

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit



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Upcoming Events:

BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 10:30 am

FOYERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 4th, 4:00-7:00pm

ADVENT

DINNER/PROGRAM

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

VESTRY MEETING

December 8th, 6:30-8:30 pm

SASSE LUNCHEON

December 8th, noon

MENS BREAKFAST

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

GRIEF GROUP

December 10th, 10:30-12:00 pm

PASTORAL CARE MEETING

December 15th, 10:30 am

"HOME GROUP"

December 15th, 6:00-7:00pm

MOM'S GROUP

December 16th, 11:00-1:00

THE PANTRY

December 17th, 8:00am to 9:30am

Late November Edition

From the Rector:

Happy Advent! This is one of my favorite seasons of the church year. Perhaps it is because at my heart, I am an optimist, but one with a healthy dose of realism. At least in part, during this season, I believe God calls us to consider our personal sense of optimism and realism in the light of God's promises and our hope.

First, for the optimists-during Advent we are reminded of God's promises to us. As Christians we believe these promises are fulfilled in Jesus. In his first advent or visit, Jesus fulfilled the divine promises by revealing God's love to humanity and showing us the way to live. Through his death and resurrection, Jesus provides us with forgiveness of our sins and the opportunity for a renewed relationship with God.

As realists, this season reminds us that not everything is right with the world. The words of the prophets during this season speak of justice and care for the poor. In his second advent that we await, we believe Jesus will set right what is wrong in this life. Until then, we who follow Jesus cannot ignore the pain and suffering in our world. War, famine, disease, domestic violence, lack of education and clean water affect millions of children today. We believe that at the end of time God will set these things right and judge those people and systems that resisted sharing God's promises with all people.

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
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

December 4, 2016

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7,18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

Fr. Keith's Lessons & Questions:

*Coming back soon to the
website!*

Next Sunday's Lessons

December 11, 2016

Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm 146:4-9
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

The Dove Deadlines!

Until that time of Jesus' Second Advent, this season calls us to prepare. That means learning more about our world and its needs. It means taking time to be still-to pray and worship together and listen to the Spirit so that we might receive power and direction in all that we do. And it means taking action, too-- doing what God calls us to do to bring justice, compassion, and humility to our world. That combination of learning, praying, and action makes Advent a holy season for all of God's people.

May each of us engage this season with faith, joy, and hope.

Keith+

From the Youth Minister: For Our Youth!

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

**Dec 4: EYC - 12:30 - 2:30 -
*Creative Giving***

**Join us as we work on some creative
ways to use our gifts to share the joy of
giving to others. We'll meet after the late
service for a quick (pizza) lunch, work
together on crafts, recording songs, and
even do some baking! And for those in
choir, just join us as soon as you can!**

**Dec 11: EYC - 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. -
*Caroling!***

**We'll meet at ECOHS, then head out to
share our joyful noise with the
community! No experience necessary!**

**Dec 18: EYC - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. -
*For our family and friends!***

**We'll have time to work together on
homemade gifts for family and friends.**

**We'll be taking a Winter Break,
but here are SOME of our January
activities!**

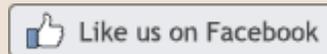
If you would like to have an article or notice published in The Dove, please be aware of our deadlines:

Early Edition:
1st of every month

Late Edition:
20th of every month

Send submissions to:
ecohs@bellsouth.net

Stay Connected



Forward to a Friend

Jan 6- 8 **DYC at Camp Mikell**
Jan 21 **Honduras Fundraising**
Dinner
Jan 28 **It's BAAAACK! Coffee**
House!!

Please contact me if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions about our youth programs

Blessings,

Mother Bonnie+

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Announcements

New Vestry Members Elected on November 20th

On Sunday, November 20, we had a parish meeting in which we elected Shannon David, Peggy Bryant, and Chad Cartwright as our new vestry members for the 2017-19 term. We appreciate Dee Rausin for her willingness to stand for election, too. At the end of 2016, Janet Pfaff, Putnam Smith, and Mark Bohan will rotate off of vestry. We are very grateful for their service.

Fr. Keith has selected Sylvia Cardona as our Senior Warden for 2017. The new vestry will elect the Junior Warden at our January vestry meeting. In our tradition, the rector selects the senior warden, also known as the "rector's warden;" and the vestry elects the junior warden, also known as the "people's warden." Both have similar responsibilities for our building and grounds and helping in parish leadership.

Your clergy and four lay representatives attended the Diocesan Council on November 18-19. We approved the diocesan budget for 2017 and elected various officers as well as deputies to the Episcopal Church's triennial General Convention for 2018.

If you have any questions about the governance of the Episcopal Church, please feel free to contact Fr. Keith.

Loss and Grief: Preparing for the Holidays

Because the holidays present sad times for those who grieve, there will be a follow-up to our Coping with Grief workshop held in October. We will meet from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Parish Hall on Saturday, December 10. Mother Bonnie and Father Keith will facilitate our time together, which will include reflection time within the context of the Eucharist. All are invited.

~Sponsored by Community of Hope~

Beth Jones

Children's Christian Ed

We have enjoyed our lessons on Getting to know God and each other and are looking forward to learning about Advent. We will have a an Advent evening on December 7th. It has been our tradition to do an inter-generational activity on December 7th and we will continue with that tradition. Please join us on both of these evenings as we enjoy time together to learn and grow in our faith while enjoying an active evening working together.

Peace,
Julie



Music Notes

The ECOHS adult choir meets 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) rehearses 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 ecohsmusic@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 to find information about the music ministry of ECOHS.

- *Jeff Daniel*

Honduras Mission Trip 2017

We're Growing! Meet our expanded team of missionaries who will participate in our July 7 - 15, 2017 trip to Honduras to support LAMB Institute! From a group of 7 who joined the youth mission trip with St. Aidan's and St. David's last year, we're planning to send an intergenerational team of 13 from Holy Spirit this year.

A big welcome to new youth team members: Luke and Tatyana Blair, Andrea Cardona, and Kennedy Allemand, a friend of Colleen Norris. And a warm welcome to our new adults: Clay Bennett, Sophia Bohan, and Linda Walker.

Youth	Adults
Kennedy Allemand Jannai Adhazi Luke Blair Tatyana Blair Andrea Cardona Mary Edwards Colleen Norris Laura Schlecht	Clay Bennett Sophia Bohan Jay Franklin Linda Walker Mother Bonnie+

Please pray for our team as we strive to seek and serve our Lord and Savior by building relationships with our brothers and sisters in the wider world.

- Mother Bonnie+

Save the Date - Honduras Mission Trip Fundraising Dinner

Saturday, January 21, 2017

We're making plans for our *second* ECOHS Mission trip to Honduras, answering Christ's call to serve by building relationships with some of God's littlest lambs, the impoverished children supported by LAMB Institute in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Please save the date for the *Honduras Mission Trip Fundraiser* on the evening of January 21st at ECOHS. This gathering will include food (*Dinner AGAIN, by our illustrious chef, Dan Krogh!!*) 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.

ECOHS - Treasury Report - October 2016

	Month Actual	Variance Budget	YTD Actual	Variance Budget
Income				
Pledged	\$ 28,717.00	\$ 1,162.00	\$296,974.00	\$ 21,424.00
Other	\$ 6,658.75	\$ 992.43	\$ 68,453.18	\$ 822.48
	\$ 35,375.75	\$ 2,154.43	\$365,427.18	\$ 22,246.48
Expense				
Operations	\$ 46,341.60	\$(10,815.54)	\$391,916.09	\$(27,213.47)
Programs	\$ 1,880.20	\$(331.59)	\$ 19,975.68	\$(3,997.92)
	\$ 48,221.80	\$(11,147.13)	\$411,891.77	\$(31,211.39)
Net	\$ (12,846.05)	\$ (8,992.70)	\$(46,464.59)	\$ (8,964.91)

Summary Statement

Income was up 6.5% for the month, with expenses being over budget by 30%. Expenses driven by quarterly expenses that hit during the month.

* Revenue YTD is 6.4% above budget

* Expenses YTD are over budget by 8.1%.

Areas of Note:

- \$20K Salary Reserve to be applied against YTD loss

BALANCES:

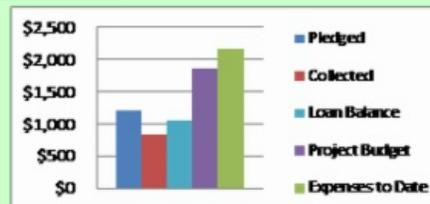
Operations \$ 62,967.22 (-18K payment)
 Restricted Funds \$135,886.78 (Includes Capital Funds)

Total: \$198,854.00



- 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 \$840K or 70%
- Construction Loan Balance \$1,070K

Building Capital Overview



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

Community Connections

St. Cecilia Singers: Christmas by Candlelight

Thursday, December 1st at 7:00 pm at Church of the Good Shepherd on Holtzclaw Road. Donations appreciated.

Cumming Playhouse Singers: Christmas Classics

December 11th at 3:00pm at the Cumming Playhouse. Tickets available at

www.playhousecumming.org

Cumming Playhouse Singers: A Candlelight Christmas

December 16th at 8:00 pm at the Cumming Playhouse. Tickets available at www.playhousecumming.org

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