



Holy Comforter
Episcopal Church

COMFORTABLE WORDS

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

Serving the Episcopal Community of Angleton Since 1897

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM Christian Education
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist
Children's Church

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 and Ministry Fair



Sunday, January 29th
9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall!

Join us as we reflect on the blessings of 2011 and look forward to plans for 2012!

MOTHER CAROL'S COLUMN



New Year, New Ministries! We are beginning to live into the opportunities made possible by our new Parish House! I'm excited to tell you about three new ministries that will begin this spring. Two are for men only, one is for the parish at large.

First, the Men's Ministries. (Look inside the newsletter for detailed information.)

Burn Your Own! will kick off on Wednesday, January 25 at 6 pm. Guys will fire up some grills on the Parish House deck to "burn" their dinner and hear from Coach Eby about the phenomenal Angleton Wildcat Football Season!

Preston's Pub launches on Thursday, February 2 at 7 pm. Bring the beverage of your choice to enjoy while engaging in a Men's Bible Study with Father Preston at the Parish House.

TGIF: Let's Eat! Is for everyone in the parish! Every second Friday, January – May at 7:00 PM at the Parish House, we'll enjoy a casual supper together. Deborah and James Northrup will host the January supper, then will administer the details for the remaining months. Childcare will be provided in the church nursery.

If your New Year's resolution is to get to know your fellow parishioners better, you are in luck! These ministries will make that an easy resolution to keep! The Parish House is the perfect place for meetings and small groups...I hope you, too, will bring your ministry ideas to life in this space!

Of course, our other ministries continue! Is it time for you to consider participating in something new and different? This year our **Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 29**, will include a Ministry Fair component to celebrate the ministries of Holy Comforter and offer you the opportunity to explore the various ministries at Holy Comforter!

2012, like each new year, offers an invitation to growth and transformation as we deepen our faith together. May God continue to move in our midst in surprising and exciting ways!

Blessings,

Carol



Coffee Hosts for January

1 Coffee Host Needed

8 Linda Peck/Sunday School

22 The Trusty's 29 Coffee Host Needed

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



Celebrate Holy Comforter!

Thank you for your commitment to Holy Comforter for 2012!

To date we have received **54** commitment cards totaling **\$114,898.00**.

If you have not yet made your commitment, you can place your card in the offering plate any Sunday or drop it by the office. Remember that if you increase your commitment over last year, your increase will be matched. If you commit for the first time, your entire commitment will be matched, thanks to our generous friends "Jane & John Parishioner"! If you prefer, you can just e-mail Stephanie your commitment at holycomforterangleton@gmail.com

Thank you!!



Happy Anniversary!

22 Tom & Barbara Thomas

31 Taylor & Amanda Murray



2 Kathryn Purdom

5 Melba Davis

7 Clint Hattaway

8 Clinton Bosarge

11 Lou Hunter

14 James Northrup
Mildred Hadley
Christi Cole

15 Beth Hunter

20 Sammy Green

23 Kurt Ruthstrom

28 Faith Fields



"GREEN" TIP OF THE MONTH

Replace Your Furnace Filter

A dirty filter will allow more dust and other contamination to circulate through your home. It also cuts down on the efficiency of your furnace, costing you more in energy expenses.

From the Children's Ministry Coordinator...



New Year - New Sunday School Hours

Beginning Sunday, January 8th, classes will be held during the 10:30 service after the Children's Moment with Mother Carol and we will rejoin our families during the Eucharist. Special thanks go out to Tom and Jodi Long for their help with the Children's Christmas Pageant. This holiday tradition would not be a success without the dedication of our children and parents. Great job everyone!

Linda Peck



All men are invited to

Burn Your Own!

Wednesday, January 25, at 6 pm

Program: *How 'bout those Wildcats?*

Coach Paul Eby

Bring your own meat to grill
along with a beverage!

Your friends are welcome, too!

Questions?

zwickergh@aol.com

or [713-542-3429](tel:713-542-3429)

Thank you, thank you!

To those who are cycling out of
leadership positions,
Holy Comforter says, "thank you!"

Vestry: Lori Hawkins, Chip
Cole and Jerry Powell

Endowment board: Ron Bricoe and
Barbara Marin

Diocesan Council Delegation:
Ed White and Mike Hattaway

Please remember!

*All Holy Comforter Church & School
mail must be sent to
P.O. Box 786
as there are no mail receptacles on site.*

Coffeehouse Theology



9:30 AM
Sundays in the
Parish Hall

Join us as we
grow in faith...together!!



Annual Parish Meeting

January 29th, 2012

Star Thrower

‘While wandering a deserted beach at dawn, stagnant in my work, I saw a man in the distance bending and throwing as he walked the endless stretch toward me. As he came near, I could see that he was throwing starfish, abandoned on the sand by the tide, back into the sea. When he was close enough I asked him why he was working so hard at this strange task. He said that the sun would dry the starfish and they would die. I said to him that I thought he was foolish. There were thousands of starfish on miles and miles of beach. One man alone could never make a difference. He smiled as he picked up the next starfish. Hurling it far into the sea he said, “It makes a difference for this one.” I abandoned my writing and spent the morning throwing starfish.’ Loren Eiseley

We must each find our starfish. And if we throw our stars wisely and well, we can make a difference this New Year!



You're Invited to HCES
Interactive Open House!

Tuesday, January 17th at 6 PM

Welcome Girl Scout Troop 27316!



Holy Comforter welcomes
Girl Scouts to our Parish Hall on
Tuesday evenings at 6 – 7:30 p.m.
Troop Leader is Kisha Reescano.

We look forward to our
partnership!

TGIF!!!

“Thank Goodness It’s Friday...Let’s Eat”, will kick off Friday evening January 13, 2012, 7 pm at the Parish House. This ministry effort is for our adult parishioners.

The idea is to bring us together on a regular basis to socialize and break bread together.

James and Deborah Northrup will be the chairpersons and host the first “TGIF...Let’s Eat”. We will provide a spaghetti dinner. Tea and water will be provided, bring other beverages of your choice. You can help by signing up to bring something to compliment the meal. Look for a signup sheet in the Parish Hall

Also, look for a signup sheet in the Parish Hall to let us know if you want to participate and if you would be willing to host a TGIF. Two couples, singles, or a combination could partner in hosting. The Northrup’s will maintain a list of those participating and those willing to host. Hosts will be asked to plan the meal, post signup sheets for help with the meal, and setup the Parish House. Let us know if you wish to participate or host by signing up. Email us at debn52@gmail.com or call 979-848-0518 for more info or suggestions.

We are planning to have “TGIF...Let’s Eat” every second Friday of the month through May. At our first dinner we can discuss options for future “TGIF...Let’s Eat dinners”. Your input would be appreciated.

Come and join us January 13, 2012 and enjoy the fellowship.

Childcare for our first “TGIF...Let’s Eat” will be provided in the church nursery.

Coming Thursday, February 2nd!



7 p.m. at The Parish House

“Oh, God Why?”
Men’s Bible study with
Father Preston

Bring your own beverage!

Parish Particulars...



*Towards a more
profound Alleluia*

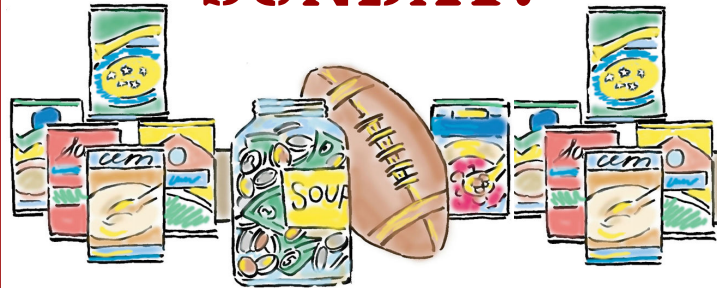
During the month of January we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany and the Season of Epiphany that follows. The Feast of the Epiphany is best known as when the Three Wise Men visit the infant Jesus, however, there are other facets to the season. After his baptism by John the Baptist in the River Jordan, we see Jesus beginning to establish himself as a teacher and even performing some of his first miracles. The Season of Epiphany ends with Jesus' transfiguration upon the mountaintop when he encountered God with Moses and Elijah. Jesus is bathed in radiant light and his clothes are dazzling white. The idea of light and Jesus being light has always appealed to me. He came to bring light to the world so that his presence might shine forth in our lives for others to see.

A hymn that has become a favorite of mine to sing on the Sunday we celebrate Jesus' Transfiguration is "Fairest Lord Jesus" because the last verse so beautifully captures the idea of Jesus and light. I leave you with the text to meditate on and ponder what it means for Jesus to be the light of the world.

**Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.**

In Christ,
Daniel

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY!



Everybody wins on
Souper Bowl Sunday, February 5th!

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!



Baptism!!

Sunday, January 8th,
we'll remember the baptism of
Jesus with a 10:30 baptismal
service of our own!

**If you wish to be baptized,
please contact Mother Carol**

rector@holycomforterangleton.org

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church Vestry Synopsis.....

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Holy Comforter Episcopal Parish Vestry was held on November 8, 2011, with Lori Hawkins presiding. The meeting was opened at 7pm with prayer led by Jack Fleet.

Members present were Lori Hawkins, SuZan Carpenter, Ed White, Jerry Powell, and Barbara Thomas, as well as newly elected members Pam Baron and Kerry Payne. Absent were Mother Carol, Chip Cole, Trey Picard, Ellen Eby, and Mike Hattaway. Also absent was Treasurer Dianne Kilgus. Others present were upcoming treasurer Jack Fleet, and Pam Massingill clerk.

Minutes from the October meeting were read and approved.

HCES Report—special thanks to Nancy for Bluegrass support. The fire inspector made an inspection and the fire exit and alarms all passed. Mother Carol was given an override key for the entry door with the new lock and keypad. If the key remains in the door, the door will open to anyone. It was suggested that we look into other ideas for keeping the hall accessible during this time on Sundays.

Sr. Warden’s Report: Bluegrass – Great turnout! It looks like we made some money with approximately \$7500 in dinner ticket sales and about \$2000 from the raffle.

Jr. Warden’s Report: Scout building - Jerry finally got a permit for the scout storage building. The actual unit will take about 2 to 3 weeks to be delivered. The Parish House needed fire extinguishers; they have been purchased & installed.

Rector’s Report - (presented by Lori Hawkins) A very generous family has offered a “challenge grant” to match dollar for dollar any new pledge as well as any increase in pledge. As of this writing, the new pledges plus increases total \$19,008.00. We have not yet received commitment cards from everyone. This is huge!

Budget for 2012- Jack went over the suggested 2012 budget recommendation and then discussion took place. A motion was made by Barbara Thomas to accept the proposed 2012 budget. Ed White seconded the motion and all passed.

Financial Report- Jack Fleet, Treasurer- and the finance committee – Mike Baron and Bonnie McDaniel recommend the financial report. Barbara Thomas moved to accept it. SuZan and Ed both seconded the motion. The motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:24 pm with prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Massingill

Financial Report

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating Income	12,330.65	174,346.93
Operating Expense	19,473.34	186,026.16
Surplus or (Deficit)	(7,142.69)	(11,679.23)

Designated Gifts (Memorial, Disc. Fund, etc.)

Income	613.00	16,891.00
Expenditures	1,892.00	15,260.54

Endowment Fund Balance as of 11/30/11 was \$468,998.01
Value of mineral properties and other assets is in addition to this amount.

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**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**