

The Messenger

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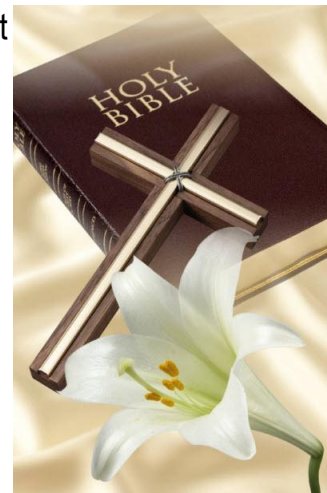
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**Adult
Confirmation
Classes**
Beginning
on March 11th,
classes will be
held on Thursday
evenings from
7:30 to 9 p.m. in
The Rev. John
Shields'
office. This is to
assist any adults
who wish to be
confirmed on April
11th when Bishop
Curry will be
making his
Episcopal

In Community

Now that we are well into Lent, I hope that you have been able to attend some of the church's special offerings on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. The Rev. Scott McComas is our Sunday morning Adult class teacher for the next three Sundays. Scott has also presented our first two Wednesday evening Lenten reflections. His classes have been well received and have involved good discussion and participation.



Our next two Wednesdays will feature women who were my colleagues at St. Paul's, Winston-Salem. Both are outstanding priests with much to offer and very talented speakers:

- On March 10, the Rev. Ginny Inman, currently residing in Augusta, Georgia, will be our presenter. Ginny has been involved with planning the Bowen Conferences at Kanuga for several years. She brings her rich experience as an attorney and a priest into her ministry and witness. Ginny is a former Associate Rector, St. Paul's, Winston-Salem.
- On March 17, we will have the Rev. Julia Mitchener as our Wednesday evening presenter. Julia is a former Associate Rector of Christ Church, Charlotte, and also held that position at St. Paul's, Winston-Salem. Let's face it, anyone with 'clergydiva' as their e-mail address is bound to be interesting and entertaining. Julia resides in Shaker Heights, near Cleveland, Ohio.

visit to Holy Comforter. Call the Church at 704-332-4171, EXT. 201 OR 205 to indicate your interest or for any questions.

Upcoming Events

Mar. 6th- Weekday School Consignment Sale from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mar. 8th - Boy Scouts at 7 p.m.

Mar. 9th - TNSC at 5:50 p.m., Cub Scouts at 7 p.m.

Mar. 10th - Wednesdays In Lent - see below,

ESL at 6:30 p.m.

Mar. 11th- Spanish Class at 6 p.m., Handbell Choir at 6:30, Choir at 7:45 p.m.

Mar. 13th - Scout Pine Needle Sale

Mar. 14th - Daylight Savings Time begins - spring your clocks ahead one hour.

Mar. 15th - Boy Scouts at 7 p.m.

Mar, 16th - Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet at 6:30, Stephen Ministers at 7 p.m.

Mar. 17th - Wednesdays in Lent - see below, ESL at 6:30 p.m.

Lent Events

Wednesdays in Lent

The older I get, and the longer I am in this work, the more I discover the importance of being in community as learners and worshipers. In a culture that is fraught with the misleading promotion of individualism, the church should be that voice of reason that tells us: "It really is not all about me." Too often churches have been co-opted by the culture and have bought into and even promoted individualism. Our tradition does not support that theology. We need to remember that the first thing Jesus did as he began his ministry was to recruit a small community, and together, they went about the business of proclaiming that the kingdom of God is here.

So come, join with your brothers and sisters as we learn and worship together at Holy Comforter. We have the same task to accomplish as those early disciples - proclaiming the Good News of God's kingdom.

Peace and Joy

The Rev. John E. Shields+

Are You All in For 2010?



Heartfelt thanks from the Annual Giving Campaign Team to a number of you who have made your 2010 pledge and brought us a long way toward our goal.

The Total pledge amount to date from the All In For 2010 Annual Giving Campaign is **\$591,400. This is 80% of our needed goal.**

We are \$151,600 or 20% short of meeting the pledge commitment portion for our operational budget needs.

The Annual Giving Campaign Goal is \$743,000. This amount, combined with other financial gifts, is what our church needs to operate our church facility, pay clergy and staff, and to call a new rector in 2010.

Programming

Join us every
Wednesday in Lent
(beginning Feb.
24th) for the
following:

Lent Dinner at 5:45
p.m.; Children's
Lenten Program
"The Gospel
According to
Disney" begins at
6:15; Adult Lenten
Programs begin at
6:30; all programs
end by 7:30 p.m.

Visit [the calendar](#) for the
most up-to-date event
listings.

Church wide Spring Cleaning!

Each Spring, we
come together as a
congregation to take
on the major cleaning
and yard tasks that go
beyond routine
maintenance.

Please come out and
join us on Saturday,
March 27th beginning
at 9:00 a.m. for our
churchwide Spring
Cleaning. Everyone is
welcome and all
help is greatly
appreciated.

Constant Contact

If you are considering
using this service for your

In today's uncertain economic environment, we are continually challenged to maintain our discipleship and expand our stewardship as a parish. We are a vibrant and active faith community in 2010 because of our rich history of giving, even and especially in difficult times.

Additional responses and dollars are needed.

Won't you help get us where we hope to be in 2010?

How to respond

There are a number of ways to respond:

The quickest way if you are already online is to visit the Holy Comforter Web site-

[All in for 2010 campaign details](http://holycomforter-clt.org/agc.php) at <http://holycomforter-clt.org/agc.php>. You can submit your pledge immediately, or download a pledge form to take to church this Sunday, or drop it by the office during the week if you prefer. There are also plenty of pledge envelopes available at the church for your use.

Thank you for all you do for our parish
- for your gifts of time, talent, and money.

Wednesdays in Lent

Join us for Wednesdays in Lent!

Wednesdays begin with a dinner at 5:45 p.m.

Our children's program "The Gospel According to Disney" will explore the Gospel messages hidden in some of your child's Disney favorites. The children's program will begin at 6:15 p.m.

Then adults will be invited to "The Observance of a Holy Lent" during the adult program, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. The program will be led by visiting clergy and our own Rev. John Shields, who will share their interpretations of and

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.

VBS!

June 21st through 24th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., set your course for adventure on a "High Seas Expedition"

Vacation Bible School. Please visit the [homepage](#) for a link to the registration form you'll need to complete if you would like your child to participate. Please contact Liz Pack at lizp@holycomforter-clt.org or call her at ext 209 with any questions.

Help Our Kids

Escuelita Bilingüe de Holy Comforter has a need for volunteers to come in any morning, and do arts and crafts, read to the children, do music and even lead some cooking activities.

Also, there is a REAL need among the La Escuelita children for

observations on a Holy Lent.

March 10th - The Rev. Virginia Inman

March 17th - The Rev. Julia Mitchener

March 24th - The Rev. John E. Sheilds

Please join us for what is certain to be an inspirational evening.

Goings On

- **Easter Baptisms** The next date for Baptism is Easter Sunday. Please call the church office if you would like your child to be baptized on this day.
- **Boy Scout Troop 1 is holding its 11th Annual Pine Needle Sale on Sat. March 13th** from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church. Bales are \$4.45 each cash and carry or \$4.95 each delivered. Call 704-332-4171 ext. 400 or email thepioneertroop@yahoo.com to place your order.
- **Stephen Ministry will have Workshop March 20th in Weddington.** This will be a half day introduction to Stephen Ministry brought to you by national headquarters in St. Louis. Sessions will cover ministering to those experiencing grief and caring in a distinctively Christian way. Caregivers and those interested in learning how Stephen Ministry works are invited to come with questions. Call for information - Hilda Yost 704 846 4865, Carter Lofton 704 332 4171 ext.206, or Joe Mynatt 704 525 4773.
- There is an ongoing need for **volunteers to assist with ESL classes** on Wednesday evenings. You don't need to speak Spanish to help out. Please contact Lauren Cavins if interested.
- Remember to bring something for **Loaves and Fishes** when you come on Sunday. They are always in need of canned goods and powdered milk. They especially need brown paper bags to put the food in.

Community News

WARM coats that fit along with various other articles of clothing. If you would like to donate new or GENTLY used articles of clothing to Lauren's Closet, please drop them off outside Lauren's door.

- **Love INC** has received a Critical Need Response Grant to provide home weatherization services, provide electric quartz heaters, and offer furnace repairs and replacements for a limited number of low-income homeowners. They need volunteers to help get this work done. Training in weatherization will be available in March (date to be decided). Volunteers are needed to deliver heaters and volunteers with good carpentry skills are sought to provide the described home repairs.
Call Monica Raab or Lauren Gibson for more information. (704) 536-5588. Mon-Fri, 9 am - 4 pm.
- **The Jewish Film Festival** is featuring a free screening of the movie "Arranged," a "heartwarming, narrative film about the friendship between an Orthodox Jewish woman and a Muslim woman who meet as first-year teachers in Brooklyn. They share something else in common-they are going through the process of getting 'arranged marriages.' " View [the trailer](#) . A panel discussion among Muslims and Jews will follow. Monday March 8th, 7 p.m. at the Levine Jewish Community Center at 5007 Providence Rd.

Parish Prayer List

(Please pray daily for those included on this list)

PARISHIONERS: Catherine Peeler, Karen Wilson, Carter Lofton, Jim Webb, Fred Bailey, Gail Greer, Virginia Blaisdell, Todd Stewart, Susanne Knight, Bill Brewington, John and Trude Davis, Addie Bordeaux, Kinzey Taylor.

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FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Adam Albini, Lyle Andrews, Eric

Brafford, Kristopher Browning, David Cavins, Michael Dement, Rick Fay, Tim Fay, Mary Feeley, Shane Fisher, Dan Harrison, Judith Jolley, Neil Jordan, Sherrill Jordan, David Klingman, Kevin Krantz, Bill Lovell, Lance Mendiola, Michael Needham, Chris Pack, Sam Perlik, Chris Preston, Karoline Scott, Kerney Scott, Chuck Shea, Woody Spruill, Dave Stapleton, Barry Williams.

STEPHEN MINISTRY: Clergy Stephen Leader, The Rev. Dr. W. Carter Lofton; Stephen Leaders: Hilda Yost; Joe Mynatt; Active Stephen Ministers: Lee C. Herbert, Peggy Jackson, Terry Jordan, Tom Kearns, Betty Webb, Larry White, Hilleary White.

Youth News

Check the website calendar and youth section for future events and helpful links.

Christian Education, 9:15am Meet in Youth Room, 9:25am split into classes below:

- **Youth Inquires** - This is the confirmation preparation class for grades 10-12 that meets every week during Christian Ed. Passion of the Christ movie, Part 3 (**NOTE: This movie is rated R for its graphic depiction of the crucifixion.** Parents are welcome to discuss any concerns with Karen.)
- **Rite-13** - We're beginning to prepare for the Rite-13 Celebration Lunch (March 14) and Rite-13 Celebration Liturgy (March 21). Downstairs, first room on left.
- **J2A** - grades 8-9. We're now meeting in the Library!

Youth Lenten Program - This year EYC will be assisting with the Children's Lenten Program, The Gospel According to Disney on Wednesdays during Lent. Join us for the great opportunity and experience. Youth will work with Liz and the children's program from 6:00-7:30 pm. Teens who are participating in the Youth Inquires class and plan to make their confirmation in April are especially encouraged to participate. Contact Liz or Karen in the office, 704-332-4171, if you are planning to come.

Mar 6

· Youth Day at UNCC, hosted by UCF (United Christian Fellowship), 10am - 5pm for all youth who have preregistered. Check it out at <http://charlotteyouthday.org/>

Mar 7

· EYC Design Team, 12-1pm
· No EYC due to Youth Day

Journey Crews, March 14

Rite-13 - Celebration Lunch, 12-2pm (in advance and to rehearse Rite-13 Liturgy schedule for March 21)

J2A - Hosts Rite-13 Celebration Lunch, 12-2pm

Youth Inquires - Chattin' with Ed Gash about what's next after high school. He'll up us think through out potential vocational paths with an eye towards keeping our spirits fulfilled. Bring \$5 to offset dinner costs, 6-8pm at The Cavins.

EYCAfe is coming!

On March 21, EYC will host an open mic night at Holy Comforter for all EYCsers and their friends. Youth from St Martin's Episcopal Church will also join us. We'll enjoy a simple supper, hot cider and hot chocolate while we cheer on our friends. We're also working to put together a "house band" that will do a few numbers and assist a bit with our closing worship. All performers are welcome (singers, poetry, bands, duos, dance, instrumentalists) - Just reserve a "mic spot" with Karen before March 14. Don't miss this one!!!

Middler Spring Break Mission Trip, April 7-10 - Registration Due Now

For all 6th-8th graders. \$160 includes all costs. Registration forms are on the EYC Bulletin Board and online and are now due. Scholarships available. We're going to the NC mountains to help our neighbors with home repair and improvements. Don't miss out!!!

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