

## Week of August 7 - 14, 2016

### 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

### Tuesday, August 9th

- 6:00 pm Women's Circle, nave

### Saturday, August 13th

- 9:00 am Prayer Shawl Meeting, nave

### Sunday, August 14th

- 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 Vestry Meeting, parish hall

## Weekly & Monthly Reminders

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
Holy Spirit 101	Aug 21st	11:45 am	Rector's Office
Daughters of the King	Aug 21st	11:45 am	Nave
Men's Breakfast & Prayer	Sept 10th	7:00 am	Parish Hall
Centering Prayer	Sept 12th	5:30 pm	Nave

## 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 &amp; childcare provided</i> )
Sat, Sept 3rd	Smoked Pork Shoulder Sale, pickup at 3:00pm
Sun, Sept 11th	Anniversary Celebration & Christian Education Kick-off
Sun, Oct 2nd	Blessing of the Animals
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

## *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*

### **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](mailto:tara@holyspirit-al.org) or 205-621-3418 if you have any questions.

### **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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

### **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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:buzz.palmer@rawsonlp.com); Al Delchamps, [aldel111@aol.com](mailto:aldel111@aol.com); or Doug Smedley, [dsmedley@calera.org](mailto:dsmedley@calera.org).

## *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](http://holyspirit-al.org/hs-store)

## Thank you...

- to all who sponsored a child in the Clothing a Champion drive. Your generous donations provided back to school clothes for 5 local children.

## 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 13<sup>th</sup>**

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](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](http://dioala.org/digital_faith/events/3170743) for more information.

### **Birmingham's Got Potential, Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://dioala.org/dfc/newsdetail_2/3180263)

### **"God's Welcome The Spirituality of Hospitality", Oct. 16-21, Camp McDowell, Bishop Sloan**

Visit [http://dioala.org/digital\\_faith/events/3169257](http://dioala.org/digital_faith/events/3169257) for more information.

## 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 31, 2016.

Pledged .....	\$3,252.00
Unpledged .....	\$ 482.00
In Memory of Kelli Divers .....	\$ 150.00
Beans and Rice .....	\$ 45.59
Cookbook purchases.....	\$ 26.00
T-shirt purchases .....	\$ 27.00
School supplies and clothing.....	\$ 101.43
Total Contributions .....	\$4,084.02

*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; Dept of Stewardship; Jubilee Ministry & all Jubilee Centers

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

**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); **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); **Francie and Alan** Gardner

**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:** 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), 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)

**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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