



The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

The Dove

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March 2014

Upcoming Events:

THEOLOGY ON TAP

March 2, after 10:45 service

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

March 4, 6:00 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

March 5, Noon & 7:00 p.m.
(childcare provided at evening service)

DIOCESAN MINISTRY SUMMIT

March 8, 8:30 a.m., Cathedral of St. Philip

HUNGER WALK

March 9, 2:00 p.m., Turner Field

PASTORAL SUPPORT

March 13, 9:30 a.m.

VESTRY MEETING

March 13, 7:00 p.m.

SASSE LUNCHEON

March 14, 11:00 a.m.

WINE AND WISDOM

March 16, after 10:45 service

PARISH WEEKEND

March 21-23, Camp Mikell

PANTRY

March 29, 8:00 a.m.

Contemplative Lessons of the Order of St. Anthony the Great

Sundays at 2:30 p.m.

From the Rector: Planning for the Future

Your vestry, Cathy Zappa, and I met after church on Sunday, February 23, to discern the future direction of our parish. We revisited the goals from a vestry retreat in 2010 that have set our direction over the past four years. Those goals guided us as we initiated the Red Door Festival in 2010, as we improved our building and grounds in 2011 and 2013, and as we invested in our youth ministry, most recently with the hiring of The Rev. Cathy Zappa as our curate for youth ministry and in expanding our overall budget for youth ministry.

First we spent time getting to know each other better. We shared our stories, especially about our spiritual journeys and what is important to us about Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit. We then spent time brainstorming about what was working and not working in the parish, and what our hopes and aspirations are for the future of the parish.

From this work, we have come up with two broad goals with five components that we are committed to exploring over the next year and into the future. We don't know yet what these goals will become, and we don't expect to get them all done this year. But we are excited about what could be and we trust in God and in each of you to help us in our discernment as we move forward. Here are the goals:

Goal 1: We are committed to growing as a sign of being a faithful and healthy parish.

- We want to grow and retain membership as we share the Good News of God's love for us in Jesus Christ.
- We want to increase our giving so that we can continue to invest in ministry, especially in the areas of youth ministry and outreach to our community.
- We want to expand ECOHS Preschool so that we can continue offering a special environment for children in our community.

Goal 2: We are committed to challenging ourselves to grow in new ways as we discern how we can share God's love with more people both locally and globally.

- We committed to identifying Spanish language educational options for members of our parish as a first step for expanded ministry among Hispanic people.
- We have a working group of vestry members who will explore how to bring a "Church of the Common Ground" model to Forsyth County.

Another major initiative for our parish in 2014 is the expansion of our current building. The planning committee and vestry agree that expansion (instead of a new building) enables us to build what is needed for the growth of our common life and ministry in the most responsible and cost effective way. We have chosen an architect who will help us take the next steps in our planning for expansion. Expect more and more news in this area throughout this year.

Please keep your vestry, clergy, staff, and other leaders in your prayers as we seek to be faithful to God's future for us.

Keith+

Lent is an opportunity to turn again toward God (“repentance”) and to focus on spiritual growth. What can you do this Lent to draw closer to God? Consider taking on a discipline: try a new form of prayer, walk a labyrinth, set time aside every day to read Scripture, look for ways to share yourself and your resources with those in need, or come to our Wednesday Lenten program. We will use this time to discern together how to serve others with our particular gifts and interests, especially around technology, and create a lesson or project for the parish.

What’s coming up...

Tuesday, March 4—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. This is our annual youth fundraiser, and we need everyone’s help to make it a success. Youth and parents can sign up to volunteer; sign up in the Parish Hall to come and eat (\$3/person; \$10/family).

Wednesdays in Lent, March 12 – April 16, 5:45 – 7:30. Evening prayer, followed by supper and programs for all ages.

Sunday, March 9—Hunger Walk, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. Register to join or sponsor the ECOHS team at the [Hunger Walk website](#). Registration is \$25 for walkers and \$35 for runners. For more details, contact Sam Norris or Cathy Zappa.

Friday, March 21 – Sunday, March 23— Parish Weekend at Camp Mikell. Fun and fellowship for the whole family, with special programs for youth.

Thursday, May 29 – Sunday, June 1—Youth Retreat/Mission Trip to Mooresville, N.C. You don’t want to miss this! More details to come.

What we’ve been up to...

ECOHS youth are passionate about service! This month, our outreach focus was Backpacks of Love. We filled four backpacks for impoverished children and their families. This made us think about how to stretch a small bit of money to provide breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as fun treats. We also met with ECOHS adults on February 2, to reflect on our visit to Common Ground. In particular, we shared our insights that God is not confined to church buildings, that we do not need a lot of things to be joyful, and that our homeless brothers and sisters in Christ have much to offer and teach us.

Six youth participated in New Beginnings this month. Thank you to the youth who went, to all who prayed for them, and to our adult sponsors, Melissa

Roehm and Herb Linsley.

The last Sunday of February, we gathered for a “Night of Play” and discovered, or rediscovered, our flair for drama and silliness. We also honed our Four-Square skills!

March Youth Schedule

Sunday, 3/2

- 9:30–10:30 a.m.—Christian formation: King Cakes
- 5:00–6:30 p.m.—Contemplative Service & Family Dinner

Tuesday, 3/4

- 6:00–8:00 p.m.—Pancake Supper

Sunday, 3/9

- 9:30–10:30 a.m.—Christian formation in Youth Building
- 12:00–4:00 p.m.—Hunger Walk

Sunday, 3/16

- 9:30–10:30 a.m.—Christian formation in Youth Building
- 5:00–6:30 p.m.—EYC led by Sylvia Cardona & volunteers

Sunday, 3/23

- Parish Weekend—no EYC
- 9:30–10:30 a.m.—Youth join adults for Christian formation

As always, friends are welcome at any of our youth events.

- [Cathy Zappa](#)

Planning Committee Update

The planning committee has submitted a proposal to the vestry to accept the bid from the firm of Youngblood AIA. They will provide the architectural work, as well as the required mechanical, civil, and electrical plans. After interviewing three architects, the planning committee decided that Youngblood AIA’s bid was best suited to our needs. Exciting times are coming! If you have any questions or ideas, please contact one of the committee members listed below.

- Kitchen / Parish Hall - Carol Franklin & Dan Krogh
- Music / Technology - Shannon David
- Site and Flow - Ralph Davis
- Storage and Existing Space - Judy Foster & Bert Printz
- Classrooms - Putnam Smith & Fiona Norris

- [Shannon David](#)

12th Annual Parish Weekend—Created in God’s Image

Our 12th annual Parish Weekend is just around the corner on **March 21-23!** We have a special treat this year with the Rt. Rev. Frank Allan facilitating our adult program. Bishop Allan will be with us Saturday morning to discuss how we are created in the image of God, and how our creativity and imagination are ways for us to express that divine image. We will also have the opportunity to participate in creative hands-on activities through the Mikell Folk Art School. Our children and teens will participate in creative programs lead by Mikell staff and the Blue Ridge Outdoor Education Center. As always, we will have much free time to enjoy fellowship with each other and the beauty of Camp Mikell.

If you plan to attend but missed the registration deadline, there’s a place for you! Look for registration information on the church [website](#) or pick up a copy in the parish hall. We look forward to another wonderful weekend at Camp Mikell and hope to see you there! Questions? Contact [Janice McClelland](#) or [Fr. Keith](#).

Christian Education News

Sunday, March 9 is The Hunger Walk. Please check out the [Hunger Walk website](#). There is a cost associated with walking or running, but as Sam Norris said, “you also walk away with a really cool T-shirt!” On that note, I would love it if all of our children who go could wear their green shirts that they received for the Sunday School Kickoff.

On **Wednesday, March 12**, our Lenten evening program will begin, following the same schedule as in years past:

- Evening Prayer - 5:45 p.m.
- Simple Supper - 6:00-6:30 p.m.
- Lent Program - 6:30-7:30 p.m.

During the Lent program for the children I will be asking them to bring their technology. We had a trial run a couple of Sundays ago and it was a bit rough. We have made a few changes so that it should be easier for us to get online.

Vacation Bible School will be held **June 23-27**. Please mark your calendars and save the dates!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email me. Peace to you and your families!

- [Julie Wilson](#)

Pantry Update: February 2014



January Pantry figures: 158 clients served.

Pantry Angels: Jay and Gloria Sylvester, Kirk Wintersteen, Jennie Zavorski, Judy Norman, Liz and Bruce Tanner, Pat and Harold Gill, Michael Arens, Jeanne Donaldson, Todd and Trudie Berry, Julie and Lauren Anderson and all who kindly donated diapers this month (sizes 4 and 5 are always needed). Many thanks!

- [Ro Woodhead](#)



The ECOHS music ministry continues to be busy. The Adult choir leads our weekly services, singing hymns, psalm chants, service music, and offertory anthems. The St. Luke, St. Cecilia, and Youth choirs lead us in offertory anthems about once a month.

Thanks to all of our choral musicians for their leadership in our weekly (and additional) services. Any children, youth, and adults who are interested in joining choir should email [Jeff Daniel](mailto:Jeff.Daniel@ecohs.org) or speak with him at church.

Don't forget to visit the music portion of the church's [website](http://www.ecohs.org) to find information about the music ministry of ECOHS.

Weekly choir schedules for September - May:

St. Cecilia (age 4 - 1st grade) and St. Luke (2nd - 5th grade) Choirs – Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

Adult Choir – Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Youth Choir (6th - 12th grade) – Sundays at 12:00 p.m.

Remembrances, Prayers and Celebrations

PRAYERS:

Holy Spirit Parishioners: Julie C. Anderson, Kendle Baggarly, The Brislin family, Gale Clarida, Bruce Cross, Ilse Ferrari, Tom Gibson, Harold Gill, Norm & Marilyn Goeltz, Trevor Hicks, Cameron Howell, Neva Jahnz, May Kitsell, Sarah Lipscomb, Robert & Barbara Oliver, Jacqueline Perdue, Chris Prianti, Carole Rudder, Harry Stine, Gloria Sylvester

Friends & Family: Joe Adams, Robert Allen, Miriam Barnett, Mark Barr, Alice Buchanan, Allen & Amanda Brit, Alessandro Cannova, Tommy Casher, Nathan Cobb, Margie Daniel, Bonnie Davis, Bill Dickerson, Will Drury, Roseann English, Joe Estafen, Rob Frysinger, Holly Galloway, Helen Gill, Janet, John Paul, & Chris Geuter, John & Ettie Hawkins, Ken Hawkins, Patti Hazzard, Howell family friend, Nick Jones, Jeff Joyner, John Kelleher, Joy Kudsick, Arlene Larsen, Ed & Terrie Liguori, Bill Marshall & family, Brent & Linda McCormick, Jimmie McIntyre, Merideth, Eve Miller, The Rev. Linda Moore, Caroline Newell, Don Norman, Jim Ohl, Fr. Jay Pierce, Virginia Pierson, Wanda Price, Rick & Ann Reagan, Rob Robitelli, Steve Saelg, Elwin & Mary Sasser, Kathy Schaffer, Peter Simmons, David Spruill, Taylor Suggs, Gregory Sylvester II, Betsy Tanner, Frances Townsend, Edward Walker, Brent Weatherly, Mildred Wilcox, Anita Wilson, Keaton Yingling, Fran Young

BIRTHS:

We give thanks for Noel Devin Gooch born to James & Jill Franklin Gooch on February 13.

DEATHS:

Jimmie McIntyre, Ken Hawkins, David Spruill, Scott Kudika, Peter Simmons, Tommy Casher, Steve Moore

BIRTHDAYS:

Pat Gill, Sarah Lipscomb, Elizabeth Wargo, Barbie Rodgers, Pat Markey, Jaden Ahadzi, Yvonne Starnes, Midge Printz, Rusty Jackson, Steve Comer, Gloria Sylvester, Gigi Comer, Greg Plank, Simon David, Norm Goeltz, David Jennings, Jim Zavorski, Fran Pickering, Datie Younkings, Melissa Roehm, Michael Arens, Putnam Smith, Aaron Bohan, Harry Stine, Lisa Vranich, Jan Cahoon, Kathy Mello, Meredith Wargo, Justin Jackson, Liz Bauer

EXPECTANT PARENTS:

James & Lori Loftin, John & Ansley Canby

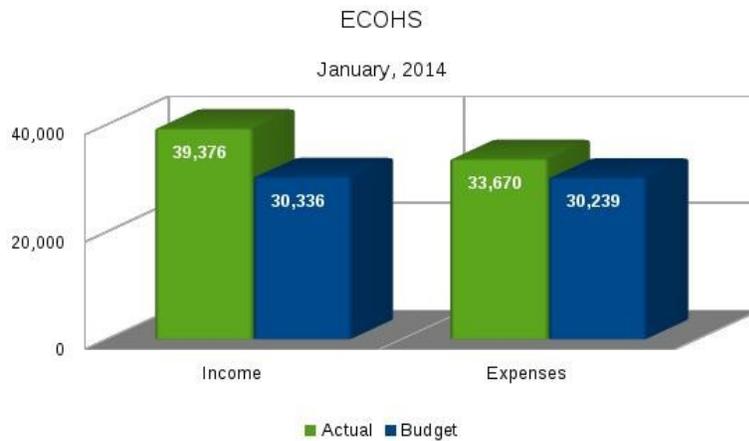
ARMED FORCES:

We pray for all who serve our nation in the armed forces, both at home and abroad, especially Josh Weaver.

Treasurer's Report

By the time you read this, we will have been through a couple of “snow-maggedons” and a few nice weather breaks that, hopefully, allowed you to get out of your house before the next round. I know in our house it has tested our faith, but ultimately proven that God is great!

And as you can see from the chart below, God has truly blessed our parish with abundance! Income was up by almost 30% for the month of January, and so also for the year. Although this is great news, it's tempered by the fact that it was entirely in pledged giving. In other words, it's accounted for in the budget and allocated to expenses. With pledge periods of quarterly and annually, there really is no way to budget for when the money will be coming in, so the variances will occur – sometimes small, sometimes big.



On the other side, we're starting out the year a little ahead of ourselves on expenses – actually a little over 11%. Again, timing is at issue. Some bills for December were paid in January. We should smooth out in February.

We continue with strong bank balances, though they've dipped in the preschool and as a result of the payments for the work done on the Memorial Garden. As the year progresses, we'll build them back on our strong pledged giving and new initiatives to increase enrollment at the preschool.

Faithfully,
Bill Taylor, Treasurer

Weekly Schedule

Monday	1:00 p.m. AA Meeting in Parish Hall
Tuesday	12:30 p.m. AA Meeting in Parish Hall 12:30 p.m. Mothers' Group in Sanctuary 6:00 p.m. Education for Ministry in Parish Hall
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. "In Stitches" Knitting & Crochet in Parish Hall 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	10:30 a.m. Rector's Bible Study 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist 12:30 p.m. AA Meeting in Parish Hall
Friday	10:00 a.m. AA Meeting in Parish Hall
Sunday	8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist 12:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal 5:00 p.m. Youth Group Meeting

Mailing to the Church

If you are mailing to the church, please use the post office box address:

Church of the Holy Spirit
P.O. Box 1010
Cumming, GA 30028

Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Fr. Keith is available by appointment outside of scheduled office hours.

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