

Beka's  
Buzz

We are so excited for all our youth ministries happening this summer.

Our kids from Pre-K to High School are getting the opportunity to spend time with their church family and in the community.

### Agape Day Camp

registration is open to rising 1st graders to rising 8th graders. Their theme is "This Changes Everything" that goes along with the National Youth Gathering. This week provides crafts, Bible studies, games, and nature activities. Things that are needed this week are paper towel rolls, colored tissue paper and yarn. So if you have those please bring them to the church and give them to Beka.



**VBS registration** is open and you can turn in or get more information from Beka. We will become *Heroes* and learn about God's heroes in the Bible. Our theme verse is "**Do good. Seek peace. Go after it.**" Psalm 34:14b. One of our exciting crafts requires toilet paper rolls...lots!

For the youth gathering we want to remind those writing letters to the youth that you bring the letters to church June 3rd.



The kids will get to read these letters throughout the trip. These can be prayers or words of encouragement, or *thinking of you* cards. We are excited for all the exciting things going on.

If you are interested in VBS or Agape Day Camp, please reach out to Beka at [rforst@holyc.org](mailto:rforst@holyc.org).



## Baby Bottle Blessings

### Change for Change

Pick up a baby bottle from the narthex and start filling it with your loose change.

**This is a special project that will CHANGE countless lives.**

Collection is for The Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County  
(5 locations).

**Bottles are due on Father's Day, June 17<sup>th</sup>.**



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Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster  
Beka Forst, Director of Youth & Family Ministries  
Dianne Lail, Communications/Office



<sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come.

Mark 3:24-26

## Communion Opportunities for June

June 10 The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 24 The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

(Communion on other Sundays after the service)

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



Grace and peace,

We're not the only game in town anymore.

In years past the society in which we lived made room for church. Nothing was scheduled on Sunday mornings, and often not Wednesday nights either. The patterns of not only families' lives but also society in general made it so going to church was the path of least resistance. When folks moved into town the question wasn't whether they were going to join a church, but where.

That is no longer the world in which we live. Now we have choices. Lots of choices. There are sports, and band trips, 5K races or triathlons, vacations to relax from stress, travel for work or for fun, jobs that keep us working on Sundays, and a plethora of other things. And the thing is, none of these things I named are bad things. It is good to have hobbies, to be active, to have a job and also time to relax from one. It just means that after decades or centuries of society naturally making room for our faith, we now have to choose to do so ourselves. We have to want to show up and take part in worship and community, to wrestle with and grow in our faith. We have to work to create these patterns in our children, sometimes "forcing" them to come and be a part of lives and communities of faith instead of all of the other options open to them, believing it will create a foundation that will connect

them to Christ throughout their lives.

Because while all of those other things are good, and in fact I believe God is very much alive, active, and working in all of those places, what we do here is different. It is here where we come together as a community of believers to worship God together. It is in worship where we confess our sins, the things which weigh heavy on us, and then hear God's word of grace and forgiveness poured out upon us, washing us clean. In worship we hear the word of God, the Good News of God's love and redemption of the world in Christ Jesus, read in scripture and then proclaimed both in a sermon and the music we make together. It is in worship where we take part in the sacraments, where we welcome new members of the Body of Christ in baptism, and hold in our hands and partake of Christ's body and blood, the tangible promise of forgiveness of sins and everlasting life. It is here where we are reoriented so that as we engage in all those wonderful options we have in our lives, we do so discerning how God is calling us to love and care for our neighbor and the world God made as we do.

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



**VBS Registration Is Here!**  
Contact Beka at [rforst@holyc.org](mailto:rforst@holyc.org)  
to register.

## MUSIC NOTE

Holy Comforter choirs now are on summer break from duties which require, in some cases, multiple rehearsals through the week. The church choir functions in leadership ministry 52 weeks a year, just by their presence in worship. So we continue through the summer meeting at 10:10 on Sunday morning in the choir room to review our musical offerings and Liturgy. I have been known to "preach" a bit to the choir, particularly to children and youth who are perhaps hesitant to open mouths to sing. My "interpretation" of scripture is that we will all be a voice in the heavenly choir for all eternity. So you had better learn to love it!

Musical gifts are welcome through the summer. If you know of children, youth, and/or adults with gifts that possibly could be shared, contact me and I will be more than happy to approach them.

During the month of June we will be distributing song sheets and a practice CD for children participating in VBS. Some of these songs will be offered during Rally Day as well as during the service of worship in the fall. So even if you are unable to attend VBS, you may pick up a CD and enjoy some of the music this summer. We will begin distribution in mid-June.

At a recent luncheon of "Prime Timers" we spoke briefly about a service ministry that a number of congregations offer to their assembly.

During funerals and memorial services, particularly those occasions when these services occur during work hours through the week, it is difficult to always gather a

core of voices to support good congregational singing. On these occasions we would like to create a data base of folks who would be willing to be "strength in numbers." You do not have to be a choir member, nor read music...only possess the ability to minister to those who are suffering from the loss of a loved one. Folks who may be challenged by height may sit on the back row of the balcony. More to follow about this in the coming months.



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



**June 27-July 1**

**There are 26 days till our group of  
7 travels to Houston!**

For more information or looking to help, talk to Beka.



**Lost Something?  
Please check the *Lost & Found* Box  
in the Narthex.**



## Faithful Families' Tip Beauty:

Focus on God's beautiful creation. Go outside and find something beautiful to focus on...a beautiful sky, a flower, a sunset or anything interesting. Notice all the details. Come together as a family and each of you recreate the memory of God's creations through a drawing.



### Family Faith Night

Friday, June 8 at 6:00 pm

Pregame Christian Band performance  
Game start 7:05 pm

**\$15 tickets includes all-you-can-eat and drink.**

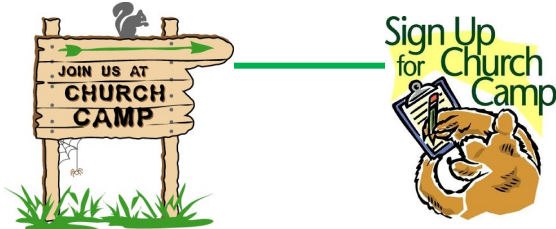
Signup sheet on office door.  
Signup by June 3.

### The National Youth Gathering in Houston! June 27-July 1



Those attending:  
Catherine Carr, Matt Carr,  
Emily Koehler, Bella Ince,  
Noah Rawlins, Beka Forst, and  
Pastor Micah.

**Safe Travels!**



## Signup for 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.

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.

### BCO June Items of the Month:



### Peanut Butter & Jelly

## CHURCH SCHEDULE:

**Sunday, June 3 2nd Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:30 am Adult Sunday School  
10:10 am Church choir prep  
10:30 am Worship Service  
3:00 pm **HCY** meets at church for trip to Carowinds  
**Monday, June 4**  
6:30 pm **Youth Gathering meeting**  
**Thursday, June 7 HolyC Men's Group**  
7:00 pm Location TBA  
**Friday, June 8 Grizzlies Family Faith Night**  
6:00 pm Pregame festivities, 7:05 Game start  
**Saturday, June 9 Staying Connected**  
7:00 pm Make comfort packs and greeting cards  
**Sunday, June 10 3rd Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:30 am Adult Sunday School  
10:10 am Church choir prep  
10:30 am Worship Service w/Holy Communion  
Church Council after  
**Campfirmation** at Lutheridge all week  
**Monday, June 11**  
6:30 pm Social Ministry meets  
**Thursday, June 14 Retired Members Luncheon**  
12 Noon Meets in the Fellowship Hall  
**Sunday, June 17 4th Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:30 am Adult Sunday School  
10:10 am Church choir prep  
10:30 am The Service  
**Tuesday, June 19**  
7:00 pm Christian Ed **virtual meeting**  
**Sunday, June 24 5th Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:30 am Adult Sunday School  
10:10 am Church choir prep  
10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion  
**Tuesday, June 26-July 1 Youth Gathering in Houston**

### REGULAR MEETING TIMES:

**Sundays:** 9:30 am Adult Sunday School  
10:10 am Church choir prep  
10:30 am Worship Service

**Tuesdays:** Nar-Anon

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Report for the month	April, 2018	Year-to-Date
Budget Expenses:	\$24,055.08	\$96,220.33
Actual Expenses:	25,463.21	92,194.43
Offerings Received:	26,660.00	91,701.03
Gain for Period:	\$ 1,196.79	(\$ 493.40)
Offerings less Expected Expenses (...)	if negative (\$ 2,604.92)	(\$ 4,519.30)

## ASSISTING MINISTERS:

**LECTORS:** Billy Joye, Chief Lector (*Communions*)  
June 3: Jim Buell  
June 17: Volunteer

**ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS:** Volunteers

**ALTAR GUILD:** (Team 2)  
Brad Milton, Co-Captain  
Brandy Milton, Co-Captain  
Donna Bean Amanda Kelly

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** (Team B)  
Barb Kasmer Shelia Kelly  
Tim Kelly Volunteer

**EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:**  
June 10 & 24: Volunteers

**GREETERS FOR THE MONTH:**  
June 3: Kathy Graves  
June 10: Carmen Buell  
June 17: Volunteer  
June 24: Volunteer

**TELLERS:** John Koehler, Fran Holland

**USHERS:** Volunteers

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**  
June 3: Shelia & Tim Kelly; 1 vase available  
June 10: Debbie Mendez; 1 vase available  
June 17: Both vases available  
June 24: The Potters; 1 vase available





### CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

June 3: Jenn Kearney  
June 10: Volunteer  
June 17: Lauren Shoemaker  
June 24: Volunteer

**NURSERY:** (10:30 am-11:45 am)  
June 3: Tom Nance  
June 10: Lauren Shoemaker  
June 17: Volunteer  
June 24: 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.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:10 am Church choir prep 10:30 am The Service  3:00 pm <b>HCY</b> meets at church Trip to Carowinds	4   6:30 pm <b>Youth Gathering</b> meeting	5   7:00 pm Nar-Anon	6   6:45 pm Women's Bible Study	7   <b>HolyC Men's Group</b> 7:00 pm Location TBA	8  6:00 pm <b>Family Faith Night</b> Pregame festivities 7:05 pm Game start	9   7:00 pm <b>Staying Connected</b> Meet to make comfort packs and greeting cards.
10 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:10 am Church choir prep 10:30 am The Service with Holy Communion Church Council after  <b>Campfirmation at Lutheridge</b>	11   6:30 pm Social Ministry meets	12   7:00 pm Nar-Anon	13	14  <b>Flag Day</b>  <b>HolyC's PRIME TIMERS</b> 12 Noon Lunch/Meeting	15	16
17 4th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:10 am Church choir prep 10:30 am The Service  	18	19   7:00 pm Christian Ed <b>Virtual</b> Email Nar-Anon	20	21	22	23
24 5th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:10 am Church choir prep 10:30 am The Service with Holy Communion	25	26  7:00 pm Nar-Anon	27	28	29	30

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 16 Cooper Burwell
- Sarah Tench
- June 17 Marsha Kinley
- Megan Sulak
- June 18 Dawn Fleming
- June 19 John Koehler
- June 23 Eric Scholler
- June 25 Wil Carpenter
- June 27 Reid Passer
- June 29 Gabriel Kearney
- June 30 Leah Koehler



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