

Week of September 11 - 18, 2016

Parish Anniversary Celebration

8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:30 am Gifts of the Spirit & Sunday School Kickoff
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:30 am Anniversary Potluck & Gifts of the Spirit

*Living
in the
Spirit*

Gifts of the Spirit – 9:30 am & 11:30 am

Today we are celebrating Holy Spirit's 14th Anniversary! One of the reasons we have experienced such wonderful growth in community and ministries is because of you—our committed volunteers. You will have the opportunity to indicate which ministries you wish to support as we will have our Gifts of the Spirit sign ups during the 9:30 hour (in conjunction with the Sunday School Kick-Off), and during the potluck after the 10:30 service. You are also able to sign up via survey monkey.

We all have spiritual gifts to offer. Not a lot of time? No worries, there is something for you. Have a lot of time? We also have something for you. Thank you in advance for your support.

What is a Spiritual Gift?

Spiritual gifts are Special Abilities (1 Cor. 12:7) * Distributed by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:11)
To Every Believer according to God's Design and Grace (1 Peter 4:10)
For the Common Good of the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:7)

Sunday School Kick-Off – 9:30 am

It's that exciting time of year again... Time for Sunday school to start back! Please join us for the kick off today at 9:30. We will discuss the different options for kids and volunteers, all while reconnecting as a community. Come join in the fun!

Anniversary Potluck – 11:30 am until 1:00 pm

We have much to celebrate! Be sure to join the food, fun, and fellowship after our 10:30 am service. All are welcome!

Monday, September 12th

5:30 pm Centering Prayer, nave
6:30 pm Wisdom's Way – a practical & spiritual exploration of the Bible's Wisdom Literature, parish hall

Tuesday, September 13th

6:00 pm Women's Circle, nave

Wednesday, September 14th

11:00 am Healing Eucharist & Lunch, nave
7:00 pm Choir Practice, nave

Thursday, September 15th

6:30 pm Bunco, parish hall

Friday, September 16th

9:00 am Pack for Beans & Rice Ministry, parish hall

Saturday, September 17th

9:00 am Beans & Rice Distribution, narthex

Sunday, September 18th

8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship, parish hall
Choir Practice, nave
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:45 am Vestry Meeting, parish hall

Weekly & Monthly Reminders

Centering Prayer	Sept 12th	5:30 pm	Nave
Women's Circle	Sept 13th	6:30 pm	Nave
Healing Eucharist	Sept 14th	11:00 am	Nave
Choir Practice	Sept 14th	7:00 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
Daughters of the King	Sept 25th	11:45 am	Parish Hall
Men's Prayer Breakfast	Oct 8th	8:00 am	Parish Hall
Holy Spirit 101	Oct 16th	11:45 am	Rector's Office

Save the Date

Mondays,

Sept 12 – Oct 24	Wisdom's Way – A spiritual exploration of the Bible's Wisdom Literature, 6:30 pm
Wed, Sept 14th	Healing Eucharist & Lunch, 11:00 am
Sun, Sept 18th	Foundation of the Faith Inquirers/Adult Confirmation Class Begins, 9:30 am
Sat, Oct 1st	Bark in the Park, Veterans Park, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Sun, Oct 2nd	Blessing of the Animals, 2:00 pm
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, 10:30 am
Sun, Dec 4th	Annual Parish Meeting, 11:30 am
Sun, Dec 11th	Lessons & Carols, 5:00 pm

Thank you...

- to all of our Boston Butt cooks, purchasers and donors! We raised over \$1,500 for Holy Spirit & fed 15 families.
- Glenda Jones for assisting with the donated Boston Butts.
- Buzz Palmer, Al Delchamps, Jason Portney & Doug Smedley for organizing the men's breakfast.

Church Happenings

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 exploration of 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 have committed to recruit 13 volunteers to assist Episcopal Diocese Habitat for Humanity. We will serve alongside 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.

Church Office

Tara Portney, our parish administrator, will be out of the office 8/29 – 9/12. Mandy Golightly will be in the office periodically to check voicemails and emails but if you need immediate response, please contact Mandy at mmgolightly@gmail.com or 205-410-3013.

Cookbooks & T-shirts

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

Diocesan/Local Offerings

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.

Fall Fling for 5th & 6th graders at Camp McDowell, October 14th- 16th

The Diocese is hosting a Fall Fling for 5th & 6th graders at Camp McDowell. Cost is \$125 and scholarships are available. For more information go to www.campmcdowell.com/retreat/fall-fling or contact Stratt Byers at Stratt@campmcdowell.com. REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN.

District Day 2016, September 25th 2pm-4pm

District Day is an all EYC event hosted by Dioala Youth Department will be held at Crestline Park, 1115 Dunston Avenue, Birmingham, AL 35213. Contact Mother Mary Bea if interested.

There are so many wonderful events happening throughout our Diocese. Be sure to visit the diocesan website, www.dioala.org, for details. Check out the bulletin board in the parish hall for a few highlights.

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, September 4, 2016.

Pledged	\$4,375.60
Unpledged	\$ 780.65
Kelli Divers Memorial Fund	\$ 300.00
Boston Barbeque purchases	\$1,580.00
Boston Barbeque donations	\$ 402.59
Christian Education	\$ 50.00
Flowers	\$ 81.00
Total Contributions.....	\$7,569.84

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; Diocesan Pastoral Counseling Center

Ministries and Programs within The Church of the Holy Spirit: Vestry, Beans & Rice Ministry, Love in Action (Outreach), Prayer Shawl 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, earthquakes in Italy, and wars throughout the world.

Healing & Guidance for members, relatives and friends of Holy Spirit: **Doris & Richard** Smith (Victoria Knierim); **Carl** Raymond (Allyson Agee); **Jo** Cochran (Judy Dykes); **Roxie & Stan** Wright; **Debra** Dewees (Glenda Jones); **Shirley** Marshall (Allyson Agee); **Francie and Alan** Gardner; **Fred** Aldrich (David Aldrich); **Carl** Bruner; **Susan** Vincens (Janet Palmer); **Candice & Ben** Hudson (Mandy Golightly); **Olivia** Kilgore; **Brandy** Carmichael (Debra Dickey); **Susie Burnside** (Mandy Curry); **Stephen & Theresa** (Mary Hodgetts) **Bud** Montgomery (Carol Smedley)

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: Nan Vodde (9/11), John Stephen Heacock (9/12), Ted Vodde (9/13), Allyson Agee (9/17), Matthew Dilbeck (9/17), David Divers (9/18), Gladys McKay (9/20), Stan Wilke (9/20), David Aldrich (9/22)

Upcoming Anniversaries: Michelle & Adam Power (9/12)

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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