

# Holy Comforter Newsletter

September 4-17, 2011

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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-F 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM**

## FOOD PANTRY HOURS

**M, W, F 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

## STAFF

### Interim Rector:

The Rev. Dr. David Perkins ext. 302

### Administrative Assistant:

Diane Harbin ext. 300

### Secretary/Receptionist:

Eleshia Lusane ext. 301

### Choir Master/ Organist:

Joel Gregory

### Sexton:

Samuel Bates

### Housekeeper:

Mary Jane Flowers

### 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

## FOYER GROUPS NOW FORMING

All members of the parish are invited to join the Foyer program by completing the information below and placing it either in the Alms Basin or in the basket on the credenza, near the Chapel.

**WHAT IS FOYER?** The word “foyer” is French and means “hearth” or “fireside”. The hearth is the symbol of refuge, hospitality, and fellowship within a dwelling. Foyer at the Holy Comforter is a gathering of parish members with a simple meal, conversation and genuine fellowship once a month in a parishioner’s home. Foyers are held Fall through Spring.

Foyer is the outgrowth of the Cathedral Church in Coventry, England, after the Cathedral was destroyed by fire during bombing raids in World War II. A priest found, in the rubble, three spiked nails dating from the 1300’s when the Cathedral was built. He formed a “cross of nails” to symbolize the unity of the parish as a Christian body. The parish formed itself into small groups that could meet in homes and follow the Benedictine Rule of Life. The goal of the Foyer program was the reconciliation of Christians and has grown into an international movement. The Foyer program at Holy Comforter began in 1980.

**HOW DOES FOYER WORK?** Members are organized into groups of about 12 to 14 people, with each group meeting monthly in a different group member’s home. Both singles and couples participate. The host provides a simple main dish and the other members bring side dishes, bread, appetizers, etc. Host duties rotate among the members and can be shared.

This year’s Foyer Kick Off, will be on **SUNDAY, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011**. The time and place are to be announced at a later date. However, at that time, Foyer Groups will be announced. **FORMS MUST BE TURNED IN BY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

For info call the Church Office (281-1337) or Ann Montgomery (277-6982).

### Lectionary Readings: Year A, 12 Pentecost

#### Sunday, September 4:

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalm 149

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

#### .....Daily Office..... Year One, Proper 18

#### Tuesday, September 6:

1 Kings 16:23-34

Psalm 45

Phil. 1:12-30

Mark 16:1-8

#### Wednesday, September 7:

1 Kings 17:1-24

Psalm 49

Phil. 2:1-11

Mark 2:1-12

### Lectionary Readings: Year A, 13 Pentecost

#### Sunday, September 11:

Exodus 14:19-31

Psalm 114

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

#### .....Daily Office..... Year One, Proper 19

#### Tuesday, September 13:

1 Kings 21:17-29

Psalm 61, 62

1 Corinthians 1:20-31

Matthew 4:12-17

#### Wednesday, September 14:

1 Kings 22:1-28

Psalm 119:73-96

1 Corinthians 2:1-13

Matthew 4:18-25

**Crisis Information**

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

**The Rev. Dr. David Perkins**  
**334-300-7589**  
**Church Office**  
**334-281-1337**  
**Nelya McKenzie**  
**334-284-5078 (H)**  
**334-315-1261 (C)**  
**334-244-3558 (W)**



**Diocese of Alabama  
 Cycle of Prayer**

**Sunday, September 4**

- Trinity Church, Florence
- Our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishop, Zaché
- Department of Ministry in Higher Education
- For our Episcopal campus ministries in Auburn, Birmingham, Jacksonville, Montevallo, Montgomery, North Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Tuskegee

**Sunday, September 11**

- Good Shepherd, Decatur
- St. John's-in-the-Prairies, Forkland
- Our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishop, Zaché
- The Daughters of the King
- For our seminarians beginning their first year of seminary
- For the Boards, faculty, staff and students of all Episcopal seminaries.

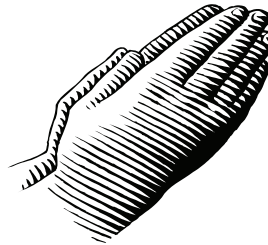
**PRAYER FOR  
 HOLY COMFORTER**

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:**

- Fred Earle
- Bob Gamble
- Jim Kyker
- Betty Read
- Marietta Sexton
- Allison Shewmake
- Ami Simpson
- Martha Stripling



**Friends/ Others:**

- Charles Davis
- Gina Robinson Johnson
- Rob McClendon
- Jerry McKenzie
- Barbara Mincey
- Judy Ross
- Trip Rowley
- Ray Shirley
- Francis Trigg

**Open Flower Dates**

October 23  
 November 6, 20



*The altar flowers on Sunday, September 4th are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Ezell.*



*The altar flowers on Sunday, September 11th are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the anniversary of Charles and Nancy Dawson.*

*Some flower dates are still open, but they won't be available for long. Sign up to reserve your desired date right away!*

**Weekly Schedule: September 4-10, 2011**

**Sunday, September 4**

- 9:00 AM Choir
- Sunday School
- 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

\*Nursery available at 8:30 a.m.

**Monday, September 5—Labor Day**

OFFICE CLOSED

**Tuesday, September 6**

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

**Wednesday, September 7—No Newsletter**

- 6:00 PM Holy Eucharist
- 6:45 PM Choir

**OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH  
 IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.**

**Weekly Schedule: September 11-17, 2011**

**Sunday, September 11**

- 9:00 AM Choir
- Sunday School
- 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

\*Nursery available at 8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, September 13**

- 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
- NO Bible Study
- 11:00 AM St. Anne's Guild (Olive Garden)

**Wednesday, September 14—Newsletter**

- 11:00 AM St. Mary's Guild (McM)
- 6:00 PM Holy Eucharist
- 6:45 PM Choir

**St. Anne's**

St. Anne's Guild will meet Tuesday, September 13th at 11:00 a.m. at the Olive Garden Italian Restaurant (2700 Eastern Boulevard). The agenda will be to plan the hostesses for the year. A head count is needed prior to the meeting, so please RSVP with Ann Speaks (272-6556).

**St. Mary's Guild**

St. Mary's Guild will have their first Fall meeting Wednesday, September 14th at 11:00 a.m., in the library. Salad luncheon will follow our meeting. We have several things to discuss--hostesses for the coming year, ECW Fall Conference, what did you do this summer, etc. Look forward to seeing all of you again, after our summer off.



You,

your

family, and your friends are cordially invited to the celebration of

**Holy Cross Day**

Wednesday, September 14, 2011  
at Holy Cross Episcopal School  
4400 Bell Road

9:15am – *Litany of Prayer*  
in the Chapel of the Annunciation  
for the school and our founders

10:00am – *Holy Eucharist*  
in the Great Hall

The Rev. Robert Wisnewski, Jr.  
Rector

St. John's Episcopal Church  
*Preacher*

Reception following in the Library

*Thank You*

My wife, Renate Rommel, and I wish to thank the people of Holy Comforter for your good wishes, prayers and support during my recent illness. Your kindness reminded us that the real essence of "church" is being present to one another in the spirit of Christ, both in the good times and in the difficult passages of life. Warm smiles, hugs, cheery greetings, cards and so on—they've meant more than we can adequately express. Our heartfelt appreciation!

Bob Gamble

**Donate Toilet Tissue to the Food Pantry**

The Food Pantry is in need of toilet tissue this month. I know we are a "food" pantry, but many of our recipients are homeless, unemployed, elderly, or the working and important personal care items like this are needed as much as food. Please think of your Holy Comforter Food Pantry the next time you go shopping for your household. 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 that donated green beans. We are truly making a difference in our community.

**ECW'S 122ND ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE****"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands: Our Mission and Ministry in the World"****Thursday, October 6th and Friday, October 7th, 2011****St. John's Episcopal Church, Montgomery, Alabama**

The ECW Diocesan Board and the Montgomery Convocation invite you to join us for the 122nd Annual Fall Conference in Montgomery October 6-7, 2011. Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church. Our conference speaker, The Rev. Elizabeth Wheatley-Jones, currently serves as Priest-in-Charge at All Saints, Grenada, Mississippi. The \$35 Registration Fee includes: talks by a nationally known speaker, a wine and cheese reception with silent auction and live music, a catered dinner, welcome bag surprises, plus lunches, snacks, wonderful worship and fellowship! A registration form, conference agenda, map and driving directions to the hotel and church are available on the website: [www.alabamaecw.org](http://www.alabamaecw.org). Questions call: Mitzi Chesser Waldo, ECW Montgomery Convocation Coordinator at 334-224-8045, or e-mail: [montgomery@ecw.org](mailto:montgomery@ecw.org). Registration forms and other information detailing the festivities of the Fall Conference and ways the women can help is available on the credenza.

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!!!**

The Church's insurance company has asked that we have on file the names of everyone who has keys to the church. If you have a key to ANY door of the church, please write your name, how many keys, and to which door on the list posted on Eleshia's door.

**LOST: CRYSTAL SERVING TRAY**

It was last seen at the Champagne Reception on Sunday, August 21st. If you have any information about its whereabouts, please call the church office (281-1337). Its owner would really like it returned.

### OUTREACH FUN RUN COMING!

Mark your calendars for the Saints and Sinners fun run on Saturday October 29, beginning at 8:00 AM at Chappy's on Vaughn Rd. Brunch to follow at the home of Leanne Barber. Proceeds to benefit Catholic Social Services. Our goal is to raise \$1000. How you can participate:

- Be part of the Holy Comforter fun run team.
- Be a sponsor for the Holy Comforter fun run team (any amount accepted).
- Prepare food for the brunch at Leanne's home.

More details to follow. Contact Nelya McKenzie (284-5078) or Zola Powers (265-8942) about how you wish to help with this fun Outreach project.



### FAMILY PROMISE

Our next dates to host Family Promise are September 15-18. If you can provide dinner one night or act as a dinner host, please contact Rosine Hall (273-9318). If you can provide snacks and lunch provisions, please contact Nelya McKenzie (284-5078). If you want to know more about Family Promise and what it does to benefit homeless families, contact either one of us. We will be happy to talk to you about volunteer opportunities.

### The Lectionary Sunday School Class

The Lectionary Sunday School class will begin its new year on Sunday, September 4, 2011 taught by Joan Driver and Rosine Hall. We welcome all ages to be a part of this class.

### THE LIBRARY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS BEGINS ITS FALL PROGRAM AS FOLLOWS:

#### Sept. 4, 11, 18

**Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Memories and Perspectives.** Following up on the discussion about Dietrich Bonhoeffer led by John Porter a few weeks ago, we will watch a film for three class sessions with discussion following each segment. "Accounts from his family, friends, and students give intimate insight into the struggles, growth, and motivations of Bonhoeffer in a way that will make you ask anew what it means to be a Christian today." As a leader in the Confessing Church, the group which opposed Hitler in our century, his is a story of courage and conviction.

#### Sept 25 – 6 or 7 weeks

**Forgotten God: Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit** by Francis Chan. The author promises to "explore the fundamental knowledge most of us have about the Holy Spirit . . . " and to help enable us "to open our hearts and lives to His presence and action more fully than we have ever done before." Books are \$9.19 each.

#### Late fall – probably until Christmas.

**Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power and How They Can Be Restored** by Marcus Borg. In this book Borg teaches us how to read, hear, and digest our Christian language without preconceived notions getting in the way. He redeems the language of Christianity by restoring its power to illuminate us and transform our world.

If you have any questions or want to order a book, contact Douglass Porter at 265-2600 or 462-2255 or email: [dporter1013@knology.net](mailto:dporter1013@knology.net). We welcome newcomers to the class!

### CONCERT OF REMEMBRANCE

**Montgomery Chorale, Youth Chorale and Orchestra  
on September 11, 2011, 2:30 p.m. at Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Festival Stage**

Please join us for a concert of some of the most beautiful choral music to honor and remember those that died on 9/11, service men and women that gave their lives in all wars, firemen and policemen who lost their lives in the line of duty, and victims of natural disasters. *Names of those who lost their lives may be submitted via email for reading during the concert: [info@montgomerychorale.org](mailto:info@montgomerychorale.org) or by calling (334) 265-3737.* Tickets may be purchased by going to [http://www.montgomerychorale.org/Montgomery\\_Chorale/9\\_11\\_Concert\\_of\\_Remembrance.html](http://www.montgomerychorale.org/Montgomery_Chorale/9_11_Concert_of_Remembrance.html). ALL tickets will be held at the door the afternoon of the concert. Adult (\$15) and student/senior (\$10).

The Commission on Spirituality of The Diocese of Alabama is proud to sponsor and invite you to attend a Fall Retreat, featuring the guest Speaker, The Rt. Rev. Larry Maze

**Fall Retreat 2011: "There is More to You than You Think"  
November 18-19, 2011**

Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 1912 Canyon Rd (Birmingham, AL)

Registration forms are available on the credenza. The deadline for registration is November 10th.

# September 2011

\* *September 18th—Foyer Groups Formed*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>4 Rite II Service</b> Sunday Schedule →	5	<b>6</b> 10 am HE (Chp) 11 am Bible Study (Lib)	<b>7</b> <u>NO NEWSLETTER</u> 6:00 pm HE 6:45 pm Choir	8	9	10
<b>11 Rite II Service</b> Sunday Schedule → <b>3 pm Day School Celebration</b>	<b>12</b> 3pm NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE	<b>13</b> 10 am HE (Chp) NO Bible Study 11 am St. Anne's	<b>14</b> <u>NEWSLETTER</u> 11 am St. Mary's 6:00 pm HE (Chp) 6:45 pm Choir	15 <i>Foyer form deadline</i>	16	17
<b>18 Rite I Service</b> Sunday Schedule→ <i>Foyer Groups Formed</i>	19 6pm Vestry Meeting	<b>20</b> 10 am HE(Chp) 11 am Bible Study (Lib)	<b>21</b> <u>NO NEWSLETTER</u> 6:00 pm HE (Chp) 6:45 pm Choir	22	23	24
<b>25 Rite II Service</b> Sunday Schedule →	<b>26</b> 3pm NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE	<b>27</b> 10 am HE(Chp) 11 am Bible Study (Lib)	<b>28</b> <u>NEWSLETTER</u> 6:00 pm HE (Chp) 6:45 pm Choir	29	30	

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

9:00am Choir  
9:00am Sunday School  
9:30am Bookstore Open  
10:00am HE\* (Chu)  
11:15am Coffee Hour (McQ)  
11:15 am Bookstore Open  
11:30am Sign Language Service (Chp)

\*Nursery provided

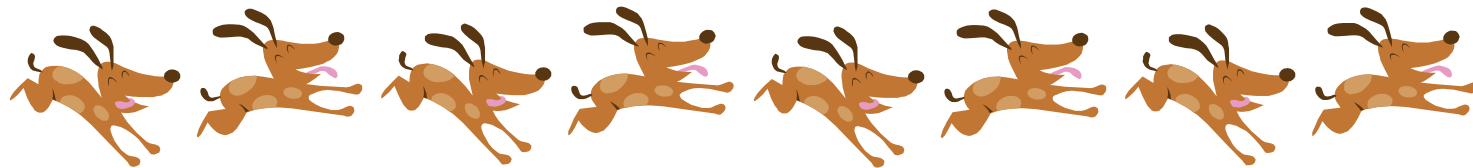
**TUESDAY SCHEDULE**

10:00am Holy Eucharist (Chp)  
11:00am Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**

6:00pm Holy Eucharist (Chp)  
6:45pm Adult Choir Practice

ChLib Children's Library  
Chu Church  
Chp Chapel  
DOK Daughters of the King  
DS Day School  
EFM Education for Ministry  
HE Holy Eucharist  
Kit Kitchen  
Lib Library  
McM McMaster Hall  
McQ McQueen Room  
SS Sunday School  
Y Youth



# September

## The Church of The Holy Comforter Episcopal

### Assisting with Our Worship — September 2011

Worship Attendants	September 4 12 Pentecost (Proper 18)	September 11 13 Pentecost (Proper 19)	September 18 14 Pentecost (Proper 20)	September 28 15 Pentecost (Proper 21)
Acolytes	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Lectors	Joe Albree, Mac Hall	Philip Lasater, Jeri Tippit	John Porter, Katey Russell	Julie Speaks, Betty Smith
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Dennis Endicott, Rand Neeley	Michael Paul, Steven Speaks	Randy Bryan, Jerry Baxley	Ann Montgomery, Rick McKenzie
Reps of Congregation	Rose Lollar, Julia Neeley	Joan Driver, Claudene Thomas	Don and Sharon Garrison	Amy Seanor, Anna Claire Seanor
Ushers	Scott Lollar, Rand Neeley	Marvin Driver, Charlie Thomas	Alden Monroe, Henry Ufford	Roger Brewer, Terry Seanor
Altar Guild	Team IV: Ann Montgomery, Libby Bryan, Barbara Johnson, Rose Lollar, Charlotte Shewmake	Team I: Ann Speaks, Bette Bryan, Susanne Trest, Claudene Thomas	Team II: Carol Kendrick, Maryem Brewer, Judy Endicott, Mary Lois Monroe, Elva Goldman	Team III: Dabney McKenzie, Rosine Hall, Melanie Kelly, Jeri Tippit, Tammie Urmann
Flower Guild	Zola Powers	Roy Paul	Jeri Tippit	Katie Ufford
Altar Bread	Barbara Johnson	Barbara Johnson	Barbara Johnson	Barbara Johnson
Second Mile	Mary Gibson	N/A	Tammie Urmann	N/A
Coffee Hour	Gena Parker, Charlotte Shewmake	Amy Seanor, Ami Simpson	Evie Yonker, Julie Speaks	Jeri Tippit, Kathy Barrowman
Vestry Person of the Day	Nelya McKenzie	Leanne Barber	Rose Lollar	Dennis Gibson
Pastoral Care Team	Team 4: Joe Albree, Dennis Endicott, Paul Hard	Team 4: Joe Albree, Dennis Endicott, Paul Hard	Team 4: Joe Albree, Dennis Endicott, Paul Hard	Team 4: Joe Albree, Dennis Endicott, Paul Hard

#### September

##### Birthdays

- 6 Aiken Hamlett
- 9 Marcella Foster
- 10 Danielle Anderson
- 11 Libby Bryan
- 13 Britton Brewer
- 15 Gus Hodges
- 17 James Alkire
- 18 Austin Kendrick
- 18 Charles Speaks
- 20 Ellen Wood
- 22 Alden Monroe
- 22 Paige Moreland
- 25 Tim Barrowman
- 26 Zola Powers
- 26 Mark Semler
- 26 Wanda Devereaux
- 28 Bette Overholser
- 28 Matt Gilmore
- 29 Charlie Thomas

##### Anniversaries

- 3 Howard and Martha Stripling
- 10 Randy and Libby Bryan
- 19 Joe and C.J. Hodges
- 24 Henry & Katie Ufford