

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit



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Upcoming Events:

THE PANTRY

April 30th, 8:00am to 9:30am

EfM CLASSES

Day Class: Tuesdays at Noon

Evening Class: Tuesdays, 6:00 pm

PASTORAL CARE MEETING

May 11, 10:30 am (nt time chg)

VESTRY MEETING

May 9th, 6:30 pm

SASSE LUNCHEON

May 13th, noon

MEN'S BREAKFAST

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

CAREGIVER'S GROUP*

April 21st, 6:30

WISDOM GROUP

On hiatus until Fr. Keith returns

KITE FLYING DAY

April 24th

SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS

May 29th, Services at 8:30 & 10:00

LUNCH WITH BR. KENNETH

1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays

Marie's Deli at 12:30 pm

Late April Edition



From the (Associate) Rector:

While Father Keith is on Sabbatical, I'll be communicating with you all through the Dove. As I write this, Keith and Lynn have already visited family on the west coast and Keith has spent a week at the Hermitage in Big Sur. Please hold them both in your prayers as they continue in this period of rest and renewal.

Before Keith left, he led a town hall to keep everyone informed of the building construction. A summary of that meeting is included in this newsletter. We're seeing great progress as these work efforts continue and I so appreciate

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday

8:30a Holy Eucharist
10:45a Holy Eucharist

Monday

Tuesday

12:00p EfM Day Class
6:00p EfM Evening Class

Wednesday

9:00a "In Stitches"
Knitting & Crochet *
12:00p Contemplative Prayer*
7:30 Adult Choir Practice

Thursday

10:30 Bible Study*
12:00p Holy Eucharist*

Friday

Church office closed

Saturday

8:00am Pantry (the last Saturday
of the month)
12:00noon Contemplative &
Litany Prayer Hour (first
Saturday of the month)

*Items marked with * meet in
the Youth Building.*

Sunday Lessons

-April 24th, 2016:

Acts 11:1-8

Psalms 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

For Keith's Lessons & Questions:

On hiatus until Fr. Keith
returns.

Next Sunday's Lessons

everyone's flexibility as we proceed through these final weeks, including our changes in temporarily shifting our worship space to the newly expanded Parish Hall. Yes, all this work will be done soon! Our hope is to have everything completed by the end of May, allowing us some "settling in" time this summer to get used to our new space and patiently discern, in community, our next steps in using our facility to better serve our Living God. How grateful we all will be to be able to use this beautiful new space!

You'll continue to hear about our Parish's upcoming *sabbatical activities*, as we too, like Keith and Lynn, will have an opportunity for renewal. From speaking with many of you, I have heard how our past year of construction has impacted us, causing us to miss many of our traditional opportunities to enjoy fellowship as a community. That time is coming to a close and events we were unable to have last year, like Kite Day and VBS, are being actively and effectively planned. So jump in and fully participate in *our renewed time together*, growing in faith and community. I encourage us all to make that extra effort to join in and fully engage in our upcoming Holy Spirit events!

Please feel free to contact me or any Vestry member should you have any questions. Blessings to you all.

~Mother Bonnie+

From the Youth Minister:

Mark your calendars! There's so much happening through the end of the year!

April

Sun 24 Dutch Jahnz Kite Flying Day - right after the 10:45 service

Th 28 Youth preparing distribution bags at the Pantry - 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

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

May

Sun 1 EYC at Holy Innocents: 2:30 - 6:30, we'll be attending our FIRST Graduation celebration, *supporting our very own senior, Matthew McClelland!*

Sun 8 Youth Sunday! Be sure to be there! (But no EYC today, because it's also Mother's Day)

May 1st, 2016

Acts 16:-9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10,22-22:5

John: 5:1-9

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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Sun 15 Last EYC of the program year, 4:30 - 6:39 at ECOHS

And something new on May 1st - BLESSING OF THE BRAINS!

Be sure to be at worship of May 1st... Come get blessed, before exams start! Join us for the ***Blessing of the Brains.***

Upcoming Diocesan Events - Time to Plan for SUMMER!

NEW! Diocesan Tubing Trip, June 4: Save the Date! It'll be a great event.

Mission Trip Birmingham, July 10-15:Diocesan Mission Trip Birmingham is our high school youth trip. Each participant will spend half the week doing labor intensive service work that includes a coop garden, while the other half of the week will be relational, including volunteering at a local VBS. You can find registration [here](#). Note: Deposit is \$60, and although the deadline has passed, registration will continue until we run out of space.

Mission Trip: atISERVE, July 10-15: The diocese is partnering with All Saints' Atlanta to provide an Atlanta-based mission trip for middle school youth. We have already partnered with Emmaus House, Meals on Wheels, and the Atlanta Food Bank to provide a good mix of service work. You can find registration [here](#). Note: Deposit is \$50, and although the deadline has passed, registration will continue until we run out of space.

And one more SUMMER option!

SUMMA Theological Debate Society's Summer 2016 Camp is open to all High School students and will be held July 18-27 at the School of Theology at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee.

Please contact me with any questions.

Mother Bonnie+

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[here](#)

Announcements

**Meeting Minutes
Town Hall Meeting
March 30, 2016**

Update on Construction and Sabbatical Fr. Keith Oglesby

After an opening prayer, Fr. Keith began his town hall presentation with a promise: "I will *never* do this again!" he said, smiling broadly.

He acknowledged that the construction project has taken longer and been more costly than planned, primarily due to the issues of adding new construction to an existing structure, since both old and new sections must meet current code. The primary example of this is the need to install a fire suppressant sprinkler system throughout the building which added nearly \$80,000 to the original projected cost.

The good news, however, is that work is definitely progressing in the Parish Hall, and flooring and finishing work will begin next week, so that we will be holding our Sunday services in that space in just a few weeks while the flooring and finishing work is completed in the Nave. The work in the Nave will require that it be closed for about two weeks. The preschool area downstairs flooring will also be done along with the Parish Hall work, so that it is anticipated all flooring will be complete by the end of April. The partial wall that was installed next to the handicap ramp leading to the altar has been reworked to be more appropriate and unobtrusive.

Other good news is that special gifts are allowing us to make unplanned enhancements to the church such as a "T-coil" installation in the Nave which will improve sound for those who wear hearing aids. Another gift of \$10,000 was made in memory of Bruce Cross to upgrade the preschool playground.

Dan Krogh also presented a report, beginning with the comment that while at the last meeting he said we had completed the "fast part" of construction, we are now unfortunately in the "slow part," the interior finishing work. He provided additional information regarding what Fr. Keith had reported, emphasizing that a lot of time has been spent bringing the current building space up to code. He showed samples of finishes for the kitchen and bathrooms, and said the bathrooms should be complete in late April.

Jay Franklin gave an update on the Building to Serve campaign. (Details are in the Building to Serve article.)

The financial report was presented by treasurer Bruce Zavitz. He reported that \$335,000 is needed to complete the construction, and approximately \$500,000 is yet to be received from the campaign pledges. He also referenced the special gifts the church has received toward the project and reported that we continue to stay on track with the construction budget. At this time, he anticipates a mortgage of \$798,539 with a monthly mortgage payment of approximately \$3,700.

Finally, Beth Jones updated everyone on Fr. Keith's sabbatical and reviewed dates for special activities during his absence. The dates are posted on the church website, www.ecohs.net.

A brief Q&A ended the presentation with the first question being, "What is the scheduled completion of construction." Dan and the contractor's project manager are projecting completion by the end of May.

Fr. Keith ended the meeting reflecting that the absence and now loss of parishioner, friend, and general contractor Ralph Davis has had a tremendous impact on the project, but he expressed a "huge thanks to all" for stepping up to keep the project moving and for the on-going support of the parish.

Fr. Keith then led the gathering in a closing prayer.



Update for March 30, 2016, Town Hall Meeting

It's hard to believe, but it was only one year ago when we had our big reveal and announced our \$1,210,100 in commitments to our Building to Serve capital campaign. Our top campaign benchmark of \$1.1 million was surpassed by our generous givers! At the one year mark we are pleased to report that we have now collected contributions of \$710,000 which is 59% of our \$1,210,100 total commitments for the 36 month contribution period. Collections are currently running at 114% of our budget thanks to many generous folks that are paying in advance. This is wonderful news because having this much in advance has helped us limit the amount of borrowing we have needed to do during the construction period.

In addition to our capital campaign commitments, we have also received a \$200,000 special gift. This is extremely good news and will help reduce the size of the mortgage we will need to take on after construction is complete.

Our estimated final construction costs have risen a bit further and are now expected to total around \$2.1 million. At the end of March we had actually

spent \$1,787,000 on construction. Our project team is continuing to working on getting us the best facility for our money as we enter the final phases of construction.

We see the excitement in the parish really starting to build as the new building additions take shape. Additional worship space, dedicated space for youth, a greatly enlarged parish hall, a choir room and significantly improved pre-school facilities will soon be available. The opportunity to serve God in this space is now upon us! Let's make the most of it!

Thanks to all for keeping your contributions current and dealing with the inconveniences as we continue ***Building to Serve***.

Respectfully Submitted,
BtS Connections Team... Beverly Clemmer, Jay Franklin, Tom McDonnell and Allison Taylor

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH: CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children's chapel is provided to help teach children the structure of the church service in an interactive way. They sing a song, receive a short sermon tied to the lectionary, and say prayers. They receive all the parts of church that are happening in the sanctuary but in shorter versions. The children leave when the music plays after the Gospel and return after the peace. All children from age four to fifth grade are invited to attend. Children's Chapel is part of church and not a break away from it. The children help run their own service and also have the ability to ask questions.

We would love more volunteers in this vital ministry. New volunteers are easily trained "on the job" and participate as they are comfortable. If you are interested, please contact Fiona Norris at norrisfiona@hotmail.com or Meg Davenport at megbdav@gmail.com



Music Notes

The music ministry is a vital part of our worship here at ECOHS. I appreciate all who are involved in our music ministry, especially during our construction phase. I look forward to beginning fresh in the fall in our new expansion.

The adult choir "season" is winding down for the year. The last Sunday of adult choir, before the summer break, is **Sunday May 15, the Feast of Pentecost**. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00.

The youth choir (rising 6th - 12th grade) will be leading the music for worship on **Sunday May 8 (Youth Sunday)**. I hope as many current and past youth choir members as are available will join us for this service. Warm-up will be at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday May 8.

Don't forget to visit the music portion of the church's website, www.ecohs.net, to find information about the music ministry of ECOHS.

- *Jeff Daniel*

Adult Christian Ed Offerings:

4/24: Mtr. Bonnie: ECOHS Youth Program Update and Q&A

5/1: Rev. Dr. Donna Mote: Episcopal Chaplain to Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport and chair of the Diocesan Ministry Innovations Task Force

5/8: Putnam Smith begins a 3-part series of our Book of Common Prayer

5/15: Book of Common Prayer II

5/22: Book of Common Prayer III

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Our Thursday Bible Study **resumes on April 28th** as we read together *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. For those who asked to have books ordered, they are now available for pick up in the church office. Mother Bonnie will be leading this discussion during Fr. Keith's sabbatical.

Pantry Figures for March

No. of clients served: 190

Pantry Angels: Liz Tanner, Sumner Cahoon, Dennis and Linda Whittle, Jennie

April 14-21: New Camaldoli Hermitage in Big Sur, CA

April 25-29: Annual Clergy Retreat

May 1-7: Candler Pastoral Leadership Program, Juarez, MX and El Paso, TX

May 19-26: Honduras Mission Trip

July 11: Father Keith's first day back at work

July 17: Father Keith's first Sunday back at Holy Spirit

August 21: Welcome Home Celebration for Father Keith and Lynn

Parish:

March 5: Ladies Prayer Brunch with Sara Beth Wright, PhD

March 18-20: Parish Weekend at Camp Mikell

March 27: Easter Sunday

April 3: Father Keith's last day before sabbatical

April 24: Listening to the Family and Holy Spirit through Fun

May 15: Pentecost

May 21: Parish goes to the Holy Spirit Monastery

June 18-25: Honduras Youth Mission

July 11: Father Keith's first day back at work

July 17: Father Keith's first Sunday back at Holy Spirit - one service at 10:00 am

August 17: Bishop's visit and building dedication

September 21: Sharing Supper: Listening through recreation and play

October 19: Sharing Supper: Listening through retreat and pilgrimage

November 16: Sharing Supper: Listening through mission



Dutch Jahnz Kite Flying Day -- April 24th Listening through games and fun!

You won't want to miss this year's Kite Day!

Our youth have planned an amazing day, complete with a cookout, family photos, games and more. Come challenge Mother Bonnie in a game of kickball, help paint our parish mural, challenge our youth to a three-legged race, bingo for all ages and of course game day wouldn't

be complete without a game of life-size Jenga.

So whether you want to fly a kite or roll around in our giant hamster ball, there is entertainment for all!

See you there!

Honduras Mission Team Ingathering

A big thanks to our Parish Family for so quickly committing to gather new shoes and towels for the children and staff at LAMB Institute!

All ingathering items should be returned to ECOHS by May 1st.



May 1st - Blessing of the Brains

Students! Come get blessed before exams start! Join us for our first
Blessing of the Brains!

May 8th Youth Sunday

Be sure to attend and support our Youth during our Mother's Day Youth Sunday services, featuring a Youth Officiant, Youth Preachers, Youth Choir, Youth Readers, Youth Ushers...you get the idea!

Looking forward to seeing you all at our Youth Sunday services!

May 15th Church of the Common Ground

We will be going to the Church of the Common Ground on Sunday, May 15th. We will prepare brown bag lunches at 10:45 and leave for Woodruff Park at 11:45.

Anyone interested, please contact Sharon Linsley at 678-938-3358 or sharonlinsley@yahoo.com



Save the Date -- Saturday, May 21st
A Parish Trip to the Monastery of the Holy Spirit

The Sabbatical Committee invites all members of the Parish to join us for a Parish day trip to the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, Georgia, where we'll practice *"listening with the ear of our hearts"* together, just for the fun of it!

Vacation Bible School

June 6th - June 10th

9:00-12:15

Under Construction

Built to Serve!

Vacation Bible school is going to be at the start of summer this year, right off the bat! We are going to be learning from Habitat for Humanity a wonderful program that many are familiar with and sets a fantastic example on serving all God's children. Our theme this year is Under Construction: Built to Serve! It seems perfectly fitting as we begin to enjoy our new building and discern how we can best use it to serve our community and those around us.

VBS offers an active and joy filled week for us to be in fellowship with children and adults in our community. We have a program for all children ages 3 (and potty trained) through 5th grade. For children 6th grade - 12th grade we have an abundance of opportunities for volunteering with children, and adults leading the different centers. ***A registration form will be available for pick up in the parish hall. Please fill it out for the children in your life that will be joining us for the week.*** As always we have a suggested donation for VBS, but please do not let that prohibit children from attending, scholarship funds are available.

Attention all Golfers! Save the Date!

***The 4th Annual Links for LAMB Golf Tournament
May 2nd, 2016 at the Trophy Club of Atlanta
All proceeds will directly benefit the children of LAMB***

The cost is \$150 per person, which includes greens fees, cart, driving range, contests, continental breakfast, hot buffet lunch and beverages. You can sign up as an individual player or bring a foursome. Signup online at www.tinyurl.com/znpz3q4 or contact Mother Bonnie with any questions.

Sign up deadline is Monday 4/25/16.

Family Promise recently signed it's 13th and final host church and soon will be able to start helping homeless families in our community, but fundraising still continues. Tickets will be available for this concert via the Family Promise website: [click here](#)

The Family Promise of Forsyth County, Inc Concert Series

Proudly presents Tim Malchak

Tim is a singer/songwriter with 40 years of experience, having toured extensively across the United States. Tim is now using his God given gifts to minister to congregations throughout the Southeast via his original recorded music and live performances.

Concert will be held at:
Midway United Methodist Church
[5025 Atlanta Hwy. Alpharetta, GA 30004](#)

Friday May 6th
Concert starts at 7:30PM

REMINDER!

The parish hall and nave are currently unavailable for use Mondays - Fridays. The youth building is available for use during the week and usage can be scheduled through Cathy at the church office.

Thank you all for your patience and flexibility!

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ecohs@bellsouth.net

Camp Mikell 2016 Summer Schedule

Mini Camp	May 27-29
Rising 1st & 2nd grade	\$350 - includes cost for camper& parent/guardian
Youth Camp	June 5-11
Rising 10th - Just graduated	\$450
Performing Arts Camp	June 12-18
Rising 4th-9th grade	\$450

Intermediate Camp Rising 8th & 9th grade	June 19-25 \$450
Junior Camp Rising 6th & 7th grade	June 26- July 2 \$450
Kid Camp Rising 3rd-5th grade	July 10-16 \$450
Work Camp Rising 10th- Just graduated	July 18-23 \$350
Emmaus House Summer Program	July 22-29
Guest Camp Children, Adults and Families All Ages	September 2-5 (Labor Day Weekend)

For more information on camp sessions or to register, go to:
www.campmikell.com

A Friendly Request from the Bookkeeper:

We appreciate the pledges and gifts so graciously bestowed upon our church. To make sure they are posted and accounted for correctly, please be sure to note on the memo line on all checks what the funds are for.

Examples: Annual Pledge, Building Fund, Outreach, Honduras Mission Trip, Priest Discretionary Fund, etc.

If you have any questions, please call Cathy at the church office. 770-887-8190.

Thank you!

Backpacks of Love - Drop Off

Until our construction is complete, please bring your filled Backpacks to the Parish Administrator's office downstairs.

Thank you!

ECOHS - Treasury Report - March 2016

	Month Actual	Variance Budget	YTD Actual	Variance Budget
Income				
Pledged	\$ 23,906.00	\$ (3,649.00)	\$ 77,127.00	\$ (5,538.00)
Other	\$ 11,613.39	\$ (280.43)	\$ 28,461.20	\$ 3,194.74
	\$ 35,519.39	\$ (3,929.43)	\$105,588.20	\$ (2,343.26)
Expense				
Operations	\$ 44,454.32	\$ (2,423.68)	\$125,106.09	\$ (5,856.70)
Programs	\$ 2,186.79	\$ (638.18)	\$ 5,183.50	\$ 412.33
	\$ 46,641.11	\$ (3,061.86)	\$130,289.59	\$ (5,444.37)

Summary Statement

Revenues were down 10% for the month, with expenses being up 7% over budget.

* Pledge revenue is 7% below budget

* Expenses YTD are up primarily due to higher utilities, preschool payments, and grounds maintenance.

Areas of Note:

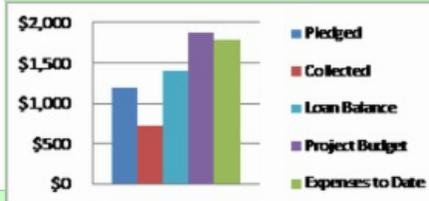
- The deficit for the month was \$11,121.72
- YTD deficit is \$25K over the budgeted amount.
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BALANCES:

Operations \$ 48,653.90
 Restricted Identified \$629,637.99 (Includes Capital Funds)
 Restricted Available \$119,800.00
Total: \$798,091.89

Building Capital Overview

- Total Project Budget amount \$1,500K
Expenses to date \$1,787K
- Total Pledged amount \$1,200K
Collected to date \$714K or 59.5%
- Construction Loan Approved for \$1,500K
Borrowed to date \$1,408K



Any questions, please email me at Zzprime2@charter.net

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