



COMFORTABLE WORDS

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

Serving the Episcopal Community of Angleton Since 1897

Holy Comforter
Episcopal Church

MAY 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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*The honor of your presence
is requested at the marriage of*

Carol Ross Petty

and

George H. Zwicker

Saturday, the 14th of May, 2011

Eleven o'clock in the Morning

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church

Angleton, Texas

Lunch to follow in the Parish Hall

MOTHER CAROL'S COLUMN



The Great Fifty Days of Easter have begun! The liturgical color of the Easter season is white, symbolizing resurrection and life; it's the same color we use for baptisms, burial services, and weddings, all occasions when we think about life, life out of death (resurrection), and new life.

I am particularly thoughtful these days about new life, as May 14—my wedding day!—is fast approaching. George and I will begin a new life together as husband and wife, a new family. It feels to me something a like resurrection, having come from such a painful past into the abundant joy of new life together. Who could have imagined that the seeds of sorrow, amply watered with my tears, could bring forth such beauty and joy? Clearly, God could have imagined it! As the scripture says, “This is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.”

George and I are so grateful that you share our joy! We feel a little bit as though *all* of Holy Comforter is getting married. Many of you have offered your gifts of creativity and time to make our day special. As a parish, you have agreed to host our reception by providing a potluck luncheon celebration. It is all completely lovely and we thank you in advance for everything you are doing to make our special day even more special.

We expect about 50 of our family members and friends to be present with us, too. I just can't wait for them to see what a loving parish Holy Comforter is...they will all want to move to Angleton and worship here!!

I pray that your Easter season will be joy-filled and holy, that you may know the resurrection power of Jesus Christ in your life.

Abundant blessings to you,

Carol

PS – An update: my son in law, Vivek, who has preached here several times, has been accepted at Oxford for the next 2 year leg of his academic journey. He and Jeanie will move to the UK in the fall!



Coffee Hosts for May



1 Thurman & Jimmie Lou Green

8 Dorothy Ragain & Dorothy Hajecate

15 Coffee Host Needed 22 The Trusty Family

29 Don & Cola Kay Hood

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

You're Invited!

The Nature Conservancy of Texas and St. Mary's Episcopal Church in West Columbia, TX invite you to join us for **Episcopalian Family Day on the Nash Prairie Preserve.....**



May 21, 2011

Time: 9am.....until

Contact Information:

The Rev Peter Conaty
St Mary's Episcopal Church
West Columbia, Texas

RSVP to 979-345-3456

stmaryswc@centurylink.net



The Day will include a hosted tour of the Nash Prairie with a celebration and blessing of the passage of stewardship to The Nature Conservancy of Texas of the gift and legacy of Kitty Nash Groce.

Highlights

- ☐ 9:00am Meet at the Parish Hall, St. Mary's West Columbia (201 East Clay—Intersection of 16th/Clay)
- ☐ 9:30 am Carpool to the Nash Prairie —following everyone's arrival, Introductions followed by a blessing of the prairie
- ☐ 12 noon Lunch of Hot Dogs and all the trimmings will be served at St. Mary's Parish Hall
- ☐ 1:30pm Optional tour of the Mowotony Prairie

Attire : Long pants, closed toe shoes/boots, sun screen, and hats as well as water or Gatorade for your personal use during tour. There are no restrooms on or near the prairie but if it is warm, you will need something to drink.....



5 Thurman & Jimmie Lou Green

11 Mike & Connie Hattaway

15 Mike & Tory Arnold



- 1 Jack Reed
- 4 Tory Arnold
Mike Baron
- 7 Susan Blice
- 9 Ginny Shackelford
- 11 Sue Minkert
- 12 Riley Mogford
- 13 Ed White
- 20 Tricia Haenchen
- 21 Connie Hattaway
- 23 Veronica Bosarge
- 27 Debbie Knapp
- 28 Lisa Fitzpatrick



"GREEN"

TIP OF THE MONTH

When it comes time to replace your shower curtain, look into options made with natural fibers, like cotton, bamboo or hemp linens. There are also non-PVC curtains, made of a plastic called PEVA that doesn't include the chlorine molecules that make PVC such a health concern. Still, plastic is a non-renewable resource, typically made from petroleum, so while it's a more healthy choice for your family and the workers who manufacture it, PEVA is still plastic.



This Lent, the Holy Comforter Community joined with other parish communities in the Diocese of Texas to see how many malaria nets we could buy! As we've learned, nearly one million people, mostly young children, die each year from malaria, an easily preventable disease.

Together, the Parish and School have purchased 104 nets! It is estimated that one net saves three lives, so using that formula, Holy Comforter has saved 312 lives during this Lenten Season!

Thank you for your generosity! You can read more about Nets for Life at www.netsforlifeafrica.org.

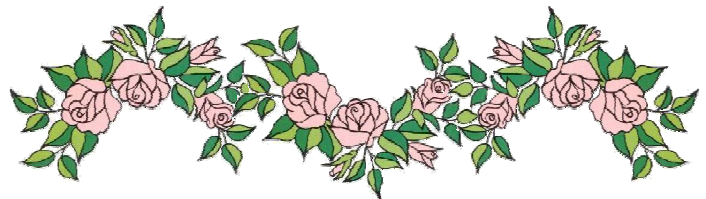


Holy Comforter Episcopal School Head of School Search Update

The School Board of Holy Comforter Day School is pleased to announce the hiring of our next Head of School! Nancy Standlee will begin her new role on Monday, June 6, 2011. Nancy is a Lake Jackson resident and a member of Chapelwood United Methodist Church.

A graduate of SFA, she has 35 years of experience with Early Childhood, having taught PPCD and Kindergarten at Brazosport ISD since 1976. Nancy has extensive fundraising and grant writing experience through her widespread community and church volunteer work. She is married to Alan, also a school teacher. They have 2 grown children who live in the Houston area. Nancy is very excited to be a part of the Holy Comforter Community!

Abundant thanks to the search committee: Deborah Northrup, Chair; Barbara Thomas; Trent Thrasher; Cindi Hamilton; and Paul Eby for a job well done!



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...



*Holy Comforter
Welcomes
The Reverend Canon
John Newton*

John is the newly appointed Canon for Lifelong Christian 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!

Please join Holy Comforter Church & School for a Thank You Reception for Lori Logsdon!

*Tuesday, May 31
4:30-5:30 pm
Come & Go*

Our thanks to Lori for nine outstanding years of ministry at Holy Comforter Day School.

We pray God's best for her as she moves forward to her next calling.

Episcopal Night at the Ballpark



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*Tuesday, June 28, 2011
7:05pm*

Arrive early. Bishop Andy Doyle will be throwing out the first pitch!

Mezzanine level seats with "All you can eat" Ballpark fare (Soda, water, peanuts, popcorn, nachos, and hot dogs) are \$25 each.

*We have 20 seats reserved. Contact Donna Trusty for tickets.
drummom7@yahoo.com
or 979-529-9636*



*Join
Holy Comforter
Day School
for the Dedication
& Blessing of the
New Playground!*

**Tuesday, May 24 8:30 a.m.
Parents, students, vestry, school board, parishioners...ALL are welcome to celebrate with us!**

A BIG thank you

to the operations committee for a great work day;

to Tom Long & his drama team: Pam Baron, and Breanna and Kevin Cole for the Palm Sunday skit;

to the LEMs, ushers, Lectors, choir members, altar guild, and acolytes who made Holy Week and Easter so worshipful;

and last, but by no means least, to Fr. Preston Weatherly, our Theologian in Residence for his grace-filled presence, faithful ministry, and constant encouragement! Holy Comforter is blessed indeed! We will celebrate his licensing in the Diocese of Texas with a reception May 8th at 9:30 AM!

First Friday Organ Recitals!!

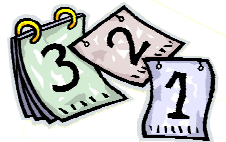
*Our own Dantel Russell
will be performing at*

*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!



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

**Tuesday, June 28 – Episcopal Night at
the Astros**

Sunday – Thursday July 19-21 -- VBS



Towards a more profound Alleluia

Welcome back, Alleluia! We missed you during Lent!

Lent, a holy and somber season, was made even more holy by the faithful leading in worship of Holy Comforter's choir. During Holy Week, Maundy Thursday's choral anthem and the haunting flute solos by Barbara Thomas on Good Friday heightened the holiness of those powerful worship services. Their depth accentuated the marked contrast of joyful, exuberant Easter worship!

Our choir will continue to lead us in jubilant worship in the coming Easter Season. We are grateful for the blessing of our choir.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!



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.

In May we will complete our series:
"The Jesus I Never Knew", by Philip Yancey.



Fish Fry Update

Thanks to all who made the Centen Fish Frys a success! We served approximately 504 fish dinners and made a profit of \$2,506.62.

Particular thanks to Bob Stawarczik for making it happen!



By the time you read this, Holy Comforter's Church and School offices will have moved to the Parish House! Drop by and see the progress!!



Boy Scout Buzz

The scouts are getting ready to help out with Relay for Life on April 29-30. This will be the 16th year of troop 531 helping with Relay.

The troop is also getting ready for summer camp at Buffalo Trails Scout Ranch near Ft. Davis in July.



Holy Comforter Episcopal Church Vestry Synopsis.....

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Holy Comforter Episcopal Parish Vestry was held on March 15, 2011, with Rev. Carol Petty presiding. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Mother Carol at 7:01 p.m. Those vestry members present were: Dianne Kilgus, SuZan Carpenter, Lori Hawkins, Chip Cole, Jerry Powell, Ed White, Trey Picard, Ellen Eby, and Mike Hattaway. Also present was Pam Massingill, Clerk of the Vestry.

Vestry members toured the Parish House with James Northrup leading a discussion on remodeling progress. The minutes of the February 8, 2011, regular vestry meeting were presented and approved. Barbara Thomas reported on the search for a new Head of Schools. The committee is in the process of narrowing down to 14 applicants and hopes to have made a final decision by April.

Junior Warden, Jerry Powell presented information on the storage building for the Boy Scout troop. Mother Carol spoke briefly about a parish workday to take place Saturday, April 16th from 8 am to 4 pm. Holy Comforter Episcopal School will be hosting its annual fundraiser at the Westside Elementary School campus on Saturday, April 9th.

St. Martin's conference was enjoyed by all in attendance. Ellen Eby mentioned that vestry members were encouraged to be good spiritual leaders in faith. Mike Hattaway spoke on "welcoming" new members / visitors and the importance of always following up. Mike then briefly shared his personal story of first being welcomed to Holy Comforter. At the conference the subject of Mission Statements was addressed. Vestry members discussed the feelings that ours is rather unremarkable or "unmemorable". Jerry Powell attended the Junior Warden's Conference. He felt the conference was very educational and that he would be working to implement what he had learned.

Mother Carol spoke about the Nets for Life fundraiser encouraging our participation as a parish. Lenten Soup and Bread Supper will be hosted by the Choir on March 16th, and the DOK on Wednesday, March 23rd, and ushers on the 30th. The first Friday Fish Fry went very well with 64 plates served.

Easter is April 24th and at 9:30 the vestry will be hosting the annual Easter breakfast. Dianne Kilgus presented the Treasurers report. Trey moved to accept the report. Mike seconded the motion. Motion passed.

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with prayer led by Mother Carol.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Massingill, Clerk of the Vestry

Financial Report

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating Income	16,698.00	49,354.75
Operating Expense	16,404.54	52,908.45
Surplus or (Deficit)	293.46	(3,553.70)
<u>Designated Gifts (Memorial, Disc. Fund, etc.)</u>		
Income	2,555.00	6,422.80
Expenditures	1,372.00	4,895.80

Endowment Fund Balance as of 3/31/11 was \$531,691.32

Value of mineral properties is in addition to this amount.

What a great day we had at the Spring Carnival! Thanks to all your generous support, we raised \$11,400.00! The playground is suddenly becoming a reality. We still have some finishing touches and the state inspectors need to put the official "stamp" of approval on it. Watch for more details about a special dedication of the playground we are planning for May 24th. As we near the end of this school year, it is hard to believe my time with Holy Comforter is coming to a close. We are very excited about my replacement, Nancy Standlee, and look forward to her "taking the reins" on June 6th. If you didn't meet her at the carnival, please take time to stop in this summer and get to know her. As we look at our calendar for the last 5 weeks of school, it is full of many great activities. We will be sharing Muffins with Moms, Splash Day, and End of School Parties but I think the most exciting time will be when the children finally get to enjoy our fantastic new playground.

Blessings,

Lori



**Top Raffle Seller
Caysen Coale**

During our unit of study "Spring is Here", all the classrooms studied the life cycle of the butterfly. The children cared for the caterpillars, learned about chrysalis, and watched the butterflies hatch. Pictured is Ms. Trisha's class as they release the butterflies.



May 2011

Monthly Planner

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