

*Week of July 24 - 31, 2016*

# *Living in the Spirit*

**Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 pm Centering Prayer, nave

**Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 pm Women's Circle, nave

**Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**

8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
9:30 am Coffee Hour, parish hall  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

## *Dear Holy Spirit Family,*

This has been a rich and full summer! Members and guests of all ages have enjoyed learning together for five Sundays during the Hogwarts Wizards and Wonders VBS. Every Mon-Thursday in June and July we have braved the heat of the day, set up a table, and fed our Keystone community neighbors. As of this writing, we are preparing to host over 100 people for Taste of the Spirit. Great effort has gone into preparing the cookbooks, selling tickets, acquiring auction items, cooking food, cleaning, etc. These are all good and joy-filled tasks. We have seen a significant increase in new volunteers and enthusiasm. Thanks be to God and to you.

The vestry and I realize our community may need a time of Sabbath. In light of that insight, we are deferring the resumption of our program year to **September 11th. More details will follow. Save that date** as we will celebrate our Anniversary, launch the children and adult educational programs, and sign up for the ministries we wish to support. In the meantime, we will use this time to prepare and to rest. We will continue to worship and pray and play together, just in an intentionally slower pace.

Thank you for the many ways you give thanks to God by sharing God's love with one another and the world.

Yours in Christ,  
Mary Bea+

## *Volunteer Spot*

Are you excited about the beautiful opportunities ECOHS has to offer for us to be the hands and feet of Christ? GOOD NEWS! We have one spot you can go to sign up for anything! Check out this new page on our website: <http://holyspirit-al.org/volunteer-spot/>

## Save the Date

Sun, Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving for Kim & Bill Sorensen, 9:30 am potluck celebration Blessing of Backpacks, Students & Teachers, 10:30 am
Sat, Aug 27 <sup>th</sup>	Baptism Class at 9:00 am
Sun, Aug 28 <sup>th</sup>	Baptism Sunday at 10:30 am Christian Education Summit, 11:45 am ( <i>lunch &amp; childcare provided</i> )
Wed, Sept 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bethany Village Update with Bishop Kee Sloan, 6:00 pm
Sun, Sept 11 <sup>th</sup>	Anniversary Celebration & Christian Education Kick-off
Sun, Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Blessing of the Animals
Sun, Nov 13 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation & Bishop's Visit
Sun, Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Parish Meeting
Sun, Dec 11 <sup>th</sup>	Lessons & Carols, 5:00 pm

## Weekly & Monthly Reminders

Centering Prayer	July 25th	5:00 pm	Nave
Women's Circle	July 26th	6:30 pm	Nave
Vestry Meeting	Aug 14th	11:45 am	Parish Hall
Bunco	Aug 18th	6:30 pm	Parish Hall
Pack for Beans & Rice	Aug 19th	9:00 am	Parish Hall
Beans & Rice	Aug 20th	9:00 am	Narthex
Daughters of the King	Aug 21st	11:45 am	Nave

## Thank you from Mary Bea

- Julia Jackson for organizing a fabulous VBS. Also a huge thanks to her supporting cast— Doug Hagrid Smedley, Al Snape Delchamps, Mike Harry Potter Stephens, Tawny Hermione Grainger Stephens, Joe Professor Sprout Logan, and John Voldemort Williams! A huge dose of gratitude to the many folks who donated snacks and project material and helped with the program. Well done!
- Allyson Agee for spearheading the Taste of the Spirit event! Ally was helped by many people including Al Delchamps, Mandy Golightly, Tara Portney, Erin Washam, Sharon Greer, Debra Dickey, Carol and Doug Smedley, Buzz and Janet Palmer, Deb Sabol, Lorraine Divers, Roy Clem, Terri Vickery, & Eileen Dilbeck.
- To all of our donors and participants in Taste of the Spirit!!
- Robbie McCoy and the member of our pastoral care support team.

## Church Happenings

### **Mary Bea out of office, July 25<sup>th</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup>**

Mary Bea will be out of town for professional development July 25<sup>th</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup> with no access to phone or email. If you need immediate assistance contact Adam Power, 205-470-7996, or Tara in the office Tuesday – Thursday 9am to 2pm, 621-3418. Adam & Tara will be able to contact the priest available for pastoral support.

### **Blessing of the Students, Backpacks, and Teacher, August 7<sup>th</sup>**

Your students are encouraged to bring their backpacks to church on August 7<sup>th</sup>. We will bless the students, teachers, and backpacks before school begins.

### **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 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 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.

### **Back to School Supply Drive**

**It's back to school time** so it's time for our annual **school supply** drive. There is a list on the website and in the narthex of needed supplies for local schools. 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>104</b>

## *Diocesan/Local Offerings*

### **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*.

### **Jonathan Daniels Pilgrimage, Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**

Annual pilgrimage to Hayneville, AL to honor the life of the Civil Rights worker who was slain in 1965. Eucharist will be celebrated at the Lowndes County Courthouse.

### **Introduction to Centering Prayers, Sept. 4-6, Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center, Cullman**

This workshop is designed for those new to Centering Prayer, a form of Christian Prayer rooted in the ancient Christian contemplative tradition. Its purpose is to foster a deeper intimacy with Christ through the silence and stillness of contemplative prayer.

Visit [http://dioala.org/digital\\_faith/events/3170743](http://dioala.org/digital_faith/events/3170743) for more information.

### **"God's Welcome The Spirituality of Hospitality", Oct. 16-21, Camp McDowell, Bishop Sloan**

Visit [http://dioala.org/digital\\_faith/events/3169257](http://dioala.org/digital_faith/events/3169257) for more information.

## *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; Ministries for displaced persons and refugees; Global Episcopal Mission Network; St. James, Alexander City; St. James, Montgomery

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

**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; **Debra** Dewees, Glenda Jones; **Joyce** Saylor Jones, Terry & Rhonda Saylor; **Deana**, Malcolm; **Max, Miles, Kristen, & Bryan** DeLauney (Carrie May)

**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:** Nicholas Agee (7/29), Paula Hughes (8/1), Kristin Meyer (8/1), Stan Wright (8/4), Mike Ghareeb (8/5), Mary Bea Sullivan (8/7)

**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 17, 2016.

Pledged .....	\$2,002.00
Unpledged .....	\$ 284.00
In Memory of Kelli Divers .....	\$ 525.00
Flowers .....	\$ 70.00
Cookbook purchases.....	\$ 169.00
T-shirt purchases .....	\$ 30.00
Taste of the Spirit Purchases.....	\$ 385.00
Total Contributions.....	\$3,465.00

### **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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