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Upcoming Events:

PASTORAL SUPPORT:

Sept. 13, 9:30 a.m.

VESTRY MEETING:

Sept. 13, 7:00 p.m.

MEN'S BREAKFAST:

Sept. 8, 8:30 a.m.

"LETTER TO THE HEBREWS":

Sept. 12, 6:00 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. program

FISH FRY

Sept. 16, after 10:45 a.m. service; at the home of Neva Jahnz

PANTRY

Sept. 29, 8:00 a.m.

NEXT "5th SUNDAY" FORMAT SERVICE:

Sept. 30

From the Rector: Getting Involved

Our program year begins again this month! Actually, our parish preschool started the last week of August, but Sunday school for all ages and the return to our 10:45 a.m. service time with full choir and Children's Chapel and EYC will all start back on Sunday, September 9. EFM will start back on September 4 and the rector's Bible studies resume in mid-September.

There is always a lot of excitement as we start up again in the fall. We have several things planned which you will read about in *The Dove* and on the website and hear about during the announcements and other settings. As we start back this fall, I'd like to invite you to consider two particular ways to be involved in our parish.



First, become involved in a small group to help you grow in your faith. That's typically done through the study of Scripture and prayer. The four main options in our parish are Sunday school, home groups, the rector's Bible studies and EFM. You can talk with me about these options and make this the year that you go deeper in your faith and study.

One way to start is by attending Dr. Thomas Long's presentation on the book of Hebrews. Dr. Long will be here at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12, as the kick-off of our fall Bible study on Hebrews. We will have Evening Prayer at 5:45 and a pizza and salad supper at 6:00. Dr. Long is a distinguished professor who has written a commentary on Hebrews that will be the basis for our fall Bible study. His presentation is something you won't want to miss. Then after you attend Dr. Long's talk, come to one of our Bible studies at either 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays or 10:30 a.m. Thursdays.

Second, serve in an important area of need in the parish. Many of you already do many things. But if you don't have a regular parish ministry, consider helping in one of these areas:

- Work with Paul Morris to help with our youth on Sunday mornings or afternoons. We have a great group of young people and helping them explore and practice their faith is a rewarding experience. Talk to Paul – he'll be glad to have your help!

- Help Julie Wilson with our precious children on Sunday mornings. You can be a teacher or someone who helps prepare for the lessons in various ways. Talk to Julie and she will tell you how you can make a difference.

Of course there are many other ways to serve, but giving back to our children and youth is one of the best ways to be involved in our common life and ministry.

Thanks to everyone who makes this parish such a warm and exciting place to worship, learn and care for others. I look forward to this new year and the promise it holds for us all.

Keith+

Dove contribution deadline: September 24

“The kind of work God usually calls you to is the kind of work that you need most to do and that the world most needs to have done.” Frederick Buechner

Foster/Mentor/Tutoring

Forsyth County Schools are in desperate need of adults to spend 30 minutes to an hour each week mentoring kids in the schools during school hours. Additionally, **Mentor Me**, through its program REACH (Raising Expectations and Achievement of our Children) is looking for youth or adult mentors to work one-on-one with elementary school children after school. ECOHS will be a training site for those interested in mentoring for the Forsyth County Schools. We need to get an idea of how many individuals are interested in participating in this worthwhile project. Please sign up in the parish hall by Sunday, September 16. If you have any questions, please see Joanie Anderton, Lucy Murray or Deacon Nadine. If you are interested in learning more about the **Mentor Me** programs, contact [Sylvia Cardona](mailto:Sylvia.Cardona) or visit <http://www.mentormenorthga.org/>. **Mentor Me** REACH program volunteer applications are available in the parish hall.

Backpacks of Love

The Men’s Group is participating in Backpacks of Love, a ministry that works with school social workers and counselors here in Forsyth County to identify students whose families need extra help with food. Every other Friday, numbered backpacks are filled with food items from a list customized to the receiving family. A shopping guide is included and the backpack sponsor also receives generic information about the family to help shop for that family in particular. The backpacks are returned to school and the process continues during the school year. Do you think your family may be interested in sponsoring a backpack this year? To express an interest and receive more information, sign up in the parish hall. (*No need to commit at this time!*)

Pastoral Support

Hospitality Ministry

New ministries arise from a combination of need, talent and blessing. When those things happen spontaneously and serve the greater good, the Holy Spirit is moving among us and our work bears witness to that. Hank Bauer’s funeral and reception brought us together out of love and respect for Hank and Liz, allowing us to put our best selves forward in community with each other. A great many of our members responded willingly to the call for music, service and food. We knew a large crowd would be attending Hank’s service so we wanted to be especially prepared. The timing of funerals is always an uncertainty and many details must be organized at the last minute. Out of those last-minute planning meetings, three ladies worked together so beautifully and easily that it seemed natural to ask them to lead a Hospitality Ministry. They are Hollie Ostrander, Hally Krogh and Sharon Linsley. They will now be in charge of receptions for the Bishop, newcomers, funerals and other events, as needed. Thank you, ladies, for the beautiful work you did overseeing Hank’s reception and many thanks to all who came together so thoughtfully for Hank, Liz and ECOHS.

New Inreach Coordinator

A very special welcome and thank you to Mary Ann Jame-son who responded to the call as Inreach Coordinator when Norma Norris resigned that position due to surgery. Mary Ann will work in tandem with Pastoral Support to coordinate meals for parishioners as the need arises. She may be calling on you for help. Your generosity does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated by those who receive the food.

- Beth Jones, Pastoral Support Chair, Sr. Warden

It won't be long now!

October 20, better known as ECOHS' Red Door Festival 2012, will be here before we know it, so now's the time to get involved.

We still need sponsors to help fund the production costs of the festival, so please take a few of the sponsorship brochures from the hall and narthex tables and approach business people you know for a contribution. The levels and sponsor benefits are outlined in the brochure, and a letter from Father Keith requesting support is available. If you have any suggestions or have a contact name, talk to [Tom Gibson](#), sponsorship chair, and someone else may be able to approach the business.

Please periodically check the Supplies Request List on the Red Door bulletin board in the parish hall to find ways in which you can help prepare for the festival. Donating supplies is a wonderful way to help us offset production costs and net more profit for the festival.

The storage building off the lower parking lot is now available for Red Door supplies, so you can bring all the Red Elephant Sale items you've been saving to church well in advance of the event. You may bring small items to the church office. Please contact [Sharon Linsley](#) or [Janet Pfaff](#) for assistance with large items that need to be placed directly in storage.

[Janice McClelland](#) will be sending a "Sign-up Genius" by e-mail to coordinate volunteer efforts. Please watch your inbox for the notice and generously volunteer your time in response.

The Red Door raffle baskets (or their contents) are due by September 15. If you have committed to supply a basket, please contact [Karen Allen](#), [Sharon Linsley](#) or [Janet Pfaff](#) to arrange your drop off.

Red Door Festival Volunteers: We Need You!

The Red Door Festival is just around the corner! It takes the effort of numerous volunteers to make this wonderful event for our community happen. Volunteers will be needed in many areas, such as set-up, clean-up, parking, food service, Red Elephant Sale, bake sale, children's activities and more. The opportunities to help are endless! You will receive information very soon about what will be needed and how you can sign up to volunteer. Please consider how you can help make this year's Red Door Festival the biggest success ever! Questions? Please contact [Janice McClelland](#).

Administrative Offices Redecorating

By the time you get this notice, the Administrative offices should be freshly painted and carpeted. Clutter has been cleared and furniture rearranged to provide a cleaner, more welcoming workspace for staff, parishioners and the many visitors whose first access to the church is through the downstairs space. We chose to follow through with the paint color used in the parish hall and the carpeting used in the sanctuary. Perhaps the most needed change was a refurbishment of the small bathroom; although this was not included in the original budget, funds have been given in order to bring the whole space up to a quality standard.

We will continue to tweak the offices once the painting and carpeting is complete. The Decorating and Art group hopes you enjoy the changes brought about over the last year and feel good in our new, fresh, welcoming environment. The church has received many compliments from visitors regarding the building and grounds and the welcome they receive here. We hope that you, as members and stewards of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, feel that way, too.

- Beth Jones, Decorating and Art



The ECOHS adult choir has resumed rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and leading the Sunday morning 10:45 a.m. service (10:00 on Sept. 2). The youth choir will resume weekly rehearsals on Sunday, Sept. 9, at 12:00 noon. The children's choirs (St. Cecilia and St. Luke) will resume weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 5:00 p.m. The children's and youth choirs will be using the Royal School of Church Music curriculum in their weekly rehearsals. Thanks to all of our choral musicians for their leadership in our weekly (and additional) services.

We welcome you to visit the music portion of the church's [website](#) to find information about the music ministry of ECOHS.

Weekly choir schedules for September - May:

St. Cecilia (age 4 - 1st grade) and St. Luke (2nd - 5th grade) Choirs – Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.
Adult Choir – Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
Youth Choir (6th - 12th grade) – Sundays at 12:00 p.m.

If you are interested in joining the music ministry, please contact [Jeff Daniel](#) on Sunday mornings or via e-mail.

Children's Christian Education & Preschool News

Children's Christian Education

Sunday School is ready to get started! Please join us for our kickoff Sunday, September 9, at 9:30 a.m. downstairs in the children's area. Come and register your children for a year of learning and growing in their relationship with God! Kickoff Sunday is a fun Sunday full of activity as we all get to know each other and talk about the things we will be learning in the upcoming year. As always, we are in need of volunteers! Please prayerfully consider your place in this ministry and feel free to e-mail [Julie Wilson](#) with any questions about volunteering.

Preschool

As we all get into the back-to-school mode, our preschoolers are also ready! Preschool began last Monday! We have a wonderful preschool guided by loving and devoted teachers. We have openings in our Mothers Morning Out, 2, 3 and 4-year-old classes! Please spread the news and let your friends and neighbors know. Take a look at our [website](#) and pass on the news!

- Julie Wilson

Mothers' Group & EYC Resume Weekly Meetings

The ECOHS Mothers' Group is now meeting every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. All moms are welcome to join the group, and childcare is available. For more information, please contact [Margo McMillan](#).

Also, the EYC will resume its weekly meeting, starting Sunday, Sept. 9, at 4:30 p.m. For more information about EYC, please contact [Paul Morris](#).

PRAYERS: **Holy Spirit Parishioners:** Julie C. Anderson, Kendle Baggarly, Betty Bartow, Liz Bauer, Jan Cahoon, Bruce Cross, Vivienne Freeman, Tom Gibson, Harold Gill, Marilyn Goeltz, Norm Goeltz, Cameron Howell, Pollyann Matson, Norma Norris, Jacqueline Perdue, Fran Pickering, Chris Prianti, Carmen Smith, Melanie Suggs, C.J. Versteeg

Friends & Family: Lily Anderson, Glenn Beebe, Donna Bills, Toni Bramlett, Carter & Lisa Bullard, Michael Bullard, Donna Burross, Finley Cline, Sean Connery, Michael Daugherty, Mason Denbo, Sandra English, Joanne Ellis, Dickey Evans, Fred Farris, Bill & Julie Fulkerson, Patty Fusaro, Janet Geuter, Helen Gill, Jan Gilmore, Bill Godbey, Michael Halatyn, Sister Philomena Healy, Lavon Howell, Michael Johnson, Jeff Joyner, Ben Knight, Eleanor Kukarola, Els Lagano, Bill Landel, Linda Landry, Joyce Legg, Jimmie & Betty McIntyre, Billie Murphy, Caroline Newell, Alex Papp, Brett & Alley Phillips, Janet Pollman, Harry Puzey, Sue Rint, John Scortino, Kevin Smith, Taylor Suggs, Betsy Tanner, Larry Teems, Joseph Velardi, Keaton Yingling

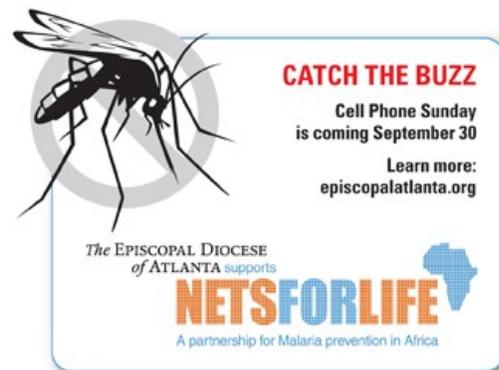
DEATHS: Carolyn Allen – mother of Jim Allen
Jen Harter – friend of Jeanie Lipscomb
Catherine Vatter – sister of Bill Kukarola

BIRTHDAYS: Nolan Collins, Betty Gore, Megan Rodgers, Ed Smith, May Kitsell, William Collins, Jeff Daniel, Matt David, Meredith Comer, John Taylor, Skye Norris, Griffin Berry, Mary Ann Jameson, Karin Downing, Karen Byrd, Susan Bradbury, DeWayne Rodgers

Cell Phone Sunday: September 30

Join fellow Episcopalians across the Diocese of Atlanta for Cell Phone Sunday on Sept. 30. This event will support the NetsForLife campaign, which distributes nets in 17 countries across sub-Saharan Africa. Since 2006, the campaign has distributed more than 8.5 million nets, reducing the overall malaria-related death rate by 45 percent in the communities it serves.

You can help by texting the word “Nets” to 20222 on Sept. 30. By doing so, you will donate \$10 to NetsForLife. For more information, visit the Diocese’s [NetsForLife website](#).



Pantry Angels



We served 160 people in August.

Pantry angels: Pat & Harold Gill; Judy Norman; Bruce & Liz Tanner; Linda Whittle; Nick, Sally & Ro Woodhead

— Ro Woodhead

July 2012 & YTD Results

The following is a summary of our results as of July 31, 2012:

	<u>Actual Month</u>	<u>Budgeted Month</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Budgeted YTD</u>
Operating Income:	\$ 21,627	\$ 20,649	\$ 207,961	\$ 197,253 (A)
Expenses:				
Personnel	\$ 15,108	\$ 14,836	\$ 90,856	\$ 89,365 (B)
Administration	\$ 1,479	\$ 1,158	\$ 14,669	\$ 13,246 (C)
Bldg/Grnds/Equip	\$ 5,505	\$ 2,400	\$ 25,822	\$ 20,105 (D)
Diocese Pledge	\$ 2,115	\$ 2,115	\$ 12,690	\$ 12,690 (E)
Preschool	\$ 48	\$ 45	\$ 22,352	\$ 20,495 (F)
Worship Svc	\$ 714	\$ 825	\$ 5,788	\$ 6,765 (G)
Program Expense	\$ 4,983	\$ 4,200	\$ 32,968	\$ 35,000 (H)
Subtotal:	\$ 29,952	\$ 25,579	\$207,259	\$ 199,781 (I)

OPERATING SURPLUS:	<u>\$ (8,325)</u>	<u>\$ (4,930)</u>	<u>\$ 702</u>	<u>\$ (2,529) (J)</u>
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Other Revenue: (1)

Gifts - Art/Memo'l	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,783	\$ 0
Organ Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,365	\$ 0
Red Door Fest	\$ 130	\$ 0	\$ 2,365	\$ 0
Pavilion	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,000	\$ 0
Nets for Life	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,225	\$ 0
LAMB Institute	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,229	\$ 0

Other Expenditures: (2)

Art/Decoration	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,258	\$ 3,500
Lawnmower	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,500
Youth Bldg Rehab	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Youth Playgrnd	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 600
Outreach Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 6,000
Staff Bonus/Ret Fd	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,500
Kitchen Upgrade	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,836	\$ 0
Pavilion	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,000	\$ 0
Red Door Fest	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 907	\$ 0
Nets for Life	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,225	\$ 0
LAMB Institute	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 840	\$ 0

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RESERVE ACCT:	\$ (8,195)	\$ ---	\$ 4,603	\$ --- (K)
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“Other Revenue” includes temporarily restricted funds received in the form of loan proceeds and/or donations received for purposes of funding Vestry approved projects such as constructing the Pavilion and purchasing the Altar kneelers; it may also include revenues resulting from specific ministry activities, such as the Red Door Festival.

“Other Expenses” includes expenditures made for purposes of carrying out Vestry-approved projects. Expenditures in excess of receipts effectively reduce Reserves.

CURRENT CASH POSITION:	<u>Current</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>
Regions Bank Operating Account	\$ 90,818+	\$101,703+	\$ 93,534+
Regions Bank Preschool Checking	\$ 3,143	\$ 656	\$ 259
Regions Bank Rector Discretionary	\$ 1,185	\$ 1,185	\$ 1,235
Regions Bank Savings (Overdraft Protection)	\$ 10,008	\$ 10,008	\$ 10,008
State Bank and Trust (Reserve Investment)	\$ 24,561	\$ 24,561	\$ 24,542
 TOTALS:	 \$129,715	 \$138,113	 \$129,578
COVERAGE (of \$29,069 Avg. Mo. Expenses):	4.46x	4.75x	4.45x

+ Includes unexpended Diocesan Foundation loan proceeds.

EXPLANATORY NOTES:

(A) Wow! What a difference a month makes. We had that great end-of-the-quarter bounce in our cash on hand last month, up by \$8,535, and here we are at the end of July with an operating loss for the month of \$8,195! If you take the long view, we’ve come a long way in the last couple of years. Really – I just looked. In July 2010, our budgeted monthly income was \$16,480, our YTD expense budget was \$138,441, and for the month, we lost \$7,241. In July 2011, our budgeted monthly income was \$19,588, our YTD expense budget was \$186,383, and for the month, we had an anomalous surplus (we restated our chart of accounts that month). In July 2012, our budgeted monthly income was \$20,649, our YTD expense budget was \$197,253, and for the month, we lost \$8,195. Notice the growth in both the income and expenditure expectations? Here’s another look at it: in 2010, we ended July with \$77,013 in cash on hand. In 2011, we ended the month with \$136,240 on hand, but that included \$41,241 in unexpended Diocesan loan proceeds. This year, we ended July with \$129,715 on hand, of which no more than \$5,000 is arguably unexpended loan proceeds. Sure, we borrowed \$120,000 from the Diocese in 2010, but with that money and some very generous and unexpected gifts, we’ve refinished the interior of the main building and added two outbuildings and the outdoor pavilion. And the principal balance on the debt, by the way, is already down to \$114,000.

Let’s shuck the corn a little:

The top line is just dandy, like it has been most of the year. Income for the month was \$978 ahead of the budget, and we continue to pull ahead on the year, now \$10,709 ahead of schedule for a variance of 5.4%. As many of you know, I like to watch the pledge income, and we exceeded the budget again in July (\$17,540 actual vs. \$16,499 budgeted), which is hard to believe since July is the month when good Episcopalians everywhere are supposed to play hooky. On the year, we’re now \$4,964 above our projection, a positive variance of 3.4%. So, what’s with that operating loss, anyway?

(B) Well, it’s not in *Personnel*. We’re just a little off on the month, \$15,108 actual vs. the budgeted \$14,836, a negative variance of \$272. No big deal. On the year, we’re over by \$1,491 so far, which is about 1.7%. No big deal; as I’ve mentioned before, the sources are a budgeting error in the payroll tax account and a cost overrun in the Administrator’s compensation, which was my mistake.

(C) And it's not in *Administration*, either. We're a little under for the month (\$321), but still over for the year (\$1,423). That's not insignificant, in these accounts, but remember, it's all really attributable to the new copier we got after the budget was prepared.

(D) AHA! Here's the bad boy right here under our noses!! OMG, Bert's \$3,105 over for the *month*! Yow!!

Well, now that you've picked yourself up off the floor, first I'll apologize to Bert – I'm just kiddin' around. The real bad guy, if there is one, is the City Building Inspector, who took us to task for a variety of little code violations, and truth be told, it's probably just as well. With all the new exit signs and working fire alarms, we have a safer building. Another chunk of it is part of the cost of repairing the windows behind the choir, another badly needed bit of deferred maintenance. It is what it is.

(E) The rest is pretty smooth sailing, actually. Under the heading *Diocese*, we report the performance of our annual Diocesan Pledge, which is a tithe based on a three-year moving average of prior years' actual total operating revenues, consistent with Diocesan Canon 20. We're right on track, just like we should be.

(F) School's still out, so there's still not much activity in the *Preschool* accounts. We'll see this perk up next month, so let's move on.

(G) In the *Worship* accounts, we're again under for the month (\$111.28) and still under for the year-to-date (\$977). Again, in these accounts those numbers are pretty significant, but the amounts are small in and of themselves and there's nothing amiss.

(H) While over for the month (\$783), the Parish *Program Expenses* (most importantly, the Christian Ed, Parish Life and the various Outreach accounts) remain comfortably under for the year-to-date by \$2,033, for a positive variance of 5.8%. Almost all of that is the lingering effect of bringing in the annual Parish Retreat well under budget, which masks the fact that we're somewhat over budget in some of the other included accounts, most notably Parish Life. Again, in my book that's good, if you think of it as one of the side effects of growth in the Parish.

(I) In sum, our operating expenses were over budget for the month and remain so for the year-to-date by a now-pretty-significant \$7,478, a negative variance of 3.7%. Of that amount, \$2,033 is in the Program Expense budget, and most of that is in Parish Life. The balance, \$5,445, is all in the Building, Grounds & Equipment accounts – a combination of rectifying deferred maintenance and the vandalism damage we experienced early in the year. Unexpected? Yes. Troubling? No, I wouldn't think so; the money's all well spent, and our cash position remains stronger than it's been in many years now.

(J) *Overall*, while we absorbed a net \$8,325 of cash in July, we still look good on the year-to-date and we're swiftly moving out of the summer break. All told, we've produced a modest \$702 surplus YTD, which compares nicely to our budget projection, where we'd anticipated a net operating "loss" at this point of \$2,529.

(K) Lastly, we didn't have much extracurricular activity this month, though we still have a number of Vestry-approved projects that should launch pretty soon, including the Youth Building rehab. We'll undoubtedly see some activity soon, including the new Community Garden project, now slated for installation in the flat area adjacent to the memorial Soccer Field. Keep an eye out for it! Better yet, come on out and lend a hand.

- Putnam Smith, Treasurer

<i>Weekly Schedule</i>	
Monday	1:00 p.m. AA Meeting in Parish Hall
Tuesday	12:30 p.m. AA Meeting in Parish Hall 12:30 p.m. Mothers' Group in Sanctuary 6:00 p.m. Education for Ministry in Parish Hall
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. "In Stitches" Knitting & Crochet in Parish Hall 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	10:30 a.m. Rector's Bible Study in Parish Hall 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist 12:30 p.m. AA Meeting in Parish Hall
Sunday	8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Sept. 2 only) 10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist (starts Sept. 9) 12:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal 4:30 p.m. EYC (starts Sept. 9)

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Cumming, GA 30028

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10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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