

Week of November 13 – 20, 2016

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

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

Tuesday, November 15th

6:00 pm Women's Circle, nave

Wednesday, November 16th

7:00 pm Choir practice, nave

Friday, November 18th

9:00 am Pack for Beans & Rice, parish hall

Saturday, November 19th

9:00 am Beans & Rice Distribution, narthex

Sunday, November 20th

8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:30 am Christian Formation for all ages, parish hall
Choir Practice, choir room
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:45 am Holy Spirit 101, rector's office

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in the
Spirit*

Dear Holy Spirit Family,

Last Sunday was a beautiful day, sad, but beautiful. It was wonderful to see so many of us together to celebrate Mary Bea and Malcolm. "How lucky we are to have known someone who is so hard to say goodbye to. . ."

On behalf of the Vestry, I want to share an update regarding the process ahead and our current stewardship campaign.

Thank you for your generosity at the in-gathering. We currently have 41 families pledged a total amount pledged of \$134,730. If you haven't completed your pledge card, fear not- you can still complete your pledge cards online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/livinggenerously2016> or bring your Living Generously card to church and place it in the red offering bag. Please pray about God's generosity in your life and then make a pledge that reflects that generosity. As Roy Clem shared in his speech a couple of weeks ago, "Now, is not the time to pull back on your support of Holy Spirit. Now is the time to shine by sharing whatever you can."

The Vestry and I will keep you up to date on the process for finding our new rector. This will be a multi-step process over the next several months. The diocese will be with us through each step and will do everything they can to help support the parish during this time of transition. Again, we have the rest of 2016 covered with Rev. Alison Carmody and Father Steve DeGweck. The vestry has a meeting scheduled with a potential interim rector and we will keep you informed regarding this along the way. We anticipate that our search committee will be formed around February. Should you want to be a part of the search committee please let me or someone on the vestry know. The first goal of search committee will be to update our parish profile. Once the profile is updated, the process of looking for candidates that are a good match for our congregation will begin. The Vestry and I are committed to keeping everyone up to date on the search process as it develops.

I know this isn't an easy time, but again and again I say to you "We've got this!" I am grateful for our strong vestry, our strong parish and we as a church family will land even stronger.

Please do not hesitate to contact me (mmgolightly@gmail.com) or your Vestry with any questions along the way.

Peace, Mandy Golightly

Weekly & Monthly Reminders

Vestry Meeting	Nov 13th	11:45 am	Parish Hall
Women's Circle	Nov 15th	6:30 pm	Nave
Choir Practice	Nov 16th	7:00 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
Centering Prayer	Dec 5th	5:30 pm	Nave
Men's Prayer Breakfast	Dec 10th	8:00 am	Parish Hall
Bunco	Dec 15th	6:30 pm	Parish Hall
Healing Eucharist	Dec 14th	11:00 am	Nave

Save the Date

Wed, Nov 23rd	Thanksgiving Turkey cook & pick-up
Sun, Nov 27th	Intergenerational Advent Wreath Making, 9:30 am
Sun, Dec 11th	Advent Lessons & Carols, 5:00 pm
Wed, Dec 14th	Healing Eucharist & Lunch (brown bag), 11:00 am

Church Happenings

Reception following service

Everyone is welcome join us in the parish hall following the service to celebrate the newly baptized, confirmed, received, and reaffirmed.

Araceli Sweeney, paternal grandmother of Marlowe Sweeney, prepared pancit for our reception. A staple of traditional Filipino cuisine, pancit is called the "Long Life Noodles" and is served at celebrations for good luck.

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 Alison Carmody or Mandy Golightly know. Also, if you know a family (outside the church) that could use one, please let them 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, alde111@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.

Cookie Swap – Sunday, Dec. 11th at 9:30am

The annual Christmas cookie swap will be Sunday, Dec. 11th at 9:30am. Each bag should contain at least 6 cookies and the recipe should be provided for each bag. Swap as many bags as you bring.

Advent Lessons & Carols, Sunday, December 11th at 5:00pm

Advent lessons and carols will be presented by the Holy Spirit choir directed by Peg Thompson. Lessons and Carols is a service of prayers, hymns, and scripture that began in England in the 1870's. This service will be held on December 11th at 5:00 pm in the nave of Holy Spirit. Come and experience the retelling of the promise of Christ's birth. Al Delchamps will lead this service.

Angel Tree

Once again Holy Spirit is participating in the Angel Tree outreach ministry. We will have angels from around our area to help give a special Christmas to this year. Angels will be available for pickup next Sunday, 11/20, in the narthex.

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.
- 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 our 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>.

Alabama Folk School Internship

The Alabama Folk School (AFS) at Camp McDowell internship is designed to introduce young professionals to arts administration within a non-profit camp and conference center work environment. Interns at the Alabama Folk School will acquire valuable professional skills during their service period and make contact with potential future employers within and outside of the arts community. The AFS internship is an ideal opportunity for recent college graduates looking for unique experiences to help them determine their vocational path. If you would like to apply, contact Tara, tara@holyspirit-al.org, for more information.

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, November 6, 2016.

Pledged	\$3,832.00
Unpledged	\$ 665.00
Flowers	\$ 35.00
Turkey purchases	\$ 210.00
Turkey donations	\$ 105.00
Parish Life	\$ 5.66
Total Contributions.....	\$4,852.66

Please pray for...

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

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Our companion dioceses of Alaska & the Virgin Islands & their bishops Mark & Ambrose; Alabama Faith Council and its work; Episcopal Place, Birmingham; St. Martin's in the Pine, Birmingham

Ministries and Programs within The Church of the Holy Spirit: Vestry, Beans & Rice, Outreach, Prayer Shawl Ministry

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 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, may light perpetual shine upon them.

Upcoming Birthdays: Brayleigh Araujo (11/16), Sarah Salmon (11/17), Collin Spicer (11/19), Charles Bainter (11/19), Catherine Salmon (11/20), Stephanie Farrell (11/24), Deborah Sabol (11/25), Susan Araujo (11/27), Mark Salmon (11/27)

Upcoming Anniversaries: Deb & Eddie Sabol (11/20), Catherine & Mark Salmon (11/20), Faustina & Dominic Muruako (11/26)

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

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