



COMFORTABLE WORDS

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

Serving the Episcopal Community of Angleton Since 1897

Holy Comforter
Episcopal Church

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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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Spectacular September!

Sunday, September 5th



8:30 AM - Early Service Returns



8:30 & 10:30 AM - Blessing of Work – bring a symbol of your work.

Friday, September 10th



7:05 PM - Episcopal Night at the Ballpark – Astros vs Dodgers. Tickets \$20 in Church Office.

Sunday, September 12th



9:30 AM – Grandparent's Day Breakfast

MOTHER CAROL'S COLUMN



I am still smiling from our wonderful Confirmation Service! What a blessing to welcome Brooklynn Short in Holy Baptism along with her mother, Sciobhan, in Confirmation! Also confirmed were Kelsey and Kerry Payne, Evette Dodge, and Breanna Cole! Each of these parishioners has already invested time and love in Holy Comforter parish and we rejoice in formalizing our mutual commitment to one another. Three other parishioners reaffirmed their baptismal vows: Bonnie McDaniel, Andrea Demopulos, and Christi Cole. We joyfully commit our love and support to each one as we continue our spiritual journey together!

The Vestry was pleased to meet with Bishop High before the service. He commended their faithful service and their devotion to discerning God's will for Holy Comforter's present and future ministry in the Angleton community. *We do* have a wonderful vestry!

A huge "Thank You" to the Men of Holy Comforter for the fabulous Bar-B-Q; they really outdid themselves! And, for a little something extra, we were greatly blessed in Coffeehouse Theology for the wisdom and grace of Janet Davis. All in all, it was a completely fabulous Confirmation Sunday!

A Sunday like that is a great springboard for a busy September! This newsletter is full of information about what's coming up this fall! From blessings and baseball, to breakfast and Bible study, there is a lot to look forward to! These activities are not simply something to keep us busy; they are a part of what it means to be community. As we engage these activities together, we grow in our relationships with God and one another; we become a part of each others' lives and strengthen our faith.

I hope that each of us will follow the good examples of Brooklynn, Sciobhan, Kelsey, Kerry, Evette, Breanna, Bonnie, Andrea, and Christi and commit ourselves fully to God and this wonderful Holy Comforter community!

Carol



Coffee Hosts for the month of September



5 Evette Dodge 12 Grandparent's Day Breakfast
19 Ron & Cindy Briscoe 26 John & Sue Minkert

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



- 4 Nissa Picard
- 7 Danny Reed
- 10 Barbara Thomas
- 17 Shelley McCoy
- 24 Joe Galaznik
Barbara Marin
- 26 Pam Massingill
- 28 Griffin Arnold



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. Won't you join us as we grow in knowledge and grace through the wisdom of scripture?

Early Worship
returns
September 5!



Wake up & smell the coffee...and come to church! Beginning on Sunday, September 5, "early birds" can once again come to 8:30 worship at Holy Comforter



- 7 Bob & Kay Stawarczik
- 8 Pat & Linda Peck
- 12 James & Patricia Arnold
- 18 Alfred & Gina Wollam

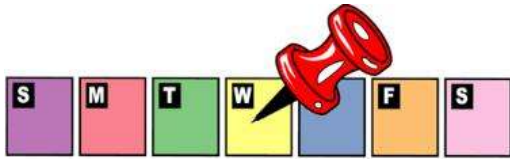


"GREEN" TIP OF THE MONTH

It's easy for those dials to get knocked out of whack, so make sure you have the temperature set optimally in your appliances.

You should consult with your manufacturer, but in general the EPA recommends keeping refrigerators at 37 degrees F and freezers at 3 degrees. Anything colder is probably overkill, and a waste of energy.

That's important, because refrigerators and freezers use about a sixth of home electricity.



Mid-Week **CONNECTION**

Coming in October
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Refresh your spirit mid-week every Wednesday in October. Join us for Holy Eucharist at 6:00 p.m. followed by small group Bible Study and prayer, led by Mike and Pam Baron.
Child care by reservation.

Labor Day Sunday September 5th

Bring a symbol of your work to place at the altar for a blessing.



♥ *Celebrate Grandparents!*



Grandparent's Day Breakfast in the Parish Hall
September 12th
9:30



Save the date!

**Were you born between
1946 & 1964?**

**Then Save the date for
Boomers, BBQ, & Bluegrass!!**

**Friday, November 5th
7:00 PM**

Blessing of the Animals



Holy Comforter will host the Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 2nd, at 4:00 at The Payne Family's Seco Creek Goat Farm, 2619 County Road 45, Angleton.

Please bring a special offering for the Brazoria County SPCA. Simple items such as pet shampoo, newspaper, paper towels, bleach, dish soap, towels, and liquid laundry detergent are used daily at the shelter and, of course, Purina puppy and kitten food are always needed. Monetary donations will be accepted as well.



Fall Festival of Faith



With the heat and the record breaking temperatures this summer, I am so ready for fall. I'm thinking of all the things that come with the fall season, especially the cooler weather. With that being said I'm also thinking of our **Fall Festival of Faith** and want to make sure you have your calendars marked for **Saturday, October 23, 2010 from 11:00 to 2:00**. It's time to get going with all the preparation. One of the first things I am working on is getting donations for our big raffle. Some of you have generously donated in the past and I am hoping that we can get six to seven items again this year. I'm asking for items from \$50.00 and up. Some of the items we have had in the past are an outdoor grill, a weekend in the hill country, a handmade quilt, a TV, and gift certificates/cards. If you would like to donate an item please contact me soon so that we can get the tickets printed and ready to sell. We will again have the meal, silent auction, bucket raffle, games, pony rides and a moonwalk. So if you are unable to help with a raffle item there will be other opportunities to help.

Last year we profited right at \$8,000.00 from the festival up \$3,000.00 from the previous year. Our goal this year as every year is to exceed our previous year. So here is our opportunity to set our goal high. I'd like us to set our goal at \$10,000.00+. I have "faith" that we can do it.

Our Fall Festival of Faith can only be successful with your support and participation. I encourage each of you to help by volunteering at the festival, donating items, selling both raffle and dinner tickets, attending the festival, and inviting and encouraging family and friends to join us for food, fun and fellowship.

I am so thankful for Holy Comforter and for each of you. You each make Holy Comforter such a special place to worship. You have all been so generous with your time and donations in the past and I hope that you are able to help out again this year.

I can be contacted at (979) 864-0403 or at barbarajamrin@yahoo.com.

Faithfully,
Barbara Marin
Fall Festival of Faith Chairperson

Leadership Ministry

Holy Comforter's nominating committee announces its slate of nominees for the October 24, 2010 leadership election!

For Vestry (three openings): SuZan Carpenter; George Zwicker; Ellen Eby

For Diocesan Council delegate (one opening): Walt Kilgus; Alternate (one opening): Dianne Kilgus

For Endowment Fund Board (one opening): David Shackelford

The nomination process is open for additional nominees through September 15. Nominees must sign the list of expectations for the position for which they are nominated; signed forms must be submitted to the church office by September 15. Expectation forms are available in the Narthex. Photos and biographical sketches of each nominee will be in the October newsletter.

Thanks to those who have agreed to serve!

Thanks also to the nominating committee: James Northrup, Dianne Kilgus, and Lola Kay Hood.



Music Notes

John & Laurie's final Sunday was August 15; we sent them on with our gratitude and best wishes! Until a permanent replacement can be found, we are enjoying the musical blessing of Dr. Robert Bennett. We are grateful for his presence with us for the coming weeks!

We are actively looking for just the right person to be our next music director and we ask for your prayers for the process. We are confident God will send us someone wonderful!

SAFE CHURCH MINISTRY

The Episcopal Diocese of Texas is committed to maintaining an environment free of abuse, exploitation and harassment in its churches, schools and institutions in response to scripture and our Baptismal Covenant.

In his first letter to the Church at Corinth, St. Paul urges members of that community to engage in a way of life that will show outsiders the nature of the community which is to be a reflection of Christ.

Jesus teaches us again and again to meet each other with love, compassion and humility. As did Jesus, we are called to use whatever power we have to heal, not to “lord it over” others.

The final promise of our Baptismal Covenant asks us to “...strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being.”

The Diocese of Texas gives life to this promise through its Safe Church Ministry policies for the protection of children, youth, and adults from sexual harassment, exploitation, and abuse:

Safeguarding God’s Children

Preventing Sexual Exploitation in Communities of Faith

Preventing Sexual Harassment of Church Workers

Many individuals at Holy Comforter (church employees, other persons who work nearby or with children, persons who supervise employees and/or volunteers) have already received the appropriate training(s) in safeguarding policies and procedures. The Diocese, however, recognizes that training in and of itself is not sufficient to safeguard adults and children from improper or unsafe behaviors. Its policies also require reference checks and background checks (renewed every 5 years).

In addition to these trained individuals, it is the responsibility of all members of Holy Comforter to be attentive in safeguarding our children and adult members, employees, and visitors. For more information regarding the Diocese’s Safe Church Ministry, pick up a brochure in the parish hall or contact Mother Carol, Paula Haenchen (program administrator), or any member of the Vestry.

IKE UPDATE and GALVESTON WORK DAY

Sept 13th is the 2nd Anniversary of Hurricane Ike in Galveston. The Episcopal Disaster and Recovery Development team (TEDRD) has worked hard the past two years and is having a Blessing of Two of the Houses that are completed. All are invited to attend that day at 4pm at the William Temple Episcopal Center on Market Street.

Our own contingent of Galveston workers is planning another **Galveston Work Day, October 9th**, a Saturday. There is still much to do there. I hope you are able to join us. We will meet at the church and share rides that day. There is something for everyone to do and the people you meet and work with are wonderful. Come be a part of our Holy Comforter Disaster Recovery Team. Hey, we might even get t-shirts!!

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church Vestry Synopsis.....

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Holy Comforter Episcopal Parish Vestry was held on July 13, 2010, with Rev. Carol Petty presiding. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Mother Carol at 7:05. Present were: Lori Hawkins, Jerry Powell, Dianne Kilgus, Trey Picard, Chip Cole, and Ed White. Not present were Lola Kay Hood, Barbara Thomas and James Northrup. Also present was Barbara Marin, Clerk of the Vestry.

Senior Warden, Lori Hawkins, reported that she had nothing new to report. In the absence of James Northrup, Mother Carol gave the Junior Warden's report. The contractor for the Parish House and church building, has withdrawn from the project. James is contacting other contractors. Jerry Powell reported that Lee Hall will be moved soon.

Rector's Report – Mother Carol thanked everyone for taking the Safeguarding God's People Training. She reported that the Diocese also requires every vestry member to have a criminal background/sex offender check run. The cost is \$10.00 and she asked that each person cover their own cost for this. Paula Haenchen is our Safeguarding Coordinator. She also reported that the vestry is also required to attend the Safeguarding God's Children Training.

The VPOD duty list has been revised to include regular walk throughs of the entire building, including upstairs as part of our safeguarding protocol. Vestry members are asked to check the list each time they serve to ensure all items are taken care of.

The hurricane team is assembled and ready to go. The emergency preparation meeting was led by George Zwicker and was helpful and successful. Info is available in the Parish Hall.

The nominating committee has met and is beginning work on a slate of nominees.

Dianne Kilgus and Mother Carol will be meeting on Wednesday to discuss forming an audit committee. The Diocesan has a checklist that will be used. Trey Picard will be one of the members serving on the committee.

Mike Baron has begun posting sermons on HC's website.

Saturday, Aug. 21st is Discovery Day from 9-2. A committee has been formed and will be meeting with Mother Carol.

The financial report was presented by Dianne Kilgus & approved by the vestry. Having previously discussed the Wilbeck gift at several vestry meetings, a motion was made by Trey Picard and seconded by Chip Cole that the gift be designated as a reserve fund to be used for emergency operating expenses for HC. The motion passed.

The meeting was closed at 8:40 with prayer led by Mother Carol.

Barbara Marin, Clerk of the Vestry

Financial Report

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Operating Income	7,402.94	83,186.49
Operating Expense	15,854.73	120,516.71
Surplus or (Deficit)	(8,451.79)	(37,330.22)
<u>Designated Gifts (Memorial, Disc. Fund, etc.)</u>		
Income	233.00	32,420.87
Expenditures	0.00	1,880.00

Endowment Fund Balance as of 5/31/10 was \$624,028.70.

Value of mineral properties is in addition to this amount.

September 2010

Monthly Planner

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Meet the HCES staff



The staff and students are off to a great start! As HCES enters its' 33rd school year, we are so very thankful for this opportunity to minister to these precious preschoolers and their families. We invite you to join us for chapel on Tuesdays and Fridays at 8:30 beginning September 7th.

Mrs. Lori Logsdon
Head of School



Mrs. Violet Lemons
Administrative Assistant

Day School Campus

Classroom Lead Teachers



Mrs. Becky Carter
Transitional Class



Ms. Cindi Hamilton
2 & 3 Day Class



Mrs. Trisha Pruitt
5 Day Class

Extended Day Campus

Classroom Lead Teachers



Mrs. Jamie Pruitt



Mrs. Kathy Bermea

Art Assistants



Ms. Chelsea Murphy



Ms. Rose Hamper



Ms. Marisa Symonds