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WEEKLY WORDS



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

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336-227-4251

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www.hc-b.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday | 8am-2:30pm

Friday | 8am-12pm

INSTAGRAM

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www.youtube.com/ECHCBurlington

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 14

OFFICIANT

The Rev. Dr. Jim Melnyk

10AM LAY MINISTERS

ORGANIST

Christin Baker

USHERS

Sarah Moore, Jim Romer

READER

Gary Schilke

ACOLYTES

Chalicerist - Kathy Hykes
Crucifer - Richard Parker
Left Torch Bearer - Steve Slott
Right Torch Bearer - Davis Slott
Gospel Bearer - Fletcher Slott

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Corrinne Surratt, Micah Ash

VESTRY COUNTERS

Mark Thomas, George Blaisdell

FLOWER GUILD

Sandy Gerow, Betty Brown, Julie Smith

ALTAR GUILD

Audrey Deadmon, Joanne McClusky,
Cheryl Miner, Tish Murray, Susan Ryan,
Julie Smith, Nancy Smith, Janice Davis McAdams

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

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

CALENDAR WEEK OF JANUARY 7TH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

8:00am | Breakfast Ministry

9:00am | Choir Rehearsal

10:00am | HE Rite II Service

10:10am | Children's Chapel

11:00am | Annual meeting and Lunch

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

1:30pm | Lucky Listener Training

4:30pm | Newlin Monthly Board Meeting

7:00pm | Courage to Change

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

7:00pm | Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

9:00am | Men's Breakfast Group

11:00am | Twin Lakes Eucharist

7:00pm | Courage to Change

2024

I AM EXCITED!

THE EPISCOPAL
CHURCH OF THE
HOLY COMFORTER

Stewardship

PLEDGE CAMPAIGN 2024 WEEK OF 1/10/2024

\$450,000

STEWARDSHIP GOAL

For 2024

4

NUMBER OF PLEDGE CARDS

Received through the week ending Jan. 10

73

TOTAL NUMBER OF PLEDGE CARDS

Returned for 2024

\$274,808

AMOUNT PLEDGED FOR 2024

As of January 10

HOLY COMFORTER

ANNUAL MEETING

One service only | 10am

Meeting and lunch immediately following.

SUNDAY, JAN. 14



PARISH HOME GATHERING

A living room with a green sofa, yellow and green pillows, and a white coffee table with a vase of branches. The background is a light-colored wall with a framed abstract painting.

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 14th, 21st, and 28th. Or you can call Jocelyn Safrit (336 260-7557) or Maggie Holt (919 840-6731).

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP - THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

No stranger to many of us—but joining us to speak about the NC Society of the Sons of the American Revolution ... Steve began his career in education as band director at East Rowan High in Rowan County in 1969. In 1977, he became band director at North Moore High until 1988, when he was named Moore County Teacher of the Year. Steve moved into school administration in 1988 in Alamance County where he would serve as assistant principal at Cummings High until 1997. For the next 5 years, he served as principal at Sellars-Gunn Education Center. Soon after his retirement in 2002, Steve became band director at Clover Garden Charter School where he would teach until 2007.

In addition to Steve's 38-year career in public schools in Rowan, Moore, and Alamance, Steve has served as a member of the Alamance-Burlington School System's Board of Education since 2004. During his 16 years on the Board, Steve has provided leadership, insight, and experience that has helped Alamance County schools move towards improved student achievement, equity among the schools, recruitment and retention of teachers, and needed school building maintenance and construction. In addition, he has mentored many young people who aspire to careers in politics and public service.

Besides being one of the state's greatest advocates for public education, Steve is a wonderful family man and community leader. His wife, Mary Ann, is also a retired music teacher. Their three children--Chuck, Kathryn, and Jeffrey--all graduated from Southern High and still live in Alamance County with their families. An Eagle Scout himself, Steve has volunteered with the Boy Scouts since 1977. He has been an active member of Graham First United Methodist Church since 1988, having served on numerous committees, including the Administrative Council and Staff-Parish Committee. Currently Steve chairs the Alamance Juvenile Crime Prevention

Committee on which he has served since 2004. Steve's love for the arts is also reflected in his community involvement in that area, including the Alamance Chorale and the Arts Council of Alamance County.

In addition, Steve is a passionately committed member of the NC Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and is currently the Society's 2023 - 2025 state president. <https://ncssar.org/about/> ... Thnx again, Steve, for visiting us in the New Year and sharing another aspect of your Long-Leaf-Pine career!

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

From Brother Lain Wilson:

“ We come to know God as love, as light, and as indwelling presence, so that we may become love and light and presence for others. In this season, reflect on how you can come to know God more fully. Pray that you may live and act so that others may know God through you.”

You have an opportunity to know God more fully during Lent which begins February 14. Stephen Ministry Training will continue during Lent. You will have an opportunity to know God more fully and become love and light and presence for others.

Contact Rene Burgess, Stephen Leader (336-269-5959) to sign up for the training or to get more information about how you can become a Stephen Minister.

NEWLIN PARTNERSHIP VALENTINES' Cookie Walk

The Newlin Partnership board has been planning our annual fundraiser event, and this year's event is:

The Newlin Partnership Valentine's Cookie Walk

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, 12-3 PM

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church Great Hall

Come join us for 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 (TBD) and games, crafts, and entertainment for the kids! All proceeds will benefit the Newlin Partnership.

We are asking for the assistance and talents of our parishioners for this fundraiser! If you can bake or cook, you can help! We are looking for volunteers to make delicious goodies such as cookies, cake or cupcakes, candies, and savory/salty treats as well such as baggies of party mix, popcorn, crackers, nuts for us to sell by the pound. Your treats will be displayed on tables throughout the great hall as community members and Newlin families come and grab a bakery box, and shop for treats. They'll fill their boxes with whichever goodies they choose, then weigh their box, and pay by the pound to complete their purchase.

If you'd like to sign up to make goodies for the Newlin Partnership Valentine's Cookie Walk, there will be paper sign up sheets in the great hall, outside the church office, and in the back of the sanctuary starting this Sunday. If you'd like to sign up online please follow this link to signup.

[WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/
GO/20FOC4EACAB2FA1F85-46707041-NEWLIN#/](http://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/20FOC4EACAB2FA1F85-46707041-NEWLIN#/)

It's perfectly ok for multiple people to make the same kind of treats! Lots of people love the same things. We'd also like to have a variety!

We are also hoping to include a raffle in this event and are searching for an item(s) to raffle. If you have something of value you could donate towards our raffle please let us know!

If you have any questions please contact Maggie Holt at menoble3@gmail.com.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SYMPATHIES

For the repose of the soul of Eddie Hassell, son of Jeannette Hassell and for the comfort of his step-daughter, Amanda Hartman Cain.

MEMBERS

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

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

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*
Ruthann Hermsen - *Lou Padmos' friend*
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*
Doug Kline - *Kathy Hykes' friend*
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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