

The Messenger

*The Episcopal Church
of the Holy Comforter*

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**Please help
us serve you in your
time of need!**

**PLEASE CALL THE
CHURCH OFFICE IF
YOU OR SOMEONE
IN YOUR FAMILY
GOES INTO THE
HOSPITAL. PLEASE
DON'T ASSUME
THAT WE WILL FIND
OUT. WE WANT TO
PROVIDE
PASTORAL CARE TO
ALL OF OUR
MEMBERS AND
THEIR FAMILIES,
BUT WE CAN'T DO
THAT UNLESS YOU
LET US KNOW BY
CALLING THE
OFFICE AT 704-332-**

Thank You for a Spirited Welcome

Hello friends and members of Holy Comforter!

I mentioned briefly at church this past Sunday morning how thankful my family and I have been for the tremendous welcome we've received in our first few weeks in Charlotte. You've provided tasty meals, great conversation, good sushi recommendations, and even a few nights of dog-sitting for Lola, our miniature Schnauzer. Impressive, and we've only just arrived! There has been no doubt that this is a friendly and hospitable parish, but now you've topped yourselves with quite the pounding Sunday afternoon! We're overwhelmed by your generosity of heart and spirit (and, in some cases, spirits). Please know how very thankful Caroline, Emily, Maggie, and I are for all you have already done for us and our soon-to-be-expanding waistlines. Truly, thank you.

I began my work in the church office last week, so please know that you can reach me there now if you like. My office hours are 9-5 Tuesdays through Fridays, and I welcome the opportunity to visit with you. I do recommend you call ahead to set an appointment, though, to make sure I'm available--my calendar tends to fill up very quickly. Just call me (704-332-4171) or email (kevinb@holycomforter-clt.org) and we'll get connected. I'm looking forward to it.

The Rev. Kevin S. Brown

Construction and Renovation Updates

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Upcoming Events

July 23rd: Vocare reorganizational meeting at 7 a.m.

July 26th: Boy Scouts at 7 p.m.

July 27th: Vergers at 7 p.m.

July 28th: ESL at 6:30 p.m.

Aug. 2nd - 6th: Final HCWS Summer Session from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily.

Aug. 2nd: Outreach at 6:30 p.m., Boy Scouts at 7 p.m.

Aug. 4th: ESL at 6:30 p.m.

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

Please note: Summer office hours continue through the end of August. The office will be open Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon.

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.

Once we receive our certificate of occupancy, we will need help to move desks, shelves,

computers, and STUFF into our new space and to finish emptying the existing lobby & offices so that the renovation can begin.

Please email Tom Cooke at

thomasccooke@gmail.com if you can help,

and he will send you more details as the

moving day approaches. We'll also post the big moving date on the homepage as soon as plans are finalized.



Thanks to the many helping hands who were at church this past Saturday to get the library, classroom & kitchen stuff moved! It was great to see so many folks excited about our renovation & moving.

Please note, there will be periodic changes to church entrances and sections of the existing building that will be temporarily closed due to renovation work. We will post these changes on the [homepage](http://www.holycomforter-clt.org/) (<http://www.holycomforter-clt.org/>) and in The Blast and/or The Messenger as work progresses. The anticipated renovation start date is July 22nd. **Here are a few things to be aware of now:**

Our new landscaping has been installed and we are in need of volunteers to water it to ensure that it gets well established through the heat of the summer. Any time that you can volunteer will be appreciated. Please call Bob Murphy at 704-277-6006 or send him an email at bobmurphy@gpcontractors.net. Bob will coordinate the volunteer schedule to ensure that our new plants are getting the proper amount of water.

Comforting Treasures Gift Shop is closed until they re-open this fall in their new and expanded location. Comforting Treasures is an all-volunteer effort, and they are always looking for volunteers to help on Sunday mornings and Wednesdays at noon. Please contact Sallie Jordan, Karen Crane or Anne Williams for information on assisting this fall.

Goings On

Vocare is back! Jeremiah 1: 18-19, A call to stand firm as



There's still time!!!

Preschool Openings for the Weekday School

Preschool openings are still available for the 2010-2011 school year in all of the 1-year-old classes and in the Tuesday/Thursday two-year-old class. The Weekday School operates on a school year basis starting the Tuesday after Labor Day and ending the year the Friday before Memorial Day. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit the [homepage](#) for a link to the registration forms or call Bonnie Roth at 704-347-2800 for more information.

Final Summer Session of the Weekday School

Holy Comforter Weekday School's final Summer Session will be held August 2-6.

Christians in the challenging world of today through a renewed love for and commitment to God and a deeper desire to serve Him. This is Vocare. Vocare, a men's fellowship and prayer group, met for many years on Friday mornings to discuss meaningful books and scripture on dealing with the real world we live in. After a few years of time off, it is time that we brought Vocare back. Jim Muse and Mac Redfern will host a reorganizational meeting on July 23rd at 7 a.m. at Holy Comforter. All interested men are welcome. Politics, religion, ethics, morality, greed and love will all be on the table for discussion. "what would Jesus do?"

Friday Gathering

Let's set aside some time to gather not only to get to know our new Rector, Kevin, and his wife, Caroline, but also to get reacquainted with each other and have a lot of FUN in the process:

Friday, July 30, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Mary and Allen Amos at 3432 Cotillion Ave.

Please bring an appetizer & your beverage of choice (mixers and set-ups will be provided). Join us for a casual evening of fellowship!

Altar Flowers: Are a special way to honor the memory of a loved one. There are just five open Sundays for altar flowers remaining in 2010 - two in October, one in November and two in December. We have also begun taking reservations for January 2011. Please contact Elaine Wood at 704-529-1711 or jencwood@bellsouth.net if you are interested in reserving a date.

Help Us Spread the Word

Did you know that you can not only read but 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. These three have been diligent about ensuring that one of them was there to record the 10:30 Service each Sunday. Our new rector has indicated his support of this ministry and his wishes that it continue. If you are interested

Children attending summer camp must have completed one year of preschool. This year, we are offering a class for older siblings (K-grade 3). You must have a preschooler attending camp to register an older sibling. Tuition rates for summer session are \$150 for 1 session. The older sibling option is \$50 per older sibling per session. Tuition is due with registration. Please contact Bonnie Roth at (704) 347-2800 or hcws@holyccomforter-clt.org for more information.

in joining Dick, Palmer and Drew in recording the services, please contact Jim Webb by phone at 704-364-8138 or at jwebb4360@bellsouth.net. You do not need to be particularly technical to handle the recording as good instructions are provided.

Campo Allegreia: This fun-filled camp will run from July 26th - 30th in Freedom Park for 13 children, 10 of whom attend La Escuelita. The camp allows the children to experience this annual summertime rite of passage.

August Gathering: Please join us for an August gathering on Friday, August 13, at the home of Page and David Pond - 9705 Nickleby Ct. at 7:30 p.m. Please bring an appetizer to share and your beverage of choice. We look forward to seeing you there!

Remember Room in the Inn During Your Family's Summer Travels. While traveling this summer, please consider saving those hotel samples of soap, shampoo, lotion, etc. for our Room in the Inn guests. For the first time, we will have showers available for them! It will be such a treat for them to have their own individual toiletries.

Looking Ahead

SAVE THE "NEW" DATE FOR KANUGA!!!

Please make plans to attend a wonderful weekend of fellowship in the N.C. mountains from FRIDAY, SEPT. 3 - SUNDAY SEPT. 5, 2010 (LABOR DAY WEEKEND)!

Parish Prayer List

(Please pray daily for those included on this list)

PARISHIONERS: Mahlon Adams, Mickey Byrd, Richard Pockat, Susanne Knight, Bill Brewington, Gail Greer, Addie Bordeaux, Kinzey Taylor and Tina Thompson.

FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS: Charles Starkowicz, Stephen Kane, Dr. Buel Morley, Paul Wilde, Betty Edwards, Pattie Ferguson, Lee Hutchins, Jennifer Redd, Brenda Ham, Dew and Ryan Koehler, Lanie & David Noe, Bill Wilde, John Winn, Elliot Moore, Judy Robinson, Barrie Tydings, Stan Stutts, 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, Billie Stutts, Jett Green, Helen Bundy, Randye Brooks Cox.

FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS: Patricia Johnson, Lisa Kinsey and family, Carolyn Browning, Sallye Richards, JoAnn Nickerson, Roberta Hucks, Richard and Norma Gibson, Al Levine, Candy Jackson, Jeanne Woolf, Chandler Smalley, Jennifer Brown, Brianna Ralston, Lisa Shanklin, Haddie Templeton, Kimberley Smith, Tony Bunch, Jan Siciliano, Renee LaFlam, Alicia, Jimmy Eichorn, Timothy Gerald and family, Herb Craft, Moe and Catherine Smith, Tyler Zulli.

FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Adam Albini, Greg Ambrosia, Lyle Andrews, Matt Ball, Eric Brafford, Kristopher Browning, Roger Carpenter, David Cavins, Michael Dement, Robb Exler, Tim Fay, Mary Feeley, Shane Fisher, Dan Harrison, Judith Jolley, Alan Jopson, Neil Jordan, Sherrill Jordan, Bill Lovell, Michael Needham, Jonathan Oakley, Chris Pack, Sam Perlik, Chris Preston, 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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