



Sunday School for children, youth and most adults will end on May 26 for summer break.

Teachers will rest, students will recharge and we will all come together again in the fall. Even though Sunday School is on a break, worship continues at 10:30 am each Sunday...join us when you are in town!

Children ages 4 to 8 years-old are invited to join leaders immediately after the Children's sermon as we go to the Education building for a 20-minute (or so) time together. Children will return to their parents during the hymn of the day. I need some adults to assist with this effort and we will try to work a rotation so that no one misses the lessons and sermon every Sunday!! Contact Beth Brittain at 704-956-1203 if you are willing to assist with this new and exciting ministry opportunity. Children birth through 3 years-old are invited to join others their age in the nursery.

Kids' Club (K-Grade 5) will meet Sunday, May 12 at 9:00 am upstairs in the education building. They will be having "muffins for mom" on this Mother's Day!

Vacation Bible School—"Hay Day: Growing in Friendship with Jesus" will be Friday, June 21 and Saturday, June 22. We will begin with a dinner together on Friday evening at 6:00 pm and end that night by 8:30 pm. Saturday will begin at 9:30 am (no Breakfast served!) and will end with Lunch at about 12:30 pm. All children Pre-K—5th grade are encouraged to come and bring a friend.



Beth Brittain



Birthstone: Emerald  
Birth Flower: Lily of the Valley  
1: "Buffalo Bill" Cody put on his first Wild West Show. 1883  
3: Martin Luther King Jr. delivers his "I have a dream" speech. 1963  
3: Margaret Thatcher becomes Britain's first female prime minister. 1979  
6: John Deere makes first steel plow. 1833  
6: Universal Exposition opens in Paris, Eiffel Tower completed. 1889  
7: George Eastman patents "Kodak box camera". 1888  
10: Benjamin Franklin's first tests the lightning rod. 1752  
10: The first U.S. Navy ship, the "United States" is launched. 1797  
10: The Nazis stage massive book burnings in Germany. 1933  
12: Nazi U-boat sinks American cargo ship at mouth of Mississippi River. 1942  
14: 1st smallpox inoculation administered, by Edward Jenner. 1796  
15: Taxes took 25% of earnings in US. 1960  
16: Charles Elmer Hires invents root beer. 1866  
16: Joan of Arc (Jeanne d'Arc) canonized a saint in Rome. 1920  
18: Edwin Budding of England signs an agreement for manufacture of his invention, lawn mower. 1830  
18: Passage of Earth through tail of Halley's Comet causes near-panic. 1910  
20: The first railroad timetable published in newspaper (Baltimore American). 1830  
21: 1st Democratic National Convention (Baltimore). 1832  
25: John Copson becomes America's 1st insurance agent. 1721  
28: Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco opens to vehicular traffic. 1937



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<sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Acts 2:3-4

Communion Opportunities For May

May 5 The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 19 The Day of Pentecost  
May 26 The Holy Trinity

Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager  
Volunteer Needed As a Reporter  
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE 9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am The Service  
Church Office Hours Monday-Thursday  
8:30 am—3:00 pm



Jesus: "I'm telling you, once and for all, that unless you return to square one and start over like children, you're not even going to get a look at the kingdom, let alone get in. Whoever becomes simple and elemental again, like this child, will rank high in God's kingdom."

(Matthew 18:3 from The Message)

"Aging is mandatory – growing up is optional" ~Chili Davis

"That's the real trouble with the world, too many people grow up." ~Walt Disney

"Look for the helpers." ~Mister Rogers

Dear Friends in Christ,

I know what you're thinking after reading the quotes above ... "I heard this sermon last week!" OK, just a reminder ... allow yourself to be the child Jesus wants you to be, one who knows how to: **1)** accept; **2)** trust; and **3)** knows how to ask for more. Do I accept Jesus for who He truly is ... the gate to eternal life; my Shepherd? Could I be more accepting of Him? Do I trust Jesus with my life? Do I trust Jesus to know that nothing or no one could snatch me from His eternal care? Am I bold to ask Jesus for more of His love, more of His grace, more of Himself?

"Look for the helpers" says Mister Rogers.

When times are rough, like they have been in Boston, in West, Texas and around the world, do I look for those who can help with my fears? Ask Jesus, the Good Shepherd, the Master Helper, to give you a big hug of grace.

### Exciting things happening at Holy Comforter!

Welcome new members over a couple of Sundays ... Chuck & Raini Kimball, Susan Woodcock & Rodger Walker, Kristen Clanton, Elliott Williams, Katie Kessen, Makayla Feliz & Mitch Brooks.

#### **Welcome confirmands on May 19:**

Cooper Burwell, Madison Carr and Aaron Nault

**Thanks for volunteering to be our NC Synod Assembly delegates ...** Sherry Alexander & William Howard

**Nametags! Yeah!!** Thanks Fran Holland and others.

**New Home Communion ministry begins on May 5** with the commissioning of 5 communion ministers: Trudy Whitener, Ginger MacDonald, Debbie & Rick Neagle and Beth Brittain. Yeah God!

**And what a wonderful Self-Study** was held on April 14 – OVER 100 folks! Yeah God again!

God bless you friends. It's a joy ministering alongside you during this interim season.

*Pastor John*

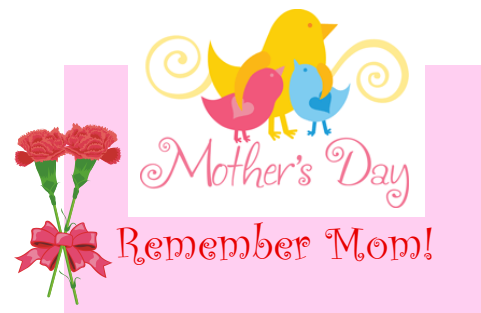


It's that time again! Holy Comforter will host **Agape Day Camp July 15-19**. Agape is a day camp for **rising 1st to rising 5th graders** sponsored through Kure Beach Ministries.

Registration forms are available at the back of the church or from Misty Koehler. **The cost is \$125 per camper and is due at the time of registration.** There is only room for 20 campers, so register soon. The spaces will be filled on a *first come, first served basis*.

**Please contact Misty if you have any questions about camp.**

**Misty Koehler,  
Holy Comforter  
Camp Coordinator**



## **Welcome to New Members!**

During the months of April and May we will receive new members into the family of Holy Comforter.

**On Sunday, April 21 we were happy to welcome Kristen Clanton and Elliott Williams.**

During the month of May we will welcome as members the following:

**Mitch Brooks  
Makayla Feliz  
Katie Kessen**

**Chuck & Raini Kimball  
Susan Woodcock & Rodger Walker**

Please introduce yourselves to our new members and let them know how much they are appreciated.

## HOME COMMUNION MINISTRY



**Beginning May 5 with the commissioning of 5 new communion ministers we will have more people available to offer our homebound members the sacrament of Holy Communion.**

**Thank you to Ginger MacDonald, Debbie & Rick Neagle, Trudy Whitener and Beth Brittain for offering to serve in this capacity!**

**Call the church office at 704-825-2483 to schedule a home visit.**



# MUSIC NEWS

Many thanks to all our music ministers at Holy Comforter. The Lent and Easter seasons require intensive rehearsals.

It is difficult to compete with so many personal schedules. The month of May also brings competition through Mother's Day, Pentecost/Pig Pickin', Memorial Day weekend, and the annual Congregational Retreat. All of these events diminish our music related attendance.

In light of this, May 5 will be the last afternoon/evening meeting for the Children's ensemble and church choir. On May 5th at 4:00 pm the Children's Ensemble will have a party in the Fellowship Hall. All participating children and their parents are invited to attend!

The choir will continue to meet every Sunday at 10:10 am to prepare for worship.

Greg Cline, Music Director



**Pentecost Sunday is May 19th.** Our young people will be confirmed on this Sunday and to celebrate their confirmation we will have the annual *Pig Pickin'* immediately after the church service. The church will provide the barbeque, chicken, buns, and drinks. **The congregation is asked to bring their favorite side dish and/or dessert.**



## HOLY COMFORTER YOUTH May 5, 5:00 - 6:30 pm

*Cinco de Mayo party and outdoor festivities. It will be a Mexican themed HCY, so wear a sombrero and bring a friend.*

Kristen Clanton, HCY Advisor



## CHURCH SCHEDULE:

**Saturday, May 4 Staying Connected**

7:00 pm Meet at Church

**Sunday, May 5 6th Sunday of Easter**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion

Church Council after (date change)

4:00 pm Children's Ensemble Party

5:00 pm HCY Cinco de Mayo Party

**Monday, May 6 Morning Circle/WELCA**

11:00 am Home of Pat Koehler

Potluck lunch

**Sunday, May 12 7th Sunday of Easter**

9:00 am Kids' Club Upstairs/Muffins For Mom

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service

**Saturday, May 18 Women's Discussion**

11:00 am All women meet at church to discuss ways to improve various committees that involve the women of Holy Comforter.

Bring a Bagged lunch.

**Sunday, May 19 Day of Pentecost**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service with Holy Communion & Confirmation

Pig Pickin' lunch after

**Sunday, May 26 Holy Trinity Sunday**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion

## Regular Meeting Times:

Sundays at 8:00 pm Nar-Anon

## FINANCIAL REPORT:

Treasurer's Report (Warren Heller)

Report for Month	March	Year-To-Date
Budget Expenses:	\$17,454.83	\$52,364.50
Actual Expenses:	21,216.80	53,592.53
Offerings Received:	26,722.55	66,812.05
Gain for Month:	\$ 5,505.75	\$ 13,219.52

## ASSISTING MINISTERS:

**LECTORS:** Billy Joye, Jr. + Volunteer

**ACOLYTES:** Ashton Nault, Matthew Carr

**CRUCIFERS:** Madison Carr, Nick Ashe

**ALTAR GUILD:** (Team 2)

Louise Day, Co-Captain

Brenda Daly, Co-Captain

Nancy Powell

Becky Richards

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** (Team B)

Fran Holland

Sherry Alexander

Charles Mauney

Dee Smith

## EUCCHARIST PRESENTERS:

May 5: Shelia & Tim Kelly

May 19: **Need Volunteers**, call the office

May 26: **Need Volunteers**, call the office

## GREETERS:

May 5: Katie Kessen

May 12: Pat Long

May 19: Volunteer Needed

May 27: Volunteer Needed

## USHERS:

All Sundays: **Need Volunteers, sign-up sheet in narthex**

## FLOWERS:

May 5: Mark & Rebecca Yount

May 12: Danny, Rochelle, & Carson Potter

May 19: Beth Brittain

One vase available






May 26: Cheryl, Dylan & Garrett Fox

Monique Estelle

All information and articles for the June newsletter are due to Dianne by May 20.

# MAY 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Mother's Day</b> <b>May 12</b> <b>Kid's Club Sunday</b> 9:00 am Upstairs "Muffins for Mom" 			<b>1 St. Philip and St. James, Apostles</b>	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b>	<b>4 Staying Connected</b> 7:00 pm Meet at the church
<b>5 6th Sunday of Easter</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service w/HC 4:00 pm <b>Children Ensemble Party</b> 5:00 pm <b>HCY Cinco de Mayo Party</b> 6:00 pm Church Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9 The Ascension of Our Lord</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12 7th Sunday of Easter</b> 9:00 am <i>Kids' Club</i> Upstairs 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service w/HC 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18 Armed Forces Day</b>  11:00 am <b>All Women</b> of the church are invited to participate in discussion about ways to improve various committees that involve the women of Holy Comforter. Bring a bagged lunch.
<b>19 The Day of Pentecost</b>  9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service w/HC <b>Confirmation</b> <b>Pig Pickin' after</b> 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26 The Holy Trinity</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service w/HC 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31 The Visitation</b>	

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

**May 1** Katie Kessen  
**May 2** Lucy Bocchino  
**May 3** Sonja Kreitzer  
**May 4** Henry Dowd  
 Darrel Rogers  
**May 5** Tom Bocchino  
**May 7** Dianne Lail  
 Alec Via  
**May 10** Zac Hullander  
**May 12** Jennifer Wiegand  
**May 15** Patrick Braddy  
**May 16** Sherry Perry  
**May 20** Allison Wilson  
**May 21** Natalie Hullander  
**May 22** Billy Joye  
 Chuck MacDonald  
**May 23** Jennifer Miller  
**May 24** Mandi Kline  
 Perri Potter  
 Denise Taylor  
**May 25** Michael Jenkins  
 William Walker Kline  
**May 27** Amy Dowd  
 Amanda Dowd  
**May 28** Jason Beasley  
 Richard Fox  
 Angie Koehler  
**May 29** Daniel Dowd  
 Angie Morton  
**May 30** Jonathan Baker  
**May 31** David Daly  
 John Zander



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