



Holy Comforter
Episcopal Church

COMFORTABLE WORDS

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

Serving the Episcopal Community of Angleton Since 1897

MAY 2010

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM Christian Education
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

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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Celebrate Pentecost!

Sunday, May 23

(wear red!)

Acts 2:1-6 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting...All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

*New Breeze, New Life,
a drama by Lisa Fitzpatrick,
presented by the HC players (both services)*

Pentecost Potluck, Noon

MOTHER CAROL'S COLUMN



The Great Fifty Days of Easter continue! These Sundays of Easter we're exploring the notion of *Resurrection Living*; we consider the "self" to which we need to die: self-will; self-absorption; self-preservation, while we joyfully consider the new life, the *resurrection life*, into which we are called. Freed from the burden of self, we can welcome God's will, the love of community, and the openhandedness of generous living.

In *Resurrection Living*, we live no longer for ourselves alone, but for God, and in the process, we discover that God's Holy Spirit is actually living in us; but not *only* in us; God's spirit is everywhere present. So it is safe, ever so safe, to let loose our tight grip on life and to open our arms to embrace *Resurrection Living*. On page 6 of this newsletter, you'll find a prayer/poem *Awaken Me*, by Joyce Rupp, that brings voice to the cry of our hearts to be resurrected.

Easter Season concludes with the Pentecost celebration of God's Holy Spirit who makes *Resurrection Living* possible for us. On Sunday, May 23, we will remember the vibrant outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the first apostles and celebrate the continuing outpouring of the Holy Spirit on us! Join the celebration in worship and feasting! Bring a potluck dish and rejoice!

On the Sunday after Pentecost, May 30, it will be our joy to welcome in baptism Lane Murray, the grandson of Walt and Dianne Kilgus. If there are others wishing to join him in baptism, please let me know as soon as possible!

Carol

 **ST. LUKE'S**® Episcopal Health Charities



Holy Comforter is pleased to welcome Dr. Gail Bray, Executive Director and Chief Administrative and Academic Officer of St. Luke's Episcopal Health Charities, a ministry of the Diocese of Texas.

Sunday, May 2 9:30 a.m. Parish Hall

Learn about the wonderful ministries your church makes possible: Project Safety Net, Preschool Programs, Breast Health Portal, Mobile Health, PATH, and many more!

Prior to her current position, Dr. Bray was the founding Director of Research for the Charities. Her leadership experience draws on the multidisciplinary fields of computer science, political science, ethics, biostatistics, public policy, and public health. She is also a trained mediator, lay chaplain and cellist.



VBS Time

**This year its back-to-basics:
Favorite stories from the Old
Testament along with crafts,
games, and songs!**
**As always, this is a ministry of
the entire parish, so think
about how you will help!**
**Invite your neighbors and little
friends (K-5) to join us!**
**The registration form is found
on page 9 of this newsletter.**

July 18-22, 6:00 to 8:00 PM



Texas Episcopal Disaster Relief and Development

*Galveston still needs our
help for Ike Recovery!*

*We will leave HC at 7:30 a.m.
Saturday, May 8, and return
around 5:00p.m.*

Join us!

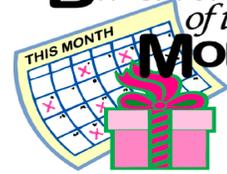


Coffee Hosts for the month of May

- 2 Doris Jackson, Billye Carroll, Nelda Lewis
- 9 Coffee Host Needed 16 The Hoods
- 23 Pentecost Potluck 30 The Greens

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

Birthdays of the Month



- 1 Jack Reed
- 4 Tory Arnold
Mike Baron
- 7 Susan Blice
- 9 Ginny Shackelford
- 11 Sue Minkert
- 12 Riley Mogford
- 13 Ed White
- 20 Tricia Haenchen
- 21 Connie Hattaway
- 23 Veronica Bosarge
- 27 Debbie Knapp
- 28 Lisa Fitzpatrick



GROWING IN CHRIST

Opportunities abound for
Growing in Christ!

Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.,
Comforter Kids (ages 2-4) learn the stories of Jesus with teachers Kim Peck and Mikayla Pierce; school-agers enjoy Godly Play under the guidance of a team of teachers; and adults share in thoughtful theological discussion in Coffeehouse Theology, facilitated by Mother Carol.

Won't you join us as we grow in knowledge and grace through the wisdom of scripture?



"GREEN"

TIP OF THE MONTH

Freecycle It!

Divert waste from landfills and curb consumption by joining the fun, ever-growing network.

Freecycling (sometimes called freesharing) is a growing, volunteer-driven movement that makes it easy to clean out the garage without filling up a dumpster. Just register your stuff on the Web, and the neighbors you didn't know you had will take it off your hands.

Save the Date !!

Episcopal Night at the Ballpark



September 10, 2010



- 5 Thurman & Jimmie Lou Green
- 11 Mike & Connie Hattaway
- 15 Mike & Tory Arnold



From the Children's Ministry.....



May is going to be an exciting and fact filled month in Godly Play! On Sunday, May 9, the children will learn about the Circle of the Holy Eucharist; we will learn the liturgical actions that are included in our church's service: the Collect, Prayers of the People, Nicene Creed, Offertory, Confession of Sin, Great Thanksgiving, Holy Communion and others. We will be sending some follow-up pages with the children that day. This would be a great time for you with your children 'what's going on' during the service.

The next Sunday, May 16th, we will learn about the Symbols of the Holy Eucharist, explaining the special uses for the lectern, altar, pulpit, cloth furnishings, candles, cruets for wine and water and others. Parent discussion pages will be sent home about this lesson, as well.

On Sunday, May 23rd the children will enjoy a Sacristy Tour. The altar, pulpit and lectern that were built by Mike Baron, along with the seasonal hangings and other pieces that were sewn by Linda Peck will be used in this lesson as well. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn about the sequence of liturgical actions and how materials for Holy Eucharist are used and where they belong.

We are grateful for the children who participate and the parents who bring them! We start our lessons at 9:30 each Sunday. We hope to see every child at Godly Play on time so they don't miss a minute of these great lessons! If you would like a copy of a specific lesson so you feel more comfortable in your family discussions, please contact Deborah Northrup at 848-0518 or debn52@gmail.com.

It has been an amazing year for both the Comforter Kids and the Godly Play children. The Bible stories for the Comforter Kids (ages 2-4) are short and fun. The Godly Play lessons have taught both the children and the teachers much about our Bible and our Church.

Deborah



Music Notes

What a delightful surprise awaited Laurie and me on Easter. In addition to a birthday cake there was an acknowledgement of our first anniversary of having been with Holy Comforter since last Easter! What a joyful time was had. The white azaleas near the Parish Hall were positively resplendent with glory. I've never seen any that looked so wonderful.

This May, I shall be away on Pentecost to attend the baptism of my grandson William [some of you met him in March] in Nashville. My sub is a wonderful musician, Andrew Bowen, who was one of my associate musicians at St John the Divine and later became music director at Trinity, Houston. He's just back in town after several years in England, and is looking forward to meeting you all. Please give him a generous welcome.

Thanks again for a very moving Lent, Holy Week and Easter season.

John

Parish Particulars...

Awaken Me

*Risen One,
come, meet me
in the garden of my life.*

*Cure me into elation.
Revive my silent hope.
Coax my dormant dreams.
Raise up my neglected gratitude.
Entice my tired enthusiasm.
Give life to my faltering
relationships.
Roll back the stone of my
indifference.
Unwrap the deadness in my
spiritual life.
Impart heartiness in my work.*

*Risen One,
send me forth as a disciple of
your unwavering love,
a messenger
of your unlimited joy.*

*Resurrected One,
may I become
ever more convinced
that your presence lives on,
And on, and on.*

*And on.
Awaken me!
Awaken me!*

~~Joyce Rupp

Discover Malawi



Malawi Facts:

- **Location:** Southern Central Africa
- **Population:** 12.3 million
- **One of the 11 poorest countries in the world**
 - **Average annual income \$170**
 - **Life expectancy 40 years**
 - **Male adult literacy rate 74.5%**
 - **Female adult literacy rate 46.5%**

In February of 2010, The Diocese of Texas affirmed a Companion Covenant with the Diocese of Southern Malawi. This is the second in a series of columns to help us get acquainted with our new friends and to Discover Malawi.

Save the date:

*HC Welcomes
the Rt. Rev. Rayford High*



*Bishop & BBQ
August 29, 2010*

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church Vestry Synopsis.....

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Holy Comforter Episcopal Parish Vestry was held on March 9, 2010, with the Rev. Carol Petty presiding.

Those members present were: James Northrup, Lori Hawkins, Barbara Thomas, Dianne Kilgus, Trey Picard, Chip Cole, Lola Kay Hood and Ed White. Not present was Jerry Powell. Also present was Barbara Marin, Clerk of the Vestry.

The meeting began with prayer lead by the Rev. Carol Petty. She led the vestry in a leadership formation exercise from the Vestry/Wardens conference on welcoming newcomers – “Are you a friendly community or are you a community of friends”.

The minutes of the February meeting were presented and were approved as presented.

Mother Carol presented the report from HCES. Registration for the 2010-11 school year is going well. Part-time classes are 84% full and full-time classes are about 65% full. The Spring Fling fundraiser will be on April 24th at the Angleton Middle School.

Senior Warden, Lori Hawkins reported that the vestry will be hosting Easter Sunday Breakfast and asked vestry members to sign up to help. She asked members to meet at 10:00 on Saturday for set-up.

Junior Warden, James Northrup reported that a parishioner was interested in buying the old lawn mower in Lee Hall. The vestry members all gave their approval. He reported that there were some old folding metal chairs in Lee Hall and suggested that they be donated to the BCFA. The vestry members all gave their approval. He reported that David Shackelford is waiting on us to get everything out of the building before he can remove the building from the property. He reported that at the time the building is moved the wall to the garage will need to be closed in. The approximate costs will be \$2,000.00. The garage will be kept for storage by the Boys Scouts and HC. He reported that George Zwicker has met with him, Lori, and Carol and has come up with a proposed floor plan for the Parish House. James gave the vestry a presentation of the proposal. Mother Carol asked the vestry to bless James to go out for bids. She stressed that there is a timeline as she has promised the day school the use of the nursery space for the next school year.

James and Carol presented a drawing and gave a presentation on a proposed plan for tying the Parish House and church property together. It was agreed that James will take the proposal to Baker and Lawson. There will be an informational meeting to share info/plans with parishioners on April 11th.

Mother Carol presented the vestry with a copy of her report. Last month Barbara Marin, Barbara Thomas and James Northrup completed her clergy review. She reported that discussions and meetings are continuing on the Mutual Ministry Agreement between the church and school about the shared space and operational expenses vs. capital improvement.

The Financial Report was presented by Dianne Kilgus, Treasurer. Chip Cole made a motion to accept the report as presented. Trey Picard seconded the motion. The motion passed.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 9:10 with prayer lead by Mother Carol.

Barbara Marin, Clerk of the Vestry

Financial Report

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating Income	16,912.05	39,912.98
Operating Expense	17,981.01	59,068.82
Surplus or (Deficit)	(1,068.96)	(19,155.84)
<u>Designated Gifts (Memorial, Disc. Fund, etc.)</u>		
Income	2,276.00	30,752.00
Expenditures	1,207.72	1,207.72

Endowment Fund Balance as of 3/31/10 was \$643,193.

Value of mineral properties is in addition to this amount.

Dear Families,

What a wonderful day of fellowship. Thank you to everyone for your participation. We raised \$13,000.00 and are so excited for this provision for the school. The new playground is high on the priority list as well as other items that will benefit our school and children. Thanks again.

Blessings,
Mrs. Logsdon



Our school board serving up yummy burgers!

The students sing for friends & family.



Congratulations to Elianna Garza for her outstanding sales! She was the top raffle sales winner with a total of \$609 and was rewarded with 4 Family Passes to Incredible Pizza. All students who sold 15 or more raffle ticket books were entered into a drawing for "Family Fun Day Around Angleton". The winner of the fun day was Jackson Remmers. Thank you to all who sold and bought raffle tickets. Your contribution helps to make our fundraiser a success.



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Join us for Vacation Bible School

Sunday July 18th thru
Thursday July 22nd

from 6-8:00 PM

Space is limited, so
call 849-1269 to
register today!

**Featuring:
Favorite Bible
Stories from the Old
Testament**



Highlights

- Come discover Godly Play!
- Join us for fun Activities, Games, Crafts and Singing!

Parent/Guardian

Address

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Please complete the following information:

Child's Name(s):

Age

Boy/Girl

T-Shirt Size

Signature

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Monthly Planner

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