

The Cornerstone

September 2026

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Words from the Senior Warden

These past couple weeks I have been reading about loneliness in America. Seems like quite a few people are missing some of the interactions we used to have, daily, in school, in the workplace, and while caring for our children. I have also heard several of you bemoaning the fact that we do not visit and chat as much as we used to do. Part of the reason for the change, I think, is the screen we carry around constantly. That screen provides updates, news, comedy, and pictures when we turn to it. It can substitute for company a lot of times, but many of us miss more human interaction. So, what can we do?



We have Sunday morning interaction and discussion during our Christian Formation. We discuss the readings for Sunday, and how they impact our lives, or have impacted our lives. During our worship service we greet one another, sing together, and praise God together. Our coffee hour is a wonderful time to sit down for a cup of coffee (or water) and discuss the sermon, or what is going on in our lives. We have built in time to linger and chat. We have weekly Complaine over Zoom where we pray with each other. Monthly we meet to eat together and share stories of our food. All these activities are sources of companionship. Maybe some of you have a coffee group or book club you attend, you may have a group of people with the same hobby who meet regularly to discuss tips on collecting or doing

that hobby, or information about other groups that meet who have that same hobby. I know of groups that meet to play board games, or cards, of informal groups who meet to read poetry, sing together, or have an in-person prayer circle.

Do you have an idea for a gathering, and would like to start a group in the parish hall to meet regularly which would gather people together to find companionship?

Our rules for parishioners using the parish hall are that only non-partisan groups may use it, and the space must be left clean.

We have an open space to meet, and gather new friends, let's use it. Any questions? Call Carolyn 910-610-3599 or Mechille at the church office to schedule.

Carolyn Beranek
Senior Warden

Volunteers Needed for the Good of the Diocese

Our current Bishop will be retiring in 2027. Much preparation work is needed to find a new Bishop and welcome him/her to the Diocese. The call is out for parishioners to apply to be on the Search Committee (which will create and present a slate of applicants interested in becoming our Bishop) or on the Transition Committee (who will organize the welcome and host the new Bishop applicants in our Diocese, celebrate the resigning Bishop, and organize the election convention). If either of these committees sounds interesting to you, please contact the Diocese to apply.

Carolyn Beranek

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The views expressed in these newsletter articles are those of the author only.

Thank You

Linda Tapia for doing altar in August
All who donated, shopped, or helped set up/take down the Yard Sale
Mechille Chavis for chairing the Yard Sale
David Adams for picking up items to bring to the church for the sale
All parishioners that contribute to the church newsletter

Happy Birthday!

September 6 Harry Abernathy, Marcella Love
September 8 Katina Oxendine
September 10 Joshua Lewis
September 17 Weston Cook
September 18 Page Pratt
September 21 Matthew McDuffie
September 27 Mary Jo Adams
September 29 Traci Chapman
September 30 Mickey Fedak, Celia Heffern

Contributions for The Cornerstone

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

Happy Anniversaries!

September 27 Richard and Jeanne Morse

Audit Committee Completes the Job

Our dedicated group of Mary Jo Adams, Joshua Lewis, and John Beranek collected their information from Mechille Chavis and completed the 2025 audit before the September 1 deadline. This keeps our parish in compliance with the Diocesan rules. Thank you!

Carolyn Beranek

Summer Fruits Potluck

We had the usual for our components:
Peaches – on shortbread, in smoky mango salsa, in chunky ice cream
Apples – country fried with rib-eye pork chops, and pie
Pineapple – for Hawaiian pizza
Tomatoes – for Caprese
Served with chicken tacos, salt pickles, mixed fruit bowl, fruit salad, and coconut pie
Delicious meal with many flavors.

Next month's theme: "Favorite back-to-school dish from your parents or for your kid"

Carolyn Beranek

Church Signs

Thankful And Blessed

-Seen in Marston, NC

Love The Lord
With All Your Heart
Do This First

- Seen in Hamlet, NC

We Want To Shine For Jesus
Inside And Out

- Seen in Ransom, NC

Forbidden Fruits Create Many Jams

- Seen near Jacksonville, NC

Looking For A Sign From God...
This May Be It

- Seen nearer to
Jacksonville, NC

Bonnie Glenn



Making our Business Partnership a Priority

It's that time of the year! We've learned to recognize what those shoppers at Walmart and Dollar General are doing. Churches and other organizations are pitching in also. Parents and others are shopping for

school supplies – backpacks, notebooks, pencils, and just the right amount of the current clothing trends. We want to make sure that every child has what they need to begin the school year. But we're

leaving someone out...teachers of course! Teachers in every school system around the country are also heading back to school. They are the backbone of a school. Yes, they have material to teach during the school year, but they are much more than that. Good teachers reinforce good behavior, greet children each day with kindness. They are the front line in making sure that all children are treated with dignity and respect. And they assure that children who are struggling in any way get the help they need.

WE LOVE OUR SearCH TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS AND SUPPORT STAFF!



And what better way to show them our love than feeding them a huge breakfast! David Adams, Mechelle Chavis, Mary Jo Adams, Carol Whitehead, and Carol Fowler helped with the breakfast. Jeanne Morse was unable to attend, but sent a casserole. The Beraneks were unable to attend but left drinks and a casserole.

Before the meal Carol F. and David welcomed the group and shared a beautiful prayer.

"Lord Jesus be our holy guest, our morning star, our evening rest. And with this gift of food impart thy peace and love to every heart, Amen"



An awesome time was had by all! Have a great year SearCH staff and students!!

Carol Fowler

Photos by Mary Jo Adams

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Compline via Zoom, 7pm	3	4	5
6 Christian Formation, 10am Morning Prayer, 11am	7 Labor Day	8	9 Parish Potluck, "Favorite Back-to-School Recipe" 6pm Compline, 7pm	10	11 Patriot Day Laurinburg After Five – Chairman of the Board, McDuffie Square, 6-9pm	12 Downtown Laurinburg Farmers' Market, McDuffie Square, 9am-12noon
13 Christian Formation, 10am Holy Eucharist, 11am	14	15	16 Compline via Zoom, 7pm	17 Taste of the Town, 6-9pm	18	19 Church Newsletter Deadline
20 Christian Formation, 10am Holy Eucharist, 11am	21	22	23 Compline via Zoom, 7pm Church Newsletter Deadline	24	25 Relay for Life, McDuffie Square, 6- 10pm	26 Kuumba Festival Full Harvest Moon
27 Christian Formation, 10am Holy Eucharist, 11am Vestry, 12:30pm	28	29	30 Compline via Zoom, 7pm			



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