

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit



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Upcoming Events:

RED ELEPHANT SALE

Saturday, October 1st,
10:00 am -4:00pm

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 2nd 3:00-
4:00pm

HONDURAS MISSION TRIP INFO MEETING

Sunday, October 2nd, 5:30-
6:30 pm

BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at, 10:30 am

MOM'S PLAYGROUND GROUP

Friday, October 7th, 10:00
am- 12:00 pm

MENS BREAKFAST GROUP

Saturday, October 8th,
8:00-10:00 am

EYC OUTREACH BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 9th, 9:30
am

VESTRY MEETING

October 13th, 6:30-8:30
pm

SASSE LUNCHEON

October 14th, noon

HEALING PRAYER SUNDAY

October 16th, during both
services.

Late September Edition

From the Rector:

Grief. Grief is one of those simple words that convey so much to us as individuals, families, and communities. We felt that on September 11 this year, on the 15th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our country. As we sang the final hymn that Sunday, you could feel the strong emotions-including grief, faith, and hope-- as we processed out.

Our parish has lost many beloved members over the past several months-Bruce Cross, Ralph Davis, Harold Gill, Marilyn Goeltz, Tom Gibson, Lohr Pickering, and Rosa Wolfe. Six have died over the past six months alone. These losses have created grief for the spouses of those who have died-Donna, Janice, Pat, Norm, Kathy, Fran, and John-and for their families and friends. These losses have also caused sorrow for those in our parish family. Many of us are grieving.

To help with our grief, the Community of Hope ministry is planning a seminar with the Rev. Kathi Stasko. She is a former classmate of mine and she has led grief groups at Cumming United Methodist for several years. Kathi is a gift to those of us who are bereaved. I invite you to attend on October 29 from 10:30 to 12:00. She also recommends a book to read in advance, *Markings on the Windowsill*. During this season, let us remember what is truly important and show love and grace to one another, especially to the loved ones of those who have died.

There is another type of grief that is important for our community-grieving for our nation. This is one of the deepest motivations for our intercessions for our leaders and fellow citizens. Especially in this political season, we need to get

**WEDNESDAY SHARING
DINNER**

October 19th 5:45-7:30pm

PASTORAL CARE MEETING

October 20th, 10:30 am

MOM'S GROUP

October 21st, 11:00-1:00

THE PANTRY

October 29th, 8:00am to
9:30am

COHI MEETING

October 29th, 10:00 am -
12:30 pm

MINISTRY FAIR

October 30th

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday

Holy Eucharist, 8:30 am
Holy Eucharist, 10:45 am

Monday

AA Meeting, 12:30 pm

Tuesday

Morning Prayer 9:30 am
AA Meeting 12:30 pm

Wednesday

"In Stitches" Knitting &
Crochet , 9:00 a
Contemplative Prayer,
12:00 noon

Thursday

Bible Study, 10:30 am
Holy Eucharist, 12:00 pm
AA Meeting 12:30 pm

Friday

Church office closed
AA Meeting, 10:00 am

Saturday

8:00am Pantry (the last
Saturday of the month)

12:00noon Contemplative
Prayer (first Saturday of the
month)

Sunday Lessons
October 2nd, 2016

in touch with our grief for our country. Without picking a partisan side, we can identify there is disharmony. There is injustice that we need to address. There is pain and suffering as people are killed. So pray for our nation as we grieve.

I also invite you to do two more things: come to the adult Christian Education class that meets on Sundays in the parish hall. We are talking about issues of Faith and Public Life. The conversations have been helpful as we try to look at important issues beyond taking partisan sides and instead find a way forward based on facts and faith, story and Scripture, Christ and Community.

In addition, we plan to hold a prayer vigil for our country on Monday, November 7th, the evening before Election Day. This year feels different and no matter which candidates win, there will be work to be done to bring healing and a more civil public life. Please join us. Because even when we grieve, we have hope in Christ and his Resurrection and the new life he offers to us all.

Keith+

From the Youth Minister:

For Our Youth!

All our events are open to our youth AND their friends!

Oct 2: Blessing of the Animals

Join us at the Pavilion at 3:00! We'll be blessing our animals and their owners, too, plus have snacks for some of our 4-legged friends. And we'll be collecting coats for The Place, to take care of keeping our 2-legged neighbors warm this winter!

Oct 2: Honduras Mission Informational Meeting

ALSO on October, 2nd, from 5:30 - 6:30. We'll be meeting in the youth room to talk about the upcoming Honduras trip, July 8-15, 2017 trip and answer questions from our youth and parents

Oct 9: 1st EYC Sponsored Fundraising Breakfast

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Psalm 37:1-10
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

**Fr. Keith's Lessons
& Questions:**

*Coming back soon to the
website!*

Next Sunday's Lessons

October 9th, 2016

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Psalm 111

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

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:

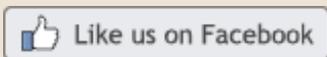
1st of every month

Late Edition:

20th of every month

Send submissions to:
ecohs@bellsouth.net

Stay Connected



Forward to a Friend

Our Youth Group will be supporting this breakfast between the services, to help raise funds to support Mentor Me! Watch for more information via SignUp Genius on how we're going to help with this event!

Oct 16: Take a Hike!

We're heading to Sawnee Mountain to take a breath and enjoy some outside time in God's creation. We'll be meeting there at 2:00.

**Oct 19: Parish Dinner:
Pilgrimage!**

Our 2nd Parish dinner. Come eat and hear about pilgrimage, as experienced by Fr. Keith and our Parish, during Fr. Keith's Sabbatical

**Oct 22: Bowling to Support
Mentor Me!**

Put on your bowling shoes and enjoy both bowling and a pizza lunch as we support Mentor Me! Watch for a sign up via SignUp Genius, and meet at Stars and Strikes! \$25 will cover this event.

Oct 30: Youth Sunday!

Our first BIG youth Sunday service for the year, and there are many ways to participate. Watch for more info!

AND UP NEXT, IN NOVEMBER!

**Watch for more info on our next
Coffee House!**

***And for High School students,
Happening at Camp Mikell is coming
Nov 11-13***

Please contact me if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions about our youth programs

Blessings,

Announcements

A Message from Deacon Tom:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

After careful consideration and prayer, I have decided to retire from activity ministry as a Deacon in the diocese of Atlanta. It has been nearly twenty years since my ordination and I think it is time to sit in a pew or chair with Barbara. We will also be able to go to church with our grandchildren (all Episcopalian!), hear them in the choir and watch their pageants.

Over the years I've done many things as a Deacon, Mikell Board and Mikell summer camp dean, Episcopal Charities Foundation Board, Habitat, homeless shelters, hospital chaplain, youth minister, pastoral care, healing services, preaching and clergy leader on four pilgrimages to Ireland, Iona and Italy. And some servant doings I can't even remember. But now it is family time.

My previous assignments were large churches, St. Peter and St. Paul in East Cobb and St. Peter's Cathedral in St. Petersburg, FL. Both, like Holy Spirit, were fine churches with strong leaders and a commitment to Christ. But for us, Holy Spirit has been the friendliest and most welcoming parish we served or attended. Holy Spirit lives the message on our sign, "all are welcome". Now with the expanded building, Holy Spirit has an even greater ability and mandate to serve Christ in the community.

Thank you for taking us in and making us a part of this wonderful parish family. My last day will be October 30, 2016. God bless all of you. Prayers.

Peace,

Rev. Thomas Ader
Deacon



The ECOHS adult choir has resumed regular weekly rehearsals. We meet each Wednesday evening from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in our new choir room. We invite all interested singers to join us.

The Children's choir meets Wednesdays at 5:00 pm.

The choirs are St. Cecilia choir (age 4-1st grade) and St. Luke choir (2nd - 5th grade). We will be meeting in the choir room and youth rooms. All interested children are invited to join our choirs.

The Youth choir , (6th - 12th grade) will resume our regular weekly rehearsals beginning on **Sunday October 2nd** after the 10:45 service. We will be meeting in the choir room. All interested youth are invited to join us.

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!

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

- *Jeff Daniel*

Remember the Red Elephant



Don't forget the **Red Elephant Sale is this Saturday, October 1st**. Plan to stop by between 10am to 4pm and bring your friends to peruse the bargains and "just can't resist" goodies. All proceeds support Holy Spirit's many outreach ministries, so your support is very important!

And if you still haven't dropped off your contributions to the sale, you may continue to do so until Friday afternoon. If the parish hall door is locked, please check with Cathy Schlecht in the office or items can be left on the covered "porch" outside the parish hall after office hours. Office hours are Monday - Thursday 10:00 - 2:00.

Please do not make deliveries during AA Meeting times: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 12:30 -1:30 and Friday, 10:00-11:00.

All Bake Sale treats may be dropped off in the kitchen on Friday between 2pm and 4pm. Sharon Linsley will be on hand to collect all contributions.

Come to church on Saturday and support our vital ministries.

Thank you!

Blessing of the Animals



The Blessing of the Animals will be held on Sunday, October 2, 2016, to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. Come to the Pavilion at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, where each pet and owner receive a blessing.

And while our pets have coats to keep them warm each winter, all our neighbors aren't as lucky. We'll also be collecting coats for The Place, so bring a new or gently used coat with you, to share with another.

Save the Date - Sunday, Oct 9th



Our *First* EYC Outreach Breakfast

Sponsored by our Youth

(and some VERY supportive adults!)

*Breakfast will be served between the 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.
services.*

Donations will go to support Mentor Me!

Third Wednesday Dinners: Sharing our Parallel Paths

October 19: "Listening to God through spiritual retreats and pilgrimages." (Fr. Keith)
"Listening to the Holy Spirit through pilgrimage." (Parish)

November 16: "Listening to our soul and body's needs for recreation and play. How we listen to our hearts through family." (Fr. Keith)
"Listening to the Holy Spirit and family through recreation and fun." (Parish)

All Are Welcome

Community of Hope: Special Speaker on Grief

Our Community of Hope group has invited Rev. Kathie Stasko to speak to us regarding grief support at our Oct 29th meeting. Since we as a church family have experienced so much grief in the past few months, we are inviting the entire congregation to attend this presentation.

Please join us on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016 from 10:30a - 12:00p.

Rev. Stasko has recommend everyone read a small book about grief called "Markings on the Windowsill" as an aid to her discussion with us. It is on sale now from Amazon at \$7.77. We will be ordering some as well to have available at the church.

Please contact Michael Arens (marens@bellsouth.net or 678-462-8076) if you plan to join us, as we need a head count.

Family Promise - Start up!

The long awaited start-up for Family Promise will begin in September! ECOHS has been named a ***Support Church*** for two Host Churches; St. Columba's Episcopal Church and Christ the King Lutheran Church.

St. Columba's will host families the week of October 30th -November. 6th. Christ the King, will host families, November 20-27th. and December, 25th-January 1, 2017.

ECHOS role as a support Church is to assist as needed. In most instances we would be given a week lead time. The roles of the volunteers include:

- 1) Dinner Preparers,
- 2) Dinner and Evening Hosts,
- 3) Breakfast Preparers,
- 4) Set-up and Take-down, Sunday morning
- 5) Activities for children and families,
- 6) Laundry
- 7) Supplies

Family Promise requires all volunteers in contact with the families to go through orientation and training. Orientation and Training sessions are as follows:

Christ the King on Monday, November 7, from 7 -8:30.
1125 Bettis Tribble Gap Rd Cumming, 30040

Please be sure to attend this session if you want to be able to volunteer at the Host Churches for the dates noted above. By training at the Host Churches, we will meet their volunteers and familiarize ourselves with the site. The training will be led by Jacob Granados, the Family Promise Director.

Please feel free to e-mail if you have questions.

Yours in service to Christ,

Dennis and Linda Whittle
dpwhittle@bellsouth.net

ECOHS Website

Have you checked out the ECOHS website lately? Thanks to parishioner, Sylvia Cardona, it has been revamped and updated! Be sure to visit weekly for updates to Sermons, Ministry Schedule, Church Calendar and more! Check it out at www.ecohs.net!

ECOHS - Treasury Report - August 2016

	Month Actual	Variance Budget	YTD Actual	Variance Budget
Income				
Pledged	\$ 23,435.00	\$ (4,120.00)	\$245,603.00	\$ 25,163.00
Other	\$ 3,212.25	\$ (2,454.07)	\$ 53,825.37	\$ (1,985.19)
	\$ 26,647.25	\$ (6,574.07)	\$299,428.37	\$ 23,177.81
Expense				
Operations	\$ 35,477.76	\$ (4,124.48)	\$306,492.02	\$ (15,321.12)
Programs	\$ 848.82	\$ (127.99)	\$ 14,098.78	\$ (2,201.24)
	\$ 36,326.58	\$ (4,252.47)	\$320,590.80	\$ (17,522.36)
Net	\$ (9,679.33)	\$ (10,826.54)	\$ (21,162.43)	\$ 5,655.45

Summary Statement

Income was down 20% for the month, with expenses being over budget 13%.

* Pledge revenue YTD is 11% above budget with total revenue being up 8% YTD

* Expenses YTD are over budget by 6%.

Areas of Note:

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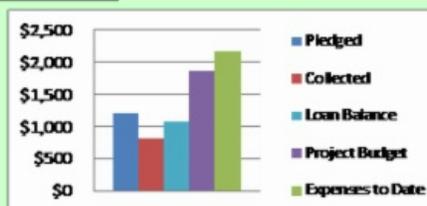
BALANCES:

Operations	\$ 19,610.83
Restricted Identified	\$ (48,975.95) (Includes Capital Funds)
Restricted Available	\$ 119,800.00
Total:	\$ 188,386.78



- Total Project Budget amount \$1,900K > Actual Expenses to date: \$2,162K Expected Project Total \$2,175K
- Total Pledged amount \$1,200K Collected to date \$812K or 68%
- Construction Loan Balance \$1,070K

Building Capital Overview



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

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