

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit



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Upcoming Events:

BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 10:30 am

THE PANTRY

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

DUTCH JAHNZ KITE DAY

April 30th, 12:00 pm

YOUTH SUNDAY

April 30th

5TH SUNDAY IN FORSYTH

April 30th, 7:00pm

PARISH DINNER PROGRAM:

Black Lives Matter/Blue
Lives Matter
May 3rd, 5:45-8:00

YOUTH COFFEE HOUSE

May 6th, 7:00-9:00pm

COMMON GROUND

May 7th, 11:00 am -3:00pm

FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

May 10th 6:00-7:30 pm

VESTRY MEETING

May 11th, 6:30-8:30pm

SASSE LUNCHEON

May 12th, noon

MEN'S BREAKFAST

May 13th, 8:00-10:00 am

MOTHER'S/GRADUATES DAY

May 14th, both services

LAST DAY OF PRESCHOOL

May 18th

Late April Edition

From the Rector:

Happy Easter! I hope you were among the 400+ people who worshiped with us this past Easter Sunday. It was a glorious day with festive music, flowers, and liturgy. We also had the fun extras like the Easter egg hunt, which is so much fun for the children; and a delicious Easter brunch, in which we enjoyed great food and a joyful time of fellowship.

In the sermon that day, we also heard that since Jesus' resurrection, "the Spirit is loose" in our world. The Spirit works to enlighten and encourage and help us so that we follow more closely our Lord's commandment to love as he loves. Over the centuries and despite the resistance of some in the church, the Spirit continues to stir things up to bring us closer to living consistent with the truth of the gospel.

During this particular season at Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit is working among us in many different ways that feel exciting. Some are a new expression of who we are already-such as our beginning to serve as a host church for Family Promise. Some expressions may feel different and even uncomfortable for us-perhaps new ways of looking at race and justice in our personal, parish, and national history.

As the Spirit does move us, I hope we will respond with openness and even active curiosity. What about "the way things have always been" may need to be

PASTORAL CARE MEETING

May 18th, 9:30-10:3 am

ARRENDALE CAREGIVERS LUNCHEON

May 20th, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

COHI MEETING

May 20th, 10:00 am -12:00 pm

FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

May 21-28

SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS

May 28th, 8:30 and 10:00 am

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)

questioned? What about our personal perspective on life may need to be stretched through reading, conversations, and new relationships? Please join me in being open to that Spirit-work.

One particular way to experience that will be this Sunday evening, April 30. Beginning at 7 pm, we will host two Forsyth County churches that are different from us. One is The Vine, a more conservative, evangelical church made up primarily of white people; the other is Holy Trinity Worship Center, a non-denominational church primarily made up of African Americans.

These two churches began meeting together on 5th Sundays in October and January in order to work to bridge the divide that exists culturally and politically between many different churches. I attended those first two services and then invited them to worship with us this month. I believe it is an opportunity for the Spirit to work among folks who are different to bring a different type of unity to the church. Please make time to join us this Sunday evening.

Blessings to you this Easter season.

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 join us!

Upcoming Events at Holy Spirit!

Apr 29: Youth at the Pantry - 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

This is our month to serve! I know it's early, be let's meet at Wendy's place at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday to help distribute packages and join in some singing.

Apr 30: IT'S BACK . . . DUTCH

Sunday Lessons

April 30th, 2017

Palm Sunday

Acts 2:14a-36-41

Psalms 1116:1-3, 10-17

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

Fr. Keith's Lessons

& Questions:

Available on the ECOHS
Website

Next Sunday's Lessons

May 7th

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10: 1-10

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:

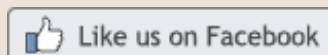
1st of every month

Late Edition:

20th of every month

Send submissions to:
ecoHS@bellsouth.net

Stay Connected



Forward to a Friend

JANHZ KITE DAY - Noon - 3:00 p.m.

Yes, we delayed for a week due to rain, but 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! We originally had a GREAT copper jewelry-making event planned for today...don't worry, it WILL be rescheduled!

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

Another Coffee House! Come prepared to perform, to listen, and to have some fun! We'll have the usual: Flavored coffees, plus other drinks, and snacks, too. Invite your friends and we'll see you in the Parish Hall!

May 7: Diocesan Graduation Celebration 2:30 - 6:00 p.m.

We'll meet in the parking lot at 2:30 to head down to Holy Innocent's to support our Seniors at this diocesan event honoring our graduates. We'll worship together, have time to spend one-on-one with Bishop Wright, and have some great food at the reception. Watch for a Signup Genius, to insure we have enough transportation!

May 14: Graduation Sunday - Reception after late service

Be part of our own ECOHS Graduating Seniors celebration, as we join in a great reception in the Parish Hall, after the late service!

May 20: Arrendale Caregiver's Luncheon - 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at ECOHS

Save the Date, as this is something new . . . We'll be helping with the children, in support of our ECOHS ministry that serves the women of Arrendale prison and their children! More info soon!!

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

Watch for more news of this annual Parish-wide event, cuz this is OUR end of year celebration.

Blessings,

Mother Bonnie+

bonniegunderwood@gmail.com, 404-729-5876

Announcements

THANK YOU!!!

Big thank yous to all who helped to make our recent events so successful! Whether you came out to help on the Parish Workday or helped set-up, cook, or cleaned up after the wonderful Easter Brunch we heartily thank you!

It is so wonderful to see our new facility being so lovingly used and cared for.

If anyone has photos from either the Workday or from the Easter Brunch, please email them to Cathy in the office so we can share them in the newsletter and on the website.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner and we are so excited! Our theme this year is **The Lord is our Shepherd**. Our dates for VBS are June 5th - June 9th. Our registration form is available on our website so please plan to join us.

We will be having a training session for our youth June 4th@ 1:00 after the service and invite all youth to join us.

We are in need of adult volunteers, teen volunteers and anyone with special talents they would like to share.

We will be having our next planning meeting on Wednesday, May 3rd @ 4:45 so plan to drop in and hear about all we have planned!

Peace,
Julie

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



Dutch Jahnz Kite Day

Rescheduled to April 30th (weather permitting)

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.

Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs!

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. [RSVP by May 7th.](#)

All proceeds benefit the children of [LAMB](#)
(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 St. Cecilia, St. Luke, **AND** Youth choirs will be singing on **Sunday, April 30 at the 10:45** service. I look forward to seeing all of our young singers at this service.

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.

The Commission for Dismantling Racism
&
Emmaus House

FROM SLAVE TO CRIMINAL WITH ONE AMENDMENT



INVITE YOU

to a

Screening and Discussion of the Powerful Film

13TH

Tuesday, May 16 | 6:30 p.m.

Emmaus House
1017 Hank Aaron Dr SE, Atlanta, GA 30315

Because racism works against our baptismal call to love others

Supported by a grant from Annie Casey Foundation.

**For more information, contact Mother Bonnie at
bonniegunderwood@gmail.com or 404-729-5876**

**LECTOR TRAINING
SUNDAY, MAY 21st
9:30 am**

Lector training is taking place soon! Whether you're an existing lector who

would like some quick instruction on the new sound equipment or a newer lector that would like to better understand the "to do's" or a new person who would like to explore what's involved in being a lector, this time is for you! Join us around the ambo right after the 8:30 service.

Please contact Meg Davenport, megbdav@gmail.com or Mother Bonnie+, bonniegunderwood@gmail.com with questions.

In-gathering for Honduras Mission Trip 2017 - Early Notice!



Photos for example only

Our in-gathering this year for the children of the LAMB residential home will be collapsible lunch boxes and water bottles (BPA free, please!). We're targeting to collect 100 of each item and hope you can help! **Please have all items to the church no later than Sunday, June 18th.** Thank you!

Backpacks of Love Thanks YOU!

Thanks to all of you who stepped up to the plate and filled backpacks for the previous delivery. We had **double** the number of backpacks from the prior delivery!

We only have two remaining deliveries this school year: ***April 26th and May 10th***, so let's pull out all the stops and fill as many backpacks as possible. Sadly, the need continues to grow in our area and our help is genuinely

needed.

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 ecohts@bellsouth.net.

Thank you!

ECOHS - Treasury Report -March 2017

	Month Actual	Variance Budget	YTD Actual	Variance Budget
Income				
Pledged	\$ 19,423.00	\$ (7,761.00)	\$ 70,851.00	\$ (10,701.00)
Other	\$ 9,627.53	\$ 3,944.21	\$ 29,268.14	\$ 8,243.18
	\$ 29,050.53	\$ (3,816.79)	\$ 100,119.14	\$ (2,457.82)
Expense				
Operations	\$ 39,914.68	\$ (8,389.68)	\$ 133,293.82	\$ (11,858.39)
Programs	\$ 2,030.96	\$ 125.72	\$ 6,532.04	\$ (12.00)
	\$ 41,945.64	\$ (8,263.96)	\$ 139,825.86	\$ (11,870.39)
Net	\$ (12,895.11)	\$ (12,080.75)	\$ (39,706.72)	\$ (14,328.21)

Summary Statement

Income YTD is down 2.3% primarily driven by lower Pledged income. Pledge offerings are off 13% for the year so far.

Expenses were over budget by 3.4% due primarily to one time expenses left over from last year.*

* Adjusted for Reserves

Areas of Note:

BALANCES:

Operating Funds	\$ 10,540.48
Available Reserves	\$ 100,499.35
Restricted Funds	\$ 99,506.93
Total:	\$ 210,546.76

Building to Serve Overview

- Total Project Budget amount \$1,900K >
Completed Actual Expenses: \$2,056K
- Total Pledged amount \$1,200K
Collected to date \$1,009K or 84%
- Construction Loan Balance \$906K



Community Connections

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