



COMFORTABLE WORDS

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

Serving the Episcopal Community of Angleton Since 1897

Holy Comforter
Episcopal Church

FEBRUARY 2011

www.holycomforterangleton.org

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 16th

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!

MOTHER CAROL'S COLUMN



If you missed Holy Comforter's Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 23 you missed a wonderful experience! The love in the parish hall was palpable; the Spirit of God was profoundly present. What a joy to serve with parishioners who love God, love the parish, and love each other! That's the way church is *supposed* to be. Like you, I am grateful to be here.

I'm also grateful for HC's terrific leadership: **Lori Hawkins** as Senior Warden, **Jerry Powell** as Junior Warden, **Dianne Kilgus** as Treasurer, and a hard-working, **visionary Vestry**, who this year welcomes a new clerk: **Pam Massingill**! I speak for the whole parish to say that we are thankful for their enthusiastic leadership and look forward to a wonderful year! The 2011 Vestry is comprised of: **Lori Hawkins, Jerry Powell, Chip Cole, Ed White, Trey Picard, Barbara Thomas, Ellen Eby, SuZan Carpenter, and Mike Hattaway.**

Work has begun on the campus development. By the time you read this, the dilapidated Lee Hall will be completely removed...at last! The completed project will be beautiful and it will be exciting to see how HC's ministry opportunities expand and unfold in the coming months and years. We are so grateful for **James Northrup's** continued leadership in this project!

HC's new **Operations Committee** will help keep the newly developed property looking beautiful. Thanks to **George Zwicker** for developing and leading this committee in conjunction with the Junior Warden, **Jerry Powell**. Be sure to let George know if you would like to be a part of this endeavor.

These are exciting days for Holy Comforter! Be sure to tell your friends about the goodness that is here and invite them to share in this joy-filled community.

Carol



Coffee Hosts for the month of February



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|----|---------------------------|----|---------------------------|
| 6 | <i>Souper Bowl Sunday</i> | 13 | <i>Coffee Host Needed</i> |
| 20 | <i>The Cole Family</i> | 27 | <i>Coffee Host Needed</i> |

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

Birthdays of the Month



- 5 Gracie Krochel
- 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



You're Invited
to Celebrate
the Engagement of
Carol Petty
and
George Zwicker

on Saturday, February 5, 2011
from 5:00 to 8:00 pm
at The Northrup Family Home
25219 fm 521
Angleton, Texas 77515

Look for a sign by the highway and if you have any questions, call The Northrups at 979-848-0518

Ash Wednesday

March 9

*Imposition of Ashes &
Holy Eucharist*

Noon & 7:00 PM



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



“GREEN”

TIP OF THE MONTH

Help cut down on paper and energy use by opting out of home or business phone book delivery, and do all your searching online instead.

Request that your name be taken off phone book distribution lists at

www.YellowPagesGoesGreen.org



Malaria is a common, yet deadly tropical disease transmitted through the bites of infected mosquitoes. It kills nearly one million people every year—the vast majority children under age five. The situation is not hopeless. This Lent, the Diocese of Texas, in partnership with Nets for Life, invites each family of the diocese to make a big difference through the purchase of at least one mosquito net at the cost of only \$12. Holy Comforter School will participate, too, with a Nickels for Nets collection!

More information about this diocese-wide Lenten project will be in the March newsletter, but in the meantime, for more information about Nets for Life, visit <http://www.netsforlifeafrica.org/> Small solutions can make a big difference!



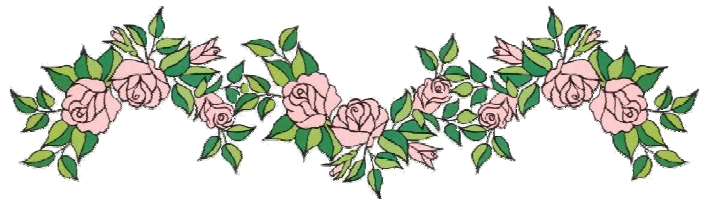
Keep Holy Comforter Beautiful... join the Operations Committee!

All are welcome to bring your hands-on gifts & ideas for your “pet” project: gardening; painting; landscaping; cleaning; carpentry; etc. You can work once or you can be a “regular”! Learn all about it at a brief meeting led by George Zwicker, Operations Committee chair, on Sunday, February 13, following the late service!



The Holy Comforter Episcopal School search committee continues to receive resumes for the Head of School position. To view a position profile, go to www.holycomforterangleton.org and click on **Work With Us**.

The committee will receive inquiries through February.



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!



Thank you!!

Holy Comforter parishioners came through again!! During the 3-4 weeks before Christmas, Salvation Army kettle stations were attended by volunteer bell ringers in order to collect donations for the less fortunate in Brazoria County. It is hard to believe that we continue to exceed each previous year's total. We are so grateful for the participation we receive each season from our members and we were lucky that the weather cooperated better than last year. Many people called asking to be assigned a shift and I think a good time was had by all.

Thank you so much for the following people who worked the shifts in order that we could achieve such good results for a very worthy cause: Mary Ann Thomas, (and Jessica Munson), Chuck and Dorothy Ragain, Georgene Capps, Ed and Sherry White, Dorothy Hajecate, Lonnie Lostak, Bob Stawarczik, Lou Hunter, Andrea Demopolus, (and Bonnie McDaniel), James Northrup, Georgia Powell, Pam Massingill, Evette Dodge and Kaysie, Glenn Hill, Don and Lola Kay Hood, Gwen French, Deborah White, Ron and Cindy Briscoe, Chip Cole, Tom and Barbara Thomas, Cecily Wynn, and Shelly McCoy.

See you next season.
Billye



Towards a more profound Alleluia

When thinking about what I wanted to say in my newsletter article for this month and future months, I asked myself, "What is the purpose of this article?" After pondering that question for a bit, I came up with a couple of goals I wish to accomplish. Hopefully these articles will have an educational aspect to them and help you, the congregation, better know what is going on from a musical perspective. Occasionally I hope that they will inspire as well. The form will probably vary from month to month on the topic covered, but in the end I hope it does one thing, lead us "Towards a more profound Alleluia." That is why I have decided to change the name of my article to that title.

The word "Alleluia" is a transliteration of a Hebrew word meaning "Praise YAHWAH." It is my goal to write something that will inspire you to a deeper praise of God, both in worship and your daily life. Wish me luck!

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.

On Sunday, February 13 Coffeehouse begins a new series:
The Jesus I Never Knew, by Philip Yancey.



Let God's Light Shine at Holy Comforter

We have gratefully received 47 commitment cards, totaling a pledged commitment of \$125,770 for 2011.

Thank you for your faithful commitment to God's work at Holy Comforter!

HCES Priority Registration



Holy Comforter Day School Priority Registration begins February 14th and runs through February 28th for Holy Comforter parishioners. Be sure to get your child enrolled before the classes fill! HCES is the best day school around; you don't want to miss out!

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church Vestry Synopsis.....

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Holy Comforter Episcopal Parish Vestry was held on December 14, 2010, with Rev. Carol Petty presiding. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Mother Carol at 7:00 p.m.

Members present were: Dianne Kilgus, Barbara Thomas, Ed White, Lola Kay Hood, James Northrup, Lori Hawkins and Jerry Powell. Not present were Trey Picard and Chip Cole. 2011 vestry members, SuZan Carpenter and Mike Hattaway were also present. Also present was Barbara Marin, Clerk of the Vestry. Guests present were Mike Baron and Bonnie McDaniel.

Mother Carol presented a report for HCES. Students will go to Angleton City Hall to sing Christmas Carols on Friday, Dec. 18th. Deborah Northrup's term serving on the school board is over and Julie Fleet will serve in the vacant position. A search committee has been formed for the search of a new Head of School with hopes of having a new director by the end of March. The members are: Vestry representative, Barbara Thomas; School Board representative, Paul Eby; Parent representative, Trent Thrasher; Faculty representative, Cindi Hamilton; Parish-at-large representative, Deborah Northrup. Deborah Northrup will serve as committee chair. Lori's last day will be June 4, 2011.

James Northrup gave the Jr. Warden's report. A meeting is scheduled for January 9th to discuss what the campus will look like as a whole. He will present new site plans and costs for the campus renovations.

Barbara Thomas presented a report on the Commitment Drive. To date \$94,050.00 has been received in pledges. The total pledge for 2010 was \$104,000.00. Mother Carol reported that not all pledge cards have been received for 2011.

Mother Carol reported that the nominating committee nominated Lori Hawkins for the Vestry appointment to the Endowment Board. Lola Kay Hood made a motion to accept the nomination

Bonnie McDaniel and Mike Baron were present to help present the budget. Dianne Kilgus reviewed the Budget item by item with the vestry. The budget was accepted as presented. A second was made by Lola Kay Hood. The motion passed.

Diane Kilgus presented the October and November financial reports and reported that the Financial Committee had met, reviewed them and recommended that they be approved by the vestry.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Marin, Clerk of the Vestry

Financial Report

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating Income	12,769.00	144,264.46
Operating Expense	19,273.41	221,435.47
Surplus or (Deficit)	(6,504.41)	(77,171.01)
<u>Designated Gifts (Memorial, Disc. Fund, etc.)</u>		
Income	25.00	30,494.91
Expenditures	690.00	3,229.00

Endowment Fund Balance as of 12/31/10 was \$662,193.64.

Value of mineral properties is in addition to this amount.

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



Registration

In-house priority registration for our summer and Fall 2011 programs will begin on Monday, February 14. Enrollment is not automatic. You must fill out and return the registration form to the school to secure your child's spot. Public registration will begin Monday, February 28. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.



School days are filled with fun and friends! We have learned about winter, bears + hibernation, nutrition, and shadows.

HCES Spring Carnival

Saturday - April 9
11:30 - 3:00
Westside Elementary

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

Look for details coming home soon.

We need volunteers, sponsors, silent auction donations, game workers, etc.



Please let us know how you would like to help!



Building with ice cubes



Playing with our food
Vegetable painting!

February 2011

Monthly Planner

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