



COMFORTABLE WORDS

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

Serving the Episcopal Community of Angleton Since 1897

Holy Comforter
Episcopal Church

MAY 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."

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. Acts 2:1-5

Holy Spirit Celebration! **Pentecost Sunday**

Sunday May 11

10:30 a.m.



Special Guest
Storyteller Kathy Culmer



Worship followed by "Pentecost Potluck"
Bring a dish that reflects your (or another) ethnic heritage!
Don't forget to wear **Holy Spirit Red!**

MOTHER CAROL'S COLUMN



Amazingly, May is here! One of our culture's busiest months, it's the season for graduations, weddings, Mother's Day, Memorial Day...a month loaded with reasons to celebrate! Our church can add to the usual list our own birthday: Pentecost!

Pentecost, of course, celebrates the remarkable outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Comforter, upon the community of Christians gathered in Jerusalem. The believers experienced an outpouring of such magnitude that they were able to speak in other languages; people from many nations, gathered in Jerusalem for the Jewish harvest festival of Shavuot, heard the Christians speaking in their own languages and were drawn to belief in Christ. From that day, empowered by the Holy Spirit, the church grew exponentially. Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church and of course, because of our name, it is Holy Comforter's special day as well!

You know I love to celebrate, so we are making Pentecost Sunday extra special this year! In place of a sermon, storyteller Kathy Culmer will breathe life into the Pentecost story. After the service, we'll share *Pentecost Potluck!* Please bring a dish representing your own, or if your heritage lacks culinary zip, another ethnic heritage. (I promise to *not* bring an English kidney pie!) Together we'll celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit to us and to our brothers and sisters throughout the world!

It is my hope that as we celebrate this great gift that transcends ethnicity and nationality, we will be faithful to not only recognize, but to embrace our unity with all Christians through the Holy Spirit. Together we are the body of Christ...and that's truly something to celebrate!

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen. BCP, 395.

Blessings,

Carol

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church Vestry Synopsis.....

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Vestry was held on 10 March 2008, The Rev. Carol Petty presiding.

Vestry members shared their experiences of prayer.

Barbara Marin reported on her review of the Vestry Papers.

Mother Carol reported on the Accreditation review received for Holy Comforter Episcopal School. Minor suggestions for improvement have already been addressed. Larger changes recommend by the Committee will be implemented over the course of the next few school years.

Barbara Marin will contact the Church Insurance Corporation to ensure the Rectory has been removed from our obligation.

The Vestry is reviewing the possibility of placing directional signs around town to help people find Holy Comforter. James Northrup will handle.

Wheelchair access to the church was discussed. The only wheelchair access in through the west door of the Parish Hall. David Shackelford will identify possibilities of improving this access.

Bishop Harrison will be here 29 June 2008 for Confirmation.

The Property and Facilities Committee met and spent some time brainstorming the needs of the Parish. Preliminary ideas included school needs, parish needs, Sunday School needs, etc. Goal: Improve facilities.

After closing prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

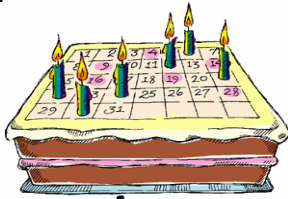
Faithfully submitted,

Jackie Warren

Treasurer's Report

March 2008

March Total Income	18,870.67
March Total Expenses	14,271.80
Surplus or (Deficit)	4,598.87
YTD Pledged Income	28,197.00
YTD Pledged Income Received	11,960.00
Surplus or (Deficit)	(16,237.00)



Birthdays This Month

- 1 Diana Dring
Jack Reed
- 4 Tory Arnold
- 5 Leona Sherrod
- 8 Charles Beddingfield
- 9 Ginny Shackelford
Gary Cotton
- 11 Sue Minkert
- 12 Riley Mogford
- 13 Ed White
- 20 Tricia Haenchen
- 21 Connie Hattaway
- 23 Veronica Bosarge
- 27 Debbie Knapp
- 28 Lisa Fitzpatrick



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,
Seth & Christie.



- 5 Thurman & Jimmie Lou Green
- 11 Mike & Connie Hattaway
- 15 Mike & Tory Arnold
- 16 Trevor & Cathy Henderson

OWLS

“Older, Wiser, Loving, Seniors”



May has arrived and the OWLS of Holy Comforter will be holding their last meeting before summer break on Wednesday, May 21, 2008. Since we are off during the summer months, we will use this time off to have a fun summer with our families and friends. At 11:30 AM on May 21st a salad luncheon will be held in Herbst Hall. Each person attending is asked to bring their favorite salad or dessert. Coffee and tea will be provided. Following the luncheon a special program entitled “Hurricane Awareness” will be presented by Lt. Mike Jones of the Angleton Police Dept. At our April 16th “Crazy Hat Party” 12 OWLS had fun and Lou Hunter and Gwen French were prize winners wearing the craziest hats! For more information about OWLS call Frances McDuff at 849-6741.

God Bless our OWLS!!



Blood Drive

Holy Comforter Parish members are asked again to be volunteer blood donors at the Tuesday, May 20, 2008 Blood Drive from Noon until 6:45 PM.

The monthly blood drive is held in the Professional Building next door to the hospital. Every pint of blood donated will be designated to help three people.

The Auxiliary of A.D.M.C. sponsors the blood drive each month and invites our members to help save lives.

To make an appointment you can go online at www.giveblood.com or by calling Frances McDuff at 849-6741, Doris Jackson at 849-7769, or Dianne Kilgus at 849-0071. Walk-in's are always welcome.

Give Blood ~~ It's a lifesaver.



On “Food Pantry Sunday,” May 11, 2008, let's all make this special outreach ministry at Holy Comforter happen in a big way! Together we can make sure that no one in our community goes hungry by making a **MONETARY DONATION this month to help buy food items that are badly needed at our local Angleton Community Food Pantry. Any amount donated on Sunday, May 11th will make a difference. Donations by check can be made payable to Holy Comforter with a memo to “Community Food Pantry.” Cash donations can be placed in an envelope marked “Community Food Pantry.” All money donations will be forwarded to the local food pantry by the church office.**

Oh, God, when I have food help me to remember the hungry...”



Early Worship begins June 1!

Wake up & smell the coffee....and come to church!

Beginning on Sunday, June 1 “early birds” can worship at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, Angleton! **Our new 8:30 service will be Rite III Holy Eucharist.** Expect a softer, more contemplative experience.

Now, on Sunday mornings, you have a choice: 8:30 or 10:30...or both!



Feel the Power! At Vacation Bible School

**New Friends!
Amazing Craft!
Wacky Snacks!
Mind-blowing
Bible Adventures!
Hyper speed game!
Incredible Music!**

**Each day your
children will take
part in fun Bible
learning experiences
they can see, hear,
touch, and even
taste!**

**Who is VBS for?
Pre-K (3years olds) -
5th grade.**

**When does all this
excitement take
place?**

**July 13 - 17, 5:30 -
8:00**

**Where is the
place to be?
Holy Comforter
Episcopal Church**

For the Election of a Bishop

As the Diocese of Texas begins to prepare for the Election of a Bishop Coadjutor, 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

**The
Gathering
Place**

Are you caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's? The Gathering Place meets the first Thursday of each month at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Angleton. We invite you to bring your loved one with Alzheimer's or a related dementia to spend some time with our trained volunteer caregivers. This is a perfect opportunity to give yourself a break and let your loved one socialize!

Brochures are available in the Parish Hall.

In appreciation for their faithful ministry, Mother Carol invites The Altar Guild to a Coffee & Meeting

**2 Pine Place, Angleton
Sunday, May 4
2:00 -3:00 pm
(meeting at 2:30)**



**Questions?
Gwen: 849-2152**



**“GREEN” TIP
OF THE MONTH**

RECYCLE.. Check the containers of your foods, household items, and toiletries for their recyclability. The City of Angleton provides blue bags for sorting your recyclables and curbside recycling pick-up on designated days of the week. You can go by City Hall and pick up a map to find the designated day for your neighborhood's recycling.

Worship Leaders Schedule

May – June 2008

DATE	SUNDAY	LECTOR	PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ACOLYTES	8:30 SVC. LEM, LECTORS, PRAYERS
4 May 2008	Seventh Sunday of Easter	James Northrup	John Minkert	Mike Hattaway Lisa Fitzpatrick	Peter Neal Mason Hawkins	N/A
11 May 2008	Day of Pentecost	Penney Reed	SuZan Carpenter	Ed White John Minkert	ALL	N/A
18 May 2008	First Sunday After Pentecost	Heath Burns	Lisa Fitzpatrick	Lori Hawkins Bob Bailes	Brook Eby Mason Hawkins	N/A
25 May 2008	Second Sunday After Pentecost	Diana Dring	SuZan Carpenter	Jackie Warren Ed White	Peter Neal Kevin Cole	N/A
1 June 2008	Third Sunday After Pentecost	Ray Eby	Jackie Warren	Mike Hattaway Lisa Fitzpatrick	Ray Eby Brook Eby	John Minkert
8 June 2008	Fourth Sunday After Pentecost	Shelley McCoy	Heath Burns	John Minkert Ed White	Peter Neal Kevin Cole	Jackie Warren
15 June 2008	Fifth Sunday After Pentecost	SuZan Carpenter	Diana Dring	Lori Hawkins Bob Bailes	Brook Eby Mason Hawkins	John Minkert
22 June 2008	Sixth Sunday After Pentecost	Lisa Fitzpatrick	Shelley McCoy	Mike Hattaway Lisa Fitzpatrick	Ray Eby Peter Neal	Jackie Warren
29 June 2008	Seventh Sunday After Pentecost	James Northrup	Penney Reed	Jackie Warren Lori Hawkins	Mason Hawkins Brook Eby	John Minkert

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!

Contact Walt Kilgus -- 849-0071

for more info!!

Diocese of Texas Bishop Coadjutor Election



Six Nominations have been received for this important office.

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



The new Bishop Coadjutor will serve alongside Bishop Wimberly until his retirement in June 2009. Upon consecration, our new Bishop will assume leadership of the Diocese of Texas and will shape the future of our Diocese. You are welcome to meet the candidates on Saturday, May 10 at the walkabout to be held at The Episcopal High School in Houston. Registration for the walkabout is required and easily accomplished at: www.epicenter.org. The actual election will be held at Christ Church Cathedral on Saturday, May 24. The voting delegates for Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, Angleton are: Barbara Marin; Dianne Kilgus; Billye Carroll; Lola Kay Hood, and of course our Rector, The Reverend Carol Petty. Alternates are Walt Kilgus and Don Hood.

Kairos Prison Ministry Weekend
Rosharon Unit
November 2008



The Reverend Dr. Joseph Mills, Deacon at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Houston, is a vital part of the Kairos Ministry Team. As our guest preacher on Sunday, April 27, he issued an invitation to Holy Comforter Episcopal Church to join with other local churches to implement a Christ filled Kairos weekend in the local prison. Kairos weekends are often life changing for those who participate...both as a prisoner or as "staff."

Although the event is in November, planning begins now. Commitments are needed to do jobs of all sizes, from baking cookies, to writing letters, to contributing money, to going "inside" to minister. Please prayerfully consider what YOU might do to make this weekend a powerful experience for all concerned. You'll be hearing more about Kairos; in the meantime, if you have questions, don't hesitate to check the website www.kairossoftexas.org or e-mail Joseph at Joseph.Mills@sjcd.edu (put Kairos on the subject line).

Blessing for Pentecost

By Joyce Rupp



May the enthusiasm of Spirit leap incessantly within you and help you to live a vibrant life.
May the warmth of Spirit's fire be extended through your concern and care for all those who need your love.

May the blaze of Spirit's courage enable you to speak the truth and to stand up for respect, dignity, and justice.

May the undying embers of Spirit's faithfulness support you when you feel spiritually dry and empty.

May the strength of Spirit's love sustain your hope as you enter into the pain of our world.

May the clear light of Spirit's guidance be a source of effective discernment and decision-making for you.

May Spirit's patient endurance be yours while you wait for what is unknown to be revealed.

May the steady flame of Spirit's goodness within you convince you every day of the power of your presence with others.

May the joyful fire of Spirit dance within you and set happiness ablaze in your life.

May the spark of your relationship with Spirit catch afire in the hearts of those with whom you live and work.

May you be mindful of the Eternal Flame within you. May you rely on this Source of Love to be your constant ally and steady guide.