

# HOLY COMFORTER EPISCOPAL CHURCH MINISTRIES

2011



*The mission of Holy Comforter Church is to  
live out our faith by service to God and others.*

*The Rev. Canon Ted Monica, Rector ♦ The Rev. Teri Monica, Assistant Priest*

*The Rev. Lucene Birch, Deacon Emeritus*

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## **EDUCATION**

**Christian Education Director**  
Kathryn Travis

Adult and Children Sunday School  
Summer Vacation Bible School

Christian Education is offered to all ages, beginning from infant care to adult classes. The children are divided by age - infant through 3 years old, grade levels and topic classes for the adults. Sunday School is offered during the school year. Children's Church continues during the summer months.

**Confirmation (7th & 8 grades)**  
Susan Nelson

**Adult Confirmation**  
Fr. Ted

**Children's Church Director**  
Gail Faughn

**Middle & High School Youth Group (grades 6-12)**  
**Elementary School Youth Group (K-5th grades)**  
Mtr. Teri Monica

**Head of Holy Comforter Episcopal School**  
**Peter Klekamp**

Holy Comforter School believes that the education of the total child can best take place in an environment centered in, and supported by, the love of God in Jesus Christ. Their mission is to nourish the spirit, challenge the mind, and strengthen the body in a Christian environment.

*Instruct a wise man and he will be wiser still, teach a righteous man and he will add to his learning. Proverbs 9:9*

## WORSHIP

◆ **Liturgy Commission—Claire Walker**, This commission provides support in all aspects of worship, planning for both long-term and short-term, seasonal and weekly worship opportunities.

◆ **Worship Coordinator—Bonnie McHugh**, The Coordinator has the overall awareness and knowledge of Sunday morning worship and programs in order to help solve problems that may arise. She is host to visiting clergy, finding substitutes for volunteers when needed, helping people find rooms, and anticipating any needs.

◆ **Sunday Visitors/Greeters—Patricia Trom**, Smiling faces greet worshipers as they enter and leave the church. Visitors are given a gift of bread and a bag containing helpful information about Holy Comforter.

◆ **Altar Guild—Dawn Lynch**, The Altar Guild is responsible for caring for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish. Altar Guild members prepare the sanctuary for services. Altar Guild members frequently supervise the decoration of the sanctuary

◆ **Choirs—Chancel Music Director, Olivia Ahyoung**  
**Folk Music Director, Betsy Gray**

The Chancel Choir sings on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month, and rehearses weekly on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. The choir's repertoire encompasses a broad spectrum from early music through traditional to contemporary. The choir also sings special services of Evensong and Lessons and Carols, and presents a Lenten cantata during Holy Week.

The Contemporary Folk Choir sings on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. They practice Sunday morning and other times as called.

◆ **Ushers—Tom Keller**, The Ushers greet and assist people as they enter church. Ushers hand out service bulletins, answer questions, collect and present offertory, direct people to Eucharist.

◆ **Readers, Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, Chalice Bearers—**

**Fr. Ted, Bonnie McHugh**, People are trained and assigned to assist in worship.

◆ **Banner Committee—Jane Robinson**, Banners are made for individuals to celebrate baptisms and confirmation.

◆ **Flower Guild—Anne Wells**, Parishioners may provide flowers Sunday mornings in the sanctuary marking an occasion or in memory/thanksgiving of a loved one.

*Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker. Psalm 95:6*

## CARING FOR THE CHURCH

### FINANCES

**Finance Manager, Gina Resavage, Church Office**

**Church Treasurer, Ralph Mancuso**

**Stewardship Commission—Diane LoCastro**, Stewardship is a gift from God and comes forth out of grateful hearts for all that we are and all that we have. Based on faith, this commission educates parishioners on making good decisions about time, talent and treasure we return to God.

### BUILDING

**Building & Grounds Commission—Jackie Watts**

This commission provides a safe and suitable facility for worship and parish events with an overview of painting, repairing and replacement projects.

**Lawn Care—Charles Futch**

**Custodian – Tom Burt**, Maintains the church building.

### PEOPLE

**Prayer Chain –Jan Calvin**

Any prayer concerns, thanksgiving and intercessory prayer can be offered through our Prayer Chain.

**Daughters of the King—Debra Westerman**

A religious order for women who are communicants in the Episcopal Church, pledging to a life-long program of prayer, service and evangelism. The members are dedicated to the spreading of Christ's Kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life of the Parish.

**Intercessors—Canon Ted Monica**

These are volunteers who pray with people attending the worship services. The intercessors are available at the back of the church during and following Communion to join anyone in prayers of petition or thanksgiving or intercession for others.

**Cursillo—Bill and Pat Reineking**

A spiritual renewal weekend of worship, music, instruction, reflection, discussion, prayer, and fellowship.

### CHILD CARE

**Child Care Coordinators - Arlene Porta, Kim Weinrich**

Clean, safe child care is offered Sunday mornings and for other events and services as needed. The room is well maintained with age appropriate toys and learning tools to help each young child experience God's love.

## EVANGELISM

### **Evangelism Commission—Katie Simmons**

Holy Comforter wishes to make welcome everyone to our vibrant, open and friendly parish. This commission is responsible for attracting, welcoming, recruiting and incorporating new members into the church life. Other responsibilities are follow-up of newcomers, advertising, greeters, ministry fair, visitor database, new family programs, newcomers class and visitation.

### **Newcomers Program—Sharon Flora**

An Inquirers Class for new and prospective members of Holy Comforter Church. The Rector and a team cover areas of church history, worship and music, education and ministry, and stewardship. This program is offered throughout the year.

### **Publicity—Church Office**

In an effort to make known the opportunities for worship, fellowship, Bible study and outreach, we inform the larger community through publicity in Holy Comforter's monthly parish newsletter, the *Dove*; the newsletter of the Diocese of Florida, *The Diocesan*; and local papers, *The Tallahassee Democrat* and *The Chronicle*.

### **Web Site—Stephen Moors, Mike Nelson**

An ever expanding communication tool to inform parishioners and the community of classes, events, worship and other informational and devotional helps.

*Keep your head in all situations, endure hardships, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministries.*

*2 Timothy 4:5*

## COMMUNITY BUILDING

### **Intergenerational Family Commission—Tara Williams, Ruth & Ernie Roaza**

This ministry provides opportunities for Fun, Faith, and Fellowship within your family and our church family. Ongoing are Wednesday Night dinners/programs, and Fourth Sunday Potluck. Various other events are also planned throughout the year.

### **Supper Club—Julie Woodworth**

A delightful avenue to meet the people of the church. Groups of eight to twelve are assigned each year to meet in homes for food and fellowship.

### **Megalites—Jane & Dixon Robinson**

Parishioners age 50+ meet once a month for lunch, finding support, inspiration and fellowship with one another.

### **Book Club—Nancy Mazek**

All readers welcome! The Book Club meets once a month to discuss a book chosen by the group. Good fellowship, lively conversation and inspirational topics are enjoyed by all.

### **Men's Cooking Crew—Tom Pierce**

The men prepare Sunday morning breakfast the first and third Sundays of each month, as well as meals for special events, for the enjoyment of the parish.

### **Men's Breakfast—Dixon Robinson**

The Men meet in the morning, on the fourth Wednesday of each month at a restaurant, for breakfast and fellowship.

### **Women's Ministry—Church Office**

Throughout the year various events and programs are planned specifically for the women of the parish for inspiration, fellowship and enjoyment.

### **Church/ School Ministry—Ruth Roaza**

This ministry focuses on supporting and enhancing the relationship between Holy Comforter Church and School through staff appreciation, student gifts and community building events.

*But if we walk in the light as he is the light, we will have fellowship with one another.*

*1 John 1:7*

## OUTREACH

### **Outreach Commission- Judy Shipman, Chair**

Dedicated to minister according to Matthew 25:35, sharing the Gospel through caring for others. *"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in."*

### **Food Closet—Bridget Garrett-James, Fred Kinch**

One of the longest ministries of Holy Comforter, this group meets on Saturday mornings to distribute food to the needy in this community. Volunteers may choose to help Saturday mornings or come during the week to sort food for Saturday distribution.

### **Habitat for Humanity—Tom Keller**

Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian organization dedicated to eliminating substandard housing and homelessness worldwide and to making adequate, affordable shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat is founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, decent, affordable place to live in dignity and safety.

### **Cuba Ministry—Julie Sullivan**

Through shared ministry and support we are helping Fr. Jose Angel Gutierrez, Rector of Saint Michael's and All Angels in Cebalio, to further the Kingdom of God in Cuba.

### **Grace Mission—Don Coon**

Grace Mission is an outreach church sponsored by the diocese and the churches of the Apalachee Region.. Opportunities to serve are: Sunday meals, children's programs, Bible studies and many more. Collections are taken throughout the year for needed items. An Angel Tree is offered at Christmas for parishioners to help with gifts.

### **St Clare Guild—Prayer Shawl—Claire Walker**

People gather twice a month to knit shawls for various ministry projects.

## HOSPITALITY

### **Parish Events—Chair, Joan Maddox**

Volunteers coordinate various events during the year providing food for celebrations, receptions, Sunday morning refreshments and special events.

### **Home Meals—Chair, Sally Malloy**

This group offers a little help to families on the occasion of illness, confinement and/or bereavement by providing a meal to them.

### **Bereavement—Chair, Diane LoCastro**

These volunteers assist the family after the death of a loved one by reaching out in love and care by providing food and clean up assistance.

*Share God's love with people who are in need, practice hospitality.  
Romans 12:13*

### **HOLY COMFORTER EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

We are a warm, loving church family dedicated to the spreading of God's Word and are excited about our mission here at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church.

We encourage you to be a part of one of our ministries, either by your attendance or by your involvement.

If you would like more information, have comments or questions, or would like to get in touch with one of the leaders, please call the church office.

We will be glad to talk to you at any time.

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