

Week of July 17 - 24, 2016

Sunday, July 17th

8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:30 am Wizards & Wonders Intergenerational VBS, parish hall
10:30 am Children's Eucharist Liturgy
11:30 am Vestry Meeting, parish hall
Daughters of the King, nave

Monday, July 18th

5:30 pm Centering Prayer, nave

Thursday, July 21st

6:30 pm Bunco, parish hall

Saturday, July 23rd

5:30 pm Taste of the Spirit featuring *Three on a String*

Sunday, July 24th

8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:30 am Coffee Hour, parish hall
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:30 am Prayer Shawl, nave

Dear Holy Spirit Family,

One of the qualities of this community that attracted Malcolm and me two years ago, is your generosity of spirit. Over the past few weeks I have been inspired by your willingness to love and care for one another, and care for our neighbors. Thank you for giving rides to those who are undergoing medical procedures, for supporting Lorraine and David in their grief and hosting a beautiful service and reception, for sitting in the sweltering heat to hand out meals and books and clown around with the children in our neighborhood; and donning dress to make VBS such a wonderful experience for all.

The early followers of "The Way" gathered in homes to celebrate the Eucharist and eat a meal together. We had a chance to do that this week and one of my favorite visuals of that evening was our oldest member, Paul Clausmeyer, holding our youngest member, Sydney Bowlin. I hope and pray we have more meals like this together.

On **Saturday, July 23rd** we will gather in a big way for **Taste of the Spirit** to share food, bid on auction items, and listen to *Three on a String*. Your generosity has shown through in your willingness to volunteer, donate items, and sell tickets. Thank you in advance for making this a big success. We have three goals for this event—to have fun, to host others in the community, and to raise money for the ministry and mission of God here at Holy Spirit. Thank you for being Christ's head, heart, hands, and feet.

Yours in Christ,
Mary Bea+

Living in the Spirit

Taste of the Spirit, Saturday, July 23rd

Thank you for the many ways you are supporting our biggest fundraiser of the year-- Taste of the Spirit! Tickets are only \$25 each and \$40/couple. You will receive meal, an adult beverage, great entertainment with Three on a String. It is going to be a blast. Here's how you can be involved:

- **Purchase** tickets and **sell** to your friends. If you are traveling, please consider buying tickets anyway as a way to support the event.
- **Order** these awesome cookbooks.
- **Volunteer** to help set up, clean up, provide hospitality at the event. Contact Allyson Agee, allyagee@bellsouth.net, or Mandy Golightly, at mmgolightly@gmail.com

To buy tickets and/or cookbooks go to
<https://squareup.com/store/episcopal-church-of-the-holy-spirit>

You're going to want to be here because we are auctioning these fabulous items

- 2 Iron Bowl Tickets ♦ A week at Camp Kanuga in NC
- Gift Certificate to Highlands Bar & Grill
- A Night at the Historic Tutwiler Hotel ♦ Original Artwork
- Space Camp Adventure ♦ Alys Stephens VIP package
- Gift Baskets ♦ Wright Center Tickets ♦ American Village Christmas Event

Save the Date

Sun, July 17 th	Last Sunday of Wizards & Wonders VBS
Sat, July 23 rd	Taste of the Spirit, Auction, <i>Three on a String</i> , & Fundraising Dinner
Sun, Aug 7 th	Thanksgiving for Kim & Bill Sorensen, 9:30am potluck celebration
Sat, Aug 27 th	Baptism Class at 11:00 am
Sun, Aug 28 th	Baptism Sunday at 10:30 am
Wed, Sept 7 th	Bethany Village Update with Bishop Kee Sloan, 6:00 pm
Sun, Oct 2 nd	Blessing of the Animals
Sun, Nov 13 th	Confirmation & Bishop's Visit

Weekly & Monthly Reminders

Daughters of the King	July 17th	11:45 am	Nave
Vestry Meeting	July 17th	11:45 am	Parish Hall
Centering Prayer	July 18th	5:00 pm	Nave
Bunco	July 21st	6:30 pm	Parish Hall
Prayer Shawl Ministry	July 24th	11:30 am	Nave
Women's Circle	July 26th	6:30 pm	Nave
Pack for Beans & Rice	Aug 19th	9:00 am	Parish Hall
Beans & Rice	Aug 20th	9:00 am	Narthex

Thank you from Mary Bea

- All who served at the service, prepared and served food for the celebration of Kelli Diver's life.
- M&M Hardware for repairing the dishwasher at no charge.

Church Happenings

Baptism Sunday, August 28th

If you are interested in being baptized or having your child baptized, please contact Mary Bea. We will have our Baptism class Saturday, August 27th at 11:00 am.

Summer Feeding Program

Thank you to our MANY Summer Feeding volunteers! We are distributing approximately 65 lunches each day to children in the Keystone neighborhood off of Kent Dairy Road. Volunteers are needed Monday-Thursday from 10:45 am-12:15 am until July 28th. Please consider volunteering for this ministry by going to <http://holyspirit-al.org/volunteer-spot/>. Contact Toni Nash if you have any questions, toni.nash@aol.com.

Back to School Clothes & Supply Drive

Clothing for Champions is an opportunity with to help families that are struggling financially. You can sponsor a child and buy them a new outfit and shoes to start school. Each sponsor receives a clothing tag with the child's name, age and sizes with parent information. If you are interested in being a sponsor please let Tara know **TODAY**, tara@holyspirit-al.org.

It's back to school time so it's time for our annual **school supply** drive. We have a list of supplies that local schools are in need of in the narthex. Please leave all donations in the basket in the narthex. Contact Tara Portney, tara@holyspirit-al.org or 205-621-3418 if you have any questions.

Potluck Celebration of Thanks to Bill and Kim Sorensen Sunday, August 7th at 9:30 am

For nearly 6 years Bill Sorensen has been the Treasurer at Holy Spirit. He has dedicated countless hours and created systems that support sound fiscal processes. Kim has assisted Bill with data input and neck rubs after hours at the computer! Please join us to celebrate Bill and Kim. Bring your favorite breakfast dish to share. A sign up will be created very soon for your food items. In the meantime, you may contact Tara at the office. We are very grateful to Al Delchamps for taking over as our new treasurer.

Average Sunday Attendance

	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
8:30 am	19	23	24	19	18	22
10:30 am	93	80	94	75	73	84
Total	112	103	118	94	91	104

Diocesan/Local Offerings

Bishop Marray Farewell

Join others from around the diocese for a

Celebration of Our Ministry With Bishop Santosh & Lynn Marray

Sunday August 28th: Reception at 3:30pm followed by Service at 5:00pm

St. Mary's on the Highlands - 1910 12th Ave South - Birmingham, AL 35205

We will offer Bishop Marray a special gift from Holy Spirit to thank him for his wonderful support of our parish. If you would like to contribute please note on your check: *Bishop Marray gift*.

Please pray for...

Bishops and Clergy: Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; **Michael** Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop ECUSA; **Kee** Sloan and **Santosh** Marray, Alabama Bishops; **Mary Bea** Sullivan, Rector; **Alison** Carmody, Priest Affiliate; **Malcolm** Marler, Priest Affiliate; **Stan** Wright, Priest Affiliate

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Our companion dioceses of Alaska & the Virgin Islands & their bishops Mark & Ambrose; Alabama Episcopal Foundation Board of Directors; Diocesan Department of Architecture

Ministries and Programs within The Church of the Holy Spirit: Worship Team (Acolytes, Lectors, LEMs, Ushers), Mow & Clean Team, Daughters of the King; Coffee Hour Ministry

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

For all people everywhere especially: Those impacted by violence.

Healing & Guidance for members, relatives and friends of Holy Spirit: **Betty & Baylee** Marek; **Doris & Richard** Smith (Victoria Knierim); **Linda** May, **Karen** Marshall, **Carl** Raymond (Allyson Agee); **Jo** Cochran (Judy Dykes); **Chris** Kent; **Harry, James** (Katy Brooks); **Donna** Mays (Glenda Jones); **Christopher** McKay; **JT** Peterson (Val Autrey); **Kim & Tom** (Katy Brooks); **Krista** McLemore (Olivia Araujo); **Aletha** Martin, **Shomarie** Chambers (Gladys McKay); **Norman** Jones (Sharon Greer); **Lee** Jackson (Julia Jackson); **Catherine** Fryson (Robbie McCoy); **Ellie** Walker; **Peggy** Thornsby (Stan & Roxie Wright); **Grant** Garris (Julia Jackson); **Brecklynn** (Debra Dickey); **Dave & Margit** Neuhaus; **Phyllis** Bowlin & **Angie** (Sherry & Juli Bowlin); **Carolyn** Cordar (Mary Joe Logan); **Betty** (Cheryl Dominguez); **Pat** King; **Roxie & Stan** Wright

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

For all who have died, especially **LaTrelle** S. Cawthon and **Bill** Coolahan, may light perpetual shine upon them.

Upcoming Birthdays: Kyle Salmon (7/17), Al Delchamps (7/18), Nicole Walden (7/21), Ken Lewis (7/22), Harper Cooley (7/22), Nicholas Agee (7/29)

Upcoming Anniversaries: Harriet & Bill Meeks (7/26)

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, July 10, 2016.

Pledged	\$1,298.40
Unpledged	\$ 501.38
In Memory of Kelli Divers	\$ 900.00
Altar Guild	\$ 100.00
Columbarium Niche Fees.....	\$ 100.00
Cookbook purchases.....	\$ 273.00
T-shirt purchases	\$ 60.00
Taste of the Spirit Purchases.....	\$ 40.00
Rector's Discretionary Fund	\$ <u>300.00</u>
Total Contributions.....	\$3,572.78

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit • Reverend Mary Bea Sullivan, Rector

Tara's Office Hours: Tues, Wed, & Thurs – 9:00am to 2:00pm

Rev. Mary Bea's days off are Friday & Saturday (but may be reached for emergency)

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