

# Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit



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## Upcoming Events:

### THE PANTRY

March 26th, 8:00am to 9:30am

### EfM CLASSES

Day Class: Tuesdays at Noon

Evening Class: Tuesdays, 6:00  
pm

### PASTORAL CARE MEETING

April 13, 9:30 am

### VESTRY MEETING

April 14th, 6:30 pm

### SASSE LUNCHEON

April 8th, noon

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

April 9, 8:00-10:00 am

### CAREGIVER'S GROUP\*

April 21st, 6:30

### HOLY WEEK

March 20-27th

### EASTER

March 27th

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

March 28th

### WISDOM GROUP

April 17th, 12:30-2:30 pm

*Contemplative Lessons of*

## Late March Edition

### From the Rector:

March 18-20 we had our fourteenth annual Parish Weekend. As usual, it was a wonderful time of enjoying nature and each other as we grow in our faith. The weather even cooperated as the forecasted rain never happened. Much of the credit for this goes to Janice McClelland and her planning team (well, except for the weather part). During the Eucharist on Sunday, we gave Janice a beautiful, framed work of calligraphy done by Br. Kenneth. The words are from "A General Thanksgiving" (*BCP*, p. 836). These words describe the spirit of all the work done by Janice over these many years as she has led the effort to make our parish weekends a time of renewal and unity for us.

I want to encourage us all to maintain the same spirit of thankfulness in these weeks and months ahead of us. To set the example, and as I prepare to leave for my sabbatical, I want to give thanks for several people. The list will never be complete and specific, but I hope you will accept it in the spirit in which it is offered. First, I am thankful to the lay leadership of this parish as expressed in different committees—the Vestry, the Planning Committee, and the Building to Serve leadership team in particular. Your vision, faith, and hard work have come together to bring us a beautiful and useful expansion to our building.

I am grateful to the people who have had to deal with the dust, delays, and disruptions involved in this good work. Special thanks to Laura Castrillon and the Altar Guild who have had to constantly adjust how they do their important and reverent service; to our church staff, especially Jeff and Julie, who have had to be very flexible as they maintained their good cheer in doing the work of ministry without their normal space and resources; and to all of the people who work and worship here—you have been amazing in enduring the

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\*

7:30 Adult Choir Practice

### Thursday

10:30 Bible Study\*

12:00p Holy Eucharist\*

### During Lent:

Stations of the Cross 12:00\*

Contemplative Service 12:30\*

### 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)

*Items marked with \* meet in the Youth Building.*

### Easter Sunday Lessons

-March 27th, 2016:

Acts 10: 34-43

Psalms 118: 1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15: 19-26

headaches because you can see what the results will be. Thank you!

I am thankful to people who have given generously and even courageously. Some gave large financial gifts that made this expansion possible. Ralph Davis and Dan Krogh worked especially hard to plan and execute this expansion; and when Ralph had his serious injury, Janice Davis and members of the RAD Enterprises team stepped in to keep things going out of love for Ralph and dedication to serving this church. It really is remarkable.

In these next two months, as we complete the construction-related work of the past two-plus years, I ask you all to consider our many blessings and be thankful to God and each other. I believe there will be even more to be thankful for in our future together-- thanks be to God!

~Keith+

## **From the Youth Minister:**

EYC will not be scheduled from Palm Sunday (3/20) through Spring Break (4/10). We'll resume on 4/17.

Here are the upcoming EYC events, so you can save the dates on your calendar!

### **April**

Sun 17 EYC - 4:30 at ECOHS

Sun 24 Dutch Jahnz Kite Flying Day (aka Messy Olympics)

Sat 30 Youth at the Pantry

And you can count on more events in May, as we finish up our program year.

## **Upcoming Diocesan Events - Time to Plan for SUMMER!**

**NEW! Diocesan Tubing Trip, June 4:**  
*Save the Date!* It'll be a great event.

### **Mission Trip Birmingham, July 10-**

**15:** Diocesan Mission Trip Birmingham is our high school youth trip. Each participant will spend half the week doing labor intensive service work that includes a coop garden, while the other half of the week will be relational, including volunteering at a local VBS. You can find registration [here](#). Note: *Deposit is \$60, and although the deadline has passed, registration will continue until we run out of space.*

John 20: 1-18

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

See Home Group tab on church website.

**Next Sunday's Lessons**

**April 3rd, 2016**

**Acts 5:27-32**

**Psalms 150**

**Revelation 1:4-8**

**John: 20:19-31**

**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:  
ecoahs@bellsouth.net

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**Mission Trip: atISERVE, July 10-15:**The diocese is partnering with All Saints' Atlanta to provide an Atlanta-based mission trip for middle school youth. We have already partnered with Emmaus House, Meals on Wheels, and the Atlanta Food Bank to provide a good mix of service work. You can find registration [here](#). *Note: Deposit is \$50, and although the deadline has passed, registration will continue until we run out of space.*

***And one more SUMMER option!***

**SUMMA Theological Debate Society's Summer 2016 Camp** is open to all High School students and will be held July 18-27 at the School of Theology at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee.

Please contact me with any questions.

***Mother Bonnie+***

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**Announcements**

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**REMINDER!**

Father Keith will be departing for his sabbatical immediately after the Eucharist on April 3rd. To give everyone the opportunity to say goodbye as he leaves, the decision has been made to have only one service at 10:00 am that day.

# Lent, Holy Week, Easter: The Details, the Reasons, the Translations

## \* Why is Lent 40 days long?

In the Bronze and Iron Ages, during which the Bible was written, most people were both illiterate and innumerate - in other words, most people counted "One, two, three, a lot." For the Hebrews, "40" was a synonym for "a lot," which is why the Great Flood's rains lasted 40 days and 40 nights, the Hebrews wandered in the desert for 40 years, the prophet Elijah fasted for 40 days and nights, etc.

Eventually Lent came to last 40 days (not including sabbath days) to parallel Jesus's 40 days in the wilderness right after his baptism, preparing for his earthly ministry (Luke 4:1-13). It was the Council of Laodicea in 360 A.D. that established the observance of Lent. Before then, some people acknowledged it by fasting for just a day or two. Some fasted for 40 hours because they believed 40 hours elapsed between Jesus's crucifixion and resurrection. In the early centuries of observing Lent, there was great emphasis on self-denial, mortification, and humiliation, and less emphasis on spiritual renewal. In the 5<sup>th</sup> century some engaged in very strict fasting - one meal a day. Of course, that was in the days before refrigeration, when the winter food supply was running out, and rationing the available food was probably a good idea. Starvation and denial were seen by some as a way to get into heaven and buy time out of Purgatory. By the 9th Century the rules on fasting were relaxed and the emphasis was on penitential works.

## \* How do we determine the date of Easter?

Easter is always the Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox on March 21. Easter cannot be earlier than March 22 or later than April 25.

There's a table on Page 882 of the Book of Common Prayer to show you each year's

date of Easter. Then check Pages 884-85 to find Ash Wednesday. (We don't count Sundays as part of the 40 days of Lent because each Sunday is considered a "little Easter.")

### **\* What does "Maundy" mean, as in Maundy Thursday?**

At his last meal with his disciples (what we call the Last Supper), Jesus gave us the great commandment, or mandate (Latin *mandatum*), to "love one another as I have loved you." That's where the term "Maundy Thursday" comes from.

### **Q. Why do we call it "Palm Sunday"?**

A. The gospels of Matthew, Luke and John describe Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem approximately a week before the Resurrection. (Matthew 21:1-11, Luke 19:28-40, John 12:12-15; Mark 11:11 says only "Jesus entered Jerusalem.") The palm branch was a symbol of triumph, victory and the Greek goddess Nike (Victory). In ancient Egypt, palm fronds symbolized eternal life. Thus, in the early centuries of Christianity, palm branches came to symbolize the Christian martyrs' victory over death.

### **\* Why do we call it "Good Friday"? What's good about the day Jesus died?**

Other languages call it "Suffering Friday" (German), "Great Friday" (Greek) or "Long Friday" (Danish, Finnish). No one is certain how the English term evolved. It may refer to an obsolete definition of the word "good" as "pious" or "holy." Or it may be an evolution of "God's Friday," as "goodbye" evolved out of "God be with ye."

### **\* When is Lent over?**

Most people agree that the 40-day season of penitence that began February 10 ends at noon on Easter Saturday, March 26.

From The Crosstown Newsletter: Crosstown is the newsletter of the people of the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, in St. Petersburg, FL

We are moving through Lent and I wanted to share the Sunday plans as we approach Easter.

**March 27th** - Easter - Easter Egg Hunt during the Christian Ed hour. I'll be asking for people to donate plastic- trinket and candy filled eggs for the hunt.

**April 3rd** - Spring Break - no Sunday School

We have lots to look forward to and much to be thankful for. I am so thankful for your continued support and the blessing of learning from your children every single Sunday! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to email me.

~Julie Wilson

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## MINISTRY OF THE MONTH: WORSHIP TEAMS

Our Worship teams include both adult and youth lectors, eucharistic ministers, crucifers, and acolytes. Assignments are made for these Sunday roles each month and, depending on the service preference, occur approximately once every 4-8 weeks. Fourth Sunday's will typically involve more youth assignments as these services include both contemporary music and youth choirs, but all worship team members are welcome to serve at all services, based on availability and needs.

**Lectors** are assigned to read Old and New Testament lessons, as well as leading the Psalms and intercessory prayers. Assignments are made in advance to help insure lectors can prepare for the readings. All readings are pre-printed and available at the ambo for each service. Training is provided for new lectors by Meg Davenport.

**Eucharistic Ministers** (EM's) participate in the procession and assist with serving the chalice during the Eucharist. All baptized adult members of the Episcopal church, as well as our high school juniors and seniors, are welcome to join this ministry.

**Crucifers** are assigned for each Sunday service. Crucifers responsibilities include leading the processions and assisting the priest or deacon to set the altar table for Eucharist. Our youth crucifers are normally high school students and often have had prior experience as acolytes.

**Youth acolytes** are an integral part of our 10:45 service and participate in the

processions, as well as receiving the gifts during the offertory. Our 5th - 8th grade youth serve as acolytes.

Our Thursday Eucharist and healing service also includes a crucifer and lectors. A separate scheduling process is used for those worship team members available for this service.

Training is available for all who wish to join this ministries. Meg Davenport provides lector training, Janice Davis trains the adult EM's and crucifers, and Mother Bonnie trains the youth EM's, crucifers, and acolytes. Youth training is held each fall.



### 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!

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*

## ***"Listen with the Ear of Your Heart"*** ***Sabbatical Themed Tee Shirts for Sale !***



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The Sabbatical Planning Group is offering tee shirts for sale emphasizing our theme and church name. They will arrive just in time to wear for "Listening to the Holy Spirit and Family through Fun and Recreation" Day on Sunday, April 24! All orders must be received and



April 24: Listening to the Family and Holy Spirit through Fun

May 15: Pentecost

May 21: Parish goes to the Holy Spirit Monastery

June 18-25: Honduras Youth Mission

July 11: Father Keith's first day back at work

July 17: Father Keith's first Sunday back at Holy Spirit

August 21: Welcome Home Celebration for Father Keith and Lynn

## Ladies Prayer Brunch: Listen! Be Astonished! Tell Your Story!

*(A reflection on this special day...)*



The first thing I saw when I entered the spacious hall of the Christ the King Lutheran Church for our 4th Annual Ladies Brunch was Dr. Barry Jones in a blue apron pouring iced tea and I was ASTONISHED! That proved to be part of the three-pronged challenge delivered by our Bishop's brilliant and impressive wife Dr. Beth-Sarah Wright, and introduced by our own Fr. Keith, "**LISTEN! BE ASTONISHED! TELL YOUR STORY!**" She emphasized the importance of being aware, living mindfully and becoming the person God designed you to be. Loretta Marks returned with the lovely strumming of her harp in between the prayers for our church expansion, the clergy, all people, prisoners, the poor and those in armed services. Our faithful friend Nadine Pope designed the printed program and we were blessed with several sisters who came the long way from St. Paul's Church in Atlanta. Our hard working Planning Group did it again: Beth Jones, Kathy Gibson, Joanie Anderton, Shannon Darke and Lucy Murray. Barry did not toil alone for he was joined by Dan Krogh (our perennial

chef) and Steve Howell husband of Cheryl (our fabulous caterer of UPPER CRUST fame). At the end of the stimulating program Liz Tanner and Peggy Bryant gathered armfuls of tablecloths, while Joanie Anderton and Judy Foster folded chairs and Hollie Ostrander collected decorations and unpictured others worked in appreciation for the generous hospitality of Christ the King Lutheran Church.

~Martha Wayt



### **Dutch Jahnz Kite Flying Day -- April 24th**

#### **Listening through games and fun!**

You won't want to miss this year's Kite Day. Our youth has planned an amazing day complete with a cookout, family photos, games and more. Come challenge Mother Bonnie in a game of kickball, help paint our parish mural, challenge our youth to a three legged race, bingo for all ages and of course game day wouldn't be complete without a game of life-size Jenga.

So whether you want to fly a kite or roll around in our giant hamster ball, there is entertainment for all! Hope to see you there!

### **Attention all Golfers! Save the Date!**

***The 4th Annual Links for LAMB Golf Tournament is on May 2nd, 2016 at the Trophy Club of Atlanta. All proceeds will directly benefit the children of LAMB.***

The cost is \$150 per person, which includes greens fees, cart, driving range, contests, continental breakfast, hot buffet lunch and beverages. You can sign up as an individual player or bring a foursome. Signup online at [www.tinyurl.com/znpz3q4](http://www.tinyurl.com/znpz3q4) or contact Mother Bonnie with any questions.

*Sign up deadline is 4/22/16.*

## Coming Soon...Vacation Bible School!

We have scheduled the dates for Vacation Bible School. We are excited to have VBS this year, we missed it so much last year! The dates for this year are **Monday, June 6th - Friday, June 10th**. The kickoff will be on Sunday, June 5th. We are going to change things up a little this year and have VBS right off the bat... hoping that most people are in town and still in a routine of getting up and going in the morning. We are excited about the downstairs area being finished and looking forward to the space we have for Vacation Bible School! It will be INCREDIBLE! No telling how many children we will have laughing, giggling and growing in their relationship with God!! Thanks be to God!!

Look for more information to come as we begin to have planning meetings!

Julie Wilson [jwilsonjat@gmail.com](mailto:jwilsonjat@gmail.com)

## REMINDER!

The parish hall and nave are currently unavailable for use Mondays - Fridays. The youth building is available for use during the week and usage can be scheduled through Cathy at the church office.

Thank you all for your patience and flexibility!

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### Camp Mikell 2016 Summer Schedule

<b>Mini Camp</b>	May 27-29
Rising 1st & 2nd grade	\$350 - includes cost for camper& parent/guardian
<b>Youth Camp</b>	June 5-11
Rising 10th - Just graduated	\$450
<b>Performing Arts Camp</b>	June 12-18
Rising 4th-9th grade	\$450
<b>Intermediate Camp</b>	June 19-25
Rising 8th & 9th grade	\$450

<b>Junior Camp</b> Rising 6th & 7th grade	June 26- July 2 \$450
<b>Kid Camp</b> Rising 3rd-5th grade	July 10-16 \$450
<b>Work Camp</b> Rising 10th- Just graduated	July 18-23 \$350
<b>Emmaus House</b> Summer Program	July 22-29
<b>Guest Camp</b> Children, Adults and Families All Ages	September 2-5 (Labor Day Weekend)

**For more information on camp sessions or to register, go to:**

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

### **A Friendly Request from the Bookkeeper:**

We appreciate the pledges and gifts so graciously bestowed upon our church. To make sure they are posted and accounted for correctly, please be sure to note on the memo line on all checks what the funds are for.

Examples: Annual Pledge, Building Fund, Outreach, Honduras Mission Trip, Priest Discretionary Fund, etc.

If you have any questions, please call Cathy at the church office. 770-887-8190.

Thank you!

### **Backpacks of Love - Drop Off**

Until our construction is complete, please bring your filled Backpacks to the Parish Administrator's office downstairs.

Thank you!

~Cathy Schlecht

**ECOHS - Treasury Report - February 2016**

	Month Actual	Variance Budget	YTD Actual	Variance Budget
<b>Income</b>				
Pledged	\$ 20,726.00	\$ (6,829.00)	\$ 53,221.00	\$ (1,889.00)
Other	\$ 6,674.26	\$ 642.94	\$ 15,587.81	\$ 2,215.17
	\$ 27,400.26	\$ (6,186.06)	\$ 68,808.81	\$ 326.17
<b>Expense</b>				
Operations	\$ 36,747.84	\$ 1,611.52	\$ 80,620.05	\$ (3,401.30)
Programs	\$ 469.60	\$ 679.01	\$ 2,996.71	\$ 1,050.79
	\$ 37,217.44	\$ 2,290.53	\$ 83,616.76	\$ (2,350.51)

**Summary Statement**

Revenues were down 13.4% for the month, with expenses being down 5.8% under budget.

\* Revenue YTD about on Budget

\* Expenses YTD are up primarily due to quarterly payments which hit during the first month.

**Areas of Note:**

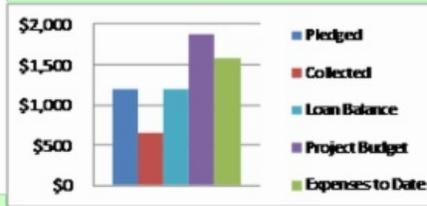
- The deficit for the month was \$9,817
- YTD deficit is \$2K over the budgeted amount.
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**BALANCES:**

Operations \$ 3,298.00  
 Restricted Identified \$711,439.00 (Includes Capital Funds)  
 Restricted Available \$119,800.00  
**Total: \$834,447.00**

**Building Capital Overview**

- Total Project Budget amount \$1,900K  
Expenses to date \$1,570.5K
- Total Pledged amount \$1,200K  
Collected to date \$649K or 54.1%
- Construction Loan Approved for \$1,500K  
Borrowed to date \$1200K



Any questions, please email me at [Zprime2@charter.net](mailto:Zprime2@charter.net)

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