



Sunday School continues to progress as we study about Queen Ester in the children's classes. Beginning December 1 we will begin to study Advent and Christmas. **Parents, please assist our teachers by reminding your child to behave with respect and to be obedient during the Sunday School hour.** We want the children to

enjoy class, but we do have some who have become a bit too disruptive and who are hampering the teaching for the rest of the class. Thank you for your help .

In this time of being mindfully thankful, I am so **very thankful for all who are willing to lead in the Sunday School hour by teaching and assisting.** You will never know the influence your teaching will have.

The children will present the Christmas story during the worship service on December 23. Ashley Ange along with the help of other parents has agreed to take the lead again this year. Parents, please be sure to let Ashley know of your child involvements in the play.

On Thursday, December 6, Hospice and Palliative Care Charlotte Region will provide an Interfaith Memorial Service in our sanctuary. The *Light up a Life* service provides an opportunity for those who have lost a loved one to remember with intention their life and to honor their memory. All in the community are invited to attend. We have been asked to provide a simple reception in the fellowship hall following this 7:00 pm service. Please contact Debbie Neagle if you are willing to assist with the reception.

The Wrap-Arounds will not meet in November and December, however, we are asking everyone to continue working on Prayer Shawls. As they are completed, please turn them in to Beth . Thank you for your help in this much appreciated ministry.

Reminder: The nursery workers are asked to be in the nursery by 9:15 am on your assigned morning:
November 4: Blythe & Jeff Thompson
November 11: Ginger & Chuck MacDonald
November 18: Misty & John Koehler
November 25: Need Volunteers



Beth Brittain, Christian Education

Church Council News

The Nominating Committee will submit a list of candidates to the congregation at our **annual meeting on Sunday, November 25th** for Church Council.

Any active, confirmed member may nominate any qualified member to run for Church Council. In order to submit their name for nomination, **you must fill out a nomination form and return it to the church office by Sunday, November 11th.**

Forms are available from the church office or from an usher.



Christ the King is a title of Jesus based on several passages of Scripture. It is used by most Christians. The Roman Catholic Church, together with many Protestant denominations, including the Anglicans, Presbyterians, Lutherans and Methodists, celebrate the *Feast of Christ the King* on the last Sunday of the liturgical year (before a new year begins with the first Sunday of Advent).

Holy Comforter Comment

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Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster
Rev. Beth Brittain, Christian Education
Kristen Clanton, HCY Advisor



“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
They will be his peoples, and
God himself will be with them;
He will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
Mourning and crying and pain
will be no more,
For the first things have passed away.”
Revelation 21: 3-4

Communion Opportunities For November

November 4 All Saints Sunday
November 25 Christ the King Sunday

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



As we enter this time of Thanksgiving
Let us reflect on all that we have been given and
help us to be always grateful for the blessings that
we have received, knowing that even the trials we face
allow us to be grateful when we
have faced them with faith and perseverance.

Help us recognize those who may need a kind word
of encouragement or a smile.
And let us remember to always say Thank You!

Holy Comforter Youth Schedule

November 4th, 5:00-7:00 pm

HCY meets in the fellowship hall for dinner and fellowship. Youth are encouraged to bring two (2) non-perishable items (canned goods or toiletries) for the BCO.

November 18, after church until 4:00 pm

The Renaissance Festival is a 16th century European style art and entertainment festival combining outdoor theater, circus entertainment, arts and crafts marketplace, a jousting tournament, a feast fit for royalty, and much much more.

HCY will meet in the fellowship hall immediately after church and will return at 4:00 pm in time for youth choir. **All youth that plan to attend need to notify Kristen by Sunday, November 11.** If 15 people sign up then tickets are only \$17.50, otherwise they are \$20 each. Youth will need to bring additional money if they would like to purchase food or any other items. If any adults would like to attend and/or carpool, please let Kristen know 704-678-0137 or keclanton@gmail.com. Friends are always welcome!

Kristen Clanton, Youth Advisor

Sunday, November 25 is the day of our annual Thanksgiving/Christmas luncheon to be held in the fellowship hall after the church service.

The Church will provide the meat and drinks. We ask the Congregation to bring their favorite vegetable side dish and/or desert. We will decorate the Church following lunch.

Kids Club Kindergarten - Grade 5

The **Kids Club** will meet on Saturday, November 17. Misty Koehler will email details to the group at a later date...watch your email for information.

CHURCH SCHEDULE:

Saturday, November 3

7:00 pm **Staying Connected Group**
(On the Border Restaurant in Gastonia)
Email Misty so she can make reservations.

Sunday, November 4 All Saints Sunday

9:30 am **Sunday School**
10:30 am The Service w/**Holy Communion**
5:00 pm **HCY in fellowship hall**, bring 2 non-perishable food items for BCO.

Monday, November 5 Morning Circle/WELCA

10:30 am Meet to carpool to home of Barbara Beale.
Pat Koehler has the program. Bring a sandwich.
Guests are welcome!

Sunday, Nov. 11 24th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service
Church Council meets after

Saturday, November 17

Kids' Club Details announced later

Sunday, Nov. 18 25th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service
HCY after church goes to Renaissance Festival

Sunday, November 25 Christ the King Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service With **Holy Communion**
Luncheon in Fellowship Hall for the Thanksgiving/Christmas season.
Decorate church after.

Sundays: 10:10 am Choir

4:00 pm Youth Ensemble
5:00 pm Handbells
HCY on 1st & 3rd Sundays

6:00 pm Church Choir

8:00 pm Nar-Anon

Tuesdays: 7:00 pm Nar-Anon

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Treasurer's Report (Warren Heller)

Report for Month	September	Year-To-Date
Budget Expenses:	\$18,559.25	\$167,033.25
Actual Expenses:	17,963.31	161,969.36
Offerings Received:	24,465.00	160,764.60
Gain for Month:	\$ 5,1501.69	
Loss Year-to-Date:		\$ 1,204.76

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTORS: Billy Joye + : Shelia Kelly, Nov. 4
Need Volunteer: November 11
Brian Achor, November 18
Need Volunteer: November 25

ACOLYTES: Claire Mitchell, Aaron Nault

CRUCIFERS: Caroline Nault
Chase Lineberger

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 3)
Fran Holland, Co-Captain
Melinda Lingerfelt, Co-Captain
Tracey Nault Courtney Gatlin

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team B)
Cindy Buchanan Jo Singleton
Shelia Kelly Jack Tench

EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:
November 4: Shelia & Tim Kelly
November 25: Need Volunteers

GREETERS:
November 4: Pat Long
November 11: Bill Hollar
November 18: Need Volunteer
November 25: Pat Koehler

USHERS:
November 4-18: Denise Wiegand + Volunteers
November 25: **Need Volunteers**

FLOWERS:
November 4: Harold & Jo Singleton
November 11: Dianne Lail
Linda Grimsley & Cher Grant
November 18: Rochelle, Perri & Carson Potter
November 25: Pat Long

All information and articles for the
November Newsletter are due to Dianne
By November 19, 2012.



Birthstone: Topaz/Citrine
Birth Flower: Chrysanthemum

- 1: Michelangelo's paintings on ceiling of Sistine Chapel were first exhibited. 1512
- 2: James K. Polk (1795-1849) the 11th US President was born in Mecklenburg County, NC. 1795
- 8: X-rays (electromagnetic rays) were discovered by Wilhelm Roentgen at the University of Wuerzburg in Germany. 1895
- 9: The Great Boston Fire started in a dry-goods warehouse then spread rapidly in windy weather, destroying nearly 800 buildings. The fire's bright red glare could be seen in the sky for nearly 100 miles. 1872
- 9: The Berlin Wall was opened up after standing for 28 years as a symbol of the Cold War. The 27.9 mile wall had been constructed in 1961. 1989
- 10: Reformation founder Martin Luther (1483-1546) was born in Eisleben, Saxony. In 1517 Luther tacked his 95 Theses on the door of Wittenberg's castle church. 1483
- 11: Veterans Day (formally called Armistice Day)
- 13: US Supreme Court ruled that racial segregation on public buses was unconstitutional 1956
- 15: The largest antiwar rally in US history occurred as 250,000 persons gathered in Washington, D.C. to protest the Vietnam War. 1969
- 17: US Congress met for the first time in the new capital at Washington, D.C. 1800
- 19: Pres. Abraham Lincoln delivered the *Gettysburg Address* during ceremonies dedicating 17 acres of the Gettysburg Battlefield as a National Cemetery. 1863
- 22: At 12:30 pm in downtown Dallas, Pres. John F. Kennedy was fatally shot. On board Air Force One, at 2:38 pm, Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn in as the 36th President. 1963

MUSIC NEWS

Church, chamber, and handbell choirs are hard at work preparing for upcoming festivals. All Saints, Christ the King, and Advent are just around the corner. Many words of thanks to the busiest people I know; some who participate full in all three ensembles.

The Children and Youth ensembles continue on Sundays at 4:00 pm. We will be working on upcoming arrangements of *When the Saints Go Marching In*, as well as seasonal renditions. Maria Carr's kids also are ringing bell chimes! Can't wait to hear them share on Sunday. Greg Cline is preparing the youth to accompany a Thanksgiving hymn on November 25. We struggle with attendance, but we have a core of faithful children, youth, and parents who believe that this ministry is worthy of their time. For this, we thank you, and invite all those who have a voice, to *Praise our Lord!* Those who faithfully participate will be invited to be a part of a special event to be announced in 2013!

Church choir members wish to thank Tom & Shirley Causby for hosting us for a very cool porch party! It really was the coolest!

Members who were around 20 years ago will remember the six months that we worshipped without a pipe organ. The November 1992 installation of our current instrument occurred on our 75th Anniversary Sunday. While the organ was not playable that day, it was a visual site to behold. All the stops were pulled for the first time on Christmas Eve of that year! During our Thanksgiving/Advent Luncheon we will show the film of the installation and renovation of the pipe organ. Filmed here at Holy Comforter, as well as at the factory in Indianapolis, Indiana, this video show sections of the instrument that can only be seen while standing in the chambers. Trivia: Cost in 1992 was \$250,000. Replacement cost today is \$800,000. Number of pipes: 1883.

Thank you all for honoring me with the recent installation of the newest window at Holy Comforter. Located in the far right window inside the choir room is a window which depicts a variety of musical instruments which this musician in residence has attempted to master over the years. I chuckled during the dedication reading of Psalm 150 when I mentally paraphrased: *Praise Him with Loud Saxophones, Accordion, Kazoo, and Harmonica!* The window actually displays organ pipes, piano, saxophone, handbells, and director baton. Thanks to all who contributed; and to the crafters John Crist, Steve Hackney, Bob Koehler, Charles Mauney, Brad Milton and Pastor Mike.

Greg Cline

In The Spotlight



Donna Bean & Horace Bean: Donna and her father Horace come to us from Redeemer Lutheran in Charlotte. Donna is an insurance

account rep with Carolinas Healthcare System and Horace is retired from Southern Bell. They both live in Belmont.



Deborah & Steve Bingham: Deborah & Steve, parents to three grown children, come to us from Greensboro, NC. Deborah is a teacher and Steve is a professor with Gardner-Webb University. Both

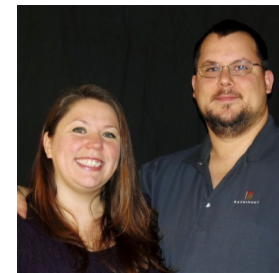
enjoy reading, travel, music & motorcycles. Deborah also enjoys gardening and hiking.



Tom and Melissa Bocchino: Tom & Melissa are proud parents of daughter Lucy and twin infant sons Henry & Alex. Tom is employed as an audiologist with ENT Carolina. Melissa takes care of them all.



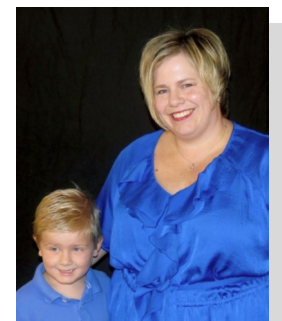
Katie Kessen (Associate Member): Katie has been worshipping with us for some time. She is an administrative assistant with Alliance Document Solutions and in her free time she enjoys sports and reading.



Brandy Milton: Brandy is the new bride of member Brad Milton (pictured here beside her). She is employed as cashier with Round-Point Mortgage and is interested in art, literature, history,

health & wellness and music.

Beth Passer & son Reid: Beth was a member of Holy Comforter many years ago. She and her son Reid have just moved back to Belmont from Columbia, SC. Her interests include music and reading. Right now she is seeking employment.



Please introduce yourselves and welcome our newest members to Holy Comforter.

NOVEMBER 2012



We recognize and celebrate these birthdays in the month of November. 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
				1 All Saints' Day	2	3
4 All Saints' Sunday 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service with Holy Communion Children/Youth En. 4:00 pm HCY in Fellowship Hall Handbells 6:00 pm Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	5 Morning Circle/WELCA 10:30 am Meet at Holy Comforter to carpool to the home of Barbara Beale. Pat Koehler has the program. Bring a sandwich. Guests are welcome!	6 7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-A-Non	7	8	9	10 Staying Connected Group 7:00 pm <i>On the Border</i> In Gastonia If you plan to attend, please email Misty so she can make reservations.
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November 2	William Starnes
November 3	Brad Milton
November 5	Debbie Mendez
November 6	Debbie Bray
November 11	Ashley Ange
	Richard Holden
November 12	Greg Byrum
	Libby Joye
November 13	Stanley Sims
November 15	Laurel Mauney
November 16	Dylan Fox
	Curt Halvorson
	Bob Wiegand
November 18	Brian Achor
	Mabel Ratchford
November 19	Danny Potter
November 20	David Bruchon
	Jessica Martin
	Lucy Mitchell
November 23	Cheryl Fox
November 24	Edith Sims
November 25	Mallory Morton
November 27	Sue Lahr
November 29	Rickie Neagle
November 30	Nathan Baakko
	Sabrina Starnes

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