

# The Messenger

The Episcopal Church  
of the Holy Comforter

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## Kanuga is this weekend!

Please make plans to attend our annual weekend of fellowship in the N.C. mountains this **FRIDAY, SEPT. 3** through **SUNDAY SEPT. 5**. Contact Gray Langley at 704-552-9294 or email him at [grayL@farriscooke.com](mailto:grayL@farriscooke.com) with any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

## "Good News" Coming to You!

Starting in just a few weeks, Holy Comforter will offer "**Living the Good News**," Sunday morning Christian Education classes based upon the scripture readings from church each Sunday. Three different youth classes, for 6th-8th graders, 9th & 10th graders, and 11th and 12th graders, will kick off on Sunday, September 19th, at 9:15. I will also lead an adult "Living" class on Sunday mornings, beginning on Oct. 3rd. Many people have asked for more direct study of biblical texts and for ways to discuss the Bible together, and these classes are meant to help us do both, together as a parish.

Parents may notice that this change means we will no longer follow the "J2A" program for youth Christian Ed. I've made this change after extensive discussions with parents, teachers, and parish leaders, and after close review of your parish focus groups from last year. It is abundantly clear that change was strongly desired in our youth (6th-12th grade) offerings from nearly every quarter.

Using "**Living the Good News**" for our youth classes has multiple immediate advantages: it routinely studies biblical texts, it ties in with the ongoing worship life of the church, and many of the lessons link in with the "hows" and "whys" of being Episcopalian. Better still, we can also offer these same advantages, every Sunday, tailored to adults! We will continue to offer the long-running Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program for 5th graders and younger children.

I imagine some parents may have questions, probably less about the new curriculum but rather about how we'll transition from the old one. Two key questions come to mind. First, what about the part of J2A kids seemed to like--the trips (Pilgrimage and Urban Adventure)? And second, what will we do about Confirmation? I have ideas here, and I'd love to

## Upcoming Events

**Sept. 3rd through 5th -**  
Kanuga Parish  
Weekend

**Sept. 3rd -** Vocare at 7  
a.m.

**Sept. 6th -** Outreach at  
6:30 p.m., Boy Scouts at  
7 p.m.

**Sept. 7th -** Cub Scouts  
at 7 p.m., Stephen  
Ministers at 7 p.m.

**Sept. 8th -** CAEYL at 1  
p.m., ESL at 6:30 p.m.,  
Gospel Discipleship at 7  
p.m.

**Sept. 9th -** Handbell  
Choir Rehearsal at 6:15  
p.m., Adult Choir at 7:45  
p.m.

**Sept. 10th -** Vocare at 7  
a.m.

**Sept. 12th -** Van Every  
Open House at 9:15  
a.m., EYC resumes at 6  
p.m.

**Sept. 13th -** Boy Scouts  
at 7 p.m.

**Sept. 14th -** TMBB at 10  
a.m., Cub Scouts at 7  
p.m.

**Sept. 15th -** ESL at 6:30  
p.m.

Visit the calendar for the  
most up-to-date event  
listings.

### Constant Contact

If you are considering  
using this service for your  
own business, please  
let [Trish](#) know. The  
church receives a \$30  
credit per referral if you  
sign up through a link she  
can send you.

Please keep us up

share them. **Come on Sunday, Sept 12th, during the Open House, to room 207 in the new Van Every building, for a drop-in Q&A** about the new curriculum and related questions. I look forward to seeing you there.

Fr. Kevin

## The Van Every Building

Here is a guide to where offices and facilities are located in the Van Every building.

1: Reception desk.

2: Restrooms.

3:

Holly Williams' office. 4: Laurel Bailey and Trish Stukbauer's office. 5: Gail Greer's office. 6: Workroom with mail boxes. (If you have a mailbox, please check it regularly) 7: Father Kevin's office. 8: Lauren Cavins and Liz Dawkins' office. 9: Loaves and Fishes. On the lower level (pictured below), rooms 10 and 11 are Bilingual Preschool/Catechesis classrooms. 12: Restrooms. Please visit [the website](#) for larger versions of these plans.



Main Level of the Van Every Building



Lower Level of the Van Every Building

**PLEASE be aware that there are no functioning bathrooms on**

### **to date!**

Please remember to update the parish office if you move, change phone numbers or switch email accounts and please provide us with your children's birthdays. This helps ensure that you receive timely and accurate information from the church that pertains to you and your family. Also, please make certain that you let Holly know as you are scheduling meetings and events. As we begin to use our wonderful new space and embark on the renovation of our existing building, it's critical that Holly knows what is planned for when and how many people are expected to make the best use of our space and ensure that everyone has adequate room for their events. Thank you for your assistance in helping us better serve you!

**the main level of the church building during this stage of our renovation process.** Please follow the signs to use the facilities in the Van Every Building or use the nursery entrance to access the lower-level bathrooms: To bring children to the nursery on Sundays, please use the lower-level playground entrance or go through the Memorial Garden door by Henry Hall. For Children's Chapel, please exit through the Memorial Garden door by the sacristy and enter through the Memorial Garden door by Henry Hall. Please visit the homepage (<http://www.holycomforter-clt.org/>) as the renovation progresses for more updates.

**Now that we're in our wonderful new space, we need your help to stock our pantry.** Holy Comforter has gift registries available online at Target and Crate and Barrel that have our wish list of items that would help to complete our new space. For Crate and Barrel, go to [www.crateandbarrel.com](http://www.crateandbarrel.com), click Registry Name: First- Holy Comforter Last- Church then: View Registry. For Target: go to [www.target.com/lists/find](http://www.target.com/lists/find), go to search by organization, type Holy Comforter and select North Carolina from the drop down menu.

## **Goings On**

**Book of Common Prayer:** A wonderful way to honor someone or remember someone is by purchasing a Book of Common Prayer to go into the pews at Holy Comforter. The cost is \$20 and a label will be placed in the book saying who it is for and by whom it was given. Contact the office at 704-332-4171 or a member of the Altar Guild for information.

**Help support the Holy Comforter Weekday School!** We are selling Citipass coupon books for \$25 each again this year. Proceeds from the books help us make needed improvements throughout our school. If you are interested in purchasing a book, please contact Julia Cheatwood at [juliacheatwood@hotmail.com](mailto:juliacheatwood@hotmail.com) or 704.334.4979. The fundraiser runs until mid-October.

**It's another great year to be a Cub Scout in Pack One at Holy Comforter!** The first meeting is Tuesday, September 7

## Choir Resumes!!!

**ADULT CHOIR:**  
Choir resumes on  
Thursday,  
September 9th  
from 7:45 until 9:00  
p.m. We will be  
rehearsing in the  
church by the  
organ.

**Benefits:** \* Enjoy  
singing with  
fantastic people.  
No experience  
necessary. You  
just love to sing! \*  
Wonderful reserved  
seats-great  
neighbors! \* Lifting  
your voice,  
however humble, to  
God in worship,  
and help others do  
the same.

ANY questions?  
Call Laurel Bailey  
at 704-364-7800.  
All Are Welcome in  
This Place! We  
really want you to  
come!

## Loaves & Fishes is Back Home

Now that Loaves &  
Fishes has moved into  
their new and improved  
facility in the Van Every  
Building, please

at 6:30p.m. in the new Van Every Building. Boys ages 6-12 and their adult partner are welcome to become a part of this long tradition of fun, adventure and development. Contact Jeff Williams-Tracy, Den Master, for further information: [jswt@harkeylambeth.com](mailto:jswt@harkeylambeth.com) or 704-995-2091.

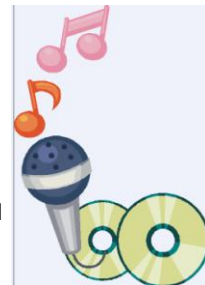
**If you would like to be a delegate to the Diocesan Convention in January 2011, please contact the church office to add your name to the list of potential delegates.**

**Bilingual Preschool Wishlist:** As you begin to do your back to school shopping, please consider donating supplies to this growing ministry! Here is their wish list, but please feel free to donate other items that are appropriate for 3- and 4-year-olds: Washable Markers; Colored Chalk ; Elmer's Glue and Glue Sticks; Play-doh; Paint; Baby Dolls (preferably with brown eyes and dark hair) and Doll Clothes; Sand/Water table; Barn and farm animals; Small trucks, cars, people; Large (Duplo) Legos; Dress up clothes - Easy for a Preschooler to put on and take off without assistance; Child-size kitchen set: pots & pans, measuring cups & spoons; Beads; Buttons; Rubber stamps and inkpads; Envelopes, stamps or stickers; Pretend tools (construction); Plastic gardening tools; Sponges; Cotton balls; child-size broom and dustpan; Doctor kit.

**Altar Flowers:** Altar Flowers: Are a special way to honor the memory of a loved one. We have now begun filling openings for January and February, 2011. Contact Elaine Wood at 704-529-1711 or [jencwood@bellsouth.net](mailto:jencwood@bellsouth.net) to reserve a date.

**Searching for Shepherds.** If you have a child in grades 3-5 who is interested in participating as a children's chapel shepherd, please contact Liz at [lizp@holycomforter-clt.org](mailto:lizp@holycomforter-clt.org) for more information or to be added to the list.

**Help Us Spread the Word.** Did you know that you can listen to sermons on the Holy Comforter website? It has been possible to upload these audio sermons because of the loyal ministry of three parishioners: Dick England, Palmer May and Drew Kirkland. If you are interested in joining Dick, Palmer and Drew in recording the services, please contact Jim Webb by phone at 704-364-8138 or at



remember to bring food items and paper bags with you on Sunday. Let's help them stock their space!

jwebb4360@bellsouth.net. You do not need to be particularly technical to handle the recording as good instructions are provided.

## In Our Community

Soulful Saturdays, led by the Rev. Sally M. Brower, PhD, offers a chance to reconnect with your spiritual longings and explore imaginative ways to live your faith in daily life. Each six-hour session will balance spirited group discussions, private reflection, and creative activities, concluding with worship.

September 18 - Making God Real: Creating Sacred Spaces and Practices in the Home. November 6 - Our Daily Bread: Discovering Ways to Pray in Daily Life. January 15 - Mirror, Mirror on the Wall: Seeing Ourselves through God's Eyes. March 12 - Interrupted By God: A Scripture Playshop. May 14 - Wind of the Spirit: Embodying our Spiritual Selves. Soulful Saturdays will be held at Saint Martin's Episcopal Church, 1510 East Seventh Street, Charlotte, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be catered. The registration fee of \$20 holds your place and covers the cost of lunch and materials. The deadline for registration is Sept. 12th. Please print the registration form from [www.stmartins-charlotte.org](http://www.stmartins-charlotte.org) and send it along with a check made out to Saint Martin's Episcopal Church. Please note for Soulful Saturdays in the memo line. For questions, email [sbrower@stmartins-charlotte.org](mailto:sbrower@stmartins-charlotte.org).

## Parish Prayer List

*(Please pray daily for those included on this list)*

**PARISHIONERS:** David Easterly, Cinthya Kassebaum, Tom Falley, Addie Bordeaux, Tina Thompson, Virginia Blaisdell, Karen Moseley, Mahlon Adams, Mickey Byrd, Richard Pockat, Susanne Knight, Bill Brewington, Gail Greer, Kinzey Taylor.

**FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS:** Rachel Peeler, Myra Truluck, Billie Stutts, Michael Dement, Deanne Smith, Brenda Ham, Stephen Kane, Dr. Buel Morley, Paul Wilde, Pattie Ferguson, Lee Hutchins, Jennifer Redd, Dew and Ryan Koehler, Lanie & David Noe, Bill Wilde, Elliot Moore, Judy Robinson, Barrie Tydings, Karen Marossy, Cindy Oliver-Gaskins, Beth Gash, Ric Engels, Bill Moseley, Les Kitchens, Gail Henson, Helen Landmesser, Elva Schmulling, Teresa Webb, Janelyn Bott, Nancy Evans, Marjorie Cooke, Joan Smith, Jett Green, Helen Bundy, Randy Brooks Cox.

**FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS:** B. J. Williams, Cornelia Robinson, Brad Hucks, Warren Bigelow, Vee Heffney, Tom Hodges, Trish Johnson, Lane Matthews, Tyler Zulli, Patricia Johnson, Lisa Kinsey and family, Carolyn Browning, Sallye Richards, JoAnn Nickerson, Roberta Hucks, Richard and Norma Gibson, Candy Jackson, Jeanne Woolf, Chandler Smalley, Jennifer Brown, Brianna

Ralston, Lisa Shanklin, Kimberley Smith, Tony Bunch, Jan Siciliano, Renee LaFlam, Alicia, Jimmy Eichorn, Timothy Gerald and family, Herb Craft, Moe and Catherine Smith.

**FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:** Stephen Pritchard, Adam Albini, Greg Ambrosia, Lyle Andrews, Matt Ball, Eric Brafford, Kristopher Browning, Roger Carpenter, David Cavins, Robb Exler, Tim Fay, Shane Fisher, Dan Harrison, Judith Jolley, Alan Jopson, Neil Jordan, Sherrill Jordan, Bill Lovell, Michael Needham, Jonathan Oakley, Chris Pack, Sam Perlik, Chris Preston, Brent Riley, Kerney Scott, Chuck Shea, Dave Stapleton.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY:** Stephen Leaders: Hilda Yost; Joe Mynatt; Active Stephen Ministers: Lee C. Herbert, Terry Jordan, Tom Kearns, Betty Webb, Larry White, Hilleary White; Inactive Stephen Ministers: Peggy Jackson.

### **Deadline Reminder**

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL INFORMATION FOR THE BLAST AND MESSENGER IS DUE NO LATER THAN 9 AM OF THE TUESDAY BEFORE PUBLICATION. THANK YOU FOR HELPING US SERVE YOU!

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