

*Week of September 17 - 24, 2017*

**Sunday, September 17th**

- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 9:30 am Christian Formation for all ages, parish hall  
Choir Practice, nave
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 11:45 am Vestry Meeting, parish hall

**Wednesday, September 20th**

- 5:30 pm Sit Quiet: A Time of Holy Silence and Prayer, nave
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice, nave

**Thursday, September 21st**

- 10:30 am Tai Chi, parish hall
- 6:30 pm Bunco, parish hall

**Sunday, September 24th**

- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 9:30 am Christian Formation for all ages, parish hall  
Choir Practice, nave
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*From Interim Rector, Father Bill Blackerby*

***A Slight Change in Father Bill's Schedule and a Time to "Sit Quiet"***

I've been an adjunct instructor in the University Honors Program at UAB since 1999. Most years I teach an honors seminar which meets for an hour and fifteen minutes two afternoons a week. This year, however, I'm one of six faculty members on the teaching team for the fall interdisciplinary course. I will offer a religious perspective on the course theme "Evidence and Belief in a Post-truth Society." This long standing commitment requires me to be at the Spencer Honors House Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings from 9:05 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. I will continue to be in the office on Wednesdays but will arrive between 12:30 and 1:00 p.m. rather than in the morning. I will leave class early the second Wednesday of each month in time for the monthly Healing Eucharist.

Since I plan to be at Holy Spirit later in the day on Wednesdays during the fall, I going to head over to the nave each week for a half hour of holy silence at 5:30 p.m. Richard Rohr frequently calls this holy silence "sit quiet," a description I like a lot and the way I think of my morning time of silence. Many people experience this type of prayer as Centering Prayer. If your schedule permits, I'd love for you to join me Wednesday evenings beginning September 6th from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. to sit quietly together in God's presence.

*Be sure to wear your nametag every Sunday!*

If you need a nametag, please write your name on the list in the narthex.

*Living  
in the  
Spirit*

# Save the Date



## 2017 Taste of the Spirit: Jambalaya and Jazz

Saturday, October 28th 🎵 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Silent & Live Auction

featuring Choko Aiken with Cleve Eaton and Sonny Harris  
also performing, Thompson High School Jazz Combo



## Weekly & Monthly Reminders

Vestry Meeting	Sept 17th	11:45 am	Parish Hall
Bunco	Sept 21st	6:30 pm	Parish Hall
Healing Eucharist	Oct 11th	11:00 am	Nave
Men's Prayer Breakfast	Oct 14th	8:00 am	Parish Hall
Pack for Beans & Rice	Oct 20th	9:00 am	Parish Hall
Beans & Rice	Oct 21st	9:00 am	Narthex

## Vestry & Diocesan Convention Nominations

### Vestry Nominations

Vestry nominations will be here before we know it! This is a very important time in the church and to serve as a member of the vestry. If you would like to serve in this important role please let us know. Requirements for election to the Vestry are:

1. An adult person over the age of 16
  2. Confirmed (or Received) in the Episcopal Church
  3. Regular in attendance
  4. Pledging member of record
- Please contact Mandy Golightly, Senior Warden, if you are interested.

### Diocesan Convention Delegates

Would you like the honor of representing Holy Spirit at the 187th Diocesan Convention? We need three delegates to attend this two day convention to hear all the latest updates from around the diocese and to vote on behalf of our congregation. The convention will be held on February 9th & 10th, 2018 in Decatur, Alabama. Please contact Mandy Golightly, [mmgolightly@gmail.com](mailto:mmgolightly@gmail.com), if you are interested.

## Church Happenings

### Tai Chi Classes, Thursdays 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.

### LEM and Acolyte Training, Sunday, September 24th at 11:45 am

All current and upcoming Lay Eucharist Ministers and acolytes need to attend a fall training session. If you missed the training August 27th please make plans to attend **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](mailto:tara@holyspirit-al.org).

## *Boston Butt Fundraiser*

**WOW!!!!** We had our best Boston Butt sale ever! **THANK YOU** to everyone who bought and sold a Boston Butt. **We raised over \$2500 from purchases and donations.**

A special thank you to Buzz Palmer and the Holy Smokers! This huge success is due to their hard work all day preparing and smoking all that meat. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! 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.**

## *Diocesan Events*

### **Habitat for Humanity, Sept 23rd or November 18th**

This is a new construction build for the Moore Family, which is sponsored by the Episcopal Convocation. Volunteers are utilized every Thursday, Friday & Saturday from 8am-3pm with a 30 minute lunch break around 11:30am. Volunteers must be a minimum of 14 years old to be on the construction site. Sign up at <http://give.habitatbirmingham.org/campaigns/4930-moore-family-house-build-sponsored-by-the-episcopal-convocation>.

### **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. See informational flyer on bulletin board in parish hall for registration information.

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

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](mailto:office@metageminstitute.org). Register at <http://diy.ly/RegisterDreamwork> (\$85 fee, includes lunch Saturday).

### **Fall Fling, October 27th – 29th, Camp McDowell**

Fall Fling is a 2 night retreat open to all 5th and 6th graders. If you are missing summer camp, need a break from the fall routine, or are just curious about what Summer Camp is all about, this is the retreat for you. We will have all the exciting camp activities such as hikes, canoeing, arts and crafts, hay rides, s'mores and much more! Register at [campmcdowell.com](http://campmcdowell.com)

# 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 10, 2017.

Pledged .....	\$1,680.00
Unpledged .....	\$ 452.00
Beans and Rice .....	\$ 39.35
Flowers .....	\$ 17.43
Mens Group .....	\$ 16.00
Boston Butt purchases.....	\$ 35.00
Boston Butt donations .....	\$ 35.00
Total Contributions.....	\$2,274.78

## **Avg Sunday Attendance**

	Jun	Jul	Aug
8:30am	10	13	12
10:30am	68	54	70
Total	78	67	81

## *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; St. Matthew's, Madison; St. Matthew's in the Pines, Seale; Diocesan Pastoral Counseling Center; Military, Institutional, Hospice, and Hospital Chaplains

**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:** Donald Trump, President; Kay Ivey, Governor; Communities of Calera, Alabaster, Helena, Maylene, & Pelham

**For all people everywhere, especially:** all those impacted by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma

**Healing & Guidance for members, relatives and friends of Holy Spirit:** Richard Smith (Victoria Knierim); Roxie & Stan Wright; 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; Harriet & Bill Meeks; Catherine Frison, William Davis, Barbara Banks (Robbie McCoy); Bill Sorensen; Katy Brooks; Kindle Stamps (Mandy Curry); Claire Stephens (Carrie May); Dallyne & Jim Jones (Glenda Jones)

**For those serving in the armed services:** Hall Graham (Julia Jackson), Mark McKay (Gladys McKay)

**For all who have died, especially Loretta Young** (Robbie McCoy) may light perpetual shine upon them.

**Upcoming Birthdays:** Allyson Agee (9/17), Matthew Dilbeck (9/17), David Divers (9/18), Gladys McKay (9/20), Stan Wilke (9/20), David Aldrich (9/22), Marla Aldrich (9/28), Samuel Bainter (9/30), Betty Marek (10/1)

**Upcoming Anniversaries:**

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