



COMFORTABLE WORDS

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

Serving the Episcopal Community of Angleton Since 1897

Holy Comforter
Episcopal Church

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Children's Christian Ed.

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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August 23rd



Noon

Back to School

Bash N Splash

Hot Dogs/Soft drinks provided. Bring side dishes: potato salad, beans, cole slaw, dessert, etc.

Blessing of the Educators – both services



MOTHER CAROL'S COLUMN

Texas summer...nothin' like it! You know its summer in Texas when:

Birds use potholders to pull worms out of the ground.

Trees are whistling for dogs.

Hot water now comes out of both taps.

Potatoes cook underground, so all you have to do is pull one out, add butter, salt & pepper.

Farmers are feeding their chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying boiled eggs.

Only a *slight* exaggeration! In spite of the brutal heat (or maybe because of it!) things have been cookin' around here! **James Northrup, Jerry Powell, and Ray Marin** cleared our new lot of all the cement chunks left behind when the pink house was moved; thank you for that amazing job! Soon, a new fence will be in place, the ground will be leveled, some grass planted, and *voila!* A new play yard for Holy Comforter Episcopal School!

Quiet progress continues to be made on the kitchen remodeling project. Expect more details soon! Thanks to **Jimmie Lou Green, Doris Jackson, and David Shackelford** who have worked so hard on this project for a *very* long time.

Godly Play is on the fast track. Watch as the Sunday School room is transformed into sacred space. Woodworkers will soon be making shelving and small church furniture (lectern, altar, and pulpit) and tiny stoles and chasubles will be sewn by gifted handworkers!

Coffeehouse Theology is under construction. I look forward to leading us in theological conversations about life; culture; scripture; world events, etc. What does it mean to be Christian in America in 2009? How should we live? What should our concerns be?

Both Godly Play and Coffeehouse Theology begin the Sunday after Labor Day!

Back-to-School approaches....On August 23rd we'll celebrate with our annual **Back to School Bash'n'Splash** hot dog lunch and **Educator Blessing in both services**. Invite your children's teachers, administrators, etc. and your friends who do that work, that we might bless them, along with our parish educators, as we begin another school year.

Do your best to keep cool!

Carol

Community Food Pantry



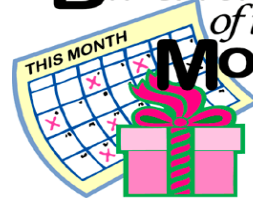
Please remember the needy of our community and give generously to those who aren't as fortunate. Food, as well as monetary donations, will be forwarded to the local Food Pantry by the Church Office.

Nominations are open!

The nominating committee of the vestry is receiving nominations for vestry (3 year term), endowment board (3 year term), and diocesan council delegate (3 year term). Nomination/Expectation forms for each of these important positions are located on the baker's rack in the narthex of the church. **Nominations must be received by September 1 and must be signed by the nominee.** Elections will be held on Sunday, October 18 at the conclusion of each service. Terms begin in January 2010.

Please prayerfully consider who you might nominate to serve at Holy Comforter.

Birthdays of the Month



- 2 Nate Reed
- 3 Lila Von Tress
- 9 Megan Forman
- 11 Cindy Stevens
- 13 Mildred Galaznik
- 15 Mark Hlavaty
- 16 Jennifer Hanson
Michelle Bosarge
- 27 Alison Bosarge
- 28 Laurene Patterson
Greg Hawkins
- 31 Heath Burns



"GREEN"

TIP OF THE MONTH

Be Old-Fashioned

Electric can openers require more resources to build, and take up more space in landfills than old-fashioned models. Typical 175-watt brands use .01 to .18 kWh per month, for an energy cost of about one cent. That doesn't sound like much, but if every person in America used one, that would be 36 to 648 million kWh of power, costing us \$36 million.

Save the date!

Holy Comforter's
Annual
Fall Festival of Faith
Saturday,
October 24, 2009



THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Ed & Sherry White
- 31 John & Sue Minkert



From the Children's Ministry Coordinator.....



The big news for our children's ministry this month is Godly Play. We are in the process of converting our current Sunday School room to our Godly Play Sacred Space. You will see lots of activity this month as the conversion takes place. We are so excited to be able to offer this wonderful program to our children. It will be amazing to see the transformation the children make as they begin to learn how church "happens" and as they begin to learn the sacred stories and parables of the Bible. Recently, myself, Deborah Northrup, Nissa Picard, Barbara Marin and Mother Carol attended a two-day Godly Play training at St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Houston. We are all hooked on Godly Play!

As always, we are looking for adults who are willing to help in our children's ministry. Please refer to the Godly Play ad in this issue of the newsletter to see how you can serve in Godly Play.

We have one more day of Vacation Bible Saturdays this month! We have been a bit disappointed in our turnout. Attendance has been low but we have enjoyed the children that have attended and have been blessed with sharing the word of God with each of them. Please be in prayer as we seek God's direction for Vacation Bible School next summer.

In Christ,
Cherie



MUSIC NOTES

Greetings! The "Java with John" continues each Sunday, first in the Fellowship Hall with coffee and visiting, and then in the church at about 9:45/9:50 as we take a look at the hymns and how they relate to the scriptures of the day as well as to the sermon. We also share the history of some hymns and discover which tunes are familiar and which ones are not! If you would like to "sit in" sometime this month, please do so! Just come early to the 10:30 am service or stay late after the 8:30 am and you will be welcomed!

Thanks also for the many prayers and well-wishes for my wife, Laurie. She is recovering well from her nasty car accident and hopes to be with me in church again soon.

If you play a musical instrument or want to suggest a favorite song for us to sing, please drop me a line at music@holyccomforterangleton.org

God bless you all!

John

Vacation Bible *SATURDAYS*
just for kids
ages three to twelve!!!!



9:30 until Noon

August 8th

Come see what God is doing all around us.
Let's stomp through the swamp
this summer and rock the dock!



Coffeehouse Theology

Sundays 9:30 AM – Parish Hall
(beginning September 13)

Join us for coffee and
theological conversation.

Topics will vary;
all questions are welcome!



In order to be better stewards of our resources, the vestry has re-examined newsletter distribution. We plan to stop bulk mailing the newsletter in January of 2010; in the meantime, you will be given opportunity to let us know how you prefer to receive your newsletter:

1. Online (with an e-mail notification);
2. Pick up a paper copy at church;
3. US mail.

We are working to find a balance between good communication and good stewardship. Please consider your choice and let us know! Thank you!



Nursery News

Beginning September 13th, the nursery will be available only for babies and children up to age 3. Once a child turns 4 years of age they will need to attend worship service with their family. Please make note of this change and help make our guests aware.

Thank you.



Summer is a busy time, but the work of the church continues! Remember to support Holy Comforter with your presence *and* your "presents!"

You can contribute online with PayPal if you are away for an extended time.

Coming September 13, 2009 to Holy Comforter Episcopal Church:

Godly Play

For Kids ages 3 through Fifth Grade

9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

How Can You Help With Godly Play?

Doorperson
Feast Preparer
Storyteller



What is the responsibility of a Doorperson?

The Doorperson sets the tone for the entire lesson. The Doorperson greets the children outside the room and gets them in the right frame of mind to enter the Godly Play sacred space. Training will be provided for those volunteering to be Doorpersons.

What is the responsibility of the Feast Preparer?

The Feast Preparer provides a food item for the feast. The children will feast each week after their story and response time. The feast could be something as simple as crackers or cookies or could be something related to the week's story, like red velvet cupcakes on Pentecost Sunday.

What is the responsibility of the Storyteller?

The Storyteller tells the story to the children, using a script that has been memorized and the Godly Play manipulatives. Training will be provided for those desiring to be Storytellers.

There is a place for everyone in Godly Play! Our children need you.....where will you choose to serve?

Contact Cherie Burns at children@holycomforterangleton.org, or Deborah Northrup at janddnorth@sbcglobal.net, and let us know how you can help.

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church Vestry Synopsis.....

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Vestry of Holy Comforter Episcopal Church was held on 08 June 2009, 7:10 P.M.

Those members in attendance were: Lola Kay Hood, Dianne Kilgus, Chip Cole, James Northrup, Barbara Marin, Barbara Thomas, Jerry Powell

Absent: Linda Peck, Lori Hawkins, Mike Hanson

Also present: Jackie Warren, Clerk of the Vestry

*Opening prayer was led by Mother Carol. The Vestry viewed a Nooma video, *Trees*, for spiritual reflection. Discussion followed.

*Mother Carol encouraged all Vestry Members to go to the Stewardship Conference to be held at Camp Allen. Cost of conference is \$40 with Diocesan scholarship.

*The Minutes of the May Vestry Meeting were approved as presented.

*Plans for the Fall Festival are under way. The Lighthouse Cookers will provide the food again this year. Ticket price was discussed and it was decided the ticket price will be \$9.00 each, including dessert.

* James Northrup, Junior Warden, reported the following:

The newly purchased properties, south of the vacant lot, will need some fences so the school can use it. James will check out the cost. David Shackelford is working on a plan for Lee Hall. James met with contractor regarding upgrades to the Parish Hall.

* Mother Carol reported:

1. The Bishop will be here June 28 -There will be 3 Baptisms, 1 to be received, and 4 Confirmations.
2. Stewardship conference to held 7-31 and 08-01. \$40 cost.
3. Nominating committee is: Barbara Thomas, Barbara Marin, and Mike Hanson

Newsletter distribution was discussed. Motion was made and passed to cease bulk mailing Holy Comforter Newsletter to begin in January 2010. Those who need to receive by mail can still do so; copies will be available for pick up at church. Primary delivery method will be online, through website.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Jackie Warren, Clerk of the Vestry

June 2009

June Total Income	16,262.07
June Total Expenses	18,600.52
Surplus or (Deficit)	(2,338.45)
YTD Pledged Income	60,765.00
YTD Pledged Income Received	79,265.00
Surplus or (Deficit)	18,500.00
YTD Income	113,202.06
YTD Expenses	92,772.22
Surplus or (Deficit)	20,429.84