



**Sunday school** continues January 4th with the study of “**The Disciples.**”

**The dates and stations are below:**

January 4: Art  
January 11: Drama  
January 18: Cooking  
January 25: Computer

**Children Church leaders for January:**

January 4: Brandy Milton + Helper  
January 11: Tom/Melissa Bocchino  
January 18: Carmen De Nicholas & Natalie Hullander  
January 25: Maria & Madison Carr

Leaders, please subscribe to **Sermons4kids** online to get the children’s story and activities for Children’s church. We really want to try to be with the Gospel lesson as much as possible. Also, if you are unable to cover your Sunday, try to switch with someone else. If you are unsuccessful, please call Beth. In the event of an emergency keeping you from your time, call Beth.

**Kids’ Club** meets at **10:00 am on Saturday, January 17** at Textile Lanes in Belmont to enjoy bowling.

**Beth Brittain, Christian Education**



Bible Study/Lunch  
**Tuesday, January 13**  
**12 Noon—1:00 pm**



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

# MUSIC NEWS



All music ministry rehearsals will resume on The Epiphany of Our Lord. So, chamber choir, that is Tuesday, January 6 at 7:00 pm, Congratulations, you are the first rehearsal of the New Year. Full schedules for all ensembles are listed on the January calendar.

**Thanks again to all the choirs of Holy Comforter for your leadership and un-failing dedication to Christ and His Church.** All Christian churches throughout the globe struggle with many of the same challenges of meeting weekly performance deadlines. With God’s help, guidance, and grace, we are able to accomplish what we do. Thanks be to God! If you missed some of the Advent and Christmas services of worship, tune in to **www.holyc.org**. Tim Baker records and posts them all under Resources/Audio.

The church choir wishes to thank Tom & Shirley Causby for hosting another delightful Christmas Dinner Party in their lovely home. Nearly 40 people in attendance sing, eat their fill, and fellowship together.

**Carmen Buell gets a round of applause!** For over six months, and counting, Carmen has single-handedly taken on the task of refiling the choir anthem library. Some of the anthems date back to the earliest days of our church history. Carmen is also working on compiling some trivia concerning this library collection. Stay tuned for that, coming soon.

**Thank you, Saint Carmen!**

**Greg Cline**



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So if anyone is in Christ,  
there is a new creation:  
everything old has passed  
away; see, everything has  
become new!

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

## Communion Opportunities for January

January 11 Baptism of Our Lord

January 25 Third Sunday after the Epiphany

(Following the Service on the 4th & 18th)



Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager

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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,



It is January again; the start of a new calendar year. In our culture this has become a time when we assess our lives and identify areas that we wish to change or improve. We make New Year's resolutions to eat better, exercise more, or change destructive behaviors. Due to these resolutions it is also the time of the year gyms love because they get countless new members, who show up once or twice, and cause no real extra work for them. We aren't always great at following through and creating lasting new routines. We get very used to the patterns of our lives once formed.

However, the effort and work we put in to create new habits is good. The desire to want to change, dare I say "repent" of old habits, is something we should not stop trying. There is a piece of scripture related to this which often seems misinterpreted. Matthew 6:21, in a passage full of words of wisdom, says **"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."** Mark Allan Powell, a prominent Lutheran New Testament theologian, says this is not about measuring your faith based on your giving, but rather creating habits which lead to a change of heart. He points out that the habit or routine, here the practice of giving money, comes first. The heart follows. His point is that we should create our routines and patterns not to fit the lives we lead now, but the lives of faith that we desire to have.

If we live into the patterns, putting in the hard work even when we do not have the heart to back them up, we will be formed by them and will have a change of heart.

So I encourage you, in the midst of dietary changes, work out routines, and resolutions to start journaling, to also consider the life of faith that you desire to have and work to create routines to help shape you for it. Take time to read scripture and for devotion, whether to start your day, on a lunch break, or before bed. Pray, not only on your own as you close your eyes on your pillow, but also with your family. Schedule it to make sure it happens. Perform acts of service and charity, showing God's love to a world that needs that witness. Even if you don't always feel like it, do it, and God will work to bring about change in you.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Micah

**The 26th Annual  
Congregation Retreat to  
Isle of Palms**

**Thursday, April 30-Sunday, May 3**

**Contact Greg Cline at  
704-860-4460**

if you wish to be placed on the  
waiting list.

***First come, first served!***

## CHURCH SCHEDULE:

### Sunday, January 4

#### 2nd Sunday after Christmas Day

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

### Saturday, January 10

9:00 am **Confirmands** host at Holy Comforter  
7:00 pm **Staying Connected.** Details to follow.

### Sunday, January 11 Baptism of Our Lord

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Service w/**Holy Communion**  
Church Council meets after

### Tuesday, January 13

12 Noon **Agape Lunch Bunch**  
Bring Bible & Potluck or Sandwich

### Saturday, January 17

10:00 am **Kids' Club** meets at Textile Lanes in Belmont to go bowling

### Sunday, January 18

#### 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

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

### Sunday, January 25

#### 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

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 Adult Handbells  
6:00 pm Church Choir  
8:00 pm Nar-Anon

**Tuesdays:** 7:00 pm Chamber Choir  
Nar-Anon

## TREASURER'S REPORT: (Warren Heller)

Report for Month	November	Year-To-Date
Budget Expenses:	\$19,519.92	\$214,719.08
Actual Expenses:	19,077.07	199,528.51
Offerings Received:	17,349.36	195,518.81
Gain (Loss) for Period:	\$ 1,890.32	(\$ 4,009.70)

## ASSISTING MINISTERS:

**LECTORS:** Billy Joye, Chief Lector  
January 11: Jo Singleton  
January 18: Brian Achor

**ACOLYTES:** Need Volunteers

**CRUCIFERS:** Need Volunteers

**ALTAR GUILD:** (Team 2)  
Brad Milton, Co-Captain  
Brandi Milton, Co-Captain  
Donna Bean Susan Woodcock

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team A)

Donna Bean Jo Singleton  
Shelia Kelly Jack Tench

## EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:

January 11: Dennis & Dee Tucker  
January 25: Dennis & Dee Tucker

## GREETERS:

January 4: Dawn Fleming  
January 11: Mandi Kline  
January 18: Phil & Carol Posey  
January 25: Pat Koehler

**TELLERS:** Shelia & Tim Kelly

**USHERS:** Denise Wiegand + Volunteer/s

## FLOWERS:

January 4: The Mauneys (both vases)  
January 11: Sarah, Elizabeth & Khloe Tench  
1 vase available  
January 18: Dianne Lail, Arden & Merritt  
Mark & Rebecca Yount, Luke & Alec Via  
January 25: Both vases available

## NURSERY: (9:30 am-11:45 am)

January 4: Makayla & Mitch Brooks  
January 11: Ginger MacDonald & Pat Koehler  
January 18: Jill Leitner & Misty Koehler  
January 25: Mandi Kline & Melissa Bocchino



## **Your Help Is Needed**

If you would be willing to serve as a **Communion Assistant, Eucharist Presenter, Greeter, Lector**, and/or **Usher** during **2015**, please sign your name at the date you wish to serve on the sign-up sheets located in the narthex.



### **The 2015 Flower Chart** Is Available in the Narthex.

Please print your name at the date you wish to furnish the altar vases (1 or both).

If you wish to purchase both vases, please sign your name on both lines.

**Cost of both vases = \$45.00**  
**Cost of one vase = \$22.50.**

Make check payable to Holy Comforter with "Altar Vase" in your memo line.



### **The 2015 Offering Envelopes** Are Available in the Narthex.

Please pick up the envelopes provided for you and make an effort to use them for your contributions.

You will notice that a different envelope number is assigned to each box...this number allows you to be properly credited for your contributions.

*If you do not find envelopes with your name and you wish to have offering envelopes, contact the church office.*

*Every effort has been made to provide each family/member with these envelopes.*

## **2014 Year-End Reports**

**The 2015 Congregational Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25 before the worship service.**

**All year-end reports from committee and church group chairpersons are due to Dianne in the church office Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.**


**The Morning Circle  
Will Not Meet  
During January.**

**Holy  
Comforter Youth  
(HCY) Meeting...  
watch for  
details...**



# JANUARY 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1The Name of Jesus 	2	3
42nd Sunday after Christmas Day 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service  8:00 pm Nar-Anon	5	6The Epiphany of Our Lord  7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon	7	8	9	109:00 am <b>Confirmands</b> host at Holy Comforter  7:00 pm <b>Staying Connected</b> Details to follow.
11The Baptism of Our Lord 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service w/HC Council meets after 4:00 pm Children's Ensemble 5:00 pm Handbells 6:00 pm Church Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	12	13  12 Noon <b>Agape Lunch Bunch</b> Bible Study/Lunch  7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon	14	15	16	1710:00 am <b>Kids' Club</b> meets At Textile Lanes in Belmont for Bowling 
18The Confession of St. Peter 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service  4:00 pm Children's Ensemble 5:00 pm Handbells 6:00 pm Church Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	19	20  7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon	21	22	23	24
25The Conversion of St. Paul 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir 10:30 am The Service w/HC  4:00 pm Children's Ensemble 5:00 pm Handbells 6:00 pm Church Choir 8:00 pm Nar-Anon	26	27  7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon	28	29	30	31

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

- January 1

January 6

January 9

January 10
- Albert Ewing

Ferrie Hedrick

Chuck Kimball

Charles Mauney

Brandy Milton

Becky Richards
- January 13

January 14
- Abbey Kowalewski

Douglass McLaughlin-Williams
- January 17

January 18
- Julie Wiegand

Carmen De Nicholas
- January 19
- Jerri Wesson

Faye Heller

Paul Outlaw

Elliott Williams
- January 21
- Jane Howard

Paul Nault
- January 26

January 31
- Matthew Carr

Philip Posey

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

