



Holy Comforter
Episcopal Church

COMFORTABLE WORDS

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

Serving the Episcopal Community of Angleton Since 1897

APRIL 2011

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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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Maundy Thursday, April 21

**7:00 PM Holy Eucharist and
Foot Washing**

Stripping of the Altar

One Hour Prayer Vigil (led by Pastor Weatherly)

Good Friday, April 22

**Noon & 7:00 PM Solemn Service
followed by Stations of the Cross**

Alleluia! Easter Sunday, April 24

9:00 AM Vestry Easter Breakfast

10:30 AM Service Only

Noon Easter Egg Hunt

MOTHER CAROL'S COLUMN



We wait for a very late Easter this year...April 24. Which means that in spite of warming temperatures, blooming flowers, and greening trees, we are still in the Season of Lent for most of April. It's a challenge to maintain the somberness of Lent in the midst of a riot of color and beauty! Yet, here we are.

You'll see in this newsletter that April is a busy month for us as we continue Friday Fish Frys (every Lenten Friday), support the Day School Picnic/Fundraiser (April 9), meet Seco Creek's newest babies (April 10), enjoy a day of beautifying yard work (April 16), and brace ourselves for Passion Week: April 17-23.

Many of you are reading the Lenten Meditation booklets from Episcopal Relief and Development; I hope you are finding the meditations helpfulI do. There are still some available, and it's never too late to start reading, as the Lenten Season and approaching Easter offer us a unique challenge to change and grow. You'll enjoy poet Joyce Rupp's thoughts about *The Easter Challenge*:

Every year it happens:
earth shakes her sleepy head,
still a bit wintered and dull,
and feels new life stirring

Every year cocoons give up their treasures,
fresh shoots push through brown leaves,
seemingly dead branches shine with green,
and singing birds find their way home

Every year we hear the stories

Empty tomb, surprised griever,
runners with news and revelation,
unexpected encounters,
conversations on the road,
tales of nets filling with fish,
and breakfast on a seashore

And every year
the dull and dead in us
meets our Easter challenge:

to be open to the unexpected,
to believe beyond our security,
to welcome God in every form,
and trust in our own greening

May your observance of a Holy Lent open your soul to a joyous and life-giving Easter!

Carol



Coffee Hosts for the month of April



- 3 *The Minkert Family* 10 *Ed & Sherry White*
 17 *Coffee Host Needed* 24 *Vestry Breakfast*

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



Fabulous Friday Fish Frys

at
Holy Comforter Episcopal Church
 227 S. Chenango
 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Every Friday in Lent Holy Comforter will serve fish dinners to eat in the Parish Hall or to take out.

At \$7.50 per ticket, it's a great meal!

Tickets are available at the door or from any Holy Comforter Church member.



- 4 Greg & Lori Hawkins
 12 Mark & Becky Hlavaty
 18 Walt & Dianne Kilgus

Baptism!



On Easter Sunday, April 24, we will celebrate the sacrament of baptism! Let Mother Carol know if you wish to be baptized!



- 1 Mark Eby
 3 Tom Thomas
 9 Yvonne Warner
 10 Walt Kilgus
 16 Kevin Cole
 20 David Shackelford
 Shea Lynn Funk
 25 Sally Kersh
 Hayden Blice
 27 Trey Cole
 28 Trent Lewis
 Joyce Steele
 29 Michaela Bratsch
 Kaysie Hlavaty



“GREEN” TIP OF THE MONTH

Plastic storage bags may be easy and convenient, but they're also disposable and wasteful. However, now we have the option of recycling these bags at any plastic bag-recycling bin, like those now found at many grocery stores and supermarkets. So, if you can't reuse plastic storage bags, clean and dry them, then recycle them along with any other plastic bags you have cluttering up the kitchen in a supermarket recycling bin.



This Lent the Holy Comforter Community is joining with other parishes and schools in the Diocese of Texas to purchase 30,000 mosquito nets for the prevention of mosquito born malaria. Nearly one million people, mostly young children, die each year from this preventable disease.

HC's day school children are going to help us meet the goal by collecting "Nickels for Nets!"

Check out the **Nets for Life** display in the Parish Hall. For each net purchased, a ribbon will be added to the net! Let's see how many \$12 nets the Holy Comforter Community can purchase... and how many lives we can save!

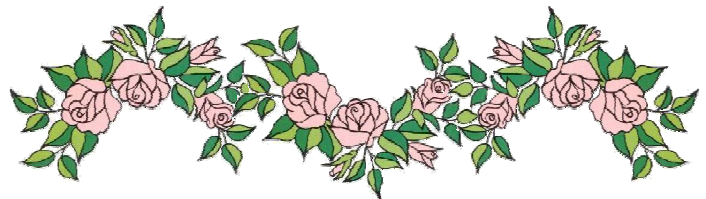
Visit www.netsforlifeafrica.org for more information



Holy Comforter Episcopal School Head of School Search Update

The Head of School Search committee is meeting regularly under the leadership of Chair Deborah Northrup. They are making progress toward a selection and hope to announce their choice this month!

Members of the search committee and constituencies they represent are: Deborah Northrup, Parish; Paul Eby, School Board; Trent Thrasher, School Parents; Barbara Thomas, Vestry; and Cindi Hamilton, Faculty. The committee is doing a wonderful job and we are grateful for their service!



*Flowers, flowers, flowers!
The 2011 Flower Calendar is up in the Parish Hall.*

All are invited to sign up to underwrite flowers in honor of/memory of/celebration of a special person or event! Donation needed is \$20 per vase. After Sunday worship, the flowers are shared with others so the gift keeps on giving!

Parish Particulars...

**“Kidding Around”
at Seco Creek Goat Farm**

Sunday, April 10 2-4 pm

**Welcome the brand new
baby kids at Seco Creek.
Children are most welcome!**



Seco Creek Farm * 2619 County Rd. 45 * Angleton



Work Day!!!

Saturday, April 16

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

(Rain Day: Sunday, April 17, 1:00 – 7:00 PM)

Join the Operations Committee for some Church Grounds Spring Cleaning!

***Holy Comforter Welcomes
The Reverend Canon John Newton***

**John is the newly appointed *Canon for Lifelong
Formation* for the Diocese of Texas.**

**John will preach on Sunday, May 1, at both
services and will lead **Coffeehouse Theology!****

You will be inspired, guaranteed!





**The Episcopal
Church Women**

2011 Spiritual Growth Retreat

*My Soul Cooks Back
and Wonders...*

April 15 -16 at Camp Allen

**Storyteller Kathy
Culmer will lead us in a
weekend of celebrating
the common themes and
digressions of our
spiritual journeys, while
sharing her stories and
equipping us for
opportunities to share
our own stories in a
variety of ways.**



First Friday Organ Recitals!!

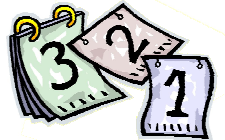
*Our own Daniel Russell will be
performing at*

*Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
1111 St. Joseph Pkwy - Houston*

*on Friday, May 6, 2011 after the
12:10 PM Mass*

Admission is free!

Save the Date!



May 14 – Petty/Zwicker Wedding

May 21 – Nash Prairie Episcopal Day

**June 12 – Pentecost Potluck
(Only one service – 10:30)**

June 28 – Episcopal Night at the Astros



*Towards a more profound A******

It is hard to believe we are almost half way through Lent, where does the time go? As we move through the rest of Lent and approach Holy Week, I am reminded of an interesting dynamic that we relive each year. It begins on Palm Sunday as we triumphantly sing “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” while waving palms in the air. I am taken aback each year that we begin the service with a celebratory mountain top experience and then there is a sudden shift in the action. In one swift motion we go from singing Hosanna to the Son of David to at once yelling, “Crucify!” Later on Maundy Thursday, we are called to remember Jesus’ act of love and discipleship with the feet washing, the ultimate act of humility and love. Then on Good Friday we stand at Golgotha and watch him be crucified, a crown of thorns forced onto his sacred head and with his death, he is laid in the tomb. We have hit rock bottom. We have killed our messiah and have to live with the weight of our actions. However, we know how the story ends. On Easter Sunday we awake to the resurrection and join with all of creation in singing, “Jesus Christ is risen today!” We have seen and believe in the resurrection and the redeeming of the world. The landscape of Holy Week is at best odd, there is the triumph of Palm Sunday, the valley of the cross and tomb, and the pinnacle of joy on Easter. As Christians we bear witness to it all and sing the story of Jesus along the way.

Daniel Russell



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.

We are currently enjoying the series:
The Jesus I Never Knew, by Philip Yancey.



Boy Scout Buzz



In March Troop 531 welcomed three new scouts to the troop as Caylob Adams, Dylan Garza and Hunter Busch crossed over from Webelos. In addition to the crossover ceremonies, the troop enjoyed serving pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, which brought over \$200 profit to the troop. The troop also finished up working on the personal fitness merit badge and prepared for a Court of Honor on March 28th, where several scouts earned new ranks. Finally, the troop saw Dakota Wright earn his Eagle rank.

*Thanks to Troop 531 for
our delicious Shrove
Tuesday Pancake Supper!!*

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church Vestry Synopsis.....

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Holy Comforter Episcopal Parish Vestry was held on February 8, 2011, with Rev. Carol Petty presiding. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Mother Carol at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes of the January 11, 2011, regular vestry meeting and the January 23, 2011, Annual Parish were presented. Two corrections were made to the Annual parish meeting minutes. Thanks to Dianne Kilgus for her service as Treasurer was originally omitted and the addition of the word "Music" was added to Daniel Russell's title of "Director". Barbara Thomas made a motion to accept the amended minutes. SuZan Carpenter made a second. The motion passed.

Barbara Thomas reported on the search for a new Head of Schools. Response has been very good with several applications received to date. There will be a meeting on Feb 20th to go over applications. Barbara Thomas also gave an updated report on the February 16, 2011 Teacher Appreciation luncheon to be hosted for the teachers of HCES. Members were encouraged to sign up to help if possible. So far Annabelle Powell is providing a salad and Pam Massingill is making a cake for the luncheon.

Senior Warden, Lori Hawkins reported that to date, 47 pledges totaling \$125,770.00 have been received. This is up from 2010.

Junior Warden, Jerry Powell presented his findings on the cost to provide a storage building for the Boy Scout troop.

Dianne Kilgus, Treasurer gave the current financial report. Mother Carol did not receive mileage reimbursement since she had not filed her mileage. Pension information was paid quarterly rather than monthly, and on the report it was noticed that the housing and stipend amounts were incorrectly listed. Also needing correction were the current year pledges. These corrections will all be made before the next meeting. Costs to remove large bee hive and wall repair costs were discussed. Lawn service contract is up for renewal so Jerry Powell will be checking into prices and available companies to contract with.

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. with prayer led by Mother Carol.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Massingill, Clerk of the Vestry

Financial Report

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating Income	18,572.25	32,686.75
Operating Expense	15,805.18	36,503.91
Surplus or (Deficit)	2,767.07	(3,817.16)
<u>Designated Gifts (Memorial, Disc. Fund, etc.)</u>		
Income	2,912.80	3,867.80
Expenditures	2,968.80	3,523.80

Endowment Fund Balance as of 2/28/11 was \$629,094.72

Value of mineral properties is in addition to this amount.

Plans for the HCES Spring Carnival are in full swing! A big *Thank You* to our generous event sponsors. We could not reach our goal of \$13000 without your support. You can purchase raffle and lunch tickets on Sundays in between services. We will also sell tickets the day of the event. If you would like to donate to the silent auction, please bring your items any time to the school office. We hope that you will join us at the carnival for a day of fun and fellowship.

Blessings,

Lori

Holy Comforter Episcopal School Spring Carnival Raffle

Saturday, April 9 11:30-2:30 Westside Elementary

\$300 Wal-Mart Gift Card	\$250 Kroger Gift Card	Dining Delight Gift Cards
4 Schlitterbahn Day Passes	\$75 Texaco & oil changes	Angleton Rec Center Membership
\$75 Academy Gift Card	\$50 Target Gift Card	Starplex Movie Passes & Bucks
	Chick-fil-a Gift Basket	

Thank you event sponsors!

Gold Mother Carol & George Zwicker * Bill & Myrtie Logsdon * Marie G. Hill
Laurie & John Monical * Cap'n Jack's Peaches

Silver David & Sherry McCarver * Thurman & Jimmie Lou Green * Patty LeCompte
Davis Family * Carroll Properties * David & Lori Logsdon * Jack & Julie Fleet

Bronze Muir Family * J.D. & Jeannie Harris * Braun Family * Angleton Sonic
Kalen Bailey-State Farm Ins. Agent



Nets for Life The children are doing a great job of donating .

The students at extended day have once again planted a garden. Some of the things they are growing are tomatoes, peas, strawberries and wildflowers.





Spotlight on Parish Personalities

By Shelley McCoy

Please tell us a little about your life/lives before you got to Holy Comforter. For example, where did you grow up? How did you two meet? Your educational background(s)? Places you've lived? Please provide any other details you'd like to share with the congregation.

Kelsey: I grew up in Alvin and was very active in 4-H and FFA, showing cattle and pigs, and I participated in livestock judging for 10 years. I then went on to graduate from Texas A&M University with a BS degree in Agriculture Development, specializing in animal behavior. I worked for the Houston SPCA as their animal behaviorist, and later as the Director of Animal Services, for five years until Cooper was born. While living and working in Houston, I decided to join a coed kickball team with several friends. A friend and former roommate of my cousin, Kerry Payne, was also on that kickball team. As the only two naturally competitive people on the team, we hit it off and were married one year later!

Kerry: I grew up on the San Bernard near West Columbia and spent a good part of my childhood pretending I was a modern day Huck Finn. In high school I discovered journalism and media studies and went on to study television production at Alvin Community College. After graduation I went to work for Telemundo where I eventually transitioned into broadcast engineering. I spent most of a decade traveling around the country designing and installing computer-based broadcast systems for radio and television stations. I eventually settled in Houston to do IT consulting on corporate messaging systems and attend the University of St. Thomas. Work took me to Austin for a few years, but I got homesick and moved back to Houston to be closer to my family. There I met Kelsey and then life *really* got interesting!

How did you “find” Holy Comforter? What church activities might be of interest to you?

Our home church in Houston featured a liturgically-based service of Word and Table where we felt very much at home. After moving to Angleton, we transferred our denominational membership to the local church, but the Contemporary style of worship we found there just wasn't the right fit. After about a year, we decided to try Holy Comforter and felt welcome immediately. Kelsey has just signed up to be a lector, and Kerry serves on the operations committee. We are also interested in community service activities.

What do you do for a living?

We own and operate a goat dairy. Kelsey stays home and manages the dairy business while she cares for two rambunctious boys, Cooper and Cody. She makes luxurious goat milk soaps, lotions, and body products. We are working towards our Grade A dairy license, which we will have in late spring, and will begin selling milk and other dairy products. Kerry helps run the dairy and also works a full time job in Information Technology.

What do you enjoy doing when you have free time?

The goats are a seven day a week, year round job. When we can get a substitute milker, we enjoy going camping. We went to Big Bend National Park for our honeymoon and can't wait to take the boys when they're a little older! We also enjoy going to Astros games!

Please tell us a little about your family.

We have two sons. Cooper is two and a half, and Cody will celebrate his first birthday in a couple of weeks.

What would you like for our congregation to know about you?

Neither one of us is a cradle Episcopalian, but we've both come to love and appreciate our new church. Everyone has been so welcoming; we're excited to be here and excited to see what the future brings!

April 2011

Monthly Planner

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