

# Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

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## Upcoming Events:

### THE PANTRY

October 31st, 8:00am to 9:30am

### FAMILY FOYERS

October 25th 5:00

### COMMON GROUND

October 25th, 11:00-3:00

### EFM CLASSES

Day Class: Tuesdays at Noon

Evening Class: Tuesdays, 6:00  
pm

### PLEDGE SUNDAY

November 8th

### VESTRY ELECTIONS

November 15 9:30-10:30

### ADVENT WREATHS

November 29th 9:30-10:30

### THANKSGIVING

#### EUCHARIST

Thursday, November 26th

@ 10:00am

*Contemplative Lessons of the  
Order of St. Anthony the Great*  
Most Sundays at 2:30 p.m.

## Weekly Schedule:

### Sunday

8:30a Holy Eucharist

10:45a Holy Eucharist

### Monday

### Tuesday

12:00p EfM Day Class

6:00p EfM Evening Class

### Wednesday

9:00a "In Stitches"

Knitting & Crochet

12:00p Contemplative

Prayer

## Late October Edition

### From the Rector:

If you have been by the church in the past two weeks, you may be shocked at all the changes to the building. As I write today, the trusses are going up on the side behind the altar, so we can see the new outline of the building taking shape. The image I use for our church now is a "beehive." There are workers and materials and vehicles of all sizes moving all around us at all times of the day. It is exciting and distracting and at times frustrating. The good news is that we are being true to the calling we believe we have to expand our building in order to serve God's mission in Forsyth County.

In the midst of this busyness, though, it is important to stay connected to the source that empowers us to continue in this work and remember the reason. To help us stay centered, we offer two group settings in which we pray for parishioners, the expansion, and our ministries that reach outside our walls. One occurs every Wednesday at noon in the church; and the other is the first Saturday of each month at noon. This is a simple service that gives us a chance to be still, be grateful, and pray.

What we are learning during this season of busy-ness due to our expansion is a lesson I hope we can bring with us in other busy areas of our lives. I am always amazed at how busy our children and youth are. During the fall-and in just a few more weeks, the Christmas shopping and party time-there is so much going on with family, school, the community, and work. Just like our church expansion, most of these things are good. But they can be overwhelming! What can we do differently this year?

Here are three ideas (similar to prior seasonal advice from me, but earlier!):

7:30 Adult Choir Practice

**Thursday**

10:30 Bible Study

12:00p Holy Eucharist

**Friday**

Church office closed

**Saturday**

8:00am Pantry (the last Saturday of the month)

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

**This Sunday's Lessons**  
**-October 25, 2015:**

**Job 42:1-6, 10-17**

**Psalm 34:1-8**

**Hebrews 7:23-28**

**Mark 10: 46-52**

**For Keith's Lessons & Questions:**

See Home Group tab on church website.

**Next Sunday's Lessons**  
**November 1, 2015:**

**Wisdom of Solomon**

**3:1-9**

**Psalm 24**

**Revelation 21:1-6a**

**John 11:32-44**

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1. Learn to pause and discern what is important before saying "Yes" (even to me or the people asking from the church) in order to have time reserved for yourself, your family, and prayer.

2. Make an appointment for yourself for daily prayer and simple stillness. No TV, internet, or other distractions. Even if only five minutes, take time to do something like read a passage of Scripture, say the Lord's Prayer, and just be quiet. When things are so busy, this is a gift.

3. Be open to the unexpected. That may be a problem in which you need to help out; or it may be the joy of a sunset that you took time to see instead of rushing on to the next thing.

So in this active season at the church and in the wider community, let us be grateful for all the good activity and take time to rest and care for ourselves as we give participate in the blessed busyness.

~ Keith

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***From the Youth Minister:***

Our youth are continuing to meet regularly, whether at Sunday School, EYC, or events around the diocese.

***Here's what's happening the next few weeks!***

**Sun 25** Church of the Common Ground, meet at the Church at 10:00, we'll return at 3:00

**Fri 30** Bonfire at Cane Creek Farm, old-fashioned hayride and bonfire, carpooling from ECOHS, 5:30-9:00 pm.

**Nov 1** EYC - Meet at ECOHS, 4:30-6:30 pm, we'll be wrapping up the preparation for the Family Promise Bed Race

**Nov 7** Family Promise Bed  
Race! Forsyth Central HS, 9:00 am -  
1:00 pm.

***Don't miss these upcoming Diocesan Events!***

Grab the brochures in the Parish Hall to sign up for our Fall activities.

- ***HS & MS, Diocesan Youth Lock-in, Gwinnett Center, Nov 13-14*** Our service project will be to creating **over 10,000 meals!**
- ***10-12th Graders! Happening, Camp Mikell Nov 20-22***

These weekends are ESPECIALLY designed for our youth and I'd highly recommend having your youth participate! Scholarships are available.

***And Summer Mission Trips, 2016***  
***Although it's chilly, it's time to reserve a spot for our Mission Trips, July 10-15.***

Birmingham, AL - For our High School youth! Deposits are \$65, due on 11/15.

atISERVE - For our Middle School Youth, our trip will be centered around All Saints Episcopal Church in Atlanta. Deposits are \$55, due on 11/15.

You'll receive links to enroll your youth in these trip later this month.

Please contact me with any questions.

***~Mother Bonnie+***

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## Building to Serve -- Connections

The Connections Team consisting of Beverly Clemmer, Jay Franklin, Tom McDonnell and Allison Taylor, will continue to update the parish on the status of our Building to Serve campaign. Through September, we are now 6 months into our 36 month capital campaign. We are pleased to report that at the six month point we have contributions of \$537,300, which is about 45% of our \$1,210,100 total commitments for the 36 month period. This is a great start to our campaign and having this much in advance will help us limit the amount of borrowing we need to do during the construction period. It is important that everyone try to stay current with their contributions through the balance of the three year period.

As was reported at a recent town hall meeting, the expected construction costs have risen to around \$1.9 million. At the end of September we had actually spent \$559,400 on construction. Our project construction team is working hard to hold down costs, but there was a significant increase in material cost from the time the original estimates were completed and when construction actually started earlier this year. There have also been some changes in project scope as the removal of walls and examination of tie-ins with the existing structure have gotten under way. One of the major increases was in the amount of upgrades necessary to bring our existing building up to current codes.

The ECOHS Preschool has already moved back into their space in the building and our nursery space has been rebuilt with a separate bathroom. We are experiencing some inconvenience with a lack of stairs and as the kitchen and bathroom areas are being reconfigured, but having the increased space and a commercial type kitchen should soon outweigh the challenges.

Thanks to all for keeping your contributions current and dealing with the inconveniences as we continue Building to Serve.

~ BtS Connections Team



### Music Notes

The ECOHS adult choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 pm. If you are interested in sharing your musical talent with us, please let Jeff Daniel know at [ecohsmusic@bellsouth.net](mailto:ecohsmusic@bellsouth.net) OR speak with him at church. There is ALWAYS room for more choir members. We hope you will join us!

### CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CHOIRS UPDATE

Due to our expansion construction, the ECOHS children's and youth choirs are in a holding pattern for weekly rehearsals for a while. **If you would please, I need emails from those of you who have not filled out a contact information form.** Contact Jeff Daniel at

[ecohsmusic@bellsouth.net](mailto:ecohsmusic@bellsouth.net). Jeff is working on getting contact information in order to keep everyone informed and up to date. Jeff will be in touch with all of you very soon.

Don't forget to visit the music portion of the church's website [www.ecohs.net](http://www.ecohs.net) to find information about the music ministry of ECOHS.

- *Jeff Daniel*

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## **October Ministry of the Month: Altar and Flower Guilds**

*The Altar and Flower Guild Ministries at ECOHS "set the stage" for all our worship services, including weddings, baptisms and funerals. Members of the Altar Guild are basically responsible for the care and placement of the vessels used during the Eucharist, candles, linens, paraments and vestments. Members of the Flower Guild are responsible for buying and arranging the altar flowers each week.*

*Preparing God's table and sanctuary can be a time of personal prayer and spiritual reflection. It can also be a time of friendship and sharing while serving God and the ECOHS community.*

*Altar Guild members serve on small teams on a rotating schedule. Each team is responsible for one week of altar duty approximately every other month. Typically, the weekly duties of each team take a total of 1.5 hours - 2 hours to complete. There are special "volunteer" teams that handle the care of our linens and decorating the church during Christmas and Easter.*

*Flower Guild members have a commitment to serve for approximate 1 hour every 5-6 weeks arranging two large flower vases with fresh cut flowers and greenery. If you enjoy preparing for celebrations and working "behind the scenes" in small groups then maybe the Altar or Flower Guild is the ministry for you. We offer "on the job training" so that no previous experience is required. To learn more about bringing your talents and energies to these important ministries, please contact the following:*

*For Altar Guild, contact Laura Castrillon at [laura\\_castrillon@yahoo.com](mailto:laura_castrillon@yahoo.com)*

*For Flower Guild, contact Midge Printz at [midge\\_printz@bellsouth.net](mailto:midge_printz@bellsouth.net)*

*~Laura Castrillon  
~Midge Printz*

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## **Thanksgiving Service at ECOHS**



Join us in beginning Thanksgiving Day with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m., an opportunity to give thanks as a community for all our many blessings, before we give thanks with our families and friends around the family table.

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**Upcoming Outreach Dates:**

***Be sure to join us for these upcoming outreach activities!***

**Church of the Common Ground** -- Woodruff Park, October 25th, Youth

**The Pantry** -- Wendy's Place, October 31st , 8:00-9:30 am

**Family Promise Bed Race** -- Forsyth Central, Saturday, November 7th, 9:00 -1:00

~Deacon Tom Ader

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## **Loving Generously -- A Day of Service in Forsyth County -- November 7th**

Second annual service project day sponsored by area congregations. Gather at 8:00 am at Forsyth Central High for worship and assignments. The workday begins at 8:45. Projects include painting at the stadium, blankets for the homeless, yard work, Operation Christmas Child and more.

Sign up for projects on the Vine Community Church website.

[www.thevinecommunitychurch.com](http://www.thevinecommunitychurch.com)

~ Deacon Tom  
Ader

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## **Fundraiser for Family Promise of Forsyth County**

While the residents of Forsyth County enjoy many benefits, homelessness is a real problem in our county. ***According to school social workers, there were over 740 homeless school-age children in our schools at the end of the 2014/2015 school year.***

Unfortunately, there are no temporary family housing solutions in the county. Several members of ECOHS have been learning about an interfaith agency called **Family Promise** and our clergy and vestry have committed ECOHS to be a support church in the Family Promise program. This organization has a 27 year history of success in providing transitional housing for the homeless families across the USA. It is also the nation's leading volunteer-driven nonprofit dedicated to helping homeless families, with a success rate of nearly 80%.

One of the challenges facing the Family Program in Forsyth County is funding to get the program up and running. To raise much-needed funds, they will be holding a very import fundraiser and we hope the ECOHS family will turn-out in support.

***Family Promise's first fund raiser is a Bed Race and Festival coming up on Saturday, November 7th at Forsyth Central H. S. from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM.*** ECOHS has a bed and a team ready to roll! ECOHS members have built the bed and then turned it over to the youth for decoration. They have determined a theme and will provide the power. The team needs as many ECOHS parishioners as possible to come to the race and "vote" for our bed. Voting (with dollars) will be for the most original, and funniest beds. At 10:00 AM, the actual races will begin and the skill and speed of the participants will determine the fastest entries. The money raised by each team will determine the highly coveted Merit Award for Fundraising.

**You can donate and support ECOHS entry to the Bed Race on the Family Promise of Forsyth County web page; [www.familypromiseofforsyth.org](http://www.familypromiseofforsyth.org).** Once on the site, click on "events" then "bed race" then click on the Holy Spirit button to donate. Contact Deacon Tom Ader at [thomas.ader@yahoo.com](mailto:thomas.ader@yahoo.com) with questions.

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## Honduras Mission Trip

*Can you help with Frequent Flyer miles??*



**Five of our youth will be traveling to Honduras in June, 2016 on our first international youth mission. One of the big expenses of this kind of trip is airfare. If any of our Holy Spirit frequent flyers would be willing to assist with donating a Delta round-trip ticket to help with flights from Atlanta to Tegucigalpa, please contact Mother Bonnie. We'd love for our youth to get these airline reservations made as quickly as possible! [bonniegunderwood@gmail.com](mailto:bonniegunderwood@gmail.com).**

*~Bonnie+*

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### **New Mentor Me Program:**

Love music? Help bring the joy of music to an elementary school student! Mentor Me has launched a new program at Chestatee Elementary and we need your help!

**Music and Mentors** is a new mentoring program where volunteers can help students while they learn to read music, sing and play the guitar. An instructor provides the lesson and volunteers help students stay on track. We meet for an hour on Fridays at 3:00 pm at Chestatee Elementary. Volunteers can attend once a month or weekly if they are able.

Sign up online at: <http://www.mentorga.org/vounteer>

Thank you!

*~Sylvia Cardona*

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### **EfM Post Grad Book Group:**

EfM Post Grad...if you are an EfM graduate and miss doing TRs with friends, please consider joining a new EfM Post Grad book group at Holy Spirit. Or, if you are curious about EfM and

would like to get a sneak-peak into how a regular EfM group works, please come too! Everyone is welcome! We will be reading a book and meeting once a month to share a meal and conversation. Please join us for lunch and book selection on Friday, September 25 at 11am at the home of Allison Taylor, 7415 Laurel Oak Dr., Suwanee.

Please RSVP and send questions to Allison Taylor ([allisontaylor11@yahoo.com](mailto:allisontaylor11@yahoo.com)).

### ECOHS - Treasury Report - SEPTEMBER 2015

	Month Actual	Variance Budget	YTD Actual	Variance Budget
<b>Income</b>				
Pledged	\$ 22,018.00	\$ (2,852.42)	\$224,427.00	\$ 593.22
Other	\$ 5,716.97	\$ 134.32	\$ 72,881.47	\$ 18,666.47
	\$ 27,734.97	\$ (2,718.10)	\$297,308.47	\$ 19,259.69
<b>Expense</b>				
Operations	\$ 27,832.80	\$ (3,450.86)	\$268,030.34	\$ (2,846.25)
Programs	\$ 1,364.97	\$ 149.13	\$ 26,493.47	\$ (13,635.97)
	\$ 29,197.77	\$ (3,301.73)	\$294,523.81	\$ (16,482.22)

#### Summary Statement

Revenues are up 6.9% year to date, with expenses being up 5.9% over budget.

\* Pledged revenue was down for the month and is pretty much right on budget for the year.

\* Expenses ran under due to the Diocesan Pledge payment going out after the month close.

#### Areas of Note:

- YTD we have a positive Net of \$2.8K
- This is a positive \$2.8K over the Budget
- Expenses will run higher for the remainder of the year higher expenses associated with the new building; i.e. Insurance, loan interest and assorted building exp.

#### BALANCES:

Operations	\$ 64,495.36
Restricted Identified	\$ 70,932.38 (Includes Capital Funds)
Restricted Available	\$ 90,500.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$225,927.74</b>

#### Parish Center Capital Funds

January Balance	\$ 229,289.53
Income	\$ 308,014.00
Expenses	\$ 559,374.10
Current Balance	\$ (22,070.00)

#### Areas of Note:

- Loan Approved for \$1,500K
- Total Pledged amount \$1,210K

#### Building Capital Overview



#### Areas of concern:

- Negative balance reflects that we have exceeded collected amount and are now into construction loan.
- This is normal for our process.

Any questions, please email me at [Zzprime2@charter.net](mailto:Zzprime2@charter.net)

## Community Connections

### Upcoming Concert:

Tuesday, October 27th at 7:30 at Cumming Baptist church.

"Tapestries" performed by the Cumming Playhouse Singers .

~Jeanie Lipscomb and Peggy Bryant

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