

Sunday school continues with the children studying "The Battle of Jericho" through November 16.

Beginning November 23 we will study about Advent and Christmas.

Classes are available for all age groups each Sunday at 9:30 am.

Thank you to those who agreed to assist with Children's Church!! With your help each team will only miss one Sunday in worship every 2 months. November leaders are:

November 2: Brandy Milton
 November 9: None due to renovations
 November 16: Carmen De Nicholas & Natalie Hullander
 November 23: Maria & Madison Carr
 November 30: Beth Brittain

Note to all children's church leaders:
 Please subscribe to **Sermons4kids** online to get the children's story and activities for each Sunday. They follow the lectionary and generally use the Gospel lesson.

Staying Connected will meet at **7:00 pm on Saturday, November 1** at Taxco Restaurant in Belmont.

Kids' Club meets at **10:30 am on Saturday, November 15** at the home of Melissa & Tom Bocchino for Thanksgiving crafts, activities and lunch.

Anyone interested in assisting with the Children's Christmas play please see Beth Brittain ASAP. **We have been fortunate to have Ashley Ange & Misty Koehler lead this for several years; however, I know they will welcome any help.**
Beth Brittain

MUSIC NEWS

Get out your calendar and reserve **Saturday, December 13** for the annual **church choir Christmas Dinner**. Details in December.

Our church choir is working diligently on the Christmas Cantata entitled **The Christmas Story**. The full performance of this work will be held in the Convent of the Sister's of Mercy, Cardinal Gibbons Chapel on Sunday, **December 7 at 4:00 pm**. Our choir will present this cantata along with the choirs from Queen of Apostles.



Combined rehearsals will be held on Saturdays, November 1, 15 & 29 from 9:00-10:30 am at Queen of Apostle sanctuary. Our final dress rehearsal will be Saturday, December 6 in Cardinal Gibbons Chapel.

The Holy Comforter children's ensemble will be a part of the program that same afternoon as they combine voices from Queen of Apostles. Their children will visit us some for rehearsals at our regular meeting time on Sundays at 4:00 pm. For this group our only combined practice will be on Wednesday, December 3 at 6:00 pm.

Announcements and emails will be sent out, but all participants may wish to make a note during this very busy time of year.

Greg Cline



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¹¹For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.

Ezekiel 34:11

Communion Opportunities for November

November 2 All Saints' Sunday
 November 23 Christ the King Sunday
 November 30 First Sunday in Advent
 (November 9 & 16 following the Service)



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

FROM THE PASTOR

Grace and Peace,



There has been a lot going on at Holy Comforter in the last three months. We've had baseball games, church picnics, trips to Lutheridge, Trunk-or-Treats, Bible Studies, young adult gatherings, among many other events. Sadly we've also had 4 funerals: for Bob Williams, Jane Deaton, Virginia Poston-Crump, and Scott Caldwell. And we have two big projects going on at church: the playground and parking lot project soon to be completed and the sanctuary lighting project about to take place.

All of these things shape us as a community. Funerals remind us both of the finitude of the lives that we lead, but also the joy we have in proclaiming eternal life that we have in Christ. They are some of the holiest moments that we are able to be a part of in ministry, as we walk with friends and families through times of great loss, proclaiming resurrection in Christ and also helping them to find new rhythms of their lives and the joy in them.

In the gatherings we've had, both at church and beyond, we are reminded of the joy of fellowship in Christ. We come together to love and laugh and bring joy into one another's lives. We also gather to share with one another the anxieties and struggles we have, and find both company and support in the midst of them. They are times to celebrate all the gifts that God has given to us, not least of which is each other.

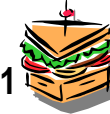
Our projects remind us that we are always moving forward, looking forward to life as a community for a long time to come. We are a people who have hope in the Spirit working through us and using us to change and shape the world to be more like God's Kingdom. The playground has already been a source of hospitality and joy for the kids of the congregation and friends they bring with them. The lighting project will both help us be stewards of creation, in using less energy, stewards of money in the costs it cuts, and also keep the ceiling from falling on our heads, which I don't know what that makes us a good steward of, but sounds like a pretty good thing.

Ours is a congregation that does an amazing job at being active and alive, and that is because of the work that you all do, volunteering your time and gifts to things both seen and unseen in the church. We are all called to be ministers of the Gospel and disciples of Christ, enacting God's goodness and love in the world. As we continue to grow and be shaped by God working in and through us, let us continue to look for new ways to proclaim Christ's love to the world and to invite and engage others in that work.

God's Peace, *Pastor Micah*



Bible Study/Lunch
Tuesday, November 11
12 Noon—1:00 pm



Bring pot luck or a sandwich...just come!



**Annual
Congregational
Luncheon**
Decorate for
Advent/Christmas
On Sunday,
November 23

Church will provide meat & drinks.
Please bring side dish
and/or desserts.

**We will decorate the church
following the luncheon.**

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Yount**



**Memorial Playground
Project**

Please join us in finalizing the playground by indication on your check memo line or offering envelope:

Playground Project.

Thanksgiving

Soul of Music

By Jo Singleton

Whispers and laughter fill the Sanctuary

Music begins to fall like warm, soft rain -
comforting, calming, drawing us to
contemplation

Kneeling, rising, cleansed —we rise up
singing in harmony of peace,
praise and prayer

Filled with the Word — we lift our songs
of adoration, affirmation, assurance.

Asking, receiving — we depart with
renewed hearts, going forth
under the canopy of
a triumphant march.

This "free-verse" was originally composed by Jo Singleton as a tribute to Greg Cline on the occasion of his 25th year as Director of Music at Holy Comforter. It is re-submitted as a prayer of thanksgiving for Greg, our choirs, and children's music program.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

November 2: Brandy Milton
November 9: None due to renovations
November 16: Carmen De Nicholas &
Natalie Hullander
November 23: Maria & Madison Carr
November 30: Beth Brittain

Sanctuary Improvement Project

I wanted to let you know more about the upcoming **Sanctuary project** that is part of a larger improvement plan that has been going on for over a year. These improvements stem from a large donation we received over 2 years ago from an anonymous donor. The first phase of the project was renovation of balcony (choir loft) and the new carpet at the altar. The second phase will be to replace all the lighting inside and outside the church and repair and paint the ceiling in the Sanctuary.

The lighting project is crucial for safety, maintenance and economics of the building. Our lighting system is over 54 years old and while it was state-of-the-art at the time, it is difficult and expensive to maintain today due to the inability to source parts and the height of our ceilings. All our new lighting will be LED control lights with timers and remotes. It will also provide electricity savings and reduce the amount of maintenance required to keep the lighting functional. **When completed, we will use 1/5 the electricity on lighting and provide 20% more light than our existing system.** We also will be able to light the church more outside and provide a safer environment for our members.

We expect the project to take 13 days starting on November 3rd. **We will have the worship service in the Fellowship Hall on November 9th.**

We look forward to our new project and are glad that it will be just in time for the holiday season. **We appreciate everyone who has helped in making this project possible** and we hope to see the improvements soon.

Tim Baker, Council President

The Women's Morning Circle has decided to meet **four times per year** instead of nine times per year as we have done in the past.

Our next meeting will be a Christmas potluck lunch at the home of Shirley Causby in December. The specific date and time will be announced. Future meetings will be held in December, March, May and September.

We also plan to do special projects during the year.
Pat Koehler, Morning Circle President



The **Kids' Club** will meet at **10:30 am on Saturday, November 15** at the home of Melissa & Tom Bocchino for Thanksgiving crafts, activities and lunch!

All information for the December newsletter is due to Dianne by November 20.

CHURCH SCHEDULE:

Saturday, November 1 **Staying Connected**
7:00 pm Meet at Taxco Restaurant , Belmont

Sunday, November 2 **All Saints' Sunday**
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service w/**Holy Communion**

Sunday, Nov. 9 **22nd Sunday after Pentecost**
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service
Church Council meets after
5:00 pm **HCY...**details to follow

Tuesday, November 11 **Agape Lunch Bunch**
12 Noon Bring potluck & Bible.

Saturday, November 15
8:30 am **Confirmands** carpool to Antioch in Dallas
10:30 am **Kids' Club** meets at Bocchinos' home for Thanksgiving crafts, activities & lunch.

Sunday, Nov. 16 **23rd Sunday after Pentecost**
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service

Sunday, Nov. 23 **Christ the King Sunday**
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service w/**Holy Communion**
Congregational Meeting
Luncheon/Decorate for Advent/Christmas

Sunday, November 30 **1st Sunday in Advent**
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am The Service w/**Holy Communion**

Regular meeting times:
Sundays: 4:00 pm Children's Ensemble
5:00 pm Handbells
6:00 pm Church Choir
8:00 pm Nar-Anon

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Warren Heller)		
Report for Month	September	Year-To-Date
Budget Expenses:	\$19,519.92	\$175,679.25
Actual Expenses:	19,648.24	163,607.61
Offerings Received:	16,533.28	157,202.06
Gain (Loss) for Period:	(\$ 3,114.96)	(\$ 6,405.55)

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTORS: Billy Joye, Jr., Chief Lector
Nov. 2: Donna Bean, 9-30: Elizabeth Bruchon

ACOLYTES: Garret Carpenter, Garrett Fox

CRUCIFERS: Cody Koehler, Gage Gatlin

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

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team B)
Fran Holland Charles Mauney
Sherry Alexander Volunteer

EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:
November 2: Tracey & Caroline Nault
November 23: Eric & Renee Carpenter

GREETERS:
Nov. 2: Monique Estelle; Nov.9: Katie Kessen
Nov.16: Pat Koehler; Nov.23: Need Volunteer
November 30: Myra & Bill Hollar

TELLERS: Sherry Alexander, Tom Causby

USHERS: Need Volunteers

FLOWERS:
Nov. 2: The Naults
(One vase available)
Nov. 9: Faye & Warren Heller (Both vases)
Nov. 16: **Both vases available**
Nov. 23: **Both vases available**
Nov. 30: Linda Grimsley & Cher Grant (Both)

NURSERY: (9:30 am-11:45 am)
November 2: Jill Cassel
November 9: Brooke Martin & Jessica Martin
November 16: Katie Kessen
November 23: Melissa Bocchino & Mandi Kline
November 30: Maria Carr

November 2014

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
 Sunday, November 2						1 All Saints' Day 9:00 am Church Choir at Queen of Apostles 7:00 pm Staying Connected Meet at Taxco in Belmont
2 All Saints' Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service w/H/C 4:00 pm Children's Ensem. 5:00 pm Handbells 6:00 pm Church Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	3	4 7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon	5	6	7	8
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30 First Sunday in Advent 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service w/H/C 4:00 pm Children's Ensem. 5:00 pm Handbells 6:00 pm Church Choir 						

November 1	Donna Bean
November 3	Brad Milton
November 5	Debbie Mendez
November 6	Debbie Bray
	Jenn Kearney
November 8	Jim Buell
November 11	Ashley Ange
	Richard Holden
November 12	Greg Byrum
	Libby Joye
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	Theo Bruchon Cox
November 25	Mallory Morton
November 27	Sue Lahr
November 29	Rick Neagle
November 30	Nathan Baakko

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