

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit



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Upcoming Events:

ALL SAINTS SERVICE

November 1st, 7:00 pm

WOMEN'S QUIET DAY

November 4th, 9:00 am-
12:30 pm

YOUTH COOKING 101

November 5th, 2:00-8:00
pm

ABCD Training Session

November 8th, 6:00-7:30
pm

VESTRY MEETING

November 9th, 6:30-8:30
pm

SASSE LUNCHEON

November 10th, noon

MEN'S BREAKFAST

November 11th, 8:00am -
10:00am

ANNUAL MEETING/VESTRY ELECTIONS

November 12th, 9:30-10:30
am

PASTORAL CARE MEETING

November 16th, 1:00 pm-
2:00 pm

FLOWER ARRANGING SEMINAR

November 18th, 10:00 am -
1:00pm

COHI MEETING

November 18th, 10:00 am -
12:00 pm

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

November 23rd, 10:00 AM

Late October Edition

From the Rector:

What do you value most in life? Most of us have a fairly long list made up of what is most important to us: family, especially spouse and children, if we have them (and grandchildren!); our faith in Christ and the peace, power, and direction Christ provides; our vocation-doing work that inspires us and makes it worth getting up every day; friends who love and care for us in tough times and with whom we can have fun all the time; and the beauty of life as expressed in the arts, music, and nature. You will have your own list that adds or emphasizes different things that you value.

In addition to the items listed above, one of the things I value most is the gift of joy. Joy is a present from God that helps us to appreciate life and endure when things are difficult. When we see the grace of God expressed in different ways in life, that emotion that wells up within us and comes out in a smile or even tears is the gift of joy. We feel it when we are with playful children and wise elders. We experience it in prayer and when we remember God's great love for us expressed in Jesus and God's Spirit with us. Joy is so important because of how it accompanies us in our lives.

Many of us know this gift. But some may ask, "How can I know joy like this?" The simple beginning is through trusting in God as the source of our lives. Whether we have worked hard and accomplished

THE PANTRY

November 18th, 8:00-9:30 am

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**Tuesday**Morning Prayer 10:00 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
"Just Faith" 9:30- 11:30 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****October 29th****The Path - Chapter 6**
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
Matthew 22:34-46**Fr. Keith's Lessons & Questions:***Available on the ECOHS Website***Next Sunday's Lessons****November 5th****Joshua 3:7-17**

much; or whether we have been wandering without a purpose for years; that beginning step and sustaining walk of trust in God is how we receive this great gift.

Our trust in God as the source of our lives can be developed in different ways. When we do face difficulties, it means that we pray and wait and listen as our first response before we jump into reacting and worrying about what to do. That response of trust enables us to receive joy to buoy us up in life no matter what we are facing.

In addition to trust in God, joy comes from giving to others. We experience this in different settings such as being a parent, aunt or uncle, or grandparent caring for an infant and young child. We feel joy when we serve in church and in the wider community. Giving and expecting nothing in return allows room for joy to fill our hearts. Joy is an alternative gift we receive when we let go of expectations and obligations in our giving to others.

One primary way to give as Christians is our financial giving to the church. As we complete our formal stewardship season this Sunday, October 29th, I pray that many of us will approach it as a way to discover the gift of joy. What we decide to give creates a space in our lives where we can say, "Lord, I am giving to you through my giving to your church. Bless my gifts and those of all of us so that You can create joy for others." When we trust God and give like that, God will bless us with the gift of joy.

Keith+***From the Youth Minister: For Our Youth!*****Sunday School**

We're having a great experience as we participate with the parish on a journey through the Bible using *The Path: A Journey Through the Bible*. Keep reading those weekly lessons you receive via

Psalm 107:107,33-37
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

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:

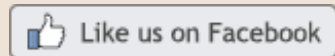
1st of every month

Late Edition:

20th of every month

Send submissions to:
ecoahs@bellsouth.net

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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.

Youth Events

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

[Oct. 28: Pilgrimage to Athens: Beloved Community 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.](#)

We'll be carpooling to Athens to join people from throughout the Diocese in this Memorial Pilgrimage. Join us as we *enlarge the conversation* by remembering our martyred sisters and brothers while we create brave spaces where racial healing becomes possible. *Register on Signup Genius, so we make sure we have enough transportation!*

[Oct. 29: Honduras Mission: Interested in Learning More??? 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.](#)

Join our initial interest meeting in the 2018 trip. We'll meet in the youth room after the late service and talk about how to get involved in our next trip: July 7 - 14, 2018.

[Nov. 1: All Saints Day Service: 7 p.m.](#)

Join us as we celebrate The Feast of All Saints, remembering both those who have gone before us and our own part in the blessed communion of saints.

[Nov. 5: Cooking 101: Family Dinner and worship 3:30 -7:30 p.m.](#)

A time to for our youth to learn some great meal prep skills with our own Chef Tom

Watts and then share the fruits of our labor with families, as we come together for worship and fellowship. *Watch for a SignUp Genius!*

Nov. 10-11: Annual Council Youth Lock-in: Gainesville

Head to Gainesville on Friday evening, where we'll package at least 10,000 meals with some of those going towards hurricane relief. Tons of fun and activities, plus we lead the Saturday morning worship at Council. *Watch your email for registration info!*

And in December . . .

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

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

Plus, *THREE* upcoming Diocesan Events:

Parents, Check your email for registration info..

Nov.17-19: Happening, Camp Mikell

Dec.1-3: Jr DYC, Camp Mikell

Jan. 5-7: Sr DYC, Camp Mikell

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Blessings,

Mother Bonnie+

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Our next delivery date is November 1st.

Empty backpacks are in the Parish Hall. Please pick one up and return it filled to the Church Office *no later than 2:00 pm on Wednesday, November 1st.*

Music Notes

The ECOHS adult choir has resumed weekly rehearsals on Wednesdays, @ 7:30 p.m. in the choir room. All interested singers are welcome to attend.



The St. Cecilia and St. Luke choirs will rehearse weekly on Wednesdays, @ 5:00 p.m.

If you are interested in sharing your musical talent with us (vocal or instrumental), 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.



Women's Interfaith Network

Hello friends!

Our next WIN gathering will be Sunday, Nov. 5, 4:30-6:00pm at the Roswell Community Masjid, [345 Market Pl, Roswell, GA 30075](https://www.google.com/maps/place/345+Market+Pl,+Roswell,+GA+30075).

Continuing our discussions from the August event our theme is "**Uncomfortable Conversations**" with the goal of learning some skills for engaging people outside of our close communities and faiths.

A *vegetarian* sweet or savory to share would be welcome.

RSVP- womensinterfaithnet@gmail.com or

On Facebook- <https://www.facebook.com/Womens-Interfaith-Network-WIN-922334901147679/>

Carpooling from ECOHS will be available. Please contact Mother Bonnie at bonniegunderwood@gmail.com

Family Promise Training

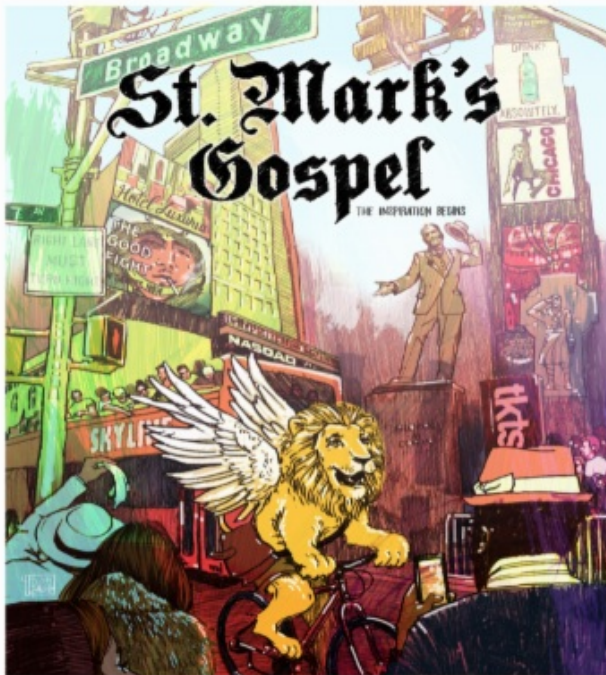
If you would like to volunteer during our next Family Promise host week and have not been through training yet, here is the last remaining training date at The Place:



Thursday, November 16

All sessions start at 7:00 pm

St. Mark's Gospel Performance



St. Mark's Gospel

Thursday, November 2: 5- 7 pm

Cathedral of St. Philip

2744 Peachtree Rd. NW, Atlanta

Reception will follow the presentation

FREE ADMISSION

Registration required. Please register
[here](#)

All are welcome.



St. Mark's Gospel Performance

Actor Tom Bair will present an exciting storytelling performance of the entirety of The Gospel of St. Mark on Thursday, November 2 in Child Hall. Jointly sponsored by the Cathedral and the Diocese of Atlanta, the show will start at 5 p.m. and a reception will follow. Admission is free, but please register [here](#).

This compelling and remarkable story is said to have been written down by St. Mark, but is attributed to St. Peter. It tells of Jesus's conflict with the religious and secular authorities of the time, his important teachings, his somewhat stormy, often humorous relationships with his disciples, his miraculous acts and above all, his unique sense of mission. This is "a riveting journey" to quote a recent article in the Episcopal Journal. Bair's voice is "crystal-clear and his articulation holds one's interest throughout." It is performed in the simple, elegant English prose of the King James Bible.

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He and his wife, GERALYN WOLF (former Bishop of Rhode Island), reside in NYC.

ECOHS - Treasury Report -September 2017

	Month Actual	Variance Budget	YTD Actual	Variance Budget
Income				
Pledged	\$ 27,240.00	\$ 56.00	\$ 228,615.00	\$ (16,041.00)
Other	\$ 6,074.48	\$ (3,468.84)	\$ 82,341.18	\$ 12,126.30
	\$ 33,314.48	\$ (3,412.84)	\$ 310,956.18	\$ (3,914.70)
Expense				
Operations	\$ 41,123.12	\$ (9,623.12)	\$ 364,605.02	\$ (15,072.08)
Programs	\$ 957.73	\$ 1,698.95	\$ 26,742.86	\$ (3,867.74)
	\$ 42,080.85	\$ (7,924.17)	\$ 391,347.88	\$ (18,939.82)
Net	\$ (8,766.37)	\$ (11,337.01)	\$ (80,391.70)	\$ (22,854.52)

Areas of Note:

Summary Statement

Income YTD is 1.1% below the budget to date. This is primarily driven by higher pre-school income. **Pledge offerings are off 6.7% for the year so far.**

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

BALANCES:

Operating Funds	\$ 10,226.71
Available Reserves	\$ 59,814.37
Restricted Funds	\$ 106,351.09
Total:	\$ 176,392.17

Building to Serve Overview

- Total Project Budget amount \$1,900K >
Completed Actual Expenses: \$2,056K
- Total Pledged amount \$1,200K
Collected to date \$1,083K or 90%
- Loan Balance \$829K



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