



Holy Comforter Newsletter

January 8-21, 2012

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SERVICE HOURS

Sunday Holy Eucharist : 10:00 AM

Tuesday Holy Eucharist & Unction: 10:00 AM

Wednesday Holy Eucharist: 6:00 PM

OFFICE HOURS

M-Th 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

F 8:30 AM—1:00 PM

FOOD PANTRY HOURS

M & W 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Th 9:00 AM-Noon

STAFF

Interim Rector:

The Rev. Dr. David Perkins ext. 302

Priest Associate—Ministry in the Deaf Community:

The Rev. Jay L. Croft

Administrative Assistant:

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Eleshia Lusane ext. 301

Choir Master/ Organist:

Joel Gregory

Sexton:

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Nursery Worker:

Pat Lewis

VESTRY

Senior Warden:

Terri Via

Junior Warden:

Elva Goldman

Treasurer:

Rose Lollar

Clerk:

Jeri Tippit

Members:

Leanne Barber
Dennis Gibson
Bil Hitchcock
Nelya McKenzie
Ann Montgomery
Rand Neeley
Zola Powers

The Rt. Rev. Kee Sloan to Become 11th Bishop of Alabama During Jan. 7 Investiture Service



Episcopalians and ecumenical guests from throughout Alabama and the United States will gather in Birmingham for the investiture and seating of the Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan as 11th Bishop of Episcopal Diocese of Alabama on Saturday, Jan. 7.

The Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, will preside at the service which begins at 11 a.m. in the Episcopal Cathedral Church of the Advent.

All are invited to the festive service of celebration which will be followed by a reception.

Bishop Sloan who has served as Alabama's suffragan bishop since January 2008, will assume the role of diocesan bishop from the Rt. Rev. Henry N. Parsley Jr., who is retiring. Prior to his election as suffragan, Sloan, 56, served

14 years as rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Huntsville. Before his tenure as rector in Huntsville, Sloan served as chaplain to the University of Mississippi and priest in parishes in Grenada, West Point, and Olive Branch, Mississippi. He is a graduate of Mississippi State University and the University of the South, in Sewanee, TN. He is married to the former Tina Marie Brown. The couple has two children, McKee and Mary Nell.

In his new capacity, Sloan will serve as chief priest and pastor to the Diocese of Alabama, 90 congregations with more than 32,000 members, covering north and central Alabama.

Our own, Amy Seanor will be the flag bearer for the investiture.

Lectionary Readings: Year B, 1 Epiphany

Sunday, January 8:

Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

.....Daily Office..... Year Two, 1 Epiphany

Tuesday, January 10:

Genesis 3:1-24
Psalm 5, 6
Hebrews 2:1-10
John 1:19-28

Wednesday, January 11:

Genesis 4:1-16
Psalm 12, 13, 14
Hebrews 2:11-18
John 1:35-42

Lectionary Readings: Year B, 2 Epiphany

Sunday, January 15:

1 Samuel 3:1-10
Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

.....Daily Office..... Year Two, 2 Epiphany

Tuesday, January 17:

Genesis 9:1-17
Psalm 26, 28
Hebrews 5:7-14
John 3:16-21

Wednesday, January 18:

Genesis 9:18-29
Psalm 119:25-48
Hebrews 6:1-12
John 3:22-36

Crisis Information

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

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334-300-7589

Church Office
334-281-1337

Nelya McKenzie
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Diocese of
Alabama
Cycle
of Prayer

Sunday, January 8

- Church of the Epiphany, Tallassee
- Church of the Epiphany, Guntersville
- Our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishop, Zaché
- The Diocesan Council
- Epiphany Ministry to Youth Offenders

Sunday, January 15

- Grace Church, Anniston
- St. Timothy's, Athens
- Our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishop, Zaché
- For our diaconal ministry in The Firehouse Shelter (Birmingham), First Stop (Huntsville) and for all other ministries to the homeless
- For our seminarians completing their third year of seminary.

**PRAYER FOR
HOLY COMFORTER**

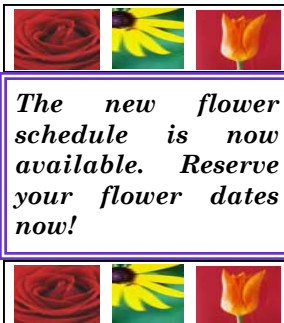
Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel for the renewal and mission of Holy Comforter Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Please Pray For:

Parishioners:
June Brinkley
Marietta Sexton
Ami Simpson

Friends/ Others:
Jane Barkley
Janice Cole
Steve Endicott
Vicky Harris
Nancy McGriff
Bruce Olsen
Alfred Reeves

Trip Rowley
Ray Shirley
Bobby Skelton
Delores Smith
Ann Windle
Al Zdanis



The new flower schedule is now available. Reserve your flower dates now!

January 8, 15, 22
February 5, 12, 19
April 15, 22, 29
May 10, 24, 31
June 3, 24
July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
August 5, 12, 19, 26
September 9, 16, 30
October 7, 14, 21, 28
November 4, 11, 25
December 2, 9, 26, 30

Weekly Schedule: January 8-14, 2011**Sunday, January 8**

9:00 AM Choir
9:30 AM Bookstore Open
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Rite I
The Rev. Pat Wingo
11:15 AM Coffee Hour
Bookstore Open

*Nursery available at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 10

10:00 AM Morning Prayer (Chp)
NO Bible Study
11:00 AM St. Anne's Guild (Lib & McM)
6:00 PM EFM (Hen)

Wednesday, January 11—No Newsletter

11:00 AM St. Mary's Guild (Lib & McM)
6:00 PM Holy Eucharist & Healing (Chp)
6:45 PM Choir

Weekly Schedule: January 15-21, 2012**Sunday, January 15**

9:00 AM Choir
9:30 AM Bookstore Open
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Rite II
11:15 AM Coffee Hour
Bookstore Open
11:30 AM Sign Language Service (Chp)

*Nursery available at 8:30 a.m.

Monday, January 16—MLK Day

OFFICE CLOSED

6:00 PM Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, January 17

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Chp)
11:00 AM Bible Study
6:00 PM EFM (Hen)

Wednesday, January 18—Newsletter

6:00 PM Holy Eucharist & Healing (Chp)
6:45 PM Choir

From: The Holy Comforter Church Staff

To: The Holy Comforter Church Family

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

David Diane

Eleshia Samuel Mary



If you have not already done so, please get your pledge cards in soon so the 2012 budget can be completed.



Please pick up your pledge envelopes today. Pledge envelopes are available on the table in the Narthex.

Annual Parish Meeting & Luncheon Sunday, January 22nd Immediately following the service

All committee reports are due by January 15th, so please email or drop them off to the church office as soon as possible.

St. Anne's is hosting the luncheon. Please bring a dish to share, enough for your family and a few more.

St. Anne's Guild

St. Anne's Guild will kick-off the new 2012 calendar year with its first meeting on Tuesday, January 10th AT 11:00 a.m. in McMaster Hall. All the ladies are invited to be a part of St. Anne's new 2012 beginning. Please join us for lunch. Kathy Barrowman and Bette Bryan will be hostesses for the day.

St. Mary's Guild

St. Mary's Guild will meet Wednesday, January 11th at 11:00 a.m. in the Library. The hostesses for the luncheon will be Barbara Zdanis, Jacqueline Beazley, and Becky Toulmin. We had a wonderful Christmas luncheon in December, and hope to see you all in January. The door is open for all ladies who would like to attend. See you on the 11th.

Office closed on Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



Leanne Barber



Rose Lollar

Thank you from all of us at Holy Comforter for your 4 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,
The Holy Comforter Family

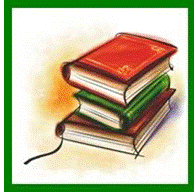


Dennis Gibson

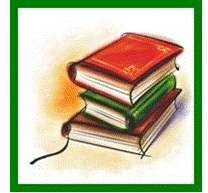


Neyla McKenzie

NEW ITEM.....NEW ITEM.....NEW ITEM.....NEW ITEM.....NEW ITEM



Holy Comforter Bookstore
Handmade leather bracelets
Priced \$4-10



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ECW SOUP SALE—MARCH 11TH

Pull out the stockpot, turn up the heat and start making soup for the ECW Soup Sale Sunday, March 11th. Make your favorite or call for a recipe. Freeze your soup in 1 quart freezer bags, marked with the name of the soup. Freeze it flat on a cookie sheet. Proceeds from the spaghetti supper and soup sale help fund our many outreach and inreach projects. Thanks for all you do!

Winter Weekend January 13-16 at Camp McDowell

Registration forms are available online.

Signed Registration Form and \$135 Fee is due no later than Jan. 9th!



FOR
7th & 8th
Grade
YOUTH

“The Faces of Jesus”

Dear Holy Comforter family,

I am so grateful for all of the expressions of support and caring that you all gave during the loss of my David. I am still catching up on it all and during this holiday season I am so aware of how each of you was Christ and comfort to me.

Much love and Blessings for the New Year,
Paul Hard

New Flower Schedule

The new flower schedule is now available in the hallway by the copy room. Please reserve your flower dates as soon as possible to ensure you receive your desired dates.

Centering Prayer introductory retreat to be held

The Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center in Cullman, AL and Contemplative Outreach Birmingham are sponsoring an Introduction to Centering Prayer retreat to be held in Cullman January 20-22. This retreat is designed for those new to Centering Prayer, a form of Christian prayer rooted in the ancient Christian contemplative tradition. Its purpose is to foster a deeper intimacy with Christ through the silence and stillness of contemplative prayer. Private rooms and the ability to maintain silence are required.

Registration will be from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm on Friday, January 20, and the program will end after the noon meal on Sunday. The cost for the weekend is \$195/person for a private room; lodging, meals, and linens are included. For registration information, please contact the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center at (256) 734-8302 or by e-mail at retreats@shmon.org.

CONCERT FOR PRIMIES

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church in Prattville will host a fun filled evening of music on Friday, January 13, 2012. Valerie M. Chadwick and Freda Jackson, both of Lancashire England will perform an assortment of classical, popular and spiritual music. Freda is an ordained priest in the Episcopal Church of England and has a wonderful soprano voice. Valerie graduated as a singer, pianist and conductor from the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester England and the Royal Academy of Music, London. She is musical director of a large mixed voice choir which performs throughout England and Europe.

Proceeds from this event will go to the outreach program "*Threads of Love*". This group of knitters and seamstresses make cloths for pre-mature babies who are delivered at River Region area hospitals. Tickets are \$10.00 and available at Saint Mark's church 365-5289



SAVE THE DATE!

EGW'S ANNUAL VALENTINE SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Sunday, February 12, 2012

5:30 PM

Celebrate Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 12 at 5:30 p.m. with loved ones and friends. Reservations will begin being accepted on January 15th. Please write your name on the list on Eleshia's door. Ticket prices are 12 years old and up (\$15), couples (\$25), 6-11 years old (\$6) and under 6 years (no charge). Please B.Y.O.B. Questions? Call Katie Ufford (288-1979). Proceeds from the spaghetti supper and soup sale help fund our many outreach and inreach projects. Thanks for all you do!

