



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2016 GRADUATES

<p><b>Madison Carr</b> South Point High School To UNC Chapel Hill in the fall</p> <p><b>Cody Koehler</b> Highland School of Technology</p> <p><b>Aaron Clayton Nault</b> Highland School of Technology To NC State in the fall</p> <p><b>Katherine Elizabeth Baker</b> NC State U Summa Cum Laude BS in Business Administration Concentration in Finance &amp; Entrepreneurship Minors in Accounting &amp; Nonprofit Studies</p> <p><b>Alyssa Buchanan</b> UNC Chapel Hill BA in History &amp; BA in Anthropology Minor in Geography Currently interning at the NC Museum of History Accepted a year commitment with YAGM in Southern Africa, leaves August 15</p>	<p><b>Beth Passer</b> Gardner-Webb U Masters of Science in Nursing Concentration Family Nurse Practitioner</p> <p><b>Perri Potter</b> East Carolina University BS in Nutrition Science To Internship/Masters program at Lenoir-Rhyne in the fall</p> <p><b>Sam Thompson</b> UNC Chapel Hill BA in Economics with Minor in Anthropology Joining Miller-Coors as Management Trainee in June Based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin</p> <p><b>Allison Wallace</b> (Just passed her NC Real Estate exam) Licensed NC Real Estate Agent Accepted a position with <i>The Giving Tree Realty</i> in Charlotte</p> <p><b>Brian Wallace</b> Gardner-Webb U Masters in Physician Assistant Studies Accepted position with Luke Medical Clinic in Mt. Holly</p>
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In July I will participate in the annual **MUSIC WEEK AT LUTHERIDGE**. This camp and conference center has literally been my second home for most of my life. This year we have a record number of children participating from Holy Comforter, ranging in age from rising second grader-middle school. **Lucy Bocchino, Jack Bryant, Eva Kline, Emily, Leah, and Justin Koehler** have all registered for this extraordinary camp experience. Congratulations to their moms and dads, too; some of whom have big plans of their own for that week.

**Greg Cline**





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<sup>44</sup>Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair.  
<sup>46</sup>You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup>Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.”

**Luke 7:44, 46-47**

**Communion Opportunities for June**  
June 12: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
(and other Sundays after the service)

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



## FROM THE PASTOR



Grace and peace,

June? Can it really be June? No matter how many meetings I am a part of with committees planning for future events, time still seems to sneak up on me and I am surprised by how quickly it comes. Now that it's June we've already switched to our summer schedule with breaks for our children and Seekers Sunday School classes. It is a time of transitions. Listed in this newsletter are a number of members of our congregation who have just graduated, or are about to graduate from high school, college, or grad school, marking a time of noticeable change for not only themselves, but their families as well. For some the summer is a breath before they leap back into some new chaos, while for others it *is* the chaos as their kids are home from school. We are mourning multiple members moving away, though we celebrate with them on new job opportunities God has called them to, or being closer to family.

Much of the planning that many members of the congregation have been a part of are coming to fruition soon. In the middle of June I am taking five of our confirmands to Lutheridge for a week of *Campfirmation*. Later in the month our Vacation Bible School kicks into gear with an ocean theme of "Submerged." In July we welcome counselors from Camp Agape as they lead a day camp here for kids both from within our congregation and in the community. During each month, and continuing while the weather holds, we'll have our Movie on the Lawn, a time of relaxed fellowship together. We're also working to discern who God is calling to Holy Comforter to work as our Di-

rector of Youth and Family Ministry.

The summer can feel kind of strange and often thought of as time off in churches, but it is certainly not that, as we have plenty of work to do! Our call as Christians is not something from which we ever take time "off." Though the schedule shifts, and many of us will be on the road at times for traveling and vacations, our call as children of God and bearers of the Gospel of Christ never waivers, no matter where we are. As we shift into our summer modes, whether for you that adds to the chaos, is a break from it, or life continues with few noticeable differences, our call is the same now as it has always been, to be the face of Christ's love and grace for our neighbor and the world.

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Micah*

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

John 13:34

We wish to thank you for nine years of wonderful Christian fellowship as well as an unforgettable worship and music experience. These memories will go with us back to California where we will be living near family. Thanks to electronics we will be able to worship with you each week via HCLC website. If you wave, we will know you're saying "Hi, y'all."

We pray for blessings as you continue to grow in faith and numbers and serve one another, the community and the world.

Love, John & Sonja Kreitzer

GOODBYE



During the summer HCY will meet the **second Sunday of each month from 5-7 pm**. The dates are June 12, July 10 and August 14.

On June 12 **HCY** will go bowling at Textile Lanes! Meet at the church at 5:00 pm. Bring \$10.00. Friends always welcome!

**Gastonia Grizzlies**  
**Take Me Out to the Ballgame!**  
**Saturday, June 18**



Holy Comforter will take over the *Gastonia Grizzlies* stadium. Join us for a fun game and lots of fellowship as we watch the *Grizzlies* take on Savannah. The game starts at 7:17 pm.

Advance tickets are \$6.00. A food voucher can be purchased for \$4.00 which includes a hotdog, chips, and a drink.

Contact Misty Koehler at [mistylkoehler@gmail.com](mailto:mistylkoehler@gmail.com) **by June 6** to reserve your tickets.

**CAMPFIRMATION  
WEEK AT  
LUTHERIDGE**



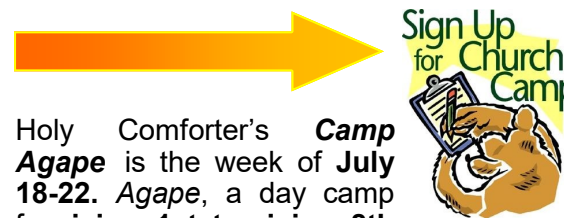
Sunday, June 12, Pastor Micah and five young folks leave for Lutheridge to begin their week of **Campfirmation** and will return on Saturday, June 18. The week has proven to be a blessing to all who attended in the past. Safe travels to all.



Our VBS is scheduled for **June 26-29 from 6:00 pm-7:45 pm**. Registration forms are available from Melissa Bocchino or via email to [holycomforter@gmail.com](mailto:holycomforter@gmail.com).

There is **NO** Children's Sunday School or *Seekers* classes during the summer. Anyone is welcome to attend the Adult class that meets in the fellowship hall.

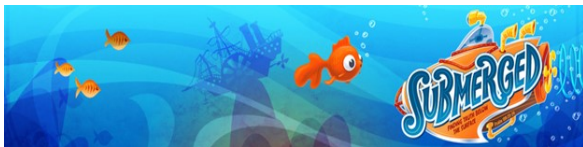
**Mandi Kline, Christian Education**



Holy Comforter's **Camp Agape** is the week of **July 18-22**. *Agape*, a day camp for **rising 1st to rising 8th graders** is sponsored by Kure Beach Ministries.

This year we will again include 6th-8th graders. The kids in this age group will participate in service projects throughout the week at Holy Comforter as well as off-site.

Registration forms are available at the back of the church or from Misty Koehler. **The cost is \$130 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**



## VBS June 26-29, 2016 6:00-7:45 pm

This summer, Holy Comforter is providing kids an adventure like no other, deep within the mysterious sea. Our **Vacation Bible School** Program will allow kids to submerge themselves in God's Word, they will discover that Jesus didn't just see what's on the outside of people. He looked deep down on the inside. So grab your goggles, step into your flippers, and prepare to register your kids for diving below the surface to find the truth! A quick meal will be provided, and then the kids rotate through activities of recreation, Bible/missions, music and crafts. Parents are welcome to stay or take this time for themselves. **Registration forms available via email to [holycomforter@gmail.com](mailto:holycomforter@gmail.com) or from Melissa.**

If you would like to help with the program, whether it's providing a meal, helping decorate, or assisting with one of the stations, you would be welcome! More formal guidance and materials will be provided for all volunteers.

Contact Melissa Bocchino at  
[Melissa.bocchino@pwc.com](mailto:Melissa.bocchino@pwc.com).

VBS Planning Committee: Melissa Bocchino, Jill Cassel, Jenn Kearney, Debbie Mendez & Krystyna Sarrazin

## MUSIC NEWS

Now that summer is officially upon us many ministries take a bit of a breather from the rapid pace during the school year. Musical ensembles are critically dependent on numbers. Handbell choirs, for example, require virtually 100% attendance. Anything less is like playing the piano with missing notes.

Our church choir members never get a break when it comes to their primary role... leading the congregation in song. While the majority of rehearsal time is spent on anthem works, a large percentage of the service of worship are hymns and sung liturgy. Choirs in any church build confidence and encourage those assembled to full participate in song.

We are such a blessed congregational family in many ways. Our church choir is made up of such talented musicians that I truly can't get away with much...but that in itself is a blessing. 25 voices in our acoustic friendly worship space can sound like a dozen more. I am personally thankful for each and every voice, but I must admit to some sad news to announce: John & Sonja Kreitzer, as well as Bonnie & Fritz Faust are moving away during the month of June. To a relatively small choir, this has a big impact, and I don't remember this many choir members relocating at the same time. But we rejoice that these events move families together, and are also work related promotions. **John, Sonja, Bonnie and Fritz, thank you for sharing your gifts with us. May God go with you every step of the way.**

Greg Cline

### CHURCH SCHEDULE:

#### Wednesday, June 1

6:45 pm Women's Bible Study; last until fall

#### Thursday, June 2

7:00 pm Stewardship committee meets

#### June 3-4 NC Synod meets in Charlotte

#### Saturday, June 4

7:00 pm **Staying Connected** at the church

#### Sunday, June 5 Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am The Service

#### Tuesday, June 7

7:00 pm Property committee meets

#### Thursday, June 9 Movie Night on the Lawn

8:30 pm *Little Rascals* movie

#### Sunday, June 12 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am The Service with **Holy Communion**

Council meets after

**Campfirmation** week begins at Lutheridge

5:00 pm **HCY** meets to go bowling

#### Tuesday, June 14

12 Noon Agape Lunch Bunch/Bible Study

#### Saturday, June 18

7:00 pm **Grizzlies Game**

#### Sunday, June 19 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am The Service

#### Thursday, June 23

7:00 pm Evangelism Committee meets

8:30 pm Movie Night on the Lawn "Inside Out"

#### Sunday, 26 Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am The Service

6:00 pm **Vacation Bible School**

#### Wednesday, June 29 Last evening of VBS

#### REGULAR MEETING TIMES:

Tuesdays: 7:00 pm Nar-Anon

#### TREASURER'S REPORT: (Warren Heller)

Report for Month	April 2016	Year-To-Date
Budget Expenses:	\$21,751.00	\$ 87,004.00
Actual Expenses:	\$25,885.33	\$ 88,927.14
Offerings Received:	\$22,001.25	\$ 89,863.25
(Loss) for the Period:	(\$ 3,884.08)	\$ 936.11

**Information for July newsletter is due to Dianne by June 19!**

### ASSISTING MINISTERS:

#### LECTORS: Billy Joye, Chief Lector

June 5: Julia Gunter

June 12: Billy Joye

June 19: Julia Gunter

June 26: Volunteer

#### ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS:

Need Volunteers

#### ALTAR GUILD: (Team 3)

Fran Holland, Co-Captain

Melinda Lingerfelt, Co-Captain

Courtney Gatlin Stephanie Hinson

#### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team B)

Need 4 volunteers

#### EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:

June 12: Volunteers

#### GREETERS FOR THE MONTH:

June 5: Carmen Buell

June 12: Debbie Mendez

June 19: Fran Holland

June 26: Nancy Powell

#### TELLERS: John Koehler & Sherry Alexander

#### USHERS: Volunteers Needed

#### FLOWERS:

June 5: Jill Leitner

1 vase available

June 12: Debbie Mendez

1 vase available

June 19: Dean Burwell

Dianne Lail

June 26: Donna Bean

Horace Bean

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

A nursery is provided for infants and a separate nursery for the toddlers. Let an usher know if you need assistance in locating the correct nursery for your child/children.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!</b> JUNE 19TH</p>			<p>1</p> <p>6:45 pm Women's Bible Study Last meeting until fall</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:00 pm Stewardship Committee</p>	<p>3</p> <p>NC Synod Meets in Charlotte</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 pm <b>Staying Connected</b> Meet to assemble "welcome gifts" for Sunday morning visitors</p>
<p>5</p> <p><b>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir prep 10:30 am The Service</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>The first drive in movie theater is opened in Camden, NJ 1933</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 pm Property Committee</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>8:30 pm Movie Night. Come early for popcorn.</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p><b>St. Barnabas, Apostle</b></p>
<p>12</p> <p><b>4th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir prep 10:30 am The Service with <b>Holy Communion</b> Council after <i>Campfirmation</i> week</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>  <p><b>FLAG DAY</b> 12 Noon Agape Lunch Bunch/ Bible Study</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>The French gift to the US, "The Statue of Liberty" arrives in New York City aboard the French ship <i>Iser</i>. 1885</p> 	<p>18</p>  <p><b>Grizzlies vs. Savannah</b> Baseball Game Contact Misty Koehler to register for the game. \$6.00 advance ticket \$4.00 food voucher</p>
<p>19</p> <p><b>5th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir prep 10:30 am The Service</p> <p><b>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!</b></p>	<p>20</p> 	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>7:00 pm Evangelism Meeting 8:30 pm Movie Night. Come early for popcorn.</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p><b>The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530</b></p>
<p>26</p> <p><b>6th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church Choir prep 10:30 am The Service</p> <p>6:00 pm <b>VBS</b></p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p><b>St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles</b></p> 	<p>30</p>	<p><b>June 14, 1777</b> - John Adams introduced a resolution before Congress mandating a United States flag, stating, "...that the flag of the thirteen United States shall be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white on a blue field, representing a new constellation." This anniversary is celebrated each year in the U.S. as Flag Day.</p>	

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



- June 9 Kaylin Leitner
- June 10 Greg Garrison
- June 11 Tonya Zander
- June 12 Martha Hogge
- June 13 John Kreitzer
- June 16 Cooper Burwell  
Brooke Martin  
Sarah Tench
- June 17 Marsha Kinley  
Megan Sulak
- June 18 Dawn Fleming
- June 19 John Koehler
- June 23 Eric Scholler
- June 25 Wil Carpenter  
Kelly Ross
- June 27 Reid Passer
- June 29 Gabriel Kearney
- June 30 Leah Koehler

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