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Upcoming Events

VESTRY MEETING

March 12th, 6:30pm

SASSE LUNCHEON

March 13th, Noon

MEN'S BREAKFAST

March 14th, 8am

WINE & WISDOM

March 15th, after late service

EYC - ST. PAUL'S & HUNGER WALK

March 15th, 10am to 5pm

LENTEN

SUPPER/PROGRAM

March 18th, 5:45pm

PARISH WEEKEND AT CAMP MIKELL

March 20th through March 22nd

LENTEN

SUPPER/PROGRAM

March 25th, 5:45pm

THE PANTRY

March 28th, 8:00am to 9:30am

PALM SUNDAY

March 29th

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5th

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

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

8:30a Holy Eucharist

9:30a Christian Formation

10:45a Holy Eucharist

12:30p Youth choir
rehearsal

Monday

12:30p EfM

March Edition

From the Rector:

"How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts..."

These verses from Psalm 84 reveal an unexpected theme from the Holy Bible-God really cares about birds. As human beings, we often feel like the oldest child in the family of God's creation-in other words that "Dad loves us best." But as we read all of scripture, we find divine expressions of care for what some of us may feel are less important parts of God's creation. God speaks out of the whirlwind to Job and says that he "provides the raven its prey" (Job 38:41); and Jesus echoes this same thought when he says, "Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?" (Matthew 6:26).

So God cares about birds. That truth stands alone, independent of how we feel God cares about us (or the rest of creation for that matter). But there is a lesson for us humans that we can learn about God's character based on God's care for our flying friends-God cares deeply about all of creation including us. We tend to forget that from time to time (or more often, truth be told). We express that in different ways: we worry and fret about how things will turn out, often about things we cannot control; we assume people we are in relationship with will do something we will not like (or we dwell on what they have already done that we do not like); and we assume that life is usually against us and we have to struggle and store up treasures for ourselves just to eke by.

The good news from the birds is that just is not true. Life can be hard, but so much of life is designed to be a blessing for and through us. Like the birds, we are called to take part in God's great bounty and do our part so that God's creation works together to sing like a hymn of praise as we respond as God intended. This truth came into focus for our psalmist one day as he looked and saw a nest filled with baby birds in an unexpected place-by the altars of God in the temple. Let's keep our eyes open, too, and look for signs of God's provision to the birds-and to us-and sing praise to God.

Keith+

Announcements

1:00p Women's AA Meeting

Tuesday

12:30p AA Meeting
12:30p Mother's Group
6:30p EfM

Wednesday

9:00a "In Stitches"
Knitting & Crochet
12:00noon Contemplative &
Litany Prayer Hour
5:00p Children's choir
rehearsal
7:30pm Adult choir
rehearsal

Thursday

10:30am Bible Study
12:00p Holy Eucharist
12:30p AA Meeting

Friday

10:00a Women's AA
Meeting

Saturday

8:00am Pantry (the last
Saturday of the month)

This Sunday's Lessons

- March 15, 2015

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

For Keith's Lessons & Questions:

See Home Group tab on
church website.

Next Sunday's Lessons

- March 22, 2015

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 51:1-13

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

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LENTEN CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES: -

Feb. 25th - March 25th - Lenten Suppers - 5:45pm service,
6:00pm supper, 6:30pm program - **Living our Faith: Race in
America.**

March 29th - Palm Sunday

March 30th through April 3rd - Stations of the Cross - noon

April 2nd - Maunday Thursday service - 7:00pm

April 3rd - Good Friday service - 7:00pm

April 4th - The Great Easter Vigil - 8:30pm

April 5th - Easter Sunday

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE - *I was hungry and you gave me food.*

This year we are collecting food items, during Lent, for The Place, a local social service agency. Each Sunday in Lent from March 1 - March 22, a food staple will be collected for The Place to distribute to their clients. Donation tubs will be in the parish hall. Plastic jars or cans only please!!

March 15 rice or dried beans

March 22 canned meat or seafood

BIBLE STUDY - The Rector's Bible Study will continue with the Book of Mark on Thursdays at 10:30am. Please join us!

13TH ANNUAL PARISH WEEKEND -

MARCH 20-22, 2015 - Art as Spiritual Expression

Our 13th Annual Parish Weekend is **March 20-22!**

Mark your calendar and plan to join us as we gather at Camp Mikell, in Toccoa, for a wonderful weekend of fellowship. There will be something for ALL AGES!

You will find registration information at **www.ecohs.net**, or you may pick up a printed copy in the Parish Hall. Questions? Contact Janice McClelland at 770-889-0631, **jpmcclelland@bellsouth.net**, or Fr. Keith.



Capital Campaign Key Dates

March 15th - First Fruits Sunday
March 22nd - Announcement Sunday

EYC - Schedule for Remainder of this program year:

- Sunday March 15th - Visit St. Paul's Episcopal Church & the Hunger Walk
- Friday March 20th through Sunday March 22nd - Parish Weekend.
- Sunday March 29th Palm Sunday - Youth will participate in Passion Reading
- Sunday April 5th Easter - Youth will help with Easter Egg Hunt
- Sunday April 19th - Kite Flying/Messy Olympics
- Sunday May 17th - Last EYC of the program year.



Music Notes

Adult choir meets every Wednesday night at 7:30 and Sunday morning at 10:00 in the church. Youth choir rehearsals are on Sundays after the 10:45a.m. service. Children's choir rehearsals are every Wednesday @ 5:00 p.m.

St. Cecilia Choir - ages 4-1st grade

St. Luke Choir - 2nd- 5th grade

Youth Choir - 6th- 12th grade

Anyone interested in being a part of the music ministry, please see Jeff Daniel on Sunday mornings, or email him at ecohsmusic@bellsouth.net.

- *Jeff Daniel*

	Month Actual	Variance Budget	YTD Actual	Variance Budget
Income				
Pledged	\$ 23,537.00	\$(1,333.42)	\$48,486.00	\$(1,254.84)
Other	\$ 11,813.25	\$ 5,821.58	\$22,025.07	\$ 8,270.72
	\$ 35,350.25	\$ 4,488.16	\$70,511.07	\$ 7,015.88
Expense				
Operations	\$ 29,910.83	\$(1,197.91)	\$62,374.48	\$(2,840.82)
Programs	\$ 2,986.47	\$(1,970.64)	\$ 4,329.45	\$(1,997.79)
	\$ 32,897.30	\$(3,168.55)	\$66,703.93	\$(4,838.61)

Summary Statement

The year is still off to a good start. Revenues are up 10% for the year, with expenses being up 7% over budget.

- * February Pledges were off 6% from budget
- * Member non pledge off by \$487 for month.
- * This was offset by funds for specific programs so net was up for the month.

Areas of Note:

- None at this time

Areas of concern:

- None at this time

BALANCES:

Operations	\$ 65,206.07	
Restricted Identified	\$295,240.30	(Includes Capital Funds)
Restricted Available	\$160,500.00	
Total:	<u>\$520,946.37</u>	

- Bruce Zavitz

Childrens' Corner:

Our Lenten programs continue on Wednesday evenings as follows:

- 5:45 - Evening Prayer
- 6:00-6:30 - Soup and Sandwich supper
- 6:30-7:30 - Program

For the children's Lenten Program we are going to be using The Peace Village which the Diocese has graciously agreed to loan us. It is an incredible resource that allows us to introduce major spiritual traditions of the world: Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Native American and Buddhism. A cord woven throughout all the spiritual traditions of the world, the Golden Rule, leads us onto the path of peace through compassion, tolerance, and understanding. The Golden Rule expressed in each tradition underscores the shared core values of all spiritual practices. This remembrance awakens our common commitment to peace and fosters an understanding that draws us together.

Each week we will learn about a different spiritual tradition through stories, Sacred objects from that tradition (e.g., Christianity - a cross, a stole, a chalice), artwork and special snacks. It is truly an enlightening and fascinating program that will introduce our children to some of the differences and similarities we all share! Please plan for you and your children to be a part of our Lenten program. Father Keith has an equally wonderful program planned for the adults. It promises to be a Lent of learning and growing in our love and knowledge of God and all God's children.

- Julie Wilson

Outreach:

February Pantry Figures: Number of clients served: 157

Thanks to all our Pantry Angels: Karen Schaub, Linda Whittle, Michael Foeller, Liz Tanner, Val and Gabi Rezende, Sheila Smith, Gideon, Jaden and Jannai Ahadzi, Nicole Freeman, Father Keith, Tom McDonnell, Champ the Pantry dog, Lauren and Everett McDonnell (our youngest volunteer ever!), and Ro Woodhead.

Another cold morning, but such a special time complete with music, prayer and happy clients!
Many thanks to you all.

Also thanks to everyone who continues to give diapers....that is such a wonderful donation.
Please do continue to help us replenish this part of our handout. Our funds can then be used for
other non food items that our clients need.

If anyone would like to join this great ministry, please do contact Sumner Cahoon, Liz Tanner
or Ro Woodhead.

-The Outreach Committee

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