can help us to more fully glorify God, together, in all seasons.

Trusting in the peace and love of Jesus Christ,

Rhonda

THE REV. DR. RHONDA M. LEE
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TWIN LAKES, COBLE CREEK REHABILITATION CENTER
THE COBLE ROOM | **8AM** Breakfast | **9AM** Program

THURSDAY, JAN. 30

THE REV. DR. RHONDA M. LEE will present the program
for the January 30th Men's Breakfast.

THE REV. DR. RHONDA M. LEE

NEW RECTOR OF HOLY COMFORTER EPISCOPAL CHURCH

On Thursday the 30th of January, Rhonda will be visiting the men's breakfast group at Twin Lakes. This will be an opportunity for her to get to know Holy Comforter members and friends, and to introduce herself to them, too, over some delicious breakfast. Rhonda appreciates the invitation!

Men of Holy Comforter, did you know you were invited too? The men's breakfast group meets on Thursdays from 8 to 10 a.m. and all men are welcome (*you can leave earlier if you need to get to work*). There's usually some sort of program, and it's a great opportunity to share fellowship. Please plan to join in!

LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING WITH YOU!

Phil Savage ([**savageboatman@bellsouth.net**](mailto:savageboatman@bellsouth.net)),

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MEN'S
BREAKFAST

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Consider Matthew Kelly's writing. ***holy*** moments,
A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life.

He writes the following: "You have so much more to offer. You know it. You have sensed it for some time now. This sacred truth has been bubbling up in your soul. But you have never known quite what to do about it. All that is about to change. Some ideas are so powerful that simply becoming aware of them, changes our lives forever. Holy Moments is such an idea. It is profoundly simple, astonishingly practical, and once you discover it, your life will finally make sense. It's time to let Holy Moments show you what is possible. It is time to explore your soul-potential."

Becoming a Stephen Minister through training is a way to let Holy Moments into your life.

Contact Rene Burgess, Stephen Leader
(336-269-5959) **burgessrene@gmail.com**, to learn more
about becoming a Stephen Minister at Holy Comforter.

Mark Your Calendar

ANNUAL MEETING

after worship on
FEBRUARY 2

ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10AM

Meeting immediately following. Coffee and cookies provided.



Housing the Homeless, Feeding the Hungry

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

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND.

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

THANK YOU for giving our
community the generosity
and love in December
and January 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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PARISH HOME GATHERINGS



COMING IN JANUARY!

SIGN-UPS: JAN. 12, JAN. 19, JAN. 26

**DINNER/ LUNCH/ BRUNCH
WITH A GROUP OF 8 OR LESS**

**4 TIMES OVER THE NEXT 4 MONTHS
GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER (PURELY SOCIAL)
HOST YOU GROUP AT HOME - OR EAT OUT
CALL FOR QUESTIONS: JOCELYN. (336) 260-7557**



Birthday CELEBRATIONS

January 25

Sarah Moore

January 26


Peg Ladd
Lee Pinson

January 29

Catherine Gibson
Patrick Rudd

January 30

Maryanne Shanahan



If your birthday was missed, please message
info@hc-b.org so we can add it in our records

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SYMPATHIES

- For the repose of the soul of Betty Wooten, for the comfort of her children, including Beth Glidewell, Jim Wooten, Ed Wooten, and for her family and friends.
- For the repose of the soul of Nancy Christensen, for the comfort of her family and friends.

FUNERAL SERVICES

• BETTY WOOTEN

A service will be conducted here at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter on **WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29**, at **2PM**.

A reception in the Great Hall will follow.

• NANCY CHRISTENSEN

A service will be conducted here at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter on **SATURDAY, FEB. 1**, at **2PM**.

A reception in the Parlor will follow.

MEMBERS

Robin Perez	Chappy Moser	Nelson Young	Gregg Lee
Amy Hess	Edward Dunlap	Bobby Puett	Mittie Landi
Cecelia Walker	Evie Surratt	Bob Stewart	Doug Peet
Margaret Egede-Nissen			

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Grace Savage - *Phil & Betsey Savage's daughter-in-law*

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

Juli Hauser - *Gretchen & Doug Peet's friend*

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

Randy Williams - *David Williams' brother*

Richard Lehman - *Gary Schilke's friend*

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

Janet and Bill Bates - *Derek Bates' parents*

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

Terry Babin - *Elizabeth Hansen's friend*

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

Pat Harwood - *Amy Hess' mother*

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*

Aubrey Henderson - *Nancy Powell's great granddaughter*

Patricia Holt Langston - *Nancy Powell's granddaughter*

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it's all listed below for your convenience.

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