

*Week of November 19 - 26, 2017*

**Sunday, November 19th**

- 8:00 am Blood Drive honoring Bill Sorensen, parish hall
- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 9:00 am Choir Practice, choir room
- 9:30 am Children's Christian Formation & Coffee Hour, parish hall
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**Wednesday, November 22nd**

- 5:00 am Turkey Cook begins
- 2:00 pm Thanksgiving Turkey Pick Up

**Thursday, November 23rd - Friday, November 24th**

Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

**Sunday, November 26th**

- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 9:00 am Choir Practice, choir room
- 9:30 am Children's Christian Formation & Coffee Hour, parish hall
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*Save the Date...*

- Nov 22nd Thanksgiving Turkey Cook & Pick Up
- Dec 3rd Intergenerational Advent Wreath Making, 9:30 am
- Dec 10th Advent Lessons & Carols, 5:00 pm
- Dec 24th Christmas Eve Services, 5:30 pm & 8:00 pm
- Jan 7th Annual Parish Meeting, 11:45 am

*Weekly & Monthly Reminders*

Sit Quiet	Nov 29th	5:30 pm	Nave
Vestry Meeting	Dec 3rd	9:30 am	Parish Hall
Men's Prayer Breakfast	Dec 9th	8:00 am	Parish Hall
Healing Eucharist	Dec 13th	11:00 am	Nave
Pack for Beans & Rice	Dec 15th	9:00 am	Parish Hall
Beans & Rice	Dec 16th	9:00 am	Narthex
Bunco	Dec 21st	6:30 pm	Parish Hall

*Vestry & Diocesan Convention Nominations*

We are still looking for members to serve on vestry and as delegates to the annual Diocesan Convention. These are both wonderful experiences! Please see Mandy Golightly or Father Bill for more information.

*Living  
in the  
Spirit*

*Updates on Stewardship Campaign & Taste of the Spirit inside*

## *2017 Stewardship Campaign Summary*

The Stewardship Campaign for this year has been completed. As everyone knows, we started and finished our campaign a bit earlier than we normally do, in order to be able to have a compensation package ready for the Search Committee to use when we resume our rector search in January 2018.

First, I want to thank you, our parishioners, for helping make this campaign a success. You have replied with enthusiasm, filling out and turning in your pledge cards. You replied with faith, pledging to give towards our future. Thank you for your faith and your charitable hearts.

I am happy to report that our stewardship campaign was very successful. We received a total of 51 pledge cards, either filled out on paper or done online. These 51 pledges include two new pledges, with more than half of you increasing your pledge, helping us to reach our goal.

If you have not turned in your pledge card, and you would like to, it is not too late! Pledge cards will continue to be accepted through the end of the year.

The vestry is now taking these pledges and creating our budget for next year, including creating a rector compensation package for our search committee. You will hear more details at our annual meeting in January.

Thank you again, and God bless you all!

Doug Smedley Jr.

## *Thanksgiving Turkeys* – LAST CALL! Deadline tomorrow at 10am!!

### **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 \$40. They will be ready for pickup at the church 2:00 pm Wednesday, November 22nd. 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 or you know a family that could use the assistance of a donated Thanksgiving turkey to feed your family, please let the office know, [office@holyspirit-al.org](mailto:office@holyspirit-al.org).

**Come be a Holy Smoker?** The cook will begin at 5:00 am on Wednesday the 2nd. We'll need 10 people there at 5:00 am for an hour. We'll need 6 people around 9:30 am and then 6 people at about 1:00 pm. Contact Al Delchamps, [aldel111@aol.com](mailto:aldel111@aol.com), if you can help out.

## *Church Happenings*

### **Intergenerational Advent Wreath Making – Sunday, December 3rd at 9:30am**

Everyone is invited to come make an Advent wreath during the Christian Education hour Dec 3rd. Each family will make a wreath to take home to use during the Advent season. Suggested donation \$10.

### **Angel Tree**

Once again Holy Spirit is participating in the Angel Tree outreach ministry. We will have 25 angels from around our area to help give a special Christmas to this year. Angels will be available for pickup Sunday, Dec 3rd, in the narthex. All gifts are due back Dec 17th.

**Advent Lessons & Carols, Sunday, December 10th 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, music, and scripture readings which tell the Old Testament prophecy of the coming of a savior and culminates with the Angel Gabriel announcing to Mary that she will soon bear God's son. This service will be held on December 10th at 5:00 pm in the nave of Holy Spirit. Come experience this beautiful and meaningful service. There will be a reception following. Invite your friends!

**Jazz and Jambalaya: Reflections on Taste of the Spirit**

Y'all did it! You, the people of The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, pulled off what can only be described as a hugely successful event. The budgeted net income for Taste of the Spirit was \$4500. Instead, this year's TOTS netted \$6500, 44.5% above what was projected!

While it's wonderful that you exceeded expectations financially, what really stands out for me is how so many people from the parish took part in putting on this fun event. Parishioners cooked food, donated beverages, rounded up silent auction items, designed and distributed advertising, set-up and decorated the parish hall, lined up entertainment, made Anglican prayer beads, arranged the church for the performances, cleaned up, made phone calls, sent emails and texts, chaired committees, bought tickets, sold tickets, invited friends and family, and so much more. TOTS can surely be described as a parish family effort.

Initial plans for the 2018 *Jazz and Jambalaya* are already underway. This makes me happy because I hope that y'all do this for many years to come. Events like this build community, creating bonds that last a lifetime.

Father Bill Blackerby

*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 12, 2017.

Pledged.....	\$3,710.00
Unpledged.....	\$ 20.00
Beans and Rice .....	\$ 38.89
Flowers .....	\$ 27.45
Bethany Village.....	\$ 400.00
Outreach—turkey donations .....	\$ 280.00
Turkey fundraiser .....	\$1,780.00
Consignment fundraiser .....	\$ 240.00
TOTS in kind donations .....	\$ 74.23
TOTS fundraiser.....	\$ 55.00
Mens' Breakfast Group.....	\$ 50.00
Total Contributions .....	<u>\$6,675.57</u>

**Avg Sunday Attendance**

	Aug	Sept	Oct
8:30am	12	9	12
10:30am	70	60	59
Total	81	69	70

## *Diocesan Connection*

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

### **Food for Thought: Feed My Sheep – January 27th, 9am – 1pm, St. Stephen's**

A diocesan wide worship for your parish to learn about the importance of implementing and supporting food based outreach in your community presented by the Diocesan Department of Mission & Outreach. Cost: \$10 per person (lunch included). Register at [dioala.org](http://dioala.org) or see Tara for more information.

## *Please pray for...*

**Bishops and Clergy:** Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; **Michael** 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; Ministry of all church musicians and choir members; Task Force for Stewardship of Creation; Community Garden, Auburn; Community Market, Opelika; Bethany Village at Camp McDowell

**Ministries and Programs within The Church of the Holy Spirit:** Worship Team, Mow & Clean Team, Daughters of the King, Coffee Hour Ministry

**For Nation and Local Community:** Donald Trump, President; Kay Ivey, Governor; Communities of Calera, Alabaster, Helena, Maylene, & Pelham

**For all people everywhere, especially:** the victims and families of First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, Texas

**Healing & Guidance for members, relatives and friends of Holy Spirit:** **Roxie & Stan** Wright; **Bud** Montgomery, **Henry** (Carol Smedley); **Kim & Luke** Sloan, **Nila** Whetsell, **Roy** Wolfe, **David, Obie, Brian, Bill & Debbie** (Katy Brooks); **Karen** Marshall (Allyson Agee); **Will** Graham; **Lou** Malone, **Barbara** (Sharon Poset); **Charlotte** Callough (M.E. Spencer); **Jimmy** Lee (Rodney Dilbeck); **Betty** Marek; **Val** Autrey; **J.T.** Peterson; **Dawn** Mango (Harriet & Bill Meeks); **Gladys** McKay; **Paul** Clausmeyer; **Ted** Smith (Sally Jorgenson); **Nan** Vodde; **Harriet & Bill** Meeks; **Catherine** Frison, **William** Davis, **Barbara** Banks (Robbie McCoy); **Bill** Sorensen; **Kindle** Stamps (Mandy Curry); **Claire** Stephens (Carrie May); **Dallyne & Jim** Jones (Glenda Jones); **Don** Marshall (Allyson Agee); **Sherry** Bowlin; **Gene** Thraikill (Eileen Dilbeck)

**For those serving in the armed services:** **Mark** McKay (Gladys McKay)

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

**Upcoming Birthdays:** Chip Maxwell (11/19), 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:** Deborah & Eddie Sabol (11/20), Catherine & Mark Salmon (11/20), Faustina & Dominic Muruako (11/26)

**The Rev. Bill Blackerby, Interim Rector**

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