

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

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Upcoming Events:

THE PANTRY

September 26th, 8:00am to
9:30am

1st DAY OF PRESCHOOL

September 8th at F.A.P.A.

KICK-OFF SUNDAY

September 13th
Sunday School resumes at 9:30
Return to 10:45 late service

VESTRY MEETING

September 14th, 6:30pm

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

September 9, 6:30 pm

PASTORAL CARE MEETING

September 10, 9:30 am

LADIES SPIRITUAL MORNING

September 12, 9:30-11:30 am

MEN'S BREAKFAST

September 12th, 8:30-9:30

SASSE LUNCHEON

September 11th, Noon

COHI Circle of Care

September 19th, 10:00

EPM CLASSES

Day Class: Tuesdays at Noon
Evening Class: Tuesdays, 6:00
pm

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

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday

8:30a Holy Eucharist
10:15a Holy Eucharist
(back to 10:45 on 9/13)

Monday

Early September Edition

From the Rector:

Congratulations! As we see the walls of our new building expansion going up around us, you deserve much credit for the faith you showed in supporting this expansion and the patience you are showing as we go through the challenges of construction. I am grateful to all of you for your part in making this project move forward with God's abounding grace.

As we wait for the construction to be completed sometime in early 2016, it is important for us not to get stuck in a holding pattern. There is much work to do and people to love and praise to give to Almighty God. During this in between time, we may ask, "What's next?" When your vestry, staff and I consider this question, there are some answers we know and some we are still discerning.

What we know is that we will continue to make a priority of our children, youth, and young families. Our investment in staff and the expansion both reveal our commitment to help young people feel connected to this community of faith. We also know we are called to serve other people in Christ's name through our current outreach and community ministries. And we know that we must always prioritize the worship of God in this place as we gather to learn our faith and practice it with love.

We are still discerning some of the specific ways to move forward in how we practice our faith. We are still working with other Forsyth County churches in starting up a transitional housing ministry for homeless families called Family Promise. We are looking for ways to expand our current prison ministry in order to better serve people in prison or on probation or parole and their victims and families. We are looking for ways to cooperate in ministry with St. Paul's Episcopal Church and other traditionally black churches as a way to help address racial issues in our country. And we are looking to send our youth on a mission trip to Honduras next summer.

The above lists are not exhaustive. But they do give us an idea of what we have in front of us in the future. This Thursday, September 3rd, we will have another Town Hall meeting to discuss and pray about these issues and others we will have before us in the years to come. We will have additional forums like these every six weeks or so over the next six months as a way to facilitate communication and

Tuesday

12:00p EfM Day Class
6:00p EfM Evening Class

Wednesday

9:00a "In Stitches"
Knitting & Crochet
12:00p Contemplative
Prayer
7:30 Adult Choir Practice

Thursday

10:30 Bible Study
12:00p Holy Eucharist

Friday

Church office closed

Saturday

8:00am Pantry (the last
Saturday of the month)
12:00noon Contemplative &
Litany Prayer Hour (first
Saturday of the month)

This Sunday's Lessons **-September 6, 2015:**

**Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9,
22-23**
Psalms 125
**James 2:1-10(11-
13)14-17**
Mark 7:24-37

For Keith's Lessons & Questions:

See Home Group tab on
church website.

Next Sunday's Lessons **-September 13, 2015:**

Proverbs 1:20-33
Psalms 19
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

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discernment as I complete our construction and as I prepare for my sabbatical. As we keep moving forward, let's pause for a moment and say again-congratulations! To God be the glory!

~Keith+

From the Youth Minister: Ready, Set, GO!

September 13th, Kickoff Sunday is around the corner!

Here's what's to expect:

* **Christian Education:** High School and Middle School will be joining the campus-wide activities, so plan on heading out to the pavilion and soccer field and joining in the festivities!

* **EYC:** It's a pool party and time for some fellowship and fun! Head towards Julie Wilson's house at 7035 Devon Drive, Cumming, 30028, but stop at the pool, which is on the right as soon as you enter the Bannister Park subdivision. Pool party is 4:30-7:30 and we'll be asking everyone to bring some food to share! *Parents, look for a SignUp Genius notification.*

Next up: September 20

* **Christian Education:** High School meets in Fr. Keith's office, Middle School in the Youth Building

* **Acolyte, Crucifer and Youth EM Training and Kickoff Party:** our first hour will be a group training for Acolytes, Crucifers, and our NEW Youth Eucharistic Ministers, immediately after the 10:45 service. Then it's food and a party, as we commence our our **FIRST** annual Acolyte/Crucifer/EM Kickoff Party.

WARNING:

Think (mini) Messy Olympics, and come dressed for some fun (to Church, too!)

We be wrapping up the day by 2:30 p.m.

MORE THINGS happening in the Diocese! Grab the brochures in the Parish Hall to sign up for our Fall Camp Mikell activities.

* **6-9th Graders! *New Beginnings, Camp Mikell, Oct 9-11***

* **10-12th Graders! *Happening, Camp Mikell, Nov 20-22***

These weekends are **ESPECIALLY** designed for you! Check out the brochures on the Youth Bulletin Board.

For Parents, remember to turn in your Registration forms...extras are on the youth bulletin board.

For ALL our Parish Adults: All members of our community of faith are encouraged to become involved in our youth programs and activities. We still have openings for adults to assist with our EYC meetings, which will allow us to have separate group time for High School and Middle School youth. Your time commitment would typically be a couple of Sunday afternoons a month, from 4:30 - 6:30. Engaging our youth fully within our Christian community involves *all of us*, not just parents!

And Here's where we've been!

Diocesan Youth Day Retreat at All Saints, 8/27. What a great experience to enjoy music, games, worship, and a service project to feed the hungry! Thirteen of our Holy Spirit youth, along with over 200 youth from throughout the Diocese, helped to make 2000+ sandwiches to feed the hungry, in support of Crossroads Community Ministry and their efforts to assist the homeless in metro Atlanta. A great day and wonderful beginning for our program year!

Bonnie+

bonniegunderwood@gmail.com, 404-729-5876

Christian Education Kickoff !!!

Sunday, September 13th

9:30 on the Soccer Field

We are so excited about what we have in store for our Sunday School Kickoff! As always this is a fun and exciting day that helps to set the tone for our year. You're not going to want to miss a minute of this hour of Christian Ed! Please join us on the soccer field to kick-off our year at 9:30!

~ Julie

Wilson:jwilsonat@gmail.com

CALLING ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!

Children's Christian Ed is gearing up to begin our new year! One of the wonderful things about Children's Christian Ed is that it allows you to work with the children in different and sometimes creative ways. (Don't let the word creative scare you off J). It is a joy filled and eye opening time to see the wonder of children and the way they are growing to know and love God.

In children's Christian Ed we use the rotation model. The rotation model allows us to focus on the same lesson for a few weeks teaching it in several different ways (art, science, drama, games, cooking, and music are some of the centers we use). It is very hard for children to be here every Sunday, this allows children to miss and not feel left out...giving them several weeks and all sorts of fun ways to focus on the same

lesson. It allows you as a volunteer to make a short time commitment, 2-4 weeks at a time and ease of helping with a lesson. The lesson you taught would be the same lesson for those few weeks...it might be cooking, drama or games... it could be anything... you would work with different children each week on the same lesson you taught the week before.

The rotation model can be much less intimidating than the thought of committing to the entire year, and the thought of having a different lesson ready each week. Take some time to consider this ministry and if it might be for you. We have lots of little ones this year and Sunday school is all new to them! They are excited and enthusiastic and it is such an uplifting and fun hour! We would love to have you as part of this ministry so consider it and feel free to email me with any questions.

~Julie Wilson: jwilsonat@gmail.com

Announcements



Music Notes

The ECOHS adult choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 pm. If you are interested in sharing your musical talent with us, 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!

The ECOHS children's choirs will resume regular Wednesday afternoon rehearsals on **September 16** from 5:00-5:30 p.m. If your child is interested in choir, please bring him or her to the first rehearsal. The St. Cecilia choir is age 4-1st grade and the St. Luke choir is 2nd -5th grade. The ECOHS youth choir will resume regular Sunday rehearsals on **September 27** after the 10:45 service. The Youth choir is 6th-12th grade. We hope your child can join us!

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*

Come to the Ministry Fair -- October 11th:

Our building may be all torn up with construction, but our ministries are still fully intact and growing. To celebrate all that our parish does both in in-reach and outreach, we're having a Ministry Fair on Sunday, October 11th after the 10:45 service. This will also give everyone, especially our wonderful newcomers, a change to become a part of these ministries. Participating in one or more ministries is a rewarding way to fulfill our stewardship responsibilities using our time and talents to do God's work.

Areas of our church life to be featured will include Worship, Stewardship/Building to Serve,

Parish Life, Pastoral Support, Christian Education, Youth and Children's Ministries, Newcomers/Communications, Building and Grounds, and of course, Outreach ministries such as The Pantry, Backpacks of Love, In Stitches, Arrendale Prison Ministry and the Church of the Common Ground. These should offer multiple areas for all parishioners to find a place to give of their time and talents in a way that matches their interests.

Be sure to mark the **Ministry Fair on your calendar for Sunday, October 11th**, and be thinking how you can become more fully a part of our "community of faith seeking to love and serve in the Spirit of Jesus Christ."

Thank you!

~Janet Pfaff

Women of the Parish -Save the Date:

Are you tired, in need of a few minutes of quiet, a time to refresh or reflect, and gather with other women? We have the answer for you!

Please join us on

Saturday morning, September 12th from 10-12

for

"Journeying Together"

It will be a time to be together in fellowship and spiritual renewal. Our own *Rev. Bonnie Underwood* will facilitate our time together and will share her spiritual journey which brought her to us.

Light refreshments will start our day. We will have time to listen, to reflect, and respond. It is an exciting way to take a little time out, share time with other women, and to learn. Child care will be available for children 4 and under. We are excited about this time to share together. A sign-up sheet will be in the Parish Hall.

If you have any questions contact: Beth Jones: bethbarryj@hotmail.com or Joanie Anderton: banderton@bellsouth.net ,770-887-6254



September Ministry of the Month: Coffee Hosts

"Coffee Hosts" a vibrant ministry that encourages fellowship between services and after the 10:45 service. The coffee hour itself is a welcoming way to introduce newcomers to our parish.

Parishioners volunteer each week to prepare coffee and refreshments. The number of volunteers determines the frequency the volunteer is scheduled. Responsibility is usually scheduled every three months.

The 8:30 volunteers do the set up and the 10:45 volunteers do the clean up. If you have any questions or would like to become a coffee host, please contact Sharon Linsley: 678-938-3358 or sharonlinsley@yahoo.com

Upcoming Outreach Dates:

Be sure to join us for these upcoming outreach activities!

Forsyth Family Promise Meeting -- Christ the King Lutheran, September 17th, 7pm

Church of the Common Ground -- Woodruff Park, September 20th, Men's Bkfst. Group

The Pantry -- Wendy's Place, September 26th, 8:00-9:30am

~Deacon Tom Ader

Pantry Figures for August:

Clients Served: 192

Pantry Angels: Linda and Dennis Whittle, Bert and Midge Printz, Michael Foeller, Julie Anderson, Jay Sylvester, Liz Tanner, Sumner Cahoon, Tom and Champ McDonnell, Deacon Tom Ader, Lexie, Ian and Charlie Jennings, Ro Woodhead.

Well, the cupboards are almost bare! Many thanks to all who helped this month. Tom McDonnell and Champ had quite a sing-a-long going with some of our clients. Thanks also to all who donated diapers. Yes, they went fast as well and were much appreciated along with the reusable bags kindly found by Sumner Cahoon at the Atlanta Food Bank. Please add a box of diapers to your shopping cart if you can. Sizes 4,5 and 6 are still the most popular sizes, but all sizes are welcome.

~ **The Outreach Committee**

New Mentor Me Program:

Love music? Help bring the joy of music to an elementary school student! Mentor Me has launched a new program at Chestatee Elementary and we need your help!

Music and Mentors is a new mentoring program where volunteers can help students while they learn to read music, sing and play the guitar. An instructor provides the lesson and volunteers help students stay on track. We meet for an hour on Fridays at 3:00 pm at Chestatee Elementary. Volunteers can attend once a month or weekly if they are able.

Sign up online at: <http://www.mentorga.org/volunteer>

Thank you!

~Sylvia Cardona

EfM Post Grad Book Group:

EfM Post Grad...if you are an EFM graduate and miss doing TRs with friends, please consider joining a new EfM Post Grad book group at Holy Spirit. Or, if you are curious about EfM and would like to get a sneak-peak into how a regular EfM group works, please come too! Everyone is welcome! We will be reading a book and meeting once a month to share a meal and conversation. Please join us for lunch and book selection on Friday, September 25 at 11am at the home of Allison Taylor, 7415 Laurel Oak Dr., Suwanee.

Please RSVP and send questions to Allison Taylor (allisontaylor11@yahoo.com).

ECOHS - Treasury Report - July 2015

	Month Actual	Variance Budget	YTD Actual	Variance Budget
Income				
Pledged	\$ 20,294.00	\$ (4,576.42)	\$173,052.00	\$ 1,040.94
Other	\$ 2,273.37	\$ (437.31)	\$ 61,388.95	\$ 17,127.39
	\$ 22,567.37	\$ (5,013.73)	\$234,440.95	\$ 18,168.33
Expense				
Operations	\$ 27,883.09	\$ 1,814.06	\$204,515.49	\$ (1,859.61)
Programs	\$ 1,027.35	\$ (536.52)	\$ 23,484.43	\$ (14,123.60)
	\$ 28,910.44	\$ 1,277.54	\$227,999.92	\$ (15,983.21)

Summary Statement

Revenues are up 7.7% year to date, with expenses being up 7.5% over budget.

* Pledged and plate offerings for the month of July were off from budget.

* Expenses ran under for the month.

Areas of Note:

- YTD we have a positive Net of \$6.4K
- This is a positive \$2.2K over the Budget

Areas of concern:

- None at this time

BALANCES:

Operations	\$ 64,330.34
Restricted Identified	\$ 70,096.37 (Includes Capital Funds)
Restricted Available	\$ 90,500.00
Total:	\$224,926.71

Parish Center Capital Funds

January Balance	\$ 229,289.53
Income	\$ 294,205.54
Expenses	\$ 548,212.75
Current Balance	\$ (24,717.68)

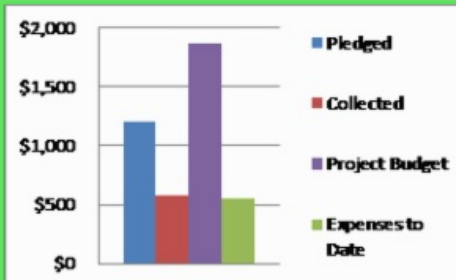
Areas of Note:

- Loan Approved for \$1,500K
- Total Pledged amount \$1,210K

Areas of concern:

- Negative balance reflects that we have exceeded collected amount and are now into construction loan.
- This is normal for our process.

Building Capital Overview



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

Community Connections

Upcoming Concert:

Tuesday, October 27th at 7:30 at Cumming Baptist church.
"Tapestries" performed by the Cumming Playhouse Singers .

~Jeanie Lipscomb and Peggy Bryant

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