

Week of January 22 - 29, 2017

Sunday, January 22nd

- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:30 am Christian Formation for all ages, parish hall
Choir Practice, nave
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:45 am Annual Meeting & Chili Cook-off, parish hall
Joyous Communion (grades 3rd – 6th), nave

Tuesday, January 24th

- 6:30 pm Women's Circle, nave

Wednesday, January 25th

- 7:00 pm Choir Practice, choir room

Thursday, January 26th

- 6:30 pm Daughters of the King, parish hall

Sunday, January 29th

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9:30 am Christian Formation for all ages, parish hall
Choir Practice, nave
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1:00 pm Cahaba Valley Health Screening, parish hall

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Welcome Father Bill Blackerby

The Rev. Bill Blackerby joins Holy Spirit as Interim Rector in January of 2017. Bill, a native of Birmingham, is married to Anne Thiele Blackerby, who recently retired as an assistant professor of pediatrics at UAB. Their children are daughter Margaret, a junior at Sewanee, son William, Latin teacher at Indian Springs School, and daughter-in-law Kristin, Director of Youth Ministries at All Saints, Homewood. Most recently, Bill served as Interim Rector of St. Catherine's, Chelsea, AL (September 1, 2015 to December 4, 2016). Prior to his time in Chelsea, Bill was Interim Rector at Grace Episcopal Church, Cullman, AL (June 2014-July 2015), Episcopal Campus Chaplain for Birmingham (1993-2014), Curate at St. Mary's in Birmingham (1988-1993), and Curate at St. Michael's in Barrington, IL (1987-1988). His involvement in the Diocese of Alabama over the past 30 years has included the Department of Ministry in Higher Education, Standing Committee, Sawyerville Day Camp, Camp McDowell summer session director, Vocare spiritual director, Cursillo spiritual director, and Diocesan Council. He is an adjunct instructor in the Harrison Honors Program at Birmingham-Southern College and the University Honors Program at UAB. Bill holds degrees from Birmingham-Southern College, UAB, and Seabury-Western Theological Seminary.

Father Blackerby plans to be in the office at Holy Spirit on Wednesdays. If you need to reach him outside of his office hours you can contact him at wsblackerby@gmail.com or 205-837-9861.

Weekly & Monthly Reminders

Women's Circle	Jan 24th	6:30 pm	Nave
Choir Practice	Jan 25th	7:00 pm	Choir Room
Daughters of the King	Jan 26th	6:30 pm	Parish Hall
Centering Prayer	Feb 7th	5:00 pm	Nave
Healing Eucharist	Feb 8th	11:00 am	Nave
Men's Prayer Breakfast	Feb 11th	8:00 am	Parish Hall
Vestry Meeting	Feb 12th	11:45 am	Parish Hall
Bunco	Feb 16th	6:30 pm	Parish Hall
Pack for Beans & Rice	Feb 17th	9:00 am	Parish Hall
Beans & Rice	Feb 18th	9:00 am	Narthex
Holy Spirit 101	Feb 19th	11:45 am	Rector's Office

Save the Date

Sun, Jan 29th	Cahaba Valley Health Screening
Feb 17th-18th	186th Diocesan Convention, Birmingham
Tues, Feb 28th	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 6:30 pm
Wed, Mar 1st	Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 pm

Church Happenings

Annual Parish Meeting & Chili Cook-Off, TODAY at 11:45 am, parish hall

Plan to attend our annual parish meeting Sunday, TODAY after the 10:30am service. We will receive updates from our vestry and treasurer about the mission, ministry, and financial picture at Holy Spirit. We will also elect new vestry members for 2017. All are welcome!

Women's Circle, Tuesday, January 24th at 6:30 pm, nave

All women of Holy Spirit are welcome to gather together the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. This is a time to explore and deepen your faith in a safe and confidential environment. If you're interested and have questions feel free to contact Mary Hodgetts, maryhodgetts@yahoo.com. *Childcare is provided.*

Cahaba Valley Health Screening, January 29th at 1:00 pm, parish hall

Love In Action (Outreach) is supporting the Cahaba Valley Health Clinic January 29th. CVHC will use our facilities on January 29th to provide medical services (by pre-arranged appointment) to people in the greater Birmingham community. Healthy snacks will be provided to the patients as they wait. Would you like to help? We are collecting donations of bottled water, juice boxes/pouches, granola bars, apples, and individual packs of snack crackers. There will be approximately 100 people here that day. Your donation is greatly appreciated! We are also planning to pack additional Beans and Rice bags so canned goods are also needed. Items marked CHVC can be left near the back door of the parish hall with our other food supplies. Cash donations can be left at the office-please memo CVHC.

We need helpers! Come be a greeter, or a gopher and help us out on January 29th! Please plan to help us welcome our neighbors. If you have any questions or can join us, contact the office or Toni Nash, toni.nash@aol.com. Thank you in advance!

Taste of the Spirit Planning, February 5th at 9:30 am

Everyone that would like to help with this year's fundraiser, *Taste of the Spirit*, is encouraged to attend our initial planning meeting Sunday, February 5th at 9:30 am. We will discuss our timeline for preparation and assign committee leaders. We need lots of help to put together our church's largest fundraiser of the year!!

Super Bowl? Super Butts!, Saturday, February 4th

For only \$35, you can get a delicious pork butt (around 6-8 pounds of slow-cooked goodness), perfect for parties or just pampering family and friends. Leftovers can be frozen and reheated for a convenient and easy meal. The cookout will be on Saturday, February 4, with the pork butts available for pick up around 3:00 pm. Order online at: <http://holyspirit-ol.org/hs-store/>, calling the office, or filling out a form in the narthex. We have several generous donors for these events. If you could use the assistance of a donated Boston butt to feed your family, please let Father Bill know. Also, if you know a family (outside the church) that could use one, please let him know that as well.

Want to be a Holy Smoker? The cook will begin at 5:00 am on the 4th. We'll need 10 people there at 5:00 am for an hour. We'll need 6 people around 10:30 am and then 6 people at about 1:00pm. Contact Buzz Palmer, buzz.palmer@rawsonlp.com, if you can help out.

Diocesan Events

Registration for Summer Camps NOW OPEN!

Visit campmcdowell.com/summer-camps-retreats for calendar of sessions, general information, and to register. You can find information for Clear Creek Camp and Bethany Village. There are scholarships available for any child that wants to attend camp.

Centering Prayer Intensive Retreat, February 3-5

At the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center, this weekend is to develop further the discipline of Centering Prayer and deepen your relationship with God. Presenters: Brenda Chynoweth and Louise Meredith. Private rooms: \$245. \$60. registration fee. See shmon.org for more information.

At the Fork in the Road: Your Map to Conscious Living, February 9-11

2017 Enneagram & Consciousness Conference

An intensive weekend of self-exploration and study led by Joseph B. Howell, Ph.D. Through lectures, dynamic presentations, music, video, prayer, group work, and more, this weekend conference invites participants to learn how the Enneagram can become a map to guide them to the answers they seek, to reclaim peace in their lives, and to rediscover the path to their most authentic selves. The conference fee (including meals) is \$175 to \$375, depending upon your choice of lodging. For details and registration, go to <http://campmcdowell.com/opportunities-to-come-to-camp>.

Alabama Folk School, Winter 2017 Workshops

2017 marks the ten-year anniversary of the Alabama Folk School. We will celebrate the milestone in style with 3-day, 4-day, and week-long programs in folk art and music. Special programs include birding, blacksmithing, wooden boat building, cooking, drawing and painting, fiber arts, homesteading, music, and songwriting. Join us this year in celebrating #10YearsOfFolk. Registration is already open for many classes and others will open in the coming months. Visit www.alfolkschool.com.

**Keep up with all of the opportunities to go to Camp McDowell
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Financial Update

Contributions

Thank you for your generous support of our parish. Below is a summary of the contributions received during the week ending on Sunday, January 15, 2016.

Pledged.....	\$4,530.00
Unpledged	\$ 218.00
Altar Guild	\$ 12.74
Beans and Rice.....	\$ 1.00
Parish Life	\$ 16.72
Men's Group	\$ 75.00
Memorial Fund (Doris Smith).....	\$ 100.00
Total Contributions	\$4,953.46

Please pray for...

Bishops and Clergy: Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop ECUSA; Kee Sloan, Alabama Bishop; Bill Blackerby, Interim Rector; Stan Wright, Priest Affiliate

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Our companion dioceses of Alaska & the Virgin Islands & their bishops Mark & Ambrose; St. Paul's, Greensboro; St. Paul's, Lowndesboro; St. Paul's, Minter; St. Paul's, Selma; St. Timothy's, Athens

Ministries and Programs within The Church of the Holy Spirit: Parish Life, Choir, Altar Guild, Invite•Welcome•Connect, Stewardship

For Nation and Local Community: Donald Trump, President; Robert Bentley, Governor; Communities of Calera, Alabaster, Helena, Maylene, & Pelham

For all people everywhere, especially: those living in Syria and all war-torn countries.

Healing & Guidance for members, relatives and friends of Holy Spirit: Richard Smith (Victoria Knierim); Carl Raymond (Allyson Agee); Jo Cochran (Judy Dykes); Roxie & Stan Wright; Debra Dewees (Glenda Jones); Francie Gardner; Bud Montgomery (Carol Smedley); Dorothy Powell; Kim Sloan (Nancy Musgrove & Katy Brooks); Karen Marshall (Allyson Agee); Barbara Carroll (Harriet & Bill Meeks); Jaxson (Mary Hodgetts); Jim Mankoski (Allyson Agee); Dan Poset; Joanne Shannon Bogert & family (Amanda Wilbanks), Nila Whetsell, Roy Wolfe, Buzz Palmer, Isabelle Jackson, Hal Skalka, Eric Mizell, Victor Turek, Will Graham, Lou Malone (Sharon Poset), Zara Golightly (Mandy Golightly), Julia Jackson, Charlotte

For those serving in the armed services: Hall Graham (Julia Jackson), Mark McKay (Gladys McKay)

For all who have died, may light perpetual shine upon them.

Upcoming Birthdays: Juli Bowlin (1/22), Jason Bainter (1/23), Carol Smedley (1/24), Reagan Dilbeck (1/24), Roy Smith (1/26), Eddie Sabol (1/27), Kaleb Kilgore (1/30), Marian Hester (2/2), Abby Cowan (2/3), Jim Hamilton

Upcoming Anniversaries: Lorraine & David Divers (1/27)

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Tara's Office Hours: Tues, Wed, & Thurs – 9:00am to 2:00pm

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