

Week of May 14 - 21, 2017

Sunday, May 14th

- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:30 am Christian Formation for all ages, parish hall
Adult Forum, *Exploring the Resurrection*
Choir Practice, nave
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Wednesday, May 17th

- 7:00 pm Choir Practice, choir room

Thursday, May 18th

- 6:30 pm Bunco, parish hall

Friday, May 19th

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

Saturday, May 20th

- 9:00 am Beans & Rice Distribution, narthex

Sunday, May 21st

- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:30 am Christian Formation for all ages, parish hall
Adult Forum, *Exploring the Resurrection*
Choir Practice, nave
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Graduate Recognition and Christian Education Appreciation
11:45 am Reception to honor Graduates and Christian Education volunteers
Vestry Meeting

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

May 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.

Save the Date

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| Sun, May 21st | Graduate Recognition and Christian Education Appreciation Day |
| Sun, June 25th,
27th, 28th, & 29th | Vacation Bible School – <i>Aslan on the Move</i> |
| Sat, July 15th | Taste of the Spirit |

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Weekly & Monthly Reminders

Choir Practice	May 17th	7:30 pm	Choir Room
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
Vestry Meeting	May 21st	11:45 am	Parish Hall
Women's Circle	May 23rd	6:30 pm	Nave
Men's Prayer Breakfast	June 10th	8:00 am	Parish Hall
Healing Eucharist	June 14th	11:00 am	Nave
Holy Spirit 101	June 18th	11:45 am	Rector's Office

Church Happenings

Bunco, May 18th at 6:30pm

Do you want to have a great meal, fellowship and fun? How about joining us for Bunco! We play Bunco on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Cost is \$5 and all money goes to the Beans and Rice ministry. (Adults only please-no childcare is provided for Bunco)

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.

Financial Fitness Program, Mondays, June 5th – July 17th at 6:30 pm, parish hall

Six week course will cover developing budgeting skills, basic financial management skills and helping attendees understand the financial playing field. Cost is \$10 per workbook. Contact Suzanna Rawlins with any questions, shareyourstory@earthlink.net.

Taste of the Spirit, Saturday, July 15th

We are ramping up our preparations for our yearly fundraiser, Taste of the Spirit, and we are going to need everyone's help!! Keep your eyes peeled for info! We will need silent auction items, food, and volunteers. Contact Suzanna Rawlins for more information, shareyourstory@earthlink.net

Clothing a Champion

Would you like to make a huge impact on a local student's self-confidence as they start back to school in the fall? Help an Alabaster student by buying a new outfit and shoes. Please let Tara know if you are interested in helping a student start the school year on a positive note, tara@holyspirit-al.org. (recommended amount \$75-100)

Daughters of the King

All women of the church are invited to consider becoming a member of the Order of the Daughters of the King. A discernment program for membership will be starting in a few weeks. The Order's purpose is to bring others into a living, loving relationship with Jesus Christ and to help strengthen the spiritual life of our parish and missions. Please speak with or call Mary Hodgetts (617/584-9438) for more information concerning the Order and the process.

Calling all volunteers!! Sawyerville Meal, June 24th

We are feeding 130 staff members at Sawyerville Day Camp Saturday, June 24th! Buzz and the Holy Smokers will have the Boston Butts cooked and we will need the sides. We will need a volunteer team to go and serve that day as well. Contact Toni Nash, toni.nash@aol.com or Buzz Palmer, buzz.palmer@rawsonlp.com if you would like to help with preparing, bringing or serving food!

Clean Team Help Needed

Please consider volunteering a couple of hours a month to help maintain our facilities. The clean team is in need of volunteers to help with basic house cleaning for the parish hall and the church, primarily sweeping, mopping, some vacuuming, and checking and refilling paper products. If you can help or have questions, please contact Mike Ghareeb, mikeghareeb@bellsouth.net.

Diocesan Events

Mark Johnston Retirement

Mark Johnston, the Executive Director of Camp McDowell, is retiring from "The Best Job in the World." Under Mark's leadership, Camp has more than doubled in size & ministry, and has greatly strengthened and expanded its mission of being a place where people of all ages & abilities can come to learn more about God, about Creation, and about themselves & who God is calling them to be. Bishop Key is asking us to make "a little lemonade out of the lemons of Mark's retirement" and honor Mark by making a gift, either to Mark in a purse the Diocese is collecting or making a tax-deductible contribution to "Fund the Farm." Contact Tara, tara@holyspirit-al.org, for more information.

Also, all are invited to Mark's "**Out to Pasture Party**" on June 2nd at 5:30 at Camp McDowell to celebrate as a diocesan community. It's only \$10 for a wonderful meal with good friends, a take home a commemorative koozie and one PRICELESS experience! 5:30 pm - Drinks on the Pasture (Softball Field) then 6:00 pm - Dinner. *Live Music, BYOB, Bring a chair or a blanket *If you would like to stay the night, you may add a room and breakfast. Contact Tara, tara@holyspirit-al.org, for registration information.

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! Register at <http://campmcdowell.com/opportunities-to-come-to-camp>.

Bethany's Kids at Camp McDowell

An inclusion summer camp for rising 4/5/6th graders or corresponding ages (apprx 9-12 yrs) WITH AND WITHOUT DISABILITIES (such as Downs Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, and developmental delay). Enjoy all the favorite camp activities - hiking, swimming, field games, singing, talent show, and silliness - in a camp that celebrates inclusion and lifts up acceptance and a respect for differing abilities. If you have any questions, contact Tara, tara@holyspirit-al.org.

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, May 7, 2017.

Pledged.....	\$5,305.00
Unpledged	\$ 145.00
Beans and Rice.....	\$ 37.95
Parish Life	\$ 20.32
Total Contributions	\$5,508.27

Avg Sunday Attendance

	Feb	Mar	Apr
8:30am	16	15	16
10:30am	68	57	78
Total	84	72	93

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

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

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); Jaxson (Mary Hodgetts); Jim Mankoski (Allyson Agee); Dan Poset; 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); Dawn Mango (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, may light perpetual shine upon them.

Upcoming Birthdays: Deborah Cawthon (5/14), Roy Clem (5/17), Maddie Seales (5/17), Stella Atkinson (5/18), Tara Portney (5/21), Rodney Dilbeck (5/23), Regina Bennett (5/25), Anna Catherine Matthews (5/26), Ellen Cooley (5/27)

Upcoming Anniversaries: Allison & Steve Smith (5/14), Allyson & Chaed Agee (5/17), Eileen & Rodney Dilbeck (5/20), Nan & Ted Vodde (5/27)

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