

# The Cornerstone

## July 2026

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### Words from the Senior Warden

This past month has been a month of sadness: our cat died, my favorite Sunday School teacher and friend since then died at age 99, John's sister-in-law died of the cruel Alzheimer's disease. It's hot and people are cranky. It's hard to be joyful when I awaken stiff and aching from arthritis. Sound familiar? Life keeps on happening, and not all of it fun or happy. It's easy to get buried in the sad/unhappy/miserable stuff and forget that that is only part of the story. The disciples felt sad, depressed, and abandoned when Jesus was killed. It seemed like all had been in vain, that they had followed the wrong guy. But then, Jesus, resurrected, as He said appeared to them! They had forgotten the other part. How often do we forget there's more to the story?

Sure there is pain, sadness and difficulty in our lives. But there is wonder, joy, beauty and Life also! We have to look and remember that we need to turn to the Light and then we can appreciate our lives more.

There is new birth, and newborn babies, there is an organ being assembled to lead us in worship. There is rest and refreshment and reflection in the change of the seasons and the relative quiet of summer. There are two sides, we need to turn and choose

Choose Life!

Carolyn Beranek  
Senior Warden



## Thank You

Mechille Chavis for doing altar in June  
David Adams for cleaning up the mess in the parish hall freezer  
All parishioners that contribute church newsletter articles

### Cleaners Needed

We have two Roombas which have been donated to the church that can vacuum the sanctuary and the parish hall. That helps a lot with keeping our floors clean. We need volunteers to clean the bathrooms in the parish hall and the office building. They should be cleaned every two weeks from the amount of use they receive. We need a volunteer to vacuum the office building every two weeks also. Working at the church is a method of praying. Our service for God comes in many ways, including serving people and attending to God's church. Can you sign up in the narthex and take your turn to keep our buildings clean and inviting?

Carolyn Beranek



## July Birthdays

July 3 Jeanne Morse  
July 11 Janet Soles  
July 12 Bonnie Glenn  
July 13 William Adams  
July 14 Eliot Tremblay  
July 24 Randy Cook  
July 30 Richard Morse, Brenda McRae

## Crossed the Rainbow Bridge

Kylee Beranek crossed the Bridge in June. She was a rescue cat of Carolyn and John Beranek and was 16 years old.

## Congratulations!

John and Carolyn Beranek have a new granddaughter. Her name is Grace Sophia Beranek.

## Going to Church

I read an article recently on the benefits of going to church. Church is somewhere to go, a change of scenery that provides beautiful music and calming words. The article mentions an interesting point. Listening to a sermon can calm you. It works because you are focusing on the speaker. Positive ideas in, negative thoughts out.

The biggest benefit of church I see is community. You get to be around people who share your values. We get to practice treating each other with love and respect, which Jesus reminds us to do. And if you are able to come to a potluck, you might get your favorite dish prepared for you.

St. David's is a place of love and beauty. The door is open to come see the beautiful icons, hear the sounds of the new organ, and see familiar faces. All these are small blessings I get to enjoy by going to church.

Bonnie Glenn

## Donald Duck Potluck was a Quack-up!

The cooks had fun with our theme. There were "No Duck Eggs" to begin, and then we had Quackers and cheese spreads. There were Duck Rolls which were vegetarian 'a la Spring Roll' which were also very tasty. We also tried Portuguese Duck with rice (one can find duck at Carlie C's-surprise, surprise). For dessert we had tri-color sherbet for a hot day: lime, orange, and raspberry.

Next month's theme: Red, White, and Blue.

Carolyn Beranek



Photo by Bonnie Glenn



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## Church Signs

Fire of God

- Seen in Marston, NC

Jesus Loves You  
Seek Him Today

John 3:16

- (Business Billboard) Seen in Aberdeen, NC

Be Someone's Light In The Darkness

- Seen in Laurinburg, NC

Go to God First  
Not Last

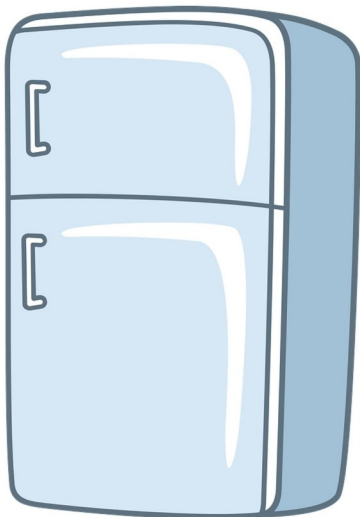
- Seen in Laurinburg, NC

Bonnie Glenn

## Freezer Problems

The freezer in the parish hall kitchen has been defrosting and refreezing for two months. David Adams checked with the freezer people and adjusted the freezer, so it appears to be working correctly now. Unfortunately, all food in the freezer went into the garbage because it was unsafe to eat, due to the defrost/freeze cycles. I'm sorry to anyone who had food in the freezer, it was unsafe to eat.

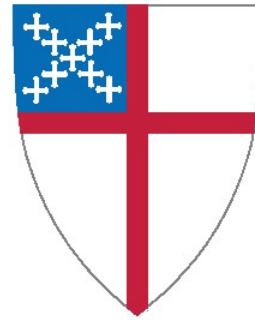
Carolyn Beranek



## Yard Sale News

We are still looking for a person (or two) to volunteer to head up the Yard Sale. We need the **Stuff** of the entire congregation to make this sale profitable. Start clearing out and bringing it into the office building!

Carolyn Beranek



## Joshua Lewis Update

In Joshua's continuing journey on his call for vocation, he will be in an Internship with the Diocese from 6/28/26 – 12/31/26. He has been assigned to work at Emmanuel, Southern Pines with the Rector there. This is a chance to experience another Episcopal Church, and not have long distance travel to do that. Joshua will still be teaching at Christ the Cornerstone School in Laurinburg as his regular employment. During this time, Joshua will suspend all his Ministries at St. David's because he will be assigned ministries over there. He will keep in contact with us sporadically and will still be on our email listings. Please keep him in your prayers as he explores the wider Episcopal Church.

Carolyn Beranek

### Contributions for The Cornerstone

The Cornerstone deadline is the 19th of each month. All articles are invited. Please email articles to [bonnieglenn@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieglenn@gmail.com). The Cornerstone editor is Bonnie Glenn.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Compline via Zoom, 7pm	2	3	4 Independence Day
5 19 Christian Formation, 10am Holy Eucharist, 11am	6	7	8 Parish Potluck, "Red, White, and Blue," 6pm Compline, 7pm	9	10	11
12 19 Christian Formation, 10am Holy Eucharist, 11am	13	14	15 Compline via Zoom, 7pm	16	17 Laurinburg After Five – The Coastline Band, McDuffie Square, 6-9pm	18 Downtown Laurinburg Farmers' Market, McDuffie Square, 9am-12noon
19 Christian Formation, 10am Holy Eucharist, 11am Church Newsletter Deadline	20	21	22 Compline via Zoom, 7pm	23	24	25
26 Christian Formation, 10am Holy Eucharist, 11am	27	28	29 Compline via Zoom, 7pm Full Buck Moon	30	31	



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