

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

• 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, June 16, 2019 •

Holy Trinity Sunday



Micah Kearney
Pastor

Greg Cline
Organist/Choirmaster

WELCOME/GATHERING

PRELUDE: *The Ash Grove* Welsh Folk Tune

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of mercy,

C we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us ☩ all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *Holy, Holy, Holy* All Stand & Sing

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

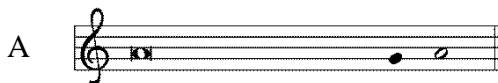
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 Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

GREETING

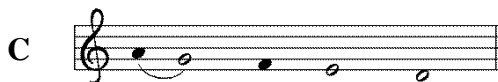
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

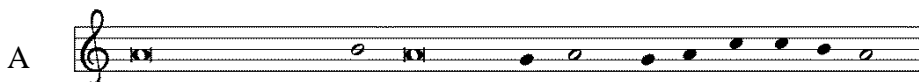
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



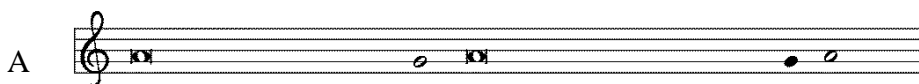
Lord, have mer - cy.



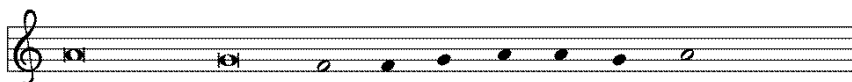
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



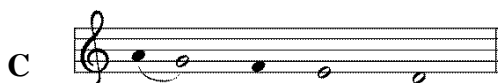
Lord, have mer - cy.



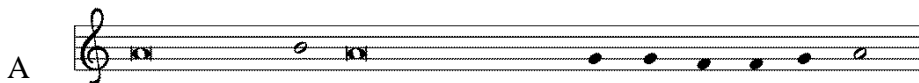
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,




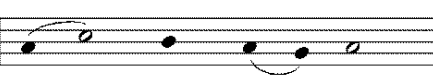


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

<i>Assistant</i>	<i>Congregation</i>
 <p>let us pray to the Lord.</p>	 <p>Lord have mer - cy.</p>
 <p>Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord.</p>	 <p>A - men.</p>

THIS IS THE FEAST

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



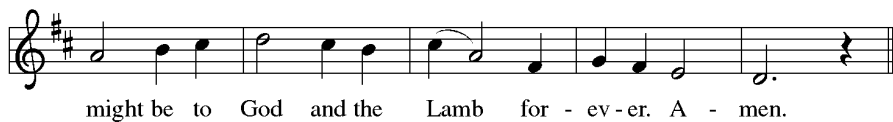
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

*Congregation is seated and are invited to
sing “Jesus Loves Me” as the children come forward.*

CHILDREN’S TIME

Children ages 4 to 8 years-old are invited to go to the Education building for a 20-minute (or so) time together **immediately after the Children’s sermon**. *Children will return to their parents during the hymn of the day.* Children **birth through 3 years-old** are invited to join others their age **in the nurseries**.

FIRST READING

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

A reading from the eighth chapter of Proverbs.

In the Bible, wisdom has many faces. It is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, it is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.

¹Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?

²On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;

³beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

⁴“To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.

²²The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.

²³Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—

²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.

²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,

²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,

³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.”

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-5

A reading from the fifth chapter of Romans.

Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

John 16:12-15

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be borne by the coming Spirit, who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

[Jesus said,] ¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Micah

Silence is kept for reflection.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Come, Join the Dance of Trinity* All Stand & Sing



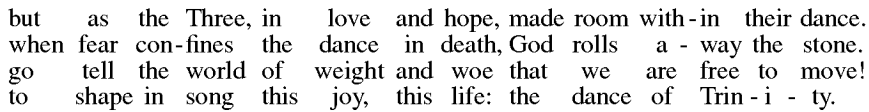
1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter - weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,



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For the majesty of creation: the moon and stars that enlighten the night, the birds that inhabit the sky, and the fish that reside in the seas, that all creatures flourish together, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For all levels of government; for wisdom and truth displayed in world leaders, and for international relief agencies, that God's love poured into our hearts extend to all people and nations, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the sick, that they are comforted; for the despairing, that they receive hope; for infants and children, that they be granted nurturing caretakers; and for all who cry out to God in any need (*especially*), let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For all who provide fatherly care and guidance, for those estranged from family, for friends and neighbors, and for our congregation, that God's mercy serve as a model for all relationships, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, that we cling to the hope of sharing with them the glory of God, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, you hear the prayers of your people even before they are spoken. We commend these and all our prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

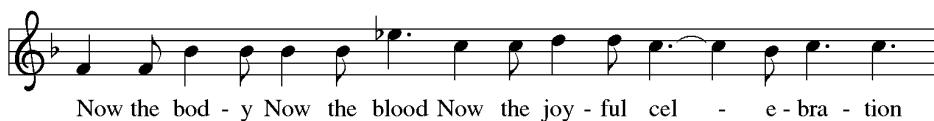
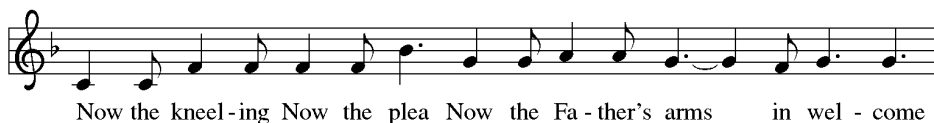
PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *He Touched Me* Solo: Don Robinson

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *Now the Silence* All Stand & Sing



Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

Music: NOW, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

Pastor *Congregation*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Cong. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

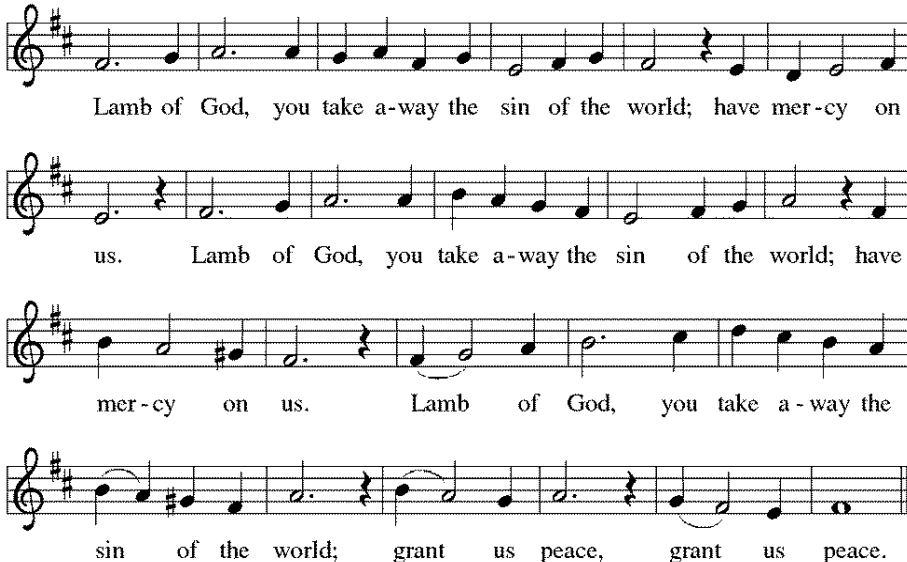
LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P God invites you to this table of bounty. Come, the banquet is ready.
C Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



COMMUNION

A cordial invitation is extended to all baptized persons to participate in the celebration of the real presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: *Father Most Holy* All Sing



1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful, and ten - der; Je - sus, our
2 Trin - i - ty bless-ed, u - ni - ty un - shak - en; good - ness un -
3 Mak - er of all things, all thy crea-tures praise thee; all for thy
4 Lord God Al - might-y, un - to thee be glo - ry, one in three



Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing; Spir - it of com - fort,
bound-ed, ver - y God of heav - en, light of the an - gels,
wor - ship were and are cre - at - ed; now, as we al - so
per - sons, o - ver all ex - alt - ed! Glo - ry we of - fer,



ad - vo - cate, de - fend - er, light nev - er wan - ing.
joy of those for - sak - en, hope of all liv - ing.
wor - ship thee de - vout - ly, hear thou our voic - es.
praise thee and a - dore thee, now and for - ev - er.

Text: Latin hymn, 10th cent.; tr. Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.

Music: CHRISTE SANCTORUM. Paris *Antiphoner*, 1681

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P The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray,

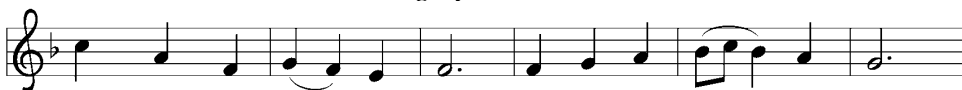
C O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the holy Trinity, † one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: *God, Whose Almighty Word* All Stand & Sing



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

SENDING

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all our visitors on this **Holy Trinity Sunday**. We pray that you will find a warm fellowship while you are among us and that you will return home with a renewed sense of dedication to Jesus Christ. Please sign our guest register or a visitor's card so that we can become acquainted with you. If you are without a church home, we invite you to investigate membership in this family of God.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP. Jesus said, "let the children come to me!" Parents are encouraged to utilize the Kids Worship Kits found in the Narthex for older toddlers through early elementary age. A nursery for children (**infants through 3 years old**) is in the Education building. Let an usher know if you need assistance.

KIDS' WORSHIP CENTER: Pick up kits as you enter for worship! **Please return the tote bag** with the plastic bag of crayons, scratch pads, and pencils to the stand in the narthex. The children may take any papers home with them.

PRAYER REQUESTS: A notebook has been placed in the narthex for your prayer requests during the week. The book will be in the narthex on Sundays and in the church office during the week. **If you wish a name to be added to our prayer board, please fill out a form from the prayer book or fill in the form on line at www.holyc.org.**

Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, June 9, 2019:

Attendance: 130

<u>Budget Report</u>	<u>June 9, 2019</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Offering	\$ 6,029.00	\$118,718.46
Expenses	\$ 5,774.35	\$134,548.21
Offering less Expenses	<u>\$ 254.65</u>	<u>(\$ 15,829.75)</u>
Budgeted Expenses		<u>132,534.99</u>
Offering less Expected Expenses		<u>(\$ 13,816.53)</u>

Sanctuary Roof and HVAC Status as Of: 6/9/19

Goal: \$225,000
Received to Date: 151,425
Additional Amounts Promised: 35,000
Remaining Needed: \$ 38,575

ASSISTING MINISTERS:**LECTOR:** Billy Joye**GREETER:** Debbie Mendez**ACOLYTE:** Volunteer**TELLERS:** Fran Holland
Trudy Whitener**CRUCIFER:** Catherine Carr**ALTAR GUILD:** (Team 2)

Brad & Brandy Milton, Co-Captains

Donna Bean

Amanda Kelly

CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

Rebecca Yount

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

Volunteer

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

Volunteers

USHERS: Volunteers**EUCCHARIST PRESENTERS:** Volunteers

THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Debbie Mendez in memory of Alice & Mark Lyerly.

Those who have placed flowers on the altar may use the containers to take them home, but please return the containers to the church.

Julia Gunter, Worship & Music Committee

BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK: June 16-22Today, June 16 Cooper Burwell
Sarah Tench HelmsJune 18 Dawn Fleming
Shaelie Scharpenburg

June 17 Marsha Kinley

June 19 John Koehler

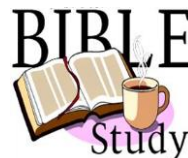
Megan Sulak

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:**Today, Sunday, June 16**

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:10 am Church Choir prep

10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion

Wednesday, June 196:45 pm Women's Bible Study
(Monthly meeting)**Tuesday, June 18**7:00 pm Christian Ed meeting
Nar-Anon



PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Cathleen Allen
Cynthia Buchanan
Brenda Dabrowski
Becke Featherstone
Sarah Tench Helms

Kay Holden
Zac Hullander
Sue Lahr
Ben Moose
Sherry Perry

Marguerite Shive
Denise Taylor
Beverly Reynolds
Jerri & Mike Wesson

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Sue Barbee
Amy Beale Blythe
Doug Brewer
Ron de la Vega
Nancy Dickson
Qemal Fazlin
(Halide's husband)
Carol Fox
Earl Gardner
Larry "Poss" Garrett

Bill Hinkle
Meredith Hovis
Adam Kincaid
Steve Leonard
Jennifer Lineberger
Ronnie Lunsford
Ruth Lyerly
Cookie Lynn
Jane Marino
Clarence McLain

Zak Merzouki
Anne Murdy
Linda Nichols
Sara Nichols
Tommy Smith
Brody Thornburg
Dennis Yates
Doris Wade

OUR SERVICEMEN

Beau Carroll

Tom Kasmer

Leo Kasmer

Colton Parker



Please remember these people in your prayers.
**If anyone has a person who needs to be added or removed from this list,
please inform the church office.**

The sign-up prayer forms are in the narthex and online at www.holyc.org.



Help Dad Have a Happy, Healthy Father's Day!

Every June we take time to show dads how much they are appreciated and coincidentally June 10-16 is also National Men's Health Week. What a perfect way to honor our dads – show them how much we care about their health! Here are 10 helpful hints to share with Dad to encourage him to stay healthy:

1. Eat a balanced diet for weight maintenance and disease prevention.
2. Get moving for weight maintenance, strength and flexibility.
3. Get a physical and important screenings for prevention of disease.
4. Take sun cover for prevention of cancer.
5. Safety matters so always wear a seatbelt in the car and a helmet when biking.
6. Don't abuse alcohol; it impairs coordination, reaction time and judgment.
7. Don't use tobacco or you'll be at high risk for heart disease, stroke and cancer.
8. Practice osteoarthritis prevention by controlling your weight and avoiding injury.
9. Get vaccinated to lower your risk of developing disease.
10. Spend active, quality time with family and friends – That's a given for good health and good times!

WALK WITH GOD PARTICIPANTS

Remember to turn in your miles!

We want to see our journey unfold on the map in the
education wing!

Next week there will be a random prize drawing!



Agape Day Camp
 July 15-19  9:00am - 3:00pm
 For rising 1st graders through Middle School
 Registration forms in the church office.



In Search of Volunteers
Vacation Bible School
July 28-31
 Dinner at 5:45 pm; Program 6:15-8:00 pm
 Pre-K through Grade 5

BCO June Items Needed

		
Canned Pasta	Pop Tarts	Oatmeal



Holy Doodles



NOTE: To ensure inclusion in the bulletin all information is due to Dianne in the office by **12 Noon on Wednesdays**.



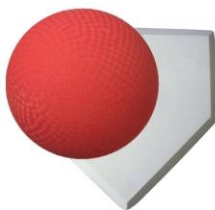
Baby Bottle Blessings **Change for Change**



This special project will CHANGE countless lives.

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

Bottles are due today, Father's Day, June 16th.



Kickball starts Mid-June.

Let the office or Tom Bocchino know if you are interested in playing.

18 years or older to participate
(16 with parental consent).

Games are on Mondays and Thursday evenings at Belmont Central.

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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

Micah Kearney, Pastor email: MKearney@holyc.org

Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster

Beka Forst, Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager

Teresa Keller, Parish Nurse