

# Living in the Spirit

*Week of September 24 – October 1, 2017*

## **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
- 11:45 am Reception for Julia Jackson, parish hall
- 11:45 am LEM & Acolyte Training, nave

## **Wednesday, September 27th**

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

## **Thursday, September 28th**

- 10:30 am Tai Chi, parish hall

## **Sunday, October 1st**

- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 9:30 am Children's Christian Formation, parish hall  
Adult Forum, nave  
Choir Practice, choir room
- 10:30 am Holy & Instructed Eucharist, Rite II
- 2:30 am Blessing of the Animals Liturgy, church grounds

*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.

## *Save the Date*



### **2017 Taste of the Spirit: Jazz & Jambalaya**

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	Oct 8th	11:45 am	Parish Hall
Healing Eucharist	Oct 11th	11:00 am	Nave
Men's Prayer Breakfast	Oct 14th	8:00 am	Parish Hall
Bunco	Oct 19th	6:30 pm	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*

### **LEM and Acolyte Training, Sunday, Today**

**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.

### **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.

### **Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 1st at 2:30pm**

In honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, we will have a special service followed by blessing of all creatures great and small. Kids are invited to bring their favorite stuffed animals as well. We will also pray for those pets at home and those who have died. Please bring canned or packaged pet food that will be donated to a local shelter.

## *Diocesan Events*

### **Habitat for Humanity**

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>.

### **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://biy.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 17, 2017.

Pledged .....	\$2,155.00
Unpledged .....	\$ 260.80
Altar Guild .....	\$ 87.88
Beans and Rice .....	\$ 3.00
Choir .....	\$ 150.00
Flowers .....	\$ 87.13
Outreach—school supplies and clothes ..	\$ 137.42
TOTS tickets.....	\$ 120.00
Total Contributions.....	\$3,001.23

## **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. Michael and All Angels, Anniston; St. Michael and All Angels, Millbrook; St. Michael's, Faunsdale; St. Michael's, Fayette

**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:** all those impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria

**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 Dillbeck); **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,** may light perpetual shine upon them.

**Upcoming Birthdays:** Marla Aldrich (9/28), Samuel Bainter (9/30), Betty Marek (10/1), Carrie May (10/4), Roxie Wright (10/7), Pam Bainter (10/7), Kem Muruako (10/8), Lila Golightly (10/8)

**Upcoming Anniversaries:**

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