

Week of August 21 - 28, 2016

Sunday, August 21st

8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship, parish hall
Summer Choir Practice, nave
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:45 am Holy Spirit 101, rector's office

Tuesday, August 23rd

6:00 pm Women's Circle, nave

Wednesday, August 24th

6:30 pm Home Eucharist at Kim & Bill Sorensen's Home

Saturday, August 27th

9:00 am Baptism Class, nave

Sunday, August 28th

8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship, parish hall
Summer Choir Practice, nave
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Holy Baptism
11:45 am Christian Education Summit, parish hall

Weekly & Monthly Reminders

Holy Spirit 101	Aug 21st	11:45 am	Rector's Office
Women's Circle	Aug 23rd	6:30 pm	Nave
Men's Breakfast & Prayer	Sept 10th	7:00 am	Parish Hall
Centering Prayer	Sept 12th	5:30 pm	Nave
Bunco	Sept 15th	6:30 pm	Parish Hall
Pack for Beans & Rice	Sept 16th	9:00 am	Parish Hall
Beans & Rice	Sept 17th	9:00 am	Narthex
Vestry Meeting	Sept 18th	11:45 am	Parish Hall

Save the Date

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>), please RSVP
Sat, Sept 3rd	Boston Butt Sale, pickup at 3:00 pm
Wed, Sept 7th	Pizza & Salad Party, 6:30pm and Choir Kick-off, 7:00 pm
Sun, Sept 11th	Anniversary Celebration, Christian Education Kick-off, & Gifts of the Spirit
Mondays, Sept 12 - Oct 24	Wisdom's Way, 6:30 pm
Wed, Sept 14th	Healing Eucharist & Lunch, 11:00 am
Sun, Sept 18th	Confirmation Class Begins
Sun, Oct 2nd	Blessing of the Animals
Sun, Oct 16th	Children's Liturgy, 10:30 am service
Wed, Oct 26th	Bethany Village Update with Bishop Kee Sloan, 6:00 pm
Sun, Nov 13th	Confirmation & Bishop's Visit
Sun, Dec 4th	Annual Parish Meeting
Sun, Dec 11th	Lessons & Carols, 5:00 pm

Living in the Spirit

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...

- to all who helped with Taste of the Spirit. We raised approximately \$4,000 with the cookbooks and the event. You are generous community.
- to our committed vestry for their insightful leadership.
- *From Alabaster City Schools:* Thank you for all your help this summer! We definitely could not feed all these children without community support. We fed a total of 44,000 meals this summer! Thanks for everything! Look forward to working with you this next summer.
- *From Alabaster Teen Council:* Thank you for the Kona Ice at the slip-n-slide party!

Church Happenings

Summer Choir

Anyone interested in "trying out" the choir, please join us at 9:30am in the nave during the month of August. 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.

Holy Spirit 101 – TODAY at 11:45am

Come learn more about Holy Spirit with Mary Bea and a vestry member TODAY after the 10:30 service. This is a great opportunity for visitors (but all are welcome) to gather once a month in the rector's office with refreshments and hear about the church and our offerings.

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

We will gather for a simple Eucharist and potluck at Kim & Bill Sorensen's home, 4637 Riverview Drive, Hoover (Chace Lake Subdivision – around the corner from Mary Bea's house). All are welcome! Feel free to bring guests, favorite side item, and a beverage. Questions? Contact Mary Bea, marybea@holyspirit-al.org or Kim Sorensen, 205-410-5324

Boston Butt Sale, pickup Saturday, Sept 3rd at 3:00pm

For only \$35, you can get a delicious pork butt (around 6-8 pounds of slow-cooked goodness), perfect for Labor Day weekend. Leftovers can be frozen and reheated for a convenient and easy meal. The cookout will be on Saturday, Sept 3rd, with the pork butts available for pickup at 3:00pm. Order online at:

<http://holyspirit-al.org/hs-store/>, call the office, or fill out a form in the narthex. Thanks to you we have been able to supply to families in need. If you would like to donate indicate so on your order. If you could use the assistance of a donated Boston butt to feed your family, please let Mary Bea know. Also, if you know a family (outside the church) that could use one, please let her know that as well.

Holy Smokers Needed!

On Saturday, Sept 3rd, the Holy Smokers will be at it again, preparing delicious smoked Boston Butts for Labor Day get togethers and for needy families. Buzz and Al need your help! We need six willing souls to help them get the meat on the smoker, working at the Church from 5:00 am to 7:00 am. In addition, we'll need six folks to help between 11:00 am and 12:00 noon, and another four between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm to finish up. ANY TIME YOU CAN COME BY TO HELP WILL BE APPRECIATED! Even an hour's work, especially in the 5:00 am time slot, would be welcome. Please contact Tara (tara@holyspirit-al.org), Buzz (buzz.palmer@rawsonlp.com) or Al (aldel9109@gmail.com) to let them know when you can help out. Thanks!

Men's Breakfast & Prayer Group, Saturday, Sept 10th at 8am

We are starting a men's group to meet once a month on the second Saturday to gather for breakfast, prayer time, and fellowship. All men are welcome and encouraged to come. The first gathering will be Saturday, Sept 10th at 8:00am and end at 9:00am – cooks start at 7am. Please bring a few dollars to help cover the cost of breakfast. More information to follow. If you are interested in cooking breakfast or have other questions, contact Buzz Palmer, buzz.palmer@rawsonlp.com; Al Delchamps, aldel111@aol.com; or Doug Smedley, dsmedley@calera.org.

Wisdom's Way—a practical and spiritual exploration of the Bible's Wisdom Literature

Mondays, September 12th – October 24th at 6:30 pm

Join Mary Bea for this 6-week course on Wisdom Literature in the Bible focusing on Proverbs, the Book of Job, Ecclesiastes, and the Wisdom of Solomon. We will reflect upon the writings of these ancient sages and how they inform our spiritual life today. The format will incorporate lecture, group discussion, and spiritual practices that support our growing in wisdom. "Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her." Wisdom of Solomon 6:12.

Habitat for Humanity Build Day, Saturday, September 24th, 7:30am – 4:00pm

We need 13 volunteers to assist Episcopal Diocese Habitat for Humanity along with volunteers from St. Francis for a build day in Calera. Skills are helpful but not required!! We are also looking for breakfast and lunch sponsors that...more info to come. If you would like to lend a hand that day, sign up at <http://holyspirit-al.org/volunteer-spot/> or 621-3418.

Cursillo Open House, October 7th, 6:30pm

If you are interested in going to Cursillo or just learning more about it, please join us! We will have several Cursillistas (people that have already been to Cursillo) at the meeting as well. This is not a "secret society"! There are many wonderful surprises at Cursillo and I truly believe that when the Lord leads you to go, you get exactly what you need from it, and you leave with a lasting impression, a changed heart, lifelong friends and community centered on our Lord and living in the spirit. Bring the kiddos! We will have some youth group members to watch over them. Please bring a snack to share! Beverages will be provided.

Next Cursillo Weekend – October 6th -9th.

Contact Kim Sorensen if you'd like to attend, ksorensen@jackhenry.com.

Relief for Louisiana flood victims

We are collecting monetary donations for Episcopal Relief and development to assist the flood victims in Louisiana. Also, through Alabama Public Television, we will collect books, coloring books, and crayons for children. You may leave your donations in the narthex and Roy Clem will make sure they are sent to those in need. Thanks for your generosity.

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.*

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.

Birmingham's Got Potential, Sept 24th at 7:30pm, Good People Brewing Company

Special Session at Camp McDowell invites you to Birmingham's most stupendous, most marvelous, and most fantastically wonderful talent competition in the history of the city--"Birmingham's Got Potential", to be held at Good People Brewing Company on Sept. 24, 2016 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Tickets, which can be purchased online or at the door, are \$15.00 or \$20.00 including a plate of gumbo. All proceeds from this event will support Special Session at Camp McDowell. http://dioala.org/dfc/newsdetail_2/3180263

A Day on Addiction and Recovery, October 15th

The Diocesan Department of Recovery Ministries is presenting *A Day of Addiction and Recovery* at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church October 15th. The program will feature keynoters Michael O'Keefe and Travis Meadows. There will also be break-out sessions focusing on families, addiction as a disease, young adult issues, and what's out there? The day will close with a Recovery Eucharist. Lunch will be provided.

"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.

Be sure to check the bulletin board in the parish hall for more exciting Diocesan offerings!!

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 14, 2016.

Pledged.....	\$2,837.00
Unpledged.....	\$ 65.00
Kelli Divers Memorial Fund.....	\$ 100.00
Cookbook purchases.....	\$ 15.00
Flowers.....	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Total Contributions.....	\$3,117.00

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; St. Bartholomew's, Florence

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 the flooding in Louisiana.

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); **Roxie & Stan** Wright; **Debra** Dewees (Glenda Jones); **Max, Miles, Kristen, & Bryan** DeLauney (Carrie May); **Shirley** Marshall (Allyson Agee); **Francie and Alan** Gardner; **Bethney** Nicholas (Tara Portney); **Mary** Hodgetts; **Fred** Aldrich (David Aldrich); **Carl** Bruner; **Betty** Grady; **Susan** Vincens (Janet Palmer); **Candice & Ben** Hudson (Mandy Golightly); **Olivia** Kilgore

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: Betty Grady (8/22), Roxanne Wilke (8/23), Clay Cawthon (8/26), Ryan Rawlins (8/29), Sharon Divers (9/4)

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

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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