



In the children's Sunday School we will complete the study of Joseph and Pharaoh and on October 21 begin the study of Queen Esther. We have had some good attendance thus far, and hope for this to continue.

Parents, please try to get your children to class on time...the teachers are there by 9:15 am and are ready to start at 9:30 am. We are so excited that your child is involved and don't want them to miss anything!!

The Youth class is steady thus far with 3-5 in attendance. We would love to see more join in the Bible study and I know Katie and Courtney are well prepared each week.

Reminder: we have volunteers staffing the nursery during the Sunday School hour. Parents of infants and toddlers, we would love to have you in a class and we will gladly watch your children.

The nursery workers are asked to be in the nursery by 9:15 am on your assigned morning:

- October 7: Caroline Nault & Aaron Armstrong
- October 14: Ginger & Chuck MacDonald
- October 21: Misty Koehler, Ashley Ange
- October 28: Pat Koehler, Trudy Whitener
- November 4: Blythe & Jeff Thompson

Both Adult classes are off to a good start. The Seeker's class is using a very new adult curriculum...*Animate: Faith* that seems to be exciting the teacher and those attending!! Thanks Natalie for your leadership.

As always, the Adult Bible class continues to have the most consistent in attendance. They seem to be enjoying themselves each week in the Fellowship hall and invite anyone interested to join them.

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.



Everyone is invited to participate in the 2nd Annual **Trunk or Treat** to be held on Saturday, October 20 at 4:00 pm in the Holy Comforter Parking Lot. **Kids, K-Grade 5** will be **trick or treating from the trunks of your vehicles.** The children (and adults) were so much fun last year as they walked around to ask for their treats! So, decorate your vehicle and yourself and be ready to be entertained as only a small child can do!



Holy Comforter Comment

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Dr. K. Michael Varn, Pastor
Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster
Rev. Beth Brittain, Christian Education
Kristen Clanton, HCY Advisor



Communion Opportunities For October

October 7 The 19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 28 Reformation 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



A prayer for all of us in the Family of Holy Comforter For Our new Directions

*I pray to the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit that
We show each other gratitude for our shared gifts,
Our projects and endeavors for the church.*

*I pray that the search for a new pastor gives Holy Comforter
New energy, trust and an appreciation for our current
Ministers and ministries, for the few and many.*

*And I ask of You, our God of constant presence, that
You help us realize the humility we all need to change.*

Help us open ourselves to the Spirit of the Reformation:

We find growth for each and all in change through Christ.

Pax, Pastor Mike

Members In The News



Congratulations to **Madison Carr** who **finished first** out of 30 golfers in a recent match for South Point High School.

Lucy Mitchell, of *Loaves and Fishes*, was recently interviewed on **NPR** about hunger in our area.

Dianne Lail helped the staff of **First Lutheran in Albemarle** learn how to update their church equipment to the new technology and how to present their bulletins and church information in a new and easier-to-read way.



Thomas Kasmer and seven other design team members have won first place in the 2011-2012 American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) Foundation Undergraduate Team Space Transportation Design Competition. The contest required entrants to design, and produce a business plan for a commercial earth-to-orbit passenger vehicle.

Tom was chosen to represent his team from Virginia Tech on September 11 at the AIAA Conference and Exposition at the Pasadena Convention Center, Pasadena, California.



CHURCH SCHEDULE:

Saturday, October 6

5:00 pm **HCY** cookout at Kristen's house

7:00 pm **Staying Connected Group**

Sunday, October 7 World Communion Sunday

9:30 am **Sunday School**

10:30 am The Service w/**Holy Communion**

Sunday, October 14 20th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service

Church Council meets after

2:00 pm CROP WALK at Belmont Abbey

Saturday, October 20

4:00 pm **Kids' Club Trunk or Treat** in parking lot

Sunday, October 21 21st Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service

HCY goes to corn maze after the service

4:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sunday, October 28 Reformation Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service

With **Holy Communion**

Reception in Fellowship Hall for the Varns

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)

<u>Report for Month</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Budget Expenses:	\$18,559.25	\$148,474.00
Actual Expenses:	17,743.60	144,045.50
Offerings Received:	18,867.07	137,299.60
Gain for Month:	\$ 1,123.38	
Loss Year-to-Date:		\$ 6,745.90

All information and articles for the
November Newsletter are due to Dianne
By October 22, 2012.

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTORS: Billy Joye + Brenda Daly

ACOLYTES: Cooper Burwell, Luke Via

CRUCIFERS: Nick Ashe
Wil Carpenter

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 4)

Diann Halvorson, Co-Captain

Dean Halvorson, Co-Captain

Barbara Kasmer

Gayla Foscue

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team A)

Cindy Braddy Greg Garrison

Monique Estelle Gisela Stone

EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:

October 7: Dennis & Dee Tucker

October 28: Caroline & Tracey Nault

GREETERS:

Brenda Daly & Louise Day

USHERS:

October 7: Bill Hollar + Volunteers

October 14, 21, & 28: **Need Volunteers**

FLOWERS:

October 7: Pastor Mike & Lynn Varn

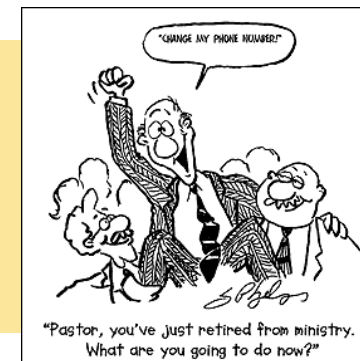
Shelia, Madison & Nathan Kelly

October 14: Danny, Rochelle & Perri Potter

October 21: Carmen, Arden & Merritt De Nicholas

One vase available

October 28: Pastor Mike & Lynn Varn





Birthstone: Opal, Pink Tourmaline
Birth Flower: Marigold

- 1: Thousands of East Germans flee to West Germany. 1989
- 2: Rome becomes the capital city of Italy. 1870
- 4: First complete English-language Bible (the Matthew Bible) is printed, with translations by William Tyndale and Miles Coverdale. 1537
- 4: 1st day of NYC subway, 350,000 people ride 9.1 mile tracks. 1904
- 4: 1st time, entire World Series broadcast over radio. 1922
- 7: 1st double decked steamboat, Washington, arrives in New Orleans. 1816
- 7: Cyrus Chambers Jr patents folding machine that folds book & newspapers. 1856
- 10: United States Mint hires females for the first time. 1795
- 10: 1st synthetic detergent, "Dreft" by Procter & Gamble, goes on sale. 1933
- 10: Treaty banning atmospheric nuclear tests signed by US, UK, USSR. 1963
- 11: Thomas Edison patents his 1st invention: electric voice machine. 1868
- 11: David Houston patents roll film for cameras. 1881
- 11: Launch of *Apollo 7*, the first U.S. 3-man space mission, commanded by CDR Walter Schirra, JR. USN. MAJ Ronnie Cunningham, USMCR served as Lunar Module pilot. The mission lasted 10 days and 20 hours. Recovery was by HS-5 helicopters from USS Essex (CVS-9). 1968
- 14: First black to obtain a US patent, Henry Blair, for a corn planter. 1834
- 26: Chevrolet unveils V-8 engine. 1954
- 31: Martin Luther posts 95 theses on Wittenberg church-Protestant Reformation. 1517
- 31: 1st US paved coast-to-coast highway, the Lincoln Highway is dedicated. 1913

MUSIC NEWS

The Youth and Children's music ensembles have begun. See the calendar for the schedule.

Children's Ensemble = K-Grade 4 Youth Ensemble = Grade 5 - High School

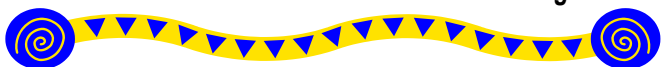
Children and youth are encouraged to invite friends who have a love of music and who perhaps have no church home. What a great avenue for witness!

All of the adult music ensembles are busy this fall. We actually began in late August looking ahead to the Advent and Christmas material.

The church choir welcomes **Steve and Deborah Bingham**. Steve is a new faculty member at Gardner-Webb. Deborah is a Home-Economics teacher. Steve also majored in music from UNCG, having directed bands for a number of years.

Church choir members and spouses are invited to the home of Tom & Shirley Causby. **The appreciation dinner will be on their front porch Friday, October 19 at 6:00 pm.**

Greg Cline



Honoring Pastor Mike, Lynn, Meredith and Lydia the congregation of Holy Comforter will host a **reception** immediately following the worship service on **Sunday, October 28**.

The reception will be in the fellowship hall. A variety of heavy hors d'oeuvres has been planned for this very special occasion.

Church members will be contacted by phone and given an opportunity to help. Expect a call from Beverly Reynolds who will give you a choice of food items to bring. (A list of items needed has been emailed to the congregation for reference).



In the November, 2011 newsletter we all were greeted with the news of Pastor Mike retiring in November, 2012. Since that time many individuals and families have shared their stories on how Pastor Mike assisted them in their time of need. This assistance has come in various manners; spiritually, laughter, the needed pat on the back, Pastor Mike has provided all of this.

There is not much I can add that others have not already mentioned concerning Pastor Mike, but I do have one perspective that other's may not have. The perspective I have is that we have grown up together. He was a 33 year-old man and I was a Junior at South Point when Mike, Lynn and Meredith (Lydia came a few years later) arrived in Belmont. I am honored that he has helped me grow and become the person I am today. When he arrived we had a good strong nucleus for our youth group (Luther League) under the direction of Louise and Lewis Day, but we were limited in the activities or travels we could do. Pastor Mike was open and encouraged us to go places, so off to Myrtle Beach, Williamsburg, Disneyworld we went. Soon, off to college and Pastor Mike still was there, literally. At that time he would meet and have dinner with the college students during the school year. This meant he would find a central location where several college students could meet, have dinner and catch up.

As I continued to mature, Pastor Mike was always a source to rely on. When family members have been in the hospital and you receive "bad" news, it was a comfort to look up and see him walking toward the hospital room. It also has been a joy when family members have celebrated events and he has shared in the celebration. As I reflect on the last 33 years, I realize he helped me become the person I am today, and I also realize he is more than a Pastor, he is a Friend.

Pastor Mike is also a humble man and really did not want any "party for him", but did agree to a reception after the service on October 28. This came after much *arm twisting* from several individuals. As his final days tick away to his Retirement, we need to enjoy them, to celebrate the wondrous times, say thank you to him, and share our love with him.

J. Mark Yount, Council President

Belmont / Mount Holly CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 14th, 2012 at Belmont Abbey College
Registration at 2:00 PM Walk Begins at 2:30 PM






5K (3.1 miles); or any distance walkers are comfortable making.



On CROP Walk day please bring at least one non-perishable canned good item to be donated and shared by BCO, CRO and SOCKS.

October 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Morning Circle/WELCA 11:00 am Home of Monique Estelle, program by Doris Meekins Bring a sandwich.	2 7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-A-Non	3	4  St. Francis of Assisi, Renewer of the Church 1226	5	6 HCY Group 5:00 pm Kristen's House For Cookout Staying Connected Group 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall
7 19th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service with Holy Communion 4:00 pm Children/Youth En. 5:00 pm Handbells HCY meets 6:00 pm Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	8	9 7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-A-Non	10	11	12	13
14 20th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service Council after church 2:00 pm Crop Walk 4:00 pm Children/Youth En. 5:00 pm Handbells 6:00 pm Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	15	16 7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-A-Non	17	18 St. Luke, Evangelist	19 6:00 pm Church Choir Dinner Causby's Porch	20  Trunk Or Treat 4:00 pm Holy Comforter Parking Lot
21 21st Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service HCY after church to corn maze 4:00 pm Children/Youth En. Prayer Shawl Group 5:00 pm Handbells 6:00 pm Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	22	23 St. James of Jerusalem, Martyr 7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-A-Non	24	25	26	27
28 Reformation Sunday 9:30am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service with Holy Communion Reception after for P. Mike 4:00 pm Children/Youth En. 5:00 pm Handbells 6:00 pm Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	29	30 7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-A-Non	31 Reformation Day  Happy Halloween!			



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

October 1	Ellen Fleming Andres Mendez
October 4	Mark Reese
October 5	Larry Siglar
October 7	Catherine Carr
October 8	Brenda Daly
October 10	Tim Kelly
October 11	Evan Howard Pat Roberson K. Michael Varn
October 12	Lily Hamela Dee Tucker Meredith Varn
October 14	Jean Ferguson Linda Grimsley Jeff Howard Stephanie <i>Richard</i>
October 18	David Koehler
October 19	Kelsey Thompson
October 22	Whit Braddy
October 23	Eva Kline Carson Potter Noah Rogers
October 24	Renee Carpenter
October 25	Virginia Neagle Andrew Whitley
October 27	Kay Holden
October 28	Sarah Reese
October 30	Shawn De Nicholas Billy Joye
October 31	Cody Koehler Gary Rogers Kurt Scholler

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