

Week of October 23 - 30, 2016

Living in the Spirit

Sunday, October 23rd – Living Generously Kick-off

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 Vestry Meeting, parish hall
Prayer Shawl Ministry, nave

Monday, October 24th

6:30 pm Wisdom's Way, parish hall

Wednesday, October 26th

6:00 pm Bethany Village Update with Bishop Kee Sloan, parish hall (*dinner & childcare provided*)

7:00 pm Choir Practice, nave

Sunday, October 30th

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 Usher Training, narthex
Holy Spirit 101, rector's office

Dear Holy Spirit Family,

When I was a little girl, my parents would herd all 7 of my siblings and me to the Catholic Church for services every Sunday. Just before the collection plate would come down our pew, we would each be given a quarter to place in the plate. I loved the "tink" sound of my quarter hitting the plate. As I got older, I was no longer given money to offer, but expected to give some of my paper route and babysitting earnings. The message was clear—God has been generous to you, you are to gratefully be generous to God. I am thankful to my parents for this early reminder about living generously. I have a long way to go to live up to the legacy handed down to me.

Living generously is about more than money. It is about how share all of the gifts we have been given—our time, our home, our food, our talents, our love.... Underneath the spirit of generosity is a spirit of trust. Trust that there will be enough; trust that in giving we receive. I am grateful to you for the way you live generously—how you care for your families, your church home, and the greater community. Holy Spirit is a generous community!

This week we begin our "Living Generously" Stewardship Campaign. I am grateful to Roy Clem for heading up the campaign for us this year. All of the good work God is doing here is supported by your financial contributions—feeding families in the community, teaching our children about Jesus, offering beautiful worship, building homes for those in need, sending children to camp, providing spiritual support for those in need, and more. As you prepare for the calling of a new rector, **it will be a tremendous sign of love and support for your church home for every family to complete a Giving Card.** If you have questions about the vision and/or budget of Holy Spirit feel free to contact Mandy Golightly, Al Delchamps, or me. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

We will celebrate your generosity with the in-gathering on November 6th.

Yours in Christ,
Mary Bea+

Weekly & Monthly Reminders

Vestry Meeting	Oct 23rd	11:45 am	Parish Hall
Choir Practice	Oct 26th	7:00 pm	Nave
Holy Spirit 101	Oct 30th	11:45 am	Rector's Office
Women's Circle	Nov 1st	6:30 pm	Nave
Centering Prayer	Nov 7th	5:30 pm	Nave
Healing Eucharist	Nov 9th	11:00 am	Nave
Men's Prayer Breakfast	Nov 12th	8:00 am	Parish Hall
Daughters of the King	Nov 17th		
Bunco	Nov 17th	6:30 pm	Parish Hall
Pack for Beans & Rice	Nov 18th	9:00 am	Parish Hall
Beans & Rice	Nov 19th	9:00 am	Narthex

Save the Date

Wed, Oct 26th	Bethany Village Update with Bishop Kee Sloan, 6:00 pm
Sun, Nov 6th	Mary Bea and Malcolm's Last Sunday, "Living Generously" In-Gathering
Wed, Nov 9th	Healing Eucharist & Lunch (brown bag), 11:00 am
Sun, Nov 13th	Confirmation & Bishop's Visit, one service 10:30 am , reception to follow
Sun, Dec 11th	Lessons & Carols, 5:00 pm

Church Happenings

Bethany Village Update with Bishop Kee Sloan, Wednesday, October 26th at 6:00 pm

Let's give Bishop Sloan a big Holy Spirit welcome and come gets the latest information on Bethany Village. Knowing Bishop Sloan there will be some good stories too!! Don't worry if you can't get here right at 6:00. Grab soup and salad when you arrive and listen to this wonderful story and ask questions of the bishop. Dinner at 6:00 pm with presentation at 6:30 pm. *Childcare provided*

Honduras Mission Trip Informational Meeting, October 23rd 3:00pm at St. Luke's

Meeting regarding mission trip to Honduras. Sunday, October 23 @ 3:00 p.m., St. Lukes, Room 228. (through main doors upstairs to the right). If you would like to learn more about the upcoming trip to Honduras this summer, come join us for fellowship and information. Questions, ask Doug or Carol Smedley.

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Sunday, October 23rd TODAY at 11:45 am

Do you knit or crochet? Would you like to create prayer shawls to comfort those in need? If so please join us in the nave today after the 10:30am service as we gather for fellowship and to work on our shawls. Contact Tara Portney if you have any questions, tara@holyspirit-al.org.

Wisdom's Way – Monday, October 24th at 6:30 pm

A practical and spiritual exploration of the Bible's Wisdom Literature,

Join Mary Bea for the last of 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. This week we will focus on the book The Wisdom of Solomon. Drop-ins welcome!

Holy Spirit 101 – October 30th, at 11:45am

Come learn more about Holy Spirit with Mary Bea and M.E. Spencer Sunday, October 30th 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.

Foundations of the Faith Sundays from 10/23 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.

10/23	Sacraments
10/30	Anglican Theology/Creeds/Scripture
11/6	Confirmation Practice

Parish Luncheon for Mary Bea & Malcolm, Sunday, November 6th

We will celebrate Mary Bea and Malcolm's time and service with us with a potluck lunch following the 10:30 a.m. service on November 6. Visit PerfectPotluck.com to sign up to bring a dish to share: coordinator name, Greer and the password ECOHS.

All Saint's Sunday, Sunday, November 6th

If you would like to have the name of a loved one who has recently died sung in the litany of saints November 6th, please add the name to the list in the narthex or email or call Tara, tara@holyspirit-al.org.

Diocesan Convention Delegates

Would you like the honor of representing Holy Spirit at the 186th Diocesan Convention? We need three delegates to attend this two day convention to hear all the latest updates from around the diocese and to vote on behalf of our congregation. The convention will be held at The Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center in Birmingham February 17th & 18th, 2017. Please contact Mandy Golightly, mmgolightly@gmail.com, if you are interested.

Thank you...

- Mandy Golightly and entire vestry for their faithful leadership.
- Sarah Sartain, from the diocese, for guiding the vestry through this transition.
- Roy Clem for leading the Stewardship Campaign.
- Matt Roth for getting our pledge cards printed.
- Mary Hodgetts for facilitating the Women's Circle.

Diocesan/Local Offerings

There are so many wonderful events happening throughout our Diocese. Be sure to visit the diocesan website, www.dioala.org, for details. Check out the bulletin board in the parish hall for a few highlights.

Getting Ready to Get Ready, Saturday, November 19th

Join the Diocesan Commission on Spirituality and the Daughters of the King from St. Mary's-on-the-Highlands for their second annual Pre-Advent Quiet Day. The Rev. Bayse Holland-Shuey from Huntsville will lead a program of prayers, meditations, and spiritual exercises to inspire one's journey through Advent. The Quiet Day will be held on November 19, 2016, at St. Mary's-on-the-Highlands, 1910 12th Avenue, South, Birmingham, from 9 am to 1 pm. Registration is \$15 with lunch provided. Register by calling Kathy Graham at Carpenter House at 205 -715-2066 or by signing up at <https://secure-q.net/EventQ/Event?OrgID=dioala&EventID=3001>

Christmas Conference at Camp McDowell, December 28-30

Open to youth in grades 9-12

Join youth from around our diocese to enjoy Camp McDowell during your Christmas break. This year's theme: *Let There Be Light*. Register at https://docs.google.com/a/holyspirit-al.org/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScA0K8fKEzsYkM9_sb5ddS33zgten4lem1V1JKllck9aiyAA/viewform

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, October 16, 2016.

Pledged.....	\$2,967.00
Unpledged.....	\$ 249.00
Cursillo.....	\$ 84.00
Outreach.....	\$ 62.88
Parish Life.....	\$ 10.00
Total Contributions.....	\$3,372.88

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; For ministries to all caregivers and families they serve

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

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

For all people everywhere especially: Those impacted by Hurricane Matthew and violence 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; **Kim** Sloan (Nancy Musgrove & Katy Brooks); **Karen** Marshall (Alyson Agee); **Barbara** Carroll (Harriet & Bill Meeks); **Jaxson** (Mary Hodgetts)

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

For all who have died, especially **Tom** Sloan, may light perpetual shine upon them.

Upcoming Birthdays: Doug Smedley (10/23), Bill Sorensen (10/24), Jon Nash (10/28), Parker Agee (10/28), Mia Stephens (10/28), Buzz Palmer (10/30), Adam Power (10/31), Jennifer Creamer (11/4), Freddie Delchamps (11/5)

Upcoming Anniversaries: Carol and Doug Smedley (10/24), Paula & Trey Hughes (11/5)

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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