

# Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

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## Upcoming Events

### VESTRY MEETING

May 14<sup>h</sup>, 6:30pm

### LAST SUNDAY SCHOOL

May 17<sup>th</sup>

### WINE & WISDOM

May 17<sup>th</sup>, after services

### VIGIL OF PENTECOST

May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00pm

### VIGIL PRAYER THRU NIGHT

May 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>; 8:30pm to  
7:30am

### PENTECOST SERVICE LED BY BISHOP WHITMORE WITH CONFIRMATIONS

May 24<sup>th</sup>; 10:45am

### THE PANTRY

May 30<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am to 9:30am

### ANNUAL FISH FRY/BOAT BLESSING

June 7<sup>th</sup>; after the 10:15am  
service

### SASSE LUNCHEON

June 12<sup>th</sup>, Noon

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

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday

8:30a Holy Eucharist

9:30a Christian Formation

## May Edition

### From the Rector:

Since our last Dove newsletter, quite a bit has occurred in our parish. On April 15, we had our groundbreaking service and celebration with Bishop Wright officiating. It was a wonderful culmination of two years (and more) of faithful prayer, conversation, and work by many people. It was also a beginning of another, more intense phase of prayer, conversation, and work as we begin to further develop our grounds, repair our existing building, and eventually add the planned expansion to our building. As I write this column today, it is amazing to see all the changes that have already taken place. There is much for which we can give thanks to Almighty God and to many loving fellow parishioners.

As we continue on this journey, I want to remind us of some helpful "rules of the road" as we go forward. The first rule is to be patient. P-A-T-I-E-N-T. Things will not be "as usual" for the next several months. We will have to walk further from the parking lot-plan for that and try to be cheerful versus grumpy-enjoy the exercise and the outdoors! And if you have special needs, be sure to let me, Kristin, or a member of the vestry know what you need. We will be sure to make reasonable accommodations.

Next, be grateful. Look at what is going on around us and say a prayer of thanks to God. A "thank you" to the people working on this project, including leaders of the parish, is also appreciated. One or two items may be a concern and it is good to let us know. But remember to say thanks for all the good that is happening. It is a positive sign of health and growth.

And let's remember all the available options we can use in order to communicate:

1. We will send out weekly updates about building progress and things to be aware of as you come to church that week-things like which door to use, areas to avoid, etc.
2. We will send out monthly updates through the Treasurer's report in which you can see how things are developing as far as our loan status, capital account balance, and construction expenditures.
3. The Building to Serve Connection team will give periodic updates by email, church announcements, and other means in order to keep you informed about how we are doing on our campaign commitments.
4. We will hold periodic town hall-type meetings to solicit your input on various issues. One pending issue is

10:45a Holy Eucharist

### **Monday**

12:30p EfM

1:00p Women's AA Meeting

### **Tuesday**

12:30p AA Meeting

12:30p Mother's Group

6:30p EfM

### **Wednesday**

9:00a "In Stitches"

Knitting & Crochet

12:00noon Contemplative &

Litany Prayer Hour

7:30pm Adult choir

rehearsal

### **Thursday**

10:30am Bible Study

12:00p Holy Eucharist

12:30p AA Meeting

### **Friday**

10:00a Women's AA

Meeting

### **Saturday**

8:00am Pantry (the last

Saturday of the month)

### **This Sunday's Lessons**

**- May 17, 2015:**

**Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

**Psalm 1**

**1 John 5:9-13**

**John 17:6-19**

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

See Home Group tab on church website.

### **Next Sunday's Lessons**

**- May 24, 2015:**

**Ezekiel 37:1-14**

**Psalm 104:25-35, 37**

**Acts 2:1-21**

**John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

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whether to continue to use chairs in the nave or switch to pews. We want to hear from you so we make wise decisions.

5. Dan Krogh is the project coordinator for the parish. Feel free to contact Dan or me or any member of the vestry with any questions or feedback about the construction project. Please do not contact Ralph directly. That enables us to better prioritize what Ralph needs to hear from us in our regular scheduled meetings that take place with Dan, Ralph, Kristin, and me; as well as our updates for the vestry.

This is an exciting time in the life of our parish. Let us all remember to be patient, grateful, and to stay in communication with one another as we go through this together.

*Keith+*

## **Announcements**

**BIBLE STUDY** - The Rector's Bible Study will continue with the Book of Mark on Thursdays at 10:30am. Please join us!



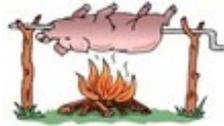
Welcome to Camp Mikell 2015!!

Camp Mikell has provided summer camp experiences since 1941. We are owned and operated by the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, and are an American Camp Association Accredited camp. We are **YOUR** summer camp.

If you are a part of the Mikell family, we welcome you back again this summer. If you haven't been to Mikell before, give us a try. We would love nothing more than to have you as a part of our family. The Summer Staff and Counselors are counting the days until summer starts, the Deans are preparing their programs, the excitement is in the air, and all we need now is YOU!!

Please go to [www.campmikell.com](http://www.campmikell.com) for more information and registration, or give us a call at 706-886-7515. We'll see you this summer at Camp Mikell!!

## 8th Annual RIB Festival Brotherhood of St Andrews



SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH - 11:00AM - 7:00PM  
ST PETER & ST-PAUL CHURCH PARKING LOT

**IN CONJUNCTION WITH RIB FEST**  
HOLY SMOKEN DEACONS WILL OFFER  
SMOKED PORK BUTTS FOR SALE TO ALL PARISHES !

Go ON-LINE TO <http://holysmokingbbq.blogspot.com/>

To place your TAKING OUT: Butt Order only  
BBQ Boston Butt: \$45

All butts will be vacuum packed and ready to heat or freeze

Pick Up butt Orders on Friday, June 5th from 1:00pm - 7:00pm  
June 6th Saturday morning 9am to 12am

All Proceeds will benefit the Episcopal Community Center Emmaus  
House to help send kids to Summer Camp.

Questions: on Rib fest Contact Jim Squier-770.856.2513  
For Boston Butt call Deacon Chip at 770.361.5971

Deacon Tom will make arrangements for delivery to our church for anyone interested in purchasing a smoked pork butt.



As most are aware, we are quickly moving ahead with construction of our building expansion at Holy Spirit. However, we thought it would be good to recap the capital campaign that has allowed us to move ahead so quickly. Please be aware that all of the brochures, videos and building expansion drawings are now posted for everyone to review on a special webpage on the Holy Spirit website:

<http://www.ecohs.net/capitalcampaign.html>

In the reveal videos you will see the amount committed at our Gala event on February 22nd...\$926,228. Then at the announcement at our Parish Family Weekend on March 22nd...\$1,198,587. However, it wasn't quite over because even more commitments were received...\$1,210,117 was the final commitment amount. As you may recall, our celebration benchmark was \$1,100,000...yes, we blew that away! We now have funds committed that match with our estimated construction cost of approximately \$1.2 million.

What a wonderful testament to the work of God at Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit. Thanks to all that made this campaign a huge success.

*Jay Franklin & Allison Taylor  
Campaign Co-chairs*



## Music Notes

The Music ministry of Holy Spirit has had a very busy and successful year. We have 15 adult choir members, 7 youth choir members, 6 St. Luke choir members, and 13 St. Cecilia choir members. This is a total of 40 musicians! FANTASTIC! Our music year is about to conclude and I am so very thankful for all of these musicians in their dedication and hard work in our music ministry.

The St. Cecilia (ages 4 - 1<sup>st</sup> grade) and the St. Luke choirs (2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders) sang on Youth Sunday, May 10, and members of the Youth choir joined the Adult choir. Thanks to these choirs for sharing their talents with us. The Children's and Youth choirs end of year pizza party was held at Stevi B's Pizza in Cumming. The Adult choir continues to lead us in the hymns, Psalm chants, service music, and weekly offertory anthems. The Adult choir's last Sunday before summer break is May 31st.

Anyone interested in being a part of the music ministry, please see Jeff Daniel on Sunday mornings, or email him at [ecohsmusic@bellsouth.net](mailto:ecohsmusic@bellsouth.net).

*- Jeff Daniel*



## Treasurer's Report:

**ECOHS - Treasury Report - April 2015**

	Month Actual	Variance Budget	YTD Actual	Variance Budget
<b>Income</b>				
Pledged	\$ 25,582.00	\$ (1,846.43)	\$112,344.24	\$ 128.55
Other	\$ 8,743.00	\$ 5,290.33	\$ 38,658.99	\$ 20,595.32
	\$ 34,325.00	\$ 3,443.90	\$151,003.23	\$ 20,723.87
<b>Expense</b>				
Operations	\$ 32,225.13	\$ (1,233.16)	\$124,553.58	\$ (6,387.88)
Programs	\$ 12,510.84	\$ (9,495.01)	\$ 20,163.83	\$ (12,600.50)
	\$ 44,735.97	\$ (10,728.17)	\$144,717.41	\$ (18,988.38)

Summary Statement

Revenues are up 16% year to date, with expenses being up 15% over budget.

- \* Pledged and plate offerings are running close to budget for the year but fell 7% below in April.
- \* Program revenue & Easter offerings are driving the other income.
- \* The jump in expenses for the month was caused by costs for the Parish Retreat coming a month after its revenue stream.

**Areas of Note:**

- None at this time

**Areas of concern:**

- None at this time

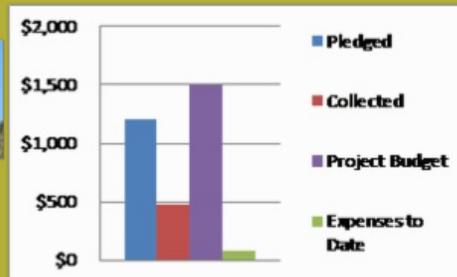
**BALANCES:**

Operations	\$ 63,879.79
Restricted Identified	\$420,647.37 (Includes Capital Funds)
Restricted Available	\$150,500.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$635,027.16</b>

**Parish Center Capital Funds**

January Balance	\$ 229,289.53
Income	\$ 227,900.62
Expenses	\$ 79,794.35
Current Balance	\$ 377,395.80

Building Capital Overview



**Areas of Note:**

- Received to Date \$470K
- Total Pledged amount \$1,210K
- First Major Expenses will occur in May

**Areas of concern:**

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

- *Bruce Zavitz*

**Children's Corner:**

Lots of exciting things going on here at church! We are thrilled with the progress toward our new building and new space for the Children's Christian Ed, Youth and Preschool! With change, and construction in particular, flexibility is much needed! The space that we use for Vacation Bible School will be right in the middle of change this summer and not available for Vacation Bible School. We hate to miss out on VBS but the safety of the children and volunteers is of the utmost importance!

**We will not have Vacation Bible School this summer.** We will however have a few activities scheduled offsite for the entire family. Watch the newsletter and check your emails for information as activities are scheduled and dates approach. Thank you for your support and interest in Vacation Bible School! We expect to have an incredible Vacation Bible School the summer of 2016 in our new space!

- *Julie Wilson*

Outreach:

April Pantry Figures:

No. of clients served: 141

Pantry Angels: Bert and Midge Printz, Gloria Sylvester, Bill and Karen Schaub, Michael Foeller, Sylvia, Andrea and Eva Cardona, Jay Franklin, Val Rezende, Lexie, Ian and Charlie Jennings, Deacon Tom, Tom and Champ McDonnell, Liz Tanner.

Many thanks to all who this month braved the heavy rain to help with bagging, singing, handing out and praying for/with our clients. A very special 'thank you' to Charlie Jennings. For his special community hours required by his karate class and school he decided to collect and handout books to our clients. Books have become so much part of our monthly handout thanks to Linda Whittle and this month, Charlie. Thanks to all who donated books to Charlie's project and thank you also for all the diapers. Please keep donating the latter. All sizes most welcome, but still 4, 5 and 6 are the most requested numbers.

*The Outreach Committee*

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