

## *Week of March 12 - 19, 2017*

### **Sunday, March 12th**

- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
9:30 am The Best Way to Pray, Adult Forum, parish hall  
Christian Formation for all ages, parish hall  
Choir Practice, nave  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
11:45 am Vestry Meeting, parish hall

### **Tuesday, March 14th**

- 6:30 pm Women's Circle, nave

### **Wednesday, March 15**

- 6:30 pm Soup & Salad, parish hall  
7:00 pm Susanna Whitsett, *Partners in Creation*, nave  
7:30 pm Choir Practice, choir room

### **Thursday, March 16th**

- 6:30 pm Bunco, parish hall

### **Friday, March 17th**

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

### **Saturday, March 18th**

- 9:00 am Beans & Rice Distribution, narthex

### **Sunday, March 19th**

- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
9:30 am The Best Way to Pray, Adult Forum, parish hall  
Christian Formation for all ages, parish hall  
Choir Practice, nave  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
11:45 am HS 101, rector's office

*Living  
in the  
Spirit*

## *Lent Soup & Program, March 15th & 22nd at 6:30 - 7:30 pm*

Join us for soup and salad at 6:30 pm in the parish hall as a family. Then at 7:00 - 7:30 pm we will have guest speakers for the adults in the nave and Julia will have activities for the school age children in the parish hall. *Childcare provided.*

### ***March 15th - Susanna Whitsett, Faith Based Programs Coord. for Bethany Village at Camp McDowell***

*Partners in Creation: Co-laboring with God to write the blank page*

With the parable of The True Vine as a guide, Susanna will facilitate a discussion on the idea of collaborating (or co-laboring) with God to realize a greater sense of order and presence in our lives as we move ever towards the fulfillment of creation.

### ***March 22nd - Father Rob Morpeth, Staff Officer for Finance for the Diocese of Alabama***

*Jesus Died Because of My Sins Not for My Sins*

Father Rob offers another way of looking at the meaning of Jesus' death.

## Notes from the Interim Rector

The Best Way to Pray: Adult Sunday School During Lent

What's the best way to pray? The best way to pray is the one that works best for you. As a matter of fact, there are probably several ways of praying that suit you. That's been my personal experience. My prayer life regularly includes prayers of gratitude and intercession, centering prayer, Collects from the Prayer Book, and journaling. And I'm open to experiencing other forms of prayer along the way.

I invite you to join me at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall during the Sundays of Lent as we explore and experience five of those other forms of prayer. My guess is that one or more of them might just appeal to you. I've found a couple of them quite helpful.

Each Sunday, I'll share a little bit about the personality type that may find a particular prayer form helpful. Then, after an introduction to the prayer form, we'll spend a few minutes using it. I'll send you home with some "homework" for further use of the newly introduced prayer form. I hope to see you there.

The Rev. Bill Blackerby, Interim Rector

## Weekly & Monthly Reminders

Vestry Meeting	Mar 12th	11:45 am	Parish Hall
Women's Circle	Mar 14th	6:30 pm	Nave
Choir Practice	Mar 15th	7:30 pm	Choir Room
Bunco	Mar 16th	6:30 pm	Parish Hall
Pack for Beans & Rice	Mar 17th	9:00 am	Parish Hall
Beans & Rice	Mar 18th	9:00 am	Narthex
Holy Spirit 101	Mar 19th	11:45 am	Rector's Office
Cursillo Reunion	Mar 26th	11:45 am	Parish Hall
Men's Prayer Breakfast	Apr 8th	8:00 am	Parish Hall
Healing Eucharist	Apr 12th	11:00 am	Nave

## Save the Date

Wed, Mar 22nd	Lent Soup & Program with Rob Morpeth, 6:30 pm
Sun, Apr 9th	Palm Sunday, 8:30 am & 10:30 am
Thurs, Apr 13th	Maundy Thursday Service & Foot Washing, 7:00 pm
Fri, Apr 14th	Good Friday Service & Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm
Sat, Apr 15th	Easter Vigil, 7:00 pm
Sun, Apr 16th	Easter Sunday, 8:30 am & 10:30 am

## Church Happenings

### Music Captures the Season

Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. The Gloria is not sung during Lent and is sometimes replaced with the prayer: *Kyrie, eleison*. This prayer derives from the Psalms and several New Testament passages. In Matthew 20:30, 31, two unnamed blind men call out to Jesus, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David." The phrase "Lord, have mercy" became the basis for the liturgical prayer.

Kyrie, eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
Christe, eleison.	Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie, eleison.	Lord, have mercy.

During Lent we will sing the Kyrie, Sanctus and Fraction Anthem from the *New Plainsong Mass* composed by David Hurd. These are found in our *Hymnal 1982*. Hurd (b. 1950) is an African-American composer, organist, choral director and educator. He is widely recognized as one of the foremost sacred music composers, and church musicians in the United States. He was one of the major musical contributors for the Episcopal Church's *Hymnal 1982*.

**Cursillo Ultreya Open House, Friday, March 24th at 6:00 pm, Sorensen Home**

Interested in attending Cursillo? Come to our Open House to get more information and all of your questions answered. There are no secrets about Cursillo, only wonderful surprises. Bring a dish to share and your beverage of choice. Questions? Kim Sorensen, ksorensen@jackhenry.com

**Financial Fitness Program, Mondays, May 1st – June 12th at 6:30 pm, parish hall**

Course will cover developing budgeting skills, basic financial management skills and helping attendees understand the financial playing field. This class will be taught in English with plans to offer follow up sessions in both English and Spanish. Registration forms are in the Narthex. Cost is \$10 per workbook. Contact Suzanna Rawlins with any questions, sr6395@att.com.

*Lenten Retreat*

**Renewed Life: Seizing the Promises of Christ, March 31-April 2 at Camp McDowell**

We yearn for a rich relationship with Christ, one that will deepen our connection to God and to one another, but too often, the new life in Christ can seem a lot like the old life, plus church Flyers available in the narthex. Visit [http://www.dioala.org/digital\\_faith/events/3173137](http://www.dioala.org/digital_faith/events/3173137) for more info and to register. Contact M.E. Spencer if you have any questions, spencermedr@gmail.com

*Diocesan Events*

**Awakenings, March 17th – 19th, Camp McDowell**

Awakenings is a spiritual retreat for all 7th and 8th graders at Camp McDowell. Awakenings is designed to explore the Life and Light of Christ within us. High school counselors lead junior high participants by sharing their stories and facilitating small groups, games, music, and worship. Our own **Tessa Nash** will be on staff!!! Registration deadline is March 13th:

<http://campmcdowell.com/opportunities-to-come-to-camp/awakenings>

**Episcopal Place 12th Annual Gumbo Gala, April 22nd 11am – 2pm, Sloss Furnaces**

Join us for the 12th Annual Gumbo Gala with proceeds benefitting Episcopal Place! Gumbo Gala is now one of the largest gumbo cook-offs in the southeast. Live music, art vendors, Pogo's Playground, the Muskrat Art Ramble featuring local artists, food trucks, and a beautiful setting make Gumbo Gala a great time for the entire family. For more info and to buy tickets: <http://gumbogala.swellgives.com/>

**Rites of Spring, March 24 – 26, Camp McDowell**

Calling all 9-12 graders! Rites of Spring is an incredible weekend event at Camp McDowell, and includes the EYC Convention. Rites of Spring is a combination of EYC Convention and a weekend retreat at Camp McDowell. Members for the 2017-2018 Youth Department will be elected over this weekend! Register by March 13th at <http://dioala.org/youthevents.html>.

**2017 Ultimate Parish Retreat, May 5-7, Camp McDowell**

*Formerly known as Small Parish Weekend.* You are invited to come together and enjoy the group activities that larger parishes experience each year and to worship and play with others throughout the diocese. This year the retreat is planned for May 5-7, an ideal weekend at camp when the wild magnolias and other native plants are in bloom and the weather is usually ideal. Activities are being planned and will be designed specifically for those who attend. The theme will be centered around the Stewardship of Creation and there will be something for everyone. Contact Tara, [tara@holyspiritual.org](mailto:tara@holyspiritual.org), for pricing and more information.

*Visit [dioala.org](http://dioala.org) for diocesan events and resources.*

## *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, March 5, 2017.

Pledged .....	\$5,937.00
Unpledged .....	\$ 462.13
Beans and Rice .....	\$ 7.25
Parish Life .....	\$ 85.56
Total Contributions .....	\$6,491.94

## *Please pray for...*

**Bishops and Clergy:** Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Bruce 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; Holy Trinity, Auburn; Holy Cross, Montgomery; Holy Comforter, Gadsden

**Ministries and Programs within The Church of the Holy Spirit:** Vestry, Beans & Rice, Love in Action

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

**For all people everywhere, especially:** those living in Syria and all war-torn countries

**Healing & Guidance for members, relatives and friends of Holy Spirit:** Richard Smith (Victoria Knierim); Carl Raymond (Allyson Agee); Jo Cochran (Judy Dykes); Roxie & Stan Wright; Debra Dewees (Glenda Jones); Bud Montgomery, Henry (Carol Smedley); Kim & Luke Sloan, Nila Whetsell, Roy Wolfe, David, Obie, Brian, Bill & Debbie (Katy Brooks); Karen Marshall (Allyson Agee); Barbara Carroll (Harriet & Bill Meeks); Jaxson (Mary Hodgetts); Jim Mankoski (Allyson Agee); Dan Poset; Shannon Bogert & family (Amanda Wilbanks); Will Graham; Lou Malone (Sharon Poset); Charlotte Callough (M.E. Spencer); Jimmy Lee (Rodney Dilbeck); Betty Marek; Greg, Tyler, Derek, & Josh Hussey; Val Autrey; J.T. Peterson; Barb Diehl (Jim Hamilton); Hailey; Elaine Vazquez; Dawn Mango, John Kimbrough, Mallory Carroll (Harriet & Bill Meeks); Gladys McKay

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

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

**Upcoming Birthdays:** Jason Portney (3/16), Emma Nash (3/16), Zac Roberts (3/18), M.E. Spencer (3/20), Holly Roberts (3/22), Ella Aldrich (3/22), Al Crumpton (3/24), Victoria Matthews (3/25), Olen Vickery (3/25)

**Upcoming Anniversaries:** Suzanna & Jody Rawlins (3/17)

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