

Week of August 27 - September 3, 2017

Living in the Spirit

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

Tuesday, August 29th

6:00 pm Prayer Bead Making Session, parish hall

Sunday, September 3rd

8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
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Choir Practice, 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

Food for Thought...

The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10)

Blessed are the poor in spirit:

for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Blessed are the sorrowful:

for they shall find consolation.

Blessed are those of gentle spirit:

for they shall have the earth for their possession.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst to see right prevail:

for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are those who show mercy:

for mercy shall be shown to them.

Blessed are those whose hearts are pure:

for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers:

for they shall be called God's children.

Blessed are those who have suffered persecution

for the cause of right:

for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

From *A New Zealand Prayer Book*

blessed
are the...

Church Happenings

LEM and Acolyte Training, TODAY, 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 24th, 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.

Come Make Prayer Beads, Tuesday, August 29th at 6:00pm

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. **Join us Tuesday night at 6:00pm in the parish hall for fellowship and to make prayer beads.** See Tara Portney, Mary Hodgetts, or Mandy Golightly to see list of needed materials.

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!

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)

Diocesan Events

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.

Dancing with the Trinity, Exploring Trinitarian Metaphors of Richard Rohr & Cynthia Bourgeault Saturday, September 23 at Episcopal Church of the Epiphany (Guntersville, AL)

Rev. Mary Catherine Akamatsu will guide us through an exploration of our divine calling to participatory relationship with the Holy Trinity. We will survey metaphors for this relationship through the teachings of the church fathers, Cynthia Bourgeault, Richard Rohr, and modern physics. Join us as we consider such questions as: Why is symbolic language necessary for our growth in Christ? How might we live more faithfully through connection with and in the divine flow? What does it mean to dance? See informational flyer on bulletin board in parish hall for registration information.

Dreamwork Immersion Workshop, November 10-11, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church (Huntsville, AL)

Join us as we explore how to tend our nightly dreams so that we may live more faithfully. Offered by Metagem Institute, <http://metageminstitute.org>. For more information email: office@metageminstitute.org. Register at <http://biy.ly/RegisterDreamwork> (\$85 fee, includes lunch Saturday).

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. 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.

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 20, 2017.

Pledged	\$3,217.48
Unpledged	\$ 56.18
Beans and Rice	\$ 46.45
Boston Butt purchases	\$1,225.00
Boston Butt donations	\$ 70.00
Designated Gift	\$3,000.00
Total Contributions	\$7,615.11

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; Interfaith Mission Services, Huntsville; Christian Center of Concern, Fayette; Grace Harbor, Pell City; Greater Birmingham Ministries

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

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, may light perpetual shine upon them.

Upcoming Birthdays: Ryan Rawlins (8/29), Sharon Divers (9/4), Judy Ghareeb (9/5), Mandy Heatherly (9/10)

Upcoming Anniversaries: Sharon & Don Greer (9/3), Stephanie & Matt Farrell (9/10)

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

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