



Holy Comforter
Episcopal Church

COMFORTABLE WORDS

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

Serving the Episcopal Community of Angleton Since 1897

NOVEMBER 2013

www.holycomforterangleton.org

Sunday Worship Schedule

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

Mission Statement

"We are an Episcopal Community, called to be a loving refuge in Jesus Christ, welcoming and serving all."

CORE VALUES: CARE

Children - nurturing the children of Holy Comforter and the community, through parish ministries and HCES
Action – serving one another and those in need, in Angleton and the world

Relationships – cultivating vibrant relationships among ourselves and the larger community, welcoming and affirming all in Jesus' Name
Episcopal Worship – growing spiritually through liturgy, prayer and Sacraments

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Community Thanksgiving Service

Hosted by Holy Comforter

Sunday – November 24

6 PM Dinner

7 PM Holy Eucharist

***We will provide: turkey & dressing
All participants are encouraged to bring
side dishes and desserts plus a can of
food for the Community Food Pantry***

Participating Churches:

Bethel Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church

First United Methodist Church

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church

Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Saint John Lutheran Church

The Offering will be given to Saint Thomas Center

Mother Kristin's Column

Dear Holy Comforter

I am writing to you to say goodbye and to let you know where I have been and what has been going on with me. As some of you know I became pregnant over the summer with our third child who is due in February. The beginning of my pregnancy went pretty smoothly but some complications have caused my doctor to put me on light activity bed rest. I am thankfully allowed some movement around the house or to the backyard to sit with my boys while they play but mostly have to stay off my feet as much as I can. It has been tough for my family but we have been blessed with wonderful parents who have come to help with the boys, lots of home-cooked meals and a multitude of prayers! My family is so grateful for the prayers and support that we have received from you, it has meant more than we can tell you! You are in great hands and I wish you all the best in this continued time of transition.

Blessings,
Kristin



A Message from our Senior Warden

Dear Holy Comforters,

“There is a time for everything,....” (Ecc3:1) (part 2). Here at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church ‘tis the season for “Thanks. Giving.” Thankfully, November offers yet another time of many opportunities to serve as God would lead you.

A Time for Stewardship: Now is the time of year when we reflect on all the treasures and talents that God has bestowed upon us. It is a time to be thankful for our many gifts and blessings. It is a time to consider how to share with others that which we have been given. In light of that, we have made Thanks. Giving. the theme of this year’s stewardship campaign. Our stewardship drive will officially get underway on Nov. 1, thanks to the Herculean efforts of Cy and Kirsten Parks! Speaking of heroic undertakings, this is a time to give a HUGE THANK-YOU to the BBQ and Bluegrass Committee for the selfless service offered in putting together and providing the festival! Andrea Demopolis graciously led a small army of volunteers into spending countless hours in detail planning, complex coordinating, and physical laboring. We served 380 plates of BBQ, and provided an evening of fun fellowship and exceptional entertainment was for our community. So, whether you contributed prayerfully, monetarily, or elbow grease and sweat laboriously, this extraordinary evening could not have been successful without your help. Thanks for giving. On the rector transition front, this is a time to nominate and select members to serve as the Search Committee. The vestry will accept nominations for three weeks (Nov. 1- Nov. 17). The individuals nominated should be spiritually discerning with the ability to commit time to the search process. Being a member of the Search Committee is not a duty-light position. Please, prayerfully consider nominees. Anyone who feels called to serve in this capacity must fill out the Search Committee Nomination Form supplied by the diocese. At the end of the month, the vestry will select the search committee among the nominations. Please pray for the vestry as they make important decisions.

This is a Time to Restart Coffee House Theology: If you feel led, come join in the spiritually edifying and intellectually stimulating fun beginning this Sunday morning (Nov. 3) at 9:30. This month’s topics of teaching thematically focus on “Thanks. Giving.”

November 24, is a time to host the community Thanksgiving dinner. This is an annual ecumenical gathering among some of the neighboring churches and anyone else in the community who would like to participate. The host church provides turkey, dressing, and facilities for dinner and a Eucharist service. Once again we have an opportunity to share our bounty and break bread with our neighbors.

Finally, November is a time to change our clocks! Fall backwards one hour when you go to bed on Nov. 2.

Please, prayerfully consider all the ways in which HCEC serves others.

Give. Thanks.

Humbly yours,

Ellen

The Reverend Carol Blaine
Interim Rector



To the good people of Holy Comforter,

I am very excited about serving as your interim rector at Holy Comforter as your church moves through this period of transition. Times of change offer us a wonderful opportunity to look at who we are, where we have been, and where we want to go. I know that you have enjoyed a wonderful six years with Mother Carol's leadership, and that you are poised to move with confidence and joy into the future God has planned for you as individuals and as a community of faith.

I imagine you are wondering about me. I am a cradle Episcopalian who grew up in Houston, married and raised my children there. My two sons, daughter, and grandchildren still live in the Houston area. After my husband died in 1998, I moved to Austin to attend the Seminary of the Southwest. Since completing seminary studies, I have served as Priest-in-Charge of St. John's/Marlin, Rector of Grace/Houston (formerly St. George's and St. Patrick's), as Interim Rector at Good Shepherd/Friendswood, and as supply priest at St. Andrew's/Pearland while their priest was on sabbatical this summer. I have also enjoyed traveling about the diocese to provide Sunday supply at different churches.

As a lay person, I was very involved with the Community of Hope, a training program for lay pastoral ministry. Spiritual formation is a keen interest of mine, and I completed the Diocesan training program for spiritual directors, graduating in the first class of FIND. I believe that community is an indispensable part of our spiritual journey toward Christian maturity, so I look forward to getting to know each of you as we share our lives and ministry in community in the coming months. I will begin my work at Holy Comforter on the last Sunday of November. Until then, the whole congregation will remain in my thoughts and my prayers.

Faithfully in Christ,

Rev. Carol +



Sunday School Happenings

During the month of November, our class will focus on Stewardship and giving thanks. Stewardship education begins with the understanding that God is the source of all that exists, and then we can explore how we are part of what God has brought into being.

For children, simple concepts can be discussed and built upon as they grow older. In class, we will focus on these three areas; loving God, loving ourselves and loving others.

We will have a fun activity in the kitchen on November 24th. See you then!

Linda

Nov 3rd Children stay in church with their families

Nov. 10th The Ten Best Ways with Barbara Marin and Kim Peck

Nov 17th Ten Pennies for Jesus with Kandy Taylor-Hille and Cecile Johnson

Nov 24th We Give Thanks with Linda Peck, Kim Peck and Cecile Johnson

Coffeehouse Theology

9:30

Parish hall

Thanks. Giving.

Begins again November 3



Children's Moment



HOLIDAY IN THE PINES



CAMP ALLEN
CONFERENCE & RETREAT CENTER
DEC. 13-15, 2013
Load your sleigh and head to the piney woods of Camp Allen for a weekend of holiday cheer!
936.825.7175
campallen.org

ACTIVITIES
ARCHERY - CANOEING - FISHING
PLAY IN THE SNOW - MOONJUMP
WAGON, TRAIN & HORSE RIDES
DISCOVERY DOME THEATRE
SKEET SHOOTING - GIANT SWING
CAMPFIRE, SMORES & CAROLING
LIVE SNAKE & BIRD CLASSES
HAYRIDES - HIKES - MESSAGES
ZIP LINE - ROCK CLIMBING
GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST
HOLIDAY CRAFTS - LADIES TEA
WORSHIP SERVICES - SANTA PICS
HOLIDAY FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Newcomer Ministry

I See You

In the movie, Avatar, there is an expression -- "I see you." It means, beneath your outward appearance and 'public' face, I understand who you *really* are.

This month, whether your usual habit is to visit after the service or not, I challenge you go into the parish hall and INTENTIONALLY pick someone you don't know that well. Join their table or invite them to pull up a seat at yours and engage them in a deeper conversation that says, "I care enough to want to know who you really are."

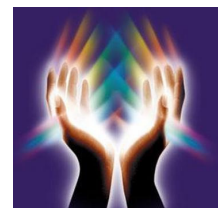
Stewardship Snippets

Green Tip for November



Check all the water line connections and faucets for leaks. A slow drip can waste as much as 170 gallons of water each day, or 5,000 gallons per month, and will add to the water bill!

Living Generously



Ecclesiastes 5:19

When God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil— this is a gift of God.

All good gifts come from God!

Parish Particulars...

If you are unable to attend church,
but would like to receive Holy
Eucharist, just contact the church
office at 849-1269 or

holycomforterangleton@gmail.com

or

newcomer@holycomforterangleton.org

One of these Lay Eucharistic
Visitors will be happy to bring
Eucharist to you!



Coffee Hosts for November

If you would like to serve, contact
Betty Mogford
rileyandbetty@embarqmail.com

- 3 Billye; Nelda; Doris
- 10 Kelsey & Kerry Payne
- 17 Alane & John Anderson
- 24 HOST NEEDED



FYI: Vestry Contact Information

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Please help us keep Holy
Comforter's prayer list
current! Notify the office when
particular prayers are no
longer needed.

849-1269

Mon-Thurs 9-4

DISCRETIONARY FUND ACCOUNT



We will continue to receive
contributions to the Rector's
Discretionary Fund to be
available for parishioners in
need. The 1st Sunday Open
Offering will likewise continue to
be added to the Fund.

In addition, regular
contributions will be made to the
Saint Thomas Center and those
outside the Church who apply for
assistance will be directed there.

Please share any need you
may have with Ellen Eby.

November Anniversaries

- 5 Riley & Betty Mogford

- 6 Morris & Pam Massingill

- 7 David & Ginny Shackelford
Pam & Mike Baron



**Community
Thanksgiving Dinner**



**Holy Comforter is accepting
donations of turkeys to be
prepared for the Thanksgiving
Feast**

November 24th

Contact Maureen Herbst

979-292-4148

mo@cmaccess.com

November Birthdays

- 3 Jaxson Pruitt
- 6 Georgia Powell
Marie Hill
- 8 Kelsey Payne
- 12 Jimmie Lou Green
Dianne Kilgus
- 16 Amanda Hawkins
Dorothy Ragain
Jack Fleet
- 20 Amanda Murray
- 21 Cecile Johnson
- 22 Deborah White
Trey Picard
- 24 Dorothy Hajecate
- 26 Mary Ann Thomas
- 27 Linda Peck
- 29 Kandy Taylor-Hille



*If you would to see your birthday or
anniversary in the monthly
newsletter, please advise the office.*

849-1269

Monday – Thursday

9 – 4

info@holycomforterangleton.org



Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

Although our Rector is no longer with us, our expenses remain the same. Please continue your practice of tithing or the giving of offerings during this time of transition.

WANT AD

The Usher/Greeter Corps needs a few more volunteers (as an individual or team).

You will serve about once every eight weeks.

No experience necessary. Training provided.

Contact Paula Haenchen at p_haenchen@hotmail.com or call [979-248-0972](tel:979-248-0972) no later than November 11.

BARBEQUE & BLUEGRASS

Holy Comforter's Third Annual Bluegrass and BBQ was a huge success!! A Big THANK YOU to all the volunteers especially Kurt Ruthstrom for making the music happen. Kurt Ruthstrom is also responsible for the donation of and placement of the beautiful string lights in our large oak trees above the event. Thank you to our local musical talent Otto Pyznyk and The Pretty Boys: Matt Edquist, Benny Notgrass, Kurt Ruthstrom and Doc and Friends: Dr. Scott Rogers, Bruce Branch, and Liz Sardelich. Thank you to Frank's Dixie Meat Market and Catering for the delicious BBQ. Thank you to Brook and Mark Eby for hosting the church tours. They did an excellent job and were very informative. We had the largest group of visitors participate in the tour of the church this year. Thank you to Holy Comforter Episcopal School Staff (Violet, Tricia, and Nancy) for your help all week with the silent auction and decorations. Thank you to the Sponsors and all of you who donated items and/or your time and talents to make this such a great event and thank you to all of you that came out to support us. We are so blessed that we have the talent to offer an event like this to the community and a great community that in so many ways supports our church.

Please return Bluegrass and BBQ yard signs to the Parish Hall.

THE SEARCH PROCESS FOR OUR RECTOR

Officially, we are in the pre-search phase of the process

- HCEC will be involved in the process of developing a parish brochure
- HCEC will need to develop a parish profile and a Rector profile to place in the brochure (Reb Scarborough will help with this)
- HCEC will gather names of recommended Priests to be considered
- Vestry will collect nominations (Nov. 1-17) and select a search committee



HCES Happenings!

Holy Comforter Episcopal School

Thank you to all who supported our yummy fundraiser! If you bought popcorn, cookies, fudge or coffee, your generosity helped us raise \$3300 to benefit our school and children! We hope you enjoy all your goodies! Again, thank you !



COMMUNITY HELPERS WEEK

The students learned about the many community helpers in our city. We talked about firefighters, police officers, EMTs, doctors, dentists, and more. The children learned about the important role each has to make up a community.

Christmas Partners Blessing Children

The annual Christmas project for Community Partners of Brazoria County has begun. This event benefits abused or neglected children served by Brazoria County Children's Protective Services. Our goal is to fill Christmas Wishes for 20 children (three gifts per child). Beginning Monday, November 4 in the parish hall you will find a Christmas wreath with name tags. Each tag has a child's name and gift request listed on it. Please purchase the gift and return it (unwrapped) to the school with the name tag no later than Monday, December 2. Gift cards and cash donations are also welcomed. Thank you for your generosity and giving spirit. We wish you the warmest holiday season.



November, 2013

*"Give thanks to the Lord,
for his love endures forever."
2 Chronicles 20:21b*



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| <i>3</i> 8:30 RITE III 10:30 RITE II DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS | <i>4</i> | <i>5</i> | <i>6</i> | <i>7</i> | <i>8</i> 12 FINANCE COMMITTEE | <i>9</i> 8AM - 1PM EXTENSION SERVICE WORKSHOP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>10</i> 8:30 RITE III 10:30 RITE II | <i>11</i> | <i>12</i> 7 PM VESTRY | <i>13</i> 8 PM SCHOOL BOARD | <i>14</i> | <i>15</i> | <i>16</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <i>24</i> 8 PM DINNER 7 PM COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP 8:30 RITE III 10:30 RITE II | <i>25</i> 7 PM DAUGHTERS OF THE KING PARISH HOUSE | <i>26</i> | <i>27</i> | <i>28</i> THANKSGIVING OFFICES CLOSED | <i>29</i> OFFICES CLOSED | <i>30</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church Vestry Synopsis

September 10, 2013

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Holy Comforter Episcopal Parish Vestry was held on Sept 10, 2013, with Mother Carol presiding. The meeting was opened at 7 pm with prayer. Members present were SuZan Carpenter, Kandy Taylor- Hille, Mike Hattaway, Ellen Eby, Tom Long, Ronnie Johnson, Allan Dinsmore, and Kerry Payne Also present was Pam Massingill, clerk.

Information

Approval of Minutes - The minutes from the August meeting were read and approved.

HCES Report – Great start to the new school year. All classes are full with a waiting list. The remodel is finished.

Sr. Warden's Report - Ellen – The transition is underway and there will be an executive meeting next Tuesday with Diocesan staff member, Mary Macgregor, about the search process. Celebration Sunday is coming up. The brochure committee is searching out and collecting ideas. Canon to the Ordinary, Ann Normand was at church on Sunday. Ellen will be leading the future staff meetings.

Jr. Warden's Report – Mike – A/ C leak due to rotten pan has been taken care of. After several phone calls, the gutters have been fixed.

Property report – Tom and Ellen - A plan detailing who is in charge of what will be created.

Rector's Report- M. Carol - Vestry appointed Barbara Thomas to complete George's term as Council Delegate. She will attend councils in February of 2014 & 2015.

Penney Reed was appointed as final-year vestry person to the Friends of H C Endowment Board.

The Altar Guild has submitted a purchase request for a new small size processional cross to replace our damaged one. Also needed are new "Reserved" pew signs, and 2 Lay Eucharistic Visitor boxes. Memorial funds would be used for this purchase. Vestry approved these purchases.

Nominating Committee: Completed slate is: Vestry: Susan Moore and Eric Herbst; Friends Endowment: Cindy Stevens; Diocesan Council: Kirsten Parks. To date, no other nominations have been received from the parish. Nominations close on Sunday, September 15.

The Rector's discretionary account will remain intact. Dianne has agreed to be temporary signatory. Kristin (and whoever follows her) will arrange for parishioners in need to receive a check. We'll keep a \$500 balance here, sending additional monies received to St. Thomas.

"Learning to Care" training class went well. Doris Jackson, Barbara Marin, Robert Munro, and John Minkert will be commissioned this Sunday as LEVs (Lay Eucharistic Visitors). They will play a vital role in pastoral care ministry. Paula is going to coordinate the visitation program.

Note for future reference - There is an oval stained glass in the attic behind the air conditioning unit.

Financial Report –The vestry approved financials as presented.

With no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:25 pm with singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Massingill - Clerk of the Vestry

| <u>Financial Report</u> | | | |
|--|---------------|------------------|------------|
| <u>General Fund</u> | <u>August</u> | <u>September</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
| Operating Income | 14,847 | 22,644 | 218,072 |
| Operating Expense | 18,572 | 17,857 | 188,399 |
| <u>Designated Gifts (Memorial, Discretionary Fund, etc.)</u> | | | |
| Income | 810 | 565 | 8,334 |
| Expenditures | 878 | 339 | 8,736 |

Friends of Holy Comforter Endowment Fund: Balance as of 09/30/2013 - \$430,260.65

Value of mineral properties and other assets is in addition to this amount.

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church
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P.O. Box 786
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Return Service Requested



Holy Comforter Episcopal Church



Sunday Schedule

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

Infant and Toddler care is provided from
8:15 AM until Noon

Bishop Episcopal Diocese of TX The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle
Rector The Rev. Dr. Carol Petty
Head of School Nancy Standlee
Office Administrator / Theologian Fr. Preston Weatherly
Music Director Yuri McCoy
Children's Ministry Director Linda Peck
Newcomer Ministry Coordinator Paula Haenchen

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Diocesan Center 1-800-318-4452
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