

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

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Upcoming Events:

BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 10:30 am

FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

May 10th 6:00-7:30 pm

VESTRY MEETING

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

SASSE LUNCHEON

May 12th, noon

MEN'S BREAKFAST

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

MOTHER'S/GRADUATES DAY

May 14th, both services

LAST DAY OF PRESCHOOL

May 18th

PASTORAL CARE MEETING

May 18th, 9:30-10:3 am

LAST DAY OF PRESCHOOL

May 18th

COHI MEETING

May 20th, 10:00 am -12:00
pm

FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

May 21-28

THE PANTRY

May 2th, 8:00-9:30 am

SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS

May 28th, 8:30 and 10:00
am

Weekly Schedule:

Early May Edition

From the Rector:

In the Christian faith, Holy Scripture is a source of inspiration, guidance, and judgment. When we read Scripture, it is important for us to pray, study it in community, and have access to the best biblical scholarship. That is what we aim for in the Episcopal Church in general and here at ECOHS. That is why we encourage people to participate in in-depth study groups like Education for Ministry (EFM). Currently we have two full groups (12 members and two mentors in each group); and we are considering adding a third group this fall. If you are interested in learning more, please contact me or one of our mentors: Karen Allen, Linda Cartwright, Janice Davis, and Putnam Smith.

As practice, below is a passage of Scripture from Romans 12:3-8. It is a helpful source to inspire, guide and judge our life as a congregation. Read it slowly three times. What questions does it bring up in you? What gets you excited? What gives you a sense of calling to go further in our common life of grace? Whatever your response, engaging Scripture in this way helps us to grow in God's grace. I hope all of us will find time and people with whom to study.

"3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each

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**May 14th**

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14: 1-14

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

Available on the ECOHS
 Website

Next Sunday's Lessons**May 21st**

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:7-18
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14: 15-21

The Dove Deadlines!

If you would like to have
 an article or notice

member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully."

Here are three insights I find in these words:

1. God is gracious and is continually giving to each one of us bountiful gifts of grace.
2. These gifts take forms that we can discern in ourselves and others-things like serving, teaching, generosity, and leadership.
3. All our gifts are important for our common life and the mission we have from God to be witnesses to God's love.

May God continue to bless you as we experience the joy of God's grace in our lives.

Keith+

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

We still have a few weeks left in our program year, so please do join us! AND, as always, friends are VERY welcome!

Sunday School - continues at 9:30 in our Youth Rooms, through 5/21. Please join us!

PLUS, here are the final Events of the program year at Holy Spirit!

May 14: Graduation Sunday - Reception after late service

published in The Dove,
please be aware of our
deadlines:

Early Edition:

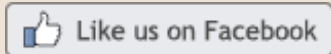
1st of every month

Late Edition:

20th of every month

Send submissions to:
ecohts@bellsouth.net

Stay Connected



Forward to a Friend

***Be part of our own ECOHS
Graduating Seniors celebration!
We have Seniors preaching at
both services, and some Senior
readers as well! And join us for a
great reception in the Parish Hall,
after the late service, for a
chance to give our Seniors a
warm sendoff on the next steps of
their life journeys!***

***May 21: Fish Fry and End of Year
Celebration! (After the late
service)***

***Watch for more news of this
annual Parish-wide event, cuz
this is OUR end of year
celebration, too!***

***And a few changes . . .in case
you have these two previously
scheduled events on your
calendar, they've been
cancelled/rescheduled:***

**** May 20 Arrendale Caregiver's
Luncheon - this event has been
cancelled, as the timing simply
didn't fit in the caregiver's
schedule.***

**** June 4 Diocesan Tubing in
Helen - this event has been
rescheduled until August 5. But
don't worry, you'll hear more
about it later in the summer!***

***May 28: SUMMER SCHEDULE
TIME CHANGE***

***Please note that this is the first
week of the Summer Schedule.
No Sunday School until after
Labor Day, so Sunday service
times will be 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.***

June 4: Feast of the Pentecost!
Bishop Wimberly will be at Holy Spirit for an exciting Sunday with baptisms, confirmations for our youth, plus a marvelous reception after the 10:00 service.

AND VBS - June 5-9!

Another great program planned this year, with the theme "The Lord's my Shepherd." And yes, you can count on LOTS of encounters with visiting 4-legged friends! Watch for a Signup Genius, as we'll be looking for youth volunteers. Youth Training on Sunday, June 4th from 1:00 - 2:00.

Watch for emails/updates on other summer events!

Blessings,

Mother Bonnie+

bonniegunderwood@gmail.com, 404-729-5876

Announcements

THANK YOU!!!



**A big thank you to our Men's Group for cooking for us on Kite Day!
Everything was delicious!**

GOT QUICHE?



One of our wonderful chefs, Tom Watts, is leading an effort to create homemade quiche to help support our Hospitality and Kitchen ministries. ***This Sunday, May 14th, will be the last day we will have ready-to-heat 9" quiches for sale.*** \$10 each or 3 for \$25. You won't want to miss out on this delicious treat!

LECTOR TRAINING SUNDAY, MAY 21st 9:30 am

Lector training is taking place soon! Whether you're an existing lector who would like some quick instruction on the new sound equipment or a newer lector that would like to better understand the "to do's" or a new person who would like to explore what's involved in being a lector, this time is for you! Join us around the ambo right after the 8:30 service.

Please contact Meg Davenport, megbdav@gmail.com or Mother Bonnie+, bonnieunderwood@gmail.com with questions.



HOST CHURCH AND TRAINING

We are taking on the role of a Family Promise Host Church and our first week to host families is May 21-28.

We have multiple roles for volunteers of all ages.

Training for volunteers is May 10th from 6:00-7:30 pm at the church. This training is required for any volunteers who will be interacting with the families.

Volunteers are needed for:

Meal Preparation and Hospitality (Coordinator: Linda Whittle)

Set-Up/Breakdown and Storage (Coordinator: Midge Printz)
Overnight Stays (Coordinator: Herb Linsley)

Donations of Items Needed:

We are working on a list of items needed and will schedule sign ups via Sign-Up Genius.

Ready to Volunteer?

Attend the training on May 10th and keep a look-out for Sign-Up Geniuses.

Thank you!

Music Notes

The ECOHS adult choir is winding down the program year. Weekly rehearsals continue through Wednesday, May 31 and the final Sunday is June 4, The Day of Pentecost.



The St. Cecilia, St. Luke, **and** Youth choirs concluded their program year with Youth Sunday, April 30, in which all three choirs presented anthems for the 10:45 service. I'm very proud of all of our youth and children involved in these choirs and I look forward to resuming rehearsals with them in September.

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.

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ANNUAL Fish Fry and Boat Blessing

Sunday, May 21, 2017 after 10:45 a.m. service

**At the Home of Neva Jahnz
2200 Lakeview Lane, Cumming 30041**

- **See Sign-up Genius for what to bring**
- **Don't forget a lawn chair or blanket**



- From ECOHS, take GA400 south to Exit 15
(BALD RIDGE MARINA RD)
- Turn left (East) and cross back over GA400
- Take 1st right turn onto Turner Road
(@ The Ridge Restaurant)
- Cross Market Place Blvd. continuing on Turner Road
- Take 4th left which is a gravel road (Lakeview Lane)
- Lakeview Lane dead ends at the Jahnz house

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL AND VBS

Sunday School is wrapping up for the year! We have had an incredible year with lots of new faces. May 21st will be our last Sunday of Christian Ed and we will have a year-end party to celebrate. We will continue our celebration after the late service during the fish fry at Neva's house with a few special prop's to help us "catch" a good time. We will supply different kinds of bait....so have your casting arm ready!

As Christian Ed is coming to a close we are gearing up for Vacation Bible School. We are in the throes of planning and our theme for this year is **The Lord is our Shepherd!**



It seems to me that there is no more suitable theme for us and we will have a wonderful time following the 23rd Psalm for VBS. A few dates to take note of:

Planning meeting Wednesday, May 17th @ 4:45

Planning meeting Wednesday, May 24th @ 4:45

VBS Decorating Wednesday, May 31st @ 10:00am

VBS Decorating Thursday, June 1st @ 10:00

VBS Decorating Friday, June 2nd @ 10:00

VBS Kickoff Sunday, June 4th after the 10:00 service, robust snacks & treats

VBS Youth training 1:00 in children's area

First day of VBS Monday, June 5th @ 9:00

As we approach VBS you will find a poster board in the parish hall with supplies that we will need for the VBS week. There are several things that I know now that we will be using. Any of these things that you might have around the house would work perfectly for VBS.

Needed VBS supplies:

Yarn, colored and textured. Remnants are fine.

Mismatched puzzle pieces

Small rocks and stone

White buttons
Colored buttons

Fishing rods to donate, will be well used and will try to return but I can't make promises they will survive unscathed.

More items and particularly food items will be posted as the date approaches. Thank you so much for your help in getting ready for this joyful week!

Finally, we always need volunteers for VBS and we have spots for all ages! Please let me know if you have a day or five to spare that week! We could surely use cheerful and smiling faces!

Peace,
Julie
jwilsonjat@gmail.com

Pastoral Support Ministry Changes as of June 1, 2017

Dear Friends,

After 25+ years serving as chair of our Pastoral Support Ministry, I am stepping down to try my wings at other ministries and have more flexibility in general. I am pleased to announce that Julie Wilson has responded to God's call to her to take over as Pastoral Support Ministry chairperson.

Julie and Chris Wilson and family have been members at Holy Spirit for many years and as Preschool Director, she also knows new, young families as they are introduced to our church. She is very knowledgeable regarding the parish as a whole and is gifted in discernment of needs of our church members. For the last 2 months, Julie has been shadowing me and I have kept her informed of my duties. We both know the value of confidentiality and realize how important trust is for all of us.

I will continue to serve on the Pastoral ministry but no longer in a leadership role. I look forward to new avenues of growth in the Lord's service and pray God's blessing on Julie as she undertakes her new ministry.

Our church is a wonderful place of love and connection to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Your generosity and care for each other has sustained Pastoral Support through the years and always, when I have

asked for assistance for a fellow member, you were there. So, I thank God and I thank you for the opportunity to serve our church in such a meaningful way.

God's Peace and Blessings,
Beth Jones

The Commission for Dismantling Racism
&
Emmaus House

FROM SLAVE TO CRIMINAL WITH ONE AMENDMENT

INVITE YOU
to a
Screening and Discussion of the Powerful Film

13TH

Tuesday, May 16 | 6:30 p.m.
Emmaus House
1017 Hank Aaron Dr SE, Atlanta, GA 30315

Because racism works against our baptismal call to love others

Supported by a grant from Annie Casey Foundation.

There is an opportunity for carpooling from ECOHS at 4:30.

For more information, contact Mother Bonnie at bonniegunderwood@gmail.com or 404-729-5876

In-gathering for Honduras Mission Trip 2017



Photos for example only

Our in-gathering this year for the children of the LAMB residential home will be collapsible lunch boxes and water bottles (BPA free, please!).

We're targeting to collect 100 of each item and hope you can help! ***So far we have collected 10 lunch bags and 17 water bottles so we need your help!*** Don't want to shop? We will gladly accept your check and do the shopping for you. Simply make your check out to ECOHS and write "Honduras In-Gathering" on the memo line.

Please have all items to the church no later than Sunday, June 18th.

Thank you!

ECOHS - Treasury Report -April 2017

	Month Actual	Variance Budget	YTD Actual	Variance Budget
Income				
Pledged	\$ 32,772.00	\$ 5,588.00	\$ 103,623.00	\$ (5,113.00)
Other	\$ 14,691.99	\$ 3,376.17	\$ 43,960.13	\$ 11,619.35
	\$ 47,463.99	\$ 8,964.17	\$ 147,583.13	\$ 6,506.35
Expense				
Operations	\$ 39,614.18	\$ 6,883.32	\$ 172,908.00	\$ (4,975.07)
Programs	\$ 1,766.50	\$ (209.82)	\$ 8,298.54	\$ (221.82)
	\$ 41,380.68	\$ 6,673.50	\$ 181,206.54	\$ (5,196.89)
Net	\$ 6,083.31	\$ 15,637.67	\$ (33,623.41)	\$ 1,309.46

Summary Statement

Income YTD has recovered to 4.6% above the budget to date. This is primarily driven by higher pre-school income. Pledge offerings are still off 4.7% for the year so far.

Expenses were under budget for the month resulting in an improvement of year to date expenses being over 2.9%.

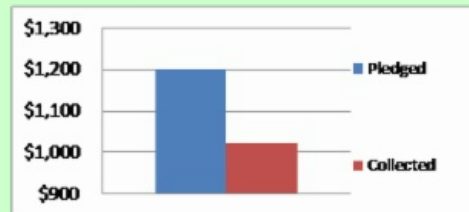
Areas of Note:

BALANCES:

Operating Funds	\$ 29,548.24
Available Reserves	\$ 106,582.66
Restricted Funds	\$ 106,412.10
Total:	\$ 242,543.00

Building to Serve Overview

- Total Project Budget amount \$1,900K >
Completed Actual Expenses: \$2,056K
- Total Pledged amount \$1,200K
Collected to date \$1,022K or 85%
- Construction Loan Balance \$906K



Community Connections

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