

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit



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Upcoming Events:

LABOR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

September 4th

SASSE LUNCHEON

September 8th, noon

PROGRAM YEAR BEGINS

September 10th

VESTRY MEETING

September 14th, 6:30-8:30
pm

COHI MEETING

September 16th, 10:00 am
-12:00 pm

COMMON GROUND

September 17th, 11:00-
3:00pm

MOVIE NIGHT

September 20th, 6:45-
9:15pm

PASTORAL CARE MEETING

September 21st, 9:30-
10:30 am

THE PANTRY

September 30th, 8:00-9:30
am

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday

Holy Eucharist, 8:30 am
Holy Eucharist, 10:00 am

Monday

AA Meeting, 12:30 pm
Yoga 5:45-6:45 pm

Tuesday

Early September Edition

From the Rector:

I am very pleased that members of the parish have ordered over 130 copies of *The Path*. As you have probably heard, it is a survey of the Bible. We will be reading it together most Sunday mornings starting September 10 and continuing through April 29, 2018. The passage selected each Sunday will replace two of the readings from the regular lectionary. We will always have a reading from the Gospel. We will also study the same chapter during Sunday school for all ages and for our Thursday Bible study.

The purpose of using *The Path* in this way is two fold-first, to help those of us who have always wanted to read the Bible but have stalled out around Leviticus. A survey of key biblical stories will help us to "get our feet wet," and hopefully inspire us to read more. If you read a chapter a week (about ten pages) and hear the sermon on a portion of that chapter and then come to Sunday school to discuss it, you will get a chance to know our faith stories more fully.

Second, we want to do more than learn the story-we want to live it. By studying the Bible more fully, we can learn what God reveals about life and how we are called to be faithful participants in it. Our study will help us to raise questions about what we believe in our personal philosophy and our political and economic practices. Questions are central to faith. Unexamined assumptions are faith's opposite. John the Baptist and Jesus both proclaimed, "Repent," which means to change our minds so that we change the direction of our life. The study of Scripture helps us to do that.

As we go through *The Path* over these next months, please let Mother Bonnie or me know if you have questions that the stories raise for you. We would value meeting with you for those conversations. I also invite you to consider participating in a small group study if you are not in one already. We would be glad to help direct you to join an existing group or begin one on your own.

Many blessings to you as we begin this new program year at

Morning Prayer 9:30 am
AA Meeting 12:30 pm
EfM 12:00 -3:00 pm
EfM 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Wednesday

"In Stitches" Knitting &
Crochet , 9:00 am
"Just Faith" 9:30- 11:30 am
Contemplative Prayer,
12:00 noon

Thursday

Holy Eucharist, 12:00 pm
AA Meeting 12:30 pm
Mentor Me 6:00-8:00 pm
(starts in September)

Friday

Church office closed
AA Meeting, 10:00 am
Overeaters Anon 7:00 pm

Saturday

8:00am Pantry (the last
Saturday of the month)
Cumming Harvest 10:00-
12:00

Sunday Lessons

September 3rd

Exodus 3:1-25

**Psalms 105: 1-6, 23-26,
45c**

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

Fr. Keith's Lessons

& Questions:

*Available on the ECOHS
Website*

Next Sunday's Lessons

September 10th

The Path - Chapter 1

Psalms 149

Matthew 18:15-20

The Dove Deadlines!

If you would like to have
an article or notice
published in The Dove,
please be aware of our
deadlines:

Early Edition:

1st of every month

Holy Spirit.

Keith+

From the Youth Minister: For Our Youth!

And The New Year Program Year Begins!

Sunday School Begins September 10th

This year, our youth will be joining the parish-wide journey through the Bible, using *The Path: A Journey Through the Bible*. Parents, most weeks, you will receive via email/text a reading for your youth, to help them prepare for that Sunday's lesson. These readings are typically about 10 pages and ***reading these lessons in advance will greatly enhance your youth's learning experience.*** Looking forward to a great journey together through the Bible, as we discover together God's eternal love for God's beloved children.

Youth Events

Here are a few details about our ***upcoming September events,*** as well as the October dates to add to your calendar.

Sept.10: EYC Kickoff Pool Party, 1:00 - 3:30 pm

Watch for the Signup Genius, inviting everyone to a pool party in the Bannister Subdivision (Julie Wilson's neighborhood) as we get together for a potluck lunch, games and fun!

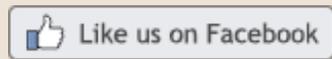
**Sept.17: Church of the Common Ground
10:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

It's our annual youth trip to the Church of the Common Ground. We'll meet at church for discussion before making sandwiches and

Late Edition:
20th of every month

Send submissions to:
ecoahs@bellsouth.net

Stay Connected



Forward to a Friend

then heading to Woodruff Park to celebrate Eucharist with this beloved community.
Watch for a SignUp Genius!

Sept. 20: Movie Night, *The Way*, 7 - 9 p.m.

Come to the Parish Hall and enjoy this movie, snacks, and some discussion with your parish family!

Oct. 7: Coffee House, 7 - 9 p.m.

Oct. 8: Blessing of the Animals, 3:00 p.m.

Oct. 11: Parish Dinner and Program:
Honduras Mission! 5:45 - 8:00 p.m.

Oct. 15: Let's Create! A Jewelry-Making
Adventure 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Oct. 21: Mentor Me Bowling 10:00 - 12:30
a.m.

Oct. 28: Pilgrimage to Athens: Beloved
Community 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Parents, a friendly reminder to please turn in your parental-authorization for our 2017-2018 youth events. You can scan and email to me, turn in a copy at church, or drop off at any August EYC event. Blank forms and a collection folder are in the Parish Hall.

Blessings,

Mother Bonnie+

bonniegunderwood@gmail.com, 404-729-5876

Announcements

Program Year/Fall Schedule Begins Sunday, September 10th!

Services will be at 8:30 and 10:45 am
Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 am



Hurricane Harvey - How Can I Help?

You can help those affected by Hurricane Harvey by clicking on the link below. It will take you to the Hurricane Harvey donation page at Episcopal Relief and Development.

<http://episcopalrelief.com/hurricane-harvey-response/?ID=LB17-1>

Excerpted from an email from Episcopal Relief and Development:

Most disasters have three distinct, if sometimes overlapping phases: **Rescue, Relief and Recovery.**

Rescue: In the case of Harvey, the disaster hasn't yet stopped and so the Rescue phase is taking place in the midst of the crisis. It can be heartbreaking to watch, I know. However, I urge all of us to be patient. Please pray for those who are suffering as a result of this tragedy and for the professionals who are risking their lives to save others.

Relief: The next is the Relief phase. We and our partners began preparing for this phase as soon as it was clear how massive Harvey was going to be. During this phase, the local church will be one of the first places people go to seek assistance and shelter. Because they are prepared and experienced in disaster response, we know that our partners in Texas and elsewhere will be active in the Relief phase. This is where Episcopal Relief & Development is focusing its resources right now.

Recovery: Eventually, we get to the third and final phase: Recovery. During this period, the emphasis shifts to restoring services, repairing houses and buildings, returning individuals to self-sufficiency and rebuilding communities. The challenge of the Recovery phase is that most of the television cameras have moved on, but the human suffering has grown. It is a chronic state, not a crisis. However, it is the phase that **the Church excels in**, because we are part of the communities that have been impacted and can best identify needs and work with the community to address them efficiently.

Financial Support: Now is the time to offer financial support. Contributing to ERD will ensure that we have enough resources to support the work of our church partners as they serve the most vulnerable in their communities. They are best positioned to assess needs and timing for response efforts.

One of the immediate ways Episcopal Relief & Development and our partners help individuals is by handing out gift cards to local stores so that people can choose what they need the most. It not only affords people dignity it also helps stimulate the local economy, which needs to recover post-disaster.

Donating Goods: My firm recommendation is **DON'T DO IT**. I can't tell you how many piles of discarded clothing I saw in parking lots throughout the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina. After major disasters, diocesan staff have limited capacity to receive, store or distribute donated goods.

~ Rob Radtke - President of Episcopal Relief and Development

Children's Christian Education

We are gearing up for the start of our program year! In Children's Christian Ed. we will be using The Path as will the youth and the adults. We are so excited about this and how it can make learning easier. We will all be learning the same stories each week! We will begin the year learning about creation and follow along with the rest of the parish.

We will still use different activities such as cooking, art, music, science and drama to reinforce what we are learning for the week.

Our Sunday School kickoff is the Sunday after Labor Day, Sunday, September 10th! It's always a fun day with lots to look forward to. Please join us as we begin our year in an inclusive and exciting way. We will meet downstairs in the children's area at 9:30.

We are looking for Christian Ed teachers, this year more than ever the year is mapped out for us with our lessons ready to go. If you would like to volunteer for a specific period of time I am ready to pass those lessons along to you for consideration. Our Sunday School hour is a great opportunity to get to know the children and young families of our church and to share some of your hidden talents! Don't hesitate to email me with any questions about Christian Ed or teaching Sunday School.

Thank you!

Julie

jwilsonjat@gmail.com

Preschool!

Our preschool year is off to a fantastic start! We are thankful to have more children registered than we have had in several years! We are also extremely thankful to have a 4 year old class that is blossoming!

Please share the good news about our preschool and our wonderful new space with your friends and neighbors! While our space is shiny and new our experience is not! We are happy to say we are in our 28th year of learning and laughter with children!

We are also happy to note that we are making a concentrated effort to welcome families of children with differing abilities.

There is a large community of families with children who have special needs. We invite all families to tour our preschool and be in conversation with us about their needs and how we can best meet those needs.

Come for a visit and see how we are growing and changing. We are a small preschool that offers individual attention to each child in a loving confidence building environment.

Call or email for any information.
Julie Wilson jwilsonjat@gmail.com

Music Notes

The ECOHS adult choir has resumed weekly rehearsals on Wednesdays, @ 7:30 p.m. in the choir room. All interested singers are welcome to attend.



The St. Cecilia and St. Luke choirs will resume weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, September 13 @ 5:00 p.m.

If you are interested in sharing your musical talent with us (vocal or instrumental), 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!

Please visit the music portion of the church's website www.ecohs.net to find information about the music ministry of ECOHS.



Mentor Me is coming to ECOHS!

The Building is Serving! Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners at Holy Spirit, Mentor Me will be able to offer the homework help & reading program "REACH" at ECOHS.

Beginning on Thursday September 7th, a group of elementary students (grades K-5) will meet with their Mentors in the Parish Hall. Regular Mentors make the commitment to help their student once a week for an hour from September - April.

However, we have several children waiting for a Mentor and we could use your help! If you would like to sign up as a weekly Mentor, or just to "sub" once as you are able, please contact Sylvia Cardona at sylvia@mentormenorthga.org, 678-697-6612(cell) or 678-341-8028 at work.

Help our "Back to School Drive" for The Place of Forsyth

The Place is a local assistance organization now serving over 150 hungry families every week. They are running critically low on several items, so please help us collect:

- Sept 3: Tuna Helper
- Sept 10: Dry Pasta
- Sept 17: Boxed Cereal
- Sept 24: Canned Pasta (Spaghettios, Chef Boy R Dee)

Please place your items in the bins provided in the Parish Hall.

(But don't worry if you missed a week- we can deliver any item any week!)

Thank you!



We are starting back up with our backpack deliveries now that school is back in session!

Our first delivery date is September 6th.

Empty backpacks are in the Parish Hall. Please pick one up and return it filled to the Church Office *no later than 2:00 pm on Wednesday, September 6th.*

There will be some changes to the way the program works this year:

- Family assignments will no longer be made. The program is getting too large for this to be manageable.
- Eventually, we will provide index cards with a shopping list for each backpack.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Given the way the program is growing, Backpacks of Love is in need of helpers to collect backpacks from drop off locations (like our church and others), help pack additional backpacks when necessary, deliver backpacks to schools, etc. Volunteers must be able to lift dozens of 20 lb. backpacks per delivery.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Cathy at the church office: 770-887-8190 or ecohs@bellsouth.net

Thank you for your continuing support of this vital ministry!

Family Promise Training

If you would like to volunteer during our next Family Promise host week and have not been through training yet, here are upcoming training dates at The Place:



Thursday, September 21

Thursday, October 19

Thursday, November 16

All sessions start at 7:00 pm



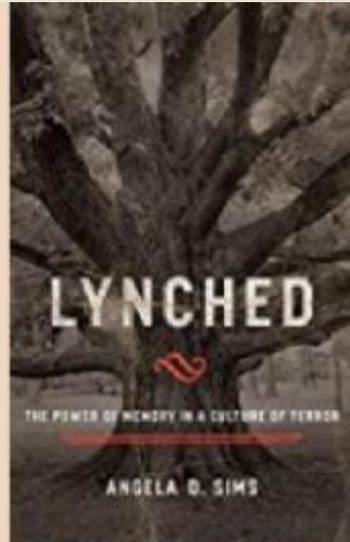
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LYNCHING & MORAL INJURY

featuring
Dr. Angela Sims

September 21 | 7 p.m.

All Saints' Episcopal Church

534 West Peachtree St. Atlanta, GA 30308

Parish Directory Update!!!!!!!

Lifetouch is going to UPDATE our photo directory on Sunday, October 8 from 12:30 to 6:00 pm, and Monday, October 9 from 3:00-9:00 pm. This is ONLY for people who DID NOT have their picture made by Lifetouch last time or are NEW to the Parish.



You can schedule your own appointment by clicking on this link:

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y6yt5re6/>

There will be an information poster in the Parish Hall. Please take the sign up information and brochure for your reference.

We must have 15 people or families sign up in order to update our directory. You receive a free 8x10 picture when you have your picture made. If you turned in your own picture last time you can have Lifetouch take your picture this time.

The WHOLE parish will receive a new updated directory FREE with the update. The WHOLE Parish needs to update the actual printed directory, so that all information is correct for the NEW directory. A copy of the directory will be at the sign up table to check and change if needed.

Please take time to update this. Thanks for your help!

Questions-Call Joanie Anderton 678-662-7791 or banderton@bellsouth.net

Fall Foyers Groups

Fall groups are being formed now! Please be sure to sign up via the Sign Up Genius that was previously sent by **September 5th**.

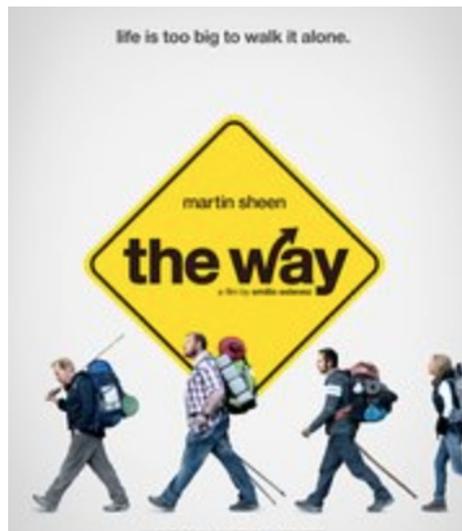
If you did not receive the Sign Up Genius, please contact Julie Ford at julia.ford@comcast.net or Cathy Schlecht at the church office at eco@bellsouth.net

Movie Nights at ECOHS



Join us the third Wednesday of the month for a special movie screening and discussion. Doors and concessions will open at 6:45 in the Parish Hall and the movie will begin at 7:00.

Wednesday, September 20th



A father heads overseas to recover the body of his estranged son who died while traveling the "El camino de Santiago," and decides to take the pilgrimage himself. PG-13

In celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary, Jim and Norma Norris shared this lovely poem with the 10:00 congregation this past Sunday. It was written by their son, Sam Norris. Many of you have requested that we share it here.

Gathering of Age

*Should color come to rest on your cheek
I will love you no less only more,*

*Should age gather itself around your waist
I will hold you as before,*

Time may write novels on your skin

I will treasure each page,

*Sound may escape your voice
I will listen to the echoes of age,*

*Should light avoid the iris of your eyes,
I will guide you through darkness,*

*Should color and curls leave your hair
I will continue my caress,*

*If your days end before mine
I will love you in memory,*

*As tomorrows become yesterday
My love for you will grow*

*I will then await your heaven to inherit me
To be with you and love you for eternity*

Sam Norris

October Save The Dates:

10/8: Blessing of the Animals

10/11: Parish Wednesday Dinner: Honduras Mission Trip Presentation

10/14: Red Elephant Sale

Camp Mikell Folk School

Dates: Friday, October 20th - Sunday, October 22nd 2017

Register: www.campmikell.com

ECOHS - Treasury Report - July 2017

	Month Actual	Variance Budget	YTD Actual	Variance Budget
Income				
Pledged	\$ 24,415.00	\$ (2,769.00)	\$ 180,363.00	\$ (9,925.00)
Other	\$ 3,979.80	\$ (3,916.02)	\$ 62,078.83	\$ 10,913.09
	\$ 28,394.80	\$ (6,685.02)	\$ 242,441.83	\$ 988.09
Expense				
Operations	\$ 28,122.59	\$ 13,938.89	\$ 274,600.57	\$ 2,719.87
Programs	\$ 7,260.84	\$ (5,634.16)	\$ 21,257.25	\$ (4,295.49)
	\$ 35,383.43	\$ 8,304.73	\$ 295,857.82	\$ (1,575.62)
Net	\$ (6,988.63)	\$ 1,619.71	\$ (53,415.99)	\$ (587.53)

Areas of Note:

Summary Statement

Income YTD is 0.4% above the budget to date. This is primarily driven by higher pre-school income. Pledge offerings are off 5.2% for the year so far.

Expenses were under budget for the month resulting from the application of the quarterly salary reserve. Year to date expenses are over budget by 0.5%.

BALANCES:

Operating Funds	\$ 24,768.10
Available Reserves	\$ 86,790.08
Restricted Funds	\$ 88,931.08
Total:	\$ 200,489.26

Building to Serve Overview

- Total Project Budget amount \$1,900K >
Completed Actual Expenses: \$2,056K
- Total Pledged amount \$1,200K
Collected to date \$1,084K or 89%
- Loan Balance \$859K



Community Connections

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