

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit



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Upcoming Events:

BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 10:30 am

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

February 28th, 6:00-
7:30pm

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

March 1st, 12:00-1:00 pm
and 7:00-8:00 pm

WOMEN'S PRAYER BRUNCH

March 4th, 10:00-12:00

HUNGER WALK

March 5th

LENTEN SUPPER

View from the Bench

March 8th, 5:45-8:00pm

PASTORAL CARE MEETING

March 16th. 9:30-10:30 am

COHI MEETING

March 18th 10:00 am -
12:00 pm

PARISH WEEKEND

March 17-19

LENTEN SUPPER

Faith & Public Life, Dr. Tom Long

March 22, 5:45-8:00pm

THE PANTRY

March 25th, 8:00 am -9:30
am

Weekly Schedule:

Early March Edition

From the Rector:

Why do we celebrate Lent? Why does it begin with Ash Wednesday? Here is a very brief introduction from my sermon for Wednesday:

"Ash Wednesday is an important holy day in the church's year. Unlike Christmas or Easter or Pentecost, there is not a biblical story that is the source for this day. Ash Wednesday evolved over the course of centuries in the church. It was intended to mark a final forty days (not counting Sundays) as candidates were being prepared for baptism at the Easter Vigil. People would begin more intense reflection and repentance as part of that preparation.

Over time, people in the church found that it could serve a wider purpose-people who had been excommunicated due to serious sin could join with the candidates for baptism and follow their practices of reflection and repentance as a way to be restored to the church. Eventually, all church member saw the value of this and came alongside those to be baptized and restored so that it would be a truly communal journey to Easter each year."

There is much more to the sermon and the

Sunday

Holy Eucharist, 8:30 am
Holy Eucharist, 10:45 am

Monday

AA Meeting, 12:30 pm

Tuesday

Morning Prayer 9:30 am
AA Meeting 12:30 pm
EfM 12:00-3:00 pm
EfM 6:00-9:00 pm

Wednesday

"In Stitches" Knitting &
Crochet , 9:00 am
"Just Faith" 9:45-11:45 am
Contemplative Prayer,
12:00 noon

Thursday

Bible Study, 10:30 am
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)
Cumming Harvest 10:00-
12:00
12:00noon Contemplative
Prayer (first Saturday of the
month)

Sunday Lessons

March 5th, 2017

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Fr. Keith's Lessons

& Questions:

*Available on the ECOHS
Website*

Next Sunday's Lessons

March 12th, 2017

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

The Dove Deadlines!

If you would like to have

liturgy, so please come to one of our services at 12 pm or 7 pm this Wednesday. It is always a special and holy time for us to reflect on our lives-especially our sin, our mortality, and God's great love for us. Lent is about so much more than giving up chocolate, coffee, or wine. It is about remembering what matters in life based on our faith that God loves us-that God loves the world. Here is a simple reminder of how we can do this from Henri-Frederic Amiel:

"Oh, do not let us wait to be just or pitiful or demonstrative toward those we love until they or we are struck down by illness or threatened with death!

Life is short and we have never too much time for gladdening the hearts of those who are traveling the dark journey with us.

Oh, be swift to love, make haste to be kind!"

May you have a holy and blessed Lent.

Keith+

From the Youth Minister:

For Our Youth!

**All our events are open to our youth
AND their friends!**

Upcoming Events at Holy Spirit!

***Feb 28: Pancake Supper -
Youth Group Fundraiser***

We're back together cooking for the Parish Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. This particular fundraising event will be for our own Youth Group, so check out the SignUp Genius, and plan to attend! Come right after school (as close to 4:00 as you can!) to help with setup and getting things organized!

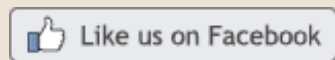
an article or notice published in The Dove, please be aware of our deadlines:

Early Edition:
1st of every month

Late Edition:
20th of every month

Send submissions to:
ecohs@bellsouth.net

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Forward to a Friend

Mar 5: Hunger Walk

We leave ECOHS at 9:00 and carpool to Emmaus House for breakfast and a youth Eucharist. Then off to Turner Field to pick up our t-shirts, lunch at the food trucks, then off for our walk. Back to ECOHS by 4:00.

Mar 12: Cooking 101 at ECOHS

Join us for a special night with Chef Tom! Tom Watts will be teaching us cooking skills, then all our families are invited to join us for dinner. Our Youth cooking class event begins at 3:30, then families join us at 6:00 for dinner. See you then!

Mar 17-19: Parish Weekend

All our activities will be at the Parish Weekend! Join us!

Lenten Sunday School Activities

Our Lenten discussions will include watching a documentary *Banished*, telling the stories of several towns in the U.S., including Cumming, that expelled African American residents from 1860s to the 1920s.

Mar 5: No Youth Sunday School, as many will be participating in the Hunger Walk

Mar 12: Lenten discussions

Mar 19: No Sunday School - Parish Weekend

Mar 26: Lenten discussions

Blessings,

Mother Bonnie+

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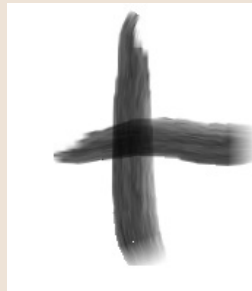
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Announcements

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! **Tuesday, February 28th, 6:00-7:30 pm**

Join us Tuesday, February 28th for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper sponsored by our Youth.

This year we will be adding a couple of rounds of Bingo to our evening's activities! You won't want to miss the fun!



Ash Wednesday Services:
Good Friday Liturgy with the Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday March 1st at Noon and 7:00 pm

5th Annual Women's Pray Brunch
March 4th, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Topic: "Women of Joy!"

Special Speaker: Mother Bonnie Underwood

When: Saturday, March 4, 10:00 a.m.

Where: ECOHS parish hall

Who: All Holy Spirit Ladies are invited

Brunch: Cheryl Howell will once again prepare a beautiful brunch

Childcare: Provided with Sign Up

Please RSVP via Sign-Up Genius that has been sent out.

You may contact the office at 770-887-8190 or Beth Jones or Joanie Anderton with questions.

Wednesday Lenten Suppers:

March 8th: A View from the Bench:

We will hear from two judges who are members of our congregation: The Hon. Rusty Jackson and The Hon. Russ McClelland. They will describe what they see in their courts and help us consider how to respond as people of faith.

March 22nd: Faith and Public Life:

Dr. Thomas G. Long, Emeritus Professor of Preaching at Candler School of Theology and the Director of the Candler Leadership Program that Fr. Keith has been participating in over the past several months, will be our speaker. He will review what Fr. Keith and his cohort have been learning and what it means for us as a community of faith. Dr. Long was rated one of the top ten preachers in America and received a standing ovation when he presented to us about the book of Hebrews several years ago. This will be a special treat.

The evenings will follow the format of years past with Evening Prayer at 5:45, dinner from 6:00-6:30 and the program at 6:30.

Please watch for Sign-Up Geniuses to come to RSVP and sign up to bring soup, etc.

HUNGER WALK 2017

Join us for the 33rd anniversary of Hunger Walk/Run, as we take steps together with our community in the fight against local hunger!

The Hunger Walk/Run, an annual 5K walk and "fun run" begun in 1984, is a project of the Atlanta Community Food Bank that unites our community to raise awareness and critical funds for local hunger relief. Our team proceeds from this event benefit the Atlanta Community Food Bank and the Episcopal Community Foundation which support food pantries,

community kitchens, shelters and other programs for people in need of food assistance.

To join our team, sign up click [here](#)

* Click Register - *Select Episcopal Community Foundation*

* Select Join a Team - *Select "Church of the Holy Spirit - Cumming"*

* Choose walker or runner option

* If you want to raise additional funds through pledges put in amount you expect to receive in pledges. Otherwise, leave the fundraising goal empty.

* Complete the final questions, agree to terms of participation and provide payment information.

To donate to our team, click [here](#) and you'll be able to donate directly to our ECOHS team or write a check to ECOHS, annotating Hunger Walk.

Our 15th Annual Parish Weekend is coming up! March 17-19

We'll be heading up to Camp Mikell in Toccoa to spend time together in fellowship, learning, and worship. If you have been with us before- you know it's a wonderful opportunity to unwind and "feed your soul." If this will be your first time- welcome! You'll be glad you did! Camp Mikell is a beautiful place where you can connect to nature, relax and get to know your Holy Spirit family better.

Our theme this year is "Food for the Soul"- which I think we're all especially in need of this year.

Registration forms are on the hall tables in the downstairs and upstairs lobbies, and available on our website, www.ecohs.net

Questions? Please contact Sylvia Cardona at sylvia.LFC@gmail.com



Music Notes

The ECOHS adult choir rehearses Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the music room. We invite all interested singers to join us.

The Children's choirs rehearse Wednesdays at 5:00 pm.

The choirs are St. Cecilia choir (age 4-1st grade) and St. Luke choir (2nd - 5th grade). We rehearse in the music room and youth rooms. All interested children are invited to join our choirs.

The Youth choir, (6th - 12th grade), rehearses after the 10:45 service every Sunday. We rehearse in the music room. All interested youth are invited to join us.

If you are interested in sharing your musical talent with us, please let Jeff Daniel know at ecohtmusic@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.ecohts.net to find information about the music ministry of ECOHS.

- *Jeff Daniel*

ECOHS - Treasury Report - January 2017

	Month Actual	Variance Budget	YTD Actual	Variance Budget
Income				
Pledged	\$ 28,350.00	\$ 1,166.00	\$ 28,350.00	\$ 1,166.00
Other	\$ 9,667.96	\$ 1,272.14	\$ 9,667.96	\$ 1,272.14
	\$ 38,017.96	\$ 2,438.14	\$ 38,017.96	\$ 2,438.14
Expense				
Operations	\$ 52,742.49	\$ (3,294.59)	\$ 52,742.49	\$ (3,294.59)
Programs	\$ 3,436.79	\$ (830.11)	\$ 3,436.79	\$ (830.11)
	\$ 56,179.28	\$ (4,124.70)	\$ 56,179.28	\$ (4,124.70)
Net	\$ (18,161.32)	\$ (1,686.56)	\$ (18,161.32)	\$ (1,686.56)

Summary Statement

Income was up 7% for January primarily due quarterly pledge payments.

Expenses were over budget by 8% due primarily to one time expenses left over from last year.

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Areas of Note:

BALANCES:

Operating Funds	\$ 23,483.35
Available Reserves	\$122,044.75
Restricted Funds	\$ 146,749.10
Total:	\$292,277.20

Building to Serve Overview

- Total Project Budget amount \$1,900K >
Completed Actual Expenses: \$2,054K
- Total Pledged amount \$1,200K
Collected to date \$992K or 77%
- Construction Loan Balance \$993K



Community Connections

Cumming Playhouse Singers - Sing Spirituals, Deep River

March 18th at 8:00 pm

March 19th at 3:00 pm

Tickets available: 770-781-9178 or www.playhousecumming.com

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