

Week of September 3 - 10, 2017

Sunday, September 3rd

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

Wednesday, September 6th

7:00 pm Choir Practice, nave

Thursday, September 7th

10:30 am Tai Chi, parish hall

Saturday, September 9th

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

Sunday, September 10th

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

*Living
in the
Spirit*

Dear Holy Spirit Family,

Thank you for coming to our Search and Financial Update meeting last week. It was good to spend time together as a family and discuss where we are in this process. The vestry and I want you to know we appreciate all of the thoughtful comments and questions that you brought to this meeting. We are grateful to Sarah Sartain, Staff Officer for Clergy Transitions and Ministry Development for the diocese, for attending the meeting as well. It's comforting to know the Diocesan Council approved a 3 year suspension of our loan. With this significant help and our plan to start a stewardship campaign through the Alabama Plan in September, we know we can post an opening for our new rector at the right time. We trust in God that the right person will join us here at Holy Spirit to share the love of Christ.

Should you have any further questions, thoughts or comments, as always, please do not hesitate to contact any of us on the Vestry and/or the Search Committee.

Thank you,
Mandy Golightly, Senior Warden

Vestry: Adam Power, Doug Smedley, Erin Washam, David Faber, Chaed Agee, Michael Wilbanks, Mary Hodgetts, and Buzz Palmer

Search Committee: Keri Ann Atkinson, Valerie Autrey, Juli Bowlin, Lorraine Divers, Glenda Jones, Tessa Nash, Suzanna Rawlins, and Ted Vodde

Be sure to wear your nametag every Sunday!

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

Weekly & Monthly Reminders

Men's Prayer Breakfast	Sept 9th	8:00 am	Parish Hall
Vestry Meeting	Sept 10th	11:45 am	Parish Hall
Healing Eucharist	Sept 13th	11:00 am	Nave
Pack for Beans & Rice	Sept 15th	9:00 am	Parish Hall
Beans & Rice	Sept 16th	9:00 am	Narthex
Bunco	Sept 21st	6:30 pm	Parish Hall

Save the Date

2017 Taste of the Spirit: Jambalaya and Jazz

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

Silent & Live Auction

with Thompson High School Jazz Combo &
featuring Choko Aiken with Cleve Eaton and Sonny Harris



Church Happenings

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.

Tai Chi Classes, Starts September 7th 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.

Men's Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, September 9th 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. Be sure to wear your favorite hat! If you are interested in cooking breakfast or have other questions, contact Buzz Palmer, buzz.palmer@rawsonlp.com; Al Delchamps, aldel111@aol.com; or Doug Smedley, dsmedley@calera.org.

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!

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)

Diocesan Events

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.

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. Join us as we consider such questions as: Why is symbolic language necessary for our growth in Christ? How might we live more faithfully through connection with and in the divine flow? What does it mean to dance? See informational flyer on bulletin board in parish hall for registration information.

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

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. 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. There will be a fun, thoughtful program centered on knowing who God is calling you to be in the world. We will have all the exciting camp activities such as hikes, canoeing, arts and crafts, hay rides, s'mores and much more! Come and see what is waiting for you at Fall Fling at Camp McDowell. Register at 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, August 20, 2017.

Pledged	\$3,217.48
Unpledged	\$ 56.18
Beans and Rice	\$ 46.45
Boston Butt purchases	\$1,225.00
Boston Butt donations	\$ 70.00
Designated Gift	\$3,000.00
Total Contributions.....	\$7,615.11

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; Dept of Ministry for Higher Education; Diocesan Campus Ministries

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: all those impacted by Hurricane Harvey

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; 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); 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: Sharon Divers (9/4), Judy Ghareeb (9/5), Mandy Heatherly (9/10), Nan Vodde (9/11), John Stephen Heacock (9/12), Ted Vodde (9/13), Fischer Brooks (9/16), Allyson Agee (9/17), Matthew Dilbeck (9/17)

Upcoming Anniversaries: Sharon & Don Greer (9/3), Stephanie & Matt Farrell (9/10), Michelle & Adam Power (9/12)

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Tara's Office Hours: Tues, Wed, & Thurs – 9:00am to 1:00pm

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