

July 25—August 7, 2010

HOLY COMFORTER NEWSLETTER

*****NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE*****

After much deliberation and discussion the worship committee has recommended a new schedule for our church services and Drake and the vestry have approved.

Beginning September 12, the Sunday after Labor Day, this will be the new worship schedule:

8:00 - Breakfast
9:00 - Sunday School
10:00 - Church Service

We will still continue to have a Rite I worship service each month. The Wednesday night service with communion will restart September 15th.

*****BREAKFAST CHANGE*****

Beginning this Sunday, July 25, there will not be a full breakfast. We will have coffee and doughnuts until the Sunday after Labor Day. Between now and Sept. 12, the breakfast committee will be discussing different plans for resuming our Sunday morning meal. Helen will continue to be with us on Sunday to assist with the hospitality hour.

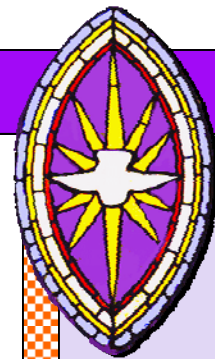
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Service Hours

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:

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)

The Rector's Corner The Rev. Eleanor Drake Whitelaw Words to Live By

Phrases! They are much more than words. They connect us with a deeper truth, an image, a personality or even a relationship. In the history of humanity, who is credited with producing over 200 famous phrases? His work includes such phrases as "As Good Luck Would Have It," "Dead as a Doornail," and "All's Well that Ends Well." Written over 400 years ago, the phrases of William Shakespeare are still being used in our common day vocabulary.

There are also some phrases from our era that connect us with something or someone. If you hear the phrase "Go ahead, make my day," one cannot help but think of Clint Eastwood from Dirty Harry fame. If you hear the phrase "Plot, plop, fizz, fizz, oh what a relief it is," many minds race to the famous Alka-Seltzer television ad from the 1970'd. Since the presidential election of 200 we have added the phrases "Blue States" and "Red States" to our lexicon.

As we are inundated with literary, commercial and political phrases each day of the year, during the days of the church year we are bombarded with phrases from Jesus or spoken to Jesus. Each phrase uttered carried great significance for you and me as we journey through the trials and triumphs of life.

Among the many to choose from three phrases stand out for me. The first comes from the Palm Sunday story where the crowd shouts, "Hosanna, Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Mark 11:9) The second phrase comes from that holy evening when Jesus gathered with his disciples to give them final instructions. Jesus proclaimed, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another." (John 13:34) The final phrase comprises Jesus' last earthly

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Please Pray For:

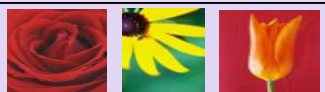
Parishioners:

Walter Alvarenga
Bette Bryan
Sam Craig
Marcella Foster
Marietta Sexton

Friends/ Others:

Carla Billie
Charlie Dawson
Marianne Harbin Esco
Angel Lewis
Eugene Murray
Jan Prestridge

The altars flowers for Sunday, July 25th are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the 1st birthday of Mays Montgomery.



The altar flowers for Sunday, August 1st are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the anniversary of Rod and Frances Steele.

Open Flower Dates

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

Weekly Schedule: July 25-31, 2010

Sunday, July 25

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, July 27

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
11:00 AM Bible Study
Wednesday, July 28
6:30 PM Choir

*Nursery available at 8:30 a.m.

Weekly Schedule: August 1-7, 2010

Sunday, August 1

Discretionary Fund
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

Tuesday, August 3

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

Wednesday, August 4

NO Choir

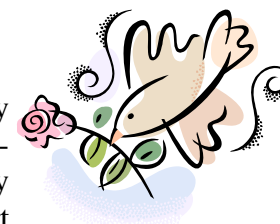
*Nursery available at 8:30 a.m.



CONGRATULATIONS!

The Holy Comforter family extends congratulations to William and Kimberly Ward on the birth of their son, William Alexander Ward, Jr. born Friday, July 16th. Mother and child are doing fine! We would also like to say congratulations to proud grandmother Judith Granger Ward.

In Sympathy



The Holy Comforter Church family would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Bob and Marion Smith and family on the death of Bob's father, Robert Smith.

We would also like to extend our deepest sympathy to Pat Lewis and family on the death of her mother, Eunice Lewis.

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

Dear Parish Family,

Thank you so much for your kind words, thoughts, prayers and support after the loss of Roy's father, James Paul. The comfort of knowing we all had such a tremendous support system from you, for each of us, has helped, and is helping us cope.

Peace and love to you all,
Roy, Michael, Fred and Maggie Paul

Lectionary Readings:
Year C, Proper 12

Sunday, July 25
Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-19
Luke 11:1-13

Daily Office:
Year Two, Proper 12

Tuesday, July 27:
Judges 2:1-5, 11-23
Psalm 61, 62
Romans 16:17-27
Matthew 27:32-44

Wed., July 28:
Judges 3:12-30
Psalm 119:73-96
Acts 1:1-14
Matthew 27:45-54

Lectionary Readings:
Year C, Proper 13

Sunday, August 1:
Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

Daily Office:
Year Two, Proper 11

Tuesday, August 3:
Judges 7:1-18
Psalm 78:1-39
Acts 3:1-11
John 1:19-28

Wed., August 4:
Judges 7:19—8:12
Psalm 81, 82
Acts 3:12-26
John 1:29-42



Diocese of Alabama
Cycle of Prayer

Sunday, July 25

- Grace Church, Mt. Meigs
- Our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishop, Zaché; our missionaries to Namibia, Jeremy and Penny Lucas
- Alabama Episcopal Foundation Board of Directors
- Second Harvest Food Bank, Community Soup Bowl (Tuscaloosa), Community Kitchens (Birmingham), Beans and Rice Ministry (Clanton) and for all ministries to the hungry.

Sunday, August 1

- Holy Comforter, Montgomery
- Our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishop, Zaché; our missionaries to Namibia, Jeremy and Penny Lucas
- Ministries to young adults in the Diocese of Alabama
- Alabama Rural Ministries



August is Soup Month!!!

In the month of August, you can help the Food Pantry by donating cans of soup. Cans of soup can provide our clients with an instant meal that is both nutritious and filling. 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 revive its loose leaf cookbook that was published 10 years ago. We can get a great price for publishing if we have 100 orders. **We have already received 74 orders and we only need 26 more to reach our goal.** 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 must pay in advance and the proceeds will go to outreach. Please see Jean Murray for any questions.



Lamar Higgins aka Rhonda McDonald dressed up for the ECW Circus Picnic.

ECW Circus Picnic

The summer Circus Picnic luncheon was a huge success. We had 43 attendees, many in costume, and we all had fun. There was popcorn, hot dogs, bratwurst and sauerkraut, potato salad and stuffed eggs, and wonderful cookies and ice cream for dessert. All the ladies of St. Mary's pitched in to make our circus party an event to remember. You can see photos on bulletin board in the hallway. Happily, we were able to give the food pantry over \$100 (after expenses) and a basketful of food for further distribution. Our thanks to all the members of St. Mary's and to the ladies of Holy Comforter for their participation.

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words before his death, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." (Luke 23:46)

These three phrases need to be etched deep into our souls as Christians for them to empower us to "proclaim", to "love" and to "trust" God in the midst of pain and suffering. In many ways these three phrases represent the totality of Jesus for you and me. By the way we proclaim the Good News; by the way we love each other; and by the way we trust God, we will connect with the very essence of God in our lives.

Blessings,

Music Events of Note

This year we are planning several joint music services with All Saints, Ascension, and Grace. Two of the services are Choral Evensong services. We will repeat the Lessons and Carols service that we hosted last year, and the final service is a Hymn Festival. Please make note of the dates and be a part of these beautiful services of worship, participating in great music and great fellowship with our sister churches. Episcopalians have perhaps the greatest music heritage of all the Christian traditions, be a part of it and claim fully who we are and who we have been!

Sunday, September 19, 2010
4:00 pm
Choral Evensong
All Saints Church
(Reception following.)

Sunday, April 3, 2011
4:00 pm
Choral Evensong
Grace Church
(Reception following.)

Sunday, December 19, 2010
4:00 pm
Christmas Lessons and Carols
Church of the Holy Comforter
(Reception following.)

Thursday June 2, 2011
5:30 pm
Hymn Festival
Church of the Ascension
(Ascension Day Party following.)

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

- Senior Warden:**
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



Prayer for the Gulf of Mexico
by *The Reverend Canon Beverly Gibson*

We pray today for the preservation of our natural environment, especially the Gulf of Mexico, and the lands and waters it touches: Guide those who labor to contain the oil that endangers the creatures of sea and land; Strengthen those who work to protect them; Have mercy on those whose livelihoods will suffer; Forgive us for our carelessness in using the resources of nature, and give us wisdom and reverence to manage them in the future; that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Listening Session in Montgomery for the Call of the New Bishop

As most of you know, Bishop Parsley has announced his intention to retire at the end of 2011. This Sunday Afternoon (July 25th) the diocesan Search and Nominating Committee will host three "listening groups" at locations throughout the diocese, to address the question "Who we are as the Episcopal Church in Alabama" and "What qualities do we believe are important in our next diocesan bishop?". These sessions are open to all, so please come to listen, learn, and give your input. **The Montgomery meeting will be July 25th at 3 pm at the Church of the Ascension.**

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.

Jim Elliot and Bill King together with Scott Arnold, John King, Clyde Pearce and Jim Tuohy invite you to join them on a

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10 Days of Biblical Discovery
Depart December 29, 2010 to January 7, 2011
From Birmingham for just \$3096* • New York for just \$2698*
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Register online via credit card or check at www.eo.travelwithus.com

Host: James Tuohy ID #: 52472

A brass book stand is missing from the McQueen Room. If anyone has any information on its location please contact the church office.

Holy Comforter Church Directory Information Form

We're updating the directory. Please complete this form and return info to Eleshia at office@holycomfort.org or turn into church office.

Last Name	First Name	Spouse/Partner's Name
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Cell Phone	Spouse/Partner's Cell Phone	
Home Email	Business Email	Spouse/Partner's Email
Date of Birth	Spouse/Partner's Date of Birth	Anniversary Date
Child's Name	Child's Date of Birth	
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HOLY COMFORTER'S FIRST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The weather cooperated; the sandwiches were great; the golfers and non-golfers had a very good time. There were 17 golfers and our own Rosine Hall and Midge Ward with Rosine's friends Hilda and Jim Baker won the team prize for first place which was \$100 for each player. Carol Kendrick's team of Carol, her brother Tom and his children Andy and Amy won second place and each received a \$50 gift certificate. Carol also had the longest drive and she says she hasn't played golf in years.

Over \$1000 was raised for food pantry (exact amount in next newsletter). A special thanks goes to Rosine Hall for her leadership on all renewal activities and to Ron Russell, JD and Barbara Johnson, Zola Powers, Jeri Tippit, Dabney McKenzie and Mac Hall for their hard work on the golf tournament.

Thanks to all who attended the picnic and a special thanks to Drake who couldn't play golf and instead drove a golf cart and furnished much needed water for all the golfers.

Jeri

Holy Comforter
Day School
Artwork
BY
Lydia Miller



The vestry and rector met with Linda Nelson, a consultant from the Episcopal Cathedral in New Orleans who was highly recommended by Bishop Kee Sloan and the Deputy for Ministry Development and Clergy Deployment, Pat Wingo. The focus of our discussions with the consultant is on the renewal and future mission of Holy Comforter. As we proceed with this discernment process, Drake and vestry members will be praying the prayer for a church meeting on page 818 in the Book of Common Prayer. We ask that you include this in your daily prayers as we continue these discussions with Mrs. Nelson when she returns in two weeks.

Organ Concert

Joel will present an organ concert **Thursday, August 19th at 7:30pm** on the Schlicker organ at the Church of the Ascension. The recital will include music by Gigout, Vivaldi, Craig Phillips, Bach, and Louis Vierne.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 4 Newsletter (Deadline August 2)
- August 15 Sunday School Scavenger Hunt
- August 16 Vestry Meeting
- August 18 Newsletter (Deadline August 16)
- August 22 Sunday School Icebreakers
- August 29 Sunday School Wet N' Wild

- September 1 Newsletter (Deadline August 30)
- September 6 Office closed for Labor Day
- September 12 Sunday Sundaes
- September 15 Newsletter (Deadline September 13)
- September 19 Evensong, 4 PM @ All Saints' w/ The choirs of Holy Comforter, Grace and All Saints' (Reception following)
- September 29 Newsletter (Deadline September 27)