

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit



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Upcoming Events:

BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at, 10:30 am

CHURCH WORKDAY

October 29th, 8:00-12:00

MINISTRY FAIR

October 30th

ALL SAINTS SERVICE

Tuesday November 1st,
7:00 pm

MOMS PLAYGROUND GRP

November 4th, 10:00-
11:00am

DIRECTORY PHOTOS

November 5-7 by appt.

VESTRY MEETING

November 10th, 6:30-8:30
pm

SASSE LUNCHEON

October 14th, noon

HEALING PRAYER SUNDAY

November 11th, during both
services.

WEDNESDAY SHARING DINNER

November 16th, 5:45-
7:30pm

PASTORAL CARE MEETING

November 17th, 10:30 am

MOM'S GROUP

November 18th, 11:00-1:00

Late October Edition

From the Rector:

Surprises. Do you like surprises? If you are like me, you would ask, "Well, that depends--what type are you talking about?" Generally, most of us like "good" surprises, like a surprise birthday party or a gift from a loved one "just because" they love us; or something similar. For some of us, even those fun surprises can be off putting because we weren't prepared or because we didn't get a gift for the other person or whatever. We like to be in control of even the good things that come into our lives.

Of course "bad" surprises are something we want to avoid. There is a multi-billion dollar insurance industry dedicated to helping us deal with those types of surprises regarding our life, health, and property. As we grow up and have more responsibilities, we keep alert to what could go wrong in our lives and work hard to prevent bad things from happening to ourselves, the people we care for, and the property we own. Again we like to be in control.

However, one thing we learn in life is that it is full of surprises, some good and some bad (at least in our judgment). We do not know exactly what is coming in the next moment of our lives much less tomorrow or next year. As the prayer from the *BCP* states it, "O God, our times are in your hands..." So whatever we may face in this life, it is wise to remember that some part of it is going to be a surprise to us and to others we care about.

So how do we deal with that part of life? I would suggest three basic postures so that we are as prepared as possible for whatever happens in our lives:

THE PANTRY

November 19th, 8:00am to 9:30am

COHI MEETING

November 19th, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Weekly Schedule:**Sunday**

Holy Eucharist, 8:30 am
Holy Eucharist, 10:45 am

Monday

AA Meeting, 12:30 pm

Tuesday

Morning Prayer 9:30 am
AA Meeting 12:30 pm
EfM 12:00-3:00 pm
EfM 6:00-9:00 pm

Wednesday

"In Stitches" Knitting & Crochet , 9:00 am
"Just Faith" 9:45-11:45 am
Contemplative Prayer, 12:00 noon

Thursday

Bible Study, 10:30 am
Holy Eucharist, 12:00 pm
AA Meeting 12:30 pm

Friday

Church office closed
AA Meeting, 10:00 am

Saturday

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

12:00noon Contemplative Prayer (first Saturday of the month)

Sunday Lessons

October 30th, 2016

Isaiah 1:10-18

Psalms 32 1:8

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Luke 19:1-10

Fr. Keith's Lessons

- First be grateful. Each moment of each day. Look backward with joy for the blessings we have received. Look forward with hope for what a loving God has in store for us. But in this moment, be grateful for life and people who love us and people we love.
- Be prayerful. Prayer is not a way to ward off the bad surprises in life--it simply doesn't work that way. Prayer helps us to draw closer to God and to one another in community so we have the inner strength to endure when things go bad in our lives of for those we love. Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane is our example--Jesus knew that God would be with him even in his time of suffering
- Love. Love deeply. That is really the purpose of life. Forgive people. Be kind, even to strangers or people you do not care for very much. Love people even when they give you a surprise party that you didn't really want--maybe especially love those people! Know that the love we share is the best expression of God's love for us.

Whatever our surprises over the the months ahead, may we find them to be a source of grace.

Keith+

From the Youth Minister:

For Our Youth!

All our events are open to our youth AND their friends!

Here's our schedule of upcoming events. Join us as we come together for service projects, fun and fellowship!

Oct 29: Parish Work Day

Come help with the parish "to do" list! The work day begins at 8:00 and ends at noon, with chores both inside and outside. And yes, there's food! Hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch!

Nov 6: EYC - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

We'll meet in the youth room, and have

& Questions:

Coming back soon to the website!

Next Sunday's Lessons

November 6th, 2016

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Psalm 149

Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31

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:

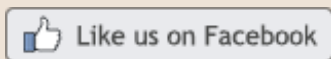
1st of every month

Late Edition:

20th of every month

Send submissions to:
ecoys@bellsouth.net

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activities both inside and outside.

WARNING: it could get a bit messy . . .

Nov 11-13: Happening at Camp Mikell - for our HS Students

A renewal weekend for high schoolers at Camp Mikell, led by teens FOR teens. Sign up NOW!

Nov 13: EYC - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Meet in the youth room for some fun and fellowship.

Nov 16: Parish Dinner: Fun and Fellowship!

Join us at church from 5:45 - 7:30 p.m., for evening prayer, a great meal, and some fun!

Nov 18-19: Diocesan Youth Lock-in, Annual Council

Sign up now for the great event, as we join the youth of the Diocese for a fun evening of service, fellowship, music, games, and worship! The event will start at 5:30pm with a service project, packaging meals with Stop Hunger Now that will be sent all over the world.

Nov 27: EYC - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Join us in the youth room as we begin our Advent preparation together.

Please contact me if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions about our youth programs. Or visit our Youth table during the Ministry Fair on 10/30!

Blessings,

Mother Bonnie+

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Update Through September 2016

We combined our half way celebration for the Building to Serve campaign with the dedication of the facilities on August 17th. I hope everyone enjoyed the dedication, dinner and celebration that we had with Bishop Wright in attendance. It was great to be able to use our newly expanded parish hall that easily handled the 170 dinner attendees!

However, the true half way point in our campaign was really the end of September, so we wanted to update everyone now that we have the September numbers tallied. At the halfway mark we are pleased to report that we have now collected contributions of \$821,400 which is 68% of our \$1,210,100 total commitments for the 36 month contribution period. Collections are currently running right on our planned budget.

As reported previously, in addition to our capital campaign commitments, we have also received some special contributions. These now total \$220,000. This is really great news and will help reduce the size of the mortgage we will have when the campaign ends.

The final construction costs have come in at \$2,174,500. So, we will probably have a loan balance of about \$700,000 when the BtS Campaign ends in March of 2018. This should be a manageable mortgage for our size parish.

We are now enjoying the additional worship space, dedicated space for youth, a greatly enlarged parish hall, commercial kitchen, a choir room and significantly improved preschool facilities. The opportunity to serve God with this space is now here. Let's make the most of it!

Thanks to all for keeping your contributions current and for dealing with all the inconveniences during construction.

Respectfully Submitted,

Children's Christian Ed

In children's Christian Ed we are finishing up our unit on Getting to know God and each other! We have had a great start to the year and are looking forward to moving into our next unit. During the next two weeks we will be learning about All Saints. This week we asked the children to come dressed as their favorite saint. I included several links in my email, their costumes may be ultra simple, can't wait to see what they come up with.

Your children may have told you that each week we have a mystery child! They are having lots of fun trying to identify the child by the clues we give. Thus far our mystery children have been Jason David, Anne Nicoletta and Jacoby Stanley. You never know who it will be this week? Join us this Sunday at 9:30 for our All Saints Parade!

Peace,
Julie



Music Notes

The ECOHS adult choir has resumed regular weekly rehearsals. We meet each Wednesday evening from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in our new choir room. We invite all interested singers to join us.

The Children's choir meets Wednesdays at 5:00 pm.

The choirs are St. Cecilia choir (age 4-1st grade) and St. Luke choir (2nd - 5th grade). We will be meeting in the choir room and youth rooms. All interested children are invited to join our choirs.

The Youth choir , (6th - 12th grade) will rehearse after the 10:45 service. We will be meeting in the choir room. All interested youth are invited to join us.

If you are interested in sharing your musical talent with us, please let Jeff Daniel know at ecoismusic@bellsouth.net OR speak with him at church. There is ALWAYS room for more choir members. We hope you will join us!

Please visit the music portion of the church's website www.ecohs.net

NEW PICTURE DIRECTORY

Time is rapidly approaching for Lifetouch to take our pictures. By having your picture taken you get a **free 8x10 picture and directory**. Brochures in the Parish Hall tell you **prices** for additional pictures that you can purchase. There is also a brochure that can help you and your family prepare for the photo shoot. Make sure and look at these so you are prepared for the photo shoot.

If you have not **updated** your directory information please do so by **Monday, November 7**. If you have not scheduled a photo shoot time and wish to do so please contact Cathy Schlecht at the church office or Joanie Anderton . In order for your picture to be in the directory you will need to have your picture made with this vendor.

Thanks so much for the wonderful response to scheduling your photo time. If there are any additional questions about the directory call Joanie Anderton at 678-662-7791.

All Are Welcome

Community of Hope: Special Speaker on Grief

Our Community of Hope group has invited Rev. Kathie Stasko to speak to us regarding grief support at our Oct 29th meeting. Since we as a church family have experienced so much grief in the past few months, we are inviting the entire congregation to attend this presentation.

Please join us on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016 from 10:30a - 12:00p.

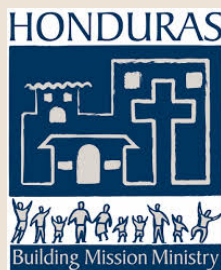
Rev. Stasko has recommend everyone read a small book about grief called "Markings on the Windowsill" as an aid to her discussion with us. It is on sale now from Amazon at \$7.77. We will be ordering some as well to have available at the church.

Please contact Michael Arens (marens@bellsouth.net or 678-462-8076) if you plan to join us, as we need a head count.

Third Wednesday Dinners: Sharing our Parallel Paths

November 16: "Listening to our soul and body's needs for recreation and play. How we listen to our hearts through family." (Fr. Keith)
"Listening to the Holy Spirit and family through recreation and fun." (Parish)

Honduras Mission Trip - 2017



Interested in participating in the Holy Spirit Honduras Mission Trip, July 8-15, 2017? This trip is open to youth AND adults. We're hoping to finalize our team members by November 1st, so we can begin our preparations.

**Please contact Mother Bonnie if you are interested in this July trip!
bonnieunderwood@gmail.com**

Coming in November

"Building Better Communities Through A New Conversation On Race"

St. David's Episcopal Church has invited us to join their Wednesday evening programs on **November 2, 9, and 16**. The guest speaker, Catherine Meeks, Ph.D, chairs the Beloved Community: Commission for Dismantling Racism for the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta and brings four decades of experience to the work which has helped her to lead the Commission in transforming the dismantling racism work in Atlanta.

Dinner is from 5:30 - 6:15, Program from 6:30-7:30 pm in Jeffords Hall. If you are interested, Reservations should be made online:

<http://stdavidchurch.org/christian-education/wednesday-dinner/>

Our New Diocesan *Connecting* Website

In July a new *Connecting* website was created to enhance accessibility to

news and events of interest. The *Connecting* e-newsletter is distributed monthly but the *Connecting* website is updated throughout the month. Here's the link to the *Connecting* website: connecting.episcopalatlanta.org

ECOHS - Treasury Report - September 2016

	Month Actual	Variance Budget	YTD Actual	Variance Budget
Income				
Pledged	\$ 22,654.00	\$ (4,901.00)	\$ 268,257.00	\$ 20,262.00
Other	\$ 7,968.81	\$ 1,814.99	\$ 61,794.43	\$ (169.95)
	\$ 30,622.81	\$ (3,086.01)	\$ 330,051.43	\$ 20,092.05
Expense				
Operations	\$ 39,035.92	\$ (1,030.26)	\$ 345,574.49	\$ (16,397.93)
Programs	\$ 3,753.20	\$ (1,179.59)	\$ 18,095.48	\$ (3,666.33)
	\$ 42,789.12	\$ (2,209.85)	\$ 363,669.97	\$ (20,064.26)
Net	\$ (12,166.31)	\$ (5,295.86)	\$ (33,618.54)	\$ 27.79

Areas of Note:

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Summary Statement

Income was down 9% for the month, with expenses being over budget 5%.

* Pledge revenue YTD is 8% above budget with total revenue being up 6% YTD

* Expenses YTD are over budget by 6%.

BALANCES:

Operations \$ 57,087.81
 Restricted Funds \$ 135,886.78 (Includes Capital Funds)

Total: \$ 192,974.59



- Total Project Budget amount \$1,900K >
 Actual Expenses to date: \$2,162K
 Expected Project Total \$2,175K
- Total Pledged amount \$1,200K
 Collected to date \$819K or 68%
- Construction Loan Balance \$1,070K

Building Capital Overview



Any questions, please email me at Zzprime2@charter.net

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