



COMFORTABLE WORDS

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

Serving the Episcopal Community of Angleton Since 1897

Holy Comforter
Episcopal Church

SEPTEMBER 2008

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist

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 8:15 AM to Noon.

"All are welcome to grow with us through worship,
prayer, fellowship, and service at Holy Comforter,
a Christ-centered family Church."



FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Breakfast Tacos

September 21, 2008 9:30AM

MOTHER CAROL'S COLUMN



Ahhhh. September. It even *sounds* cooler, doesn't it? I'm always happy to see summer come, but I confess I am always happy to see it go as well; not only for heat relief, but because fall brings us back together from our various summer trips and activities. We get to reconnect and prepare for another year of ministry together!

Already things are buzzing around the church! Holy Comforter Episcopal School is back in session, with many returning students, but many new ones as well. Once again, I have the privilege of leading **HCES Chapel every Tuesday and Friday morning at 8:30**. You are welcome to join us any time! If you've never come to all-all-kid worship service, you are in for a joyful (and noisy!) treat!

We have several special events this month that you won't want to miss!

On **Sunday, September 7**, our **Drama Team** will bring the scriptures to life with a skit about reconciliation. I am so grateful to Lisa and Tom for sharing their talents with us. If you or your children would like to join them in one of their productions, just let them know!

For three weeks in September, I will be teaching a **Junior Discovery** class for our children! Our littlest ones, ages 4, 5, & 6, will meet on Sunday mornings between services and our older children will meet on Wednesday afternoons. We will engage in interactive learning about Worship, Eucharist, and Baptism. One of the most important ways we can prepare for the church's future is to equip our children to be faithful Christians and knowledgeable Episcopalians. I look forward to spending this time with our precious children!

On **Sunday, September 21**, all are welcome to enjoy delicious breakfast tacos at a **Fellowship Breakfast** between services (at 9:30)! Yum! Deborah White, our amazing hospitality chairman has planned a delightful morning; ask her how you can help!

I am so grateful to be at Holy Comforter among such warm and caring people! Our community is a great blessing to me and to so many! Please remember to invite your friends to share the blessing with us!

Blessings,

Carol

In the Footsteps of Paul

Thessalonica; Philippi; Athens...If you've always wanted to see these Biblical sites, now is your chance! St. Marks, Bay City is sponsoring a trip in June 2009. Accompanied by the Reverend Susan Kennard, the group will experience wonderful teaching and moving worship in the very places that Paul ministered to the Gentiles. The final cost will be finalized by October 1; as a point of reference, the cost of this trip was \$3,100 in 2008. Mother Carol has info sheets in the office. Contact June Burack at 979-245-2113 for more information.



The monthly blood drive will be held on Tuesday, September 16th from noon until 6:45 PM in the Professional Building next door to Angleton Danbury Medical Center. Our church members are asked to make an appointment to be a blood donor. Each month the hospital volunteers, who sponsor the blood drive, serve all donors with their homemade cookies!

To make an appointment you can go online at

www.giveblood.com

or call Frances McDuff at 849-6741, Doris Jackson at 849-7769, or Dianne Kilgus at 849-0071.

Kudos to Holy Comforter School!



Holy Comforter
Episcopal School

After a rigorous accreditation process, HCES has been fully accredited by the Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools! Under the excellent guidance of Head of School, Lori Logsdon, our day school is growing stronger and better every day. We are blessed indeed to minister to the children of Angleton through the excellence of Holy Comforter Episcopal School.

Congratulations to Lori and an outstanding faculty and staff!



Birthdays This Month

- 4 Janie Fitzpatrick
- 7 Walt Fitzpatrick
- 10 Barbara Thomas
- 16 Gabe & Grant Burns
- 17 Eli & Emma Burns
Shelley McCoy
- 24 Joe Galaznik
- 26 Pam Massingill
Lucille Robertson
- 28 Griffin Arnold

The Feast is Waiting... What Will *You* Bring?



- 7 Bob & Kay Stawarczik
- 8 Pat & Linda Peck
- 13 Charles & Yvonne Warner
- 14 Alfred & Gina Wollam



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,
Martha Brandly, Teresa Buchta, Michelle
Conley, Virginia Lou & John W. Damon,
Judge Davis, Gary Fannin, Janie
Fitzpatrick, Michael Fuchs, Brian Gibens,
The Hallman Family, Mabel Hamlin,
Roger Hanson, Tom Holder, Kelly
Hughes, Pat Jennings, Lee Kennedy,
Heather Ann Larose, Ruth Lauzon,
Dorothy Lesch, Kim McComb, Frances
McDuff, Buddy Meredith, Bruce
Morrissee, Becky Nelson, Brenda,
Samantha, and Ethan O'Farrell, John R.
Pouland, Annabelle Powell, Georgia
Powell, Allison Ridenhour, Steve Schiller,
Lorie Ann Schneider, Paul R. Scott, John
& Dorothy Shaw, Thomas Smith, Joyce
Steele, Bradley Ross Thomas, Lisa Vitz,
Charlie Warner, Jackie Warren, Colleen,
Lydia, MaKenzie, Cindy Hamilton's sister
Denise, Gina Wollam.



On the 12th of August, all of the school supplies that were collected in the last two and a half months, were delivered to St. Thomas Center. Many children in the community will have new supplies to start school, thanks to Holy Comforter. Thank you Diana Dring for decorating the box for the collection, Linda Peck for providing the lists that all the children needed for each school, and everyone who participated in this collection. When we see these children on their way to school, we can feel good about our part in being sure no child has to return to school without the tools they need to succeed. The need for school supplies continues throughout the school year. Therefore, we will continue to collect supplies for the children. You can bring your contributions and place them in the wagon with the Food Pantry items and they will be delivered to St. Thomas regularly.

Dianne Kilgus
Outreach Coordinator

Junior Discovery Classes Coming in September Save the Dates!

Mother Carol will be leading “Junior Discovery” to help our children learn more about the church.

Topics will include
Eucharist, Baptism,
Scripture and Worship.

Ages 4,5, & 6
September 7, 14, & 21,
Sunday mornings at 9:40-10:00

Ages 7-5th grade
September 10, 17, 24,
Wednesday afternoons 4:30-5:30



Altar Flowers

Just a reminder from Holy Comforter Altar Guild— Flowers are needed for each Sunday worship service during August. You may want to donate flowers in remembrance of a loved one, or to give thanks for a special occasion. Please sign up in Herbst Hall on the Altar Flower Calendar for August. You can donate one or both vases at a cost of \$20 each. Please make your donation payable to Holy Comforter with a memo of “Altar Flowers.”



“GREEN” TIP OF THE MONTH

Make a list of the errands you have for the week and plan to do them in one trip, taking the shortest route to make a full circle from home and back. You car gets it’s worst MPG in town so limit this driving as much as possible. You can also carpool with friends to church on Sundays!

Vestry Election October 19!

Following the good advice of the Diocese of Texas, Holy Comforter will elect new vestry members, endowment board members, and council delegates in October this year. Elections will be held at called business meetings at the conclusion of each service on **Sunday, October 19**. Newly elected vestry folks will begin to attend vestry meetings in November with voice, but no vote. When they officially begin their term of service after the Annual Meeting on January 18th, they will be “up to speed” on vestry doings!

The Vestry nominating committee is compiling a slate of nominees for three 3-year vestry terms and one 1-year vestry term. The slate will be announced soon. Additional nominations from the congregation are being accepted now through September 20. Nominations will not be accepted from the floor. **Nominees must sign and return the Vestry Expectations form (found in this newsletter and available in the Narthex) by September 20.** Photographs and bios of each nominee will be in the October newsletter.

Growing the Kingdom!

As you know, Connie Hattaway, who has served the children of Holy Comforter so faithfully, has resigned her volunteer position. She has laid a marvelous foundation for children’s ministry; it is our opportunity now to build on that great foundation!

Holy Comforter is looking for just the right person to lead us in this next phase. Perhaps you know someone who would be perfect for this job!

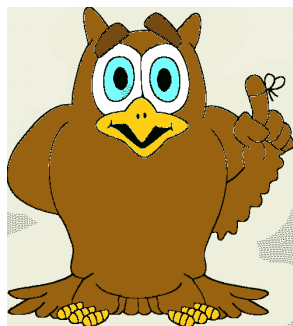
Children/Youth Ministry Coordinator Wanted

Position is part time, 8-10 hours/week plus Sunday mornings; compensation commensurate with experience. Responsibilities include:

- Direct and staff education/activity programs for Children on Sunday mornings plus special occasions.
- Support and guide volunteer nursery coordinator
- Develop education/activity programs for Youth
- Integrate above programs with overall work of the parish and diocese
- Train and equip volunteer educational leaders
- Work with diocesan Christian Formation Missioner

Ideal candidate will have experience working with children/youth and leading adult volunteers; will have a desire to grow the program and expand position. Contact The Reverend Carol Petty at 979-849-1269 or rector@holycomforterangleton.org

OWLS



The OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving, Seniors – 50+) of Holy Comforter Parish will start their Fall Meetings and Programs at a time to be announced at a later date.

There will be no meeting in September!!

Community Food Pantry



Looking ahead to our September Food Pantry Sunday at Holy Comforter Parish, we all know that help is badly needed with out schools already in session. On Sunday, September 14th, lets all plan now to make our food or money donations to the local food pantry. Donations by money can be made by check and can be made payable to Holy Comforter with a memo "Community Food Pantry." Cash donations can be placed in an envelope marked "Community Food Pantry." All money donated will be forwarded to our local food pantry by the Church office.

"It is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil."

--Ecclesiastes 3:13

The Feast is Waiting... What Will *You* Bring?



Sept 26-27, 2008 - Diocesan Daughters of the King Fall Assembly, "Savoring our Savior: It's All About Jesus," hosted at Camp Allen by the Good Shepherd Chapter of Good Shepherd, Friendswood. Bishop Don Wimberly will be celebrant and preacher for the Friday evening Eucharist with music led by the Glory Bound Singers. Saturday morning The Rev. Lacy Largent will offer the keynote address and Saturday afternoon will feature workshops with an opportunity to complete the weekend at Camp Allen by joining the Junior Daughters of the King at their fall retreat. For registration information, visit the website at www.dokdot.org.

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church Vestry Synopsis.....

21 July 2008

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Vestry of Holy Comforter Episcopal Church was held on 21 July 2008, The Rev. Carol Petty presiding. Members present were:

Heath Burns Lori Hawkins James Northrup David Shackelford Lola Kay Hood
Dianne Kilgus Barbara Marin Doris Jackson

Also present: Linda Peck, Treasurer; Jackie Warren, Clerk of the Vestry Absent: Mike Hanson

The meeting opened with prayer and Lectio Divina. Lori Hawkins reviewed Vestry Papers' May/June 2008 issue. The minutes of the June meeting were approved as presented.

Mother Carol, reporting for Holy Comforter Episcopal School, indicated the Accreditation is complete. "Summer Maintenance" is on-going in the school areas, i.e., repairs, paint, etc.

The Vestry authorized James Northrup to get an appraisal on the Thompson property adjacent to the church. An Attendance Graph was provided by Dianne Kilgus.

Mother Carol reported:

Vacation Bible School was a great success! The Nominating Committee had its first meeting. Budget Committee is: Linda Peck, Doris Jackson, and Dianne Kilgus. Tory Arnold will co-chair the 2009 Commitment Drive. Fellowship: James and Deborah Northrup will host a picnic; Bash N Splash/Educator Blessing. Hurricane Preparedness Team coordinated by Ray Marin is collecting contact information needed in case of evacuation, etc.

It was recommended by Mother Carol that Holy Comforter hire a part time Children/Youth Ministry Coordinator. This will be for 8-10 hours per week, plus Sundays, and will be a paid position. Motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 P.M. following an Evening Prayer Service led by Mother Carol.

Faithfully submitted,

Jackie Warren

Treasurer's Report

July 2008

July Total Income	15,445.92
July Total Expenses	21,433.71
Surplus or (Deficit)	(5,987.79)
YTD Pledged Income	65,790.64
YTD Pledged Income Received	68,177.00
Surplus or (Deficit)	2,386.36
YTD Income	99,385.76
YTD Expenses	114,546.01
Surplus or (Deficit)	(15,160.25)

HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE!

Holy Comforter is prepared, should the worst happen.

In Event of Evacuation

Trinity Church in Longview has graciously agreed to partner with Holy Comforter to provide temporary housing for families who need a place to stay. Just call Mother Carol and she will contact the church to arrange for a place for you to go.

Post-Evacuation

Ray Marin heads a team of HC first responders who will return to Angleton post-evacuation (in conjunction with the Police Department) to survey the church building and parishioners' homes. The team will do whatever emergency work they can with tarps and chain saws and will make every effort to contact you to let you know how your property fared.

Thanks to Team members Greg Hawkins, Tom Long, Mike Hattaway, James Northrup, and coordinator Ray Marin!

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

Sunday September 7th the adults, 18 years or older, will resume our study of the scripture readings assigned for worship services on Sunday mornings. A study guide will be provided by the church that contains thoughts and discussion questions for the readings and psalm appointed for the Sunday morning services. The study guide's format is easy to follow and keep up with if you miss a class. Those of us who participated this past year feel the study helps us listen and hear what God wants us to "get" from the scripture readings that day. Also, we have the chance to see if Mother Carol is going to "get" it right. During the month of December we will do a meditative study of one or more of the scripture readings then resume with the study guide in January.

We have leaders scheduled for September, October, and November.

If you would be interested in leading the group for a month call
James Northrup, 979-299-9203 or 848-0518.

The class is 9:30-10:15am Sunday mornings, perfect for those attending the 8:30 or 10:30 services and open to any and all, the more the better.



ECW
Retreat

The Episcopal Church Women of St John the Divine in Houston will host the 107th annual meeting and retreat at Camp Allen on November 14&15, 2008.

The theme of this year's retreat is **Joyful in Hope**. Some marvelous workshops will be held, including "Embracing Change," "Holy Listening," "Awaken! Uncover Your God Given Dreams," and "You Are What You Do." More information is available in the church office or at www.epicenter.org or www.sjd.org.

Worship Leaders Schedule September & October

	SUNDAY	LECTOR	PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ACOLYTES	8:30 Service LEM, LECTOR, PRAYERS
07 Sept. 2008	17th Sunday after Pentecost	James Northrup	Tom Long	Mike Hattaway Lisa Fitzpatrick	Peter Neal Ray Eby	Drings
14 Sept. 2008	18th Sunday after Pentecost	Heath Burns	Penney Reed	Ed White Jackie Warren	Brook Eby Kevin Cole	John Minkert
21 Sept. 2008	19th Sunday after Pentecost	Ray Eby	Lisa Fitzpatrick	Lori Hawkins John Minkert	Ray Eby Mason Hawkins	Drings
28 Sept. 2008	20th Sunday after Pentecost	Shelley McCoy	SuZan Carpenter	Lisa Fitzpatrick Ed White	Peter Neal Kevin Cole	Jackie Warren
05 Oct. 2008	21st Sunday after Pentecost	SuZan Carpenter	James Northrup	Jackie Warren Lori Hawkins	Mason Hawkins Brook Eby	Drings
12 Oct. 2008	22nd Sunday after Pentecost	Lisa Fitzpatrick	Heath Burns	Mike Hattaway Ed White	Ray Eby Kevin Cole	John Minkert
19 Oct. 2008	23rd Sunday after Pentecost	Penney Reed	Jackie Warren	Lisa Fitzpatrick Jackie Warren	Brook Eby Peter Neal	Drings
26 Oct. 2008	24th Sunday after Pentecost	Tom Long	Shelley McCoy	Lori Hawkins Mike Hattaway	Mason Hawkins Ray Eby	Jackie Warren

If you are unable to serve, please contact a replacement.

Thanks and God Bless! --Lisa