

Week of August 20 - 27, 2017

Sunday, August 20th

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

Saturday, August 26th

5:00 am Boston Butt Cook
3:00 pm Boston Butt Pickup

Sunday, August 27th

8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:30 am Coffee Hour, parish hall
Choir Practice, nave
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:30 am LEM & Acolyte Training, nave

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Dear Holy Spirit Family,

Thank you for coming to our Search and Financial Update meeting last week. It was good to spend time together as a family and discuss where we are in this process. The vestry and I want you to know we appreciate all of the thoughtful comments and questions that you brought to this meeting. We are grateful to Sarah Sartain, Staff Officer for Clergy Transitions and Ministry Development for the diocese, for attending the meeting as well. It's comforting to know the Diocesan Council approved a 3 year suspension of our loan. With this significant help and our plan to start a stewardship campaign through the Alabama Plan in September, we know we can post an opening for our new rector at the right time. We trust in God that the right person will join us here at Holy Spirit to share the love of Christ.

Should you have any further questions, thoughts or comments, as always, please do not hesitate to contact any of us on the Vestry and/or the Search Committee.

Thank you,
Mandy Golightly, Senior Warden

Vestry: Adam Power, Doug Smedley, Erin Washam, David Faber, Chaed Agee, Michael Wilbanks, Mary Hodgetts, and Buzz Palmer

Search Committee: Keri Ann Atkinson, Valerie Autrey, Juli Bowlin, Lorraine Divers, Glenda Jones, Tessa Nash, Suzanna Rawlins, and Ted Vodde

Be sure to wear your nametag every Sunday!

If you need a nametag, please write your name on the list in the narthex.

Weekly & Monthly Reminders

Men's Prayer Breakfast	Sept 9th	8:00 am	Parish Hall
Vestry Meeting	Sept 10th	11:45 am	Parish Hall
Healing Eucharist	Sept 13th	11:00 am	Nave
Pack for Beans & Rice	Sept 15th	9:00 am	Parish Hall
Beans & Rice	Sept 16th	9:00 am	Narthex
Bunco	Sept 21st	6:30 pm	Parish Hall

Taste of the Spirit- Silent Auction Items Needed

We need YOUR help! We are taking silent auction items NOW for our biggest fundraiser of the year. Please think of anything you would personally bid on at an auction. We are taking NEW items valued at \$25.00 or more. We are also looking for big ticket items for our LIVE auction portion. Do you perhaps have a condo you are able to share? Or are you connected for tickets to a special event? If you are unsure of a specific item, but want to donate, contact Allyson Agee, allyagee@bellsouth.net or 205-283-7732 for more information. **ITEMS ARE NEEDED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 24th.**

Examples:

Salon Services, Restaurant Gift Certificates, Hotel Accommodations, Hand Crafted Items
Entertainment/ Special Events, Photography Services, Anything Unique (example: last year Space Camp)

Church Happenings

LEM and Acolyte Training, August 27th, 11:30am

All current and upcoming Lay Eucharist Ministers and acolytes need to attend one of our fall training sessions, either Sunday, August 27th or September date TBD, immediately following the 10:30 am service. If you are interested in serving as a LEM or acolyte, please contact Tara Portney, tara@holyspirit-al.org.

Boston Butt Fundraiser, Saturday, August 26th

For only \$35, you can get a delicious pork butt (around 6-8 pounds of slow-cooked goodness), perfect for parties or just pampering family and friends. Leftovers can be frozen and reheated for a convenient and easy meal. The cookout will be on Saturday, August 26th, with the pork butts available for pick up around 3:00 pm. Order online at: <http://holyspirit-al.org/hs-store/>, calling the office, or filling out a form in the narthex. We have several generous donors for these events. If you could use the assistance of a donated Boston butt to feed your family, please let Father Bill know. Also, if you know a family (outside the church) that could use one, please let him know that as well.

Want to be a Holy Smoker? The cook will begin at 5:00 am on the 26th. We'll need 10 people there at 5:00 am for an hour. We'll need 6 people around 10:30 am and then 6 people at about 1:00pm. Contact Buzz Palmer, buzz.palmer@rawsonlp.com, if you can help out.

IT'S A GIRL!!

All are invited to a baby sprinkle honoring Erin Washam today at 11:30am in the parish hall, hosted by Debra Dickey and Mandy Golightly.

Tai Chi Classes, Starts September 7th at 10:30 am

Tai Chi classes will be offered at Holy Spirit for 7 weeks on Thursdays at 10:30 by a certified instructor beginning September 7th. Approved by Fall Prevention and Arthritis Association. Free classes. Sign up in the narthex.

Christian Education Volunteers Needed

We are gearing up for another Sunday School year and we need your help. Our Christian Education team needs a few more dedicated volunteers to help facilitate lessons, crafts, and activities for our children's Sunday school hour at 9:30 and children's chapel at 10:30 am. If you are able to help a few Sundays this fall, please contact Julia Jackson, julia@holyspirit-al.org or 999-7029, for more details. Thank you!

Clean out your kids' closet for Holy Spirit

We are participating in Kingwood Christian Schools upcoming consignment. If you find outgrown clothes in the closet that you are planning to donate to charity, consider bringing those clothes here instead. We will handle the resale & all proceeds will go to raise funds for Holy Spirit. We can even provide a donation receipt for your taxes & come to your home for pick up! Donations need to be received by August 27th. For more info please contact Toni, toni.nash@aol.com

Prayer Beads

Ladies of the church! As you know, Taste of the Spirit will be here soon! Along with our silent auction items we plan to have prayer beads available for purchase the night of the event! We need YOUR HELP to put them together. If you want to donate beads, or beading materials, or your time to make them please contact Tara Portney.

Diocesan Events

2017 Sept 1-3 Journey into Centering Prayer. Introduction to Centering Prayer Retreat.

A special time to be away in silence and listening to the teaching on this ancient form of Christian meditation. Registration questions, call 256/734-8302 or retreats@shmon.org. Register by check. \$60.00 to Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center, 916 Convent Rd., NE Cullman, AL 35055. Total cost: \$245.

The Labyrinth as a Spiritual Tool workshop, Sept 15-17, 2017

The Alabama Folk School at Camp McDowell (Instructor: Mary Ellen Calhoun)--This class will cover the rich history of labyrinths. We will discuss guidelines for walking and ways to use labyrinths. There will be ample time to walk Camp McDowell's labyrinth, journal and share your feelings. A hand-held clay finger labyrinth will be made, and we will discuss the care of the labyrinth at Camp McDowell. Register at www.alfolkschool.com.

Happening #71, November 3rd – 5th, St. Stephen's Birmingham

Open to youth in grades 10 – 12!! During the three-day weekend, the participants spend time seriously considering the person and teaching of Jesus Christ in a relaxed, fun, informal and loving atmosphere. They are provided with opportunities to share, discuss, learn and live with fellow Christians in an environment of acceptance and understanding. Hopefully, those who attend a Happening will join those who have gone before them in their desire to serve the Church, to continue in their commitment to Christ and to look for further opportunities to share with others what they have lived and learned. Contact Tara Portney if you have any questions or visit <http://happeninginal.weebly.com/> for more information and registration.

Thank you...

The Parish Life committee would like to thank the mystery donor of the very generous kitchen and pantry donations!!

Check out the bulletin board in the parish hall to see several thank you notes we have received for all of the hard work we've put in this summer. Thank you to everyone who has pitched in and spread the *Spirit* throughout our community. THANK YOU!!

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, August 13, 2017.

Pledged	\$2,295.00
Unpledged	\$ 63.39
Beans and Rice	\$ 21.26
Flowers	\$ 77.44
Parish Life	\$ 4.68
Mens Group Donations.....	\$ 353.00
Boston Butt purchases.....	\$ 665.00
Boston Butt donations	\$ 105.00
Total Contributions.....	\$3,584.77

Avg Sunday Attendance

	May	Jun	Jul
8:30am	15	10	13
10:30am	62	68	54
Total	77	78	67

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; St. Bartholomew's, Florence; Cursillo Secretariat and Cursillo Community in Alabama

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

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); 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); 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; Braden, Doug, Mt. Zion Church family; Harriet & Bill Meeks; Catherine Frison, William Davis, Barbara Banks (Robbie McCoy); Bill Sorensen; Katy Brooks; Kindle Stamps (Mandy Curry); Claire Stephens (Carrie May)

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

For all who have died, especially Jo Cochran, may light perpetual shine upon them.

Upcoming Birthdays: Betty Grady (8/22), Roxanne Wilke (8/23), Clay Cawthon (8/26), Ryan Rawlins (8/29)

Upcoming Anniversaries: Sharon & Don Greer (9/3)

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Tara's Office Hours: Tues, Wed, & Thurs – 9:00am to 1:00pm

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