

THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

February 5th – 11th

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER

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Today is Scout Sunday, a national day of recognition for the Boys Scouts of America. Holy Comforter is home to Boy Scout Troop 1 and Cub Scout Pack 1, and members are assisting with today's 10:30 service. In 1913, Holy Comforter helped launch Scouting in Mecklenburg County, and Scouting remains a very active part of our parish life and outreach. The members of Troop 1 and Pack 1 wish to thank Holy Comforter for its long and gracious support.

Help Tackle Hunger this Sunday with the Souper Bowl of Caring! Our youth will be collecting donations to help ease hunger close to home. As Carter always said, any amount is appreciated – just don't let it make any noise when it hits the bottom of the bowl!

The quarterly meeting of the **Holy Comforter Foundation/Endowment Committee** will be held on Wed., Feb. 15th at 7:00 p.m. We will meet in the conference room (Sally's old office) in the main building. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

"The impulse to create...is part of our yearning to live," writes Sarah Stockton. Your creative pursuits can find a home at Holy Comforter! The parish is looking for members interested in sharing their skills -- artistic, creative, or otherwise -- to enliven our spaces, our worship experiences, and enrich our community. What could we make as a community to brighten the empty walls of Van Every? How do we heighten our experience of Pentecost through art? What do the 12 Stations of the Cross look like to you? You are invited to share your thoughts, ideas, and dreams: **the Holy Comforter Arts Guild is being re-formed!** Our first meeting will be Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. (in conjunction with the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper) and you are invited. For more information, contact Caroline Brown, Wil Bosbyshell, or Patrick Pope (patrickp@holycorfortercharlotte.org).

Registration time for the 2012-2013 school year for both the Holy Comforter Weekday School and La Escuelita! Don't miss this opportunity to start your child's education in a supportive and caring environment. La Escuelita Registration is now underway. Weekday School registration is underway for current families and opens 2/8 for members and 2/10 for the general public.

The Weekday School is again offering a **reward program** for recruiting new families:

If you are a **current family** of the school and recruit a new family to enroll and attend HCWS, you will receive a refund of your **Registration Fee(s)** (if you have more than one child enrolled at HCWS, 1 recruitment = 1 registration fee) in December.

OR

If you are a **church member** without children in preschool, you will receive a **\$50 Target gift card** for recruiting a new family to enroll and attend HCWS. The gift card will be given in December.

Please be sure to have the new family fill in the "Referred By" space on the registration form so that you receive credit for the referral. For more information, contact Preschool Director Bonnie Roth at 704.347.2800. Visit our website for links to registration forms for La Escuelita and the Weekday School.

CALENDAR FEB. 5TH - 11TH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Scout Sunday
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
8:45 a.m. Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Embrace
9:15 a.m. Christian Formation for children
9:30 a.m. Christian Formation for youth and adults
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Noon Youth Bowling
5:00 p.m. La Misa
6:00 p.m. EYC

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

6:30 Outreach Committee
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

10:00 a.m. TMBB
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministers

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

11:45 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Senior Luncheon
6:15 p.m. Bell Choir
6:30 p.m. ESL
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

6:30 p.m. Embrace Organizational Meeting

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

6:30 p.m. Embrace Organizational Meeting

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Scouting for Food
6:00 p.m. Room In The Inn



Please check the calendar at
holycorfortercharlotte.org for updates.

Hats Off to You! Invitations have been sent for our next afternoon created especially for our senior members on February 8th. If you are 65 year of age or older and have not received an invitation, please contact Holly at 704.332.4171 ext. 202. We had more than 90 people attend our last afternoon, so please RSVP to reserve your spot!

Four great events for Seniors: Summit Place of SouthPark (2101 Runnymede Lane) is having a **free Valentine's Day Celebration** and Dessert Bar from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. on Feb. 14. Enjoy live music by local artist John Lewis at this free event for singles, couples, friends and neighbors. RSVP by Feb. 10th to 704.525.5508. They are also offering a **free Senior Living 101 seminar** for seniors and their adult children. Call Ashley Gang for details 704.525.5508. Shepherd's Center of Charlotte is offering scholarships for seniors in need of financial assistance to take its **Adventures in Learning Computer Programs**. See Deacon Deb for an application. Attend an **open dress rehearsal of NC Dance Theatre's Ballet Sleeping Beauty** on Wed. March 7th from 3:30 – 5:30 at the Knight Theatre, Uptown Charlotte. Tickets for this event are just \$12 (usually \$25-\$79!) Talk to Deb at the luncheon or anytime for more details.

If you have a child who attends our nursery (ages 0-3) please sign up to volunteer one Sunday. We ask that each family volunteer 2-3 times a year. The sign up sheet is in the nursery or you may contact Julia Weil at juliaweil@gmail.com.

Get Ready to Roll Up Your Sleeves! Our 2012 PARISH SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY will be Saturday, March 24th from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Fun group projects for ALL ages, indoors and outside. Stay 30 minutes or all morning. Coffee, doughnuts and bagels to get you going! Please confirm that you are coming. Contact Bob Murphy (704) 442-2975 or bobmurphy@gpcontractors.net.

Loaves & Fishes featured needs for February 12th: Canned salmon.



Thinking Summer vacation? **Then think Vacation Bible School!** This summer, VBS will run from June 18-21. We're in need of adult volunteers to assist with planning. Email Liz Dawkins at lizd@holycorfortercharlotte.org if you can help!

Consignors wanted for HCWS's 10th Annual Children's Consignment Sale on Sat., Feb 18th from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Email hcwssale@gmail.com for details on how to earn 60% of the sales price, with the remainder benefitting the Weekday School.

YOUTH NEWS

Super Bowling Feb. 5th, after the 10:30 a.m. service. Lunch provided. There will be no regular EYC this week. The cost for this event is \$20.

Pilgrimage Meeting: For parents and youth. Sunday, Feb. 12th after the 10:30 a.m. service in Van Every 203-204.

EYC: Feb. 12th, 6 - 8 p.m. Dinner provided.

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Pancake Supper: Feb. 21st, 5:30 p.m., Henry Hall.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR ANY EVENT

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Tuesday Morning Brunch Bunch has started a study of Scripture through the eyes of immigrants. The program was developed by the NC Council of Churches and explores scriptures as they address laws, the meaning of "neighbor," and the timeline/legislation around immigration. All are welcome to come join us from 10-11 Tuesday mornings.

Looking for a meaningful way to acknowledge someone?

Then consider Altar or Lectern Flowers in thanksgiving for someone or in memory of someone. Open dates are February 19th; April 15th; June 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th; and August 12th and 19th. Contact Elaine Wood at jencwood@bellsouth.net.

