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Comfortable Words



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ADVENT ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

As the Advent season begins it is a good time to take stock and reflect on how we are living our lives in a frenetic world. The theme this year is "Living Simply"---the series begins on November 27th. All classes will meet in the small dining room.

Living Simply

The Advent series begins with a program by members of the Cedar Cross Mission Group who will have travelled from Vance County to be with us. Leaders of an intentional Christian community, John and Margaret Hilpert, lead retreats at their retreat center there and will offer a peek into the lives they are leading, which is greatly in contrast to our consumer culture.

Facilitators: John and Margaret Hilpert

9:30 a.m. Sunday November 27th

Living Simply- Health

Physician Connie Kincius Griner will discuss her observations from the field of what she has learned about ways we can live more healthily.

Facilitator: Connie Kincius Griner, MD

9:30 a.m. Sunday December 4

Living Simply- Spiritual

The series continues with a look at how we practice our spirituality. Two participants in the parish EfM course will discuss their own intentions for living more spiritual lives.

Facilitators: Paula Boyd and Kate Wheatly

9:30 a.m. Sunday December 11

Living Simply-Environmentally

Ed and Rene Burgess have spent many days and weeks through the years volunteering as caretakers at some of our most precious American spaces. They will give a presentation entitled "Preserving our National Parks through service to our country."

Facilitators: Ed and Rene Burgess

9:30 a.m. Sunday December 18

Sunday school for adults at the Church of the Holy Comforter-Everyone is welcome!

Participants are welcome to attend all or any Sunday Morning Matters classes or segments.

Submitted by Adult Christian Formation Committee

Sunday Morning Opportunities for All Ages ~ 9:30 – 10:15.

Adult Classes/Groups: *Coffee & Talk:* An informal time of fellowship in the Parlor.

Sunday Morning Matters: — begins at 9:30 a.m. and meets in the small dining room.

Children & Youth: Preschool – 5th grade classrooms are all on the ground floor. *Ages pre-school to 5th grade pick-up and drop off is in the great hall.* *Children's Chapel* begins each morning at 10:30 for the first half of the service (K-5th grade).

The Nursery is available downstairs during Sunday School and the 10:30 worship hour. Children five and under are welcome.

Journey to Adulthood Program: Rite 13, J2A & Y.A.C. meet on the 3rd floor.

Christian Formation

Mark Your Calendars!

November 27: Children and Youth are combined in Auditorium for Sunday School

December 3: Godly Play Training, Quiet Day Retreat, and J2A Christmas tree and wreath sale pick-up

December 11: Pizza dinner and Christmas Caroling for all ages at 5:00 pm

December 18: Christmas Pageant, Greening of the Church, and Christmas Party for kids

December 3, Saturday: Pick-up Christmas Trees and Wreathes

The pick up time will be 9AM to 12 Noon at the Plumb Full building. Delivery will be between 12 Noon and 3 PM." "A big THANK YOU to everyone who ordered a tree or wreath!"

December 11: Come and spread some Christmas Cheer

All are invited to spread Christmas cheer! On December 11, at 5:00 pm all are invited to go Christmas caroling at two local assisted living facilities (Twin Lakes and Brookwood). We will meet at 5:00 pm in the Small Dining room for a pizza dinner and will leave Holy Comforter to go caroling at 5:45 pm. Please RSVP to Elizabeth Costello by Dec. 9

Adult Christian Formation Liaison and Children's Ministry Leader

A big "THANK YOU" to **Kathy Hykes** for serving as the Adult Christian Formation Liaison and to **Anna Jefferson** for serving as the Children's Ministry Leader for the past 3+ years.

Kathy Hykes has done an incredible job chairing the Adult Christian Formation Committee and ensuring that Holy Comforter has a variety of stimulating, meaningful, and challenging Christian Formation opportunities for adults. **Anna Jefferson** brought energy and creativity to the Children Formation programs for our little ones, inspiring our church to continue in the path of "home-grown" VBS and rethink Sunday School. Enough can not be said for the impact that both leaders have brought to our church programs.

Both Anna and Kathy's three-year term will end this Spring 2012. Anna, Kathy, and their respective Christian Formation Committees are prayerfully discerning who will be the next Adult Christian Formation Liaison and Children's Ministry Leader. We would like the next leaders to have a few months shadowing Kathy & Anna. Please join us in this discernment process. If you feel like God might be calling you to serve in one of these ministries or know someone in our parish that you'd like to nominate, please contact me.

In Christ, Elizabeth Costello

Advent: Sunday School for Children

During Advent we will focus on the Christmas story. Children will have the opportunity to act out the Christmas story during the Sunday School hour in preparation for the Christmas pageant. On November 27 we will assign roles for the Christmas pageant. If your child cannot come on Sunday and would still like to be in the pageant, please contact Elizabeth Costello. (See page 10 for a detailed schedule).

Godly Play Training on December 3, 2011

Sign-up for an introductory teacher training on Saturday, December 3, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at Holy Comforter. At this training, you will be provided with the opportunity to learn about the Godly Play curriculum, the format of a typical Sunday School Class, practice being a Godly Play story teller, and lead a Godly Play Class. For more information please contact Elizabeth Costello.

Upcoming Middle and High school Diocesan Events: EYC Christmas Party, December 18th - Next month our EYC will be a Christmas Party from 5-7pm at Holy Comforter. This is open to all Holy Comforter youth (6th-12th grades) and will be a great time for our youth group to enjoy fellowship, faith, fun, and food together as we celebrate the end of Advent. Please join us! If you have any questions please contact Hannah Warner at (502) 939-6010 or hannah.e.warner@gmail.com.

The Bishop's Ball will be held Dec 9-11 at Camp Walter Johnson in Denton. The cost is \$125 if you register before Nov 21 and \$140 after that. This is open to all our 6th-12th grade youth. The theme for the weekend is "A Walk Beside" and we will be exploring themes of radical welcome throughout the weekend through music, dancing, workshops, games, and large and small group activities. This should be a really great time and we'd love to have a good group of youth there to represent Holy Comforter! More information and the online application can be found at http://dionc.org/digital_faith/events/2350040. Contact Hannah Warner at (502) 939-6010 or hannah.e.warner@gmail.com with any questions.

Sunday Morning Matters:

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This first Sunday of Advent coincides with Thanksgiving weekend. I am hoping that a many of you are in town and will be in attendance for this program.

- *Kathy Hykes*

Holy Comforter Book Club Reading "Lamb"

There has been a very positive reaction from those who have already read *Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal* by Christopher Moore. The long holiday weekend may give you some time to read this book so you may join us at our upcoming meeting.

The next meeting of the Book Club will be Sunday, December 4, 2011 after the 10:30 service. Please call Kathy Hykes 538-0985 to reserve lunch. We meet in the small dining room.

Kathy Hykes

Advent and Christmas Music

Sunday, November 27, brings us into a new year (B) and the season of Advent, and brings us a change in the sung responses. Adam will chant the *Sursum Corda* and the Preface and the congregation will sing the *Sanctus* and *Agnus Dei* of Schubert. Look for the service music in your pew racks; we have printed the responses on card stock and they will be used throughout Advent.

On December 4 the choirs will be joined by oboist Tom Turanchek to present a service of Advent Lessons and Carols. On Christmas Eve once again flutist Linda Cykert will join us at 5:00 p.m. and trumpeter Zach Lee will join us at 10:30 p.m. At no other time of the year is music so powerful and so loaded with meaning. Once again it is heartening to observe that for the time being, the rest of society knows that the Christian Church has the best music.

Laurie Ryan

ADVENT QUIET DAY Saturday, December 3 from 9 to 1 in the Sanctuary

Come begin Advent with a series of brief meditations that I'll offer on the seasonal themes of expectation and hope. The meditations will be interspersed with time for silent reflection and the day will end with a simple lunch of soup and bread.

Adam+

The Directory is in the house (or church)!

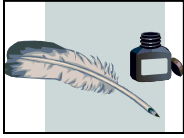
Please **come to the Office** to claim yours as we are not mailing them. If you did not get your photo taken or donated one, there are some available for purchase. It is first come, first served as there aren't many for sale. the price is \$6.00 (price we paid).

Terri Kirchen and Harriet Whitley

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS AND GREENERY

The decorations for the church have already been ordered for the Christmas season. If you wish to make a donation to help pay for them, envelopes can be found in the back of the church or in the church office.

Ginny Allison



Vergers Notes

By Richard Parker

The figure of an Eagle with wings outstretched is often used to symbolize the flight of the Gospel over the world. A carved eagle is at our Lectern supporting the Bible where the lessons are read. It is a magnificent wooden carving.

The Eagle is also the emblem of St. John the Evangelist. It is said that John had a clearer insight into things heavenly than any other New Testament writers.

From: The Episcopal Dictionary

WITH HEARTFELT THANKS

I would like to thank everyone who assisted with Scott's funeral and the reception which followed. As I began to write thank you notes I realized that there were countless names I did not have of people who worked diligently in preparation for the funeral, the large reception, and the general care of the family. Your efforts were greatly appreciated. Scott's family was so well received and they were quite amazed at the southern hospitality they experienced. Your gifts of love and sacrifice were a great testimony of the presence of Christ at Holy Comforter. To our family you were the hands and feet of Christ. I remain humbled with your care and concern. I am grateful to be a part of the body of Christ at Holy Comforter. In worship, work, and service we are truly blessed to be a part of this family.

Patrick Rudd

MANY THANKS

Thank you to all of Holy Comforter folks who have continued to pray for Alyssa & our family. It has been a difficult time for us as we transition & try to learn how best to help Alyssa with her diagnosis. She continues to be a real "trooper". I know the prayers have given us strength & helped us to move forward. A special thank you to St Martha's Guild for the prayer shawl and comfort doll. The shawl continues to remind us that God and all of our HC family is near. A huge thank you to those who took the time to send a personal card to Alyssa, she especially liked those. For those who took the time to personally reach out to us, I cannot thank you enough. We have so much to be thankful for from our Holy Comforter family. With Thanksgiving upon us, we can truly reflect and be Very Thankful!

The Padmos Family



Episcopal Church Women!!!!
of Holy Comforter

All women of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter (and guests) are invited to a dutch treat luncheon at The Village of Brookwood on Monday, December 12, at 11:30am. The cost of the meal is \$10.50 which includes tax and tip. You are asked to mail your checks to Peg Ladd, 237 Village Court, Burlington, NC 27215 by Thursday, December 8, so that I may give a final number to Dining Services by Friday, December 9. We will gather in the lobby of Village Square at 11:30am and proceed to the dining room. We hope to see you then.

Thanks, Peg Ladd.



Thank you to everyone who brought a turkey for Turkey Sunday! Loaves & Fishes received 30 turkeys to distribute to needy families for their Thanksgiving dinner. THANK YOU !!!



Paper bags for Paper Goods and Nonperishable Foods: bags go out Dec 4th & 11th . Collection will be December 18th All collections will be donated to local food shelters. Call Kathie Longbrake for details at 563-0057

ECW Holiday Bake Sale !! Sunday, Dec 11th after both services in the Great Hall. If anyone would like to donate cakes, cookies, soups or jams & jellies we will be most grateful. Don't miss this annual event - you'll be sorry if you do!!!

Nancy Smith, 336-430-7838

FOSTER CHILDREN CHRISTMAS FUND

****LAST CHANCE.....LAST CHANCE....LAST CHANCE****

If you would like to take a foster child for Christmas this year it is not to late!! We still have children coming into foster care who need our help in making their Christmas morning magical. This is wonderful to do as a family, office group, or organization. If you can't take a child's whole list, that's okay, take what you feel comfortable with. As always, any monetary donations, no matter how large or small, are greatly appreciated. These donations are pooled together to provide for those children who have not been taken. We accept children all the way up to the 2nd week of December. We do not want any child who is in foster care to not have gifts to open Christmas morning. Thank you to everyone who has either taken a child, part of child's list, or made a donation. Without you this wonderful ministry would not exist.

Faithfully, **Carrie Safrit Daniels, Chair**
cdaniels503@aol.com or 697-6983

Summarization of Vestry Minutes
Monday October 24, 2011

Staff Reports

Rector: Adam Shoemaker

- Adam reported on the Blessing of the Animals service and the Parish retreat both of which were well attended
- Announcement about the upcoming All Saints/Centennial Celebration Nov. 6th and Thanksgiving service Nov. 22
- Re. Jan Fuller, chaplain at Elon University will be attending Holy Comforter and will be involved on Sunday mornings some
- Hannah Warner, Duke seminarian student is very involved with the Youth and will be participating in the Sunday services
- Discernment committees for Joe Wolyniak and Katie O'Dunne are formed and working as is the new Accessibility committee
- Harriet Whitley has donated a complete set of chasubles to the Church in honor of her parents, B and Clary Holt

Administrative Division reports:

Financial Report: Pete Glidewell

- Reserves are up substantially due to a generous gift from the estate of Scott Turner
- Vision loan balance will likely be paid off in time for Centennial Celebration
- September expenses exceeded income by \$12,000 but October looks better
- Motion was made and approved to use a portion of the Scott Turner gift to pay the remainder of his general pledge and his Vision pledge
- Motion was made and approved to allow Christian Formation to exceed their annual budget by \$1000 to pay for "Godly Play" training
- Motion was made and approved to cover expenses incurred from a leaky roof on Comforter House using the Comforter House Maintenance Fund
- Budget requests for the upcoming year exceeded last year's request by \$20,000

Personnel: Harriett Whitley

- Committee met Thursday October 20th
- Staff reviews and Salary recommendations were made by Adam
- Motion was made and approved to accept Mary Telander as a new member of the committee

Program Division reports:

- **Mission and Outreach: Jessie Beddingfield**
- Nets for Life campaign has met approximately 50% of its goal
- 24 participants in the Crop Walk raised \$1800
- Quarterly Outreach award goes to Julie Hauser
- Nominees for two open positions on the HC Mission Fund Board will be presented to the Congregation for approval at the Annual Meeting Nov. 13th

Christian Formation, Worship, & Stewardship Education: Elizabeth Hood

- Worship committee met Oct. 3rd to review recent services and make plans for Parish Retreat and All Saints services requiring special logistics
- Children enjoyed All Hallows Eve event and look forward to their plans for the Christmas Pageant Dec. 18th
- Youth are making plans and raising funds for their 2012 pilgrimage
- Very successful Episcopal 101 series got the Adult Formation classes off to a good start

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- Motion was made and approved to accept Martha Adams and Betty Adams as two new members on the Endowment Board with Joe Murray being approved to serve an additional term
- Endowment has received 51 gifts totaling \$3940 this year - at the January retreat the Vestry will discuss the likely giving of funds from the Scott Turner gift to the Endowment
- Technology committee has moved to a new website domain and email service for staff, they are also planning a new website opportunity through the digital Faith website as well as new purchases of audio/visual equipment
- 20's/30's group is off to a great start with participation rising
- Welcoming committee integrated the newcomer's event with the Parish retreat this year

- **Parish Life: Stig Egede-Nissen**
- Kate Crawford shared the agenda for the Centennial celebration and the many unique plans that the committee have formed for that day
- An original oil painting by Margaret Holt McLean has been given by Tom and Holt McLean in honor of Margaret Holt Brown and Walter Brown
- St. Martha's Guild gave 4 prayer shawls in September

Warden's Reports:

Junior Warden: Frank Harris

- Standing Property committee met Oct. 3rd to finalize goals for the year such as preparations for the Centennial celebration, Comforter House repairs to leak, mulch replacement, and replacement of door locks

Senior Warden: Janie Sellers

- Outline given for upcoming Vestry election and Annual Meeting
- Discussion about the December Vestry meeting format

As always, you are cordially invited to attend a Vestry meeting, which is held on the third Monday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. The complete minutes are available for your perusal in the church office.

Respectfully submitted by Mikki R. Harper, Clerk to the Vestry

A Christmas Tea --- Sunday, December 18, 2011

You are invited to attend a Christmas Tea at the Sacred Garden Book Store of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church (215 West Fisher Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27401). One of the activities will be **Gary Gorby** signing his book, **Living with the Psalms Journal**, from **2:30 to 5:30 p.m.** The journal uses his photographs and the psalms as a starting point for your own journaling and meditation and is published by Church Publishing, NYC. The bookstore is located next to the church and there is convenient parking available behind the church and bookstore.

Gary Gorby

Men's Breakfast Group

Politics and Religion

Almost daily we are challenged when confronted with religious and political positions that seem incompatible with our own. This is a 4 week series that will give us an opportunity to listen to the stories of public servants, who have and continue to confront those challenges. All these noted men are worthy of your considerable attention.

Gentlemen, rise from your beds, come unshaven and unclean, and hear words that just might bring a little light to your world. The time: 6:45am. The place: The Burlington Diner at the corner of Church Street and Alamance Road. Hunger is the norm as are good fellowship and information.

Wed., Dec. 7 - Panel discussion with Adam Shoemaker, Rod Reinecke, Ralph Macy, and Bob Walker-- "Politics and Religion with white collars"

Wed., Dec. 14 - Tom Lambeth and "Politics and Religion—a view from the Bench".

Wed., Dec. 21 - Tony Foriest and "Politics and Religion—a view from our former State Senator."

Wed., Jan. 4 - Rick Gunn and "Politics and Religion—a view from your State Senator."

The Wednesday Men's Breakfast Group meets at 6:45 AM, at the Burlington Diner on S. Church St. at the intersection of Routes 54 & 62.

Phil Savage

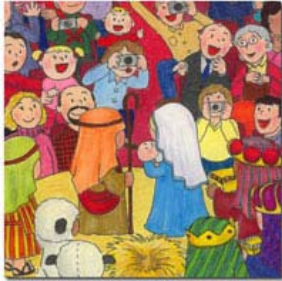
NEWS FROM ST. MARTHA'S GUILD

St. Martha's Guild will be having their annual Christmas Sales again the first three Sundays in December. The first sale will be on Dec. 4th, in the church parlor after the 10:30 service. Then on Dec. 11th, our sale will join up with the ECW bake sale, and will be held in the Great Hall, after the 10:30 service. And the final sale day will be on Dec. 18th in the church parlor after the 10:30 service. Please plan to stop by to see our latest hand-crafted items and do a little Christmas shopping. The Christmas Sale is our only fund-raiser for the year, and provides funding for us to purchase the yarns and supplies we need to help keep the ministry going. We look forward to seeing you there.

Meeting Notice: St. Martha's Guild has changed their meeting schedule, and beginning on December 14th we will be meeting on the second Wednesday of each month, at 3:00 p.m., in the church parlor. We invite anyone who is interested in our activities, to visit with us at any of our meetings. Hope to see you at our 'sales'.....

Arlene Veix aveix@triad.rr.com and **Juli Hauser** goofydog@triad.rr.com

The Christmas Pageant needs you!



This year's Christmas Pageant will be performed by **children and youth** in lieu of the sermon during the **10:30 a.m. worship service on December 18**. Children and youth will begin practicing for the Christmas Pageant during Sunday School, starting Advent 1 (November 27, 2011).

The Practice Schedule:

Sunday, November 27: Children and Youth will meet together in the Auditorium during Sunday School. They will read the Christmas story and assign roles for the pageant.

Sunday, December 4: Children will practice in the Auditorium during Sunday School. (Youth will meet in their normal classroom for a two-part Advent series with Hannah Warner).

Sunday, December 11: Children will practice in the Auditorium during Sunday School. (Youth will meet in their normal classroom for a two-part Advent series with Hannah Warner).

Saturday, December 17: Children and Youth will meet in the Sanctuary from 9:30 am—12:00 pm for a dress rehearsal.

Sunday, December 18: Children and Youth will do a final run through during Sunday School and will perform the play during the 10:30 am worship service.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Costello (Director of Christian Formation) or Hannah Warner (Duke Divinity School Intern).

ADVENT 1
Lessons for November 27, 2011

	First Lesson	Isaiah 64:1-9
	Psalm	80:1-7, 17-19
	Second Lesson	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
	The Gospel	Mark 13:24-37
LAYREADERS	8:15	Matt Wall (Lessons & Psalm) Elizabeth Hansen (Creed & Chalice)
	10:30	Martha Stewart (First Lesson) Cecelia Walker (Second Lesson) Bob Walker (Creed & Chalice) Jessie Beddingfield (Chalice)
CHILDREN'S CHAPEL ACOLYTES	8:15	Jessie Beddingfield (C/CS)
	10:30	Raleigh Adams (C/CS) Elizabeth Adams, Sarah McQueen (T) Emma McQueen (Gospel Book)
ALTAR GUILD		Janie Sellers, Rene Burgess, Ruth Holmes, Beth Glidewell, Molly Exum, Betty Brown, Elizabeth Hansen
FLOWER GUILD		Patsy Isley, Jennell Harris, Margaret Egede-Nissen
USHERS	8:15	Don Stanford
	10:30	Sarah & Saunders Moore
GREETERS		Audrey Deadmon
VESTRY ON DUTY		Mikki Harper
COUNTERS		Kate Crawford & Janie Sellers
COFFEE		TBA
NURSERY		Lee Whitaker, Susan Ryan, Ginny Allison

PRAYER REQUESTS

For all people involved in conflict and war especially our own Armed Forces:

Scott Sroka, Andrew Hooper, Cole Thompson, Frederick Slott

Jan Scott, former member

Pat Puett

Joe Goffman, friend of the Schilke's

Robbie Wilson, Ginny Allison's son-in-law

Tommy Shephard, friend of Debi Veix

Juli Hauser

Abby Groves

Bob Simons, friend of Jocelyn Safrit

Linda Marie Hackett, Katherine Caudell-Graves niece

Beverly McQueen, friend of Laura Burnette & Larry Vellani

Jennifer & Henry Korzekwinski, friends of Sarah Fargis

Jesse Page, Caroline Barnwell's father

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Larry Thomas, Pete Glidewell's cousin

Church Events Calendar for Nov. 24-Dec. 8

24 THURS. Thanksgiving Day Office Closed

25 FRI. Office Closed

27 SUN.

8:15 Holy Eucharist II

9:30 Choir

9:30 Christian Ed.

10:30 Holy Eucharist II

28 MON.

11:00 Service at Village of Brookwood

7:30 New Vestry Orientation

29 TUES.

7:30 Morning Prayer

10:30 Bible Study

4:00 Treble Choir

6:30 EFM

30 WED.

11:00 Healing Eucharist Service

7:30 Adult Choir

1 THURS.

7:30 Morning Prayer

7:30 EDGE Group

2 FRI.

3:00 Godly Play

3 SAT.

9:00 Quiet Day

7:00 Godly Play

4 SUN.

8:15 Holy Eucharist II

9:30 Choir

9:30 Christian Ed.

10:30 Holy Eucharist II

11:30 Grove Committee

12:00 Book Club

5 MON.

9:00 Deadline for Comfy Words

6:30 SPC @ Marian's Restaurant

7:00 Finance

6 TUES.

7:30 Morning Prayer

8:00 NC Council of Churches

4:00 Treble Choir

5:30 Basketball

6:30 EFM

7 WED.

11:00 Healing Eucharist Service

7:30 Adult Choir

8 THURS.

7:30 Morning Prayer

7:30 Church Ladies

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