



# COMFORTABLE WORDS

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

*Serving the Episcopal Community of Angleton Since 1897*

**Holy Comforter**  
Episcopal Church

AUGUST 2011

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## Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist  
9:30 AM Christian Education  
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

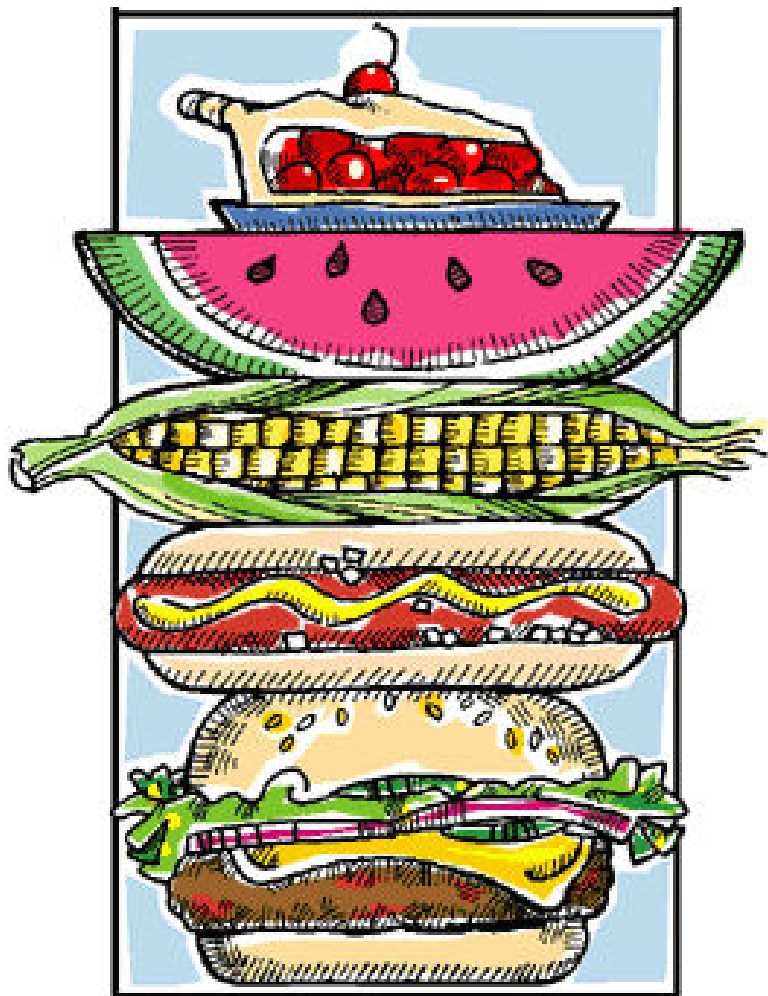
## Mission Statement

“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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# Back to School BBQ and Blessing



*Sunday, August 21*

## MOTHER CAROL'S COLUMN



Happy Anniversary to Us!

As of August 1, we've been together four years! I remember fondly my first visit to Angleton in May of 2007. The Northrups hosted a lovely get-acquainted party for the search committee, vestry, and their spouses. My son, Andy, joined me for the occasion. He and I both felt so welcomed, and as the visit continued with meetings and tours, I became certain that Holy Comforter Parish was God's next right step for me; or more accurately, that we were God's next right step for each other. Friend and parishioner, Mary Ann Thomas, found me the perfect place to live, and the rest is history!

It's been a *wonderful* four years! Together, we have accomplished a lot. We have improved nearly all of the facilities, including bringing the baby nursery downstairs and into compliance at last with city code. We have expanded the campus, allowing room for the expansion of ministries. We said "goodbye" to decrepit Lee Hall and "hello" to a charming prayer garden. We have welcomed many new families into our parish community and our average Sunday attendance (ASA in church parlance) has increased by 25%. On a more somber note, we have said farewell to a number of faithful saints who served and loved Holy Comforter Parish.

When I came to HC on that first visit, I asked the Vestry: "What is God doing here at Holy Comforter?" It's a question I continue to ask, because I know God is at work here. I want to be sure that we pay attention to what God is doing, so that we might join in the process and become the parish that God wants us to be. The specifics of that continue to unfold, but we can know that God has called us to make a difference in our community of Angleton and surrounds. We are called to share Christ's love and grace with a world that faces many challenges and anxieties, bringing "holy comfort" to those in need. We are called to love God and to love one another. May we continue to live into our calling.

I thank you for four wonderful years of sharing ministry with you. I look forward to what lies ahead! You have blessed me and I am very grateful.

*Carol*



## Coffee Hosts for August



7 Carolyn Weatherly 14 Ed & Sherry White

21 Back to School BBQ 28 Coffee Host Needed

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

## Back-to-School!



It's that time again....

Join us Sunday August 21 as we bless Holy Comforter's many educators: Public school, college, HCES day school, and even our own Sunday school teachers, along with administrators and staff. Of course, we will bless our kiddos, too!

Meet Holy Comforter's new Head of School, Nancy Standlee, and enjoy the opportunity to tour the school classrooms before classes begin on the 22nd.

And best of all, we'll celebrate with BarBQ cooked by the best BBQ guys around!

Bring a side dish and join us for a great morning of worship & blessing.



Happy Anniversary!

5 Ed & Sherry White

31 John & Sue Minkert



- Birthdays of the Month**
- 1 Kerry Payne  
Cindy Stevens
  - 2 Keira Reed
  - 3 Lila Von Tress
  - 5 Patricia Arnold
  - 9 Megan Forman
  - 13 Mildred Galaznik
  - 15 Mark Hlavaty
  - 16 Jennifer Hanson  
Michelle Bosarge
  - 27 Alison Bosarge  
Catherine Helms
  - 28 Laurene Patterson  
Greg Hawkins
  - 29 Becky Dinsmore



### "GREEN"

#### TIP OF THE MONTH

If you buy your daily cup of coffee in a disposable container, you are generating about 22.75 pounds of waste per year. Reduce waste by using a reusable mug at home, in the office and on the go, instead of opting for single-use containers for coffee and tea.

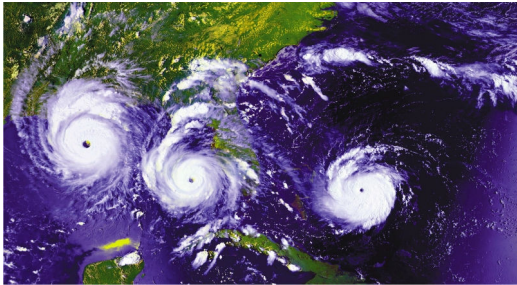
Parish Particulars...

## Holy Smokes, Guys!

Its BBQ time! The men of HC will slo-o-ow cook on Saturday, Aug 20, for the Sunday BBQ. All guys are welcome to help sit in the shade with a cool drink and “chew the fat” while the brisket cooks! On Sunday morning, around 9, brisket slicers are greatly needed in the HC kitchen! So whether you’re a sitter or a slicer, we need you!



## Hurricane Season is here!



Once again, George Zwicker will help us prepare with a Hurricane Preparation Review Sunday, August 7th at 9:30 a.m. (between services)

Hurricane Team Members this year are:

George Zwicker - [713-542-3429](tel:713-542-3429)

Jack Fleet - [214-354-5224](tel:214-354-5224)

Mother Carol - [979-549-7440](tel:979-549-7440)

## Campus Development Wrap-up!



James Northrup, who has served as project manager extraordinaire, will lead an information session on Sunday, Sept 18 at 9:30 a.m. (between the services). He will review the process and expenditures. We can thank him and his team for a job very well done!

## Coming Soon! Appreciative Inquiry

*Holy Comforter-ites always say "I love this parish!" Now you have the chance to tell us why!*

*HC has 2 simple questions for you:*

- 1. What do you appreciate most about Holy Comforter?*
- 2. How has Holy Comforter Parish made a difference in your life?*

*You'll receive these questions via e-mail and in a bulletin insert. Simply answer the 2 questions and return or e-mail them to the office! We will compile them and post them in next months' newsletter.*



## Blessing of work

*Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Bring a symbol of your work!*



## Expecting?

Blessing of the Pregnancies will be Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 service!

*Parish Particulars...*



VBS  
2011



## *Boy Scout Buzz*

Troop 531 had a very successful week at summer camp this year, heading to the Buffalo Trails Scout Ranch near Ft. Davis in July. Fifteen boys from the troop were able to go to camp this year. Buffalo Trails is located in a canyon at an elevation of 5,100 feet, with the surrounding mountains rising to over 7,000 feet. While all the classes were quite good, the rock climbing and wilderness survival classes were excellent, giving the scouts an opportunity to practice on real rocks in an extreme environment.

In addition to earning dozens of merit badges, the troop also showed a level of teamwork that impressed the staff and other troops. Troop 531 won several awards including an inter-troop skill competition, the Troop of the Week Award and the Pondweed Conservation Award. These required great teamwork and cooperation as well as solid scout skills.

In addition to the scout ranch itself, the troop spent a night at Balmorhea State Park where they swam in a spring fed pool. The water at Balmorhea SP is quite cold but also crystal clear, allowing the scouts to see the fish at the bottom of the pool under 15' of water. On Thursday evening the troop visited the McDonald Observatory for a star party which was really phenomenal. Volunteers from around region brought powerful telescopes and the scouts were able to see galaxies, clusters and planets in amazing detail.

Every time the troop goes on a trip and comes back without incident is a blessing. While our troop had no injuries, we are praying for the families of Troop 132 from Kingsville, who were also in camp with us. On the way back home one of their leaders had a severe heart attack and died, resulting in a serious car accident requiring 5 scouts to be hospitalized. Our thoughts and prayers are with these scouts and their families.

Troop 521 meets at Holy Comforter every Monday at 6:30PM. E-mail [bstroop531@gmail.com](mailto:bstroop531@gmail.com) for more information.



### *Towards a more profound Alleluia*

I am looking forward to getting back in the swing of things here at Holy Comforter later this month. Vacations are fun for a while but returning to a normal schedule has a certain charm to it. The choir will begin regular rehearsals following church on August 28. I am excited to be restarting rehearsals and am looking forward to making some great music with the choir. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

In Christ, *Daniel*

# *Holy Comforter Episcopal Church Vestry Synopsis*.....

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Holy Comforter Episcopal Parish Vestry was held on June 14 2011, with The Rev. Carol Petty presiding. The meeting was opened with a reading from the Gospel of Luke by Mother Carol at 7:00 p.m. Vestry members present were: Lori Hawkins, Barbara Thomas, SuZan Carpenter, Ellen Eby, Jerry Powell, Ed White, Trey Picard, Chip Cole, and Mike Hattaway. Also present were Nancy Standlee, Head of School , Diane Kilgus, Treasurer and Pam Massingill, Clerk of the Vestry.

**The minutes of the May 10, 2011**, regular vestry meeting were presented and approved.

**New Head of School, Nancy Standlee** discussed how welcome she felt and that she and her staff were getting to know one another. She expects to attend a Godly Play workshop, and is providing Jolly Phonics training for her staff. The mixing of School / Church supplies should no longer be an issue with school items being now stored upstairs and church items downstairs.

**Senior Warden, Lori Hawkins** discussed campus development. Painting at both the Church and Parish House, signage, grass and landscaping were among those items needing to be completed. Other Parish House topics included the need to make upstairs off limits to those using the PH

**Junior Warden, Jerry Powell** discussed the new parking lot striping. It was nicely done and helps with parking. We have a new yard service. For \$80 per visit, mowing, weed eating, and blowing the clippings will be completed for the entire campus area.

**Mother Carol discussed** the need for a Children’s Ministry Coordinator. This would be part time and Linda Peck would be a great choice for the job. Duties would include communication / liaison between church /children; coordinating between different groups for church events/ activities; help with locating teachers/ volunteers, etc. for children’s events. Salary will be funded from budgeted Christian Education money that has not been tapped this year. Trey moved that we hire Linda Peck, with the job description to be finalized by Mother Carol. Lori Hawkins seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Diane Kilgus** with the help of Bonnie McDaniel will research rental policies and procedures so we can create our own for Parish House/Hall rental. Protocols still need to be worked out, such as cleaning, deposits, etc. Dianne also presented the Treasurers report. The Financial Committee recommends its acceptance. The vestry voted to accept the report as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. with prayer led by Mother Carol.

Respectfully submitted,

*Pam Massingill*

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## Financial Report

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating Income	21,057.79	95,977.04
Operating Expense	14,351.61	99,990.08
Surplus or (Deficit)	6,706.18	(4,013.04)
<u>Designated Gifts (Memorial, Disc. Fund, etc.)</u>		
Income	40.00	7,849.80
Expenditures	0.00	7,139.00

Endowment Fund Balance as of 6/30/11 was \$511,735.84  
Value of mineral properties and other assets is in addition to this amount.

# August 2011

## Monthly Planner

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