

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit



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Upcoming Events:

SASSE

December 15th, Noon

MEN'S BREAKFAST

December 16th, 8:00-10:00
am

THE PANTRY

December 16th, 8:00-9:30
am

FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

December 17th-24th

PASTORAL CARE MEETING

December 21st, 1:00 pm-
2:00 pm

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

See full information below

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED:

December 25th -29th

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

Rosary 11:30 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
Contemplative Prayer,

Mid December Edition

From the Rector:

Repent! This one word proclamation was the main message of John the Baptist and the first message of Jesus as he began his public ministry. It is the word I would preach if I was only able to use one for a sermon. It is a word with layers of meanings that are not always positive. Some of us grew up in a church where "fire and damnation" were closely associated with the call to repent.

However, I would like to save this word for us as people of faith. It is a word filled with power if we take it seriously and if we use it carefully as we grow in our faith. The English word "repent" comes from the Greek word metanoia which means "to change our mind, to turn around and go in the opposite direction." It is a word that points to something hard-but important-for us to do.

Why? The simple reason is that we are often going in the wrong direction. Not always and not absolutely, but often enough and off course enough that it is easy to get lost. Frankly, that wrong direction often begins early in our lives. We receive "directions" from our family of origin and our culture and at times from our church that sets us off on the wrong way.

What does that wrong way look like? It varies for each of us to some degree, though our wrong path often shares some common characteristics. We may be insecure and

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

December 17th

The Path - Chapter 11

Psalm 126

Mark 13:24-27

Fr. Keith's Lessons

& Questions:

Available on the ECOHS Website

Next Sunday's Lessons

December 24th

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Canticle 15

Luke 1:26-38

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:

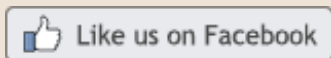
1st of every month

Late Edition:

20th of every month

Send submissions to:
ecoHS@bellsouth.net

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think we are not good enough or strong enough or smart enough to succeed in life. That may make us timid or we may develop a bravado that attempts to cover our insecurity. We may have been criticized often and unfairly and have learned to do that to others. Each of us will need to reflect on and identify how we have gone astray (a therapist or priest can help us with this inner work).

As we identify the wrong tracks of our lives, it is then that we need to hear the Baptist's call, "Repent!" For all of us, we need to repent from whatever impedes our trust in God and God's deep and immeasurable love for us. Whatever message we have heard directly or indirectly that makes that truth difficult for us to believe is what we need to repent from. This Advent season is the perfect time for us to repent and believe the Good News of God's love for us revealed in Jesus Christ (Mark 1:14-15).

Keith+

From the Youth Minister: For Our Youth!

As we approach the end of the calendar year, here are some key dates!

Sunday School

We'll be on break from Sunday School for a couple weeks. Please note that we will NOT have Sunday School on the holiday weekends of Dec 24 or Dec 31.

Youth Events

We'll be starting off the New Year with some GREAT events! Save these dates.

Jan 20 Honduras Fundraising Dinner/Silent Auction

We'll ALL be involved, whether your directly involved as a youth missionary, or not! Here's a chance for us all to *literally* serve others, while we help to raise funds for the children of LAMB Institute and assist our fellow youth

missioners. Watch for Signup Genius!

Jan. 27: Youth Karaoke Night and Bonfire
We're EXPANDING our youth night! In addition to Karaoke, we'll also be using our great new fire pit! Join us for a great evening!

Feb. 4: Super Bowl Sunday
Enjoy the Big Game TOGETHER! We'll meet at the Franklin's for food, fellowship, and a great time cheering on your favorite team!

Feb.10: Parish Karaoke and Talent Show
This event's for ALL the Parish, so let's show the adults how it's done! Join us for a great time sharing our talents, enjoying time in fellowship, and supporting one another.

Feb.13: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Save the date! A great event for the whole family, as we prepare ourselves for Lent.

Feb.18: Ash Wednesday
Join us for this day of worship, as the season of Lent begins.

Feb. 25: Hunger Walk/Run - Youth Eucharist
Save the date for this great annual event to help fight hunger in the Atlanta area.

Plus, check out these Diocesan Events!

Parents, Check your email for registration info.

Jan. 5-7: Sr DYC, Camp Mikell
Feb. 2-4: New Beginnings 39, Camp Mikell
Feb. 23-25: Happening 69, Camp Mikell

Blessings,

Mother Bonnie+

Announcements



Christmas and New Year Services

December 24th Services: 4th Sunday of Advent 10:00 am*
5:00 pm Christmas Pageant
8:30 pm Carol Singing
9:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Day: 10:00 am Holy Eucharist

New Year's Eve: 10:00 am Holy Eucharist*

**No Sunday School*

Please note: the church office will be CLOSED December 25th-29th.

Important 2017 Year End Business

It's hard to believe, but 2017 is quickly coming to a close!

To prepare for a seamless transition into 2018 and to insure that all pledges and expenses are accounted for properly and can be reflected on your 2017 year-end statements, please be sure all:

- Pledge Payments

- Invoices
- Requests for Reimbursement
- Donations (non-cash gifts to the church)

are submitted to the church on or before December 31st.

Thank you!

Wendy's Bears



We will be continuing our tradition, started by the late Wendy Murphy, of collecting teddy bears at our Holiday Party this year. The bears collected will be delivered to the the Juvenile Court where our own Hon. Rusty Jackson presides. The bears are handed out to young children who find themselves at the court through no fault of their own as a means of comfort and security.

Please bring new or gently used teddy bears (unwrapped) to the Holiday Party on December 3rd or to church on any Sunday before the end of the year.

Thank you!

Music Notes

The adult choir continues to lead the music portion of our worship services every Sunday at 10:45. www.ecohs.net www.ecohs.net The ECOHS adult choir rehearses every Wednesdays @ 7:30 p.m. in the choir room. If you are interested in singing with us, please come and join us.



The St. Cecilia (age 4-1st grade) and St. Luke (2nd - 5th grade) choirs rehearse every Wednesdays, @ 5:00 p.m. We invite all children to join us.

The adult, children's, and youth choirs, in the midst of continuing our weekly music preparations, are also preparing for our Christmas Eve services.

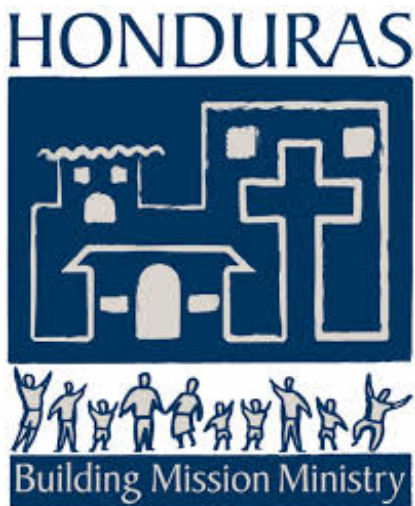
This year's 5:00 p.m. pageant, presented by our Children's and Youth choirs, will be a simplified version of "A Paper Bag Christmas". As our children present the story of Jesus' birth in narration and song, the congregation will be taking part with fan puppets AND singing along on familiar Christmas carols.

The Adult choir will present choral anthems and carols beginning at 8:30 p.m. as our prelude to the 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

I look forward to seeing at these services as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

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

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



We're beginning the journey...

Honduras Mission 2018

July 7 - 14

**** Consider joining us!***

We still have room on our 2018 team! Contact Mother Bonnie bonniegunderwood@gmail.com or Jay Franklin jayfranklin@att.net for more information. We hope to finalize our team roster this month.

**** Save the Date!***

Our Honduras Fundraising Dinner will be January 20, 2018 at ECOHS. This gathering will include food and fellowship, as well as a silent auction, and time to hear more about this mission. Ticket sales for this event will begin in January.

* *How can you help?*

We're looking for silent auction and raffle items for our *January 20th fundraising dinner*. If you have a special items you could donate: a timeshare vacation week, golf package, speciality craft item, gift basket, etc., please contact Mother Bonnie at bonniegunderwood@gmail.com or 404.729.5876



Spring Foyers

We will be forming the Spring Foyers groups shortly after the new year. Be on the look out for a Sign Up Genius that will be coming out the first week of January!

ECOHS - Treasury Report -November 2017

	Month	Variance	YTD	Variance
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income				
Pledged	\$ 20,677.00	\$ (6,507.00)	\$ 282,100.00	\$ (16,924.00)
Other	\$ 10,737.85	\$ 1,132.03	\$ 104,335.29	\$ 15,258.77
	\$ 31,414.85	\$ (5,374.97)	\$ 386,435.29	\$ (1,665.23)
Expense				
Operations	\$ 40,563.12	\$ (513.52)	\$ 443,675.56	\$ (7,845.62)
Programs	\$ 927.46	\$ 354.12	\$ 30,230.28	\$ (4,266.80)
	\$ 41,490.58	\$ (159.40)	\$ 473,905.84	\$ (12,112.42)
Net	\$ (10,075.73)	\$ (5,534.37)	\$ (87,470.55)	\$ (13,777.65)

Summary Statement

**Pledge offerings are behind 6% for the year.
Preschool income is up 37%**

Expenses YTD are over budget primarily to to higher pre-school expenses, up 32% but offset by the rise in pre-school income, and higher program expense.

Note: Get your pledges in before the end of the Tax Year.

BALANCES:

Operating Funds	\$ 24,702.76
Available Reserves	\$ 52,735.52
Restricted Funds	\$ 94,342.78
Total:	\$ 171,781.06

Building to Serve Overview

- Total Project Budget amount \$1,900K >
Completed Actual Expenses: \$2,056K
- Total Pledged amount \$1,200K
Collected to date \$1,108K or 92%
- Loan Balance \$790K



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