



COMFORTABLE WORDS

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

Serving the Episcopal Community of Angleton Since 1897

Holy Comforter
Episcopal Church

APRIL 2008

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 AM Adult Christian Ed.

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Children's Christian Ed.

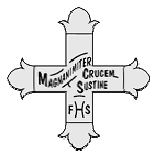
Infant and toddler care is provided from 9:30 AM to Noon.

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

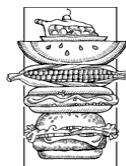
Upcoming events at Holy Comforter...



Women's Bible Study Begins April 1st



DOK New Member Induction April 13th



HCES Picnic April 27th



PENTECOST

Pentecost Sunday, May 11th with Storyteller Kathy Culmer



**Episcopal Night at the Astros!
Wednesday, June 11**



Bishop's Visit June 29th



**Vacation Bible School
July 13th -- 17th**

MOTHER CAROL'S COLUMN



Like most people, I just love springtime! Everywhere there's new life and new energy. Trees that could have passed for dead last month are now awash in vibrant green. Shrubs fairly burst with colorful flowers. Birds, anticipating their newly hatched family, build nests with purposeful care; grass once again needs mowing. Its nature's echo of the great resurrection story: life from death!

I see new life and energy at Holy Comforter as well! Nearly 100 people enjoyed our Palm Sunday service; Easter Sunday greeted 174 worshippers! Every week coffee hour buzzes with laughter and conversation. People are sharing their gifts and talents in new, energizing ways.

Your Vestry and Staff are looking ahead, anticipating and preparing for even more energy and life at Holy Comforter! In the next few weeks, you will receive a letter from Don Hood and the Facilities Assessment committee, asking for your opinions and ideas about our facilities. I hope you will carefully consider the survey questions and return the form directly. We need input from the Holy Comforter community about how we can best use and improve our facilities for the maximum benefit to all!

An additional aspect of our forward movement is the exciting up-and-coming implementation of our new website! It is currently under construction, but when it comes up---hopefully before the month is out--- it will be a tremendous benefit to members and potential visitors alike! You'll be able to check out the church calendar online, read the newsletter, and see what's going on at Holy Comforter. Visitors will easily see our service schedule and directions to the church! The web-address is www.holycomforterangleton.com . It will be a snappy new look for HC!

A part of that snappy new look is a vibrant revision of our logo, as you see in this newsletter! Our website designers have, along with a sub-committee of Vestry members, designed a logo for the 21st century! We've kept the Holy Comforter cross, but given life and motion to the Holy Spirit Dove! She looks as though she is flying in front of the cross, full of life and grace; much like this church which bears her name: Holy Comforter!

Blessings,

Carol

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church Vestry Synopsis.....

The Vestry met on 11 February 2008, The Rev. Carol Petty presiding.

As customary in this new year, the Vestry participates in exercises to help us to live in to our Christian commitment. Mother Carol shared a tool to guide our time with the scriptures.

The Vestry welcomed Lori Hawkins to fulfill the seat vacated by Shelly McCoy.

The minutes of the January Vestry Meeting were approved as presented.

The Vestry/Warden's Conference will be held on the 23rd of February at St. Mark's Houston.

The Diocesan Council is to be held in Galveston February 15th and 16th.

Mother Carol reported on the progress of the Website. The Vestry selected Paraveldesign to design a new website and logo for HCEC.

The Vestry discussed the need to address our space challenges (especially the need for Christian Education space) as well as the desire to finish some of the exterior "face-lifts" suggested by the prayer garden designer (repainting the front door and painting the metal window frames). It was agreed to ask the Endowment Board for a maximum of \$30, 000 to address these projects.

Mother Carol will handle getting the check from the sale of the Rectory to AG Edwards for deposit.

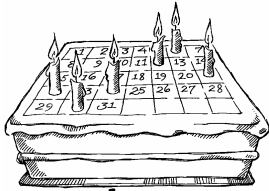
Linda Peck, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report which was accepted by the Vestry.

Faithfully submitted,

Jackie Warren

Treasurer's Report for February 2008

	Current Month	Year to Date	Annual Budget
Current Year Pledges	\$ 11,960.00	\$ 33,154.00	\$109,704.00
Other Income	\$ 6,636.20	\$ 18,563.19	\$ 40,000.00
Total Income	\$ 18,596.20	\$ 51,717.19	\$ 149,704.00
Total Expenses	\$ 14,218.28	\$ 58,012.76	\$ 175,048.00
Excess Income/Expenses	\$ 4,377.92	- \$ 6,295.57	- \$30,344.00
Bank Balances			
Texas Gulf Bank –Operating Account	\$ 22,948.89		
Texas Gulf Bank – Memorial Fund	\$ 15,251.89		
Texas Gulf Bank – Discretionary Fund	\$ 1,951.03		



Birthdays This Month

- 1 George Davis
Mark Eby
- 2 Maggie Neal
- 3 Tom Thomas
- 9 Yvonne Warner
- 10 Walt Kilgus
- 11 Lane Lostak
- 14 Jennifer Wobser
- 20 David Shackelford
Shane Ballard
Shea Lynn Funk
- 23 Vivian Schermerhorn
- 25 Sally Shackelford
- 27 Trey Cole
- 28 Trent Lewis
Joyce Steele
- 29 Michaela McCoy
Kaysie Hlavaty



Please offer up your
prayers for the brave
members of the Armed
Forces:

Morrie James Fanto, Laura
Knapp, Matthew Ridenhour,
Lisa Talley, Hunter Talley,
Bradley Ross Thomas.
Michael May, Cale Reeves,
Zach Fulton



Remember in your prayers this week:
The Alvarez Family, Sarah Bergen, The Billi Family, Teresa Buchta, Michelle Conley, Judge Davis, Gary Fannin, Janie Fitzpatrick, Michael Fuchs, Ken Graham, Mabel Hamlin, The Hallman Family, Tom Holder, Kelly Hughes, Pat Jennings, Lee Kennedy, Heather Ann Larose, Ruth Lauzon, Dorothy Lesch, Kim McComb, Buddy Meredith, Bruce Morrissee, Becky Nelson, Brenda, Samantha, and Ethan O'Farrell, John R. Pouland, Annabelle Powell, Georgia Powell, Allison Ridenhour, Brad Roberts, Steve Schiller, Lorie Ann Schneider, Paul R. Scott, Thomas Smith, Joyce Steele, Bradley Ross Thomas, Lisa Vitz, Charlie Warner, Jackie Warren, Colleen, Lydia, MaKenzie, Cindy Hamilton's sister Denise, Daniel Eli Wollam, Gina Wollam, Lila Von Tress.



- 4 Greg & Lori Hawkins
- 12 Mark & Becky Hlavaty
- 18 Walt & Dianne Kilgus
- 21 Joe & Frances Koonce

OWLS "Older, Wiser, Loving, Seniors"



It's time for FUN for all our OWLS at Holy Comforter Parish. We will have a "Crazy Hat Party" at our Wednesday, April 16th meeting in Herbst Hall beginning at 11:00 AM. A salad luncheon will be held at 11:30 AM. Plan now to bring your favorite salad or desert. OWLS, start decorating your "hat" now and invite your friends to come join in the fun and fellowship. This is a contest and the two craziest hats will be chosen and prizes awarded following the luncheon. For more information call Frances McDuff at 849-6741. Nineteen OWLS attended the March meeting and program. It's more fun with a crowd!!



Each month the Auxiliary of Angleton-Danbury Medical Center sponsors the monthly Blood Drive. On Tuesday, April 15th, the drive will be held from 12:00 noon to 6:45 PM in the Professional Building next door to the hospital.

You can make an appointment online at www.giveblood.org or call Doris Jackson at 979-849-7769, Frances McDuff at 979-849-6741, or Dianne Kilgus at 979-849-0071.

Give Blood ~~ It's a lifesaver.



Holy Comforter's Food Pantry Sunday will be held on Sunday, April 13th. The following food items are always needed: cereal, rice, beans, can vegetables, tuna, can fruits, chili, soup, etc. Please bring you food items and place them in the food wagon in the foyer. Money donations are always needed and welcome. To make a donation, please make your check payable to Holy Comforter Episcopal Church with a memo to Community Food Pantry and the Church Office will forward the money donations to the local food pantry. Your help is needed for our local neighbors so no one goes hungry in our town. Please be generous.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food" --Matthew 25:35a

In Anticipation of International Earth Day
April 22, 2008
a poem by John Leax

my delight

Though you have made the earth
for your delight,
I walk your woods and find
in hemlock, pine, and poplar
shelter
from the burning of your sun
and fuel to warm me
when your cold descends.

I find streaming from the hillside
clean water
that slakes my thirst,
and in the wildness of its flow,
trout that feed my hunger.

At your meadow's edge,
I pluck raspberries from the cane
and wonder at the thrasher
in the briars.

With every turn I find
extravagance—
the unending revelation
of your joy's abundance.
What other end should I imagine
for goldenrod and buttercup,
for bloodroot, trillium, and phlox,
for jack-in-the-pulpit
and Queen Anne's lace, for coltsfoot,
mullein, vetch, and lily,
for loosestrife and forget-me-not?
I am confounded.

What harmony within yourself
led you to make your pleasure
and my needs be one?

What awful purpose then
led you to place
your pleasure in my keeping?

What discord now tempts me
to seize what you have made
and call it mine?

The fitness of this place
for my abode portends
a grace beyond my strength to hold.

I must be held or fall.

With these words affirming
my delight, I yield
my inclination to name
my own what can be only yours.

Let my delight be as it must
yours and yours alone.

From *Out Walking: Reflections on Our Place in the Natural World*

thank you!

"The choir and director Sherry White want to thank three great carpenters, who so much remind us of the Great Carpenter: Walt Kilgus, Ed White, and Jerry Powell. Jerry, especially, spent many hours building in the choir room so we have a neat, organized workspace and a place for each choir member to put his/her musical materials. There is much more room to robe up for the choir and LEM folks now. Thank you so much."

Vacation Bible School

Can you believe it's that time again?

Our theme this year is

POWER LAB

**Discovering Jesus'
Miraculous Power**

VBS dates are July 13-17.

More details will come next month,
just don't forget about us as you begin
making your summer plans.

B.L.A.S.T. News

Bible Learning Adventure Stations

I want to thank all our
parents and teacher volunteers
for your continued support in our
Sunday School Program.
We have had a great year and guess
what, we are going to have a great
summer. Yes, we will be having
Sunday School during our summer
months. Plans for the summer are in
the works and I know the kids are
going to have a great time. More
details about our summer program
will come in the May newsletter.

For the Election of a Bishop

As the Diocese of Texas begins to prepare for the Election of a Bishop Co adjuter, please join in the prayer for the election of a Bishop.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers and Thanksgiving, Book of Common Prayer, p. 818

HOLY COMFORTER EPISCOPAL SCHOOL SPRING FLING

We are excited that plans for our annual spring fundraiser are underway! If you are new to HCES, expect a great day filled with food, fun games, an auction of creations by our school children, raffle prizes, a silent auction, and fabulous fellowship. This event is one that truly brings our families together while earning proceeds that benefit our school. The school is accepting donations for our silent auction.

Sunday - April 27th

12:00 – 3:00

(Hamburger & Chips Lunch

12:00 – 1:30)

Angleton High School



Thanks to all
of you who had your photo
taken for our new directory!
If you were unable to come on the
appointed days, you can still be in the
directory. There will be a page for
“those unavailable for
photographs.” On that page, they will
post a photo of your choosing that you
send/bring to us. So please be sure to
do that ASAP; we want to see your
smiling face!

A new Olan Mills feature is a connecting
link on our website to the directory. It
will be password protected so that only
members can access the
information! We will keep you
posted as to the status of
the Directory!



“GREEN” TIP OF THE MONTH

Want to get rid of junk
mail? Go to
www.greendimes.com
to learn how to eliminate
unwanted mail!

Worship Leaders Schedule

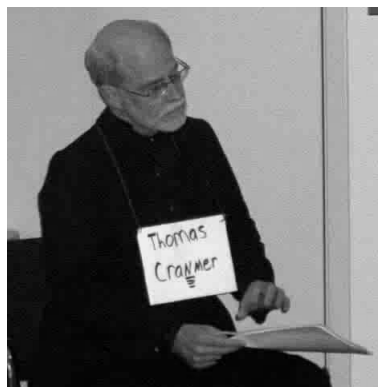
March – April 2008

DATE	SUNDAY	LECTOR	PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ACOLYTES
02 March 2008	4 th Sunday in Lent	Penney Reed	James Northrup	Lori Hawkins Bob Bailes	Peter Neal Mason Hawkins
9 March 2008	5 th Sunday in Lent	Ray Eby	Diana Dring	Ed White John Minkert	Ray Eby Kevin Cole
16 March 2008	Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday	Jackie Warren	John Minkert	Mike Hattaway Jackie Warren	Peter Neal Brook Eby
20 March 2008	Maundy Thursday	Lisa Fitzpatrick	James Northrup	Mike Hattaway Lisa Fitzpatrick	NA
21 March 2008	Good Friday	John Minkert	John Minkert	John Minkert Ed White	NA
23 March 2008	Easter Sunday Sunday of the Resurrection	James Northrup	S. Carpenter	Lori Hawkins Bob Bailes	Mason Hawkins Kevin Cole
30 March 2008	2 nd Sunday of Easter	Shelley McCoy	Jackie Warren	Jackie Warren Ed White	Ray Eby Brook Eby
6 April 2008	3 rd Sunday of Easter	Diana Dring	Heath Burns	Mike Hattaway Lisa Fitzpatrick	Peter Neal Kevin Cole
13 April 2008	4 th Sunday of Easter	S. Carpenter	Shelley McCoy	Lori Hawkins Bob Bailes	Mason Hawkins Brook Eby
20 April 2008	5 th Sunday of Easter	Heath Burns	Penney Reed	Ed White John Minkert	Ray Eby Peter Neal
27 April 2008	6 th Sunday of Easter	Lisa Fitzpatrick	John Minkert	Mike Hattaway Lisa Fitzpatrick	Kevin Cole Brook Eby

Discovery Dinners were a huge success!



Thanks to everyone who helped make them possible! Anyone who completed all four classes is eligible to be confirmed in June when Bishop Harrison makes her first visit to Holy Comforter!



There are a few folks who want to be confirmed, but who were unable to attend all of the dinners. If you are one of them, contact the church office ASAP: 979-849-1269 or holycomforterangelton@gmail.com. A "catch up" class is in the works, but we need to know who plans to participate! Don't miss out!

A Legacy of Leadership: The Election of a Bishop

4 Sundays, Beginning April 13, 9:30 a.m.

Please join us for this special 4-Part Sunday School class!

This Bible Study/History/Church Life curriculum has been beautifully designed by our Diocese to help us prepare for the May 24 election of our Bishop Coadjutor! A Bishop shapes the life of a Diocese, so this election is of critical importance to all of us. Everyone is welcome to come, learn, and share together in this important event!

Nominees for Bishop Coadjutor

The Rev. David Alwine, rector, Christ Church, Temple, TX

The Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, Canon to the Ordinary, Diocese of Texas

The Rt. Rev. Dena A. Harrison, Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of Texas

The Rev. Gary Hill, rector, Christ Church, Nacogdoches, TX

The Rev. Neal Michell, Canon Missioner for Strategic Development,
Diocese of Dallas

The Rev. James Stockton, rector, Resurrection, Austin, TX



Episcopal Night at the Astros!



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Minute Maid Park
Wednesday, June 11th
Game time 7:05 p.m.

A portion of each ticket sold will benefit
the ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas!

Mezzanine Tickets \$14.00

Let's have a Holy Comforter section!

Sign up & pay in the Parish Hall
Sundays May 4, & 11 or come
by the Church office!

A huge thank you to our wonderful Vestry for the delicious Easter Sunday breakfast! What a blessing they are to us! L to R: Barbara Marin, Doris Jackson, James Northrup, David Shackelford, Heath Burns, Dianne Kilgus, Mike Hanson, Lori Hawkins, & Lola Kay Hood.

