

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

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Upcoming Events

THE PANTRY

Jan. 31st, 8:00am to 9:30am

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Feb. 1st, after late service

CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE/FAMILY DINNER

Feb. 1th, 5pm

EYC

Feb. 8th, Worship at St. Paul's

VESTRY MEETING

Feb. 12th, 6:30pm

SASSE LUNCHEON

Feb. 13th, Noon

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Feb. 14th, 8am

WINE & WISDOM

Feb. 15th, after late service

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Feb. 17th, 6:00pm

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Feb. 18th, Noon and 7pm

*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

January Edition

From the Rector:

The Rev. Newell Graham, the priest-in-charge at Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit before I was called as rector, was the chaplain for Ringling Brothers/Barnum & Bailey Circus for several years. Fr. Newell could tell many stories about his experience in that unique environment. At the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, some of the people from the circus came and talked about his important role in their world in which they brought their show to so many while maintaining a complex logistics system and human community that many circus goers would never see.

As I look around at our parish right now and as I look ahead to the changes to come from our building expansion in the next year, that image of a three ring circus comes to mind. We have many moving parts that make ECOHS an exciting and vital place. As we move forward, we all need to be aware of what is going on and find our place so that we are able to move forward with energy and good cheer.

The "three rings" of our circus include:

1. The first "ring" is all the day to day life and ministry that we identify with our church. First, our Sunday services, including our choirs, servers, guilds, and clergy. Then our Christian formation for all ages, from Preschool to EFM. Then needed pastoral support that comes from faithful laypeople as well as from me. And of course a full range of ministries from Parish Weekend and Foyer groups to maintaining our building and grounds and much more. If we only did these things, we would be very busy indeed!
2. The second "ring" is the capital campaign we are in the midst of which is leading to our building expansion. Many faithful people are working very hard to communicate and create events so that we will pray as a community about "what does God want to do through me?" especially in terms of our financial giving to the capital campaign. The climax of this campaign will come by the end of March and then we hope to start construction by April.
3. The third "ring" includes the areas in which we are being invited to grow as individuals and as a community of faith. The people involved in ministry at the Children's Center at Lee Arrendale State Prison are experiencing that type of growth. Our future involvement as a support parish for Family Promise, the first transitional housing ministry in Forsyth County, is another opportunity for us

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 1, 2015

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalms 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

For Keith's Lessons & Questions:

See Home Group tab on church website.

Next Sunday's Lessons

- February 8, 2015

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalms 147:1-12, 21c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

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to grow as people of faith. The Lenten series I am planning on the issues of race is one more opportunity for us to grow as a community and hopefully be part of that growth for others as well.

So that's a lot. During this time of such exciting change, I ask you to join me in prayer and good cheer for what God is doing among us. At times when we get frustrated or tired, I hope we will be there to encourage one another and keep our sense of humor and steady faith, because, "the show must go on." Peace and prayers for you all.

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

VESTRY LIAISONS - with our 2015 Vestry now installed, the following will be their roles for this busy year:

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| Sharon Linsley | Senior Warden (Personnel) |
| Mark Bohan | Junior Warden (Building & Grounds) |
| Ralph Davis | Construction Project |
| Janet Pfaff | Communication & Evangelism |
| Cathy Schlecht | Outreach/Community Ministry |
| Putnam Smith | Finance & Administration |
| Jennie Zavorski | Parish Life (not Red Door) |
| Lucy Murray | Christian Education (all ages) |
| Sylvia Cardona | Youth |
| Bruce Zavitz | Treasurer |

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



Capital Campaign Key Dates

February 1st - Gratitude Sunday

February 8th - Ministry Sunday

February 9th-11th - Advance Commitment Gatherings

February 14th - Prayer Event

February 22nd - Celebration Gala at the Polo Grounds (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:

- Sunday Feb 8th - Following the late service, we will go to Fernbank to see the IMax movie "Jerusalem"
- 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

Treasurer's Report:

December 2014

	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	%
Revenue	\$545,508	\$364,031	33% above
Expenses	\$404,098	\$362,959	10% above
Net	\$141,410	\$1,072	

- > Members Non-pledging revenues are down overall.
- > Received unrestricted gift!! Also moved remaining gift from 2013 into budget.
- > Had unbudgeted expenses due to additional a/v equipment purchased for youth bldg and for church.
- > Had unbudgeted expenses due to annual fire alarm and kitchen hood inspections, annual HVAC maintenance agreement and septic back-up.
- > Moved \$2000 fee for future sewer tie-in to building fund (off budget).
- > Garden maintenance is running higher than budgeted.
- > Nursery exceeding budget - needs larger budget.
- > Parish Life exceeding budget.
- > Outreach - Pantry funded from budget in Oct, Nov & Dec.

- Bill Taylor

Parish Life:

Adult Spring Foyer Groups To Be Formed Soon!

Spring Foyer Groups for adults will be formed by the end of this month, and we need more adults to sign up to participate. Foyer groups are formed at random into groups of usually eight people, and each group meets in the homes of its members once a month during a 6-month period for a simple meal and relaxed conversation. The focus is on hospitality, having fun together, and getting to know each other outside the church setting. It's a great way to meet church people and make new friends! If you'd like to participate this spring, please sign up on the sheet located in the Parish Hall or contact Janice McClelland at 770-889-0631, jpmcclelland@bellsouth.net.

Outreach:

FIGURES FOR DECEMBER PANTRY: No. of clients served: 100

Pantry Angels: Judy Norman, Bill McKeldin, Lohr Pickering, Bert and Midge Printz, Dennis and Linda Whittle, Michael Foeller, Pat and Harold Gill, Tom, Lauren and Champ McDonnell, Michael Arens (and 'Greenery Crew!'), Deacon Tom, Jeanne Donaldson, Julie and Gabi Rezende, Karen Schaub, Tom, Lauren and Champ McDonnell, Sumner Cahoon, and Liz Tanner.

Thanks to Tom McDonnell and Michael Arens, our December Pantry was very festive, despite fewer numbers. Many thanks to Tom and Champ for the Christmas music and for the music throughout the year. Michael kindly donated Christmas greenery which he had bought from a Boy Scout troop in Dahlonega. They were raising money for all the troop to go to Summer camp. What a great way to donate to the boys and our clients....a win, win for all! Many thanks also to Dennis and Linda Whittle who harvested 30 cabbages from the Community garden...touch and go with the temperatures plummeting! Thanks also to Linda for all the children's books she has kindly donated through the year. Last, but not least, many thanks to all our volunteers who have kindly given up a few hours on the last Wednesday and/or Saturday of the month to make the pantry possible and also to all who have so kindly given

diapers. We truly appreciate the physical as well monetary donations!

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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