

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit



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Upcoming Events:

THE PANTRY

April 30th, 8:00am to 9:30am

EfM CLASSES

Day Class: Tuesdays at Noon

Evening Class: Tuesdays, 6:00 pm

PASTORAL CARE MEETING

April 13, 9:30 am

VESTRY MEETING

April 14th, 6:30 pm

SASSE LUNCHEON

April 8th, noon

MEN'S BREAKFAST

April 9, 8:00-10:00 am

CAREGIVER'S GROUP*

April 21st, 6:30

WISDOM GROUP

On hiatus until Fr. Keith returns

KITE FLYING DAY

April 24th

LUNCH WITH BR. KENNETH

1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays

Marie's Deli at 12:30 pm

Weekly Schedule:

Early April Edition



From the Rector:

As this issue of *The Dove* is distributed, I have already officially begun my sabbatical. This will be an exciting ninety-eight day period of reflection and renewal for me and for the parish. It is a time for which I am very grateful-grateful that sabbaticals are a policy of The Episcopal Church; and that so many in this parish have worked hard to plan for this in a way that will bless all of us.

I do want to highlight three things in this last rector's column that I will write for three months:

First, as most of you have heard, Ralph Davis died at his home this past Saturday with Janice and loving friends and family near him. Ralph is loved and respected by so

Sunday

8:30a Holy Eucharist
10:45a Holy Eucharist

Monday

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)

*Items marked with * meet in the Youth Building.*

Sunday Lessons

-April 10th, 2016:

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)
Psalm 30
Revelation 21:1-19
John 21:1-19

For Keith's Lessons & Questions:

On hiatus until Fr. Keith returns.

Next Sunday's Lessons

April 17th, 2016

Acts 9:36-43

many people in different spheres of life. For us at Church of the Holy Spirit, we are grateful for his strong and loving presence among us over many years and for his leadership in bringing about our building expansion. Without Ralph, this project would not have been done. Please join me in praying for Janice and all those who grieve.

Second, I invite and encourage all of you to take part in the activities planned by the sabbatical committee. Our goal all along has been for this to be a time of renewal for the parish as well as for Lynn and me. Much prayer and thought have been put into each option. So jump in and enjoy this time as a way to grow in your faith, have fun, and develop new relationship and ways to serve.

Third, I want to remind you of the concluding remarks from my sermon this past Sunday:

Be open. Listen to people you might tend to ignore. Stretch your understanding about how the world is, really; and stretch your imagination about how the world could be. Then be open to doing something, with God's help, to take part in God's mission to make our world more just and loving.

Be kind. Always. No exceptions.

Pray. Take five minutes every day to sit silently and focus on God's presence. God's love surrounds us constantly- the issue is whether or not we are tuned in. Silence and stillness are ways we can do that. And if you want further instruction or companions in this practice, come to church on Wednesdays at Noon to learn and be with loving people who practice this.

God be with you all.

~Keith+

From the Youth Minister:

EYC will not be scheduled from Palm Sunday (3/20) through Spring Break (4/10). We'll resume on 4/17.

Here are the upcoming EYC events, so you can save the dates on your calendar!

April

Sun 17 EYC - 4:30 at ECOHS

Sun 24 Dutch Jahnz Kite Flying Day (aka Messy Olympics)

Sat 30 Youth at the Pantry

And you can count on more events in May, as we finish

Psalm 23
Revelation 7: 9-17
John: 10:22-30

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

Late Edition:

20th of every month

Send submissions to:
ecoah@bellsouth.net

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up our program year.

Upcoming Diocesan Events - Time to Plan for SUMMER!

NEW! Diocesan Tubing Trip, June 4:

Save the Date! It'll be a great event.

Mission Trip Birmingham, July 10-

15:Diocesan Mission Trip Birmingham is our high school youth trip. Each participant will spend half the week doing labor intensive service work that includes a coop garden, while the other half of the week will be relational, including volunteering at a local VBS. You can

find registration [here](#) . Note: *Deposit is \$60, and although the deadline has passed, registration will continue until we run out of space.*

Mission Trip: atSERVE, July 10-15:The diocese is partnering with All Saints' Atlanta to provide an Atlanta-based mission trip for middle school youth. We have already partnered with Emmaus House, Meals on Wheels, and the Atlanta Food Bank to provide a good mix of service work. You can find registration [here](#). Note: *Deposit is \$50, and although the deadline has passed, registration will continue until we run out of space.*

And one more SUMMER option!

SUMMA Theological Debate Society's Summer 2016 Camp is open to all High School students and will be held July 18-27 at the School of Theology at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee.

Please contact me with any questions.

Mother Bonnie+

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MINISTRY OF THE MONTH: CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children's chapel is provided to help teach children the structure of the church service in an interactive way. They sing a song, receive a short sermon tied to the lectionary, and say prayers. They receive all the parts of church that are happening in the sanctuary but in shorter versions. The children leave when the music plays after the Gospel and return after the peace. All children from age four to fifth grade are invited to attend. Children's Chapel is part of church and not a break away from it. The children help run their own service and also have the ability to ask questions.

We would love more volunteers in this vital ministry. New volunteers are easily trained "on the job" and participate as they are comfortable. If you are interested, please contact Fiona Norris at norrisfiona@hotmail.com or Meg Davenport at megbdav@gmail.com



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!

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*

"Listen with the Ear of Your Heart"
Sabbatical Themed Tee Shirts for Sale !

May 1-7: Candler Pastoral Leadership Program, Juarez, MX and El Paso, TX
May 19-26: Honduras Mission Trip
July 11: Father Keith's first day back at work
July 17: Father Keith's first Sunday back at Holy Spirit
August 21: Welcome Home Celebration for Father Keith and Lynn

Parish:

March 5: Ladies Prayer Brunch with Sara Beth Wright, PhD
March 18-20: Parish Weekend at Camp Mikell
March 27: Easter Sunday
April 3: Bishop building dedication, reception, Father Keith's last day
April 5-6: Mentor Me Camp with Sylvia Cardona
April 24: Listening to the Family and Holy Spirit through Fun
May 15: Pentecost
May 21: Parish goes to the Holy Spirit Monastery
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Dutch Jahnz Kite Flying Day -- April 24th

Listening through games and fun!

You won't want to miss this year's Kite Day!

Our youth have planned an amazing day complete with a cookout, family photos, games and more. Come challenge Mother Bonnie in a game of kickball, help paint our parish mural, challenge our youth to a three legged race, bingo for all ages and of course game day wouldn't be complete without a game of life-size Jenga.

So whether you want to fly a kite or roll around in our giant hamster ball, there is entertainment for all!

A Sign-Up Genius invitation has been sent out to the parish via email, so please be sure to RSVP via the online invitation no later than April 15th.

Hope to see you there!

Coming Soon...Vacation Bible School!

VBS is right around the corner! The dates are June 6th-10th from 9:00-12:00! We have a program for children 3 (and potty trained) through 5th grade and opportunities for our youth to be the favorite helpers! Our theme this year is UNDER CONSTRUCTION...seems fitting although by this time I expect signs of construction will be few and far between! Please save the dates and fill out your registration form, we are looking so forward to being together in our new space!

Make plans to join us! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to email me- jwilsonjat@gmail.com

Honduras Mission Team Ingathering

Preparations continue for our Honduras Mission Trip and our youth will be collecting a few items to bring to Honduras for the children and staff at LAMB Institute.

- New shoes! We are collecting specific sizes of low-rise Converse-style shoes. Come visit our display to see what is needed. *And if you don't want to shop, donations are welcome!*
- We'll also be collecting new bath towels for the children. *Regular sized towels only, please, no bath sheets.*

All ingathering items should be returned to ECOHS by May 1st.

Attention all Golfers! Save the Date!

The 4th Annual Links for LAMB Golf Tournament is on May 2nd, 2016 at the Trophy Club of Atlanta. All proceeds will directly benefit the children of LAMB.

The cost is \$150 per person, which includes greens fees, cart, driving range, contests, continental breakfast, hot buffet lunch and beverages. You can sign up as an individual player or bring a foursome. Signup online at www.tinyurl.com/znpz3q4 or contact Mother Bonnie with any questions.

Sign up deadline is 4/22/16.

Family Promise recently signed it's 13th and final host church and soon will be able to start helping homeless families in our community, but fundraising still continues. Tickets will be available for this concert via the Family Promise website: [click here](#)

The Family Promise of Forsyth County, Inc Concert Series

Proudly presents Tim Malchak

Tim is a singer/songwriter with 40 years of experience, having toured extensively across the United States. Tim is now using his God given gifts to minister to congregations throughout the Southeast via his original recorded music and live performances.

Concert will be held at:
Midway United Methodist Church
[5025 Atlanta Hwy. Alpharetta, GA 30004](#)

Friday May 6th
Concert starts at 7:30PM

REMINDER!

The parish hall and nave are currently unavailable for use Mondays - Fridays. The youth building is available for use during the week and usage can be scheduled through Cathy at the church office.

Thank you all for your patience and flexibility!

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Camp Mikell 2016 Summer Schedule

Mini Camp Rising 1st & 2nd grade	May 27-29 \$350 - includes cost for camper& parent/guardian
Youth Camp Rising 10th - Just graduated	June 5-11 \$450
Performing Arts Camp Rising 4th-9th grade	June 12-18 \$450
Intermediate Camp Rising 8th & 9th grade	June 19-25 \$450
Junior Camp Rising 6th & 7th grade	June 26- July 2 \$450
Kid Camp Rising 3rd-5th grade	July 10-16 \$450
Work Camp Rising 10th- Just graduated	July 18-23 \$350
Emmaus House Summer Program	July 22-29
Guest Camp Children, Adults and Families All Ages	September 2-5 (Labor Day Weekend)

For more information on camp sessions or to register, go to:

www.campmikell.com

A Friendly Request from the Bookkeeper:

We appreciate the pledges and gifts so graciously bestowed upon our church. To make sure they are posted and accounted for correctly, please be sure to note on the memo line on all checks what the funds are for.

Examples: Annual Pledge, Building Fund, Outreach, Honduras Mission Trip, Priest Discretionary Fund, etc.

If you have any questions, please call Cathy at the church office. 770-887-8190.

Thank you!

Backpacks of Love - Drop Off

Until our construction is complete, please bring your filled Backpacks to the Parish Administrator's office downstairs.

Thank you!

~Cathy Schlecht

ECOHS - Treasury Report - February 2016

	Month Actual	Variance Budget	YTD Actual	Variance Budget
Income				
Pledged	\$ 20,726.00	\$ (6,829.00)	\$ 53,221.00	\$ (1,889.00)
Other	\$ 6,674.26	\$ 642.94	\$ 15,587.81	\$ 2,215.17
	<u>\$ 27,400.26</u>	<u>\$ (6,186.06)</u>	<u>\$ 68,808.81</u>	<u>\$ 326.17</u>
Expense				
Operations	\$ 36,747.84	\$ 1,611.52	\$ 80,620.05	\$ (3,401.30)
Programs	\$ 469.60	\$ 679.01	\$ 2,996.71	\$ 1,050.79
	<u>\$ 37,217.44</u>	<u>\$ 2,290.53</u>	<u>\$ 83,616.76</u>	<u>\$ (2,350.51)</u>

Summary Statement

Revenues were down 18.4% for the month, with expenses being down 5.8% under budget.

* Revenue YTD about on Budget

* Expenses YTD are up primarily due to quarterly payments which hit during the first month.

Areas of Note:

- The deficit for the month was \$9,817
- YTD deficit is \$2K over the budgeted amount.
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BALANCES:

Operations	\$ 3,268.00
Restricted Identified	\$711,439.00 (Includes Capital Funds)
Restricted Available	\$119,880.00
Total:	\$834,447.00

Building Capital Overview

- Total Project Budget amount \$1,900K
Expenses to date \$1,570.5K

- Total Pledged amount \$1,200K
Collected to date \$649K or 54.1%

- Construction Loan Approved for \$1,500K
Borrowed to date \$1200K



Any questions, please email me at Zprime2@charter.net

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