



Holy Comforter
Episcopal Church

COMFORTABLE WORDS

... *A Monthly Communication from Holy Comforter Church...*

Serving the Episcopal Community of Angleton Since 1897

AUGUST 2010

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Summer Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 AM Christian Education

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

(8:30 Service resumes
September 5th!)

Mission Statement

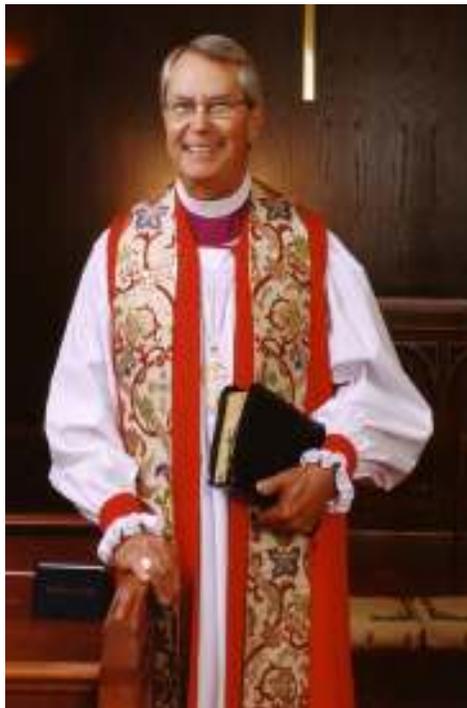
“All are welcome to grow with us through worship, prayer, fellowship, and service at Holy Comforter, a Christ-centered family Church.”

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Bishop & BBQ

August 29, 2010



*Holy Comforter Welcomes
The Rt. Rev. Rayford High
for a Service of Baptism,
Confirmation, and Reception*

MOTHER CAROL'S COLUMN



One of the great joys of ministry at Holy Comforter is working alongside committed, capable people. We see them everywhere we turn, serving as coffee hosts, choir members, Godly Play workers, altar guild, and on and on. This is one great community!

Faithful service is particularly evident in our Vestry; we are incredibly blessed by this group of nine parishioners. Serving on the Vestry is a big responsibility; Vestry members are called to be visionary and spiritual, while at the same time, they are called to be servant leaders.

Every year at this time the nominating committee (comprised of the outgoing Vestry members and Rector) meets to develop a slate of nominees to fill the vacancies that occur as Vestry members' terms are completed. A slate is being prepared now and will be published soon. At that time, nominations will be open to the parish for any additional names to be submitted. Because Vestry service is a big commitment, we require anyone whose name is submitted to sign off on the list of Vestry expectations. That way, *they* are clear about what they are being asked to do, and *we* are clear that, if elected, they are committed to do this work.

In addition to monthly Tuesday night meetings, Vestry members serve as bursars (money counters) on a rotating basis on Sunday mornings; every nine weeks, they take a turn as Vestry Person of the Day (VPOD), which means they arrive first to open the building, to set thermostats, to make coffee, to greet guests, to be present in the event of any special need, and finally to lock the building as the last person to leave. On top of all of that, they attend the annual Vestry retreat in January, the Vestry/ Warden conference in January, and any special conference or training that comes up in the course of the year. As you can see, Vestry service is an important commitment!

We owe a great big thank you to those who serve on the Vestry of Holy Comforter. Currently serving are: Lori Hawkins, Senior Warden; James Northrup, Junior Warden; Dianne Kilgus, Treasurer; Lola Kay Hood; Chip Cole; Jerry Powell; Trey Picard; Barbara Thomas; and Ed White. Please let them know how much you appreciate their faithful leadership and service!

Thank you, Vestry, for all you do to make Holy Comforter a great place to worship and serve God!

Carol

Coffee Hosts for the month of August

- 1 The Eby Family 8 The Payne Family
- 15 The Northrups
- 22 Cola Kay Hood & Jackie Warren
- 29 Bishop & BBQ

Please contact Betty Mogford at 979-345-2968 if you would like to sign up.



- 1 Cindy Stevens
- 2 Keira Reed
- 3 Lila Von Tress
- 5 Patricia Arnold
- 9 Megan Forman
- 13 Mildred Galaznik
- 15 Mark Hlavaty
- 16 Jennifer Hanson
Michelle Bosarge
- 27 Alison Bosarge
Catherine Helms
- 28 Laurene Patterson
Greg Hawkins
- 29 Becky Dinsmore



GROWING IN CHRIST

Opportunities abound for
Growing in Christ!

Our baptismal covenant invites us to "continue in the apostle's teaching and fellowship." Christian education is a part of the way we fulfill our covenant vows.

You are invited to join us every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. as we delve into scripture to consider the stories of our faith and apply God's word to our own lives. Won't you join us as we grow in knowledge and grace through the wisdom of scripture?



"GREEN" TIP OF THE MONTH

Instead of reaching for regular old smelly bug spray, try out a natural, herbal insect repellent; new brands now available are less likely to be toxic, but can still help keep biting pests from ruining your outdoor fun.

Major brands include Aubrey Organics, Kiss My Face, California Baby, Bite Blocker, Repel, Badger Balm and more.

ALL WOMEN INVITED

October 15 & 16, 2010



109TH ECW ANNUAL
RETREAT
St. Mark's Church
Beaumont, Texas
REGISTRATION PACKETS
AVAILABLE IN AUGUST



- 5 Ed & Sherry White
- 31 John & Sue Minkert

It's Hurricane Season... Holy Comforter is preparing!

Coordinators Jerry & Annabelle Powell and George Zwicker are collecting contact info from each parishioner. We want to be able to communicate with you before, during, or after a storm! Please be sure we have your cell phone number and information about where you will be if we evacuate! If you need information or help, call one of the Hurricane Team folks listed below. They can answer most questions and get some help to you if needed.

Jerry Powell 979-299-4471
Annabelle Powell 979-292-4970
George Zwicker 713-542-3429
Paul Eby 979-215-1343
Ray Eby 979-215-1773
Tom Long 979-417-8100
Jodi Long 979-417-9060
Lori Hawkins 979-215-1626
James Northrup 979-299-9203
Carol Petty 979-549-7440



Episcopal Night at the Ballpark



Friday,
September 10,
2010

*Meet at Holy Comforter to
caravan to Minute Maid Park.
We'll be in the Mezzanine seats
this year; section 251. We only have 20 seats
reserved, so get your ticket fast!!*

*This is the "all you can eat" section, so your \$20
ticket includes a voucher for all you can eat
food, soda, and water!!*

*Buy your ticket in the Parish Hall after
church or in the Church Office.
Checks can be made payable to
Holy Comforter.*

*Contact Jodi Long for more information:
drjblong@yahoo.com*



*Discovery Day is coming
Saturday, August 21!*

Come discover everything you always wanted to know about the Episcopal Church! *Discovery Day* is an interactive immersion into the Episcopal Church. It begins at 9 a.m. and concludes at 2 p.m. Lunch & snacks included!

Join us for a rousing game of Catechetical Pursuit, a fashion show of vestments and much, much more! You'll be able to ask (anonymously!) all the burning questions you've been dying to ask, such as: Why do people bow to the altar? Why is that red candle burning over the choir? And anything else you want to know!

Your Discovery Team is hoping that you will come and join in the fun! Those who complete the day will be eligible (but not required) to be confirmed when Bishop High visits us August 29. Those who have already been confirmed are welcomed and encouraged to attend as well.

Please register by: calling the Church Office: 849-1269 or e-mailing: holycomforterangleton@gmail.com
Child care will be available, but we need to know you are coming! We hope to see you there!

Your Discovery Team

Mike & Pam Baron
Tory Arnold
George Zwicker
Gwen French
Annabelle & Jerry Powell
Carol Petty

Dear Holy Comforter Family,

I want to thank you so very much for all your love and kindness you have showered on Patrick and me this past year. Having to say goodbye to both parents in only nine months is a heavy burden to bear. However, the outpouring of love and hope we received from our church family has not only made the burden lighter, but has given us a strong hope for a bright future. The fact that I understood God's calling to study at seminary, and the fact that I felt empowered enough to follow His calling is directly due to all of you. As I sit here in the seminary library, I feel a sense of disbelief at the direction my life has taken. Nevertheless, I am totally thrilled at the life in store for my son and me. I know it will be filled with only good no matter what may come, because I have learned the great truth of God's love and grace from you.

Also, I want to thank you for your generosity in helping us monetarily. The money will certainly help buy books and much more. As I travel this new path, I know that thoughts of my church family will give me strength. May God shower all of you with his blessings! Thank you again, and I look forward to seeing each of you when I visit.

In Christ's love,
Lisa Fitzpatrick



From the Children's Ministry.....



Thanks to everyone who helped support our VBS program – Favorite Stories of Faith. The children had a great time hearing their favorite Bible stories told through Godly Play and reinforcing the message with music, games, crafts and snacks. The donations of food or craft items, money and time were greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support of our Children's Ministry.

Linda Peck



MUSIC NOTES

August... that strange month! Did you know that no other month ever starts on the same day of the week as August, though in leap years February also starts on the same day? How curious. Only July and August remain named for Roman Emperors (Julius and Augustus, respectively) As a NOUN, August only refers to the 8th month of the calendar, but as an ADJECTIVE, it means to inspire awe or admiration; majestic: the august presence of the monarch; or venerable for reasons of age or high rank; also, dignified: imposing an august presence or of noble birth or high rank: such as having an august lineage.

At Holy Comforter, August will be celebrated with many dignified and awe-inspiring events including the visitation of a Bishop for Confirmation, the celebration of Mother Carol's 3rd Anniversary, several Sundays with guest preachers, and occasions of appreciation for various ministries of the Parish.

August 8 will be MUSIC SUNDAY. I have asked several friends who have sung/played for you previously to join us for a grand day, and we look forward to offering some wonderful music together. Music is a ministry, a tool for expressing that which words cannot adequately express, as well as being an aid in sorrow and a companion in joy. We'll have familiar hymns and I want you to sing with great enthusiasm in praise of our awe-inspiring God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

John

SAFE CHURCH MINISTRY

The Episcopal Diocese of Texas is committed to maintaining an environment free of abuse, exploitation and harassment in its churches, schools and institutions in response to scripture and our Baptismal Covenant.

In his first letter to the Church at Corinth, St. Paul urges members of that community to engage in a way of life that will show outsiders the nature of the community which is to be a reflection of Christ.

Jesus teaches us again and again to meet each other with love, compassion and humility. As did Jesus, we are called to use whatever power we have to heal, not to “lord it over” others.

The final promise of our Baptismal Covenant asks us to “...strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being.”

The Diocese of Texas gives life to this promise through its Safe Church Ministry policies for the protection of children, youth, and adults from sexual harassment, exploitation, and abuse:

Safeguarding God’s Children

Preventing Sexual Exploitation in Communities of Faith

Preventing Sexual Harassment of Church Workers

Many individuals at Holy Comforter (church employees, other persons who work nearby or with children, persons who supervise employees and/or volunteers) have already received the appropriate training(s) in safeguarding policies and procedures. The Diocese, however, recognizes that training in and of itself is not sufficient to safeguard adults and children from improper or unsafe behaviors. Its policies also require reference checks and background checks (renewed every 5 years).

In addition to these trained individuals, it is the responsibility of all members of Holy Comforter to be attentive in safeguarding our children and adult members, employees, and visitors. For more information regarding the Diocese’s Safe Church Ministry, pick up a brochure in the parish hall or contact Mother Carol, Paula Haenchen (program administrator), or any member of the Vestry.

School Supplies Outreach



We continue to support our community this year by collecting needed school supplies for children who will need them to start school. Please bring your school supply donations to the church and place them in the designated box. Specific grade level supply lists will be posted as soon as available. We will make sure they are taken to the St. Thomas Center for distribution. Thanks for all you do.

Barbara Thomas

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church Vestry Synopsis.....

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Holy Comforter Episcopal Parish Vestry was held on June 8, 2010, with Rev. Carol Petty presiding. The meeting opened with prayer. Members present: Jerry Powell, Dianne Kilgus, Trey Picard, Chip Cole, Barbara Thomas, James Northrup, Ed White. Not present were Lola Kay Hood, Lori Hawkins. Also present were Barbara Marin, Clerk of the Vestry and Lori Logsdon, HCES School Director.

The minutes of the May regular vestry meeting were accepted as presented. Lori Logsdon presented a report for HCES. The summer program will run thru August 13th. There are still openings for the upcoming school year. She asked that we spread the good word about HCES and its ministry to the community. She is currently accepting applications and interviewing for open staff positions for the upcoming school year. Due to the absence of the Senior Warden no report was given.

Jr. Warden Asst. – Jerry Powell reported that they were still waiting for the moving of Lee Hall. It should happen within the next ten days. Jerry reported that another meeting had been held regarding the old altar. After discussion, the vestry voted to move discernment regarding the altar to the historical committee chaired by Don Hood. They will explore options and submit their recommendations to the vestry for a final decision. Carol also reported that Don Hood, Pat Peck and Mike Baron will be looking at the altar and baptismal font and will be doing some repairs/refurbishing to them.

Jr. Warden – James reported that lots of brainstorming was being done on the projects of the Parish House parking, driveway, drop-off zone, etc. He is still working with Baker and Lawson on the plans and the needs of the church.

Rector’s Report – Mother Carol reported that the vestry nominating committee needs to meet in June/July to prepare a slate for October elections. The nominating committee will consist of the vestry members who are in their last term: Lola Kay Hood; Dianne Kilgus; and James Northrup.

Mother Carol reported that our average attendance thru May is 87.8. Carol reported that Jerry and Annabelle Powell and George Zwicker were heading up a Hurricane Preparedness committee and would be doing a presentation for the church.

Dianne Kilgus presented research she had done regarding a reserve fund. After discussion it was decided to wait until the July meeting for a vote. Dianne presented the Financial Report; it was accepted as presented. The meeting was closed at 8:15 with prayer led by Mother Carol.

Barbara Marin, Clerk of the Vestry

Financial Report

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating Income	12,635.31	75,783.55
Operating Expense	14,480.46	105,561.78
Surplus or (Deficit)	(1,845.15)	(29,778.23)
<u>Designated Gifts (Memorial, Disc. Fund, etc.)</u>		
Income	1,254.37	32,187.87
Expenditures	585.00	1,880.00

Endowment Fund Balance as of 5/31/10 was \$624,028.70.

Value of mineral properties is in addition to this amount.



Spotlight on Parish Personalities

By Shelley McCoy

Lisa Fitzpatrick & Patrick Ross

While she was growing up, Lisa lived in several places including Atlanta, Georgia; Tyler, Texas; Brunswick, Ohio; and Angleton, Texas. She grew up in the company of three older brothers, and the family was raised Southern Baptist in Tyler, Texas. She remembers that they were always a close family.

When Lisa returned to Angleton after her divorce, her parents were already members at Holy Comforter, and she and her son Patrick joined them.

Prior to her upcoming leap of faith, Lisa has been an English teacher, teaching juniors and seniors at Brazoswood High School. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, listening to musicals, and watching Science fiction. Her son Patrick, who is now 10, enjoys “playing with his action figures from the different science fiction shows, and singing musicals as well.”

While at Holy Comforter, Lisa has “loved reading the lessons and being an LEM.” She also enjoyed working with the acolytes, but her “favorite ministry by far has been writing and acting in the skits.” She says, “I love trying new ways to share God’s message with people through drama.” Everyone at Holy Comforter feels blessed to have been on the receiving end of Lisa’s talents!

When asked to share her upcoming plans, Lisa explained, “This past year has been very difficult, with both my parents’ deaths.” During a Spring Break conversation, Mother Carol asked Lisa where she wanted to see herself in five years. Lisa spoke of her love of writing about, as well as studying, the Holy Scriptures. No longer tied to this area by family, Lisa considered the possibility of returning to study and beginning a new phase of her life. Always wanting to serve the Lord, now she can immerse herself in scriptures for at least the next two years. While Lisa hopes this study will lead to a writing career for God, she is ready and willing “to take one step at a time and see where God leads me.” Seminary will be a nurturing environment for both Lisa and Patrick, and she knows that as long as they follow God’s plans, “all shall be well.”

When asked what she wants her church family to know about her and her son, Lisa comments on the unconditional love they have felt here. She credits Jackie Warren with getting her involved right away, which ultimately led to writing skits. Lisa says, “Since I am going to delve further into this aspect of my work for God, I can trace my beginning in this direction entirely to this wonderful congregation.” Lisa concludes by saying, “I shall miss my church family very much, but I shall always hold all of you in my heart.”

We will miss Lisa and Patrick, and we will pray for them and their new life in Austin, remembering they are no farther away than a phone call or an email.

August 2010

Monthly Planner

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