

Week of October 2 - 9, 2016

Sunday, October 2nd

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 IWC Planning Team, parish hall (*brown bag lunch*)
2:30 pm Blessing of the Animals Liturgy, church yard

Monday, October 3rd

5:30 pm Centering Prayer, nave
6:30 pm Wisdom's Way, parish hall

Wednesday, October 5th

6:30 pm Celtic Eucharist, nave (*Please note earlier time*)
7:30 pm Choir Practice, nave

Friday, October 7th

7:00 pm Cursillo Open House, parish hall

Saturday, October 8th

8:00 am Men's Prayer Group & Breakfast, parish hall

Sunday, October 9th

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

Dear Holy Spirit Family,

It is with a mixture of emotions that I inform you that I have accepted a call to serve at St. Luke's in Birmingham. My last Sunday at Holy Spirit will be November 6th.

Malcolm and I have treasured our time with you and appreciate the gracious way you have welcomed, loved, and supported us. It has been exciting to participate in the many new ministries, services, and outreach programs that you have created. I am inspired by the way you embrace new people and create loving community. This is at the core of who you are as a faith community and is one of the many reasons Holy Spirit is a growing, vibrant church.

I want to lift up the strength of the parish at this time. Under Peg's direction the choir is growing and is a vital component of creating beautiful worship. Educational offerings for our children and adult participation has expanded significantly with Julia's leadership. Tara provides extremely kind and competent stability in the office. Membership is increasing, and nearly everyone connected with Holy Spirit is involved in some type of ministry or formation program. Your vestry is engaged and will continue to provide great leadership. This is a healthy parish that will continue to be a beacon of Christ's hope and love.

My faith has deepened during this sacred time with you. You have been instrumental in my formation, walking with me as I transitioned from lay leader, deacon, and priest. Thank you for your gentle guidance and generous forgiveness as I learn my way.

Transitions can be challenging & it is natural to experience a wide range of emotions from sadness, to anxiety to excited anticipation. Malcolm & I are already grieving the nearing end of our season with you. In the meantime, we will savor & enjoy our time here at Holy Spirit, & forever carry you in our hearts & prayers.

Mandy Golightly, Senior Warden, and Adam Power, Junior Warden will keep you abreast of news regarding the transition as it becomes available. They have already been in communication with the diocese and there is a strong desire to continue the momentum you have built here at Holy Spirit.

Yours in Christ,
Mary Bea+

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Weekly & Monthly Reminders

Invite•Welcome•Connect	Oct 2nd	11:45 am	Parish Hall
Centering Prayer	Oct 3rd	5:30 pm	Nave
Choir Practice	Oct 5th	7:00 pm	Nave
Men's Prayer Breakfast	Oct 8th	8:00 am	Parish Hall
Women's Circle	Oct 11th	6:30 pm	Nave
Healing Eucharist	Oct 12th	11:00 am	Nave
Pack for Beans & Rice	Oct 14th	9:00 am	Parish Hall
Beans & Rice	Oct 15th	9:00 am	Narthex
Holy Spirit 101	Oct 16th	11:45 am	Rector's Office
Daughters of the King	Oct 16th	11:45 am	Parish Hall
Bunco	Oct 20th	6:30 pm	Parish Hall
Vestry Meeting	Oct 23rd	11:45 am	Parish Hall

Save the Date

Wed, Oct 12th	Healing Eucharist & Lunch, 11:00 am
Sun, Oct 16th	Children's Liturgy, 10:30 am service
Wed, Oct 26th	Bethany Village Update with Bishop Kee Sloan, 6:00 pm
Sun, Nov 6th	Mary Bea and Malcolm's Last Sunday
Sun, Nov 13th	Confirmation & Bishop's Visit, 10:30 am
Sun, Dec 11th	Lessons & Carols, 5:00 pm

Church Happenings

Foundations of the Faith Sundays from 10/2 to 11/6 at 9:30 am

Have you wondered why we celebrate the Eucharist each week? What the different colors of the priest and altar's vestments mean? Why we use a Book of Common Prayer? Mary Bea, Alison, and Malcolm will share the teaching for this Adult Forum Series that focuses on the Episcopal/Anglican tradition. This course is required for those seeking to be confirmed or received during the Bishop's visit on 11/13. However, all are welcome to learn and share your experiences.

10/2	Book of Common Prayer with Rev. Mary Bea Sullivan
10/9 & 10/16	Worship & Liturgy with Rev. Alison Carmody
10/23	Sacraments with Rev. Mary Bea Sullivan
10/30	Anglican Theology/Creeds/Scripture with Rev. Mary Bea Sullivan
11/6	Living Out Baptismal Covenant and Episcopal Polity With Revs. Mary Bea Sullivan and Malcolm Marler

Centering Prayer, October 3rd at 5:30pm

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 Monday 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. Our first meeting will be Oct. 3 at 5:30 in the Nave.

Celtic Eucharist, Wednesday, October 5th at 6:30 pm

This is a candlelight service using sacred music to provide a meditative worship experience. You are invited to this quiet, contemplative evening worship experience, which is steeped in tradition. This service invites you to enter into a place of rest, prayer and reflection. The atmosphere is one of stillness and calm.

Childcare is provided.

Healing Eucharist, Wednesday, Oct 12th at 11:00 am

In need of a mid-week boost? Come join us for a quiet, service of healing at 11 am on October 12th. Those who wish to stay are welcome to stay for a brown bag lunch immediately following the service.

Cursillo Open House, October 7th at 6:30pm

If you are interested in going to Cursillo or just learning more about it, please join us! We will have several Cursillistas (people that have already been to Cursillo) at the meeting as well. This is not a "secret society"! There are many wonderful surprises at Cursillo and I truly believe that when the Lord leads you to go, you get exactly what you need from it, and you leave with a lasting impression, a changed heart, lifelong friends and community centered on our Lord and living in the spirit. Bring the kiddos! Childcare provided. Please bring a snack to share! Beverages will be provided.

Men's Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, October 8th at 8am

We are starting a men's group to meet once a month on the second Saturday to gather for breakfast, prayer time, and fellowship. All men are welcome and encouraged to come. The first gathering will be Saturday, Sept 10th at 8:00am and end at 9:00am – cooks start at 7am. Please bring a few dollars to help cover the cost of breakfast. More information to follow. 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.

Wisdom's Way—a practical and spiritual exploration of the Bible's Wisdom Literature.

Mondays, October 3rd – 24th at 6:30 pm, no class 10/10

Join Mary Bea for this 6-week exploration of Wisdom Literature in the Bible focusing on Proverbs, the Book of Job, Ecclesiastes, and the Wisdom of Solomon. We will reflect upon the writings of these ancient sages and how they inform our spiritual life today. The format will incorporate lecture, group discussion, and spiritual practices that support our growing in wisdom. "Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her." Wisdom of Solomon 6:12. Drop-ins welcome!

Holy Spirit 101 – October 16th at 11:45am

Come learn more about Holy Spirit with Mary Bea and a vestry member Sunday, February 21st after the 10:30 service. This is a great opportunity for visitors (but all are welcome) to gather once a month in the rector's office with refreshments and hear about the church and our offerings.

Holy Spirit Blessing of the Animals, TODAY at 2:30pm – Holy Spirit

In honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, we will have a special service followed by blessing of all creatures great and small. Kids are invited to bring their favorite stuffed animals as well. We will also pray for those pets at home and those who have died. There will be human and pet refreshments available. Please bring canned or packaged pet food that will be donated to a local shelter.

Thank you...

- All who helped on parish workday!
- Daughters of the King for praying for our parish in a special way.
- Mandy Golightly and the vestry for their courageous and kind leadership.

Diocesan/Local Offerings

A Day on Addiction and Recovery, October 15th

The Diocesan Department of Recovery Ministries is presenting *A Day of Addiction and Recovery* at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church October 15th. The program will feature keynoters Michael O'Keefe and Travis Meadows. There will also be break-out sessions focusing on families, addiction as a disease, young adult issues, and what's out there? The day will close with a Recovery Eucharist. Lunch will be provided.

Fall Fling for 5th & 6th graders at Camp McDowell, October 14th- 16th

The Diocese is hosting a Fall Fling for 5th & 6th graders at Camp McDowell. Cost is \$125 and scholarships are available. For more information go to www.campmcdowell.com/retreat/fall-fling or contact Stratt Byers at Stratt@campmcdowell.com. REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN.

Getting Ready to Gef Ready, Saturday, November 19th

Join the Diocesan Commission on Spirituality and the Daughters of the King for a quiet day of reflection to prepare for the Advent season at St. Mary's on the Highlands from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Cost is \$15 (lunch provided) – register at <http://bit.ly/getreadyday>.

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, September 25, 2016.

Pledged.....	\$3,257.00
Unpledged.....	\$ 116.00
Flowers.....	\$ 35.00
Parish Life.....	\$ 10.00
Total Contributions.....	\$3,418.00

Please pray for...

Bishops and Clergy: Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop ECUSA; Kee Sloan, Alabama Bishop; Mary Bea Sullivan, Rector; Alison Carmody, Priest Affiliate; Malcolm Marler, Priest Affiliate; Stan Wright, Priest Affiliate

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Our companion dioceses of Alaska & the Virgin Islands & their bishops Mark & Ambrose; Hand-in-Paw and all animal assisted ministries; St. Francis of Assisi, Indian Springs; St. Francis Chapel, Camp McDowell

Ministries and Programs within The Church of the Holy Spirit: Children's Christian Formation, EYC, Adult Education, Diocesan Connections

For Nation and Local Community: Barack Obama, President; Robert Bentley, Governor; Communities of Calera, Alabaster, Helena, Maylene, & Pelham, Nature and people impacted by Helena gas leak

For all people everywhere especially: Those impacted by the flooding in Louisiana, unrest in Tulsa and Charlotte, and wars throughout the world.

Healing & Guidance for members, relatives and friends of Holy Spirit: Doris & Richard Smith (Victoria Knierim); Carl Raymond (Allyson Agee); Jo Cochran (Judy Dykes); Roxie & Stan Wright; Debra Dewees (Glenda Jones); Shirley Marshall (Allyson Agee); Francie and Alan Gardner; Fred Aldrich (David Aldrich); Carl Bruner; Susan Vincens (Janet Palmer); Olivia Kilgore; Brandy Carmichael (Debra Dickey); Susie Burnside (Mandy Curry); Bud Montgomery (Carol Smedley); Betty & Baylee Marek; Barbara Conyers (Mary Bea Sullivan); Jim Hamilton; Dorothy Powell

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: Carrie May (10/4), Roxie Wright (10/7), Pam Bainter (10/7), Kem Muruako (10/8), Lila Golightly (10/8), Daniel Campos (10/9), Olivia Kilgore (10/14), Bill Spencer (10/16)

Upcoming Anniversaries: Ellen & Janet Cooley (10/10), Erica & Richard Wall (10/11)

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit ♦ Reverend Mary Bea Sullivan, Rector

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

Rev. Mary Bea's days off are Friday & Saturday (but may be reached for emergency)

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