

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit



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Upcoming Events:

BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 10:30 am

PASTORAL CARE MEETING

March 16th. 9:30-10:30 am

DRIVING BUDDIES MEETING

March 16th, 2:00 pm

COHI MEETING

March 18th 10:00 am -
12:00 pm

PARISH WEEKEND

March 17-19

LENTEN SUPPER

**Faith & Public Life,
Dr. Tom Long**

March 22, 5:45-8:00pm

DFACS CHAPLAINCY TRAINING

March 23rd, 6:00-8:30 pm

ABCD TRAINING

March 25th, 10:00 -3:00 pm

THE PANTRY

March 25th, 8:00 am -9:30
am

FAMILY PROMISE MEETING

March 29th, 6:00-7:00 pm

MENS BREAKFAST

April 8th, 8:00-10:00 am

PARISH WORKDAY

April 8th, 10:00-2:00 PM

Weekly Schedule:

Mid- March Edition

From the Rector:

How is Lent going for you?

We are roughly one-third of the way through this holy season. It is a good time for us to evaluate our Lenten practices and reflections. The point is not to criticize ourselves for how we have fallen short (assuming we have), but to learn from what we decided to focus on this year. What practice has felt comfortable and may be a good one to carry forward? Which one was harder than you thought it would be-- and why? Do you feel like you are in a rut? If so, did the Lenten practice dig a deeper hole or show you a way out of your blasé feeling?

For example, if you gave up something-alcohol, chocolate, coffee, or social media-it can often cause some discomfort. We realize how dependent we are on some of these stimulants and sources of comfort. The reason we give them up is not simply to show self-discipline; it is to ask questions about our lives. What is important to us? What are the voids we feel? How are we filling them? What could we do instead to bring

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)

Sunday Lessons
March 19th, 2017
Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

Fr. Keith's Lessons
& Questions:
Available on the ECOHS
Website

Next Sunday's Lessons
March 26th, 2017
1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

The Dove Deadlines!
 If you would like to have

comfort and strengthen our faith and relationships with other people, including friends, family, and strangers?

Our church offers many ways to explore these questions-- and others--in community. One option is our second Lenten supper on Wednesday, March 22, beginning with Evening Prayer at 5:45 pm, supper at 6 pm, and the program from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. For adults, Dr. Thomas Long will be our speaker. He will help us consider questions of our faith and public life.

Another options is on Saturday, March 25 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Deacon Nadine Pope and trained parishioners will lead a seminar, "A Call to Transformation" (also known as Asset-Based Community Development or ABCD training). This program will help us to identify our individual gifts and those of our congregation and the wider community. As we follow this process, we will build new relationships and find creative ways to care for others.

When we come to these and other parish events, we can bring our questions and our enthusiasm to learn and grow as people of faith. We can talk with and listen to people who will bring new perspectives to our Lenten journey. We may be surprised by what we find as we dig deeper into the soil of our faith during this holy season of growth.

May you have a blessed Lent.

Keith+

From the Youth Minister:

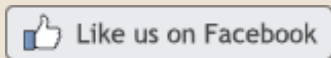
an article or notice published in The Dove, please be aware of our deadlines:

Early Edition:
1st of every month

Late Edition:
20th of every month

Send submissions to:
ecohs@bellsouth.net

Stay Connected



Forward to a Friend

For Our Youth!

**All our events are open to our youth
AND their friends!**

Upcoming Events at Holy Spirit!

Mar 17-19 : Parish Weekend
***All our activities will be at the
Parish Weekend! Join us!***

***Mar 26 : Our Lenten Journey:
Stations of the Cross - 4:30 -
6:00***

***A time for us to come together
to experience a remarkable
time with Jesus during this
Lenten season, as we walk
together the Stations of the
Cross. First we'll meet in the
Youth Room to learn about this
ancient practice, then we'll
move to the Church for this
moving event. You can expect
to be as involved as you like in
this lay-led service, with many
opportunities to participate, or
simply be led through a moving
and reflective experience. Our
families are welcome to join us
for this quieter time together.***

***Apr 2 - 16: We'll be taking a
break ...***

***April 1st is the first weekend of
Spring Break, followed by Palm
Sunday, and Easter. There will
not be EYC these weeks. But
do plan on joining our EASTER
BRUNCH on April 16, after the
late service - and we'll have an
opportunity to help with this
event, as well!***

***Apr 23: IT'S BACK . . . KITE
DAY AND MESSY OLYMPICS***
***Save the date! Expect food,
fellowship and fun on this great***

annual ECOHS event, after the late service. More info soon!

Apr 29: Youth at the Pantry

This is our month to serve! Expect to see more info about an after school date to bag items and then our early Saturday morning event to distribute from Wendy's place and join in the singing. Watch for a Sign-Up Genius!

Sunday School Activities

Sunday School continues at 9:30 in our Youth Rooms.

Please note that there will NOT be Sunday School March 19 (Parish Weekend), Apr 2nd (1st Sunday of Spring Break) or on Easter Sunday, 4/16.

Blessings,

Mother Bonnie+

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404-729-5876

Announcements

Guest Preacher and Presider This Sunday

This Sunday March 19th, as Fr. Keith will be at the parish weekend at Camp Mikell and Mtr. Bonnie will be leaving Camp Mikell Saturday afternoon for a well-deserved vacation, we will have a special guest preacher and presider with us.

The Venerable Jennifer McKenzie is an Episcopal priest serving as a missionary in the Diocese of Liverpool (UK), a companion diocese to Virginia.

There she serves as Archdeacon of Wigan and West Lincs, overseeing the mission and ministry of 50 parishes. Jennifer is a sought-after speaker and preacher; she is recognised for her ability to manage conflict and lead change.

Jennifer is married to Ken and together they have three children: Ian (22), Gaines (22), and Augusta (17), all still based in Fairfax, Virginia. Ken and Jennifer serve on the Board of Visitors for Kanuga and enjoy sailing and travel. Jennifer is a VTS Class Steward, and has been a tireless advocate for those living with Mental Illness for the past 15 years, serving as Chair of the Board of Directors for Pathway Homes in Fairfax, until 2015.

Jennifer is visiting the Atlanta area and will be staying with parishioners Steve and Allison Taylor. Please be sure to welcome her Sunday!

Wednesday Lenten Suppers:

March 8th: A View from the Bench:

We will hear from two judges who are members of our congregation: The Hon. Rusty Jackson and The Hon. Russ McClelland. They will describe what they see in their courts and help us consider how to respond as people of faith.

March 22nd: Faith and Public Life:

Dr. Thomas G. Long, Emeritus Professor of Preaching at Candler School of Theology and the Director of the Candler Leadership Program that Fr. Keith has been participating in over the past several months, will be our speaker. He will review what Fr. Keith and his cohort have been learning and what it means for us as a community of faith. Dr. Long was rated one of the top ten preachers in America and received a standing ovation when he presented to us about the book of Hebrews several years ago. This will be a special treat.

The evenings will follow the format of years past with Evening Prayer at 5:45, dinner from 6:00-6:30 and the program at 6:30.

Please watch for Sign-Up Geniuses to come to RSVP and sign up to bring soup, etc.

Great Fun Was Had By All!

We've been busy having lots of fun as a Parish as of late. In the past few weeks we've gathered to have fun at our first *Karaoke and Talent Night*,

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and the women of parish gathered for their ***5th Annual Women's Prayer Brunch!***

Both our Karaoke night and the Pancake supper were well-attended, with wonderful results from both your donations and raffle ticket purchases to support Outreach and our youth. These events raised close to \$1200! It's such a blessing to be part of a faith community that so thoroughly enjoys fellowship and fun, while helping others.

Karaoke and Talent Night:

We are certainly blessed with all sorts of talented parishioners! Click [here](#) to see some video clips from the fun and funny evening.

A special thanks to Fr. Keith for being such a good sport and ***superb Tiny Dancer***, as well as all who both participated in our *first* Parish-wide Karaoke and Talent night!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper:



The youth and Mother Bonnie put together a great Mardi Gras themed evening complete with delicious pancakes, sausage, ice cream (!), a few rousing games of Bingo all topped off with a drawing for an incredible basket filled with restaurant gift certificates valued at \$240!

A *VERY* grateful shout-out to **Chad Cartwright**, for his superb cooking skills and his mighty assistant, **Russ McClelland**, who helped insure our Pancake Supper was a real success!

Women's Prayer Brunch: "Women of Joy"



Beth Jones our perennial and effervescent leader and capable committee, Joanie Anderton, Kathy Gibson, Lucy Murray, Shannon Darke and Deacon Nadine Pope did it again: The fifth Annual Ladies Prayer Brunch with our Mother Bonnie Underwood as the full-of-joy keynote speaker!

The new parish hall accommodated all 80 of us as we enjoyed our delicious

meal lovingly prepared by Cheryl Howell. The prayer program invited participation by all in the singing of songs of hymns of praise and service.

This year Jeff Daniel accompanied us on keyboard making for joyful music! Paige Monti gifted us with a beautiful solo that uplifted our spirits, as we rose to give her a standing ovation. While the women enjoyed the program, Loretta Marks played the harp.

We are thankful for the gentlemen who served us that morning. Special thanks to Steve Howell, Barry Jones, Jim Foster, Dan Krogh and Jess Underwood for allowing us to participate without worry of dishes, setup and cleanup!

We are very grateful to Father Keith, Mother Bonnie and the Vestry for allocating funds for this occasion. Thanks, also, to everyone who participated to make this a beautiful morning of prayer, praise and JOY!

Parish Workday -- April 8th, 10:00 am -2:00 pm



- Be sure to mark your calendars to come out and help on our next Parish Workday!
- A Sign-Up Genius will be coming out shortly which you can use to sign up for specific jobs to be done at church that day.

We're trying something new this year . . .

With the guidance of our own parishioner and chef, Tom Watts, we will be experimenting with a new event this year - a lovely Easter Brunch, prepared in our own new ECOHS kitchen!

Easter Brunch Menu

Scrambled eggs
Sausage
Pancakes
Grilled Chicken Scallopini with mushrooms, spinach, and
marinara
Fresh vegetable medley
Grits
Potato Hash
Muffins, bread
Fresh fruit
Juice, Milk, Lemonade, Iced Tea, Coffee

This beautiful Easter Brunch Buffet will begin after the late service. *Watch for a SignUp Genius invitation* and plan to join us with your family and friends for a marvelous meal. Suggested donations will be \$10 - adult, \$5 - children 3-12, under 3, free, with a Family Maximum of \$30.

AND expect to hear more about other Easter events soon, including our children's Easter Egg hunt and a robust coffee hour between the services.

Save The Date

Dutch Jahnz Kite Day and Messy Olympics 2017

April 23rd

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.

Expect to see more information and a Signup Genius

Ingathering for Honduras Mission Trip 2017 - Early Notice!



Several parishioners have asked, "What will Holy Spirit help collect for LAMB Institute this year? Are there any special needs?" Right after Easter, we will begin collecting both collapsible lunch boxes and water bottles (BPA free, please!) for all the children and youth at the children's home. That means we were hoping to collect 75+ of each item!

Watch for more news after Easter, but for those who like to keep a careful watch on sales and promotions to assist these efforts, this is your early notification!

Backpacks of Love Needs our Help!

Backpacks of Love distributes over 150 backpacks to needy children and their families every other week. In effect, these 150 backpacks help support over 400 people each delivery.

I have just been informed by Backpacks of Love that they have just signed up with another elementary school that will be serving 30 families, increasing the need of filled backpacks each delivery to 180+.

Our participation has been dwindling of late. For the last delivery, ECOHS provided only 9 filled backpacks. We used to deliver 20-25 backpacks on a regular basis. I would love to see us get back to our previous participation levels. Especially with the increasing need at Backpacks of Love

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 ecoah@bellsouth.net.

Thank you!

ECOHS - Treasury Report -February 2017

	Month Actual	Variance Budget	YTD Actual	Variance Budget
Income				
Pledged	\$ 22,918.00	\$ (4,266.00)	\$ 51,428.00	\$ (2,940.00)
Other	\$ 9,972.55	\$ 3,026.73	\$ 19,640.61	\$ 4,298.97
	\$ 32,890.55	\$ (1,239.27)	\$ 71,068.61	\$ 1,358.97
Expense				
Operations	\$ 40,595.84	\$ (133.31)	\$ 93,379.14	\$ (3,468.71)
Programs	\$ 1,064.29	\$ 692.39	\$ 4,501.08	\$ (137.72)
	\$ 41,660.13	\$ 559.08	\$ 97,880.22	\$ (3,606.43)
Net	\$ (8,769.58)	\$ (680.19)	\$ (26,811.61)	\$ (2,247.46)

Summary Statement

Income YTD is up 2% primarily driven by higher pre-school income. Pledge offerings are off 5% for the year so far.

Expenses were over budget by 3.8% due primarily to one time expenses left over from last year.

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Areas of Note:

BALANCES:

Operating Funds	\$ 24,841.02
Available Reserves	\$113,394.46
Restricted Funds	\$ 140,323.20
Total:	\$278,558.68

Building to Serve Overview

- Total Project Budget amount \$1,900K >
Completed Actual Expenses: \$2,056K
- Total Pledged amount \$1,200K
Collected to date \$959K or 80%
- Construction Loan Balance \$990K



Community Connections

Cumming Playhouse Singers - Sing Spirituals, Deep River

March 18th at 8:00 pm
March 19th at 3:00 pm

Tickets available: 770-781-9178 or www.playhousecumming.com

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