



The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

The Dove

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July 2014

Upcoming Events:

THEOLOGY ON TAP

July 6, after 10:00 service

CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE

July 6, 5:00 p.m.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

July 10, 9:30 a.m.

VESTRY MEETING

July 10, 7:00 p.m.

SASSE LUNCHEON

July 11, 11:00 a.m.

WINE AND WISDOM

July 20, after 10:00 service

PANTRY

July 26, 8:00 a.m.

Contemplative Lessons of the Order of St. Anthony the Great

Sundays at 2:30 p.m.

From the Rector: Let Us Give Thanks!

This is a time of year when things tend to slow down and so it is a good time to stop and give thanks for our many blessings as a parish. Let's give thanks especially to some of the people that work behind the scenes at our church:

First, let's thank Gigi Comer and Meredith Wargo. They have been the co-editors of *The Dove* for the last two years. They have brought their skill and professionalism to our monthly newsletter so that it continues to be something to look forward to each month. Thank you, Gigi and Meredith, for your patience with late arriving articles and your creativity in making *The Dove* so engaging to read. After Gigi and Meredith's retirement this month, the church will try a different format for *The Dove*, using a service called Constant Contact. That service will allow Kristin to send information in a newsletter format on a weekly basis. We will start using this new format in late July, so look for details on how to submit material.

Second, I want to thank Midge Printz and Laura Castrillon and all the people who serve on our Altar Guild. We gave a public "thank you" to Midge several weeks ago during a Sunday service, but I wanted to repeat that recognition and also thank Laura for the smooth transition from Midge's steady hand to her leadership as chairperson. All the members of the Altar Guild are so important to the worship life of this parish.

Though this group is not exactly "behind the scenes," I also want to thank all the choirs and especially Jeff Daniel for his patient and skilled leadership. The choirs practice when no one is around so they can lead us well in our public worship of God. I am grateful as I hear one of our choirs sing an anthem, chant the psalm, or help us sing the service music reverently and enthusiastically. Thank you, Jeff and choristers!

Another group that is easy to take for granted is our Vestry. I have worked with two dozen vestry people since I was called to be rector in 2009. Each one has served with good conscience and good cheer as they sought to serve God and God's mission. The work can involve long hours and tough decisions, but I can assure you that the people who serve you do it faithfully—and have some fun, too.

And as I write this, I see and hear the joy and wonder of Vacation Bible School taking place all around me. Julie Wilson and her team of helpers do a remarkable job of teaching our children about their Christian faith and building memories that will last throughout their lives. When you see Julie or one of the many adult helpers, be sure to say "thank you" to them for all they do for us and our children.

There are many more people we could thank — Bob Bybee, our webmaster, who does such faithful and creative behind the scenes work for our parish; some of the "upfront" people, like Cathy Zappa, especially for her work with the youth over the past year; Br. Kenneth for his work with building our contemplative practices. Let us all look around us and remember to say thank you to one another and thanks be to God.

Keith+

Planning Committee Update

The Planning Committee held a meeting on June 1 to update the parish on progress with the expansion of the building. Some revisions have been made since, and the current draft of the blueprint has the church expanded to 10,000 square feet! The expansion will add several classrooms, a choir room, and almost 150 more seats in the sanctuary. A committee has been formed, and an agency hired, to perform a capital campaign. All of these things are works in progress, but new and exciting things are ahead! In the meantime, the subcommittees will be holding meetings. If you have previously been on one of the committees, look for an invitation to meet soon. As always, if you have an interest in any of the following areas, please contact the appropriate subcommittee head.

- Kitchen / Parish Hall - Carol Franklin and Dan Krogh
- Music / Technology - Shannon David
- Site and Flow - Ralph Davis
- Storage and Existing Space - Judy Foster and Bert Printz
- Classrooms - Putnam Smith and Fiona Norris

- [Shannon David](#)

Pantry Figures for June 2014

Another great month at Wendy’s Place! Not only were the usual items handed out, but we had books, singing, praying, and 260 pounds of potatoes and cabbage from our community garden and the Whittles’ garden! Many thanks to all.

Number of clients served: 176

Pantry Angels: Midge & Bert Printz, Laura Castrillon, Kirk Wintersteen, Judy Norman, Pat & Harold Gill, Liz Tanner, Dennis & Linda Whittle and friend Jim, Fr. Keith, Tom McDonnell & Champ, Shannon Darke, Jeanne Donaldson, Cathy & Laura Schlecht, and all who kindly donated diapers this month.

- [Ro Woodhead](#)

Red Door Festival Reminder

Just a reminder that this year’s Red Door Festival is on September 13, about six weeks earlier than in past years. We still are in great need of planning and preparation volunteers, especially for teams of marketing/promotion/sponsorship, food, site management, and volunteer recruitment/management. Please contact [Michael Arens](#) at 678-462-8076 or [Janet Pfaff](#) at 770-205-8652.

Remember the Red Elephant!



You can forget about the garage sale you were planning and just enjoy the lazy, hazy days of summer by saving all your assorted “trash and treasures” for the **Red Door Festival’s Red Elephant Sale**. Since this year’s festival will be held on September 13, you’ll be able to clear out your storage area before fall without the hassle of a garage sale!

The Red Elephant Sale is one of the most profitable components of our annual festival, and it’s because parishioners have been so generous in contributing no longer wanted but still useable items to generate funds for our outreach and other ministries. So be on the lookout for appropriate items, and some rainy day go digging through those storage areas to see what could be suitable for the sale.

Just remember, please no books or clothing, and be sure any small appliances or electronics are in working order. If your items don’t sell, they will be donated to a local charitable organization. Please keep the festival in mind in the days and weeks between now and September 13. If you have any questions about donations, please contact [Maureen Wester](#) at 678-513-0086 or [Cheryl Weinmeister](#) at 405-650-5049.

Youth Update

ECOHS youth celebrated the beginning of summer with a three-day mission-retreat in Mooresville, N.C. Fifteen youth and four adults trekked to the Lake Norman area to stay at the beautiful lake home of Ted and Cynthia Kratt, parents of ECOHS parishioner Allison Taylor. We went canoeing, swimming, and tubing (or “bun-busting”). We played silly games and had serious conversations, especially about poverty and related issues.

On Saturday, we joined a handful of youth from St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church to serve at Mooresville’s Christian Mission, where we sorted donations, cleaned, and pitched in however we could. Afterward, we stopped by St. Alban’s Episcopal Church to see a statue of a homeless Jesus and to tour the beautiful church and community garden.

Perhaps one of the greatest joys of our trip was seeing the youth step out of their comfort zones—to try bun-busting or canoeing or simply to make new friends.

Thank you to everyone who participated. And a special thanks to our chaperones, Chris Wilson and Herb Linsley, and to our hosts, Allison Taylor and Ted and Cynthia Kratt.

Thank you also to all of the youth who pitched in to help with VBS!

- [Cathy Zappa](#)



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. We will continue with weekly hymns and service music at 10:00 a.m.

Weekly Wednesday and Sunday rehearsals will resume in late August/early September. Thanks to all of our choral musicians for their leadership in our weekly (and additional) services. Any children, youth, and adults who are interested in joining choir should email [Jeff Daniel](#) or speak with him at church. Don't forget to visit the music portion of the church's [website](#) to find information about the music ministry of ECOHS.

Weekly choir schedules for September - May:

St. Cecilia (age 4 - 1st grade) and St. Luke (2nd - 5th grade) Choirs – Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

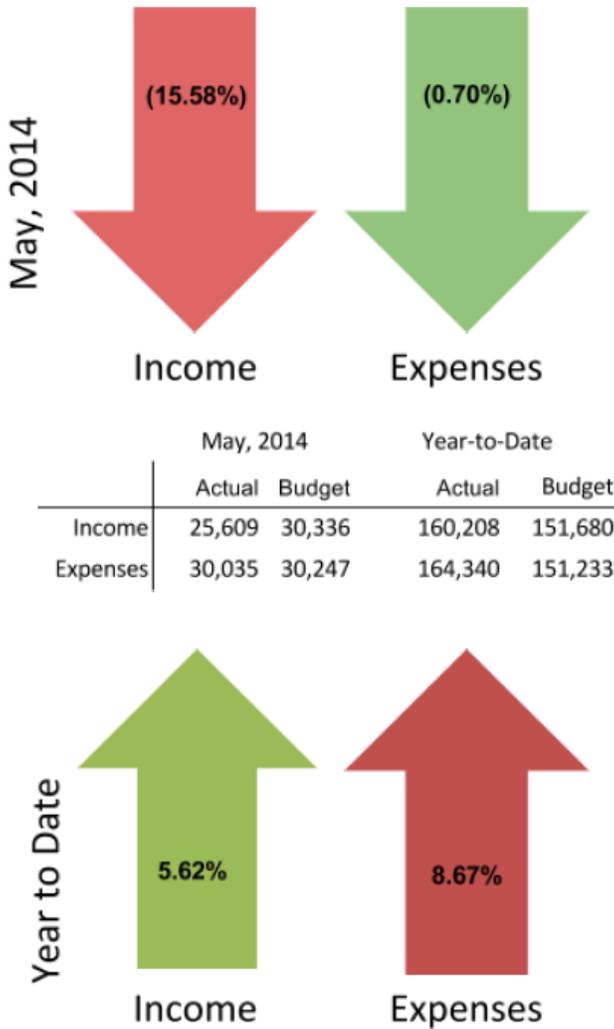
Adult Choir – Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Youth Choir (6th - 12th grade) – Sundays at 12:00 p.m.

Remembrances, Prayers and Celebrations

- PRAYERS:**
- Holy Spirit Parishioners:** Kendle Baggaly, The Brislin family, Jan Cahoon, Gale Clarida, Bruce Cross, Tom Gibson, Harold Gill, Carolyn Glaza, Norm & Marilyn Goeltz, Tom Hayes, Trevor Hicks, Cameron Howell, Sarah Lipscomb, The Steve Moore Family, Stephanie Neal, Robert & Barbara Oliver, The Perdue family, Chris Prianti, Barbie Rodgers, Harry Stine, Bruce Tanner, Anna Thompson
- Friends & Family:** Frank & Debbie Amodeo, Lynn Anderson, Jay Arens, Miriam Barnett, Elodie Bouchard, Joe Bruscia, Carter & Lisa Bullard, Scott Bumgarner, Ann Canale, Alessandro Cannova, Larry Christopher, Nathan Cobb, Bonnie Davis, Bill Dickerson, Betty & Ron Downs, Fred Farris, Brooke Frausto, Rob Frysinger, Helen Gill, Kelly Gissendaner & family, Janet, John Paul, & Chris Geuter, Bob Hilligis, John Howard, Betty Jones, Bob Kaley, John & Miriam Kiser, Christina Laudano, Pat Lehman, Barbara Miaer, Michael, Dianne Muller, Dave Olsen, Paul Schulke, David Sexton, Marilyn Snyder, Taylor Suggs, Betsy Tanner, Frances Townsend, Clay Tulis, Brent Weatherly, Keaton Yingling
- DEATHS:** Joseph Irvine, Kathy Shaffer, Frederick Walker, Steve Saelg
- BIRTHDAYS:** Judy O'Donnell, Adam Smith, Emmaline Neal, Lily Davenport, Bruce Cross, Julia Mello, Kathy Gibson, William Anderson, Judy Foster, Tom Weiss, Thomas Murray, Matthew McClelland, Wally Bochonko, Linda Whittle, Anne Prianti, Clark Neal, Ann Kennedy, Steve Venable, Marilyn Goeltz, Emerson McDonnell, Lauren Anderson, Linda Murphy, Barbara Oliver, Ralph Davis, Violet David, John McMillan, Margie Summers, Carole Rudder
- EXPECTANT PARENTS:** James & Lori Loftin, John & Ansley Canby
- ARMED FORCES:** We pray for all who serve our nation in the armed forces, both at home and abroad, especially Josh Weaver and Austin Rivers.

Treasurer’s Report: May



It must be summertime! If you recall, the summer months are when we traditionally see pledged and unpledged giving fall below budget, as we take time to recharge our batteries and refocus our energies. Just as predictably, we’ll see the shortfall erased in September as we return and catch up.

A nice surprise this month – expenses are below budget, even if just by a small margin! While we do work hard to control expenses, this is really a function of moving the parish retreat off the budget and into its own fund, treating it similarly to the Red Door Festival. The parish budgets some money for start-up, but both events are self-funding.

Account	April, 2014	May, 2014
Checking	14,180	24,960
Savings	10,241	10,241
MoneyMarket	144,731	124,737
Pre-School	(5,260)	(4,246)
Rector's Discretionary	424	585
Curate's Discretionary	75	74
Total	164,391	156,351

The year-to-date picture is more in line with what we’re accustomed to seeing – income above budget and expenses high, but in line with expectations.

Respectfully – Bill Taylor



Monday	1:00 p.m. AA Meeting in Parish Hall
Tuesday	12:30 p.m. AA Meeting in Parish Hall
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. "In Stitches" Knitting & Crochet in Parish Hall
Thursday	10:30 a.m. Rector's Bible Study 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist 12:30 p.m. AA Meeting in Parish Hall
Friday	10:00 a.m. AA Meeting in Parish Hall
Sunday	8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m. Christian Education 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Mailing to the Church

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Church of the Holy Spirit
P.O. Box 1010
Cumming, GA 30028

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Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Fr. Keith is available by appointment outside of scheduled office hours.

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