

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit



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Upcoming Events:

VESTRY

January 11th, 6:30-8:30pm

SASSE

January 12th, noon

MEN'S BREAKFAST

January 13th, 8:00-10:00
am

ANNUAL MEETING

January 14th, 9:30 am

PASTORAL CARE MEETING

January 18th, 9:30 am

HONDURAS FUNDRAISER

January 20th, 6:00-9:00pm

THE PANTRY

January 27th, 8:00-9:30
am

VESTRY RETREAT

January 26-27th

YOUTH COFFEE HOUSE

January 27th, 7:00-9:00pm

ABCD MEETING

January 31st, 6:00-7:30pm

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED:

January 15th - MLK Day

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday

Holy Eucharist, 8:30 am
Sunday School 9:30 am
Holy Eucharist, 10:45 am

Monday

AA Meeting, 12:30 pm
Yoga 5:45-6:45 pm

Early January Edition

From the Rector:

Happy New Year! As we begin another trip around the sun, many folks consider personal resolutions or goals to pursue in the New Year. That is generally a good practice. The challenge for most of us is how to keep our intentions and fulfill our goals. There was a recent article in The New York Times that has some helpful insights:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/29/opinion/sunday/the-only-way-to-keep-your-resolutions.html>

The keys from the article seem to be having emotional support and pursuing your goals in community. That is one of the wonderful benefits of Christian faith—that we practice it together! In my experience, I have learned that having goals helps; but having a faithful and healthy process to discern and support those goals is essential.

One way we will practice our faith at Holy Spirit in the future is through Asset-Based Community Development or ABCD. Many of you have heard me and others talk about ABCD in various contexts. A group of thirty or so parishioners received initial training from Deacon Nadine Pope and others in the spring of 2017.

The basic philosophy is that our congregation and the surrounding community have many gifts and resources that we can share to both fulfill ourselves and bless one another. It is a positive approach to community ministry that is less concerned with what's needed or what's missing; and more open to what we have or can develop

Tuesday

Rosary 11:30 am
AA Meeting 12:30 pm
EfM 12:00 -3:00 pm
EfM 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Wednesday

"In Stitches" Knitting & Crochet , 9:00 am
Contemplative Prayer, 12:00 noon

Thursday

Bible Study, 10:30 am
Holy Eucharist, 12:00 pm
AA Meeting 12:30 pm
Mentor Me 6:00-8:00 pm

Friday

Church office closed
AA Meeting, 10:00 am
Overeaters Anon 7:00 pm

Saturday

8:00am Pantry (the last Saturday of the month)
Cumming Harvest 10:00-12:00

Sunday Lessons

January 14th

1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20)
Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-17
1 Corinthians 6: 12-20
John 1:43-51

Fr. Keith's Lessons & Questions:

Available on the ECOHS Website

Next Sunday's Lessons

January 21st

The Path Ch. 12 - Solomon
Psalm 62:6-14
Mark 1: 14-26

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

with others. It is an exciting priority for our parish as we move into the future.

An ABCD leadership group has been following up this fall to launch the next phase of this initiative. Here is what it means for you: starting in January and over the course of 2018, most everyone in the parish will be interviewed by people trained in this approach. The purpose is to find out your personal gifts and interests; and how you might be involved in our community. The next stage is doing a similar process beyond our church walls so that we better understand our neighbors. The Spirit is already stirring up new life in Forsyth County and beyond-we just need to find out where and take part.

The purpose of this column is to remind you about ABCD and extend a "heads up" so that if you are called by someone who wants to interview you, you will know what it is about. The ABCD leadership team includes our 2017 and 2018 Senior Wardens, Sylvia Cardona and Bill Kukarola; Michael Arens, Janice Davis, Deacon Nadine, Mother Bonnie and me.

Please feel free to contact us regarding your questions or feedback. And Happy New Year!

Keith+

From the Youth Minister:For Our Youth!

Regular Sunday School resumes on January 1/21. On 1/14, we'll be joining the annual meeting in the Nave during the Sunday School hour.

Youth Events

We'll be starting off the New Year with some GREAT events! Save these dates.


Jan. 20 Honduras Fundraising Dinner/Silent Auction

We'll ALL be involved, whether your directly involved as a youth missionary, or not! Here's a chance for us all to *literally* serve others, while

Late Edition:
20th of every month

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we help to raise funds for the children of LAMB Institute and assist our fellow youth missionaries. Watch for Signup Genius!

Jan. 27 Youth Karaoke Night and Bonfire

We're EXPANDING our youth night! In addition to Karaoke, we'll also be using our great new fire pit! Join us for a great evening!

Feb. 4 Super Bowl Sunday

Enjoy the Big Game TOGETHER! We'll meet at the Franklin's for food, fellowship, and a great time cheering on your favorite team!

Feb.10 Parish Karaoke and Talent Show

This event's for ALL the Parish, so let's show the adults how it's done! Join us for a great time sharing our talents, enjoying time in fellowship, and supporting one another.

Feb 13 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Save the date! A great event for the whole family, as we prepare ourselves for Lent.

Feb 18 Ash Wednesday

Join us for this day of worship, as the season of Lent begins.

Feb 25 Hunger Walk/Run - Youth Eucharist

Save the date for this great annual event to help fight hunger in the Atlanta area.

Plus, check out these Diocesan Events!

Parents, Check your email for registration info.

Jan. 5-7 Sr DYC, Camp Mikell

Feb. 2-4 New Beginnings 39, Camp Mikell

Feb.16-18 Happening 69, Camp Mikell

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Blessings,

Mother Bonnie+

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404-729-5876

Announcements

Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 14th at 9:30 am

Please be sure to join us in the Nave this Sunday for our Annual Meeting to hear updates on our ministries and church financials.

Children's Christian Ed

It's a chilly start to a new year and we are excited to continue our journey through The Path with the adult and youth Christian Ed. We have lots to look forward to in the coming months as we prepare for Easter! We will be planning for our Parish retreat and Vacation Bible School in the near future. Watch for emails and plan to join us. We always have spots available for people interested in helping with the children. We will be offering Safe Guarding God's Children training in the near future for those who help with our children and youth and have not taken it withing the past 3 years. If you have any questions or would like to help please don't hesitate to call or email.

Peace, Julie Wilson

ECOHS Parish Life

Upcoming Events

January - March 2018

Interested in diving deeper into Parish Life at ECOHS? Save these dates!

January 30: Honduras Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction

A great way to support our Mission Trip to Honduras while enjoying food, fellowship, and fun. Event is \$40 per person and childcare is available that evening for \$5 per child, family max \$10.

February 10: Parish Karaoke and Talent Show

Come and share your talent or support those who do! We'll have a stage, mics, karaoke tracks, so come and share your gifts - from poetry to music, to magic tricks, etc. ***All are welcome to this intergenerational event.*** Childcare available for the young ones: \$5 per child, family max. And yes, snacks WILL be available for purchase, in support of Outreach ministries.

February 13: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Join us as we gather just before Lent for our annual Pancake Supper! Proceeds from the meal support our youth ministry.

February 14: Ash Wednesday

We begin our Lenten season with a 7:00 pm service.

February 21: Lenten Dinner and Program

February 25: Hunger Walk/Run

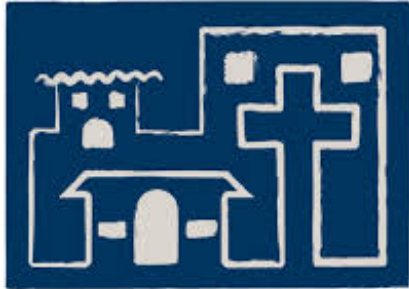
March 3: Women's Prayer Breakfast

March 14: Lenten Dinner and Program

March 18-25: Family Promise Week

You can expect more information in upcoming Dove articles, weekly bulletins, and via SignUp Genius, but for now. . . SAVE THE DATES!

HONDURAS



Help support the

ECOHS Honduras Mission

Fundraising January 20

Dinner 6-9 pm

** Join us for our Annual Fundraising Dinner!*

For \$40 per person, you can share in a marvelous full-course meal including appetizers, salad, entree, and dessert; participate in a great Silent Auction; plus hear from our youth telling about our dreams for this mission work. Watch for a Sign-Up Genius, plus pre-event ticket sales on January 7th and 14th, following each Sunday service.

** How can you help?*

We're still looking for silent auction and raffle items for our *January 20th fundraising dinner*. If

you have a special items you could donate: a timeshare vacation week, golf package, speciality craft item, gift basket, etc., please contact Mother Bonnie at

bonniegunderwood@gmail.com

or 404.729.5876. We would appreciate receiving donated items by Sunday, January 14th.

* *There's still time to consider joining us!*

Is the Holy Spirit nudging you to consider joining our 2018 team? Contact Mother Bonnie bonniegunderwood@gmail.com or Jay Franklin jayfranklin@att.net for more information. Our trip is July 7-14, 2018

Music Notes

The adult choir continues to lead the music portion of our worship services every Sunday at 10:45. www.ecohs.netwww.ecohs.netThe ECOHS adult choir rehearses every Wednesdays @ 7:30 p.m. in the choir room. If you are interested in singing with us, please come and join us.



The St. Cecilia (age 4-1st grade) and St. Luke (2nd - 5th grade) choirs rehearse every Wednesdays, @ 5:00 p.m. We invite all children to join us.

If you are interested in sharing your musical talent with us (vocal OR instrumental), please let Jeff Daniel know at ecohsmusic@bellsouth.net OR speak with him at church. There is ALWAYS room for more choir members.

Please visit the music portion of the church's website [here](#) to find information about the music ministry of ECOHS.

ECOHS - Treasury Report - December 2017

	Month Actual	Variance Budget	YTD Actual	Variance Budget
Income				
Pledged	\$ 34,124.00	\$ 6,940.00	\$ 316,864.00	\$ (9,344.00)
Other	\$ 19,641.39	\$ (22,036.09)	\$ 123,336.68	\$ (7,417.32)
	\$ 53,765.39	\$ (15,096.09)	\$ 440,200.68	\$ (16,761.32)
Expense				
Operations	\$ 32,344.42	\$ (1,488.65)	\$ 476,019.98	\$ (9,334.27)
Programs	\$ 4,096.54	\$ (2,235.86)	\$ 34,326.82	\$ (6,502.66)
	\$ 36,440.96	\$ (3,724.51)	\$ 510,346.80	\$ (15,836.93)
Net	\$ 17,324.43	\$ (18,820.60)	\$ (70,146.12)	\$ (32,598.25)

Summary Statement

Pledge offerings are behind 6% for the year.
Preschool income is up 37%

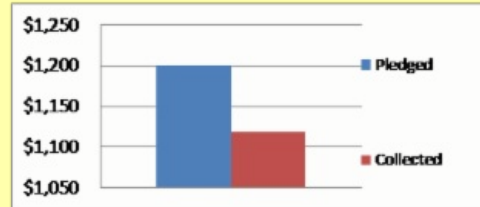
Expenses YTD are over budget primarily to higher pre-school expenses, up 32% but offset by the rise in pre-school income, and higher program expense.

BALANCES:

Operating Funds	\$ 25,647.19
Available Reserves	\$ 70,059.95
Restricted Funds	\$ 98,051.41
Total:	\$ 193,758.55

Building to Serve Overview

- Total Project Budget amount \$1,900K >
Completed Actual Expenses: \$2,056K
- Total Pledged amount \$1,200K
Collected to date \$1,118K or 93%
- Loan Balance \$790K



Community Connections

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