

July 11-24, 2010

HOLY COMFORTER NEWSLETTER

**HOLY COMFORTER'S CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT AND PARISH PICNIC
SATURDAY, JULY 10, 2010 AT 8:00 A.M. AT LAGOON PARK**

*Balloons
and
Door Prizes!*



*Food and
drinks will be
provided.*

All money raised will benefit the Holy Comforter Food Pantry!

RSVP for the picnic. Please call, email, or come by the church office to let Eleshia know if you will be attending!

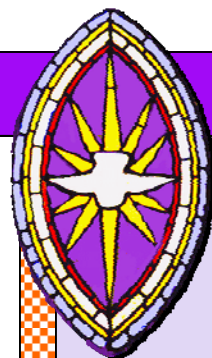
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Service Hours

Sunday Holy Eucharist : 9:00 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:

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The Rev. Drake Whitelaw
334-263-9196 (H)
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The Rector's Corner The Rev. Eleanor Drake Whitelaw

Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life? Luke 10:25

Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers? He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." Luke 10:37

NPR recently aired an editorial regarding the topic of happiness. A researcher had administered hundreds of self evaluation questionnaires measuring levels of happiness. The goal of the research was to discover if there was a relationship between child rearing and happiness. A comparison was made with a group of middle aged Americans who had never given birth to children and who had pursued career goals instead. The hypothesis was that it must make people happy to have children or else they would not go through the trouble.

The results emphatically indicated that those adults who had raised children were no happier than those who had not. Simply stated, being a parent does not make one happy. Those who had children and those who did not have children held similar levels of both happiness and discontent.

For the adults who had raised children, however, there was one final question. The question was, "Despite the difficulties, if you were given a second choice, would you raise children again?" The consensus was decidedly affirmative. The respondents recognized that child rearing had not always produced happiness, as measured by the standards of this world, and yet the overwhelming majority were clear that they

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Please Pray For:

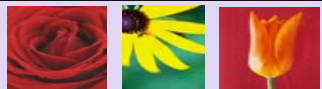
Parishioners:

Walter Alvarenga
Bette Bryan
Sam Craig
Marcella Foster
Stu Rolfsen
Lea Russell
Marietta Sexton

Friends/ Others:

Connie Craig
John Cruse
Charlie Dawson
Nancy Hodges
The Rev. Lori Lowe
Eugene Murray
Steve Olsen
Jan Prestridge
Frances Seibels
Tyler Sloan
Kelly Sweeney

The altars flowers for Sunday, July 11th are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the 55th wedding anniversary of Charlie and Claudene Thomas.



The altar flowers for Sunday, July 18th are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birthdays of Amy and Anna Claire Seanor.

Open Flower Dates

August 22
October 17, 24
November 14, 21, 28
December 12

Weekly Schedule: July 11-17, 2010

Sunday, July 11

8:00 AM Breakfast
8:00 AM Choir
9:00 AM Holy Eucharist—
Rite II
10:15 AM Coffee Hour
10:15 AM Sunday School
5:00 PM Youth

*Nursery available at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 13

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
11:00 AM Bible Study

Wednesday, July 14

11:00 AM ECW Circus Picnic
6:30 PM Choir

Weekly Schedule: July 18-24, 2010

Sunday, July 18

8:00 AM Breakfast
8:00 AM Choir
9:00 AM Holy Eucharist—
Rite II
10:15 AM Coffee Hour
10:15 AM Sunday School
5:00 PM Youth

*Nursery available at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 20

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
6:00 PM Bible Study

Wednesday, July 21

NO Choir

Monday, July 19

6:00 PM Vestry Meeting

In Sympathy

On the death of Jenny Thames Moore, The Holy Comforter Church family would like to extend our deepest sympathy to her family.



May her soul and all souls that have gone on before her rest in peace.

ECW CIRCUS PICNIC



Cost: \$5 per person plus a food pantry item.

This event is for all Episcopal Church Women of Holy Comforter, that includes all you ladies and your friends. Come casual, or in costume, and plan to enjoy a day at the circus, with hot dogs, cotton candy, clowns, and lots of fun for all. Check out the posters advertising this event. Hope to see you all July 14th.

Lectionary Readings:
Year C, Proper 10

Sunday, July 11
Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Psalm 25:1-9
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

.....Daily Office:.....
Year Two, Proper 10

Tuesday, July 13:
Joshua 2:15-24
Psalm 26, 28
Romans 11:13-24
Matthew 25:14-30

Wed., July 14:
Joshua 3:1-13
Psalm 119:25-48
Romans 11:25-36
Matthew 25:31-46

Lectionary Readings:
Year C, Proper 11

Sunday, July 18:
Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm 15
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

.....Daily Office:.....
Year Two, Proper 11

Tuesday, July 20:
Joshua 8:1-22
Psalm 45
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 26:47-56

Wed., July 21:
Joshua 8:30-35
Psalm 49
Romans 14:13-23
Matthew 26:57-68



Diocese of
Alabama
Cycle
of Prayer

Sunday, July 11

- St. Simon Peter, Pell City
- Canterbury Chapel, Tuscaloosa
- Our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishop, Zaché; our missionaries to Namibia, Jeremy and Penny Lucas
- Ministries to divorced persons
- Ministries to displaced persons and refugees

Sunday, July 18

- Emmanuel Church, Opelika
- Our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishop, Zaché; our missionaries to Namibia, Jeremy and Penny Lucas
- Camp McDowell, its Executive Director and staff
- The ministry of the University of the South, its college of liberal arts and sciences and its seminary.



July is Green Beans Month!!!

In the month of July, you can help the Food Pantry by donating green beans. Believe it or not, green beans are hard to come across at the Food Bank in the quantities we need to serve our Food Pantry clients. So, the next time you go shopping for your household, think about our food pantry families. Please place all donations in the brown tall wicker basket that is located in McMaster Hall beside the double doors or the white wire cart in the Narthex.



St. Mary's Cookbook

St. Mary's Guild is trying to resurrect its (loose leaf) cookbook that was published 10 years ago. We can get a great price for publishing if we have 100 orders. The book would make a great gift, as well as a great addition to your own library collection of cookbooks. We'd like to consider a supplement with new chapters (low fat, diabetic, etc.) down the road.

Please view the cookbook and sign up for your copies outside McMaster Hall. The price will be \$12-15. We'd like to have an idea of copies desired by July 14th. We must pay in advance and the proceeds will go to outreach. Please see Jean Murray for any questions.

As the Search/Nominating and Transition Committees for the election of the 11th Bishop of Alabama begin their work, the Diocesan Standing Committee is asking parishes and parishioners hold the committees and the search process in prayer.

Prayer for the Election of a Bishop

Almighty God; Send down upon your Church and the Diocese of Alabama the comfort of your Holy Spirit, that this same spirit may lead us in this time of transition. Guide us as we seek your wisdom, so that we may choose a bishop who will walk in your ways, and so draw our hearts to you, that in all that we do we may glorify your name. We pray this through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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would do it all again. There was apparently something of more value in the experience of parenthood than making one happy.

This survey is just one example of the difference between ephemeral pleasure and enduring meaning. Many things in life give life its value and yet are not especially fun. For some folks that means caring for an aging parent or for a handicapped child. For some folks that means cleaning the dishes at a church breakfast or volunteering at the homeless shelter. For some folks it means paying the bills or listening to yet another long-winded tale. For some folks it means digging a ditch or packing up another's trash. There are all sorts of ways in which we serve God in this world that are particularly uneventful or even repugnant. Yet, in doing them we develop purpose.

Certainly the Creator must have intended for us to enjoy this world. There is no doubt of the abundance of pleasure readily available to each of us. Friends and family, pets and plants, strawberries and chocolate – the list is infinite. However, Jesus did not tell his friends that He would leave them with fleeting happiness. He does not leave behind transient delight. Certainly, He does not disdain it either. Apparently, Jesus was always up for a good time – as evidenced by his first miracle at the wedding at Cana. That is a genuine stamp of approval for celebration with family and friends.

However, the survey on happiness discovered that there must be something more, some other criteria by which we measure a life well lived. Perhaps we would call it developing relationships that endure or having a sense of accomplishment or being a good neighbor, or having the courage to show mercy. These are accomplishments that lead our hearts to rest easy and mark us as seekers of God's kingdom.

Blessings,

Drake

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The Rev. Drake Whitelaw

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