

Week of July 31 - August 7, 2016

Living in the Spirit

Sunday, July 31st

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

Monday, August 1st

5:30 pm Centering Prayer, nave

Sunday, August 7th

8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:30 am Potluck Celebration of Thanks for Bill & Kim Sorensen, parish hall
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with
Blessing of Backpacks, Students, & Teachers

Weekly & Monthly Reminders

Centering Prayer	Aug 1st	5:30 pm	Nave
Women's Circle	Aug 9th	6:30 pm	Nave
Prayer Shawl	Aug 13th	9:00 am	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

Save the Date

Sun, Aug 7th	Thanksgiving for Kim & Bill Sorensen, 9:30 am potluck celebration Blessing of Backpacks, Students & Teachers, 10:30 am
Wed, Aug 24th	Home Eucharist at Kim & Bill Sorensen's, 6:30 pm
Sat, Aug 27th	Baptism Class at 9:00 am
Sun, Aug 28th	Baptism Sunday at 10:30 am Christian Education Summit, 11:45 am <i>(lunch & childcare provided)</i>
Wed, Sept 7th	Bethany Village Update with Bishop Kee Sloan, 6:00 pm
Sun, Sept 11th	Anniversary Celebration & Christian Education Kick-off
Sun, Oct 2nd	Blessing of the Animals
Sun, Nov 13th	Confirmation & Bishop's Visit
Sun, Dec 4th	Annual Parish Meeting
Sun, Dec 11th	Lessons & Carols, 5:00 pm

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/>

Church Happenings

Mary Bea out of office, July 25th – August 4th

Mary Bea will be out of town for professional development July 25th – August 4th 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.

Adult Formation Survey

We are working on programming for Adult Formation for the fall, and we would like to hear from you. An email was sent this week with a link to the survey. If you have not already responded, please complete the Adult Formation Survey online or there are paper copies available in the narthex. The last day to submit the survey is **Monday, August 8th**. Please drop your completed survey in the box in the narthex.

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.

Blessing of the Students, Backpacks, and Teacher, August 7th

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

Choir Update

"Summer" Choir begins Sunday, August 14. Anyone interested in "trying out" the choir, please join us at 9:30am in the nave beginning August 14. We will rehearse something simple and sing during worship. We will not vest. This is a great time to join or just test it out to see if you would like to join the choir. Summer choir will continue through September 4. The kick-off for fall choir will be Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00pm in the choir room.

Home Eucharist, Wednesday, August 24th at 6:30pm

We will gather for a simple Eucharist and potluck at Kim & Bill Sorensen's home. All are welcome! Feel free to bring guests, favorite side item, and a beverage. Questions? Contact Mary Bea, marybea@holyspirit-al.org.

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 9:00 am.

Cookbooks & T-shirts

can be picked up in the narthex Sunday after both services. There are still cookbooks available for purchase! We are opening another order for t-shirts if you missed getting yours. Order forms are available in the narthex or you can order online in the HS Store. holyspirit-al.org/hs-store

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 members of our pastoral care support team.

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 13th

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.
http://dioala.org/dfc/newsdetail_2/3180257

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 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 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 to Young Adults in Alabama

Ministries and Programs within The Church of the Holy Spirit: Guidance for new outreach opportunities

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); **Shirley** Marshall (Allyson Agee)

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: Paula Hughes (8/1), Kristin Meyer (8/1), Stan Wright (8/4), Mike Ghareeb (8/5), Mary Bea Sullivan (8/7), Janet Palmer (8/9), DJ Leonard (8/9), Tawny Stephens (8/10), Taylor Sabol (8/10), Roy Smith III (8/14), Trey Hughes (8/14)

Upcoming Anniversaries:

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 24, 2016.

Pledged	\$3,248.68
Unpledged	\$ 550.33
In Memory of Kelli Divers	\$ 975.00
Beans and Rice	\$ 60.58
Cookbook purchases.....	\$ 172.00
Taste of the Spirit Tickets	\$ 375.00
TOTS auction and on-site donations.....	\$4,216.00
Total Contributions.....	\$9,597.59

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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