

Week of November 6 - 13, 2016

Living in the Spirit

Sunday, November 6th – Living Generously In-Gathering

- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:30 am Christian Formation for all ages, parish hall
Confirmation Practice, nave
Choir Practice, choir room
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:45 am Reception for Mary Bea and Malcolm, parish hall

Monday, November 7th

- 5:00 pm Centering Prayer, nave

Wednesday, November 9th

- 11:00 am Healing Eucharist, nave
7:00 pm Choir practice, nave

Saturday, November 12th

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

Sunday, November 13th – Baptism & Confirmation – ONE SERVICE

- 9:30 am Coffee & Conversation with Bishop Kee Sloan, parish hall
Choir Practice, nave
10:30 am Holy Eucharist with Baptism & Confirmation, Rite II
11:45 am Reception for newly Baptized & Confirmed, parish hall
Vestry Meeting, rector's office

Dear Holy Spirit Family,

How fitting that today, as Malcolm and I prepare to depart from this beloved community, we celebrate the communion of saints. It is comforting to know we are knit together in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Christ—those gathered here in this place, those gathered around the world, and those who have gone before us, gathered in life eternal. As we speak or chant the names of those who have gone before us, we remember some of the multitudes who have touched our lives; remembering them in a way that calls forth their continued presence in our lives. We give thanks for their impact in our lives.

As hard as it is to “good bye” to you today, I am grateful to know you are forever in my heart and that we are joined together eternally through Christ. Thank you for your gracious welcome and support of Malcolm and me. We have felt loved have savored our time with you. This has been a golden season in my life, praying, working, serving, and playing alongside you, all in the name of Christ.

This community is a testimony to the beloved community that Jesus proclaims—you are diverse in a variety of ways, you are generous in your care of one another and the greater community, you give thanks to God and remember that all good things come from God. This will continue to be who you are at your core during this time of transition. As you continue to Love God with all your heart all your mind all your soul and all your strength, and love your neighbor as yourself, you will see the face of God in one another. If you experience anxiety or concern, I pray you will support one another as I have witnessed you do so beautifully these past few years. The next persons who will shepherd you—Rev. Alison Carmody, Rev. Steve DeGweck, and your Interim Rector, and eventually your new Rector, will all be blessed to be welcomed by such a generous community.

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always be at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, may the rains fall soft upon your fields. Until we meet again, may God you you in the hollow of God's hand. Amen.

Yours in Christ,
Mary Bea+

Weekly & Monthly Reminders

Centering Prayer	Nov 7th	5:30 pm	Nave
Healing Eucharist	Nov 9th	11:00 am	Nave
Choir Practice	Nov 9th	7:00 pm	Nave
Men's Prayer Breakfast	Nov 12th	8:00 am	Parish Hall
Vestry Meeting	Nov 13th	11:45 am	Parish Hall
Women's Circle	Nov 15th	6:30 pm	Nave
Daughters of the King	Nov 17th		
Pack for Beans & Rice	Nov 18th	9:00 am	Parish Hall
Beans & Rice	Nov 19th	9:00 am	Narthex
Holy Spirit 101	Nov 20th	11:45 am	Rector's Office
Bunco	Dec 15th	6:30 pm	Parish Hall

Save the Date

Wed, Nov 9th	Healing Eucharist & Lunch (brown bag), 11:00 am
Sun, Nov 13th	Coffee & Conversation with Bishop Kee Sloan, 9:30 am Confirmation & Bishop's Visit, one service 10:30 am , reception to follow
Wed, Nov 23rd	Thanksgiving Turkey cook & pick-up
Sun, Nov 27th	Intergenerational Advent Wreath Making, 9:30 am
Sun, Dec 11th	Lessons & Carols, 5:00 pm

Church Happenings

Parish Luncheon for Mary Bea & Malcolm, TODAY

We will celebrate Mary Bea and Malcolm's time and service with us with a potluck lunch following the 10:30 a.m. service TODAY. Please join us in the parish hall to wish Mary Bea and Malcolm the best in their next call to serve Christ.

Conversation with Bishop Sloan, Sunday, November 13th 9:30 am

Join Bishop Sloan for coffee and conversation at 9:30 on Sunday, Nov 13th. The bishop will be available to answer any questions you may have including those regarding our transition process and happenings around the diocese.

Confirmation & Baptism Service with Bishop Sloan, Sunday, November 13th at 10:30 am

Sunday, November 13th we will celebrate a Baptism, Confirmations, and Reaffirmations with **ONE SERVICE** at 10:30am with Bishop Kee Sloan. Make plans to be here to be a part of this special day for these members.

We will have a reception following the service (details coming soon). Please keep these members in your prayers as they prepare for this day.

Marlowe Grace Sweeney

David Duncan Aldrich ☯ Julia Isabel Burson ☯ Debra Ann Dickey
Drew Miller Golightly ☯ Sharon Malone Poset ☯ Kelly Harvey Wrightson
Mandy Golightly ☯ Chip Maxwell ☯ Claudia Maxwell

Centering Prayer, November 7th 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.

Healing Eucharist, Wednesday, November 9th at 11:00 am

In need of a mid-week boost? Come join us for a quiet, service of healing November 9th 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, November 12th 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.

Wanna Get Out of Cooking that Thanksgiving Turkey and support Holy Spirit?

Let Buzz and the Holy Smokers do the work for you! Order your Thanksgiving turkeys now! Each turkey will be 12-14 lbs and costs \$35. They will be ready for pickup at the church 2:00pm Wednesday, November 23rd. Order online at: <http://holyspirit-al.org/hs-store/>, call the office, or fill out a form in the narthex. Thanks to you we have been able to supply to families in need. If you would like to donate indicate so on your order. If you could use the assistance of a donated Thanksgiving turkey to feed your family, please let Mary Bea know. Also, if you know a family (outside the church) that could use one, please let her know that as well. **Want to be a Holy Smoker?** The cook will begin at 5:00 am on Wednesday the 23rd. 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 1:00 pm. Contact Al Delchamps, aldel111@aol.com, if you can help out.

Intergenerational Advent Wreath Making – Sunday, Nov 27th at 9:30am

Everyone is invited to come make an Advent wreath during the Christian Education hour Nov. 27th. Each family will make a wreath to take home to use during the Advent season. Suggested donation \$10. We will need greens for the wreaths, please collect & bring cut greens from your yard as the date approaches.

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.

Please wear your nametag each Sunday.

Wearing your nametag will be very helpful for the upcoming Bishop's visit and for visiting priests during this transition. If you need a nametag, please write your name on the sheet provided.

Thank you...

- M.E. Spencer for offering herself as verger and Rev. Alison Carmody for assistance in training.
- Daughters of the King for donating the prayer box in the narthex.
- Mandy Golightly and the entire vestry for their faithful leadership.
- Pastoral Care Team for tending to those in need.
- Sharon Greer and Parish Life for organizing today's reception.

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 <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, October 30, 2016.

Pledged	\$1,887.00
Unpledged	\$ 421.00
Parish Life	\$ 19.62
Columbarium Niche Fees	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Total Contributions.....	\$4,327,62

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; Commission of Spirituality; Daughters of the King

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, For the election of new leaders

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); **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); **Suzanna, Jody, Tina, Barbara, and Ryan** Rawlins; **Dan** Poset; **Joanne; Aubrie Kate** Atkinson

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

For all who have died, especially **Alan** Gardner, may light perpetual shine upon them.

Upcoming Birthdays: Shirley Hamilton (11/9), Mandy Golightly (11/11), Richard Wall (11/11), Brayleigh Araujo (11/16), Sarah Salmon (11/17), Collin Spicer (11/19), Charles Bainter (11/19), Catherine Salmon (11/20)

Upcoming Anniversaries: Deb & Eddie Sabol (11/20), Catherine & Mark Salmon (11/20)

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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