

## *Week of September 4 - 11, 2016*

### **Sunday, September 4th**

- 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

### **Monday, September 5th**

**\*\*Office Closed for Labor Day\*\***

### **Wednesday, September 7th**

- 6:30 pm Pizza & Salad Party, parish hall  
7:00 pm Choir Kick-off

### **Saturday, September 10th**

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

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Spirit*

### **Pizza Party with Choir—Wednesday September 7th at 6:30 pm**

Let's celebrate the return of our choir with a pizza and salad party! Please RSVP to [marybea@holyspirit-al.org](mailto:marybea@holyspirit-al.org) or 205-621-3418 so we will order enough pizza. \$5 donation suggested per adult \$3 per child.

## *Parish Anniversary Celebration – Sunday, September 11th*

- 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

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

We are celebrating Holy Spirit's 14th Anniversary on September 11th! 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 will also be able to sign up via survey monkey. Look for an email coming soon with the link to the online sign up.

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 on September 11th 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. There is a Perfect Potluck for you to let us know what you can bring – [perfectpotluck.com](http://perfectpotluck.com) Last name: Greer and Password: ECOHS.

## Weekly & Monthly Reminders

Choir Practice	Sept 7th	7:00 pm	Nave
Men's Prayer Breakfast	Sept 10th	8:00 am	Parish Hall
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
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
Holy Spirit 101	Sept 25th	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 & Adult Confirmation Class Begins, 9:30 am

Sat, Oct 1st Bark in the Park, Veterans Park,

Sun, Oct 2nd Blessing of the Animals

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 have sold the most for any cook to date!
- Mandy Golightly for extra help while Tara is gone.
- Glenda Jones for helping with the donated Boston Butts.

## Church Happenings

### **Men's Prayer Breakfast, 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, [dsmmedley@calera.org](mailto:dsmmedley@calera.org).

### **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](mailto:ksorensen@jackhenry.com).

### **Relief for Louisiana flood victims**

We are collecting monetary donations for Episcopal Relief and development to assist the flood victims in Louisiana. Also, through Alabama Public Television, we will collect books, coloring books, and crayons for children. You may leave your donations in the narthex and Roy Clem will make sure they are sent to those in need. Thanks for your generosity.

### **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](mailto: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](http://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](http://dioala.org/dfc/newsdetail_2/3180263)

### **A Day on Addiction and Recovery, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

The Diocesan Department of Recovery Ministries is presenting *A Day of Addiction and Recovery* at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church October 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

***There are so many wonderful events happening throughout our Diocese. Be sure to visit the diocesan website, [www.dioala.org](http://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, August 28, 2016.

Pledged \$1,597.19  
Unpledged \$ 476.00  
Kelli Divers Memorial Fund \$ 500.00  
Cookbook purchases \$ 39.00  
Boston Barbeque purchases \$ 315.00  
Boston Barbeque donations \$ 105.00  
Total Contributions \$3,032.19

## *Please pray for...*

**Bishops and Clergy:** Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; **Michael** Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop ECUSA; **Ke** 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; Seminarians in the first year of study; Boards, Faculty, Staff, and students of all Episcopal Seminaries

**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 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 )

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

**For all who have died,** especially **Patricia** Mabbett and **Duck** Hoggle may light perpetual shine upon them.  
**Upcoming Birthdays:** Lorraine Divers (9/4), Judy Ghareeb (9/5), Mandy Heatherly (9/10), 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)

**Upcoming Anniversaries:** Stephanie & Matt Farrell (9/10), 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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