

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

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Upcoming Events:

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

July 4th

BIBLE STUDY

Resumes July 7th, 10:30 am

SASSE LUNCHEON

July 8th, noon

FR. KEITH RETURNS

July 11th

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

July 10th and 17th

PASTORAL CARE MEETING

July 13th, 10:30 am

VESTRY MEETING

July 14th, 6:30 pm

COHI MEETING

July 16th, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

WELCOME HOME RECEPTION

July 1th – after 10:00 service

CAREGIVER'S GROUP*

July 21st, 6:30 pm

THE PANTRY

July 30th, 8:00am to 9:30am

WISDOM GROUP

On hiatus until Fr. Keith returns

SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS

May 29th, Services at 8:30 & 10:00

LUNCH WITH BR. KENNETH

On hiatus until some time in August. More info to come.

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday

Holy Eucharist, 8:30 am
Holy Eucharist, 10:00am

Monday

AA Meeting, 12:30 pm

Late June/Early July Edition



From the (Associate) Rector:

Father Keith returns from Sabbatical in just a couple of weeks! He'll be back at the office on July 11 and his first Sunday back is July 17. Please note that on his first Sunday back, *we will have one service, at 10:00 a.m.*, immediately followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Please plan to join us at this wonderful celebration, welcoming Fr. Keith and Lynn back to ECOHS, after their well-deserved Sabbatical.

As these final weeks of Fr. Keith's Sabbatical come to an end, I do want to thank our Parish community for your support during these past weeks. It has been a blessing for me to be able to serve this community in an expanded role during Keith's absence and your patience and encouragement has been much appreciated.

Tuesday

AA Meeting 12:30 pm

Wednesday

"In Stitches" Knitting & Crochet *, 9:00a
Contemplative Prayer, 12:00 noon

Thursday

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

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

Sunday Lessons

July 3, 2016

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalm 66:1-8

Galatians 6:91-6)7-16

Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

For Keith's Lessons & Questions:

On hiatus until Fr. Keith returns.

Next Sunday's Lessons

July 10th, 2016

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Psalm 25:1-9

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

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

Blessings,

~Mother Bonnie+

From the Youth Minister:

A wonderful Youth Mission trip to Honduras! All are back safely, with full hearts and many stories to tell.

Watch for a notice on our upcoming Tuesday afternoon at the movies on July 12!

And there is still time to sign up for these Summer Diocesan Events . . .

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.

Mission Trip: atSERVE, 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.

Send submissions to:
ecohts@bellsouth.net

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Announcements

Youth Trip to Honduras

Our Youth Mission Trip took us to Tegucigalpa, Honduras from 6/18 - 6/25, where we supported LAMB Institute's Residential home. We worked with our Honduran brothers and sisters on several projects, including building a stone prayer wall, digging holes to plant trees, and painting a boy's cottage, while building relationship with the children, enjoying time in fellowship, and seeing the Light of Christ in those around us.

Our eyes were opened to experiences that we don't typically face in our day-to-day lives; hardships of lives lived without any kind safety net, juxtaposed with the blessings of a community with a remarkably deep trust in God's love and mercy, and a way of life that emphasizes "we" instead of "me."

Our hearts are full from all we have seen, and it will take time for us to process all we experienced. But we have begun by taking the time to recognize what we witnessed: living signs of hope as new trees were planted, a children's cottage was refreshed with new paint, and a marvelous new space dedicated as a children's development center. And we had an opportunity to participate in our own healing Eucharist at the guest house. Thanks be to God for the opportunity to serve.

You'll be hearing more about this trip in the upcoming weeks, as we share our experiences with our parish community. But as a start, here's a reflection from one of our youth, Colleen Norris, on one of her experiences in Honduras.

Reflection: Tuesday, 6/21, by Colleen Norris

The kids here have helped me improve my Spanish. Spanish was one of the two textbook subjects I felt comfortable with this past year. These textbooks say Honduras is a dismal place, full of poverty, with few advances in technology. But it's not. The people are happy and healthy and ready to live life, just differently than Americans.

Riding home today from the Children's Home in traffic, I was looking at the landscape and the houses on the hills. Many homes are rough, made of scrap metal and wood. Further up the hill, I saw a family was dragging a sheet of metal to repair a roof. But finally, what caught my eye was a young girl on a balcony. She lived in a nicer house, which is something you might not think was in Honduras, and she was playing with her brother. She looked over the railing and looked at me. I smiled and she smiled back. She waved and I waved back.

The rush hour traffic began moving again and I realized the we weren't so different, this young girl and I. We were and are happy. We watch traffic and probably both get stuck in it. We have people we care about. Americans want to be happy and so do Hondurans. So does everyone.

But Americans do have a "me" mentality, while Hondurans have a "we" mentality. This is shown every day. No textbooks can show what this realization has shown me. First, there are happy, healthy people who want love. And second, that there are many paths to one destination. Ours is not the only way.

Bon Voyage, Matthew McClelland!



Sunday, June 26th was Matthew's last Sunday here at ECOHS before he left to begin his education at The Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. We wish Matthew well and sent him on his way with prayers for a successful school year!

What a Great Summer it has been so far!

From VBS to the Fish Fry to the Honduran Mission Trip, ECOHS parishioners have been very busy loving like Jesus and having lots of fun!

VBS 2016





Fish Fry 2016



Honduras Mission Trip 2016







Bible Study Resumes on Thursday, July 7th:

Mother Bonnie will be leading a bible study series on Galatians starting on Thursday, July 7th at 10:30 in the parish hall. All are welcome! Please read the first chapter of Galatians prior to the class.

Father Keith Returns!

Father Keith and Lynn will be returning from Sabbatical on July 17th. To welcome them home, we will have **only one service that day at 10:00** followed by a reception in our new parish hall!

If you would like to bring a food item for the reception, please make note on the sign-up sheet on the parish hall door.

Thank you.

Special In-gathering for The Place

During the month of July, we will be helping to restock the shelves at The Place. They have asked us to collect canned goods to help replenish their inventory. We will be conducting two special in-gatherings as follows:

Sunday July 17th: Canned Vegetables

Sunday July 24th: Canned Pasta (Spaghettios, Beefaroni, etc.)

Look for the special collection receptacle in the Parish Hall on those two Sundays.

For our New Space!

A few items needed for our Youth and Children's classrooms

We're looking for a few classroom items, before our fall program year begins. If you can assist, please contact the Church Office.

Youth Rooms: we have several needs for this new space:

- Smart TV's - we're looking for one large 50+" for our large classroom and a second 44" for the smaller room. These do need to be Smart TV's, to provide the streaming access we're looking for.
- Furnishings - Our large youth room could use a comfortable, yet sturdy, sofa and love seat, plus a few end tables.

Children/Preschool classrooms:

- Smart TV's - we're looking for additional Smart TV's - one large 50+" screen for the large classroom and one 44" for another classroom.

Thanks for your consideration.

June Pantry Figures:

Number of Clients Served: 160

Pantry Angels: Sumner Cahoon, Bill Kukarola, Michael Foeller, Liz Tanner, Bert & Midge Printz, Laura Castrillon, Karen Schaub, Anne Holdgrafer, Steve Howell, Linda Walker, Gideon & Jannai Ahadzi, Tom & Champ McDonnell, Ro Woodhead.

Thank you to all who helped and donated. We are back to Size 5 and 6 diapers as the sizes of choice for our clients' children.

We are also in need of some extra hands with this ministry. There are several stages to complete each month. If anyone feels that they could help in any way, please contact Ro Woodhead at nickwoodhead@hotmail.com or 770-889-2692.

Pantry steps taken each month:

1. Dollar Tree shipment has to be collected from the Dollar Tree in Cumming, near Publix. Generally a Tuesday morning prior to the Saturday handout. Then the items have to be taken to Wendy's Place and made ready on the tables for the "baggers" to complete the next task.
2. The Wednesday prior to the Saturday handout, all items have to be bagged. We usually do this at 2:00 pm that Wednesday afternoon.
3. Saturday handout begins at 8:00 am and usually goes until 9:30 am. Thanks to Tom McDonnell and Champ this is a wonderful time with music and singing whilst our clients are served.

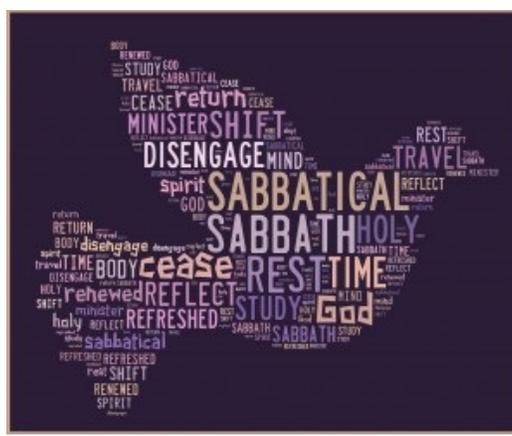
It is a special ministry with several stages to be completed each month and we would welcome any help that any of our parishioners feel they could do. Meanwhile, many, many thanks for all the diaper donations. These gifts then allow us to allocate the money for other items our clients need.

Many thanks,
~The Outreach Committee

Statements:

Giving statements covering January-June 2016 will be mailed in mid-July. If you have any questions upon receipt of your statement, please contact Cathy Schlecht in the office at 770-887-8190 or ecohs@bellsouth.net.

Thank you.



Sabbatical: A Time for Listening and Renewal

As most of you know by now, Father Keith will be on sabbatical from Monday, April 4th until Monday July, 11th, 2016. Following is a brief timeline of the sabbatical activities for Father Keith and for the Parish.

Father Keith:

April 3rd: Father Keith departs for sabbatical after 10:00 service

April 14-21: New Camaldoli Hermitage in Big Sur, CA

April 25-29: Annual Clergy Retreat

May 1-7: Candler Pastoral Leadership Program, Juarez, MX and El Paso, TX

May 19-26: Honduras Mission Trip

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

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

One service at 10:00 with Welcome Back Coffee to follow

Parish:

March 5: Ladies Prayer Brunch with Sara Beth Wright, PhD

March 18-20: Parish Weekend at Camp Mikell

March 27: Easter Sunday

April 3: Father Keith's last day before sabbatical

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 and Lynn's first Sunday back at Holy Spirit - one service at 10:00 am with Welcome Back Coffee to follow

August 17: Bishop's visit and building dedication. Building to Serve Dinner & report

September 21: Sharing Supper: Listening through recreation and play

October 19: Sharing Supper: Listening through retreat and pilgrimage

November 16: Sharing Supper: Listening through mission



The ECOHS choirs are currently on summer break. We had a WONDERFUL year in our music ministry here at Holy Spirit. Thanks to ALL of our musicians for their leadership in our weekly (and additional) services. Weekly hymns, chanting of the Psalm, and service music will continue at the 10:00 a.m. service.

Weekly Wednesday and Sunday choir rehearsals will resume in late August/early September.

Don't forget to visit the music portion of the church's website www.ecohs.net to find information about the music ministry of ECOHS.

- *Jeff Daniel*

Camp Mikell 2016 Summer Schedule

Mini Camp Rising 1st & 2nd grade	May 27-29 \$350 - includes cost for camper& parent/guardian
Youth Camp Rising 10th - Just graduated	June 5-11 \$450
Performing Arts Camp Rising 4th-9th grade	June 12-18 \$450
Intermediate Camp Rising 8th & 9th grade	June 19-25 \$450
Junior Camp Rising 6th & 7th grade	June 26- July 2 \$450
Kid Camp Rising 3rd-5th grade	July 10-16 \$450
Work Camp Rising 10th- Just graduated	July 18-23 \$350
Emmaus House Summer Program	July 22-29
Guest Camp 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

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!

ECOHS - Treasury Report - May 2016

	Month Actual	Variance Budget	YTD Actual	Variance Budget
Income				
Pledged	\$ 30,336.00	\$ 2,781.00	\$129,165.00	\$ (8,610.00)
Other	\$ 5,813.45	\$ (52.87)	\$ 39,714.35	\$ 2,915.25
	\$ 36,149.45	\$ 2,728.13	\$168,879.35	\$ (5,694.75)
Expense				
Operations	\$ 35,920.24	\$ 1,877.48	\$203,423.88	\$ (8,042.38)
Programs	\$ 1,078.65	\$ 69.96	\$ 7,132.89	\$ 960.16
	\$ 36,998.89	\$ 1,947.44	\$210,556.77	\$ (7,082.22)

Summary Statement

Revenues were up 8% for the month, with expenses being down 5% from budget.

* Pledge revenue YTD is 6.2% below budget

* Expenses YTD are up primarily due to higher utilities, preschool payments, and grounds maintenance.

Areas of Note:

- The deficit for the month was \$849.44
- YTD deficit is \$42K over the budgeted amount.
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BALANCES:

Operations \$ 19,237.66
 Restricted Identified \$611,200.45 (Includes Capital Funds)
 Restricted Available \$119,800.00
 Total: \$750,238.11

Building Capital Overview

- Total Project Budget amount \$1,900K
 Expenses to date \$1,819K
 Expected Project Total \$2,039K
- Total Pledged amount \$1,200K
 Collected to date \$781K or 65%
- Construction Loan Approved for \$1,500K
 Borrowed to date \$1,500K



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

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