

Week of April 23-30, 2017

Sunday, April 23rd

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 Cursillo 4th sunDay, parish hall

Tuesday, April 25th

6:30 pm Women's Circle, nave

Wednesday, April 26th

7:00 pm Choir Practice, choir room

Sunday, April 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

*Living
in the
Spirit*

Dear Holy Spirit Family,

What a wonderful Holy Week and Easter celebration we had together! I've heard many of you say Sunday felt like a family reunion and I absolutely feel the same. It was great to see so many of us together.

I want to thank everyone for being a part of Holy Week. Special thanks to Father Bill and Father Stan for their beautiful sermons, thank you to the Reverend Deacon Katy Smith & Verger M.E. Spencer for assisting in our services, thank you to our Holy Spirit choir, Parish Life, children's choir, those who coordinated and donated for the Easter egg hunt, Men's Breakfast and mow team, altar guild, and all of you for creating this wonderful space for us to celebrate together.

I went to a meeting with Bishop Kee Sloan a couple of weeks ago and he reminded us that even as we are going through transitions or discussing details of how to keep a church running- if we get a bulletin out we are doing well and that may be all we need at that time. Of course he said it much more eloquently, but there is so much truth to that and I wanted to share. I think even during this transition we weren't expecting we have shown we are a strong family and I have no doubt we will stay a strong family with God's help.

Mandy Golightly,
Senior Warden

Save the Date

Sun, May 14th Graduate Recognition & Christian Education Appreciation Day
Sun, June 25th, Vacation Bible School – *Aslan on the Move*
27th, 28th, & 29th

Adult Forum: Exploring the Resurrection with Matthew, Mark, and Luke

April 30th, May 7th, 14th, and 21st at 9:30 am

Join us for four Sundays in Easter as we explore the theologies of the Resurrection as articulated in the Synoptic Gospels. The class is based on *The Resurrection According to Matthew, Mark, and Luke* by Norman Perrin, New Testament scholar and author. In this brief book, Perrin suggests that these "resurrection narratives must be understood in both their similarities and their differences." With that in mind, he "relates each Synoptic account of the resurrection of Jesus to the theology of its Evangelist" resulting in "a new understanding of the importance of the Easter celebration." In addition to discussing these narratives from a scholarly perspective, Perrin reflects on what each Gospel's recounting of the resurrection means to him personally.

Weekly & Monthly Reminders

Cursillo Reunion	Apr 23rd	11:45 am	Parish Hall
Women's Circle	Apr 25th	6:30 pm	Nave
Choir Practice	Apr 26th	7:30 pm	Choir Room
Healing Eucharist	May 10th	11:00 am	Nave
Men's Prayer Breakfast	May 13th	8:00 am	Parish Hall
Bunco	May 18th	6:30 pm	Parish Hall
Pack for Beans & Rice	May 19th	9:00 am	Parish Hall
Beans & Rice	May 20th	9:00 am	Narthex
Holy Spirit 101	May 21st	11:45 am	Rector's Office
Vestry Meeting	May 21st	11:45 am	Parish Hall

Church Happenings

Graduating?

Please let Tara Portney, tara@holyspirit-al.org, know if you or a family member is graduating from high school or college this May.

Cursillo 4th sunDAY!, Today at 11:45 am

All past Cursillistas, and anyone interested in Cursillo, are invited to reunion together every 4th Sunday of the month. Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch.

If you are interested in attending a Cursillo weekend, contact Kim Sorensen, ksorensen@jackhenry.com, for more information. Upcoming 2017 Cursillo Weekends:

* June 8th – 11th (*deadline May 2nd*) * Sept 7th – 10th * Oct 5th – 8th

Women's Circle, Tuesday, April 25th at 6:30 pm, nave

All women of Holy Spirit are welcome to gather together the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. This is a time to explore and deepen your faith in a safe and confidential environment. If you're interested and have questions feel free to contact Mary Hodgetts, maryhodgetts@yahoo.com.

Aslan on the Move **Coming this Summer**

Make plans to attend this year's Vacation Bible School, *Aslan on the Move*, June 25th and 27th – 29th. In the upcoming weeks we'll share more information for this exciting event!! We will also send out a call for volunteers soon.

Healing Eucharist, Wednesday, May 10th at 11:00 am

In need of a mid-week boost? Come join us for a quiet, service of healing May 10th at 11:00 am. Those who wish to stay are welcome to stay for a brown bag lunch immediately following the service.

Search Committee Update

The search committee met with Sarah Sartain from the diocese mid-March regarding the process of calling our new rector. The committee is reviewing your survey results and will update us soon. Thank you for your participation, and should you have any questions regarding the continuing process please contact any one of the following members who are so kindly serving on the committee: Glenda Jones- Chairperson, Ted Vodde, Keri Ann Atkinson, Suzanna Rawlins, Julie Bowlin, Tessa Nash, Valerie Autrey, Chip Maxwell, and Lorraine Divers

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. Registration forms are in the Narthex. Cost is \$10 per workbook. Contact Suzanna Rawlins with any questions, sr6395@att.com.

Diocesan Events

Diocesan Homecoming, June 9-11, 2017, Camp McDowell

The best summer vacation ever! Bring your family and friends to the HEART of the Diocese of Alabama for a weekend of camp-style fun! Diocesan Homecoming is a family friendly retreat for ALL AGES. Gather with old friends, or make new ones at Camp! Swimming, rocking chair visiting, hiking, a Pasture Party, music, and time for worship are all part of this special weekend. It's quality time with quality people! Both lodge and cabin accommodations offered. Register at <http://campmcdowell.com/opportunities-to-come-to-camp>.

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, April 16, 2017.

Pledged	\$2,540.00
Unpledged	\$ 279.00
Beans and Rice	\$ 3.00
Flowers	\$ 60.00
Bethany Village	\$ 260.00
Honduras Mission Trip	\$ 50.00
Total Contributions.....	\$3,192.00

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; Dept of Parish Development & Evangelism; El Hogar and Farm School, Honduras; St. Mark's, Birmingham; St. Mark's, Boligee; St. Mark's, Prattville; St. Catherine's, Chelsea

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

For Nation and Local Community: Donald Trump, President; Kay Ivey, 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; Dawn** Mango, **John** Kimbrough, **Mallory** Carroll (Harriet & Bill Meeks); **Gladys** McKay; **Paul** Clausmeyer; **Ted** Smith (Sally Jorgenson); **Nan** Vodde; **Delauney Family** (Carrie May)

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

For all who have died, especially **George** Hellmer (Eileen Dilbeck), may light perpetual shine upon them.

Upcoming Birthdays: David Faber (4/24), Chisom Muruako (4/26), Kim Sorensen (5/1), John Williams (5/2), Erica Wall (5/3), David Aldrich (5/3), Alistair Delchamps (5/4), Tessa Nash (5/4)

Upcoming Anniversaries: Kim & Bill Sorensen (4/23), Janet & Buzz Palmer (4/24), Marla & David Aldrich

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