

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit



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Upcoming Events:

THE PANTRY

September 24th, 8:00am to
9:30am

BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at, 10:30 am
Resumes September 8th

VESTRY MEETING

September 8th, 6:30 pm

SASSE LUNCHEON

September 9th, noon

KICK-OFF SUNDAY

September 11th

PASTORAL CARE MEETING

September 14th, 10:30 am

CAREGIVER'S GROUP

September 15th, 6:30 pm

COHI MEETING

September 17th, 10:00 am -
noon

NEWCOMER'S RECEPTION

September 18th after 10:45
service.

WEDNESDAY SHARING DINNER

September 21st 5:45-
7:30pm

**FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH**
Services at 8:30 and 10:45

Weekly Schedule:

Early September Edition

From the Rector:

This Sunday begins a new program year for all ages at our church. This is an exciting time when we get to see what the options are for our children, youth, and adults. What will we be learning? What will we be doing? What will be new? What will change? I know Bonnie, Tom, Julie, Jeff and I have many different ideas planned along with other ministry leaders. Keep your eyes and ears open for those events and ministries that stir your heart or inspire your curiosity. That is probably where you need to get involved or explore taking part.

Regardless of what's going on with our programs and ministries here, there are two things we all need to be doing to prepare for whatever we do at church or in life. First, is prayer. Our participation in church and life is based on those promptings of the Spirit that we hear best when we take time to be still and listen. So it is important to make that a good habit of our faith. Find a time and place in your day where you can say prayers, read scripture, and rest. In our busy and distracted world, that is one of the best gifts we can give ourselves. Talk with your clergy if you need some advice on how to do this.

Remember the importance of love. Whatever we do in church or in life, the main purpose is to glorify God and to learn how to love one another. That's it. So as we get involved and interact with folks, use it as an opportunity to practice love. If there is a misunderstanding that causes friction between you and someone, try to ask questions to clarify their point of view and express yourself in a way that brings clarity and peace. Be quick to forgive small slights. Look for and appreciate the gift of God that each person in this parish and in the wider community offers to us. Be kind.

The patron saint of parish priests in the Roman Catholic Church is St. John Vianney. In his work *Catechism on Prayer*, he stated two sentences about prayer and love that have stuck with me: "Our duty is the splendid one of

Sunday

Holy Eucharist, 8:30 am
Holy Eucharist, 10:45 am

Monday

AA Meeting, 12:30 pm

Tuesday

AA Meeting 12:30 pm

Wednesday

"In Stitches" Knitting &
Crochet , 9:00 a
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)

12:00noon Contemplative
Prayer (first Saturday of the
month)

Sunday Lessons
September 11th, 2016
Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 51:1-11
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

**Fr. Keith's Lessons
& Questions:**
*Coming back soon to the
website!*

Next Sunday's Lessons
September 18th, 2016
Amos 8:4-7
Psalm 113
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

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

praying and loving." And "Our hearts are narrow; prayer expands them and makes them better able to love God." With God's help, I try to remember and practice these two central parts of the Christian faith. I hope you will join me in following them as we begin this new program year together.

Keith+

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

THE NEW YEAR BEGINS!

Sep 11: Kickoff Sunday!

We're STARTING Sunday School!! Come check out our NEW SPACE at 9:30 and hear about all our plans for the year!

Sep 17: Youth Coffee House

A new event this year! Time for our youth and their friends to come together in the Parish Hall and JUST BE - to enjoy music, food, beverages, and some relaxing fellowship. You can expect youth musicians, open mic time, and fun. Join us from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Sep 18: Church of the Common Ground

Church of the Common Ground is found where its members dwell, in the parks and neighborhoods of downtown Atlanta. Join us as we make bag lunches at ECOHS at 10:30, then carpool to the Church of the Common Ground at 11:30. We will be participating in worship and a Communion service in Woodruff Park, returning to ECOHS by 4:00. Join us as we support this wonderful ministry.

Sep 21: Parish Dinner: Mission!

Come and hear from Fr. Keith and our Youth team about our ECOHS parallel mission trips to Honduras at our first Fall Wednesday evening Parish Dinner. More info to follow!

AND UP NEXT, IN OCTOBER!

Oct 2: Blessing of the Animals

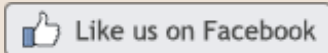
Oct 16: Hiking

Early Edition:
1st of every month

Late Edition:
20th of every month

Send submissions to:
ecoahs@bellsouth.net

Stay Connected



Forward to a Friend

Oct 8: Prep for our EYC Breakfast
Oct 19: Parish Dinner: Pilgrimage!
Oct 9: 1st EYC Breakfast
Oct 22: Bowling: to support of Mentor Me!

PLUS, for Middle School ONLY . . .
Registration is available NOW for New
Beginnings: Oct 7-9! Check your email!

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

Children's Christian Ed - Kickoff, Sunday, September 11th

Words cannot adequately express how excited I am for us to begin this program year in our new space! It is absolutely thrilling to have our clean new space, downstairs kitchen and playground ready for us to use.

To kick off our program year and Children's Christian Ed we are going to have a "Building to Serve" carnival! What is a Building to Serve carnival you may ask? It promises to be an exciting, engaging and energetic morning! I have asked people with different loves and talents to come in and share their story with us, telling us how their loves and talents have allowed them to serve others in perhaps an unusual or different way.

My hope is this will begin a conversation with our children about how they can use their gifts...their loves and talents to serve God. The kick off would not be the kick off without perhaps some furry visitors and people with all different talents...so start thinking outside the box and looking forward to a great day! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to email or call me.

~ Julie Wilson
jwilsonjat@gmail.com



Music Notes

The ECOHS adult choir has resumed regular weekly rehearsals. We meet each Wednesday evening from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in our new choir room. We invite all interested singers to join us.

The Children's will resume our regular weekly rehearsals beginning on **Wednesday, September 14 @ 5:00 p.m.**

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

The Youth choir , (6th - 12th grade) will resume our regular weekly rehearsals beginning on **Sunday October 2nd** after the 10:45 service. We will be meeting in the choir 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*

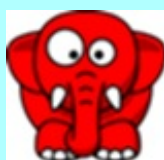
Third Wednesday Dinners: Sharing our Parallel Paths

September 21: "Listening to our hearts through mission." (Fr. Keith)
"Listening to the Holy Spirit & the marginalized through mission." (Parish)

October 19: "Listening to God through spiritual retreats and pilgrimages." (Fr. Keith)
"Listening to the Holy Spirit through pilgrimage." (Parish)

November 16: "Listening to our soul and body's needs for recreation and play. How we listen to our hearts through family." (Fr. Keith)
"Listening to the Holy Spirit and family through recreation and fun." (Parish)

Remember the Red Elephant



It's coming back and it's less than a month away!

The popular Red Elephant Sale (Holy Spirit's version of a white elephant sale) is scheduled for Saturday, October 1st, from 9 am to 3 pm, and with our much larger parish hall, we'll have room to display even more items for sale than in past years. So it's time start gathering those no-longer used items around the house to contribute to this always profitable fund-raiser for our outreach ministries.

A bake sale, another popular dependable fund-raiser, will also be added to this year's Red Elephant Sale, so begin looking up those favorite recipes, too. Remember the saying, "One man's trash is another man's treasure," and some of that tchotchke scattered around the house might be just what someone else is looking for. Just no clothing or books, please. We will begin accepting your contributions at the church the week of September 25th, and more specific information will follow in Sunday bulletins and the next *Dove*.

Please support this simple way to raise funds for our ever-growing list of ministries and begin telling your friends and neighbors about the event. It won't be a success without your involvement, and lots of customers!

Blessing of the Animals



The Blessing of the Animals will be held on Sunday, October 2, 2016, to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. Come to the Pavilion at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, where each pet and owner receive a blessing.

And while our pets have coats to keep them warm each winter, all our neighbors aren't as lucky. We'll also be collecting coats for The Place, so bring a new or gently

Family Promise - Start up!

The long awaited start-up for Family Promise will begin in September! ECOHS has been named a ***Support Church*** for two Host Churches; St. Columba's Episcopal Church and Christ the King Lutheran Church.

St. Columba's will host families the week of October 30th -November. 6th.
Christ the King, will host families, November 20-27th. and December, 25th-January 1, 2017.

ECHOS role as a support Church is to assist as needed. In most instances we would be given a week lead time. The roles of the volunteers include:

- 1) Dinner Preparers,
- 2) Dinner and Evening Hosts,
- 3) Breakfast Preparers,
- 4) Set-up and Take-down, Sunday morning
- 5) Activities for children and families,
- 6) Laundry
- 7) Supplies

Family Promise requires all volunteers in contact with the families to go through orientation and training. Orientation and Training sessions are as follows:

St. Columba's, Tuesday, September 20th from 7:00-8:30.
939 James Burgess Rd. Suwanee, GA.

Christ the King on Monday, November 7, from 7 -8:30.
1125 Bettis Tribble Gap Rd Cumming, 30040

Please be sure to attend a session if you want to be able to volunteer at the Host Churches for the dates noted above. By training at the Host Churches, we will meet their volunteers and familiarize ourselves with the site. The training will be led by Jacob Granados, the Family Promise Director.

Please feel free to e-mail if you have questions.

Yours in service to Christ,

Dennis and Linda Whittle
dpwhittle@bellsouth.net

Items Needed for Family Promise

St. Columba's has been collecting items they will need as they host families at their facility, however, they are still in need of:

Comforters/warm blankets - need at least 16; twin or full size

Small folding tables/TV trays (to place between beds) - 5

Small table lamps - 5

Blankets and comforters don't need to be new, just clean and in good condition.

If you are able to donate any of the above items, please drop them off at the church office during office hours (Monday-Thursday, 10:00am - 2:00pm).

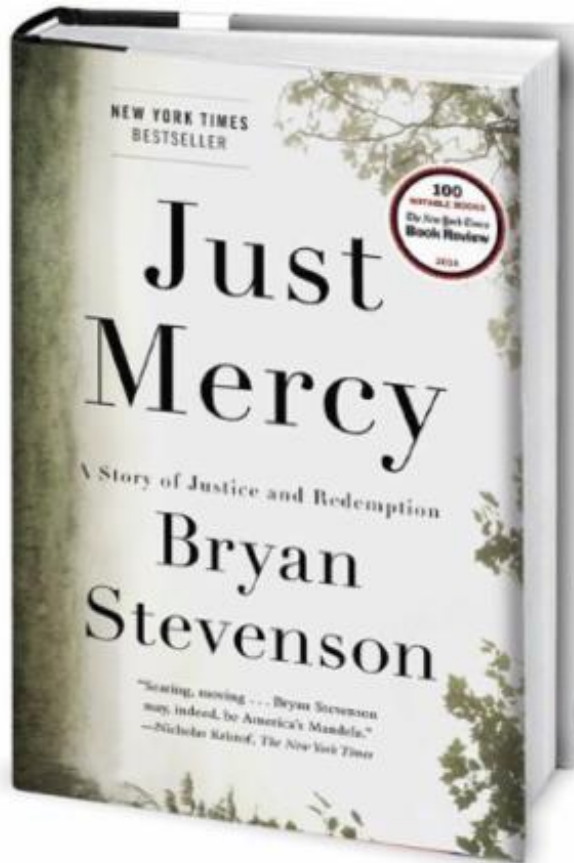
Thank you!

The Beloved Community, our own Diocesan Commission for Dismantling Racism, is sponsoring a two-part Diocesan series
Racism and Episcopalian Christians' Responsibility

The first session, held at Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church on August 30th, included a diverse panel of clergy and laity considering these questions:

- * Where is the Holy Spirit guiding us in relationship to the current Civil Rights Movement?
- * How will the Movement remember Episcopalians in the Diocese of Atlanta during this historic period of American history?
- * How are we active, visible and engaged in dismantling racism in our communities?
- * What does the Black Lives Matter Movement mean to Episcopalians in the Diocese of Atlanta?

Even if you missed the first session, you can join Part Two at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 306 Peyton Rd. SW, in Atlanta on September 13 - 7p.m.



The Beloved Community:
Commission for Dismantling Racism
Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta

presents

Bryan Stevenson

**Thursday, September 29, 2016
7:00 o'clock P.M.**

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church
435 Peachtree St. NE
Atlanta, GA 30308**

Free parking is available across the street and next door to Custom Signs Shop.

Bryan Stevenson, is the Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) in Montgomery, Alabama, and professor of law at the New York University Law School. Stevenson was a gifted young attorney when he founded the EJI, a legal practice dedicated to defending the poor, the wrongly condemned and those trapped in the furthest reaches of our criminal justice system.

"A riveting, even shocking narrative...Throughout, though, Stevenson lingers on small moments of grace, forgiveness, encouragement and kindness." – *The Boston Globe*

"Bryan Stevenson is America's young Nelson Mandela, a brilliant lawyer fighting with courage and conviction to guarantee justice for all." - Desmond Tutu, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

Following his lecture, Mr. Stevenson will sign books in St. Luke's Parish Hall.

This event is made possible by the generous support of the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta.

For more information contact Dr. Catherine Meeks, Commission Chair at kayma53@att.net

**Save the Date - Sunday, Oct
9th**



Our ***First***
EYC Outreach Breakfast

*Sponsored by our Youth
(and some VERY supportive adults!)*

Breakfast will be served between the 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. services.

Donations will go to support Mentor Me!

Join our Holy Spirit EYC, in support
of

Mentor Me!



Saturday
October 22, 2016
10:00 am

Stars and Strikes
Family Entertainment Center
133 Merchants Square
Cumming, GA 30040

We're looking for adults, families, and friends! All who would like to join us in a great bowling event for a worthwhile cause!

As a bowler, you receive 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, a pizza lunch . . . and help provide mentors for children in our community.

Sign up in the Parish Hall, immediately after both the 8:30 and 10:45 services on 9/18 and 9/25.

\$25 donation to bowl

ECOHS Website

Have you checked out the ECOHS website lately? Thanks to parishioner, Sylvia Cardona, it has been revamped and updated! Be sure to visit weekly for updates to Sermons, Ministry Schedule, Church Calendar and more! Check it out at www.ecohs.net!

ECOHS - Treasury Report - July 2016

	Month Actual	Variance Budget	YTD Actual	Variance Budget
Income				
Pledged	\$ 72,233.00	\$ 44,678.00	\$222,168.00	\$ 29,283.00
Other	\$ 3,325.66	\$ (2,340.66)	\$ 50,613.12	\$ 468.88
	\$ 75,558.66	\$ 42,337.34	\$272,781.12	\$ 29,751.88
Expense				
Operations	\$ 33,354.99	\$ (2,260.07)	\$271,056.26	\$ (11,238.64)
Programs	\$ 3,752.69	\$ (3,331.86)	\$ 13,207.96	\$ (2,073.25)
	\$ 37,107.68	\$ (5,591.93)	\$284,264.22	\$ (13,311.89)

Summary Statement

Revenues were up 25% for the month, with expenses being down 27% from budget.

* Pledge revenue YTD is 9.4% below budget

* Expenses YTD are running close to plan.

Areas of Note:

- The income for the month was \$38,450.98
- YTD deficit is \$1K over the budgeted amount.
- Positive for the month due to summer catch up.

BALANCES:

Operations \$ 60,065.82
 Restricted Identified \$ 36,343.00 (Includes Capital Funds)
 Restricted Available \$119,800.00
 Total: \$216,208.82

Building Capital Overview

- Total Project Budget amount \$1,900K
 Expenses to date \$2,162K
 Expected Project Total \$2,175K

- Total Pledged amount \$1,200K
 Collected to date \$805K or 67%

- Construction Loan Approved for \$1,500K
 Borrowed to date \$1,500K



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

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