

Living in the Spirit

Week of April 9 - 16, 2017

Sunday, April 9th - Palm Sunday

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, April 11th

6:30 pm Women's Circle, nave

Wednesday, April 12th

7:00 pm Choir Practice, choir room

Thursday, April 13th - Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Foot Washing & Maundy Thursday Service, nave*

Friday, April 14th - Good Friday

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross and Good Friday Service, nave*

*childcare provided

Saturday, April 15th

7:00 pm Easter Vigil, nave*

Sunday, April 16th - Easter Sunday

8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:30 am Easter Brunch,
10:00 am Children's Music Practice, parish hall
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:45 am Easter Egg Hunt for all children, church grounds

Weekly & Monthly Reminders

Vestry Meeting	Apr 9th	11:45 am	Parish Hall
Choir Practice	Apr 12th	7:30 pm	Choir Room
Women's Circle	Apr 11th	6:30 pm	Nave
Pack for Beans & Rice	Apr 14th	9:00 am	Parish Hall
Beans & Rice	Apr 15th	9:00 am	Narthex
Bunco	Apr 20th	6:30 pm	Parish Hall
Cursillo Reunion	Apr 23rd	11:45 am	Parish Hall
Healing Eucharist	May 10th	11:00 am	Nave
Men's Prayer Breakfast	May 13th	8:00 am	Parish Hall
Holy Spirit 101	May 21st	11:45 am	Rector's Office

Easter Flower Donations

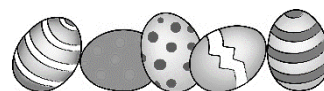
Help brighten up the nave on Easter Sunday and honor your loved ones by donating Easter flowers. After Easter Sunday many of the flowers will be planted around the church. **Sign up in the narthex.** Contact Tara with any questions, tara@holyspirit-al.org

Easter Brunch, April 16 at 9:30 am

Put on your Easter bonnet and hip hop through the bunny trail for Easter nibbles in the Parish Hall from 9:30 am to 10:20 am on Easter Sunday. Bring a finger food dish to share and spend some time catching up with fellow Holy Spirit members.

Easter Egg Hunt, April 16 at 11:45 am

Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:30 service in the garden. We will have two areas for younger and older children with plenty of eggs! Don't forget to bring your baskets! If you have questions contact Erin Washam, utgirl86@gmail.com
Hope to see you there!



Church Happenings

Member Directory

Our member directory can be accessed anytime at www.holyspirit-al.org/directory with the password: HSFfamily. Please check your family's listing to confirm we have all correct and updated information for you. Please contact Tara, tara@holyspirit-al.org with any needed changes. We have a few hardcopies available in the narthex if you prefer.

Volunteer Ministry Sign-up

You can now sign up to volunteer for any of our ministries at any time! In the narthex we have a notebook with a sign up page for each ministry with the ministry leader's name and contact information. If interested in serving Holy Spirit in a particular ministry please sign up so we can get you connected. Thank you everyone for your continuing support of Holy Spirit!!

Financial Fitness Program, Mondays, May 8th – June 19th 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.

2017 Cursillo

Interested in attending Cursillo?

Cursillo is an opportunity to grow in faith and in spirituality. Cursillo in the Diocese of Alabama begins with a three-day weekend at Camp McDowell. During these three days, lay people and clergy share their experiences and perspective on a variety of topics related to the love of God, the Christian life, and Christian community. Through Cursillo we seek a deeper understanding of the teachings of Jesus and how we can serve Him. We work together to share God's love and encourage each other to persevere in carrying out our Baptismal vows. Cursillo starts with a three day weekend, but the best is yet to come! If interested contact Kim Sorensen, ksorensen@jackhenry.com

Upcoming 2017 Cursillo Weekends:

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

Diocesan Events

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/>

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@holyspirit-al.org, for pricing and 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, April 2, 2017.

Pledged.....	\$3,950.00
Unpledged	\$ 194.00
Beans and Rice	\$ 19.39
Flowers	\$ 170.00
Honduras Mission Trip	\$2,550.00
Total Contributions	\$6,883.39

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 Diocese of the Virgin Islands & its bishops, Ambrose and for grace and guidance as we continue to discern our companion relationship with the Diocese of Alaska and its bishop, Mark; All victims of violence, hatred, prejudice, and oppression and agencies that advocate for their safety, dignity, and respect.

Ministries and Programs within The Church of the Holy Spirit: Children's Christian Formation, EYC, Adult Education, Diocesan Connections

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; Hailey; Dawn Mango, John Kimbrough, Mallory Carroll (Harriet & Bill Meeks); Gladys McKay; Paul Clausmeyer; Ted Smith (Sally Jorgenson); Nan Vodde

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: Faustina Muruako (4/11), Harriet Meeks (4/11), Julio Campos (4/12), Ashley Hughes (4/12), Michelle Power (4/13), Gary Elliott (4/14), Kaleb Kilgore (4/17), Nick Walden (4/17), Chaed Agee (4/18), Sydney Bowlin (4/20), Pieper Dilbeck (4/20), Andrea Smith (4/20), Karson Muruako (4/21)

Upcoming Anniversaries: Tara & Jason Portney (4/9), Tawny & Mike Stephens (4/10), Kim & Bill Sorensen (4/23)

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