

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

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Upcoming Events:

THE PANTRY

September 26th, 8:00am to
9:30am

VESTRY MEETING

October 8th, 6:30pm

ACOLYTE TRAINING/PARTY

September 20th, 12:30-2:30

COMMON GROUND

September 20th, 11:00-3:00

BLESSING of the ANIMALS

October 4th, 4:30

SASSE LUNCHEON

October 9th, 12:00

YOUTH ADVISORY BD.

October 14th, 6:30

COHI Circle of Care

October 17th, 10:00

EfM CLASSES

Day Class: Tuesdays at Noon
Evening Class: Tuesdays, 6:00
pm

*Contemplative Lessons of the
Order of St. Anthony the Great*
Most Sundays at 2:30 p.m.

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

Early September Edition

From the Rector:

Last Saturday, our daughter Katherine and her fiancé Cory Costello were married on the campus of New College of Florida. It was an exciting and a wonderful day! A long term friendship which began at New College when they were both freshmen, and that evolved as they graduated and moved across the country in new stages of life, entered into a deeper commitment of holy matrimony.

Like most weddings, there were a few hiccups and challenges (really relatively few). The main one for us was weather. The bride and groom wanted the wedding to take place outside, by the bay and under a majestic tree that had special meaning to them and their early courtship. The challenge to a 4:00 pm wedding in September in Florida is pretty obvious-rain.

As the people came to set up chairs, and as the forecast looked like a band of rain would come in around 3:30, we had to decide if we would set up inside or outside. Katherine said let's set up inside and then we can move outside if the rain passes us. So we did. At 3:40, Katherine told us she wanted to move outside, even though it looked like rain was coming. So we did-guests who were already there grabbed a chair and we reset outside for 110 people.

The short version of what happened is that we got halfway through the service when the rain came. Like an umpire in baseball, I got to "call the game" and we ran inside right before a heavy rain hit. We finished the ceremony with laughter and prayer and blessing for the newly married couple. More than a dozen people told us that in Italy, rain on a wedding day was good luck.

Lynn and I are so glad for Katherine and Cory. They are special people and we know they will have a joyful and meaningful life together. We also learned that important things in life do not always work out as planned-and that is okay. In fact, a perfectly orchestrated event can be a little boring. The rough edges of life can bring a deeper appreciation for what matters-love and good work, openness and appreciation for all "the changes and chances of life." I wonder what our rough edges-and our appreciation for life-- will be in the year to come.

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)

This Sunday's Lessons
-September 20, 2015:

Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3,7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

**For Keith's Lessons &
Questions:**

See Home Group tab on
church website.

Next Sunday's Lessons
-September 27, 2015:

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10,
9:20-22
Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

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From the Youth Minister:

Ready, Set, GO!

September 20

* **Christian Education:** High School meets in Fr. Keith's office, Middle School at the Pavilion. A big thanks to Margo McMillan and Cleveland Sasser who will be teaching our High School youth, as well as Sylvia Cardona and Shannon David and for teaching our Middle School youth!

* **Acolyte, Crucifer and Youth EM Training and Kickoff Party:** our first hour will be a group training for Acolytes, Crucifers, and our NEW Youth Eucharistic Ministers, immediately after the 10:45 service. Then it's food and a party, as we commence our our **FIRST** annual Acolyte/Crucifer/EM Kickoff Party.

WARNING: Think (mini) Messy Olympics, and come dressed for some fun (to Church, too)!
We be wrapping up the day by 2:30 p.m.

MORE THINGS happening in the Diocese! Grab the brochures in the Parish Hall to sign up for our Fall activities.

* **6-9th Graders! New Beginnings, Camp Mikell, Oct 9-11**

* **HS & MS, Diocesan Youth Lock-in, Gwinnett Center, Nov 13-14**

* **10-12th Graders! Happening, Camp Mikell Nov 20-22**

These weekends are **ESPECIALLY** designed for you! Check out the brochures on the Youth Bulletin Board.

AND IN OCTOBER!

Sun 4 Blessing of the Animals 4:30 - 5:30
Sun 11 Visiting St. Paul's, Atlanta, to join

their Children's Sabbath Service

Sun 18 EYC 4:30 - 6:30

Sun 25 Church of the Common Ground

For Parents, remember to turn in your Registration forms...extras are on the youth bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

And Here's where we've been!

Kickoff Sunday Pool Party. Great way to start off the year, with food, fun, and fellowship, and some planning for the new year. Thanks to **Laura Schlecht** and **Sonja Bochonko** for helping us to begin our year with music, to **Parker Davenport** for leading us in Compline, for all the great participation in planning the theme for our Family Promise Bed Race. And a shout out to all the parents who fed and supported us, especially Chris and Julie Wilson who let us use their neighborhood pool! A great beginning for our program year!

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CALLING ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!

Children's Christian Ed is gearing up to begin our new year! One of the wonderful things about Children's Christian Ed is that it allows you to work with the children in different and sometimes creative ways. (Don't let the word creative scare you off J). It is a joy filled and eye opening time to see the wonder of children and the way they are growing to know and love God.

In children's Christian Ed we use the rotation model. The rotation model allows us to focus on the same lesson for a few weeks teaching it in several different ways (art, science, drama, games, cooking, and music are some of the centers we use). It is very hard for children to be here every Sunday, this allows children to miss and not feel left out...giving them several weeks and all sorts of fun ways to focus on the same lesson. It allows you as a volunteer to make a short time commitment, 2-4 weeks at a time and ease of helping with a lesson. The lesson you taught would be the same lesson for those few weeks...it might be cooking, drama or games... it

could be anything... you would work with different children each week on the same lesson you taught the week before.

The rotation model can be much less intimidating than the thought of committing to the entire year, and the thought of having a different lesson ready each week. Take some time to consider this ministry and if it might be for you. We have lots of little ones this year and Sunday school is all new to them! They are excited and enthusiastic and it is such an uplifting and fun hour! We would love to have you as part of this ministry so consider it and feel free to email me with any questions.

~Julie Wilson: jwilsonat@gmail.com

Announcements



Music Notes

The ECOHS adult choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 pm.

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!

The ECOHS children's choirs will resume regular Wednesday afternoon rehearsals on **September 16** from 5:00-5:30 p.m. If your child is interested in choir, please bring him or her to the first rehearsal. The St. Cecilia choir is age 4-1st grade and the St. Luke choir is 2nd -5th grade. The ECOHS youth choir will resume regular Sunday rehearsals on **September 27** after the 10:45 service. The Youth choir is 6th-12th grade. We hope your child can join us!

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

September Ministry of the Month: Coffee Hosts

"Coffee Hosts" a vibrant ministry that encourages fellowship between services and after the 10:45 service. The coffee hour itself is a welcoming way to introduce newcomers to our parish.

Parishioners volunteer each week to prepare coffee and refreshments. The number of volunteers determines the frequency the volunteer is scheduled. Responsibility is usually scheduled every three months.

The 8:30 volunteers do the set up and the 10:45 volunteers do the clean up. If you have any questions or would like to become a coffee host, please contact

Come to the Ministry Fair -- October 11th:

Our building may be all torn up with construction, but our ministries are still fully intact and growing. To celebrate all that our parish does both in in-reach and outreach, we're having a Ministry Fair on Sunday, October 11th after the 10:45 service. This will also give everyone, especially our wonderful newcomers, a change to become a part of these ministries. Participating in one or more ministries is a rewarding way to fulfill our stewardship responsibilities using our time and talents to do God's work.

Areas of our church life to be featured will include Worship, Stewardship/Building to Serve, Parish Life, Pastoral Support, Christian Education, Youth and Children's Ministries, Newcomers/Communications, Building and Grounds, and of course, Outreach ministries such as The Pantry, Backpacks of Love, In Stitches, Arrendale Prison Ministry and the Church of the Common Ground. These should offer multiple areas for all parishioners to find a place to give of their time and talents in a way that matches their interests.

Be sure to mark the **Ministry Fair on your calendar for Sunday, October 11th**, and be thinking how you can become more fully a part of our "community of faith seeking to love and serve in the Spirit of Jesus Christ."

Thank you!

~Janet Pfaff

Upcoming Outreach Dates:

Be sure to join us for these upcoming outreach activities!

Forsyth Family Promise Meeting -- Christ the King Lutheran, September 17th, 7pm

Church of the Common Ground -- Woodruff Park, September 20th, Men's Bkfst. Group

The Pantry -- Wendy's Place, September 26th, 8:00-9:30am

~Deacon Tom Ader

New Mentor Me Program:

Love music? Help bring the joy of music to an elementary school student! Mentor Me has launched a new program at Chestatee Elementary and we need your help!

Music and Mentors is a new mentoring program where volunteers can help students while they learn to read music, sing and play the guitar. An instructor provides the lesson and volunteers help students stay on track. We meet for an hour on Fridays at 3:00 pm at Chestatee Elementary. Volunteers can attend once a month or weekly if they are able.

Sign up online at: <http://www.mentorga.org/vounteer>

Thank you!

~Sylvia Cardona

EfM Post Grad Book Group:

EfM Post Grad...if you are an EfM graduate and miss doing TRs with friends, please consider joining a new EfM Post Grad book group at Holy Spirit. Or, if you are curious about EfM and would like to get a sneak-peak into how a regular EfM group works, please come too! Everyone is welcome! We will be reading a book and meeting once a month to share a meal and conversation. Please join us for lunch and book selection on Friday, September 25 at 11am at the home of Allison Taylor, 7415 Laurel Oak Dr., Suwanee.

Please RSVP and send questions to Allison Taylor (allisontaylor11@yahoo.com).

ECOHS - Treasury Report - August 2015

	Month Actual	Variance Budget	YTD Actual	Variance Budget
Income				
Pledged	\$ 29,610.00	\$ 4,739.58	\$202,674.00	\$ 3,710.64
Other	\$ 5,554.34	\$ (898.33)	\$ 66,949.50	\$ 18,317.15
	\$ 35,164.34	\$ 3,841.25	\$269,623.50	\$ 22,027.79
Expense				
Operations	\$ 35,180.94	\$ (3,936.39)	\$240,197.54	\$ (6,297.11)
Programs	\$ 1,644.07	\$ 636.76	\$ 25,128.50	\$ (13,486.84)
	\$ 36,825.01	\$ (3,299.63)	\$265,326.04	\$ (19,783.95)

Summary Statement

Revenues are up 8.9% year to date, with expenses being up 8.1% over budget.

* Other revenue was off primarily due to anticipated pre-school tuition not collected.

* Expenses ran over for the month due primarily to audit expense and interest charges on building loan.

Areas of Note:

- YTD we have a positive Net of \$4.3K
- This is a positive \$2.2K over the Budget
- Expenses will run higher for the remainder of the year higher expenses associated with the new building; i.e. Insurance, loan interest and assorted building exp.

BALANCES:

Operations	\$ 65,659.16
Restricted Identified	\$ 77,261.12 (Includes Capital Funds)
Restricted Available	\$ 90,500.00
Total:	\$233,420.28

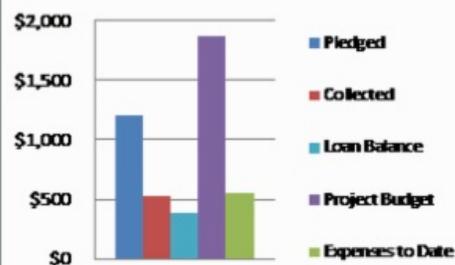
Parish Center Capital Funds

January Balance	\$ 229,289.53
Income	\$ 302,243.42
Expenses	\$ 548,346.50
Current Balance	\$ (16,813.55)

Areas of Note:

- Loan Approved for \$1,500K
- Total Pledged amount \$1,210K

Building Capital Overview



Areas of concern:

- Negative balance reflects that we have exceeded collected amount and are now into construction loan.
- This is normal for our process.

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

Upcoming Concert:

Tuesday, October 27th at 7:30 at Cumming Baptist church.

"Tapestries" performed by the Cumming Playhouse Singers .

~Jeanie Lipscomb and Peggy Bryant

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