



COMFORTABLE WORDS

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

Serving the Episcopal Community of Angleton Since 1897

Holy Comforter
Episcopal Church

JANUARY 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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Annual Parish Meeting!



Sunday, January 23rd

9:30 am

*Celebrate 2010 and
Imagine 2011..... and beyond!*

MOTHER CAROL'S COLUMN



Every year in late December, as the New Year approaches, I take time to process what has transpired in the just-passed year: what goals were accomplished (or not)? What were the highlights or heartaches? What were the blessings received and the lessons learned? Where and how did God work in my life? I record the answers to these questions in my journal.

Next, I look ahead at the year to come. What new goals shall I set? What trips shall I schedule? Is there any major purchase required this year and, if so, how will I manage it? What new direction, if any, does God want me to take in the coming months? This visioning process brings focus and intentionality to the days, weeks, and months that might otherwise slip through my fingers. It's a particularly helpful process this year, in light of my pending marriage. This year, my visioning will be done with George, planning the year together.

As a parish, we engage a similar sort of process through our Annual Parish Meeting. A printed report, distributed to all, summarizes what transpired in the previous year; we have opportunity to consider what went wrong, what went right, and how God has been at work in our community. Additionally, the annual meeting provides opportunity to look ahead to the upcoming year(s) and to hear about the plans, hopes, and dreams that the Vestry has been imagining for Holy Comforter's future.

I hope you'll make every effort to attend the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 23. It's a wonderful time to celebrate our parish community!

Also on that Sunday, we will welcome a very special guest to the HC pulpit, Vivek Mathew. Vivek, who is married to my daughter, Jeanie, delivered his first ever sermon at Holy Comforter in October 2008, during his first semester at Princeton Theological Seminary. Many of you have asked about his progress. He is now in his last semester and, having applied to several academic programs, is waiting for news of acceptance. I am so grateful for your warm welcome to him; needless to say, I am very proud of his accomplishments!

I look forward to sharing 2011 with you all as we learn, grow, and experience life together at Holy Comforter!

Carol



Coffee Hosts for the month of January




2 Altar Guild 9 Coffee Host Needed

16 Coffee Host Needed

23 Coffee Host Needed 30 Peck/Short

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




Birthdays of the Month

- 2 Kathryn Purdom
- 5 Melba Davis
- 7 Clint Hattaway
- 8 Clinton Bosarge
- 11 Lou Hunter
- 14 James Northrup
Mildred Hadley
Christi Cole
- 20 Sammy Green
- 23 Kurt Ruthstrom
- 28 Faith Fields

From the newsletter of Trinity Longview...

Each week I cut out the "Collect" from the bulletin and put it on my desk at work under the monitor. This is a way in which I can read it all the time when I am working during the week...especially during the week. I have been doing this for about a year and I have Joe doing it now as well. There are times when I feel overwhelmed at work and I look down and see it and immediately feel better. Also, when it comes to passwords, I only use religious words. I have several in our office using them, too. Our computers "go to sleep" after fifteen minutes of non-use so then you have to retype in your password. I have found years ago that if you type in a nice word like "grace", "thankful", or "blessings" that you are happier and more peaceful during the day.

That's my take, Lindsey Mraz



"GREEN"

TIP OF THE MONTH

Cordless phones are energy vampires: sitting in a recharging cradle they suck up power 24-7. So replace a cordless phone or two that you don't really need, and you'll save energy.



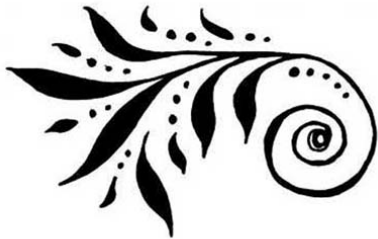
Congratulations to Mother Carol and George Zwicker on their engagement! Best Wishes to you both!



**Anniversaries
this Month**

22 Tom & Barbara Thomas

*Thank you to
Holy Comforter...*



*Thank you for all the
support you have given
to the St. Thomas
Center for the poor
and needy of our
community.*

*May God continue to
bless you!*

--Mildred Wauson

Boy Scout Buzz...



*Troop 531 saw 3 scouts advance to
2nd Class last month. The troop is
working on their personal fitness
merit badges, which consists of a
challenging combination of
classwork, calisthenics and running
over three months.*

*On December 11th, the troop rang
the bells for the Salvation Army
and in January we are planning a
camp-out at Austin Town, where
they will work on their axe and fire
building skills as well as dutch-oven
cooking. The troop meets in the
parish hall every Monday at 6:30
PM.*



*Join us Sunday, January 9th at
9:30 a.m. as James Northrup
presents an update on the
campus development progress.*

WELCOME

Sunday, January 23rd

*We welcome Vivek Mathew to
Holy Comforter's pulpit. Vivek is
completing his final year at
Princeton Theological Seminary
and is Mother Carol's son-in-law.*

YOUTH CLASS



Thanks to Barbara Thomas and her team, the new Youth class is underway! Meeting each Sunday at 9:30 am in the Parish House garden room, middle school and high school youth enjoy meeting together and exploring the scriptures.



*Thanks to all participants in the
Holy Comforter Christmas Eve Pageant!*

Special thanks to Tom & Jodi Cong, directors.



MUSIC NOTES

Greetings Holy Comforter! It is hard to believe that Christmas and New Year's have already come and gone. It is also hard to believe that I have been with Holy Comforter for three months now, but they have been a great three months! I have experienced such a warm and gracious welcome and I thank you all for that. I would also like to thank the choir for their dedication and hard work during the holiday season. With the start of this New Year I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join the choir. We are always looking for more voices and no musical experience is needed. If you have any questions feel free to contact me through e-mail at music@holycomforterangleton.org

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.

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



Sunday,
January 23

Annual Parish
Meeting

9:30 a.m.
(between services)



Let God's Light Shine at Holy Comforter

We have gratefully received 42 commitment cards for 2011. Many more cards are still outstanding. It would be a great help to receive these as soon as possible. Thank you for your faithful commitment to God's work at Holy Comforter!

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY



Everybody wins on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 6!
Bring your favorite soup, bread, or dessert for Holy Comforter's Annual **Souper Bowl Lunch**, along with canned soup for the food pantry, and a cash donation for the Rector's Discretionary Fund. The needy of our community will be the winners...and so will we!

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church Vestry Synopsis.....

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Holy Comforter Episcopal Parish Vestry was held on November 9, 2010, with Rev. Carol Petty presiding. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Mother Carol at 7:00 p.m.

Present were: Dianne Kilgus, Trey Picard, Barbara Thomas, Ed White, Lola Kay Hood , Chip Cole and Jerry Powell. Also present were 2011 vestry member, SuZan Carpenter and Barbara Marin, Vestry

Mother Carol led the vestry in spiritual reflection.

The minutes of the October 12th regular vestry meeting were presented.

Mother Carol presented a report for HCES. HCEC and HCES are providing 15 children in Brazoria County Protective Custody with three gifts each. Plans are underway for registration for next fall. Priority registration will be offered to HCEC parishioners and HCES returning families before being opened to the public.

Mother Carol gave the junior warden report in James Northrup's absence. James has people lined up and ready to go with renovations to Parish House. A meeting is scheduled for January 9th and James will have drawings and numbers to present to the parish to let them know what progress has been made with the plans for renovating the Parish House and church. James will have a full report for the vestry in December.

Mother Carol welcomed Suzan Carpenter as a newly elected vestry member. She and other new vestry members will be officially installed at our annual meeting on January 23, 2011.

Mother Carol thanked Barbara Thomas for her leadership with the Commitment Drive. Mother Carol reported that Dianne Kilgus and the finance committee are working on the 2011 budget. She also reported that James Northrup and Lori Hawkins are working on her evaluation. She reported that Advent begins on November 28th and this year's theme is Living In Hope.

Due to Stephanie being out on vacation no financial report was given. The October and November report will be presented for review and approval at the December meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. with prayer led by Mother Carol.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Marin, Clerk of the Vestry

Financial Report

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating Income	9,786.02	131,895.46
Operating Expense	11,958.65	202,162.06
Surplus or (Deficit)	(2,172.63)	(70,266.60)
<u>Designated Gifts (Memorial, Disc. Fund, etc.)</u>		
Income	595.00	34,875.87
Expenditures	0.00	2,519.00

Endowment Fund Balance as of 9/30/10 was \$658,848.66.

Value of mineral properties is in addition to this amount.

Happy New Year



The children sing Christmas carols at city hall.



Dear Families,
A new year brings new opportunities for change and growth. As HCES enters this new year we look forward to sharing in the continued growth and development of your precious children. We also are excited about the change we will soon see on our day school campus as we re-design and improve the playground. We are looking for volunteers to help make this happen. So, give us a call if you are interested in helping or have any questions. Blessings to each of you as you begin 2011.

Mrs. Logsdon

Looking ahead... Mark your calendars now for our annual spring fundraiser! We are planning a raffle, auction, games, food and fun! We will soon let you know the many ways you can get involved and help!

**SPRING PICNIC
WESTSIDE ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
SATURDAY, APRIL 9
11:30-3:00**



January 2011

Monthly Planner

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