

# Your Weekly Newsletter from Holy Comforter Episcopal Church



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## Upcoming Week

- September 8 - All School Eucharist
- September 10 @ 3:00pm - Service at Westminster Oaks
- September 10 @ 5:30pm - Holy Eucharist Rite II
- September 10 @ 9:00am - Morning Prayer (*online*)
- September 11 @ 9:00am - Morning Prayer (*online*)

### Sunday, September 7

13th Sunday after Pentecost

#### Worship Services

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Traditional, Spoken)
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II, with Music)

#### Sunday Events

- 9:00 am Contemplative Prayer (Mercy Lounge)
- Nursery is open every Sunday 9am - 12pm
- Sunday School for Grades 1-5 during 10:30am service

**10:30 Bulletin**

**Link to  
Livestream**

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## Message from the Vestry

Dear Holy Comforter Church family,

The Diocese of Florida is preparing to gather at its

182nd annual convention on September 19 and 20 at Camp Weed near Live Oak. Each parish will be represented by clergy and lay delegates. The convention will allow us to pray together, hold elections for Diocesan representation to various boards and councils, hear reports, vote on resolutions, and much more. The theme this year is “Renewing

Our Spirits, Reimagining Our Future”. To learn more you can review the

**2025 Slate of Nominees** and the **nine proposed resolutions**.



Please join me as we pray for Convention.

Almighty and everlasting Father, you have given the Holy Spirit to abide with us for ever: Bless, we pray, with his grace and presence, the bishops and other clergy and the laity soon to be assembled in your Name, that your Church, being preserved in true faith and godly discipline, may fulfill all the mind of him who loved it and gave himself for it, your Son Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Our Annual Parish Meeting on October 5th will provide a time for a convention report, parish elections, and other information dissemination.

At the 183rd Diocesan Convention scheduled for September 11 and 12, 2026, the delegates will elect our next bishop.

Please join me as we pray for the election.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We are fortunate to be on the journey with faithful brothers and sisters across the National Church, our Diocese, and our parish.

Peace,

*Amy L. Johnson*

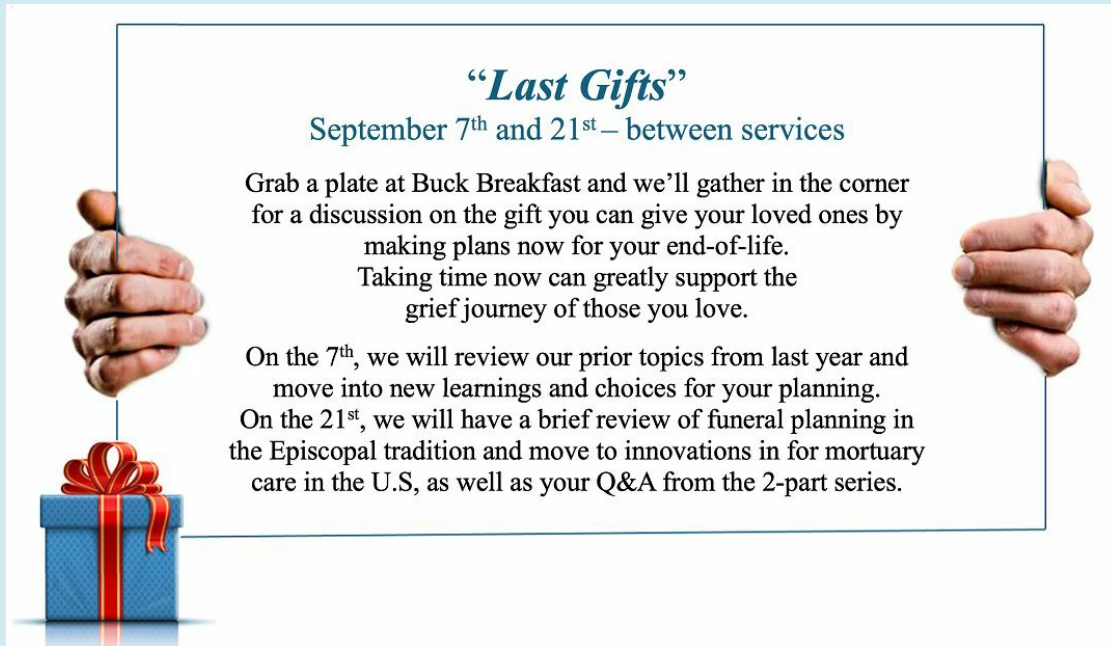
# Announcements

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## Call for Nominations

Nominations for the Vestry and to serve as Delegates to Diocesan Convention are now open! We need two new people for each of these positions. Do you know of someone who would be a good candidate? Information and a nomination form may be found here: <https://www.hc-ec.org/nominations> - *The deadline is Sunday, September 7th.*

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**“Last Gifts”**  
September 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> – between services

Grab a plate at Buck Breakfast and we'll gather in the corner for a discussion on the gift you can give your loved ones by making plans now for your end-of-life. Taking time now can greatly support the grief journey of those you love.

On the 7<sup>th</sup>, we will review our prior topics from last year and move into new learnings and choices for your planning. On the 21<sup>st</sup>, we will have a brief review of funeral planning in the Episcopal tradition and move to innovations in for mortuary care in the U.S, as well as your Q&A from the 2-part series.

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## Youth Ministry News

### All Hands On Deck! Portable Makeover Continues

See the link below for donation suggestions.

[https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/YC1B9OHG9ECO?ref\\_cm\\_sw\\_r\\_cp\\_ud\\_ggr-subnav-share\\_8HZYY5XRA7J3WKXRH97P](https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/YC1B9OHG9ECO?ref_cm_sw_r_cp_ud_ggr-subnav-share_8HZYY5XRA7J3WKXRH97P)

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## 2026 Calendars needed

For: Food Pantry recipients

Please place them in Food Pantry box in the office.

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# Cuba Ministry

## Our next service trip to Cuba will be November 1-7

Participate in our Cuba ministry by donating the following items:

### List of stuff for Cuba

*(bold indicates higher need)*

guitar picks and strings

**Sazón Goya**

**La Llave coffee**

dried soup mixes

packets of tuna fish (not cans)

**dish towels**

notepads

pens, pencils

**reusable grocery bags**

sewing needles

**period pads (not tampons)**

hair ties and accessories

scissors

face masks

**bandages, anti-b ointment**

inhalers for asthma

**toothbrushes, toothpaste**

**dental floss**

razors

vaginitis, cystitis meds

teas, all sorts

Little girl (twins) clothes size 3

Little girl (twins) shoes, age 3

**rechargeable flashlights**

**Rechargeable lanterns**

deodorants

**work gloves**

**batteries**

**bug repellents**

**antihistamines**

reading glasses (all magnifications)

**underwear**

**bras**

nail polish, files, etc.

ibuprofen

vitamins, kids and adults (E, Centrum, fish oils, e.g.)

bar soap

diarrhea meds

Pepto bismol

Cough meds, children and adults

Multi-function utility knives

colored paper

colored pencils

colored markers and pens

kid scissors

Set of single bed sheets (may be gently used)

Ladies' wigs (may be gently used)

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## [\\*Cuba Missions Trip ~ Amazon Wish List\\*](#)

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2RJCXQ9CWUVOV/ref=nav\\_wishlist\\_lists\\_2](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2RJCXQ9CWUVOV/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2)



## Worship Opportunities

### Sunday Services

8 am, Rite I, Traditional

10:30 am, Rite II, Contemporary,  
(Service live-streamed on YouTube)

### Wednesday Service

3:00 pm @ Westminster Oaks  
5:30 pm, Rite II, Contemporary

### Morning Prayer (online)

9am, Wednesdays and Thursdays

850-877-2712 | [admin@hc-ec.org](mailto:admin@hc-ec.org) | [www.HC-EC.org](http://www.HC-EC.org)

### *Donate using [PayPal](#)*

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### *Donate via text*

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