

# Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit



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## Upcoming Events:

### BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 10:30 am

### MENS BREAKFAST

April 8th, 8:00-10:00 am

### COHI MEETING

April 8th 10:00 am -12:00 pm. At St. Aidan's

### PARISH WORKDAY

April 8th, 10:00-2:00 PM

### PALM SUNDAY

April 9th

See below for service info

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 13th

See below for service info

### GOOD FRIDAY

April 14th

See below for service info

### EASTER

April 16th

See below for service info

### EASTER MONDAY

April 17th

Church office closed

### PASTORAL CARE MEETING

April 20th 9:30-10:30 am

### DUTCH JAHNZ KITE DAY

April 23rd, 12:00 pm

### THE PANTRY

April 29th, 8:00 am -9:30 am

### YOUTH SUNDAY

April 30th

## Early April Edition

### From the Rector:

Some of us think of Spirit as the creative, chaotic energy in the world. Perhaps an artist is inspired to do innovative work that captures the attention of the world. Or a social movement takes off and people join together to challenge an unjust law or situation. Or the way nature can change in unpredictable ways. Like when Jesus said in the Gospel of John, "The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit" (John 3:8). So we think of Spirit-- and people that are led by the Spirit-- as spontaneous, unpredictable, and maybe even a bit scary.

These descriptions are true but not the whole story. At other times, the Spirit moves and works through people who pray and plan and make decisions in an orderly way. I have found that true of my time here at Holy Spirit. People may have an idea, a dream, or an expressed need that they say to me and other parish leaders. When that happens, we take time to listen and pray and consider what that might mean for us and our shared ministry. Sometimes we move forward in the Spirit and do the next steps and the needed work of planning. This way we are more likely to be guided by the Spirit.

This was seen on a large scale as we approached our building expansion. Many good-hearted people

## 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  
EFM 12:00-3:00 pm  
EFM 6:00-9:00 pm

### **Wednesday**

"In Stitches" Knitting &  
Crochet , 9:00 am  
"Just Faith" 9:45-11:45 am  
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)  
Cumming Harvest 10:00-  
12:00  
12:00noon Contemplative  
Prayer (first Saturday of the  
month)

### **Sunday Lessons**

**April 9th, 2017**

**Palm Sunday**

**Liturgy of the Palms**

**Matthew 21:1-11**

**Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29**

**Liturgy of the Word**

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

**Psalms 31:9-16**

**Philippians 2:5-11**

**Matthew 26:14 -27:66**

**Fr. Keith's Lessons**

**& Questions:**

*Available on the ECOHS  
Website*

**Next Sunday's Lessons**

**April 16th**

spent time in prayer and conversation and study-and then hard work-to come up with the various details that became an additional 9,000 square feet of space for worship, fellowship, ministry, and learning. We gave special attention to space for our children and youth, our choir, and for a high end commercial kitchen. The Spirit was involved in our creativity, work, and love.

The same type of Spirit-work has been involved in our decision to become a host parish for Family Promise, a transitional housing ministry for homeless families. The original idea was explored almost three years ago. Different parishioners have been involved in this process over several months. We knew we had to wait until after construction. We understood that serving as a support church (bringing meals to help host churches) would be a good way to experiment and discern if the Spirit was leading us into this ministry. Our meeting on March 29 was an exciting example of Spirit-over thirty people showed up to express their interest in being involved.

So as we experience new changes that might at times feel spontaneous and even scary, know that your parish leaders are taking their time to listen and pray so they can be guided by the Spirit. I look forward to what the Spirit will continue to do among us in the months and years ahead.

*Keith+*

## ***From the Youth Minister:***

***For Our Youth!***

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

### ***Sunday School Activities***

***Sunday School continues at 9:30 in our  
Youth Rooms.***

***Please note that while there will not be  
"official" Sunday School on Easter Sunday,  
please DO come, so we can help with hiding***

## Easter Sunday

### **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:**

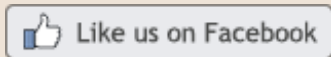
***1st of every month***

#### **Late Edition:**

***20th of every month***

Send submissions to:  
ecohts@bellsouth.net

### **Stay Connected**



**Forward to a Friend**

*Easter Eggs for the young ones!*

### ***Upcoming Events at Holy Spirit!***

*While we won't have EYC on Palm Sunday or Easter, do plan on joining our EASTER BRUNCH on April 16 after the late service - and if any youth are interested in assisting with cooking, let me know, as there's an opportunity to help with this event, as well!*

#### ***Apr 23: IT'S BACK . . . DUTCH JANHZ KITE DAY***

*Right after the late service, join us for food, fellowship, and fun for this great annual ECOHS event! Wear casual clothes (to church, too!), bring a kite to fly, and be prepared to have a great afternoon!*

#### ***Apr 29: Youth at the Pantry - 8:00-9:30***

*This is our month to serve! Meet at Wendy's place at 8:00 on Saturday to help distribute packages and join in some singing.*

#### ***Apr 30: EYC at ECOHS - Let's Create! 12:30-2:30***

*Join us for a GREAT pizza lunch after the late service, as we're joined by with one of our parish's expert jewelry creators, Emily Foisy, to learn how to use copper links to make fantastic bracelets for both genders! And yes, these are yours to keep!*

***And watch for these May events!***

***May 6: Coffee House 7-9 p.m. ECOHS***

***May 7: Diocesan Graduation Celebration (carpooling from ECOHS)***

***May 14: Graduation Sunday - Reception after late service***

***May 20: Arrendale Caregiver's Luncheon - 11:30 - 2:00 at***

**ECOHS**

*Something new . . . We'll be helping with the children!*

*May 21: Fish Fry and End of Year Celebration! (After the late service)*

*Blessings,  
Mother Bonnie+*

*[bonniegunderwood@gmail.com](mailto:bonniegunderwood@gmail.com),*

404-729-5876

## **Announcements**

### **Holy Week and Easter Schedule April 9 - 16, 2017**

#### **April 9- Palm Sunday**

**8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Procession of the Palms and reading of Matthew's Passion Gospel at both liturgies**

#### **April 10 - 12**

**Monday and Tuesday in Holy Week: Stations of the Cross (12:00 noon)**

**Wednesday in Holy Week:**

**Stations of the Cross (12:00 noon) → Noonday Prayer (12:30)**

#### **April 13 - Maundy Thursday**

**Stations of the Cross (12:00 noon) → Holy Eucharist (12:30)**

**7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Liturgy with foot washing and stripping of the altar**

#### **April 14 - Good Friday**

**Stations of the Cross (12:00 noon)**

**7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Liturgy with reading of John's Passion Gospel and Veneration of the Cross**

#### **April 15 - Holy Saturday**

**7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter**

#### **April 16 - Easter Sunday**

**8:30 and 10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist**  
**9:15 a.m. - Robust Coffee Hour**  
**10:00 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt**  
**12:00 noon - Easter Brunch**

**April 17 - Easter Monday**  
**Church office closed.**

**Parish Workday -- April 8th, 10:00 am -2:00 pm**



- Be sure to mark your calendars to come out and help on our next Parish Workday!
- A Sign-Up Genius has been sent out. Please RSVP to let us know you're coming and sign up for a specific task.

## **We're trying something new this year . . .**

With the guidance of our own parishioner and chef, Tom Watts, we will be experimenting with a new event this year - a lovely Easter Brunch, prepared in our own new ECOHS kitchen!

### **Easter Brunch Menu**

Scrambled eggs  
Sausage  
Pancakes

Grilled Chicken Scallopini with mushrooms, spinach, and

marinara  
Fresh vegetable medley  
Grits  
Potato Hash  
Muffins, bread  
Fresh fruit  
Juice, Milk, Lemonade, Iced Tea, Coffee

This beautiful Easter Brunch Buffet will begin after the late service. *Please sign up via the SignUp Genius invitation* and plan to join us with your family and friends for a marvelous meal. Suggested donations will be \$10 - adult, \$5 - children 5-12, under 5, free, with a Family Maximum of \$25. And if you don't have access to Signup Genius, please call the church office to reserve your seat!

### **Pastoral Support Ministry Changes as of June 1, 2017**

Dear Friends,

After 25+ years serving as chair of our Pastoral Support Ministry, I am stepping down to try my wings at other ministries and have more flexibility in general. I am pleased to announce that Julie Wilson has responded to God's call to her to take over as Pastoral Support Ministry chairperson.

Julie and Chris Wilson and family have been members at Holy Spirit for many years and as Preschool Director, she also knows new, young families as they are introduced to our church. She is very knowledgeable regarding the parish as a whole and is gifted in discernment of needs of our church members. For the last 2 months, Julie has been shadowing me and I have kept her informed of my duties. We both know the value of confidentiality and realize how important trust is for all of us.

I will continue to serve on the Pastoral ministry but no longer in a leadership role. I look forward to new avenues of growth in the Lord's service and pray God's blessing on Julie as she undertakes her new ministry.

Our church is a wonderful place of love and connection to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Your generosity and care for each other has sustained Pastoral Support through the years and always, when I have asked for assistance for a fellow member, you were there. So, I thank



God and I thank you for the opportunity to serve our church in such a meaningful way.

God's Peace and Blessings,  
Beth Jones

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## **Dutch Jahnz Kite Day and Messy Olympics 2017**

***April 23rd***

**After the late service, plan to join us for Kite Day! The Men's Club will once again prepare hamburgers and hot dogs for this annual event, while we ALL bring MANY sides to share. Enjoy a wonderful afternoon of fellowship, food, games, and music.**

**Please be sure to sign up via the Sign-Up Genius that has been sent out and let us know what you would like to bring!**

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**Links for LAMB**



Enjoy a beautiful day of golf at Bradshaw Farms  
3030 Bradshaw Club Drive, Woodstock!

Tues, May 9, 2017

Tee time: 9:00 a.m.

Check in: opens at 7:45 a.m.

\$150 per player includes greens fees, cart fee, driving range, contests, continental breakfast, hot buffet lunch, soft drinks on the course, and a pitcher of beer with your foursome at the conclusion of play

All proceeds benefit the children of LAMB  
([www.lambinstitute.org](http://www.lambinstitute.org))

Gather a foursome and RSVP online at [here](#)

For more information, contact Mother Bonnie+

## Music Notes

The ECOHS adult choir rehearses Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the music room. We invite all interested singers to join us.





The Children's choirs rehearse Wednesdays at 5:00 pm. The choirs are St. Cecilia choir (age 4-1<sup>st</sup> grade) and St. Luke choir (2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade). We rehearse in the music room and youth rooms. All interested children are invited to join our choirs.

The Youth choir, (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade), rehearses after the 10:45 service every Sunday. We rehearse in the music room. All interested youth are invited to join us.

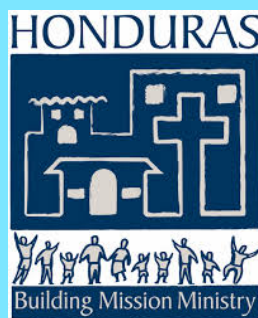
If you are interested in sharing your musical talent with us, please let Jeff Daniel know at [ecohtmusic@bellsouth.net](mailto:ecohtmusic@bellsouth.net) OR speak with him at church. There is ALWAYS room for more choir members.

We hope you will join us!

Please visit the music portion of the church's website [www.ecohs.net](http://www.ecohs.net) to find information about the music ministry of ECOHS.

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## ***Ingathering for Honduras Mission Trip 2017 - Early Notice!***



Several parishioners have asked, "What will Holy Spirit help collect for LAMB Institute this year? Are there any special needs?" Right after Easter, we will begin collecting both collapsible lunch boxes and water bottles (BPA free, please!) for all the children and youth at the children's home. That means were hoping to collect 75+ of each item!

*Watch for more news after Easter*, but for those who like to keep a careful watch on sales and promotions to assist we these efforts, this is your early notification!

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# Backpacks of Love Needs our Help!

Backpacks of Love distributes over 150 backpacks to needy children and their families every other week. In effect, these 150 backpacks help support over 400 people each delivery.

I have just been informed by Backpacks of Love that they have just signed up with another elementary school that will be serving 30 families, increasing the need of filled backpacks each delivery to 180+.

***Our participation has been dwindling of late. For the last delivery, ECOHS provided only 9 filled backpacks. We used to deliver 20-25 backpacks on a regular basis. I would love to see us get back to our previous participation levels. Especially with the increasing need at Backpacks of Love***

Please be sure to pick up empty backpacks (they're easy to find in the parish hall!) and return them by the date noted on the sign attached to the basket.

If you have any questions please contact Cathy Schlecht at the church office: 770-887-8190 or [ecohs@bellsouth.net](mailto:ecohs@bellsouth.net).

Thank you!

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**ECOHS - Treasury Report -February 2017**

	Month Actual	Variance Budget	YTD Actual	Variance Budget
<b>Income</b>				
Pledged	\$ 22,918.00	\$ (4,266.00)	\$ 51,428.00	\$ (2,940.00)
Other	\$ 9,972.55	\$ 3,026.73	\$ 19,640.61	\$ 4,298.97
	\$ 32,890.55	\$ (1,239.27)	\$ 71,068.61	\$ 1,358.97
<b>Expense</b>				
Operations	\$ 40,595.84	\$ (133.31)	\$ 93,379.14	\$ (3,468.71)
Programs	\$ 1,064.29	\$ 692.39	\$ 4,501.08	\$ (137.72)
	\$ 41,660.13	\$ 559.08	\$ 97,880.22	\$ (3,606.43)
Net	\$ (8,769.58)	\$ (680.19)	\$ (26,811.61)	\$ (2,247.46)

**Summary Statement**

Income YTD is up 2% primarily driven by higher pre-school income. Pledge offerings are off 5% for the year so far.

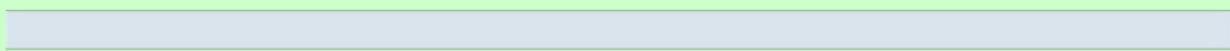
Expenses were over budget by 3.8% due primarily to one time expenses left over from last year.

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**Areas of Note:**

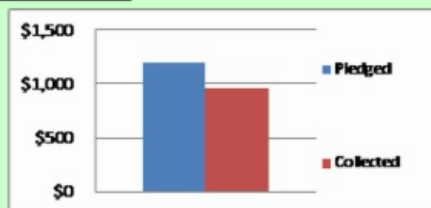
**BALANCES:**

Operating Funds	\$ 24,841.02
Available Reserves	\$113,394.46
Restricted Funds	\$ 140,323.20
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$278,558.68</b>



- Total Project Budget amount \$1,900K > Completed Actual Expenses: \$2,056K
- Total Pledged amount \$1,200K Collected to date \$959K or 80%
- Construction Loan Balance \$990K

**Building to Serve Overview**



**Community Connections**

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