

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

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Upcoming Events

VESTRY MEETING

Feb. 12th, 6:30pm

SASSE LUNCHEON

Feb. 13th, Noon

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Feb. 14th, 8am

PRAYER WALK

Feb. 14th, 10am to 1pm

WINE & WISDOM

Feb. 15th, after late service

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Feb. 17th, 6:00pm

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Feb. 18th, Noon and 7pm

GALA AT POLO FIELDS

Feb. 22nd, after late service

THE PANTRY

Feb. 28th, 8:00am to 9:30am

THEOLOGY ON TAP

March 1st, after late service

CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE/FAMILY DINNER

March 1th, 5pm

Contemplative Lessons of the

Order of St. Anthony the Great

Sundays at 2:30 p.m.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

8:30a Holy Eucharist

9:30a Christian Formation

10:45a Holy Eucharist

12:30p Youth choir
rehearsal

Monday

12:30p EfM

1:00p Women's AA Meeting

February Edition

From the Rector:

This year, we are going to have a different type of Lent. It will be most noticeable on the first Sunday of Lent, when we have a special gathering off-site to celebrate our common life and ministry and to invite all of us to pray "Lord, what do you want to do through me?" in regard to the *Building to Serve* capital stewardship campaign. Over the next several weeks, we will bring in our commitment cards (March 1), make our "first fruit" offerings of our initial pledge payment (March 15), and then hear the announcement of what the total amount of our commitments for the campaign will be (March 22). This will be an exciting time and will be the foundation for both the expansion of our building over the next year and the expansion of our mission over the next several years.

These events will be different because, during Lent, we often tend to be more somber as we focus on our individual sinfulness and mortality. That seasonal focus is a needed part of the rhythm of our church year. On Ash Wednesdays and during Fridays in Lent when we are invited to fast and pray, we can still keep that focus on our limitations and our need for God and God's help in life. In addition, though, during this "different type of Lent," I invite us all to practice a different type of repentance during this holy season. Instead of only seeing and being sorry for how we fall short as individuals, let us pray and seek to follow where our Lord is calling us to grow and bear fruit as a community of faith. This is a subtle but important change for us to try this year.

Here are three possible exercises for us to try during Lent this year in order to follow our Lord:

1. Go somewhere we have never (or rarely) been before-- a store, neighborhood, park, or other public gathering place-- and simply pay attention to what we find there. Notice the people. Strike up a conversation with someone. Make note of what surprises us and then remember it.
2. Continue praying the prayer of our capital campaign, "Lord, what do you want to do through me?" Pray it in regard to our capital campaign, because what we decide is important. But also pray it in regard to what comes next for us--how can we join in what our community is doing?
3. Remember to be grateful for all that God has done and continues to do in our lives. Wake up every morning saying what we are grateful for in life. Our consistent

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
 5:00p Children's choir
 rehearsal
 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

- February 15, 2015

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalms 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

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

See Home Group tab on
 church website.

Next Sunday's Lessons

- February 22, 2015

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalms 25:1-9

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

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gratitude helps to prepare us for what God is going to do through us.

Trying one or more of these simple practices can help us participate in Lent in a new way this year. I hope you will join me in trying them.

Keith+

Announcements**LADIES PRAYER BRUNCH:**

DATE : Saturday, February 28, 2015

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: ECOHS Parish Hall

WHO: ALL ladies of the church are invited. Sign up in the parish hall or on-line

at janderton7140@bellsouth.net by Sunday, February 21.

GUEST SPEAKER: Beth Sarah Wright, PhD. , Adjunct Professor, Emory School of Medicine, Author and Inspirational Speaker speaking about A Shared Faith: What's Yours is Mine, What's Mine is Yours".

Childcare is provided.

Planning Committee: Kathy Gibson, Shannon Darke, Joanie Anderton , Beth Jones

For questions call- Beth Jones at 678-778-5280

LENTEN CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES: -

Feb. 17th - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - 6:00pm - to benefit our Youth programs.

Feb. 18th - Ash Wednesday services - Noon and 7:00pm

Feb. 25th - March 25th - Stations of the Cross after the Contemplative Service at Noon.

Feb. 25th - March 25th - Lenten Suppers - 5:45pm service, 6:00pm supper, 6:30pm program - **Living our Faith: Race in America.**

March 29th - Palm Sunday

April 2nd - Maunday Thursday service - 7:00pm

April 3rd - Good Friday service - 7:00pm

April 4th - The Great Easter Vigil - 8:30pm

April 5th - Easter Sunday

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE - *I was hungry and you gave me food.*

This year we are collecting food items, during Lent, for The Place, a local social service agency. Each Sunday in Lent from March 1 - March 22, a food staple will be collected for The Place to distribute to their clients. Donation tubs will be in the parish hall. Plastic jars or cans only please!!

March 1 peanut butter or jelly
March 8 pasta or pasta sauce
March 15 rice or dried beans
March 22 canned meat or seafood

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

13TH ANNUAL PARISH WEEKEND -

MARCH 20-22, 2015 - *Art as Spiritual Expression*

Our 13th Annual Parish Weekend is **March 20-22!**

Mark your calendar and plan to join us as we gather at Camp Mikell, in Toccoa, for a wonderful weekend of fellowship. There will be something for ALL AGES!

You will find registration information at **www.ecohs.net**, or you may pick up a printed copy in the Parish Hall. Questions? Contact Janice McClelland at

770-889-0631, **jpmcclelland@bellsouth.net**, or Fr. Keith.



Capital Campaign Key Dates

February 14th - Prayer Event

February 22nd - Celebration Gala at the Polo Fields Country Club (after church)

March 1st - Commitment Sunday

Please be sure to attend as many of these events as possible and learn how, we as a church, will be "Building to Serve" our congregation and community.

EYC - Schedule for Remainder of this program year:

- Tuesday Feb 17th - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.
- Sunday Feb 22nd - Capital Campaign Celebration Event-1:00pm at the Polo Fields.
- Friday March 6th - Worship with the congregation of the Dor Tamid Synagogue in Johns Creek
- Sunday March 8th - EYC lunch -12:45 pm (following Youth Choir).
- Sunday March 15th - Hunger Walk

- Friday March 20th through Sunday March 22nd - Parish Weekend.
- Sunday March 29th Palm Sunday - Youth will participate in Passion Reading
- Sunday April 5th Easter - Youth will help with Easter Egg Hunt
- Sunday April 19th - Kite Flying/Messy Olympics
- Sunday May 17th - Last EYC of the program year.



Music Notes

The St. Luke choir will be singing Sunday, Feb. 22 at the 10:45am service.

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

- *Jeff Daniel*

ECOHS - Treasury Report - January 2015

	Month Actual	Variance Budget	YTD Actual	Variance Budget
Income				
Pledged	\$ 24,949.00	\$ 277.00	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ 10,206.00	\$ 2,443.00	\$ -	\$ -
	<u>\$ 35,155.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,720.00</u>		
Expense				
Operations	\$ 32,407.00	\$ (1,586.00)	\$ -	\$ -
Programs	\$ 1,343.00	\$ (27.00)		
	<u>\$ 33,750.00</u>	<u>\$ (1,613.00)</u>	\$ -	\$ -

Summary Statement

The year is off to a good start. Both Revenue and expenses are running close to budget.

- * Pledges slightly up over budget
- * Member non pledge off by \$734 for month.
- * This was offset by prior year pledge payments so net was up for the month.

Areas of Note:

- None at this time

Areas of concern:

- None at this time

BALANCES:

Operations	\$ 69,103.00	
Restricted Identified	\$301,868.00	(Includes Capital Funds)
Restricted Available	\$165,500.00	
Total:	<u>\$536,471.31</u>	

Parish Center Capital Funds

Beginning Balance	\$ 229,289.53
Income	\$ 31,500.00
Expenses	\$ 5,723.82
Current Balance	\$ 255,065.71

Summary

> Area Under Construction!

Areas of Note:

- None at this time

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Areas of concern:

- None at this time

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

- *Bruce Zavitz*

Childrens' Corner:

It seems hard to believe but Ash Wednesday is one week from tomorrow! Our Lenten programs will begin the following Wednesday evening, February 25th. The schedule for Wednesday evenings is as follows:

5:45 - Evening Prayer
6:00-6:30 - Soup and Sandwich supper
6:30-7:30 - Program

For the children's Lenten Program we are going to be using The Peace Village which the Diocese has graciously agreed to loan us. It is an incredible resource that allows us to introduce major spiritual traditions of the world: Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Native American and Buddhism. A cord woven throughout all the spiritual traditions of the world, the Golden Rule, leads us onto the path of peace through compassion, tolerance, and understanding. The Golden Rule expressed in each tradition underscores the shared core values of all spiritual practices. This remembrance awakens our common commitment to peace and fosters an understanding that draws us together.

Each week we will learn about a different spiritual tradition through stories, Sacred objects from that tradition (e.g., Christianity - a cross, a stole, a chalice), artwork and special snacks. It is truly an enlightening and fascinating program that will introduce our children to some of the differences and similarities we all share! Please plan for you and your children to be a part of our Lenten program. Father Keith has an equally wonderful program planned for the adults. It promises to be a Lent of learning and growing in our love and knowledge of God and all God's children.

- Julie Wilson

Outreach:

FIGURES FOR JANUARY PANTRY: No. of clients served: 141

Pantry Angels: Dennis and Linda Whittle, Karen and Bill Schaub, Jay and Gloria Sylvester, Jennie Zavorski, Michael Foeller, Jeanne Donaldson, Nicole Freeman, Deacon Tom, Tom and Scamp McDonnell (our fearless music crew who weathered the cold temperatures to play and sing for our clients), Liz Tanner.

A special thank you to all who donated diapers and in particular to the Children's Sunday School Class who saved their money and bought (from BJs) many boxes of diapers. Thank you.....a great example of giving back to our community!

If anyone would like to join this great ministry, please do contact Sumner Cahoon, Liz Tanner or Ro Woodhead.

-The Outreach Committee

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