

June 27—July 10, 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.*

Registration fee is \$80 and deadline is July 3rd.

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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334-281-1337
The Rev. Drake Whitelaw
334-263-9196 (H)
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The Rector's Corner The Rev. Eleanor Drake Whitelaw

On October 28, 1886, President Grover Cleveland dedicated the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor. Since that day this "Lady in the harbor" has been not only for Americans, but also for people throughout the world a symbol of hope and freedom and liberty. To raise funds for the construction of the statue, Emma Lazarus wrote a poem celebrating the statue's symbolism for those seeking a new life. Her words were inscribed on a plaque on the pedestal of the statue in 1903. These words have become embedded in the hearts and souls of Americans ever since: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

Nineteen hundred years before the Statue of Liberty was dedicated a simple itinerant preacher also proclaimed hope and freedom to people who were spiritually homeless and searching for a new land. In addressing the oppressed people of his day, Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matt 11:28-30).

The words of Emma Lazarus refer to a physical freedom and home. The words of Jesus refer to a spiritual freedom and home. In our nation today we hear so much about the First Amendment to the United States Constitution regarding the separation of church and state. Some people have taken this simple phrase "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or the prohibiting the free exercise thereof" to the extreme on both the left

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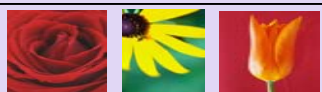
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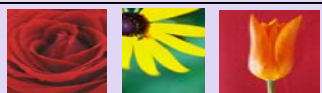
Walter Alvarenga
Sam Craig
Marcella Foster
Tom Law
Stu Rolfsen
Lea Russell
Marietta Sexton

Friends/ Others:

John Cruse
Nancy Hodges
Eugene Murray
Steve Olsen
Jan Prestridge
Frances Seibels
Tyler Sloan
Kelly Sweeney



OPEN FLOWER DATES!!!



Open Flower Dates

June 27
July 4
August 22
October 17, 24
November 14, 21, 28
December 12

Weekly Schedule: June 27—July 3, 2010

Sunday, June 27

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

Tuesday, June 29

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
11:00 AM Bible Study
Wednesday, June 30
6:30 PM Choir

*Nursery available at 8:30 a.m.

Weekly Schedule: July 4-10, 2010

Sunday, July 4

Discretionary Fund

8:00 AM NO 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

Tuesday, July 6

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

Wednesday, July 7

NO Choir

*Nursery available at 8:30 a.m.

Monday, July 5

OFFICE CLOSED

NO BREAKFAST SUNDAY, JULY 4TH!

Our Dear Church Family:
Words are totally inadequate to express our deep appreciation for your love, prayers, care calls, cards, food, flowers, and just plain concern for our dear Robyn during her lengthy illness and final death. We are indeed blessed to be associated with such a fine church family, and we are indeed most grateful to all.
Sam and Connie Craig

In Sympathy

On the deaths of Virgie Walters and Yvonne Brown, The Holy Comforter Church family would like to extend our deepest sympathy to their families.



May their souls and all souls that have gone on before them rest in peace.

Education for Ministry

We are looking at restarting our EFM program at Holy Comforter. EFM is a program of theological reflection and education in a small group setting. Sewanee manages the program and provides excellent study materials. While the complete program requires four years, students only commit to one year at a time. Since the program is available worldwide, students can start in one location and complete it somewhere else. We would start in the fall. Meeting times and locations will be decided by the group. If you even think you might be interested, please talk to Mac Hall (273-9318).

The ECW has donated five new prayer books in loving memory of Harriet Susan Arrighi, Frances Foley Austin, Patricia Hall, Ruth P. Michaels, and Pauline Chambers Smith.

Lectionary Readings: Year C, Proper 8

Sunday, June 27
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

Daily Office: Year Two, Proper 8

Tuesday, June 29:
Numbers 22:21-38
Psalm 121, 122, 123
Romans 7:1-12
Matthew 21:23-32

Wed., June 30:
Numbers 22:41—23:12
Psalm 128, 129, 130
Romans 7:13-25
Matthew 21:33-46

Lectionary Readings: Year C, Proper 9

Sunday, July 4:
2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
Galatians 6:7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Daily Office: Year Two, Proper 9

Tuesday, July 6:
Numbers 35:1-3, 9-15, 30-34
Psalm 5, 6
Romans 8:31-39
Matthew 23:13-26

Wed., July 7:
Duet. 1:1-18
Psalm 12, 13, 14
Romans 9:1-18
Matthew 23:27-39



Diocese of Alabama
Cycle of Prayer

Sunday, June 27

- Trinity, Alpine
- St. Matthew's-in-the-Pines, Seale
- Our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishop, Zaché; our missionaries to Namibia, Jeremy and Penny Lucas
- Katrina Recovery Ministries
- Jericho Road Initiative
- Ministries to those suffering from addiction and the effects of addiction

Sunday, July 4

- St. Paul's, Selma
- For all clergy and their families
- All military chaplains and institutional chaplains
- Our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishop, Zaché; our missionaries to Namibia, Jeremy and Penny Lucas
- Episcopal Centers and Homes for the Aged (Birmingham, Gadsen, Montgomery)

The church office will be closed Monday, July 5th in observance of the 4th of July.

Drake and the Vestry asked the diocese for a consultant to help us look at how Holy Comforter best moves into the future. We will keep the parish updated as information becomes available.



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.

We would also like to thank everyone who donated toiletries for the month of June.

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 me for any questions.

Jean Murray

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and the right. I believe that truth is that we need to be good citizens of both the nation we live in and the faith we proclaim. These two citizenships are not separate, but are two parts of what makes us complete, healthy and happy human beings.

We celebrate three special national days in a row. Memorial Day, Flag Day and Independence Day. These special national days of remembrance are important, for they remind us of how blessed we are to have our physical citizenship. At the same time we will gather each Sunday to celebrate our Christian faith in son, word, and sacrament. We gather each week to recall and remind ourselves that we are also citizens of Christ's kingdom both here on earth and for eternity.

As Americans and as Christians we have much to be thankful for. We are privileged to be citizens of two lands. We are called not to be idle observers, but active participants so others can participate in the blessings we enjoy. It is only by our actions that the gifts passed down to us can be enjoyed and passed on to others.

Blessings,

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.

S t a f f

- Rector:**
The Rev. Drake Whitelaw
- 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

V e s t r y

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Terri Via
- Junior Warden:**
Elva Goldman
- Treasurer:**
Susanne Trest
- Clerk:**
Michael Paul
- Members:**
Leanne Barber
Dennis Gibson
Bil Hitchcock
Rose Lollar
Nelya McKenzie
Billy McLemore
Ann Montgomery
Rand Neeley
Zola Powers
Kevin Trest