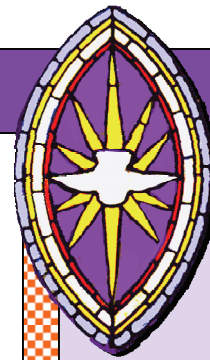


December 27, 2009—January 9, 2010

HOLY COMFORTER NEWSLETTER



12/27/09—1/9/10

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Service Hours

Sunday Holy Eucharist :
Rite I: 7:30 AM
Rite II: 10:00 AM
Weekday Holy Eucharist & Unction:
Tuesday: 10:00 AM
Evening Prayer:
Wednesday: 6:00 PM

Office Hours

M-F 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Food Pantry Hours

M, W, F 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Crisis Information

For Pastoral Care, call the following in the order listed until you make contact:

Church Office
334-281-1337
The Rev. Drake Whitelaw
334-263-9196 (H)
334-300-3039 (Cell; use only for emergency)
Nelya McKenzie
334-284-5078 (H)
334-315-1261 (C)
334-244-3558 (W)

*May the blessings of Christmas be yours on
Christmas Day
Faith to make your heart serene...
Hope to keep it light...
And the Peace that Christ alone can give to
make your Christmas bright*

*Have a peaceful and blessed holiday.
The Holy Comforter Staff*

*Drake Thomas Diane
Eleshia Samuel Mary*

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Annual Epiphany Party

Sunday, January 3rd

6:00-9:00 PM

Drake's Home (1242 Felder)

Bring a dish and your party spirit!

ALL ARE INVITED!!!



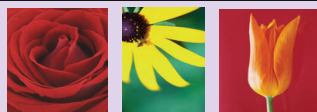
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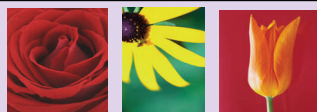
Robyn Craig
Sam Craig
Ruth Hyde
Wayne Peterson
Marietta Sexton
Howard Stripling

Friends/ Others:

John Dunwoody
Billy Hughes
Pat Roberts
Judy Ross
Dean Shaw
Martha Dell Stancik



A new flower schedule is available. Reserve your date today!!!



Weekly Schedule: December 27, 2009-January 2, 2010

Sunday, December 27

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist
No Breakfast
9:00 AM Choir
9:00 AM Sunday School—
No Children's SS
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
11:15 AM Coffee Hour
No Youth

*Nursery available at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, December 29

NO SERVICE OR ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, December 30

NO SERVICE OR ACTIVITIES

December 31-January 1

OFFICE CLOSED

Weekly Schedule: January 3-9, 2010

Sunday, January 3

Discretionary Funds/
Hunger Sunday

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist
8:00 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM Choir
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
11:15 AM Coffee Hour

6:00 PM Epiphany Party
(Drake's Home)

*Nursery available at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 5

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
11:00 AM Bible Study
6:00 PM Book Group

Wednesday, January 6

6:00 PM Evening Prayer
6:30 PM Choir
7:00 PM Inquirer's Class

Friday, January 8

10:00 AM Book Group

NO BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27TH!!!

January Worm Schedule

Jan. 3: **NO Sunday school**
Jan. 10: The Beatitudes: Art
Jan 17: **NO Sunday school** (MLK weekend)
Jan. 24: The Beatitudes: Drama
Jan. 31: The Beatitudes: Movie & Stewardship of
Community



Youth January Schedule

Jan. 3: NO YOUTH GROUP
Jan. 10: meet after 10am service for lunch and trip to MMFA
Jan. 17: NO YOUTH GROUP
Jan. 24: 5-7pm at Church
Jan. 31: 5-7pm at Church

First Communion Class

This class is for young children to learn about their Christian family, the church. Drake will especially help children understand the Eucharist, or Holy Communion. There are six sessions with story and coloring books. The times to meet will be determined by the parents. Please call Drake or Eleshia if you are interested.

Inquirer's Class

Inquirers' classes will begin Wednesday, January 6th and will meet in the Library from 6:30 to 7:30 PM for five weeks. Come and join us and learn or re-learn about the Episcopal Church. Please call the office and let Eleshia know if you are interested.

Lectionary Readings:
Year C, Christmas I

Sunday, December 27:
Isaiah 61:10—62:3
Psalm 147
Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7
John 1:1-18

.....Daily Office.....
Year Two, Christmas I

Tues., December 29:
NO SERVICE
Wed., December 30:
NO SERVICE

Lectionary Readings:
Year C, Christmas 2

Sunday, January 3:
Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 84
Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

.....Daily Office.....
Year Two, Christmas 2

Tuesday, January 5:
Joshua 1:1-9
Psalm 2, 110:1-5
Hebrews 11:32—12:2
John 15:1-16

Wed., January 6:
Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12



**Diocese of
Alabama
Cycle
of Prayer**

Thursday, December 25

- Church of the Nativity, Huntsville
- Our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishop, Zaché; our missionaries to Namibia, Jeremy and Penny Lucas
- All ministries to infants, children and youth

Sunday, December 27

- St. Stephen's, Huntsville
- St. Stephen's, Birmingham
- Our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishop, Zaché; our missionaries to Namibia, Jeremy and Penny Lucas
- The Board, officers and members of the Episcopal Church Women
- The Trustees of the University of the South
- Our diaconal ministry through Greater Birmingham Ministries

Sunday, January 3

- Church of the Epiphany, Tallassee
- Church of the Epiphany, Leeds
- Our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishop, Zaché; our missionaries to Namibia, Jeremy and Penny Lucas
- The Diocesan Council
- The Diocesan Department of Finance
- For our diaconal ministry in the Firehouse Shelter, First Stop and for all other ministries to the homeless.

ECW THANK YOU

McMaster Hall was full of festivities Sunday, December 13. St. Martha's cheese balls were picked up, ECW baked goods bought, refreshments served and the winner of the raffle for Nancy Boston's afghan, Cindy Bell, was announced. A big thank you to all the church women for the time spent and the effort given to so many Holy Comforter events.

Now on to another special event—an ECW sponsored parish spaghetti supper, held on Valentine's Day, February 14. More information will follow.



Holy Cross Episcopal School will hold their Annual Open House for Prospective Families on Sunday, January 10,

2010 at 2pm. Families of elementary age children (Pre-K thru 6th grade) are encouraged to attend. For more information, call the school at 395-8222.

Curious about the Episcopal Church?

What do Episcopalians believe? How do they worship? What is the history of the Episcopal Church in the Deaf community? Come to the home of:

The Rev. Jay L. Croft
Old Cloverdale, Montgomery
Tuesday, January 5, 2010
5 p.m.

First, we'll have supper. After supper we will discuss the possibility of beginning church services, following the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer.

Services would be in sign language, not interpreted. *There is no pressure, no preaching. Your questions and ideas are welcome!*

Reservations are necessary. E-mail jlcroft@juno.com for directions and reservations.

OUTREACH SUMMIT

The Department of Mission and Outreach announces its first Outreach Summit to be held at All Saints Episcopal Church, Homewood on Saturday, January 16, 2010 from 9:30am-3:30pm. Registration begins at 9:00am. The purpose of the Outreach Summit is threefold: to spark a renewed energy for outreach in the Diocese, to offer a networking opportunity for all lay and clergy who have a passion for mission and outreach, and to provide practical tips on implementing and sustaining outreach activities.

The keynote speaker will be The Reverend Becca Stevens, chaplain of Vanderbilt's St. Augustine's Chapel. The morning workshops will focus on "Discover Your Outreach Identity" for small, medium and large parishes. There will be panel leaders and a facilitator to encourage dialog and discussion among the participants and the panel. The afternoon workshops will offer "Best Practices: How To Implement Outreach Programs" for a variety of ministries, such as food and medical outreach, inner city ministries, welcoming the non-English speaking stranger, youth outreach, social justice and foreign mission.

This Outreach Summit is something that your Vestry and Clergy support highly. We want a large group from Holy Comforter to attend. Please email Bil Hitchcock at gwhitchcock@gmail.com or call 334-324-2381 if you want to attend. We will have a group reservation for this...as we plan for Holy Comforter's Outreach Program, we need a lot of people involved, whether you are on Vestry or not. Please consider this prayerfully.

Registration is \$15 and will include lunch. We will send one check from the church to reserve your spot.

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Rector:

The Rev. Drake Whitelaw

Curate:

The Rev. Thomas Joyner

Administrative Assistant:

Diane Harbin

Secretary/Receptionist:

Eleshia Lusane

Choir Master/ Organist:

Joel Gregory

Day School Director:

Jenny Miller

Sexton:

Samuel Bates

Housekeeper:

Mary Jane Flowers

Nursery Worker:

Pat Lewis

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Jeri Tippit

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Terri Via

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Susanne Trest

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Leanne Barber
Dennis Gibson
Elva Goldman
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Bil Hitchcock
Rose Lollar
Nelya McKenzie
Rick McKenzie
Alden Monroe
Kevin Trest



Rosine Hall



Rick McKenzie

Thank you from all of us at Holy Comforter for your 3 years of leadership. Your combined efforts have made this a better place. Blessings on the new ministries you are now called to do.

Peace and Blessings,

Drake
and the Holy Comforter Family



Alden Monroe



Jeri Tippit

Committee reports are due to Drake for the annual meeting by January 10, 2010.

Catch Up On Your 2009 Pledge

You must turn in your pledge money by Tuesday, December 29 for it to be posted in this calendar year. No money will be posted to 2009 after that date. Any money received after December 29 will be posted to the 2010 calendar year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars!

December 28-30		Office Open
December 31	New Year's Eve	Office Closed
JANUARY		
January 1	New Year's Day	Office Closed
January 3	6:00-9:00 PM	Epiphany Party at Drake's Home
January 9	9:00 AM-12 Noon	Vestry Orientation
January 16		Outreach Summit
January 19	MLK Day	OFFICE CLOSED
January 24		Annual Parish Meeting/ Luncheon
February 5-7		Vestry Retreat
February 11-13		Diocesan Convention
February 14	6:00 PM	ECW Spaghetti Dinner
February 16		Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
February 17	Noon & 6:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service
February 28	10 AM Service— One service only!	Bishop's Visit/ Confirmation

Holy Comforter Family:

We would like to thank everyone for their many acts of kindness during this holiday season. We love and appreciate each of you.

Drake Thomas Diane
Eleshia Samuel Mary