

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit



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Upcoming Events:

BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 10:30 am

WEDDING COMMITTEE MEETING

January 11th, 1:30-2:30pm

VESTRY MEETING

January 12th 6:30-8:30 pm

SASSE LUNCHEON

January 13th, noon

MEN'S BREAKFAST

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

ANNUAL MEETING/BISHOP WHITMORE VISIT

January 15th, 9:30-
10:30 am

OFFICE CLOSED MLK DAY

January 16th

PASTORAL CARE MEETING

January 19th, 9:30 am

"HOME GROUP"

January 19th, 6:00-7:00pm

MOM'S GROUP

January 20th, 11:00-1:00

COHI MEETING

January 21st, 10:00-12:00

THE PANTRY

December Edition

From the Rector:

Happy New Year! If you are like me, it is hard to believe it is 2017. Wasn't it 1992 just a year or two ago? As life flies by, we experience various challenges in our lives that can bring stress as well as joy. In the midst of life, we look for ways to navigate the speed and bumpiness of our journey. What navigational tools do we have? Here are four I find helpful:

Attitude. This can seem like a self-help book platitude. But one reason attitude is found in those books is because it works. It is very human to experience fear, anxiety, and even anger when we face a challenge. It is good to be honest about those feelings. But over time, those feelings can be debilitating and keep us from flourishing as human beings. It helps to be open and pay attention to what we can learn. It helps to be grateful to God and to the people who do so much for us every day. And it helps to learn when and how to speak up-if someone needs to hear the truth, be brave enough to say it.

Faith. This is foundational. How do our beliefs guide and shape how we live? If we believe in God and follow Jesus as our Lord, then a core part of our faith is that we receive grace and an example for how to live. Our Christian faith is measured by our capacity to share with others and forgive people in our lives. Our Lord's example also includes the courage to stand up to people, especially the powerful, when we believe they are causing harm to others.

January 25th, 8:00am to
9:30am

VESTRY RETREAT

January 27-28th
at the church

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)

Sunday Lessons

January 15, 2017

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm 40:1-12

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

Fr. Keith's Lessons & Questions:

Available on the ECOHS
Website

Next Sunday's Lessons

Habits. Habits sounds boring-and, frankly, often they *are* boring. Very few people want to get up and go for a walk first thing in the morning. But by doing something on a regular basis, whether we feel like it or not, we often change for the better. Good habits to develop include daily prayer and regular exercise. Habits like these help prepare us for whatever happens in life.

Integrity. Stephen Covey wrote about "integrity in the moment of choice." I have always appreciated that phrase. Integrity is not a matter of what we say-it is what we do, habitually and over years. Integrity is especially what we do when things are difficult. It helps to have good examples around us and to be a good example to others; and to remember to forgive ourselves and others when we fail.

I pray we all have a blessed 2017 and that we remember to use these tools that help us to flourish in our lives and in the world.

Keith+

From the Youth Minister:

For Our Youth!

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

Upcoming Events at Holy Spirit!

Jan 21: Honduras Fundraising Dinner

This year, we're all involved in this fundraising service project to support LAMB Institute. Mark you calendars to come help with setup, serving, and helping out our young families by assisting with their children. It's a great evening for a worthwhile cause.

Jan 28: It's BAAAACK! Coffee House!!

Our second coffee house! Start practicing now, to share your skills and talents on our ECOHS stage!

Feb. 5: Super Bowl Party at the

January 22, 2017

Isaiah 9:1-14

Psalms 27:1,5,5-13

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

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:

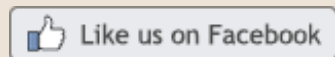
1st of every month

Late Edition:

20th of every month

Send submissions to:
ecohs@bellsouth.net

Stay Connected



Forward to a Friend

Franklin's

Back to the Franklin's for our annual event! We'll share a meal, fellowship, and watch the game together until half-time.

Feb.12: EYC at ECOHS

Some time just for us! Meet in the Youth Rooms.

Feb. 25: Parish Karaoke and Talent Night - Youth Group Outreach Fundraiser

Something new! We're inviting ALL the parish and hosting a great karaoke and talent night...kinda like our Coffee House, but for everyone. We'll be sharing the work of running our Holy Spirit Concessions Stand, with profits going towards Outreach.

Feb. 28: Pancake Supper - Youth Group Fundraiser

We're back together for cooking and for the Parish Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. This particular fundraising event will be for our own Youth Group!

And MORE Diocesan Events

Feb 3-5: New Beginnings, Camp Mikell

Feb 24-26: Happening, Camp Mikell

Watch your email for Diocesan Event registration information.

Please contact me if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions about our youth programs!

**Blessings,
Mother Bonnie+**
bonniegunderwood@gmail.com,
404-729-5876

Announcements

From the Children's Christian Ed Director

How wonderful it feels to be back in the groove after our Christmas Break.

We had a fun Epiphany lesson this past Sunday where the kids made crowns and got to act out the Epiphany lesson. Sunday school is every Sunday from 9:30-10:30 and we welcome all!

Vacation Bible School dates are already set for this summer. We will be meeting Monday, June 5th - Friday, June 9th. We are so excited to have our dates set. Mark these dates on your calendar so that you and your children will be available! We will let you know the theme before long. We will begin getting together for our planning meetings before too long.

Before VBS is here we will have lots of fun events including our Lenten program, Easter egg hunt, parish retreat and kite day! Watch for details to follow!

Peace,
Julie Wilson
jwilsonjat@gmail.com



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 Children's choirs rehearse Wednesdays at 5:00 pm.

The choirs are St. Cecilia choir (age 4-1st grade) and St. Luke choir (2nd - 5th grade). We rehearse in the music room and youth rooms. All interested children are invited to join our choirs.

The Youth choir, (6th - 12th grade), rehearses after the 10:45 service every

Sunday. We rehearse in the music room. All interested youth are invited to join us.

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.

- *Jeff Daniel*



Can you help support our Youth Mission Trip?

We're fast approaching our final days to collect items for our silent auction! 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

**And a HUGE thanks to all who have already
contributed to this worthwhile cause!**



Honduras Mission Trip - Can you help with Frequent Flyer tickets??

We have a new (and LARGER!) team traveling to Honduras in July, 2017 on our second international youth mission. One of the big expenses is airfare. If any of our Holy Spirit frequent flyers would be willing to assist with donating a Delta round-trip ticket to help with flights from Atlanta to Tegucigalpa, please contact Mother Bonnie. We'd love for our youth to get these airline reservations made as quickly as possible!

bonniegunderwood@gmail.com.

Save the Date - Parish Karaoke and Talent Night Saturday, February 25, 2016, 6:00 - 9:00 pm



Get ready to share your talent or enjoying cheering on those who share! It's *Open Mic Night* at ECOHS, a chance for fellowship and fun. We welcome performers of all ages. Just come in and sign up for a time slot!

And bring your hunger and thirst! Your ECOHS youth group will be sponsoring a concession stand offering some favorites, and all proceeds will go to support ECOHS Outreach.

PLUS: childcare will be offered for nursery to grade 5 at a minimal charge, with a reservation.

Hope to see you there!

ECOHS - Treasury Report - December 2016

	Month Actual	Variance Budget	YTD Actual	Variance Budget
Income				
Pledged	\$ 31,210.00	\$ 3,648.00	\$352,266.00	\$ 21,599.00
Other	\$ 69,034.55	\$ 32,301.57	\$143,793.25	\$ 33,713.25
	\$ 100,244.55	\$ 35,949.57	\$496,059.25	\$ 55,312.25
Expense				
Operations	\$ 25,368.63	\$ 12,642.31	\$453,789.16	\$ (16,049.54)
Programs	\$ 1,113.06	\$ 635.59	\$ 21,864.02	\$ (1,914.00)
	\$ 26,481.69	\$ 13,277.90	\$475,653.18	\$ (17,963.54)
Net	\$ 73,762.86	\$ 49,227.47	\$ 20,406.07	\$ 37,348.71

Summary Statement

Income was up 60% for the month primarily due to a special gift, and expenses being under budget by 33% due primarily to applying the personnel reserve.

* Revenue YTD is 12.5% above budget

* Expenses YTD are over budget by 4%.

Areas of Note:

BALANCES:

Operations	\$ 26,105.43
Restricted Funds	\$100,594.68
Restricted Reserve	\$140,206.07
Total:	\$266,906.18

Building Capital Overview

- Total Project Budget amount \$1,900K > Actual Expenses: \$2,054K Complete
- Total Pledged amount \$1,200K Collected to date \$885K or 74%
- Construction Loan Balance \$1,040K



Any questions, please email me at Zprime2@charter.net

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