

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit



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Upcoming Events:

PARISH HOLIDAY PARTY

December 3rd, 5:00pm -
8:30 pm

PARISH ADVENT EVENING

December 6th, 5:45-7:30
pm

SASSE

December 8th, Noon

MEN'S BREAKFAST

December 9th, 8:00-10:00
am

THE PANTRY

December 16th, 8:00-9:30
am

COHI MEETING

December 16th, 10:00 am -
12:00 pm

FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

December 17th-24th

PASTORAL CARE MEETING

December 21st, 1:00 pm-
2:00 pm

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

See full information below

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED:

December 25th -29th

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday

Holy Eucharist, 8:30 am
Sunday School 9:30 am
Holy Eucharist, 10:00 am

Monday

AA Meeting, 12:30 pm
Yoga 5:45-6:45 pm

Late November Edition

From the Rector:

Because Christmas falls on Monday in 2017, we are having a late start and only a three week season for Advent this year. The fourth Sunday of Advent will be on the morning of the 24th then we will have Christmas Eve starting with our pageant that same afternoon. This seems unfair to an important season that already gets a short shrift on the church's calendar.

This is on top of the secular commercial holiday season that already competes with and usually overwhelms the season of Advent for many of us. Yet again I want to raise the Advent banner and invite us all to consider how we can live in a counter-cultural way during December. Here are three ideas:

- Say "No" to at least three requests. It could be a party to attend, a gift to give, some special activity or project to do, or something else that tends to come up during this time of year. Anyone of these things can be delightful or worthwhile, but from my experience, they tend to pile up and become a burden during this time of year. So just say, "No." Not to things that give us joy, but to those things that are social obligations based on what others expect (or we expect) as opposed to what God commands.
- Say "Yes" to being silent and still as often as

Tuesday

Rosary 11:30 am
AA Meeting 12:30 pm
EfM 12:00 -3:00 pm
EfM 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Wednesday

"In Stitches" Knitting &
Crochet , 9:00 am
Contemplative Prayer,
12:00 noon

Thursday

Holy Eucharist, 12:00 pm
AA Meeting 12:30 pm
Mentor Me 6:00-8:00 pm

Friday

Church office closed
AA Meeting, 10:00 am
Overeaters Anon 7:00 pm

Saturday

8:00am Pantry (the last
Saturday of the month)
Cumming Harvest 10:00-
12:00

Sunday Lessons

December 3rd

The Path - Chapter 9
Psalm 80:1-7,16-18
Mark 13:24-27

Fr. Keith's Lessons & Questions:

*Available on the ECOHS
Website*

Next Sunday's Lessons

December 10th

The Path Chapter 10
Psalm 85:1-2,8-13
Mark 1:1-8

The Dove Deadlines!

If you would like to have
an article or notice
published in The Dove,
please be aware of our
deadlines:

Early Edition:

1st of every month

Late Edition:

20th of every month

we can. For most of us, that will mean setting a special time during our day for silence and stillness. Perhaps first thing in the morning before the busyness of the day takes over. Or last thing at night before going to bed.

Whatever time will work for us on a daily basis so that we remember the message of Advent—that we are waiting on the Lord and so that involves... waiting.

- Read the Bible or our parish Advent devotional or some other book or resource (for other ideas, see www.forwardmovement.org) that will help us remember the reason for the season; that is, the season of **ADVENT**. I would suggest reading the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke (we can read it more than once). If we want to be more ambitious, read the entire Gospel of Mark (the primary lectionary Gospel for next year).

I hope we all have a peaceful and purposeful Advent season. The Lord is calling to us—are we listening?

Keith+

From the Youth Minister: For Our Youth!

As we approach the end of the calendar year, here are some key dates!

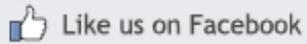
Sunday School

We're continuing our journey through the Bible using *The Path: A Journey Through the Bible*. Keep reading those weekly lessons you receive via email/text to prepare for Sunday's lesson, as we discover together God's eternal love for all God's beloved children. Sundays, 9:30 in the youth room.

Note: we will NOT have Sunday School on the holiday weekends of

Send submissions to:
ecohts@bellsouth.net

Stay Connected



Forward to a Friend

Nov 26, Dec 24, or Dec 31.

Youth Events

Here's what's happening through the end of 2017, so mark your calendars!.

Dec. 3: Gift making and prep for caroling! 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Dec.10: Caroling! 3:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Plus, time to sign up for **ONE MORE** upcoming Diocesan Event:

Parents, Check your email for registration info.

Jan. 5-7: Sr DYC, Camp Mikell

Please contact me if you have any questions.

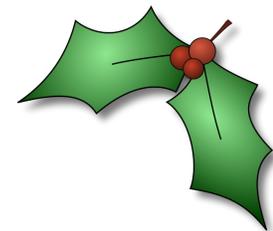
Blessings,

Mother Bonnie+

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404-729-5876

Announcements

Important Dates



Parish Holiday Party: Saturday, Dec. 3rd at 5:00 pm

Advent Evening: Wednesday, Dec. 6th at 5:45pm

December 24th Services: 4th Sunday of Advent 10:00 am
5:00 pm Christmas Pageant
8:30 pm Carol Singing
9:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Day: 10:00 am Holy Eucharist*

New Year's Eve:

10:00 am Holy Eucharist*

**No Sunday School*

Wendy's Bears



We will be continuing our tradition, started by the late Wendy Murphy, of collecting teddy bears at our Holiday Party this year. The bears collected will be delivered to the the Juvenile Court where our own Hon. Rusty Jackson presides. The bears are handed out to young children who find themselves at the court through no fault of their own as a means of comfort and security.

Please bring new or gently used teddy bears (unwrapped) to the Holiday Party on December 3rd or to church on any Sunday before December 17th.

Thank you!

Children's Christian Ed

Christian Ed is off to a great start! We are loving the Path and the way it helps encourage conversation between us all about what we are learning. This week we learned about Joshua and the wall of Jericho. It was a great fun acting out the part of the people of Israel.

We have a few dates for you to mark on your calendar. The first Sunday of Advent is December 3rd. We will all meet in the parish hall to make our Advent wreaths. The following Wednesday, December 6th we will have our Advent Evening beginning with evening prayer, a soup and sandwich supper and then an intergenerational activity. Please put these dates on your calendar and plan to join us as we all begin to prepare during the season of Advent.

Peace,
Julie Wilson



Deer-Angel Tree is Here!

Be a "deer" and help a child in the foster care system receive the Christmas gift(s) they are wishing for.

Please remove a child's name from the tree, find the child's name and gift item on the sign out sheet next to the tree and note your name and contact information. Buy your gift and return it *unwrapped* to Deer-Angel tree by December 11th.

If you are unable to take a gift off the tree, but would like to support this worthy cause, simply make out a check to ECOHS and note Angel Tree on the memo line and we will use this money to purchase any remaining gifts left on the tree.

Thank you!

Questions: Contact Carol Franklin at carolbfranklin@yahoo.com



Advent Quiet Day

Lanier House
on the Cathedral of St. Philip
campus

Saturday, December 9

9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Come spend time preparing your heart for the birth of Wisdom at an Advent Quiet. This day will include opportunities for wisdom practices that prepare and open the heart for transformation: chant, extended silence for individual reflection with readings, the labyrinth, creative

expression, and body prayer.

The Quiet Day will be led by Lisa Persons, M.Div., who is a spiritual director and coordinator at Amerson House Spirituality Center behind St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church. She studied intensively with the Rev. Cynthia Bourgeault for several years and has been an active associate of Green Bough House of Prayer since 1996. She has organized monthly Taizé prayers in the Atlanta area since 1992.

The cost is \$20 and includes lunch. Please register before December 4th. You can [Click Here](#) to register online. Or you can contact Jeannie Mahood, jmahood@stphilipscathedral.org or 404-365-1031.

Carpooling will be available from ECOHS, leaving at 8:30 a.m. Please contact Mother Bonnie bonniegunderwood@gmail.com or Janice Davis janiceid@comcast.net if you are interested.

Music Notes

The adult choir continues to lead the music portion of our worship services every Sunday at 10:45. www.ecohs.net www.ecohs.net The ECOHS adult choir rehearses every Wednesdays @ 7:30 p.m. in the choir room. If you are interested in singing with us, please come and join us.



The St. Cecilia (age 4-1st grade) and St. Luke (2nd - 5th grade) choirs rehearse every Wednesdays, @ 5:00 p.m. We invite all children to join us.

The adult, children's, and youth choirs, in the midst of continuing our weekly music preparations, are also preparing for our Christmas Eve services.

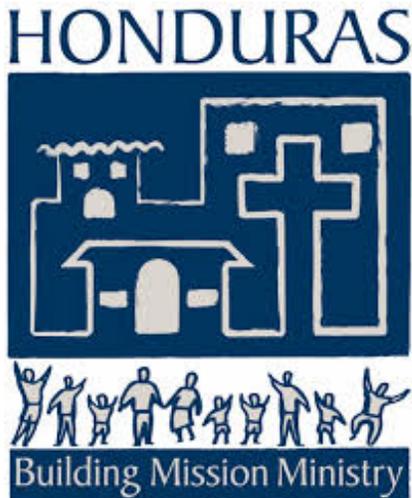
This year's 5:00 p.m. pageant, presented by our Children's and Youth choirs, will be a simplified version of "A Paper Bag Christmas". As our children present the story of Jesus' birth in narration and song, the congregation will be taking part with fan puppets AND singing along on familiar Christmas carols.

The Adult choir will present choral anthems and carols beginning at 8:30 p.m. as our prelude to the 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

I look forward to seeing at these services as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

If you are interested in sharing your musical talent with us (vocal OR instrumental), please let Jeff Daniel know at ecohtmusic@bellsouth.net OR speak with him at church. There is ALWAYS room for more choir members.

Please visit the music portion of the church's website [here](#) to find information about the music ministry of ECOHS.



We're beginning the journey...

Honduras Mission 2018

July 7 - 14

**** Consider joining us!***

We still have room on our 2018 team! Contact Mother Bonnie bonniegunderwood@gmail.com or Jay Franklin jayfranklin@att.net for more information. We hope to finalize our team roster this month.

**** Save the Date!***

Our Honduras Fundraising Dinner will be January 20, 2018 at ECOHS. This gathering will include food and fellowship, as well as a silent auction, and time to hear more about this mission. Ticket sales for this event will begin in January.

**** How can you help?***

We're looking for silent auction and raffle items

for our *January 20th fundraising dinner*. If you have a special items you could donate: a timeshare vacation week, golf package, speciality craft item, gift basket, etc., please contact Mother Bonnie at bonniegunterwood@gmail.com or 404.729.5876

ECOHS - Treasury Report -October 2017

	Month Actual	Variance Budget	YTD Actual	Variance Budget
Income				
Pledged	\$ 32,808.00	\$ 5,624.00	\$ 261,423.00	\$ (10,417.00)
Other	\$ 11,256.26	\$ 2,000.44	\$ 93,597.44	\$ 14,126.74
	\$ 44,064.26	\$ 7,624.44	\$ 355,020.44	\$ 3,709.74
Expense				
Operations	\$ 38,507.42	\$ 7,740.08	\$ 403,112.44	\$ (7,332.00)
Programs	\$ 2,559.96	\$ (753.28)	\$ 29,302.82	\$ 19,285.02
	\$ 41,067.38	\$ 6,986.80	\$ 432,415.26	\$ 11,953.02
Net	\$ 2,996.88	\$ 14,611.24	\$ (77,394.82)	\$ (8,243.28)

Summary Statement

Pledge offerings are off 4% for the year so far.

Expenses YTD are over budget primarily to to higher pre-school expenses which partially offset the higher school revenue.

Areas of Note:

BALANCES:

Operating Funds	\$ (1,202.81)
Available Reserves	\$ 62,811.25
Restricted Funds	\$ 114,658.59
Total:	\$ 176,267.03

Building to Serve Overview

- Total Project Budget amount \$1,900K >
Completed Actual Expenses: \$2,056K
- Total Pledged amount \$1,200K
Collected to date \$1,101K or 91%
- Loan Balance \$790K



Community Connections

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