

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit



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Upcoming Events:

BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 10:30 am

PASTORAL CARE MEETING

December 15th, 9:30 am

"HOME GROUP"

December 15th, 6:00-
7:00pm

MOM'S GROUP

December 16th, 11:00-1:00

COHI MEETING

December 17 th, 10:00-
12:00

THE PANTRY

December 17th, 8:00am to
9:30am

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
Contemplative Prayer,
12:00 noon

Thursday

December Edition

From the Rector:

December is a bridge month in many ways. Within the church, we progress from the patience, preparation, and waiting of Advent to the joy of Christmas. In the secular world, many are going through the rush of year end reporting-trying to finish a deal or spend or save on the budget to meet a goal and so the enterprise can start the new fiscal year with positive momentum. Personally, many use this time leading to the New Year to reflect on our lives and maybe even make resolutions for change in needed areas.

Where are you on the bridge of life that December represents? Is this a season of joy or waiting for you? Perhaps even uncertainty? What is on your heart and mind? And how can your faith in Christ and participation in the baptized life of the church give you hope and direction? I believe these are the right questions for us to ask no matter what bridge we are on as individuals and people of faith.

The New Year will likely bring change-it always does. There will be a new president of the United States and he promises to bring change. This will be something to watch, pray about, and be involved in as people of faith so that whatever happens brings justice, compassion, and humility to our nation. Regardless of whom we voted for, I think we can all agree that we want the best for our country and the world.

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
December 18, 2016
Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-28

**Fr. Keith's Lessons
& Questions:**

Coming back soon to the website!

Next Sunday's Lessons
December 25, 2016
Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalms 98
Hebrews 1:1-4
John 1:1-14

The Dove Deadlines!

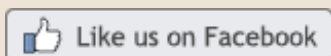
If you would like to have an article or notice published in The Dove, please be aware of our deadlines:

Early Edition:
1st of every month

Late Edition:
20th of every month

Send submissions to:
ecoah@bellsouth.net

Stay Connected



Our church will also be entering a time of change as we have our first full year in our expanded building. The expansion offers us a beautiful space in which to celebrate our faith in God and deepen our connection to the community. Your vestry, staff, and I will be praying for discernment and soliciting your input on how we will use this space, renew long term ministries, and consider which ministries to add in the year to come. We trust God to provide what we need in terms of your gifts of time, talent, and treasure to bring these changes.

As we go across the bridge of December into 2017, let us take time to give thanks and praise to Almighty God for our many blessings. Let us also remember those who face special challenges at this time of year and year round-may we be a blessing to them. And no matter what we face, let us remember to be grateful and kind to one another as we cross the bridge together.

Keith+

***From the Youth Minister:
For Our Youth!***

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

Dec 18: EYC - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Gift making, for our family and friends!

**We'll have time to work together on
homemade gifts for family and friends.**

***Wishing you all a blessed
Christmas!***

***We'll be taking a Winter Break, but here's
what's coming up for January activities!
Watch your email for more details on these
upcoming events.***

Jan: 6 - 8 DYC at Camp Mikell

Think of this as Summer Camp, but in the winter. Both our High School and Middle School youth are invited, and there will be

separate programs over the weekend. A wonderful way for to get a grab the Camp Mikell joy, in the middle of the year!

Jan 8: Youth Assistance with Family Promise

If you aren't at DYC, this is your chance to really help local families in need. We'll be heading over to St. Columba's on Sunday afternoon to help setup beds for the Family Promise families checking in later that evening.

Jan 15-16: Lock-in at St. David's

We'll be heading for St. David's on Sunday to join a BUNCH of youth for their annual *FUN FRENZY!!* This year it's Whirlyball, dinner out, an evening at the Comedy Club, late night movies, (maybe some sleep), breakfast the next morning and back to ECOHS on Monday morning.

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, 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!

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

Blessings,

Mother Bonnie+

bonniegunderwood@gmail.com,

404-729-5876

Christmas and New Year's Schedule

Christmas Eve: Saturday, December 24th

5:00 pm - Christmas Pageant

8:30 pm - Carols and Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25th

10:00 am - Holy Eucharist (one service only)

New Year's Day: Sunday, January 1st

10:00 am - Holy Eucharist (one service only)

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 26-30.

Children's Christian Ed

Thank you all for your participation in our Advent events, we had a great turnout for the Advent wreaths and Advent around the world. We will continue talking about Advent around the world in Christian Ed this week while we finish off our year with a Christmas party.

This Sunday, December 18th will be our last Sunday School class until the new year. We will not have Sunday school on Christmas day or on New Year 's Day.

We will start Sunday school back up on Sunday, January 8th. Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Peace,
Julie



Music Notes

The children's choirs are preparing "St. Francis Tells the Christmas Story" for our annual Christmas Eve pageant at the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist. The dress rehearsal for the pageant is Wednesday, Dec. 21 @ 10:00 a.m. followed by a pizza lunch for the children's choirs and their parents and siblings.

The adult choir is preparing anthems and hymns for the 8:30 p.m. carol singing

followed by the 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist.

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*

Honduras Mission Trip 2017

We're Growing! Meet our expanded team of missionaries who will participate in our July 7 - 15, 2017 trip to Honduras to support LAMB Institute! From a group of 7 who joined the youth mission trip with St. Aidan's and St. David's last year, we're planning to send an intergenerational team of 13 from Holy Spirit this year.

A big welcome to new youth team members: Luke and Tatyana Blair, Andrea Cardona, and Kennedy Allemand, a friend of Colleen Norris. And a warm welcome to our new adults: Clay Bennett, Sophia Bohan, and Linda Walker.

Youth	Adults
Kennedy Allemand Jannai Adhazi Luke Blair Tatyana Blair Andrea Cardona Mary Edwards Colleen Norris Laura Schlecht	Clay Bennett Sophia Bohan Jay Franklin Linda Walker Mother Bonnie+

Please pray for our team as we strive to seek and serve our Lord and Savior by building relationships with our brothers and sisters in the wider world.

- Mother Bonnie+



Can you help support our Youth Mission Trip?

We're looking for a few silent auction and raffle items for our *January 21st fundraising dinner*. If you have special items you could donate: a timeshare vacation week, golf package, speciality craft item, gift basket, etc., we would be very grateful!

Please contact Mother Bonnie at bonniegunderwood@gmail.com or 404.729.5876

Save the Date - Honduras Mission Trip Fundraising Dinner

Saturday, January 21, 2017

We're making plans for our *second* ECOHS Mission trip to Honduras, answering Christ's call to serve by building relationships with some of God's littlest lambs, the impoverished children supported by LAMB Institute in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Please save the date for the *Honduras Mission Trip Fundraiser* on the evening of January 21st at ECOHS. This gathering will include food (*Dinner AGAIN, by our illustrious chef, Dan Krogh!!*) and fellowship, as well as a silent auction, and time to hear more about this mission. Ticket sales for this event will begin in January.



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.

ECOHS - Treasury Report - November 2016

	Month Actual	Variance Budget	YTD Actual	Variance Budget
Income				
Pledged	\$ 24,082.00	\$ (3,473.00)	\$321,056.00	\$ 17,951.00
Other	\$ 6,305.52	\$ 589.20	\$ 74,758.00	\$ 1,411.68
	\$ 30,387.52	\$ (2,883.80)	\$395,814.00	\$ 19,362.68
Expense				
Operations	\$ 36,455.64	\$ (1,429.58)	\$428,420.53	\$ (28,691.85)
Programs	\$ 775.28	\$ 1,448.33	\$ 20,750.96	\$ (2,549.59)
	\$ 37,230.92	\$ 18.75	\$449,171.49	\$ (31,241.44)
Net	\$ (6,843.40)	\$ (2,865.05)	\$ (53,357.49)	\$ (11,878.76)

Summary Statement

Income was down 9.8% for the month, with expenses being under budget by a small amount.

* Revenue YTD is 5.1% above budget

* Expenses YTD are over budget by 7.5%.

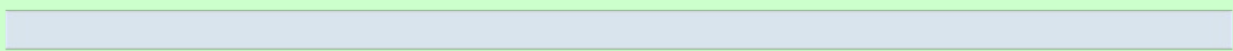
Areas of Note:

- \$20K Salary Reserve to be applied against YTD loss

BALANCES:

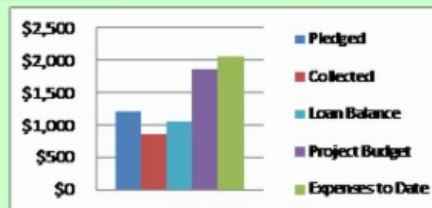
Operations \$ 4,147.00
 Restricted Funds \$188,083.00 (Includes Reserve Funds)

Total: \$192,230.00



- Total Project Budget amount \$1,900K > Actual Expenses to date: \$2,053K Expected Project Total \$2,055K
- Total Pledged amount \$1,200K Collected to date \$864K or 71%
- Construction Loan Balance \$1,060K

Building Capital Overview



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

Community Connections

Cumming Playhouse Singers: A Candlelight Christmas

December 16th at 8:00 pm at the Cumming Playhouse. Tickets available at www.playhousecumming.org

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