

Living in the Spirit

Week of April 10 - 17, 2016

Sunday, April 10th

- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Rev. Mary Bea Sullivan, celebrant & preacher
9:30 am Christian Education – All Ages
EYC (*High School Youth Group*) – meet in Mary Bea's office
Adult Forum: *Firearms, Freedom and Faith*
Al Delchamps will lead a discussion of gun ownership in America, the Constitutional right to bear arms, and possible ways for Christians to approach gun-related deaths while acknowledging the views of the advocates of guns and gun ownership.
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Rev. Mary Bea Sullivan, celebrant & preacher
11:45 am Vestry Meeting, parish hall

Monday, April 11th

- 5:00 pm Centering Prayer, nave

Tuesday, April 12th

- 9:00 am Morning Prayer, nave
6:30 pm Women's Circle, nave

Wednesday, April 13th

- 6:00 pm Love in Action (*Outreach*), parish hall
7:00 pm Choir practice, nave

Friday, April 15th

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

Saturday, April 16th

- 9:00 am Beans & Rice Distribution, narthex

Sunday, April 17th

- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Rev. Alison Carmody, celebrant & Rev. Malcolm Marler, preacher
9:30 am Christian Education – All Ages
EYC (*High School Youth Group*) – meet in Mary Bea's office
Adult Forum: *Religion in the Workplace*
Al Delchamps will lead a discussion of an individual's right to express his or her religious views at work—including the right to refuse to do work that conflicts with those views.
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Rev. Alison Carmody, celebrant & Rev. Malcolm Marler, preacher
11:45 am Daughters of the King, parish hall

Weekly & Monthly Reminders

EYC (High School Youth)	Apr 10th	9:30 am	Recto's Office
Vestry Meeting	Apr 10th	11:45 am	Parish Hall
Centering Prayer	Apr 11th	5:00 pm	Nave
Morning Prayer	Apr 12th	9:00 am	Nave
Women's Circle	Apr 12th	6:30 pm	Nave
Love in Action	Apr 13th	6:15 pm	Parish Hall
Choir Practice	Apr 13th	7:00 pm	Parish Hall
Packing for Beans & Rice	Apr 15th	9:00 am	Parish Hall
Beans & Rice	Apr 16th	9:00 am	Narthex
HS 101	Apr 17th	11:45 am	Rector's Office
Daughters of the King	Apr 17th	11:45 am	Parish Hall
Bunko	Apr 21st	6:30 pm	Parish Hall

Save the Date

Saturday, Apr 23 rd	Episcopal Place Gumbo Gala, Regions Field 11am – 3pm
Fri Apr 29 th – Sun May 1 st	Small Parish Retreat at Camp McDowell, register now
Wednesday, May 4 th	Celtic Evensong Eucharist at 6:30 pm, childcare provided
Saturday, July 23 rd	Taste of the Spirit

Church Happenings

Holy Spirit 101 – March 17th at 11:45am

Come learn more about Holy Spirit with a clergy member and a vestry member Sunday, March 17th after the 10:30 service. This is a great opportunity for visitors (but all are welcome) to gather once a month in the rector's office with refreshments and hear about the church and our offerings.

Love in Action, April 13th and 20th at 6:15 pm – Where is God calling us to serve?

Mary Bea is facilitating a gathering on Love in Action and where God might be calling us to be Christ's heart, hands, and feet in our community. We want to hear your voices! When was a time you felt most alive assisting another person or working for an altruistic organization? What scripture moves you to help the "least of these"? How are we served in serving? What needs are met in our community and where do we sense an opportunity to fill a void? Please register to join us for this beautiful time of prayer, discussion and vision by emailing Mandy Golightly, mmgolightly@gmail.com

EYC Update

Beginning on April 3rd, the EYC will meet for "Social Sundays" on the first Sunday of every month. 8th-12th Graders will gather in the parish after the 10:30 service. April 3rd we will go with Caitlyn Spicer & Mary Bea out to lunch. Sunday, May 1st, EYC will head to Oak Mtn. State Park for a hike. ANYONE who has an interest in helping with EYC can join!! Contact Mary Bea or Caitlyn if you have any questions (205) 317-1125.

Shoes for Sister Schools

We are collecting shoes (all sizes) in the narthex to help Alabaster City Schools Sister School project. Students & staff from ACS will travel to Honduras this summer to assist the world's most impoverished and unfortunate people.

Calling all cooks!

We need your recipes...send your favorite recipe to holyspiritrecipes@gmail.com (Don't email? Don't worry, give your recipe to Allyson Agee). We are putting together our first Taste of the Spirit cookbook fundraiser! Mark your calendars for July 23rd, this will be our Taste of the Spirit Fundraiser night. More details to come later. If you would like to volunteer contact Allyson Agee at allyagee@bellsouth.net or 205-283-7732.

Gumbo Gala, Saturday, April 23rd

Holy Spirit will compete this year in the Episcopal Place Gumbo Gala at Regions Field April 23rd. You can purchase tickets at: <http://www.episcopalplace.org/gumbo-gala/>. There are several volunteer opportunities available! We need someone to be in charge of our tent decorations and help is needed on cooking day, April 22nd at 9:00am until at Kim Sorensen's house. Please contact Kim at kkj5165@charter.net. We are required to make 5-7 gallons of gumbo, and we are making traditional seafood gumbo. If you can provide a donation in any amount to help offset the cost of the seafood and to purchase trays of rice for serving the gumbo it will be greatly appreciated. Please place your donation in the giving bag labeled "Gumbo Gala" or you can place it in Bill Sorensen's box in the church office. Thank you so much for your support and I hope you'll join us at the Gala!

Thank you...

- o To all our Holy Spirit Kids who raised **\$487.50** in their Bethany Village Lent Mite boxes!! Great job!!

Diocesan/Local Offerings

Our Time, Camp McDowell June 2nd – 5th

Our Time is a grief-support retreat in Bethany Village for rising 6th – 12th graders and their adult caregiver(s) who have experienced loss through death of a close relative or friend. Our Time includes large and small group discussion time, music, worship, camp-style activities. The professionally trained program leaders will facilitate opportunities for all participants to reflect on their loss, to express their feelings, and to share common experiences. Mary Bea and Malcolm will both be on staff. Scholarships are available. Contact Mary Bea or Tara to register.

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; Interfaith Mission Services, Huntsville; Christian Center of Concern, Fayette; Grace Harbor, Pell City; Greater Birmingham Ministries; Grace Church, Sheffield; Grace Church, Woodlawn

Ministries and Programs within The Church of the Holy Spirit: Beans & Rice Ministry; Worship Team; Parish Life; Outreach

For Nation and Local Community: Barack Obama, President; Robert Bentley, Governor; Communities of Calera, Alabaster, Helena, Maylene, & Pelham

For all people everywhere especially: Refugees everywhere; those impacted by war, especially in the Middle East; For peace in Africa and the Middle East; For the people of Brussels and those impacted by the terrorist attacks

Healing and Guidance for members, relatives and friends of Holy Spirit:

Emma Jean Livingston (Mandy Heatherly); **Chip & Susan** Battles (Sherry Bowlin); **Doris & Richard** Smith (Victoria Knierim); **Betty & Baylee** Marek; **Hall** Graham (Julia Jackson); **Kelly & Todd** Wrightson (Janet & Buzz Palmer); **Peter & Patty** Horn (Mandy Golightly); **Vicki** Pickett (Ellen Pickett & Janet Cooley); **Lavonda** Green (Bill Sorensen); **Linda** May, **Karen** Marshall, **Carl** Raymond (Allyson Agee); **Susan** Crotzer (Harriet Meeks); **Brian** Etheridge, **Jody** Rawlins (Suzanna Rawlins); **Lynette** Morrison (Kim Sorensen); **Stan** Wright; **Joel** (Olivia Kilgore); **Jo** Cochran (Judy Dykes); **Chris** Kent; **Marian** Thompson; **Harry, James** (Katy Brooks); **Donna** Mays (Glenda Jones); **Christopher** McKay; **Carolyn** Kendrick (Val Autrey); **Shelby** Looney (ME Spencer); **Virginia** Cornelius (Mary Joe Logan); **Millie** McHugh (Smedleys); **Marcy** Marler, **David** Hamilton (Mary Bea & Malcolm); **Shirley & Jim** Hamilton; **Arthur** Saylor (Terry Saylor); **Marian** Thompson (Donna Noren)

For all who have died, especially **George Crotzer,** may light perpetual shine upon them.

Upcoming Birthdays: Harriet Meeks (4/11), Faustina Muruako (4/11), Julio Campos (4/12), Ashley Hughes (4/12), Michelle Power (4/13), Gary Elliott (4/14), Kaleb Kilgore (4/17), Nick Walden (4/17), Chaed Agee (4/18), Pieper Dilbeck (4/20), Andrea Smith (4/20), Karson Muruako (4/21), David Faber (4/24)

Upcoming Anniversaries: Tawny & Mike Stephens (4/10), Kim & Bill Sorensen (4/23)

Financial Update

Contributions

Thank you for your generous support of our parish. Below is a summary of the contributions received on Sunday, April 3, 2016.

Pledged.....	\$ 3,587.00
Unpledged.....	\$ 131.00
Total Contributions.....	\$ 3,718.00

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit Reverend Mary Bea Sullivan, Rector

Tara's Office Hours: Tues, Wed, & Thurs – 8:30am to 2:30pm

Rev. Mary Bea's days off are Friday & Saturday

(but may still be reached in an emergency)

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