



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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We Love Holy Comforter School!!!



Holy Comforter Episcopal School
Appreciation Day
Wednesday, February 10th.

MOTHER CAROL'S COLUMN



It's February! We stand at the threshold of another Lenten Season: Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is February 17. The ashen cross on our forehead invites us to step back from the confusion of our pixilated 21st century lives and to embrace a season of stillness and contemplation.

During Lent we are urged to consider our sinful ways, to seek God's forgiveness, and to turn away from sin. The Book of Common Prayer defines sin as: *the seeking of our own will, instead of the will of God, thus distorting our relationship with God, with other people, and with all creation.* Notably absent from this definition is a list of moral infractions. Although moral infractions are sometimes a part of sin, at its root, sin is often more subtle—and much more deceitful—than a list of evil acts.

Consider the person who demands perfection of herself, berating herself for every less-than-perfect accomplishment. She tells herself she is striving for excellence. Is she, or might she need to repent of the sin of self abuse and love herself as God loves her?

Consider the person who is struggling with grief or depression, but who refuses to seek help. He tells himself he should be strong and just get over it. Should he, or might he need to repent of the sin of self-neglect and ask God for the courage to heal?

God yearns for us to be healthy, whole human beings; that *is* God's will for us. To resist God's love and healing is sin, no matter how we may try to disguise it. This Lent, our theme is *A Season of Healing*.

Our traditional Lenten Soup & Bread Suppers in March (see article, p. 7) will invite us to embrace our own healing and to learn to bring a healing presence to others. Lenten meditation booklets, *Healing Ourselves and the World*, provided by the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund will be available in the Narthex. Please access these brief daily readings to welcome contemplation and healing.

As always, I look forward to sharing this holy season with you. May this Lent truly be a *Season of Healing* for each of us.

Blessings to you,

Carol

GROWING IN CHRIST

Opportunities abound for
Growing in Christ!

Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.,
Comforter Kids (ages 2-4) learn the
stories of Jesus with teachers Kim
Peck and Mikayla Pierce;
school-agers enjoy Godly Play
under the guidance of a team of
teachers; and adults share in
thoughtful theological discussion in
Coffeehouse Theology, facilitated
by Mother Carol.

Won't you join us as we grow in
knowledge and grace through the
wisdom of scripture?

May Your Gaze Turn Upon Us

*God of mercy and love,
turn your gaze upon us.
You have called us again to the journey
called Lent.
We have framed our own world
and barriers have been made among us
of hate and suspicion,
of fear and reprisal.
God of mercy and love,
turn your gaze upon us.
Teach us to reframe our world
as we turn our gaze toward you.
Help us claim, again, your Easter promise:
that everything and everyone we
encounter
will be made new
through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen*

Kathleen R. Flood, OP



Welcome Lent with Ash Wednesday Services

Noon & 7 p.m.
Holy Eucharist and
Imposition of Ashes

Gifts Received



In Memory of...

Emma Womack

Mary Ann Thomas

In Honor of....

Jackie Warren

The Vestry of Holy Comforter



Thank You!!

Thanks to the dedicated Salvation Army volunteers who manned the booths and rang the bell in Angleton for 24 days before Christmas, kettle donations in 2009 exceeded 2008 by \$800. We only have three locations in Angleton and we totaled out at \$28,800. This is very good considering the state of the economy at the present time. Brazoria County is the only location that uses volunteers only. Other counties pay people to do what we willingly do for the satisfaction of reaching out to the less fortunate. Also, all the money we receive remains in this area. This year the weather was pretty inclement some days but we managed to only lose a couple of hours.

The following parishioners are gratefully appreciated for participating, plus two volunteers who assisted our assigned ringers: Mary Ann Thomas, Dorothy and Chuck Ragain, Deborah White, James Northrup, Ron and Cindy Briscoe, Ed White, Jackie Warren, Gwen French, Bonnie McDaniel, (and Rufa Charnetski) , Ellen and Brook Eby, Tom and Barbara Thomas, Georgia Powell, Donna Lewis (and Claudine Spoor), Glenn Hill, Cathy Helms, Joe and Mildred Galaznik, Lonnie Lostak, Bob Stawarczik, John Minkert, Don and Lola Kay Hood, Chip Cole, Lisa Fitzpatrick and Patrick, and Shelley McCoy.

I hope I can count on your assistance next year and thank you for looking out for others!

B. Carroll



Austyn Daniel Keenom
Born: 12/27/2009
8lbs & 8 oz. 19 3/4 inch.
Parents: Daniel and Sara
May God Bless our Son !!



born in the
USA

01.02.2010

The image is a celebratory announcement for a newborn baby. It features a photograph of a sleeping newborn baby in a hospital bed, wearing a blue patterned onesie. To the right of the photo is a teddy bear holding a small American flag. The text provides the baby's name, birth date, weight, length, and parents' names. The phrase "born in the USA" is written in a cursive font. The date "01.02.2010" is printed at the bottom of the photo. The entire announcement is framed by a decorative border of red, white, and blue stripes and dots.



Coffee Hosts are needed for February. Please sign up in the Parish Hall or contact Betty Mogford at 979-345-2968.



- 5 Gracie Kroschel
- 7 Maddyson Raab
- 8 Mike Hattaway
- 9 Becky Hlavaty
- 13 Ray Eby
- 16 Lola Kay Hood
- 20 Mabel Hamlin
- 21 Ross McCoy
Ray Marin
- 22 Penney Reed

Pancakes + Boy Scouts=Shrove Tuesday!



Join us for a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, cooked by our own Boy Scout Troop 531! (Under the direction of adult leaders)

Tuesday, February 16, 5:30-6:30
Holy Comforter Parish Hall
Cost: Donation to the Boy Scouts



**“GREEN”
TIP OF THE
MONTH**

Kick the plastic water bottle habit.

Save resources by drinking from a glass whenever you can, or use a refillable, stainless steel bottle when you are on the go. That way you can avoid the controversy over chemicals leaching from both hard and soft plastics into your water, even at room temperatures.

**New Holy Comforter office hours:
Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.**



Use Goodshop by Goodsearch whenever you purchase goods online.

List Holy Comforter as your charity of choice and we will receive a percentage of your purchase price!



- 20 Chip & Christi Cole
- 27 Lou & Beth Hunter



From the Children's Ministry.....



Comforter Kids! A new name for a new class! This year we initiated a new preschool Sunday School class for ages 2-4. Such special children needed a special name, so we now have the Comforter Kids! If you have children in that age group, please bring them at 9:30 to participate in Comforter Kids! They will hear the stories of our faith and experience the joy of learning about God's love with their friends.

Godly Play continues to go well and will be the theme for this year's VBS, under the direction of Linda Peck!



Our children presented a wonderful Christmas Eve pageant!



MUSIC NOTES

The chilly winds of December and early January seem to be warming up a bit. As we move this month from the liturgical season of Epiphany into Lent, let us be mindful to show the Light of Christ to our friends, neighbors and strangers. Lent is a time of taking on additional disciplines, or of giving up something pleasant. May I suggest that some of you join the choir for the season of Lent and Easter? It is a good discipline, and we will all benefit from your devotion to your church.

John



Fabulous Friday Fish Frys!

Once again we will be having our annual Lenten Fish Fry. Please sign up for the week or weeks you can help and areas where you can help; see sign up sheet in the Parish Hall. Jobs include: cooks, runner, line servers, ticket/money taker, and dessert providers.

If you are unable to help, please come and have supper and fellowship with us! Bring a friend or two with you, or tell your friends and neighbors about the Fish Fry.

We will be serving fish, French fries,
beans, hush puppies, and tea.

All this for only \$7.50.

Take out boxes will be available.



A long time HC tradition is Lenten Soup & Bread Suppers; a simple meal, for a simple season. This year we'll have three suppers, each hosted by a Holy Comforter group. The hosts set up and clean-up; parishioners bring a favorite homemade soup and/or bread! Host schedule is: **March 7: Choir; March 14: DOK; March 21: Ushers.** Host groups should arrive at 4:30 for set-up.

Supper will be served at 5 p.m., followed by the programs from 5:30-6:30. In keeping with our Lenten theme: A Season of Healing, Mother Carol will lead us in an interactive series of programs about healing.

More details to come!

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church Vestry Synopsis.....

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Vestry of Holy Comforter Episcopal Church was held on 8 December 2009 at 7:00 PM with the Rev. Carol Petty presiding.

Those Vestry Members present were Barbara Marin, Lola Kay Hood, Dianne Kilgus, James Northrup, Jerry Powell, and Barbara Thomas. Also present: Jackie Warren, Clerk of the Vestry; Trey Picard and Ed White, elected Vestry Members for 2010.

Absent: Mike Hanson, Lori Hawkins, and Chip Cole.

Mother Carol thanked Barbara Marin, Barbara Thomas, and Jackie Warren for their service this year, as this will be their last meeting with this Vestry.

The November minutes were approved as corrected. Mother Carol reported that the school had their annual inspection with the state.

Barbara Marin passed out the Bursar and Vestry Person of the Day schedules for 2010.

James Northrup reported that the Parish Hall and Kitchen renovations are progressing. The Advent Breakfast will take place in the Wilbeck House. The dedication of the Parish Hall and Kitchen will be on Sunday, 10 January, following the late service.

Mother Carol requested an adjustment for her stipend/housing for tax purposes. A motion was made and seconded to allow the adjustment. The motion passed. Barbara Marin, James Northrup, and Barbara Thomas will be a committee to perform an annual evaluation of Mother Carol.

The proposed 2010 budget was distributed. It will be discussed and voted on at the January meeting. Mother Carol thanked Dianne Kilgus and Doris Jackson for their work putting the budget together.

James Northrup presented an estimated cost checklist for the Wilbeck House Feasibility. It shows an estimated cost of \$76,550 to bring the house up to code so it can be used for office spaces and meeting rooms. This expense will be covered by the Endowment Fund allocation. A motion was made and seconded to move forward with a contract to purchase the house. The motion passed.

The Financial Report for December 2009 was received and accepted as received. Mother Carol led the vestry in closing by singing the Doxology.

Jackie Warren, Clerk of the Vestry

Financial Report

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating Income	31,559.63	229,783.56
Operating Expense	16,050.74	221,272.90
Surplus or (Deficit)	15,508.89	8,510.66
<u>Designated Gifts (Memorial, Disc. Fund, etc.)</u>		
Income	5,905.00	66,211.89
Expenditures	2,166.67	56,736.89

Holy Comforter Episcopal School News

Dear Families,

February brings a time to celebrate the love we have for others. I want to take this opportunity to express my love for our Holy Comforter Family and the precious children and wonderful teachers that make it so special.

Blessings,
Mrs. Logsdon

Summer and Fall 2010 Registration



Priority registration for our current families and parishioners begins February 15. Registration to the public will open March 1. Both summer 2009 and fall 2010 will be on the same registration forms. Call the school office if you have any questions 849-4602.

HCES Spring Fling

Saturday - April 24
11:00 - 2:30
Angleton Middle School

Games ~ Food ~ Raffle
Silent Auction
Children's Creation Live Auction

Mark your calendars now!
We hope you and your family will join us on this day filled with great fellowship & fun and at the same time raise proceeds to benefit our school.



School days are filled with learning, fun, and friends!





Spotlight on Parish Personalities

By Shelley McCoy

The Picard Family

Nissa and Trey met in college, even though she was at the University of Texas and he was at Texas A&M. They married in 1999, as Trey was starting his last year of law school, and in 2002, they had their son, James.

In 2005, the Picard family moved to Angleton when Trey accepted a job as an assistant district attorney for Brazoria County. Trey is still in the DA's office, and he is now running for the 149th District Judge position. Nissa is the Practice Manager for Dr. Mark Bonnen at South Texas Radiation Therapy Associates. James is a first grader at Our Lady Queen of Peace.

The Picards found Holy Comforter soon after moving to this area, and they are so glad for the many opportunities they have had to give back to our congregation. Trey is currently on the Vestry and Nissa is teaching Godly Play classes.

In their free time, they enjoy traveling and watching movies. Trey and James are both tae kwon do students, and James plays soccer. Nissa is a volunteer through Junior Service League, and she has also served on the Angleton Friends of the Library board.

An interesting note about Trey and Nissa: John Gearhart played at their wedding; so of course, they are thrilled to have him at Holy Comforter.

February 2010

Monthly Planner

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