

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit



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Upcoming Events:

BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 10:30 am

FEBRUARY 16TH

Pastoral Care Mtg. 9:30-10:30 am

HOME GROUP

February 16th, 6:00-7:00 pm

COHI MEETING

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

THE PANTRY

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

PARISH KARAOKE NIGHT

February 25th, 7:00-9:00 pm

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

February 28th, 6:00-7:30pm

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

March 1st, 12:00-1:00 pm
and 7:00-8:00 pm

WOMEN'S PRAYER BRUNCH

March 4th, 10:00-12:00

HUNGER WALK

March 5th

LENTEN SUPPER

View from the Bench
March 8th, 5:45-8:00pm

PARISH WEEKEND

March 17-19

February Edition

From the Rector:

This past month, your vestry plus Treasurer Bruce Zavitz, Mother Bonnie and I had our annual vestry retreat. It was a good time to get to know one another by doing things like preparing dinner together Friday night and participating in various activities. We also took time to set our priorities for the future. One theme was central-how will we use the gift of our expanded building to help expand our ministry into the Forsyth County community. The congregation's input will be central in helping us to discern how this happens.

Two important opportunities to do this work of discernment will happen over the next several weeks. First, we will have some of the leaders of Family Promise in Forsyth County come to speak with us on Sunday, February 26 during the 9:30 Christian Education hour. This open forum is for all people to learn more about this transitional housing ministry that helps homeless families return to living on their own. We are currently a support church-we help sister churches like St. Columba Episcopal and Christ the King Lutheran to host these families. We are discerning whether to become a host church. We need the prayer and commitment of several people before we take on this ministry.

Second, we will have "Call to Transformation" training on Saturday March 25. This program will be led by Deacon Nadine Pope and supported by

LENTEN SUPPER
Faith & Public Life,
Dr. Tom Long
March 22, 5:45-8:00pm

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
February 19th, 2017
Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18
Psalm 119: 33-40
1st Corinthians 3:10-
11,16-23
Matthew 5:38-38

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

Sylvia Cardona and Michael Arens who have already received this training in what is called "Asset Based Community Development" (you may hear it referred to as "ABCD"). This is a change in our overall outreach philosophy. We will begin by identifying our unique gifts and then consider how to share them in the community. But we also will come up with a plan to learn about people's gifts in our wider community and work to see how we can participate with our neighbors in serving others. The idea is to focus on relationship building as we do service.

I hope that many of you will come and learn and give your input at both of these events. I believe they are an important part of our discernment as a congregation as we continue to live into our capital campaign theme, "Building to Serve." God bless you all.

Keith+

From the Youth Minister: For Our Youth!

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

Upcoming Events at Holy Spirit!

***Feb 12: EYC at ECOHS 4:00 -
6:15 p.m.***

***It's MOVIE TIME!-- we'll be
watching **Arrival** in the youth
room! The movie's about 2 hours
long, so get there at 4:00, and
parents, plan to pick up about
6:15...that should give us a bit of
time for discussion.***

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

***Something new! The parish is
invited to a great karaoke and***

Next Sunday's Lessons

February 26, 2017

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

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:

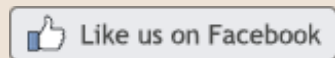
1st of every month

Late Edition:

20th of every month

Send submissions to:
ecoahs@bellsouth.net

Stay Connected



Forward to a Friend

*talent night...kinda like our Coffee House, but for everyone. And **WE'LL BE HOSTING!** This is a youth-sponsored fundraiser for **ECOHS OUTREACH** and there's a special **SignUp Genius** that's out, just for our youth. And of course there's time for you to perform as well, so start practicing, and share your talent!!*

Feb 28: Pancake Supper - Youth Group Fundraiser

*We're back together cooking for the Parish Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. This particular fundraising event will be for our own Youth Group, so check out the **SignUp Genius**, and plan to attend!*

And SIGN UP FOR HAPPENING NOW!

Feb 24-26: Happening, Camp Mikell

SAVE THE DATE! MARCH 12: COOKING 101 at ECOHS!

Join us for a special night with Chef Tom! Tom Watts will be teaching us cooking skills, then all our families are invited to join us for dinner. Our Youth cooking class event begins at 3:30, then families join us at 6:00 for dinner. See you then!

And here are the MARCH Highlights!

Mar 5 Hunger Walk

*Mar 12 Cooking 101 at
ECOHS*

Mar 17-19 Parish Weekend

Mar 26 EYC at ECOHS

*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

A Note from the Bookkeeper:

2016 Annual Statements were mailed out the first week of January. If you have not received yours, please call Cathy at the church office. 770-887-8190. Thank you!

Enjoy our Parish-wide Events? Here's how you can help!

We're looking forward to a great year of growing into our new space, with Wednesday night programs, receptions, and parish-wide events like our recent Honduras Mission Team Fundraiser and our upcoming February Parish Karaoke and Talent night. It takes many hands to put on these great events, and we're always looking for some additional assistance.

First, we'll begin using SignUp Genius to reach out to all the parish, as we determine the specific help needed for setup, food, clean up, etc. If you're available to help with a particular event, please sign up!

And second, we can always use help with a few extra funds, particularly with *Costco gift cards*. These help us to "fill the gaps," particularly if we have events occurring in close succession. Donations of Costco gift cards can be left with the office, or you can make a donation by annotating *Hospitality* on the memo item of your check.

Please contact the Hospitality Chair Sharon Linsley, sharonlinsley@yahoo.com, Kitchen Committee Chair Judy Foster, fosterjt45@yahoo.com, or Mother Bonnie+, bonniegunderwood@gmail.com, if you have any questions.

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.

Please RSVP to the Sign-Up Genius that was previously sent out.

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

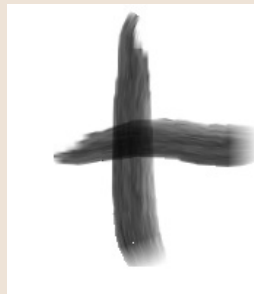
Hope to see you there!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! **Tuesday, February 28th, 6:00-7:30 pm**

Join us Tuesday, February 28th for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper sponsored by our Youth.

This year we will be adding a couple of rounds of Bingo to our evening's activities. So be sure to sign up for this fun evening of Pre-Lenten fun and fellowship!

Please be sure to sign up via the Sign-Up Genius that was previously sent out. Nursery will be available with RSVP.



Ash Wednesday Services: *Good Friday Liturgy with the Imposition of Ashes*

Wednesday March 1st at Noon and 7:00 pm

5th Annual Women's Pray Brunch **March 4th, 10:00 am-12:00 pm**

Topic: "Women of Joy!"

Special Speaker: Mother Bonnie Underwood

When: Saturday, March 4, 10:00 a.m.

Where: ECOHS parish hall

Who: All Holy Spirit Ladies are invited

Brunch: Cheryl Howell will once again prepare a beautiful brunch

Childcare: Provided with Sign Up

Please RSVP via Sign-Up Genius that has been sent out.

You may contact the office at 770-887-8190 or Beth Jones or Joanie Anderton with questions.

HUNGER WALK 2017

Join us for the 33rd anniversary of Hunger Walk/Run, as we take steps together with our community in the fight against local hunger!

The Hunger Walk/Run, an annual 5K walk and "fun run" begun in 1984, is a project of the Atlanta Community Food Bank that unites our community to raise awareness and critical funds for local hunger relief. Our team proceeds from this event benefit the Atlanta Community Food Bank and the Episcopal Community Foundation which support food pantries, community kitchens, shelters and other programs for people in need of food assistance.

To join our team, sign up click [here](#)

* Click Register - *Select Episcopal Community Foundation*

* Select Join a Team - *Select "Church of the Holy Spirit - Cumming"*

* Choose walker or runner option

* If you want to raise additional funds through pledges put in amount you expect to receive in pledges. Otherwise, leave the fundraising goal empty.

* Complete the final questions, agree to terms of participation and provide payment information.

And watch for more information at ECOHS on carpooling opportunities and where to meet for the Walk/Run!

To donate to our team, click [here](#) and you'll be able to donate directly to our ECOHS team or write a check to ECOHS, annotating Hunger Walk.

Our 15th Annual Parish Weekend is coming up! March 17-19

We'll be heading up to Camp Mikell in Toccoa to spend time together in fellowship, learning, and worship. If you have been with us before- you know it's a wonderful opportunity to unwind and "feed your soul." If this will be your first time- welcome! You'll be glad you did! Camp Mikell is a beautiful place where you can connect to nature, relax and get to know your Holy Spirit family better.

Our theme this year is "Food for the Soul"- which I think we're all especially in need of this year.

Registration forms are on the hall tables in the downstairs and upstairs lobbies, and available on our website, www.ecohs.net

Questions? Please contact Sylvia Cardona at sylvia.LFC@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

ECOHS - Treasury Report -January 2017

	Month Actual	Variance Budget	YTD Actual	Variance Budget
Income				
Pledged	\$ 28,350.00	\$ 1,166.00	\$ 28,350.00	\$ 1,166.00
Other	\$ 9,667.96	\$ 1,272.14	\$ 9,667.96	\$ 1,272.14
	\$ 38,017.96	\$ 2,438.14	\$ 38,017.96	\$ 2,438.14
Expense				
Operations	\$ 52,742.49	\$ (3,294.59)	\$ 52,742.49	\$ (3,294.59)
Programs	\$ 3,436.79	\$ (830.11)	\$ 3,436.79	\$ (830.11)
	\$ 56,179.28	\$ (4,124.70)	\$ 56,179.28	\$ (4,124.70)
Net	\$ (18,161.32)	\$ (1,686.56)	\$ (18,161.32)	\$ (1,686.56)

Summary Statement

Income was up 7% for January primarily due quarterly pledge payments.

Expenses were over budget by 8% due primarily to one time expenses left over from last year.

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Areas of Note:

BALANCES:

Operating Funds	\$ 23,483.35
Available Reserves	\$122,044.75
Restricted Funds	\$ 146,749.10
Total:	\$292,277.20



- Total Project Budget amount \$1,900K >
Completed Actual Expenses: \$2,054K

- Total Pledged amount \$1,200K
Collected to date \$992K or 77%

- Construction Loan Balance \$993K

Building to Serve Overview



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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