

# Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit



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## Upcoming Events:

### PARISH WORKDAY

October 7th, 10:00-2:00 pm

### YOUTH COFFEE HOUSE

October 7th, 7:00-9:00 pm

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 8th, 3:00-4:00 pm

### PARISH DINNER - HONDURAS

October 11th, 5:45pm -  
8:30pm

### VESTRY MEETING

October 12th, 6:30-8:30  
pm

### SASSE LUNCHEON

October 13th, noon

### RED ELEPHANT SALE

October 14th, 10:00am -  
3:00 pm

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

October 14th, 8:00am -  
10:00am

### COMMUNITY SCREENING OF "13TH"

October 18th, 7:00-9:00  
pm

### PASTORAL CARE MEETING

October 19th, 1:00 pm-2:00  
pm

### COHI MEETING

October 21st, 10:00 am -  
12:00 pm

### MENTOR ME BOWLING

October 21st, 10:00 am -  
12:00 pm

### HANK BAUER WINDOW

## Early October Edition

### From the Rector:

How do we decide what to give? Some of us were brought up in a religious tradition in which what we gave was prescribed from the pulpit. We were expected to give a tithe (10% of our gross income) to the church. We felt (or were made to feel) that if we did not give that amount, we would be disobeying God. Though tithing is technically the rule in the Episcopal Church, too, most churches-- including ours-- do not make tithing a central part of our stewardship message.

So if we do not follow a religious rule, how do we decide what to give? Some folks have come up with a number that seems right to them and continue at that same level for years. Others look at what the average giving level is in the church and try to match it. Still others may try to figure their "fair share" of what it costs to run the church. So if there are X-number of households and a \$Y budget, we may do the math to determine what to give ( $Y/X =$  our pledge).

Whatever our past practice has been, I would like to suggest a different way to decide what to give for

**DEDICATION**  
October 22nd

**CHURCH OF THE COMMON  
GROUND**

October 22nd, 11:00 am -  
3:00 pm

**ATHENS PILGRIMAGE**

October 28th, 7:00 am -  
3:00 pm

**THE PANTRY**

October 28th, 8:00-9:30  
am

**Weekly Schedule:**

**Sunday**

Holy Eucharist, 8:30 am  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Holy Eucharist, 10:00 am

**Monday**

AA Meeting, 12:30 pm  
Yoga 5:45-6:45 pm

**Tuesday**

Morning Prayer 10:00 am  
AA Meeting 12:30 pm  
EfM 12:00 -3:00 pm  
EfM 6:00 - 8:30 pm

**Wednesday**

"In Stitches" Knitting &  
Crochet , 9:00 am  
"Just Faith" 9:30- 11:30 am  
Contemplative Prayer,  
12:00 noon

**Thursday**

Holy Eucharist, 12:00 pm  
AA Meeting 12:30 pm  
Mentor Me 6:00-8:00 pm

**Friday**

Church office closed  
AA Meeting, 10:00 am  
Overeaters Anon 7:00 pm

**Saturday**

8:00am Pantry (the last  
Saturday of the month)  
Cumming Harvest 10:00-  
12:00

**Sunday Lessons**

**October 1st**

**The Path - Chapter 3**

2018. The first step is to review where we are financially. Some of us know that very well, some of us do not. It helps to ask some basic questions-- Do we have extra money? Are we just getting by? As part of that review, look at what we give to Holy Spirit. Our giving should never feel like a burden-- or an afterthought. The best type of giving is the result of a mindful way of living based on our faith in God.

As part of that mindfulness, it is important for us to pray. If we are married, to pray as a couple. Ask this simple question in our prayer, "Lord, what would you have me (us) do?" If we are not used to praying like this, it may feel awkward. But if we take time to pray and to be still and listen, the Spirit will guide us.

Finally, we decide. Often we will feel peace-but not always. There may be a holy discomfort that our decision is different this year. It may feel like a stretch to us because it is beyond what we have always done. Of course, no one should give more than they are able. But for some of us who have the means, the Spirit may nudge us to give more as a way to grow in our faith in the new year.

Whatever we decide during this stewardship season, I pray it will be a blessing for us and our shared ministry in Christ's name.

***Keith+***

***From the Youth  
Minister:For Our Youth!  
Sunday School***

We're continuing on our parish-wide

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16  
Matthew 21:23-32

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

Available on the ECOHS  
Website

**Next Sunday's Lessons**

**October 8th**

**The Path - Chapter 4**

**Psalm 19**

**Matthew 21:33-46**

**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:**

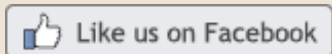
**1st of every month**

**Late Edition:**

**20th of every month**

Send submissions to:  
ecoHS@bellsouth.net

**Stay Connected**



**Forward to a Friend**

journey through the Bible, using *The Path: A Journey Through the Bible*.

Parents, please encourage your youth to read this lessons this week that you receive via email/text, to help them prepare for that Sunday's lesson. We're having some great conversations, as we discover together God's eternal love for all God's beloved children.

**Youth Events**

Here are a few details about our ***upcoming October events***, as well as some November dates to add to your calendar.

Oct. 7: Coffee House and Open Mic Night!  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Join us for a great youth evening as we share our creative gifts and talents with one another! And even if you don't want to "perform" come join in the fellowship and watch the show! *Watch for the Signup Genius!*

Oct. 8: Blessing of the Animals, 3:00 p.m. at the Pavilion

It's our annual blessing for all our pets! Bring yours animals of all shapes and sizes and meet us at the Pavilion!

Oct.11: Parish Dinner: Honduras Mission!  
5:45 - 8:00 p.m.

Come hear about last year's trip as you think about whether this might be for you sometime in the future!

Oct.15: Let's Create! A Jewelry-Making Adventure 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

We'll be led by our own ECOHS parishioner, Emile Foisy, as learn together how to create jewelry. And yes, we'll have lunch, too!  
*Watch for the Signup Genius!*

Oct. 21: Mentor Me Bowling 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 pm.

We'll be heading to Stars and Strikes for a bowling fundraising event to support Mentor Me! Join us! *Watch for a Signup Genius!*

Oct.28: Pilgrimage to Athens: Beloved Community 7:00 a.m. - 3:00

We'll be carpooling to Athens to join people from throughout the Diocese in this Memorial Pilgrimage. Join us as we *enlarge the conversation* by remembering our martyred sisters and brothers while we create brave spaces where racial healing becomes possible. *Watch for a Signup Genius!*

**And in November . . .**

Nov.1: All Saints Day Service 7 - 9 p.m.

Nov.5: Cooking 101: Family Dinner and worship 4:00 - 7:00

**Plus, *THREE* upcoming Diocesan Events:**

*Parents, you'll receive registration info on these via email*

Oct. 6-8: Happening, Camp Mikell

Nov.10-11: Youth Lock-in @ Annual Council

Nov. 17-19: Happening, Camp Mikell

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Blessings,

**Mother Bonnie+**

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404-729-5876

## Announcements



### **Our next delivery date is October 4th.**

Empty backpacks are in the Parish Hall. Please pick one up and return it filled to the Church Office *no later than 2:00 pm on Wednesday, October 4th.*

There will be some changes to the way the program works this year:

- Family assignments will no longer be made. The program is getting too large for this to be manageable.
- Eventually, we will provide index cards with a shopping list for each backpack.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Given the way the program is growing, Backpacks of Love is in need of helpers to collect backpacks from drop off locations (like our church and others), help pack additional backpacks when necessary, deliver backpacks to schools, etc. Volunteers must be able to lift dozens of 20 lb. backpacks per delivery.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Cathy at the church office: 770-887-8190 or [ecohs@bellsouth.net](mailto:ecohs@bellsouth.net)

Thank you for your continuing support of this vital ministry!

## *Blessing of the Animals*



The Blessing of the Animals will be held on Sunday, October 8, 2017, as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. Meet at 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.*



Listening to God  
through Mission:  
Our time in  
Honduras

**Wednesday, October 11**

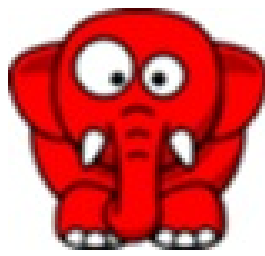
**Join us, as our 2017 ECOHS Honduras Team  
reflects on our summer mission.**

*And prayerfully consider if you are called to join us in 2018.*

Worship 5:45  
Dinner 6:00  
Program 6:30

*Watch for a SignUp Genius  
Childcare will be available*

**Remember the Red Elephant!**



Just a reminder to start gathering all those items around the house collecting dust in your cabinets, closets, and corners to donate for Holy Spirit's **Red Elephant Sale** on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, from 9am to 3pm.

We need as many trinkets and treasures as you can find from footballs to furniture, goblets to gadgets. Just remember no books, clothing, or electronics (TVs, computers, etc.) will be accepted. And please be sure all items are good as new or just gently used. We will begin collecting all the goods at church the week of October 8<sup>th</sup>, so watch for drop-off details in future bulletins and *The Dove*.

The Red Elephant Sale will also include a bake sale corner, so plan to bring some of your special (or maybe not so special) baked items, too. All sales proceeds benefit Holy Spirit's outreach and other ministries, so please be generous.

*~The Red Elephant Committee*



Join our Holy Spirit EYC,  
as we bowl to support  
Mentor Me!  
Saturday, October 21st  
10:00 a.m. at  
Stars and Strikes

Any adults, families, and friends interested in joining our Youth for bowling? We'd love to see our ECOHS family join us.

Contact Mother Bonnie+ if you'd like to join us,  
[bonniegunderwood@gmail.com](mailto:bonniegunderwood@gmail.com)

(\$25 donation to bowl)

# Reclaiming Hope Through Remembering: A Memorial Pilgrimage to a Martyrdom Site

October 28, 2017 ✕ Athens, Georgia

*Enlarge the conversation on race through remembering  
our martyred sisters and brothers and by creating brave spaces  
where racial healing becomes possible.*

**The Beloved Community:  
Commission for Dismantling Racism  
for the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta  
and  
The Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing  
invite you on pilgrimage.**



*The Rev. Naomi Tutu  
will preach at the Holy  
Eucharist service.*

The day's activities will include a Liturgy for Martyrs at the historic Chestnut Grove Baptist Church in Athens. The Rev. Naomi Tutu will preach. Following the service will be a screening of the documentary film *13th*, a tour of the Chestnut Grove School (founded in 1887) and the cemetery containing graves of slaves.

Register online:  
[www.episcopalatlanta.org  
/Dismantling\\_Racism/](http://www.episcopalatlanta.org/Dismantling_Racism/)

*\$10 includes lunch*

Bus departs from St. Augustine's Episcopal Church  
in Morrow, GA at 7AM for pilgrims leaving from  
Atlanta. Pilgrims traveling from other locations should  
meet at Chestnut Grove Baptist Church  
(610 Epps Bridge Parkway) at 8:45AM.



**Without memory, our existence would  
be barren and opaque, like  
a prison cell into which no light  
penetrates; like a tomb which  
rejects the living. If anything can,  
it is memory that will save humanity.**

*-Elie Wiesel-*



## Music Notes

The ECOHS adult choir has resumed weekly rehearsals on Wednesdays, @ 7:30 p.m. in the choir room. All interested singers are welcome to attend.



The St. Cecilia and St. Luke choirs will resume weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, September 13 @ 5:00 p.m.

If you are interested in sharing your musical talent with us (vocal or instrumental), 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.ecohts.net](http://www.ecohts.net) to find information about the music ministry of ECOHS.



## **Mentor Me is coming to ECOHS!**

The Building is Serving! Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners at Holy Spirit, Mentor Me will be able to offer the homework help & reading program "REACH" at ECOHS.

Beginning on Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup>, a group of elementary students (grades K-5) will meet with their Mentors in the Parish Hall. Regular Mentors make the commitment to help their student once a week for an hour from September - April.

However, we have several children waiting for a Mentor and we could use your help! If you would like to sign up as a weekly Mentor, or just to "sub" once as you are able, please contact Sylvia Cardona at [sylvia@mentormenorthga.org](mailto:sylvia@mentormenorthga.org), 678-697-6612(cell) or 678-341-8028 at work.

## **Family Promise Training**



If you would like to volunteer during our next Family Promise host week and have not been through training yet, here are upcoming training dates at The Place:

Thursday, October 19  
Thursday, November 16

## Camp Mikell Folk School

**Dates:** Friday, October 20th - Sunday, October 22nd 2017

**Register:** [www.campmikell.com](http://www.campmikell.com)

### ECOHS - Treasury Report -August 2017

	Month Actual	Variance Budget	YTD Actual	Variance Budget
<b>Income</b>				
Pledged	\$ 21,012.00	\$ (6,172.00)	\$ 201,375.00	\$ (16,097.00)
Other	\$ 13,315.05	\$ 3,809.23	\$ 76,220.41	\$ 15,548.85
	\$ 34,327.05	\$ (2,362.77)	\$ 277,595.41	\$ (548.15)
<b>Expense</b>				
Operations	\$ 46,413.47	\$ (5,700.97)	\$ 323,481.90	\$ (5,448.96)
Programs	\$ 4,139.65	\$ (882.97)	\$ 25,785.13	\$ (5,566.69)
	\$ 50,553.12	\$ (6,583.94)	\$ 349,267.03	\$ (11,015.65)
<b>Net</b>	\$ (16,226.07)	\$ (8,946.71)	\$ (71,671.62)	\$ (11,563.80)

#### Summary Statement

Income YTD is 0.1% below the budget to date. This is primarily driven by higher pre-school income. **Pledge offerings are off 7.5% for the year so far.**

Expenses YTD are over budget primarily to higher pre-school expenses which partially offset the higher school revenue. Year to date expenses are over budget by 3.3%.

#### Areas of Note:

#### BALANCES:

Operating Funds	\$ 28,497.19
Available Reserves	\$ 68,534.45
Restricted Funds	\$ 100,133.81 *less \$30K Payment
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 197,165.45</b>

- Total Project Budget amount \$1,900K >  
Completed Actual Expenses: \$2,056K
- Total Pledged amount \$1,200K  
Collected to date \$1,091K or 90%
- Loan Balance \$829K

#### Building to Serve Overview



## Community Connections

**Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit | 770-887-8190**

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