

Week of August 6 - 13, 2017

Sunday, August 6th – Blessing of the Backpacks

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

Wednesday, August 9th

11:00 am Healing Eucharist, nave

Saturday, August 12th

8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast, parish hall

Sunday, August 13th

8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:30 am Coffee Hour, parish hall
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:30 am Parish Search/Financial Discussion, parish hall

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Weekly & Monthly Reminders

Healing Eucharist	Aug 9th	11:00 am	Nave
Men's Prayer Breakfast	Aug 12th	8:00 am	Parish Hall
Vestry Meeting	Aug 13th	11:45 am	Parish Hall
Bunco	Aug 17th	6:30 pm	Parish Hall
Pack for Beans & Rice	Aug 18th	9:00 am	Parish Hall
Beans & Rice	Aug 19th	9:00 am	Narthex

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)	

Parish Search/Financial Discussion

The Vestry and Search Committee invite each of you to an important meeting regarding where we are in our search process and how we stand financially. We will be leading this discussion on **August 13th directly following our 10:30 service**. We would love for you to gather with us as a family over a potluck lunch to hear where we stand. If you haven't had a chance to read over your Friday e-mail, please take a look for more details.

Church Happenings

Healing Eucharist, Wednesday, August 9th at 11:00 am

In need of a mid-week boost? Come join us for a quiet, service of healing August 9th at 11:00 am. Those who wish to stay are welcome to stay for a brown bag lunch immediately following the service.

Men's Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, August 12th at 8am

Join the men of Holy Spirit as they meet once a month on the second Saturday to gather for breakfast, prayer time, and fellowship. **All men are welcome and encouraged to come.** Cooking starts at 7:00 am with breakfast served at 8:00am. Please bring a few dollars to help cover the cost of breakfast.

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!

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 Sunday, August 20th at 11:30am in the parish hall, hosted by Debra Dickey and Mandy Golightly.

Diocesan Events

Jonathan Daniels' Pilgrimage, Saturday, August 12th, Hayneville

This year's annual observance of Jonathan Daniels and the Martyrs of Alabama is Saturday, August 12th in Hayneville, AL. The Pilgrimage begins at 11 am in the Hayneville Courthouse Square. Visit http://dioala.org/digital_faith/events/3174268 for more information. There is no cost to participate but space is limited. We encourage you to pre-register online at <https://goo.gl/uQ5esQ>.

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. **HAPPENING** is not a new form of spirituality, nor is it just another weekend retreat. It is a personal encounter with the living Christ as expressed in the traditions of the Episcopal Church. 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, July 30, 2017.

Pledged\$2,580.00
Unpledged\$ 491.37
Outreach—school supplies.....\$ 54.34
Total Contributions.....\$3,125.71

Avg Sunday Attendance

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

Thank You

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!!

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; Ministries to Young Adults in Alabama

Ministries and Programs within The Church of the Holy Spirit: Children's Christian Formation; EYC; Adult Education; Diocesan Connections

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); Jo Cochran (Judy Dykes); 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; Delauney Family (Carrie May); 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)

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: Janet Palmer (8/9), DJ Leonard (8/9), Tawny Stephens (8/10), Taylor Sabol (8/10), Alison Carmody (8/12), Roy Smith III (8/14), Ava Walden (8/15), Donna Noren (8/16), Emma Washam (8/16), Dylan Curry (8/17)

Upcoming Anniversaries: Susan & Mark Araujo (8/15), Debra & Jack Dickey (8/18)

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