



Beginning June 3 there will be an **adult Sunday School class** that continues through the summer, but there will not be classes for children and youth until the fall. That is not to say that there will be no Christian Education for children and youth through the summer.

June 15-16 is Vacation Church School. Our theme is "Fruits of the Spirit" and we will have a wonderful puppet show provided by Grey Seal Puppets. Brenda Daly is the coordinator of VCS. The schedule is as follows:

Friday, June 15 6-6:30 pm Dinner
6:30 pm Stories, Crafts, & Singing
Saturday, June 16 9:00 am - 12 Noon
Stories, crafts, songs with **The Grey Seal Puppet Virtue** program beginning at 10:00 am.

July 16-20 is Camp Agape at our church. See Misty Koehler for details. This is always a great day camp experience for our children and community.

I know the fall seems like a long way off, but plans are already being made for the new church school year. Prayerfully consider your role in leadership and contact Beth Brittain or Brenda Daly if you are willing to serve your church and your God.

Shalom, Beth

The week of **June 17-23** Pastor Mike will take his confirmands to Lutheridge, better known as **Campfirmation Week**. Those attending are **Cooper Burwell, Madison Carr, Aaron Nault and Noah Rogers**.

Welcome new Youth Advisor

Kristen Clanton has consented to be the new **Chief Youth Advisor** for our Holy Comforter Youth.

Pastor Mike and Fran Holland will be assisting her in an effort to revitalize our youth program. During the summer we will be meeting on Wednesday nights.

The **first meeting on June 6 at 6:00 pm** will be a pizza party to introduce Kristen to the group. The next meeting will be June 20 at 6:00 pm. **In July the group will meet at 7:00 pm** on July 11 & 25. On August 5 after church the youth group will head to Busch Gardens, Williamsburg, VA. We will go to the theme park on Monday, August 6. Our last meeting before returning to our Sunday schedule will be Wednesday, August 15. **We ask prayers of the congregation and the support of all youth parents in making our new HCY a success.**

Kristen is a graduate of Elon University and currently serves as the Special Events Coordinator at Holy Angels. She is pursuing a Master of Public Administration at UNC Charlotte.

Kristen is passionate about volunteer service and is the Online Chair for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Belmont and the Community Placement Chair for the Junior League of Gaston County. (She has previously served as a full-time youth advisor.)

She enjoys traveling, running half marathons, yoga, photography, cooking and baking, reading, DIY projects and writing for her blog, *Rue3twenty2*.

Holy Comforter Comment

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Rev. Beth Brittain, Christian Education



²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.³And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'

Isaiah 6:2-3

Communion Opportunities For June

June 3 The Holy Trinity Sunday
June 24 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

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



“Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” Romans 15:7

I want to offer an exuberant **WELCOME to Kristen Clayton**, our new **HCY (youth) advisor**. A life-long Lutheran, Kristen has been involved with youth at Lutheridge and other programs. Since she has a lot of experience working with youth, she is literally God-sent to us. (See article on back page about Kristen.)

Kristen has been coming to church for months now with her good friend Elliott Williams whom some of our kids may remember as a counselor at Lutheridge during *Campfirmation* week.

I hope and pray that parents, new and those with grown children and grandparents, and especially our teenagers will see themselves as stewards of this vital ministry. **I encourage every member of Holy Comforter to wholehearted support this new staff person and this ministry for the future.**

Pax, Pastor Mike

Congratulations to Our College Graduates!

Caitlan Reese

Lenoir-Rhyne University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary and Special Education and a minor in Music

Elizabeth Tench

Belmont Abbey College
Bachelors in Liberal Arts

Sarah Tench

Winston Salem State University
Master in Nursing with
Family Nurse Practitioner

Kelsey Wood Thompson

College of Charleston
Bachelor of Science in Hospitality and Tourism Management and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Congratulations to Our High School Graduates!

Katie Baker

South Point High School
Attending NC State

Alyssa Buchanan

South Point High School
Attending UNC Chapel Hill

Evan Howard

South Point High school
Attending Clemson University

Samuel Reeves Thompson

South Point High School
Attending UNC at Chapel Hill

CONGRATULATIONS! Dylan Fox was selected to attend *Boys State*. The 2012 Tar Heel Boys State Program will take place from June 17-23 at Catawba College in Salisbury, NC.

CHURCH SCHEDULE:

Saturday, June 2 Staying Connected Ladies

7:00 pm Meet for yoga then program (wear comfortable clothes and bring mat if you have one)

Sunday, June 3 Holy Trinity Sunday

9:30 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am The Service **w/Holy Communion**

Wednesday, June 6 Holy Comforter Youth Meet

6:00 pm Pizza Dinner “Get acquainted with Kristen”

Sunday, June 10 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am The Service

Church Council meets after

Friday, June 15 Vacation Church School

6:00—6:30 pm Dinner
6:30 pm Stories, crafts, singing

Saturday, June 16 Vacation Church School

9:00 am –12 Noon Stories, Crafts
10:00 am **Grey Seal Puppets** program starts

Sunday, June 17 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am The Service

Pastor Mike & Confirmands leave for Lutheridge for the week

Wednesday, June 20 Holy Comforter Youth Meet

6:00 pm 1st meeting

Sunday, June 24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist

9:30 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am The Service **w/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>April</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Budget Expenses:	\$18,559.25	\$74,237.00
Actual Receipts:	18,627.47	69,923.96
Actual Expenses:	<u>17,646.79</u>	<u>70,885.47</u>
Gain for Month:	\$ 980.68	
Loss Year-to-Date:		<\$ 961.51>

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTORS: Billy Joye + the following:

June 3 & 10: Need Volunteer

June 17: Brian Achor

June 24: Need Volunteer

ACOLYTES: Cody Koehler, Molly Koehler

CRUCIFERS: Nick Ashe
Wil Carpenter

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 4)
Diann Halvorson, Co-Captain
Dean Halvorson, Co-Captain
Barbara Kasmer
Gayla Foscue

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team C)
Sherry Alexander Fran Holland
Charles Mauney Dee Smith

EUCCHARIST PRESENTERS:
June 3: Tim & Shelia Kelly
June 24: Need Volunteers

GREETERS:
Brenda Daly, Louise Day

USHERS:
June 3: Bill Hollar + Volunteer
June 10: Denise Wiegand + Volunteers
June 17: Denise Wiegand + Volunteers
June 24: Denise Wiegand + Volunteers

FLOWERS:
June 3: Jeff & Jane Howard
June 10: Greg Cline
June 17: Jack, Laura, Elizabeth & Khloe Tench
Pat & Cindy Braddy
June 24: Debbie Mendez
Danny, Rochelle, Perri & Carson Potter

All information and articles for the July newsletter are due to Dianne in the church office by June 18.



June FACTS

Birthstone: Pearl
Birth Flower: Rose



1: Capt. John Lawrence utters Navy motto "Don't give up the ship." 1813

1: Sojourner Truth leaves NY to begin her career as antislavery activist. 1843

1: Voting machine patented (Thomas Edison). 1869

3: The first baseball uniforms worn. Knickerbockers wear straw hat, white shirt & blue long trousers. 1851

3: Supreme Court rules child labor laws unconstitutional. 1918

5: Automatic washer & dryer are introduced. 1907

5: 1st synthetic rubber tire exhibited in Akron Ohio. 1940

5: The first personal computer, the Apple II, goes on sale. 1977

9: 1st book copyrighted under constitution, "Philadelphia Spelling Book". 1790

9: Charles Elmer Hires sells his 1st root beer (Philadelphia). 1869

9: "Pay-as-you-go" (withholding) US income tax deductions authorized. 1943

12: 1st baseball game played in America. 1839

12: Anne Frank gets her diary as a birthday present (Amsterdam). 1942

18: Macademia nuts 1st planted in Hawaii. 1892

18: Amusement pier opens, Atlantic City, NJ. 1898

18: Sally Ride became the 1st American woman in space. 1983

20: Congress approves Great Seal of US & the eagle as it's symbol. 1782

24: The first coffee planted in Hawaii on Kona coast. 1817

24: The first demonstration of home video recorder, at BBC Studios, London. 1963

MUSIC



NEWS

As summer is upon us **we ask for volunteers to assist with the music program.** We are looking for singers, ringers, stringers, and strummers of all ages to share musical offerings. Individuals, couples, and families may contact Greg Cline.

There are a wealth of ways to utilize talents at Holy Comforter. **We have never abandoned the hope of rekindling our children and youth music programs.** During the summer we ask for parental response: "Would you and your child support the music program of Holy Comforter?" These opportunities could include anything from singing, handbell ringing, band instrumentation, music classes and camps. We have the resources. We basically need just two ingredients; commitment and participation. Let Greg Cline know!!!

Our choirs will take a summer break from rehearsal, but **church choir members continue to meet on Sunday morning at 10:10 am** to prepare for their primary role of worship leadership.

Greg Cline



Staying Connected group will meet Saturday, **June 2 at 7:00 pm** in the fellowship hall.

Please wear comfortable clothes. We will start our meeting with a 30-minute yoga session and then move onto our discussion pertaining to relative topics happening during this time. If you have an exercise or yoga mat, please bring it with you.

Misty Koehler



In The Spotlight

There will never be another Pastor Mike! He has touched the lives of so many people in ways that most pastors would only dream of. He is dedicated to his profession and strives to make everyone feel special.

When Russell and I moved our family to Belmont we looked to find a church that was similar to the ones we had always known. We found that church in Holy Comforter when we met Pastor Mike and his family.

He has always been on hand as our family has grown. Bryan, Meredith, and Lydia became very close as they grew up and today, consider themselves siblings. One adventure, that I recall, was when we took our children to Disney World. It was so much fun. The one thing that remains in our minds is the image of Pastor Mike's backside. He was so full of energy and always in front, leading us from one ride to the next.

We know retirement will be a great, new adventure for him and his family. They will always be a part of our lives, no matter where life takes them. He will be sorely missed at Holy Comforter and it will require someone who understands the legacy he is leaving behind.

May God Bless the Varns in the years ahead.

Ellen Fleming









The sound systems in the church are over 20 years old and very antiquated. Much of it is in disrepair and needs to be replaced as soon as possible. We have decided to address our immediate needs in worship and music as we look to our future with all the technology possibilities all around us. Since there is no adequate space in the balcony for our new sound equipment and since we will need volunteers to manage this equipment during services, we need space in the nave of the church to monitor it effectively.

Thus, our Church Council has approved the building of a Sound and Video booth that will be built in the back of the church on the right side (as you face the altar). This means we will have to relocate the back two pews to the front of the Church to maintain the numbers of seats in the church and the new 6x8 booth will be built in that space. All the sound equipment from the balcony and narthex will be relocated to the new booth. At the same time, we will upgrade the electrical and wiring to serve our church in the future. **There will be new speakers installed to improve the sound in the sanctuary.**

We are so blessed to have this project anonymously donated and hope you will join all of us to help make these changes successful.

Pax, P M

June 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Remember Dad <i>Father's Day</i> Sunday, June 17</p> 					<p>1  1st pay telephone installed. 1880</p>	<p>2 Staying Connected 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>3 Holy Trinity Sunday 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>	<p>4</p> <p>Roquefort cheese created in a cave near Roquefort, France. 1070</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 pm Nar-Anon</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Holy Comforter Youth 6:00 pm Pizza Dinner Meeting</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am Adult SS 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service Church Council</p> <p>8:00 pm Nar-Anon</p>	<p>11 St. Barnabas, Apostle</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>Anne Frank gets her diary as a birthday present (Amsterdam) 1942</p> <p>7:00 pm Nar-Anon</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14  Flag Day</p>	<p>15 Vacation Church School Theme: Fruit of the Spirit 6-6:30 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Stories, Crafts, & Singing</p>	<p>16 Vacation Church School 9:00 am - 12 Noon Stories, crafts, songs with The Grey Seal Puppet Virtue program beginning at 10:00 am</p> 
<p>17 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am Adult SS 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service Confirmants leave for Lutheridge w/P. Mike</p> <p>8:00 pm Nar-Anon</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Campfirmation at Lutheridge</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00 pm Nar-Anon</p> <p>Campfirmation at Lutheridge</p>	<p>20 Summer Solstice </p> <p>Holy Comforter Youth 6:00 pm Meeting</p> <p>Campfirmation at Lutheridge</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Campfirmation at Lutheridge</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Campfirmation at Lutheridge</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Campfirmation at Lutheridge</p>
<p>24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist 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>	<p>25 Presentation of the Augsburg Confession 1530</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 pm Nar-Anon</p>	<p>27 Sunglasses Day</p> 	<p>28</p>	<p>29 St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles</p>	<p>30</p>



We recognize and celebrate these birthdays in the month of June.
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.

June 2 Claire Howard
June 5 Dorothy Dowd
June 10 Greg Garrison
June 11 Tonya Zander
June 12 Stephen Abernethy
June 13 John Kreitzer
June 16 Cooper Burwell
Brooke Martin
Sarah Tench
June 17 Marsha Kinley
June 19 John Koehler
June 23 Eric Scholler
June 25 Wil Carpenter
June 26 Erin Jenkins
June 28 Stephanie Lingerfelt
June 30 Leah Koehler



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