

Beka's
Buzz

April 27th is *National Tell a Story Day*. When I worked at camp we told stories to stall time or to entertain a group of kids during a waiting period. I remember telling some of the same stories over and over each week. One time I was on the same team as one of my good friends and she gets up to tell a story. She is talking about a time her family had gone camping and how she went on a hike to see the sunrise over the Cape Fear river. I was believing every word she was saying. She then proceeds to talk about being chased by a boar, and I was still believing her. Grace then says, "I couldn't walk away any more, I had to start running!", that is when I stopped believing her story. Grace doesn't run. On many occasions we would talk about how running is not fun for us and that's why we went to yoga classes. The end of the story is the boar grabbed her leg and started pulling her leg just like she was pulling yours. Grace was telling a story but for me that became a funny memory. I told that story to new groups of kids all the time, I am sure kids here have heard it. I think this is a great made-up holiday because it connects you to people. You have the opportunity to engage with others by telling a story about your life and share where you've been or by telling a made-up story and start passing it down to your family.

There are many times Jesus told us stories to teach us something and to be able to relate to what He wants us to be. We tell lots of stories about Jesus in Sunday school and in church about how He tells us to act and how His life has affected ours. On Sunday I walked into Hailey, Jack and Erin's class and they were acting out Jesus washing the disci-

ples' feet. I loved how eager the kids were to hear and act out the story. I challenge you to find some of your favorite Bible stories and find different ways to act them out. Make puppets and put on a show or do a dramatic reading as a family. Use this made-up holiday to bring your family together around a story from the Bible. I can't wait to hear what you do.

Things to remember:

- **HCY** meets **April 8th & 15th**
- **Yard Sale** is **April 14th**
- **Christian Ed** meeting will be on **April 17th** at 7pm.
- **Kids' Club** meets **April 21st**

Beka Forst, Youth & Family Ministries

We are looking for volunteers to help with the **25th Walk for AIDS**
Hosted by House of Mercy
On Saturday, April 14.

- **Registration (8:30-10:30)** - Help with registering walkers, and handing out t-shirts
- **Water Stand (9:30-11:30)** - Hand water to walkers mid-way through route
- **Reception helpers (10:30-12:30)** - Hand out and collect evaluation forms, help with clean-up

Please email Krystyna Sarrazin at sarrazin1230@hotmail.com if you can help.

To learn more about the Walk itself, visit <http://www.thehouseofmercy.org/WalkforAIDS.asp>

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⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him."

Mark 16:6

Communion Opportunities for April

April 1 Easter Sunday (Sunrise & Regular)

April 15 The Third Sunday of Easter

April 29 The Fifth Sunday of Easter

(Communion on other Sundays after the service)



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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



Grace and peace,

You are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139). I feel like we all need to be reminded of this every so often. All too often the narrative that gets placed on our lives is one of failure, one where we are never enough. It is that way for children as they grow into their bodies and identities and begin comparing themselves to one another, a habit that is rarely broken in adulthood. It is that way with students and young adults as they begin to set goals for what their lives and jobs will be like and look around and their peers start to become their competition, vying for jobs. It is that way for parents, who live in fear that they aren't good enough, that their kids' struggles are their fault, that they are constantly being judged. It is that way in our jobs, worried that someone else will do it better and never feeling secure. It is that way in relationships, wondering why on earth someone would love us and choose to be with us.

A friend of mine, in a brave decision, recently made public a personal struggle she was going through, and it reminded me of how all too often we only share the good things going on in our lives. Social media is a big part of this, how we tend to present ourselves as people who have it all together, showing the pictures when we or our family are all put together and smiling. We don't really show those intimate moments when we're breaking down in tears, struggling with whatever the challenge of the day is. We begin to compare ourselves to what we

see of other people and not the whole reality, and our self-consciousness over being judged drives us to suffer in silence.

So let me say it again. You are fearfully and wonderfully made. Sure, there are ways we could all do better. There are bad habits we could break, or good ones we could pick up. But even with those bad habits, you are who God created and gifted you to be. You have value, and gifts to share with the world that are an expression of God's love both for you, and for the world through you. In the story of Creation, when God made the world, including humanity, God looked upon it, and called it, and us, good. In baptism God claims us as a beloved child and proclaims to us that we are worthy of God's love, and worthy to be loved by God's people. So, wherever you are when you read this, amid chaos or care free, hear that you are fearfully and wonderfully made, exactly as God shaped you, and you are loved.

***Yours in Christ,
Pastor Micah***



There are 94 days till our group of 7 travels to Houston!

BCO April Items of the Month:



MUSIC NOTE

The Lenten season is always a busy time within the life of the church. Holy Comforter is no exception. All of our ensembles have worked diligently preparing musical offerings. In addition to Easter preparations, our church choir members led five evening prayer services, as well as Holy Week, Sunrise and Easter Festival services of worship. Chamber choir, handbell choir, and children's ensemble members all are gearing up for April 1.

Pastor Micah, Beka Forst, Jack Bryant, Lucy Bocchino, Leah, Justin & Emily Koehler comprised our handbell class during Lent. They assisted with accompaniment for Evening Prayer Services as well as Palm Sunday. Special thanks to Julia Gunter who served as class assistant.

***Blessings, Greg Cline
Organist/Choirmaster***



BIG NEWS!

We are hosting a Yard Sale as a Fundraiser for Houston!!!

You can bring by the things you wish to donate to our yard sale. We ask that you put them **UPSTAIRS in the baby nursery**. If you have large items to donate, we ask that you wait until after Easter to drop them off.

Our yard sale will be held on April 14th from 7 am till 12 pm.



The Lillian E. Lineberger Scholarship Ministry

Applications for the 2018-2019 academic year are now available in the church office or via email. To receive an application via email, please email holycomforter@gmail.com and include **Lineberger Scholarship** in the subject line. The office manager will send you an application that you can complete.

The *Lillian E. Lineberger Scholarship* was established as an endowment by Mrs. Lineberger to the congregation to reinforce students of the church in their learning and in the accomplishment of an undergraduate or graduate degree. Her hope was that this bequest would help improve their lives, and in turn, serve and enrich the lives of others. Modest scholarships will be awarded to students of the congregation from the fund.

The Scholarship Ministry accepts applications from candidates who have been communing and contributing members of the church for at least one year. The annual deadline is the last Sunday in April and the awards are announced in May or early June.

*Thank You,
The Scholarship Ministry*

Faithful Families' Tip

Car Talk:

This is frequent in life so use this time to pray or talk about how you will love like Jesus during your day.



Schedule

April 8 :

5:00 pm meet at the church

April 15:

5:00 pm Meet at the church
Carpool to
play Putt Putt



NO MEETING IN APRIL

Will meet in May to assemble
care packages for Houston.



Kids' Club

Meets at the church at 10:00 am
Saturday, April 21



It is hard to believe, but it is already time to start planning for summer camp!

Holy Comforter is hosting Camp Agape July 15-20.

Agape is a day camp for rising 1st to rising 8th graders and is sponsored by Kure Beach Ministries.

During day camp the kids will participate in Bible study, crafts, games, skits, nature time and lots of other fun activities. The kids in the 6th-8th grade group will participate in service projects throughout the week at Holy Comforter as well as off-site. We must have a minimum of 6 middle school aged kids in order to offer this expanded camp.

Registration forms are available at the back of the church, from Misty Koehler or Beka. The cost is \$130 per camper and is due at the time of registration. There is only room for 25 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.

CHURCH SCHEDULE:

Sunday, April 1 Easter Sunday

7:00 am **Sunrise Service** w/Holy Communion
Breakfast after

10:10 am Church choir prep

10:30 am Easter Worship w/Holy Communion

Sunday, April 8 2nd Sunday of Easter

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:10 am Church choir prep

10:30 am The Service

Church Council after

5:00 pm **HCY** meets at the church

Monday, April 9

6:30 pm Social Ministry meets

Thursday, April 12 Men's Group

7:00 pm Meets, Location TBA

Saturday, April 14

7:00 am **National Youth Gathering** fundraiser Yard Sale

Sunday, April 15 3rd Sunday of Easter

9:30 am Sunday School

10:10 am Church choir prep

10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion

2:00 pm Confirmation

5:00 pm **HCY** meets at church to carpool

Tuesday, April 17

7:00 pm Christian Ed meets

Saturday, April 21 Kids' Club

10:00 am Meet at the church

Sunday, April 22 4th Sunday of Easter

9:30 am Sunday School

10:10 am Church choir prep

10:30 am The Service

Thursday, April 26

7:00 pm Evangelism Committee meets

Sunday, April 29 5th Sunday of Easter

9:30 am Sunday School

10:10 am Church choir prep

10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion

5th Sunday **Noisy Offering**

REGULAR MEETING TIMES:

Sundays: 4:00 pm Children's Ensemble

5:00 pm Handbells

HCY on April 8 & 15

6:00 pm Church Choir

Tuesdays: 7:00 pm Chamber Choir

Nar-Anon

Wednesdays: 6:45 pm Women's Bible Study

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTORS: Billy Joye, Chief Lector (*Communions*)

April 8: Jim Buell; April 22: Volunteer

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS: Volunteers

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 1)

Bev & Charles Mauney, Co-Captains

Carmen De Nicholas

Deb Williams

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

Donna Bean + Volunteers

EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:

April 15: Teresa Keller + Volunteer

GREETERS FOR THE MONTH:

April 1: Need Volunteer

April 8: Carmen Buell

April 15: Need Volunteer

April 22: Pat Long

April 29: Debbie Mendez

TELLERS: John Koehler, Fran Holland

USHERS: Volunteers

ALTAR FLOWERS:

April 1: Myra & Bill Hollar

April 8: Andrew & Beverly Robinson

April 15: 2 vases available

April 22: Harold & Jo Singleton

1 vase available

April 29: 2 vases available

CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

April 1: Jill Cassel; April 8: Veronica Bryant

April 15: Brandy Milton; April 22: Jill Leitner

April 29: Volunteer

NURSERY: (10:30 am-11:45 am)

April 1: Katie Kessen; April 8: Melany Nixon

April 15: Lauren Shoemaker; April 22: Volunteer

April 29: Volunteer

A nursery is provided for infants and a separate nursery for the toddlers. We encourage you to use the nurseries if your children become restless and/or vocal.



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



- April 1 Barbara Kasmer
April 3 Garrett Carpenter
April 4 Sherry Alexander
Susan Clark
Sandra Cline
Myra Hollar
April 5 Taylor Buchanan
April 8 Shirley Causby
Fran Holland
April 11 Matthew Mitchell
April 12 Elizabeth Burwell
April 15 Nick Alvarez
April 16 Misty Koehler
Debbie Neagle
April 19 Jake MacDonald
April 20 Carly Caldwell
April 23 Timothy Baker
April 24 Mark Kline
April 25 Julia Gunter
April 27 Clair Heilig
April 28 Joseph Mitchell
Rita Stewart
April 30 Deborah Williams

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunday 7:00 am Sunrise Service w/Holy Communion Breakfast after 8:00 am Handbells 10:10 am Church choir prep 10:20 am Children's Ensemble 10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion	2	3 7:00 pm Nar-Anon	4	5	6	7
8 2nd Sunday of Easter 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:10 am Church choir prep 10:30 am The Service Church council after 4:00 pm Children's Ensemble 5:00 pm Handbells, HCY 6:00 pm Church Choir 7:15 pm Chamber Choir	9 6:30 pm Social Ministry meets	10 7:00 pm Nar-Anon	11 6:45 pm Women's Bible Study	12 HolyC Men's Group 7:00 pm Location TBA	13	14 7:00 am Youth Gathering Yard Sale
15 3rd Sunday of Easter 9:30 am Sunday School 10:10 am Church choir prep 10:30 am The Service w/HC 2:00 pm Confirmation 4:00 pm Children's Ensemble 5:00 pm Handbells, HCY 6:00 pm Church Choir 7:15 pm Chamber Choir	16	17 7:00 pm Christian Ed meets Nar-Anon	18 6:45 pm Women's Bible Study	19	20	21 10:00 am Kids' Club Meet at the church 8:30-12:30 Sisters of Mercy Walk for AIDS
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