



The new year of Sunday School will begin on August 26 at 9:30 in the fellowship hall with **Rally Day for all ages**. Breakfast will be served and teachers will be introduced.

Here is what we need to have a successful Sunday School this year:

- ♦ Volunteers to staff the nursery during the Sunday school hour
- ♦ 2 teachers for the Pre-K class
- ♦ 6 teachers for *God's Eden* (1 each for art, games, computer, cooking, drama and movie)
- ♦ 1-2 teachers for the Youth class (they have requested one "younger" teacher)
- ♦ 1 teacher for the Seekers class (plus 1 substitute)
- ♦ 2 teachers for the Adult Bible Study class (that meets in the fellowship hall)

In addition to leadership we need students of all ages that are committed to attend regularly to grow their faith and to learn to live as a faithful person in our world.

Please prayerfully consider your role in our Christian Education program for the 2012-2013 year.

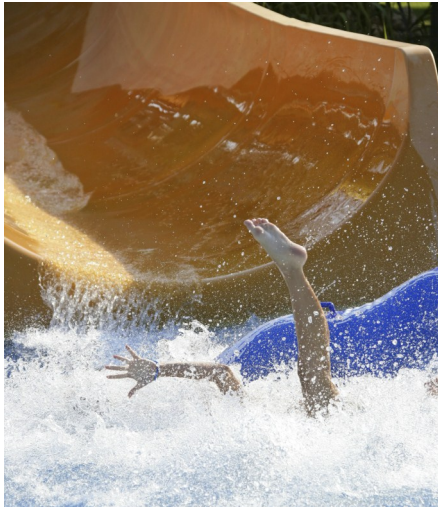
If you taught last year and are willing to teach again, please let Beth Brittain know as soon as possible.

An organizational Teachers' meeting for the children and youth teachers will take place on Sunday, August 19 at 9:30 am in the church parlor. Curriculum, teacher expectations and job descriptions will be distributed.



The first actual day of full Sunday School is September 2. See you there!
Shalom, Beth

This summer has been HOT - why not cool off at Emerald Point?!



Holy Comforter Youth will meet on Saturday, August 11 at 9:00 a.m. to leave for a day at Emerald Point Water Park and will return around 6:00 p.m.

Friends are always welcome; however, we can only cover the cost for Holy Comforter members (the cost is \$35 per nonmember). Lunch will be on your own at the park.

Please let Kristen or Pastor Mike know if you will be attending. We look forward to seeing you then!
Kristen Clanton, Advisor

All articles and information for the September newsletter are due to Dianne in the office by August 20th.

Holy Comforter Comment



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Rev. Beth Brittain, Christian Education
Kristen Clanton, HCY Advisor



Final Greetings and Benediction

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

2 Corinthians 13:11

Communion Opportunities For August

August 5 The 10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 26 The 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager
Jane Deaton, Reporter
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE 9:30 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am The Service
Church Office Hours Monday-Friday
8:30 am—3:00 pm



The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (2 Corinthians 13)

For many months now I have been trying to avoid all the questions of when my Last Sunday will be because I do not want, as one of you in the whole church, any well-intended *hoopla* at my moving on.

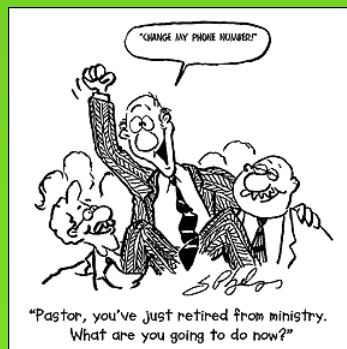
Like many of you who have served in various ways over time, I do not deal with emotional recognition very well --- at all. Oh my, you have honored me roundly on several occasions for which I am forever grateful. Now the point of my leaving is for me and you all and individually to search for new ministries.

Lynn and I will look to the future for you and us. My honest preference to you generous souls is to say goodbye and blessing to you in the future. So there will be a small, low key reception after church on (appropriately) **Reformation Sunday, October 28, 2012.**

Pax and Christ-energy for your new life at Holy Comforter.

Pastor Mike

Memories through the years...



CHURCH SCHEDULE:

Saturday, August 4 Staying Connected Group
7:00 pm Center Street Tavern in Cramerton, NC

Sunday, August 5 10th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion

Saturday, August 11 Holy Comforter Youth Trip

9:00 am Leave church for *Emerald Point Water Park*

Sunday, August 12 11th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am The Service

Church Council meets after

Saturday, August 18 Kids' Club

10:00 am Holy Comforter *Fun Olympics*

Sunday, August 19 12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

Organizational Sunday school teachers' meeting in parlor

10:30 am The Service

4:00 pm **Prayer shawl** meeting in parlor

Sunday, August 26 13th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am **Rally Day Breakfast** for Sunday School

10:30 am The Service
With **Holy Communion**

Sundays: 10:10 am Choir
8:00 pm Nar-Anon

Tuesdays: 7:00 pm Nar-Anon



FINANCIAL REPORT:

Treasurer's Report (Warren Heller)

<u>Report for Month</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Budget Expenses:	\$18,559.25	\$111,355.50
Actual Expenses:	17,411.14	106,026.74
Offerings Received:	15,405.94	99,214.02
Loss for Month:	\$ 2,005.20	
Loss Year-to-Date:		\$ 6,812.72

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTORS: Billy Joye + **Volunteers**

ACOLYTES: Madison Carr
Ashton Nault

CRUCIFERS: Caroline Nault
Chase Lineberger

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 1)

Bev Mauney, Co-Captain

Brad Milton, Co-Captain

Carmen De Nicholas

Harvey Elliott

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team B)

Cindy Buchanan Shelia Kelly

Jo Singleton Jack Tench

EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:

August 5: Stan & Sue Lahr

August 26: Myra & Bill Hollar

GREETERS:

August 5: Brenda Jenkins

August 12: Pat Long

August 19: **Need Volunteer**

August 26: Katie Kessen

USHERS:

August 5: Bill Hollar

August 12 & 19: Nancy Powell

August 26: **Need Volunteer**

FLOWERS:

August 5: Jody Flowers

Shawn De Nicholas

August 12: Jack & Laura Tench

Courtney Gatlin

August 19: Pastor Mike & Lynn Varn

August 26: Phil & Carol Posey

On Sunday, August 5, checks will be awarded to recipients of the Lillian E. Lineberger Scholarship. Please plan on attending this service in order to receive your check.



Birthstone: Peridot
Birth Flower: Gladiolus

- 1: First black American slaves (20 slaves) land at Jamestown, Virginia 1619
- 1: First US census (population of 3,939,214) 1790
- 1: First coast-to-coast automobile trip (San Francisco to New York) completed. 1903
- 3: Christopher Columbus sets sail from Spain on a voyage that would take him to the present-day Americas. 1492
- 5: US levies its first Income Tax (3% of incomes over \$800). 1861
- 5: 1st traffic light installed (Euclid Ave & E 105th St, Cleveland). 1914
- 8: The US Army installs the first tricycle landing gear on the Army's Wright Flyer. 1910
- 10: Magellan's 5 ships set sail to circumnavigate the Earth. 1519
- 10: Smithsonian Institution founded in the US. 1846
- 10: Dan Rylands patents screw cap. 1899
- 10: First lunar orbiter launched by US. 1966
- 16: President Lincoln prohibits Union states from trading with Confederacy. 1861
- 16: Fiat Motors orders first private atomic reactor. 1955
- 18: 1st English child born in New World (Virginia Dare). 1857
- 18: Eastern Airlines begins passenger service. 1930
- 20: Alaska discovered by Danish explorer Vitus Bering. 1741
- 20: 1st pilot to parachute from an aircraft (Adolphe Pégoud-France). 1913
- 20: USSR recovers 2 dogs; first living organisms to return from space. 1960
- 24: 1st potato chips prepared by Chef George Crum (Saratoga Springs NY). 1853
- 24: North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) established. 1949

MUSIC NEWS

In the coming weeks you will be receiving information regarding the possible recreation of our children's music program. "Recreation" in the fact that this avenue of our ministry has been on hold for a while due to school, sports, family schedules, etc. Other churches offer opportunities for children to fully participate in the ministerial life of their congregations. The issue, short of prioritizing, is scheduling.

At the time of this writing, mid July, it looks like Sunday afternoon/evening is the only alternative. We will communicate developments as they become clearer. In the mean time please give prayerful consideration as to your child's participation in this avenue of ministry.

Adult choral and handbell programming will resume on Rally Day, Sunday, August 26. (See calendar.)

Greg Cline

Prayer Shawl Ministry: a re-organizational meeting will take place on **August 19 at 4:00 pm** in the church parlor. Several folks have mentioned that we need to reactivate this ministry and this is an effort to do so. **Join us** if you are interested in helping by making prayer shawls, delivering prayer shawls or providing a devotion when we meet.



Pastor Mike is the ONLY pastor Nathan and Madison have ever known! Bless their hearts! Just kidding Pastor Mike. We have gone through a lot with Pastor Mike over the years and he has patiently been there for us the entire time..

Pastor Mike has a special way with the youth and they LOVE him and we love him for his dedication to them. The fact that he is so involved with the youth has been a Godsend for our church and our family. In our eyes he was the youth director and our Pastor. I loved the fact that he is SO involved with youth trips, meetings, mission trips and just getting together with them, like going to Bo Jangles or Dairy Queen. They cherish those times with him.

He is more than a pastor to us, throughout all these years he has lead us spiritually and has been our friend, down to even attending birthday parties! What is amazing to me is that he always seems to be at our church when those doors are open regardless of the reason. I have always been amazed at the pace he keeps up and the fact that he has to be everything to everyone. I know that has to be exhausting!! But we want you to know we have appreciated EVERYTHING you have ever done for our family. Especially the things my kids specifically asked you to do and you did them! Do you remember Madison's request for the "Blessing of the Animals"? How about when Nathan worried you non-stop to take him on a mission trip....you went to Biloxi, MS! You've gone camping, skiing, rafting, hiking, to theme parks, the movies, the list goes on and on.

All I can say is *thank you Pastor Mike* for being there for my family and our youth. It started with welcoming a married couple with a Baptist and a Catholic background and converting them to Lutherans!! What a feat. You are a miracle or should I say a true man of God in more ways than one to be able to do that!! We love you so much and will miss you dearly, but you deserve to rest. Just don't be shocked if we come knocking for future events...

We love you!
Shelia, Tim, Nathan and Madison Kelly



August 2012



We recognize and celebrate these birthdays in the month of August. We are thankful for the life and spirit of those we celebrate. May the blessings of God flow in the life of each of you.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Rally Day Breakfast August 26, 9:30 am Fellowship Hall</p>			1	2	3	4
<p>5 10th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am Adult SS 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service with Holy Communion</p> <p>8:00 pm Nar-Anon</p>	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Nar-A-Non 7:00 pm Meeting				 <p>Holy Comforter Youth Emerald Point Water Park Trip</p>
<p>12 11th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am Adult SS 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service Council meets after</p> <p>8:00 pm Nar-Anon</p>	13	14	15 St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord	16	17	18
		Nar-A-Non 7:00 pm Meeting				 <p>10:00 am Holy Comforter Fun Olympics</p>
<p>19 12th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am Adult SS 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service with Holy Communion 4:00 pm Prayer shawl Meeting in parlor 8:00 pm Nar-Anon</p>	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Nar-A-Non 7:00 pm Meeting				
<p>26 13th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am Rally Day Breakfast 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service with Holy Communion 5:00 pm Handbell Choir 6:00 pm Church Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon</p>	27	28	29 The Beheading of St. John the Baptist	30	31	<p>9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages Starting Sept. 2</p> 
		7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon Meeting				

August 2 Alyssa Buchanan
 August 3 Joy Robinson
 August 4 Mark Yount
 August 6 Justin Koehler
 Stanley Lahr
 Blythe Thompson
 August 11 Cynthia Buchanan
 Ginger MacDonald
 August 13 Ned Featherstone
 August 15 Brenda Dabrowski
 August 16 Eric Carpenter
 August 17 Wesley Ashe
 Mark Dabrowski
 Carol Posey
 August 18 Katie Baker
 Cindy Braddy
 Daphne Hansen
 August 21 Lynn Martin
 Andrew Robinson
 August 22 Becke Featherstone
 Allison Wallace
 August 25 Gage Gatlin
 Kim Wallace
 August 27 Dillon Kasmer
 August 29 Matthew Bruchon
 Tommy Causby
 August 30 Eric Ange
 Becca Gatlin

NOTE: If we have unintentionally left any member's name off this list, or if there are any errors, please call the church office.

