

COMFORTABLE WORDS

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

Serving the Episcopal Community of Angleton Since 1897

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist9:30 AM Christian Education10:30 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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Pot-Luck Dinner – 6:00 PM – St. John's Lutheran Turkey will be provided, Bring your favorite side dish!!

Please bring a canned donation for the Food Pantry

Ecumenical Worship Service – 7:00 PM

Hosted by: First Presbyterian Church

First United Methodist Church

St. John Lutheran Church

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church

Worship service will be held at St John's Lutheran, 2227 North Downing

The Rev. Carol Petty of Holy Comforter will be preaching.

MOTHER CAROL'S COLUMN



The season of Ordinary Time is drawing to a close; Advent swiftly approaches, with Christmas on its heels. These weeks are an excellent time, before the hustle-bustle begins, to contemplate our faithfulness to God and to Holy Comforter. Have we been as faithful to love and serve God and one another as we would like to be? Have we been faithful to read scripture, pray regularly, and participate in worship? Our spiritual disciplines are God's opportunity to shape us and grow us into the people we are called to be.

Traditionally at this time of year, we are also invited to consider our financial support of the ministries of the church and to make commitments about our giving for the coming calendar year. The Vestry is leading the Commitment Drive this year and you will soon receive a letter from them, along with a Commitment Card, asking for your commitment to "Let God's Light Shine at Holy Comforter!" God's light shines brightly here through our ministries of Worship, Outreach, Education, Hospitality, and Leadership. In the coming weeks, you'll be hearing from various Vestry members about the ministries of Holy Comforter and the difference they make in people's lives. God's light truly shines here!

HC ministries are made possible through the faithful, consistent giving of parishioners and friends. Therefore, the Vestry invites you to a process of prayerful discernment as you consider your 2011 commitment to this parish.

The scriptures say a lot about money and generous giving; scriptures invite a 10% offering to God. Generosity is vital to our spiritual growth. God asks us to give, not because God needs money, but because *we need to give*. Giving is a spiritual discipline, like prayer, study, rest, and worship; these disciplines help us to stay focused on what is really important in life. Faithful, consistent, percentage giving is just as important to our discipleship as faithful, consistent prayer and worship.

Please prayerfully read the letter from the vestry when you receive it, and pray for God's guidance in making your commitment as you consider what percentage of your resources you will offer back to God. We will bring and dedicate our Commitment Cards on Sunday, November 21 at a Service of Ingathering and Thanksgiving. It's important that you know your Rector supports parish ministries financially; my Commitment to the work of God at Holy Comforter Church in 2011 is \$470/month, which is 10+% of my paycheck.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve and grow with this wonderful parish community. Thank you for your faithfulness!

Blessings abound,





Coffee Hosts for the month of November



7 Coffee Host Needed

14 Dorothy Ragain, Ed & Sherry White

21 The Cong's 28 Kathryn Purdom & Georgia Powell

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



CoffeeHouse Theology

PariSH Hall 9:30

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?

There are three conversions necessary:

the conversion of the heart, mind, and the purse.

~~Martin Cuther



- 5 Riley & Betty Mogford
- 6 Morris & Pam Massingill
- 7 David & Ginny Shackelford Mike & Pam Baron



- 6 Georgia Powell Marie Hill-Scott
- 8 Kelsey Payne
- 12 Jimmie Lou Green Dianne Kilgus
- 16 Amanda Hawkins Dorothy Ragain
- 22 Deborah White Trey Picard
- 24 Dorothy Hajecate
- Mary Ann Thomas
- 27 Linda Peck



TIP OF THE MONTH Help Save Water!

The old folk wisdom that says place a brick in your toilet's water tank is partially correct: It's an effortless way to save water, but a brick isn't the best choice of object. Use a plastic bottle filled with water instead. A bottle in the tank will displace enough water to save half a gallon to a gallon each use, or up to about 10 gallons a day in a typical home. All you have to do is drop a little sand or some pebbles into a bottle, fill it with water, and put it in the tank, making sure not to disturb the toilet's working parts.

The Holidays are fast approaching!



Consider giving gifts of clean water, livestock, or medical care from Episcopal Relief and Development to those on your Christmas list.

Catalogues are available in the Narthex.



"Baby Boomers" are invited to join us for

Boomers, BBQ, & Bluegrass

on Friday, November 5, 7 p.m. until....

Enjoy great BBQ with live music by "Rebels Without Applause" with our own Kurt Ruthstrom!

Your friends are welcome!
Great food, great music, and great friends.
See you there!

Cost: Donation of your choice; reserve your spot by contacting rector@holycomforter.org or calling 849-1269

Prayer of Sir Francis Drake:

Disturb us, Lord, when
We are too pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true
Because we dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when
with the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst
For the waters of life;
Having fallen in love with life,
We have ceased to dream of eternity
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision
Of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Cord, to dare more boldly,

To venture on wilder seas

Where storms will show Your mastery;

Where losing sight of land,

We shall find the stars.

We ask you to push back

The horizons of our hopes;

And to push back the future

In strength, courage, hope, and love.

This we ask in the name of our Captain, Who is Jesus Christ. Amen.



Congratulations!

New vestry members are Ellen Eby, SuZan Carpenter, and Mike Hattaway.

New Endowment Board member is David Shackelford.

Diocesan Council delegate is Walt Kilgus, and new alternates are Dianne Kilgus and Sherry White.

We are grateful for the commitment of these faithful people to God's work at Holy Comforter!



All Saint's Day Sunday, November 7

Remembering the saints gone before us...

Welcoming new saints in Baptism!

Please contact Mother Carol if you desire baptism for yourself or your child.



Fall Festival Recap

Fun was had by all at the Fall Festival. The children had lots of fun on the pony rides, the moonwalk, with the bucket raffle and with the face painting. The adults enjoyed visiting inside and outside under the shade trees and bidding on the silent auction items. God was present with us by blessing us with a beautiful day and the company and support of family and friends from the community.

Our thanks goes out to all of you that helped make the festival a success by selling raffle and dinner tickets. Thank you to those of you that helped with the games for the children, serving in the kitchen, selling tickets at the door and making all the delicious desserts to go with the meal. We thank Bo's Bar-B-Q for catering the wonderful food. Thank you to those that donated items for the raffle and the silent auction.

All the numbers are not in but estimates show that we serve approximately 350 dinners and our proceeds will be between \$4,500.00 to \$5,000.00.

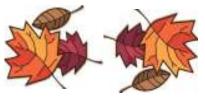
While it can be a lot of work, it is worthwhile when you see the smiles on the children's faces and God's love being shared with family and friends.

Blessing to each of you,

Barbara Marin

Fall Festival Chairperson







We Acolytes!

On Advent I, November 28, we will celebrate and commission our Acolytes! Their faithful ministry in worship is a tremendous blessing to Holy Comforter! Acolytes carry the cross, gospel book, candles, and/or incense in procession, assist the priest in setting the table, assist in the offering collection, and provide care for the elements during Eucharist.

Older acolytes also serve as Lectors and Lay Eucharistic Ministers. Our acolytes are: Brook Eby, Mason Hawkins, Kevin Cole, Mark Eby, and Breanna Cole. This year we welcome new acolyte, Alyssa Fields.

Be sure to express your appreciation to these great young people who make our worship so special, and join us on the 28th to celebrate their ministry!

Holiday Schedule

December 19

9:30 a.m. Advent Breakfast

December 24

4:30 p.m. Children's Pageant

Family Service

10:30 p.m. Midnight Mass

December 25

10:30 a.m. Informal Eucharist

December 26

10:30 a.m. Lessons & Carols (one service only)

Music Notes





We are happy to welcome Daniel Russell to Holy Comforter. Be sure to introduce yourself to him and offer a warm Holy Comforter welcome!!

Welcome Advent!

The Season of Advent begins Sunday, November 28.

Advent is a holy season of expectation and hopefulness, during which we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ child.



This year's Advent theme is *Living in Hope*. During our worship services, we will enjoy me lighting of the Advent Wreath. Each Sunday, the candle represents a different aspect of the Advent season. You are invited to consider an Advent Wreath for your Advent observance at home. The prayers we will use this year are included below, that you might use them in your home worship.

Advent Wreath Prayers "Living in Hope" Advent 2010, Year A

Advent I. November 28:

We light the candle of **Anticipation**. (Light Candle)

With holy anticipation, we wait for the coming of Jesus.

Christ came to earth long ago, in history;

Christ comes to us now, in mystery;

Christ will come again, in majesty.

Even as we live in Christ, we anticipate Christ's arrival.

May this Advent be a time of joyful anticipation!

Advent II, December 5:

We light the candle of **Promise**. (Light Candle)

It was not suddenly and unannounced that Jesus came into the world. His arrival had been promised by God through the prophets. The whole Old Testament is the story of special preparation and promise. Only when all was ready, only in the fullness of time, would Jesus come... just as God had promised.

Advent III, December 12:

We light the candle of Faith. (Light Candle)

We read the words of the Prophets: "The eyes of the blind shall be opened. The ears of the deaf unstopped." Some days we wonder.... Can it be so? Is it too good to be true?

Then we remember the faithfulness of God, the goodness of God...and we believe.

Faith calms our troubled hearts and fills our days with peace; may our faith grow ever stronger.

Advent IV, December 19:

We light the candle of **Hope**. (Light Candle)

The Hope of Advent is that just as Christ was born into the world, Christ can be born into our hearts; as Christ transformed the world, Christ can transform us. Our hope is our certainty that Christ is present to us now and always. Our hope is Christ; Christ is our hope.

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church Vestry Synopsis......

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Holy Comforter Episcopal Parish Vestry was held on September 14, 2010, with Rev. Carol Petty presiding. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Mother Carol at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Chip Cole, Lori Hawkins, Dianne Kilgus, Trey Picard, Lola Kay Hood, Barbara Thomas, and Ed White. Not present were Jerry Powell and James Northrup. Also present was Barbara Marin, Clerk of the Vestry.

The meeting was opened with prayer and spiritual reflection led by Mother Carol.

The minutes of the September regular vestry meeting were accepted.

Senior Warden, Lori Hawkins reported that she, James and Mother Carol were still interviewing candidates for the organist position.

Due to the absence of the Jr. Warden no report was given. Mother Carol reported that the nominees from the Nominating Committee for the 2011 positions are as follows: EF Board: David Shackleford; Council Delegate: Walt Kilgus; Council Alternate: Dianne Kilgus; Vestry: SuZan Carpenter, Ellen Eby. Nominations from Parish: Mike Hattaway.

Mother Carol reported that during the month of October there would be a Midweek Connection on Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:30 with Eucharist at 6:00 p.m. and small group bible study at 6:45 led by Pam and Mike Baron.

Mother Carol presented the September/October Vestry Papers and asked them to read and review them for October's vestry meeting, asking them to head up the 2011 Commitment Drive.

Dianne Kilgus reported that the Financial Committee had met and had recommended that the expanded version of the financial report be given to the vestry.

The Financial Report was presented by Dianne Kilgus. After review a motion was made to accept the report as presented by Lola Kay Hood and seconded by Chip Cole. The motion passed.

The meeting was closed with prayer led by Mother Carol.

Barbara Marin, Clerk of the Vestry

Financial Report						
General Fund	<u>September</u>	YTD				
Operating Income Operating Expense Surplus or (Deficit)	12,521.00 15,033.62 (2,512.62)	102,326.99 166,930.87 (64,603.88)				
Designated Gifts (Memorial, Disc. Fu	ınd, etc.)					
Income Expenditures	150.00 723.64	34,175.87 5,624.31				

November 2010

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	6:30 PM Boy Scout Meeting	9:00 AM Staff Meeting	3	4	7:00 PM Boo- mers, BBQ. &Bluegrass	6
7 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite 3 9:30 AM Christian Ed 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite 1 All Saints' Sunday	8 6:30 PM Boy Scout Meeting	9:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting	10 6:00 PM School Board Meeting	11	12	13 10:00 AM HCES Open House 11:30 AM HCES Open House
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Wishing everyone a little time relaxing and reflecting with family and friends this month. Thank you to everyone who supported our fall fundraiser. We raised \$4,200. If you missed out we still have candles available, so come see us. The children are busy preparing for open house and look forward to sharing some chapel songs and special projects with everyone.

Blessings, Mrs. Logsdon



During the week of "Community Helpers" Angleton Volunteer Fireman Steven Logan visited with the students about fire safety. We also had a visit from APD Officers Burch & Ramon. Officer Rodriguez with Freeport police dept. visited and talked to the students about stranger danger and bike safety.









School Open House

November 13

10:00 Ms. Kathy, Ms. Jamie & Ms. Hamilton's T/Th Classes

11:30 Ms. Trisha, Ms. Becky & Ms. Hamilton's M/W/F Classes

Holy Comforter Episcopal School News