

Week of January 29 - February 5, 2017

Sunday, January 29th

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 Joyous Communion (grades 3rd - 6th), nave
1:00 pm Cahaba Valley Health Screening, parish hall

Wednesday, February 1st

7:00 pm Choir Practice, choir room

Saturday, February 4th

5:00 am Super Bowl Boston Butts Cook
3:00 pm Pickup Boston Butts

Sunday, February 5th

8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:30 am Christian Formation for all ages, parish hall
Choir Practice, nave
Taste of the Spirit Planning Meeting, church office
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in the
Spirit*

Notes from the Interim Rector

One of the things that I plan to do during my time with you is to share some thoughts on various things about life at Holy Spirit. The primary purpose of these occasional notes is to support and to encourage all of us as we journey together over the next several months. I'm not sure how long I'll be here but I want my tenure as your interim rector to be a time in which we all grow spiritually.

While I have only just begun to experience life at Holy Spirit, I can already see that this is a lively parish committed to living out the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You have many gifts and much to offer. Let's work together to share these gifts with each other and the larger community in ways that draw us and our neighbors closer to God.

Finally, I want you to know how grateful I am for the warm welcome that Anne and I received upon our arrival at your doorstep. We already feel at home and look forward to getting to know all of you better and to participating as fully as we can in the life and ministry of this parish church. Thank you for your hospitality and warm welcome!

The Rev. Bill Blackerby, Interim Rector

Weekly & Monthly Reminders

Choir Practice	Feb 1st	7:00 pm	Choir Room
Centering Prayer	Feb 7th	5:00 pm	Nave
Women's Circle	Feb 7th	6:30 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

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
Thurs, Apr 13th	Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 pm
Fri, Apr 14th	Good Friday Service & Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm
Sat, Apr 15th	Easter Vigil, 7:00 pm
Sun, Apr 16th	Easter Sunday

Church Happenings

Cahaba Valley Health Screening, TODAY at 1:00 pm, parish hall

We need helpers! Come be a greeter, or a gopher and help us out! Please plan to help us welcome our neighbors. 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?

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-al.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.

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!!

Cookies for Beans & Rice

As part of our Beans & Rice Ministry, we like to add a small bag of cookies (homemade cookies, store-bought cookies, brownies, etc.) to the bag of food staples that we provide each month to those in need. This treat is greatly appreciated. Please consider signing up (by yourself or with a friend) to provide cookies for one of the Rice & Beans Ministry Saturdays during the year. Sign up and get all the details at: <http://holyspirit-al.org/volunteer-spot/>

Centering Prayer, Tuesday, February 7th at 5:00pm, nave

If you've been curious about how Centering Prayer might enrich your Spiritual Practice, now is the time to find out. Join us as we meet on the first Tuesday of each month to encourage each other in this ancient practice. We'll spend about 20 minutes sitting together in peaceful, reverent, healing silence, and we'll share our stories and tips for incorporating this practice into our daily lives.

Healing Eucharist, Wednesday, February 8th at 11:00 am

In need of a mid-week boost? Come join us for a quiet, service of healing February 8th at 11:00 am. Those who wish to stay are welcome to stay for a brown bag lunch immediately following the service.

Men's Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, February 11th at 8am

Join the men of Holy Spirit as they meet once a month on the second Saturday to gather for breakfast, prayer time, and fellowship. **All men are welcome and encouraged to come.** Cooking starts at 7:00 am with breakfast served at 8:00am. Please bring a few dollars to help cover the cost of breakfast. Be sure to wear your favorite hat! If you are interested in cooking breakfast or have other questions, contact Buzz Palmer, buzz.palmer@rawsonlp.com; Al Delchamps, aldel111@aol.com; or Doug Smedley, dsmedley@calera.org.

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.

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. 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.

Shop at the Camp Store Online: campmcdowell.com/shop

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 22, 2016.

Pledged	\$4,515.00
Unpledged	\$ 15.22
Beans and Rice	\$ 30.00
Christian Education	\$ 25.00
Flowers	\$ 35.00
Parish Life	\$ 91.00
Memorial Fund (Doris Smith)	\$ 50.00
Boston Butt Purchases	\$ 280.00
Boston Butt Donations	<u>\$ 105.00</u>
Total Contributions	\$5,146.22

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; Good Samaritan Health Clinic, Cullman; Community Free Clinic of Morgan County, Decatur; St. Michael's Community Service Center, Anniston

Ministries and Programs within The Church of the Holy Spirit: Guidance for new outreach opportunities

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 and the victims of the recent tornado destruction

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); Bud Montgomery, Henry (Carol Smedley); Kim & Luke Sloan, Nila Whetsell, Roy Wolfe, David, Obie, Brian, Bill & Debbie (Katy Brooks); Karen Marshall (Allyson Agee); Barbara Carroll (Harriet & Bill Meeks); Jaxson (Mary Hodgetts); Jim Mankoski (Allyson Agee); Dan Poset; Shannon Bogert & family (Amanda Wilbanks); Buzz Palmer; Isabelle Jackson; Hal Skalka; Eric Mizell & Victor Turek (RJ Dilbeck); 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: Kaleb Kilgore (1/30), Marian Hester (2/2), Abby Cowan (2/3), Jim Hamilton (2/4), Bella Brooks (2/6), Allison Smith (2/10), Eileen Dilbeck (2/12)

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