

Holy Comforter Sunday Forums

September 22 – Vestry Town Hall

September 29 – Mission Sunday: Find out more about the many ways our church serves God through helping people in our community. Learn about our Refugee Ministry and the families we support, as well as other Outreach programs. 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:40.

October 6 – Celebrating St Francis Day: We know that St Frances preached to the animals; if he came to do so on our church grounds, which critters would he see? Learn more about our local wild life (like turtles and frogs and snakes) from a Resource Interpreter from Ellanor C Lawrence Park. (Outdoors, in front of the church).

October 13 – Introduction to Listening Hearts Ministries: The practice of spiritual discernment through prayerful listening in supportive communities. When you seek to discern next steps to take in life, or need guidance for a group decision, Listening Hearts can help. Find out what it's all about! "When 2 or 3 of you are gathered in my name, I am there with you."

October 20 – A Journey through Children's Formation at Holy Comforter: In this interactive session, get an in-depth look at the church school curriculum and related programs for preschool and elementary-aged children (up to 6th grade). Discover the developmental stages and learning goals we've set for each age group and how they build on one another to support our children's growth. We'll also delve into the holistic nature of our programs, which include worship for all ages, outreach and service opportunities, and programs to foster a supportive Christian community for kids and families.

October 27 – Pumpkin carving after Sunday School!

November 3 – Vestry Town Hall

November 10 – Diocesan Convention: What happened at Convention? How do these decisions affect us as a church and/or as a diocese? Hear all about it and have your questions answered by those who attended the Convention.

November 17 – Sunday Showdown: How Busy Families make time for faith. Life happens and - especially when you have kids - it doesn't slow down on Sunday mornings. Join our parent panel as they share practical strategies and personal experiences on how to stay connected with our faith community and make meaningful decisions about church attendance, even when life keeps them from Sunday church. Learn how to maintain and nurture the spiritual life of your family amidst the challenges of a busy schedule.

November 24 – Healthy Through The Holidays!

It's hard to think about the holidays when it's still warm out. But Halloween is often the start of a downward spiral of sugar, stress and overindulgence that lasts through New Year's Day. But you can get through the holiday season without tanking your health . . . AND still enjoy yourself, connect with God, and spend quality time with friends and family. Join certified wellness coach Nicole Seevers to learn strategies for keeping your energy up and your sanity intact as we head into the holiday season.

December 1: All-Parish Advent Wreath Making

Prepare for Advent with an intergenerational festive gathering following the 10 am service. Bring greens to share (pine, holly, magnolia leaves, or other evergreens), along with pruners or shears if you have them. A \$15 donation per wreath will help cover additional supplies. We'll also provide a selection of weekly prayers to accompany your wreath. All ages are welcome!

December 8: Gingerbread Extravaganza*

'Tis the season for gingerbread fun! All ages are invited for lunch and gingerbread house decorating. We will supply pre-constructed gingerbread houses and decorating supplies, plus pizza, salad and holiday tunes. A suggested donation of \$20 per gingerbread house will help make sure we have gingerbread, icing and candy for everyone's creations. Get ready to unleash your creativity and celebrate the season! *Note that this event is AFTER the Sunday School/education hour.