



Holy Comforter
Episcopal Church

COMFORTABLE WORDS

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

Serving the Episcopal Community of Angleton Since 1897

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Sunday Worship Schedule

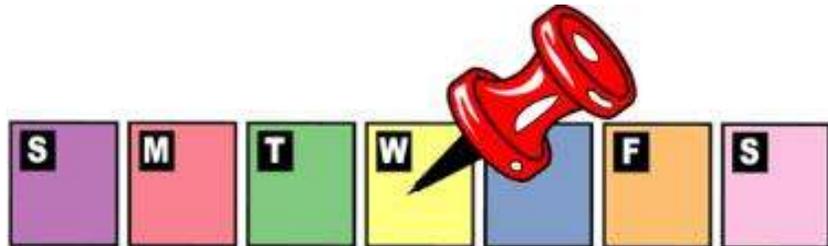
8:30 AM Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM Christian Education
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

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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Mid-Week CONNECTION

Every Wednesday in October

6:00 – 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist

*6:45 Small Group Bible Study
in Parish Hall led by
Mike & Pam Baron*

Please contact church office to reserve child care.

info@holycomforterangleton.org

979-849-1269

MOTHER CAROL'S COLUMN



October begins, as always, with a Blessing of the Animals service and a remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi. This year the blessing service is at Kelsey and Kerry Payne's goat farm! (Please see page 4 for particulars.)

One of the things we remember about Francis each October is his passion for all creation. The story is told that when Francis was a young man, he loved to party. One night, upon leaving a party, he looked up at the stars above Assisi. He stood there for a long time, and he was in awe of what he saw. He said, "If these are the creatures, what must the Creator be like?"

Our hearts, too, are filled with awe when we ponder the glory of creation. With St. Francis, we wonder: "What must the Creator be like?" God is constantly about the business of answering that question; God *wants* to be known by us!

This month we are invited to deepen our knowledge of the Creator by worshiping and learning together on Wednesday evenings at Mid-week Connection. At 6:00 we will gather in the nave for a brief service of Holy Eucharist. (You are welcome to come earlier and enjoy the quiet.) At 6:45, Pam and Mike Baron will lead small groups in *Lectio Divina*, Sacred Reading, in the parish hall.

If you have experienced *Lectio Divina*, you know that it is an amazing way to open your heart and mind to God's Spirit. If you have not experienced this ancient form of listening to scripture, you are in for a wonderful surprise. I do hope you will partake of this opportunity to grow closer to one another and to our glorious Creator!

Blessings,

Carol



Coffee Hosts for the month of October



- 3 Tom & Barbara Thomas 10 Choir
 17 Chip & Christi Cole 24 The Mogfords
 31 Coffee Host Needed

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



- 1 Deborah Northrup
 5 James Arnold
 7 Laura Zwicker
 8 Kadon Lewis
 9 Alyssa Fields
 12 Nelda Lewis
 19 Brook Eby
 21 George Shackelford
 22 Lori Hawkins
 23 Glenn Hill
 26 Jeff Helms
 29 Marcene Skaggs
 30 James Picard



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?

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.



- 4 John & Cindy Stevens
 14 Joe & Mildred Galaznik
 19 Paul & Marie Hill Scott
 20 Kurt Ruthstrom & Bonnie McDaniel
 21 Ray & Barbara Marin
 27 Kerry & Kelsey Payne



"GREEN"

TIP OF THE MONTH

If you are not ready to install a [green roof](#) yet, you can accomplish much the same thing by directing water from your roof into a [rain barrel](#).

The main goal is to reduce the amount of storm water that runs off your property and into an overburdened sewer system. And if you save that runoff and use it to water your plants, lawn or garden, you will be both conserving a valuable resource and saving money on your utility bill.

Parish Particulars...



“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*

Hurricane Ike Galveston Work Day
Saturday, October 9th



There is still lots of work to be done!
Come be a part of our
Holy Comforter Disaster Recovery Team!
Meet at Holy Comforter at
7:15 AM to carpool.
We will return by 4:30 PM

Dear Friends,

*Thank you so very much for the
caring love you have showered on
Caurie and me for the past 16 months.
You are very important to the both of
us and we think of you often. Thank
you also for the wonderful reception
last August and for the generous love
gifts which have been so very helpful.*

*I hope we can continue to keep in
touch and know that we are only a
phone call or email away...*

With great thanks,

John Gearhart

***Blessing of
the Animals***



Holy Comforter will host the
Blessing of the Animals on
Saturday, October 2nd, at 4:00
at The Payne Family’s Seco Creek Goat Farm,
2619 County Road 45, Angleton.

Please bring a special offering for the Brazoria
County SPCA. Simple items such as pet
shampoo, newspaper, paper towels, bleach,
dish soap, towels, and liquid laundry detergent
are used daily at the shelter and, of course,
Purina puppy and kitten food are always
needed. Monetary donations will be accepted
as well.



Fall Festival of Faith



Our Fall Festival of Faith is less than a month away on Saturday, October 23rd. The tickets for the dinner and raffle are ready for sale. If you did not pick your tickets up on Sunday, I will be back in the Parish Hall this Sunday, Oct. 2nd. Please come by after the early service or before or after the 10:30 service to pick them up. Those that are not picked up on Sunday will be mailed out on Monday, so please help save on postage by picking them up. We asked that each Parish Family does their best to sell all your tickets. If you need more, there are additional tickets available in the church office.

Thanks to those of you that donated items for the raffle and to those of you that helped with putting the tickets together. As it gets closer there will be more to do. If you are interested in helping in some way please let me know. We will need help in the kitchen, with the games, with ticket sales, and providing baked goods, and with set up and clean up.

We need items for the Silent Auction and the Bucket Raffle. Please have these items to the Parish Hall the week prior to the festival so that we can have everything set up before Saturday. Also, please have your baked goods to the Parish Hall on Friday, Oct. 22nd, by 6:00 PM.

I encourage you to help make our festival successful by volunteering, donating items, selling the raffle and dinner tickets, attending the festival, and inviting and encouraging family and friends to join us for food, fun and fellowship.

I can be contacted at (979) 864-0403 or at barbarajamrin@yahoo.com.

Faithfully,
Barbara Marin
Fall Festival of Faith Chairperson

Boy Scout Buzz...



Boy Scout Troop
531 member
Ben Taylor-Hille
climbs the wall at
the rock gym in
Clear Lake as
Anthony Valdez
handles the belay
device.



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.



From the Children's Ministry.....



Each Sunday morning at 9:30 our children are invited to experience the stories of Holy Scriptures through Godly Play. Be sure to bring your child, K-5th grade, to Godly Play each Sunday, while you enjoy Coffeehouse Theology!

A class for Middle & High School is in the works, to begin in Advent...
watch for details!



Music Notes

We joyfully welcome Daniel Russell as our new music director! Daniel is in his second year of a Master of Music in Organ Performance at the University of Houston. He already has a degree in Sacred Music, with a concentration in organ from East Carolina University.

Most importantly, Daniel loves the Episcopal Church: our liturgy, our music, our ethos, and he can't wait to get here! He has been serving a Catholic church, but on October 10 we will welcome him back into the beauty of the Episcopal Church. During his undergraduate studies, Daniel served for 3 years as music director at an Episcopal church very much like HC, so this will be a bit like coming home for him.

Thank you for your prayers as we searched for God's next person for HC music! You'll find that Daniel is a wonderful answer to those prayers!

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church Vestry Synopsis.....

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Holy Comforter Episcopal Parish Vestry was held on August 10, 2010, with Rev. Carol Petty presiding. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Mother Carol at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Lori Hawkins, Jerry Powell, Dianne Kilgus, Trey Picard, Lola Kay Hood, Barbara Thomas, James Northrup and Ed White. Not present was Chip Cole. Also present was Barbara Marin, Clerk of the Vestry.

Ed White led the vestry in a review of the Vestry Papers. Mother Carol led the vestry in spiritual reflection.

The minutes of the July regular vestry meeting were presented and accepted.

Senior Warden, Lori Hawkins reported that the VBS program went very well.

Jerry Powell and James Northrup reported that Lee Hall has been moved!!!! Some issues have come up with the closing in of the garage. It will have to be windstorm certified and will have to have a beam for support. Options are being explored and the project is on hold. James has contacted two other contractors for bids on improvements on the Parish House. He is getting bids on outside only, inside only and on whole project.

Mother Carol reported that \$895.00 was collected for the discretionary fund from the celebration of her anniversary. She shared a story of someone that she had helped. Mother Carol reported that John Gearhart would be leaving HCEC. John has arranged for substitutes thru September and has given her names of potential replacements.

Recommendations were presented by the HC Historical Committee for restoration of the pre-1950's church altar. James Northrup made a motion and Jerry Powell a second to accept the recommendation. The motion passed.

Mother Carol suggested that the vestry as a whole chair the annual commitment drive in November. After discussion the vestry agreed.

Mother Carol presented a proposal to establish a Finance Committee for Holy Comforter to enable the vestry to focus more on the big picture of the church and leave the sorting through of details to a trusted committee who would review and make recommendations to the vestry for their approval. A draft of a resolution was presented. Ed White made a motion to establish the committee and accept the resolution. Jerry Powell made a second. After review and discussion it was recommended that "quorum" be changed to "majority" in Item No. 6. The motion passed.

The Financial Report was presented by Dianne Kilgus. It was reviewed and accepted as presented.

The meeting was closed at 9:05 with prayer led by Mother Carol.

Barbara Marin, Clerk of the Vestry

Financial Report

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating Income	12,619.50	95,805.99
Operating Expense	18,704.54	139,221.25
Surplus or (Deficit)	(6,085.04)	(43,415.26)
<u>Designated Gifts (Memorial, Disc. Fund, etc.)</u>		
Income	1,570.00	33,990.87
Expenditures	0.00	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.

Nominees for Leadership Ministries

Vestry (three openings)



Ellen Eby

- Child of God: Believing, searching, growing Christian. Love God! Believe in the teachings of Jesus Christ. Live by faith! (active). Member of Holy Comforter Episcopal Church (1984) (active).

- Child of Hershel Leo and Marianne Johnson; My parents have a tremendous influence over the person I am. I love and respect them in every way!

- Spouse of Paul Alan Eby, 25 years and counting!

- Mother of Ray Thomas Eby, Texas A&M c/o 2013, Sensitive, Calculating, Thoughtful, Hard-Working, Independent Child (active).

- Mother of Brook Marie Eby, Angleton HS c/o 2013, Dynamic, Thoughtful, Trail Blazing, Responsible, Interesting, Independent Child (active).

- Mother of Mark Leo Eby, Angleton Junior HS c/o 2012, Hard-working, Energetic, Humorous, Thoughtful, Sensitive, Independent Child (active).

My spouse and my children identify me today. I love and respect them, and I am honored to be related to them!

- Daughter-In-Law of Roy Thomas and Patricia Jean Eby, Two of the most welcoming, encouraging, accepting people I know (active). My in-laws have had a tremendous impact on my spiritual journey. I love and respect them in every way!

There are a number of ways I could define, add, or elaborate on who I am, but nothing is more defining of me than God and family. I would be honored for the opportunity to serve and love Holy Comforter Episcopal Church as one of your vestry members.



Mike Hattaway

Mike has been married to Connie for 36 years and they have 2 children, Jennifer and Clint, and 2 grandchildren, Dylan and Micah. Mike has been a member of Holy Comforter since 1981 and he affectionately refers to himself as “The Official Mascot of the DOK.” Mike has held many responsibilities during his years at Holy Comforter including both Junior and Senior Warden, Chairman of the Endowment Fund, and Diocesan Council Delegate. Mike has also been Scout Leader of Troop 531 since 1986.



Su Zan Carpenter

Greetings. I am a Family Physician who has practiced, lived in town and worshipped at Holy Comforter for over 2 decades. My two sons are currently off at college. I have both vestry and endowment board experience. I am a fiscal conservative.

Diocesan Council Delegate (one opening)



Walt Kilgus

I am a cradle Episcopalian, born in Philadelphia and grew up in a high church. Spent thirty years in the U.S. Navy, and retired in Beeville, TX. Went back to College and became a Nurse. Worked in the State Prison System and retired seven years ago. While in Beeville, I was on the Vestry of St Philip's. I have been a member of Holy Comforter since 1991, and have served as Alternate Council Member, and on the Endowment Board. While in Angleton, I have volunteered with Brazoria County Crime Stoppers and was Vice President of the board. I also volunteer at the Angleton/Danbury Hospital two days a week.

Diocesan Council Alternate (two openings)



Dianne Kilgus

I have been a member of Holy Comforter since moving to Angleton in 1991. After finishing my AS in Accounting, I began working for Holy Comforter as the Parish Secretary until 2007 when I retired. I am finishing my last year on the Vestry, am the Treasurer of the Vestry and a member of the Endowment Board, Secretary/Treasurer of Holy Comforter Daughters of the King Chapter, and Diocesan Convocational Representative for The Daughters of the King. Most of our married life, I have followed Walt around Europe and up and down the East coast of the US as he continued his career in the Navy. We settled in Beeville, TX after his retirement from the Navy until we moved to Angleton. While in Beeville, I worked as the Executive director of the Beeville Vineyard, an Ecumenical Social Service Organization, (much like The St. Thomas Center in Angleton) attended Bee County College, and studied "Education for Ministry". I was also the treasurer at St. Philip's Episcopal Church. In Angleton I have volunteered at the Community Food Pantry, and been on its board. Currently I volunteer at St. Thomas Center and sit on the Advisory Board for the center, am a member of Angleton Danbury Medical Center Auxiliary and coordinate the monthly Blood Drives at the hospital, and volunteer in the Surgery Center at the hospital.



Sherry White

I came here with Ed to become Music Director in 1991. I felt called of God, having been in the music ministry since I was 16 years old. I came from the Roman Catholic church where I had come to be fascinated with liturgy that I had thought was just "catholic" but turned out to be true first century Christianity!! It was long after that that I became a real liturgical musician, attended a 2-year Musician's program set up by the national music commission. Concurrently I began and finally graduated from EFM with 6 other much loved parishioners from Holy Comforter. The missionary bug bit me then, and many of you helped sponsor me to do two summer missionary programs in Croatia. That bug is biting again (evangelism, you know), and applying to go to Council is my way of following the Lord's directive to me. Ed is already on the Council, but perhaps you would allow me to attend as Alternate, so that together we might give a good report! Though my health was very poor for the last 2 years, and I had to give up music ministry; I am now getting well as the Lord is directing me to new therapies. I am so very thankful, and I submit my promise to serve you well at Council.

Endowment Fund Board (one opening)



David Shackelford

David Shackelford has been married to Ginny Shackelford for 29 years and counting. They have two kids Sally Kate and George Wiley. They are the proud grandparents of 3 beautiful girls and their first grandson will arrive in December. David is the Owner of Brazos Citrus Nursery and has been in the nursery business for 30+ years. He has been a member of Holy Comforter Church for 15 years and has held positions such as Vestry, Jr. Warden and Endowment Board.

Meet our staff...

Rector/Chaplain

The Rev. Carol Petty

Head of School

Lori Logsdon

Administrative Assistant

Violet Lemons

Classroom Lead Teachers

Kathy Bermea

Becky Carter

Cindi Hamilton

Jamie Pruitt

Trisha Pruitt

Assistants

Rose Hamper

Chelsea Murphy

Sciobhan Short

Marissa Symonds

Sexton

Lydia Silgero

Holy Comforter Episcopal School

Fall is such a fun time at our school. We recently learned all about farms and tried our hand at making butter, shucking corn, gathering eggs, building scarecrows and learning about farm animals. We gathered all the good things that grow and made a pot of vegetable soup. A big thank you to all the parent volunteers. It takes many extra people to help with these specials events. Stop by any time to see our learning in action.

*Blessings,
Mrs. Logsdon*



October 2010

Monthly Planner

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