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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

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.

This week at Holy Comforter

Started after church this past Sunday 18 May, Rhonda is away for one week of vacation and one week of continuing education. She will return to work on Sunday 2 June. During that time, if you have a pastoral emergency, please call or text Senior Warden Julie Swanner. She will obtain the services of a priest as needed. Thank you!

Sunday, May 25

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	<i>Parlor</i>

Monday, May 26

Church Office Closed

7:00pm	Courage to Change	<i>Parish House</i>
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Wednesday, May 28

7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	<i>Choir Room</i>
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Thursday, May 29

7:00pm	Courage to Change	<i>Parish House</i>
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OFFICE CLOSED



MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER AND HONOR

OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025

WE WILL OPEN ON TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025



Lay Ministers for May 25

VERGER

Steven Swanner

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Christin Baker

READERS

8:15am

Elizabeth Hansen

10:30am

Jim McAdams, *1st Lesson*

Larry Vellani, *NT & POTP*

USHERS

8:15am

Paula Boyd

10:30am

Stig Egede-Nissen

Sarah Moore

ACOLYTES

8:15am

Julie Smith

10:30am

Kathy Hykes, *Chalicerist*

Meredith Patterson, *Chalicerist*

Paul Surratt, *Crucifer*

Gabe Johnson, *Left Torch Bearer*

Millie Surratt, *Right Torch Bearer*

Lorenzo Johnson, *Gospel Bearer*

VESTRY COUNTERS

Alex Stevens, Sid Little

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

Gretchen Peet, Martha Stewart

Debra Scott, William Swanner

Mary Telander



We are pleased to announce that from Sunday 15 June through Sunday 3 August, Music Director Christin Baker will lead children's choir rehearsals during the 10:30 Sunday Eucharist.

Rehearsals will take place during the portion of the service that runs from the sermon through the peace. Christin will lead the children out after the Gospel reading and return with them at the peace.

Over the course of the summer, the choir will have the opportunity to sing for the congregation.

All children are welcome.

No previous musical experience is necessary.

We do have one need. In order to maintain a safe and welcoming environment for everyone, Christin will need one additional adult in the choir room with her every Sunday.

Please consider signing up to help in this way by signing up on the Google form below. Christin will not be able to hold choir on any Sunday(s) when an additional adult has not signed up.

Thank you!

SUNDAY 15 JUNE THROUGH SUNDAY 3 AUGUST

Celebrate Malachi's adoption on Pentecost Sunday!

During the 10:30 Eucharist on **Pentecost Sunday, June 8**, our parish will bless the recent adoption of Malachi by Adam Scarboro and Brad Lingerfelt. Please plan to attend that service to participate in the blessing. After the service, there will be a celebration in the Great Hall: an opportunity for Brad, Adam, and Malachi's church family, and their family and friends outside Holy Comforter, to rejoice together. The family will provide some main dishes and other food. If you would like to bring a dish of any kind to share, please do. Dishes can be dropped off in the church kitchen before the 10:30 Eucharist.

**We look forward to celebrating God's gift
of the Holy Spirit to the church,
and to rejoicing with our brothers in Christ!**

Goodale Scholarship

The Goodale Scholarship was created in 2014 to reward graduating high school seniors who are members of Holy Comforter and plan to continue their education. It was endowed and created in memory of Gordon and Chinkie Goodale who were long term members of our parish. **Young men and women who attend, participate and are known to the parishioners of Holy Comforter are eligible to receive the award. It is given annually to students in good standing at degree or certificate granting institutions of higher learning. It may be renewed for up to 8 semesters of continuous attendance.** Additional information and applications are available online at the parish website, www.hc-b.org/partnerships or from the parish office.

**APPLICATIONS ARE BEING
ACCEPTED THROUGH JUNE 15**

Additional gifts to the Goodale Scholarship
are gratefully accepted.

Stephen Ministry

"When we compare ourselves to who we used to be, we're actively remembering what Christ has done for us. It reminds me of one of my favorite quotes from the TV series The Chosen. In recounting what Jesus did for her, Mary Magdalene tells Nicodemus, 'I was one way and now I am completely different and the thing that happened in between was Him.' "

- Josie Siler

Contact Rene Burgess or Paula Boyd, Stephen Leaders about the training to begin soon. Become a Stephen Minister.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

- Rene Burgess (336) 269-5959. burgessrene@gmail.com
- Paula Boyd (336) 260-6151, paulahboyd@gmail.com

Ushers Needed

We are looking for friendly and dependable volunteers to serve as ushers for our 10:30am Sunday service. Ushers play a vital role in creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere by greeting attendees, assisting with seating, collecting the offering, and helping with any special needs during the service. If you enjoy helping others and would like to be part of this important ministry, we would love to have you join our team.

No prior experience needed—just a smile and a willingness to serve! If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Cat at [**csykes@hc-b.org**](mailto:csykes@hc-b.org).

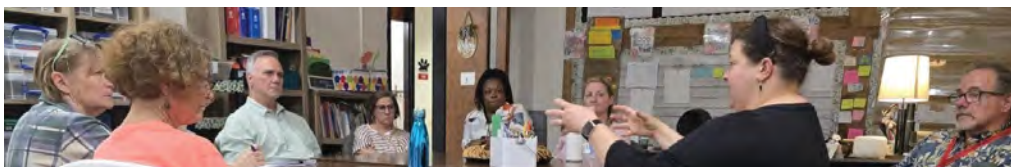
Newlin 1st grade teachers meet with Newlin Literacy Project Steering Committee to share feedback

On Tuesday, May 6th, the Newlin Literacy Project steering committee had an opportunity to meet with the first grade teachers, Principal Will Price, and Newlin Literacy Coach Brittney Moody, to review this past year of tutoring and share feedback as the end of the year approaches. From October through May, fourteen tutors met twice weekly with their students to help them become good readers.



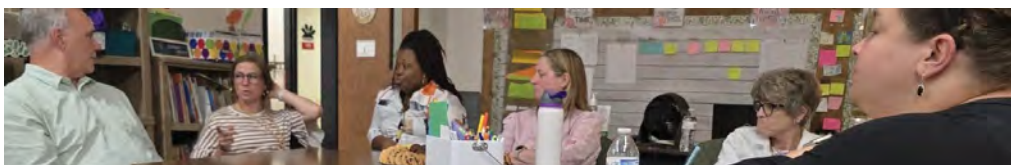
1st grade teachers meet with NLP steering committee

When asked about the impact of the NLP tutoring program on their students, teachers said that students increased in their confidence. Teachers reported that when students get tutored, they realize they CAN decode words or recognize letters. So, in addition to learning reading skills, they are gaining confidence and motivation to continue learning.



Literacy Coach Ms. Moody (right) welcomes tutors

When asked for ways to make the tutoring program more effective, teachers had no suggestions for improvement for next year – only that we recruit more tutors!



Teachers share comments about NLP tutoring program

Prayers of the People

Members

Stephanie Wrenn, Cecelia Walker, Chappy Moser, Margaret Egede-Nissen, Rick Weatherly, Betsy Weatherly, Caroline Ansbacher, Bob Stewart, Evie Surratt, Ashton Fitzpatrick, Nelson Young, Robin Maycock, Edward Dunlap, Bobby Puett, Mittie Landi

Family and Friends

Chris Hansen - Elizabeth Hansen's brother
Steve Badger - Maryanne Shanahan's nephew
Kevin Shanahan - Maryanne Shanahan's brother
Edward Pellicano - Cat Sykes' Uncle
Joanne & Bob Flower - Friends of Maryanne Shanahan & Bill Amidon
Jennifer Petty - Les Plumb's daughter
Charley Jones - Les Plumb's great-granddaughter
Ann Jennings - Sandy Gerow's friend
Eileen Civin - Jim McAdams friend
Ann McKinney - Sarah Moore's cousin
Dennis Campbell - Brenda Poole's son-in-law
Thomas & Jean Cummins - Ron Driscoll's friends
Devin Day - David Day's brother
Annie Griner - Connie Griner's daughter-in-law
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 - Julia Buffington's friend
Pat Harwood - Amy Hess' mother
Lavette Morgan - Angie Boone's former mother-in-law
Brynja Bowman - Jocelyn Safrit's niece
Jeff Safrit - Jocelyn Safrit's brother-in-law
Aubrey Henderson - Nancy Powell's great granddaughter
Patricia Holt Langston - Nancy Powell's granddaughter

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Birthday
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Sandy Moulton
Lee Kern
Maeve Murray

may



**If your birthday was missed, please message Cat
at csykes@hc-b.org so she can add it in our records.**

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it's all listed below for your convenience.

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