

Living in the Spirit

Week of April 17 - 24, 2016

Sunday, April 17th

- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Rev. Malcolm Marler, celebrant & preacher
Christian Education – All Ages
9:30 am EYC (*High School Youth Group*) – meet in Mary Bea's office
Adult Forum: *A Christian Response to Need*
Led by Matt Knierim, MPA, MSW, LGSW
What informs a Christian's response to need? Is it society, religion, Scripture, or is it a combination of all of these? We will look at how we understand the need around us & how this understanding shapes our response. Join us as we examine how we understand problems by exploring the concepts of equality & equity.
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Rev. Malcolm Marler, celebrant & preacher
11:45 am Daughters of the King, parish hall

Monday, April 18th

- 5:00 pm Centering Prayer, nave

Tuesday, April 19th

- 9:00 am Morning Prayer, nave

Wednesday, April 20th

- 6:15 pm Love in Action (*Outreach*), parish hall
7:00 pm Choir practice, nave

Thursday, April 21st

- 6:30 pm Bunco, parish hall

Saturday, April 23rd

- 9:00 am Gumbo Gala, Regions Field

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- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Rev. Mary Bea Sullivan, celebrant & preacher
11:45 am Vestry Meeting, parish hall
Prayer Shawl Ministry, nave
1:00 pm EYC Field Day with St. Stephen's, Mt. Brook Elem Fields

Weekly & Monthly Reminders

EYC	Apr 17th	9:30 am	Tara's Office
Daughters of the King	Apr 17th	11:45 am	Parish Hall
Centering Prayer	Apr 18th	5:00 pm	Nave
Morning Prayer	Apr 19th	9:00 am	Nave
Love in Action	Apr 20th	6:15 pm	Parish Hall
Choir Practice	Apr 20th	7:00 pm	Parish Hall
Bunco	Apr 21st	6:30 pm	Parish Hall
Vestry Meeting	Apr 24th	11:45 am	Parish Hall
Women's Circle	Apr 26th	6:30 pm	Nave
HS 101	May 1st	11:45 am	Rector's Office
Pack for Beans & Rice	May 20th	9:00 am	Parish Hall
Beans & Rice	May 21st	9:00 am	Narthex

Save the Date

Wednesday, May 4 th	Celtic Evensong Eucharist at 6:30 pm, <i>childcare provided</i>
Sunday, May 15 th	Pentecost Sunday
Saturday, July 23 rd	Taste of the Spirit

Church Happenings

Love in Action, April 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

Gumbo Gala, Saturday, April 23rd

We are competing in the Episcopal Place Gumbo Gala Fundraiser at Regions Field April 23rd 11 am – 3 pm. Episcopal Place offers affordable, independent living at its best. Their unique partnership between government, the faith community and the non-profit sector allows Episcopal Place to meet the needs of today's seniors and disabled adults who want to age at home and remain independent for as long as possible. (www.episcopalplace.com)

We need your help – yes, YOU!! Can you...

- assist cooking Friday, 4/22 at 9am at Kim's?
- decorate our tent for the day of the gala?
- help offset the cost by making a donation?
- plan to attend the gala? You can purchase tickets at:
<http://www.episcopalplace.org/gumbo-gala/>.

Contact Kim at kkj5165@charter.net and let her know how you can help.

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.

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.

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.

Diocesan/Local Offerings

EYC Field Day with St. Stephen's , April 24th 1:00pm – 3:30pm

ANYONE AND EVERYONE! We want as many people that can to come because Field days are always better with lots of friends! We will be playing soccer, Frisbee, and other field games to bring some healthy competition to our lives. April 24th, 2016 – 1:00pm-3:30pm at the Mountain Brook Elementary School Fields. Come join other EYC'ers from the area for this free event and lots of fun!! If you are interested in going, let Mary Bea know.

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.

Thank you...

- To all those who attended and participated in the Love In Action conversation Wednesday night.
- Mary Joe Logan and Judy Dykes for planting the Easter flowers.

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; El Hogar & Farm School, Honduras; Good Shepherd, Decatur; Good Shepherd, Montgomery; Holy Comforter, Gadsden; Holy Comforter, Montgomery

Ministries and Programs within The Church of the Holy Spirit: Vestry, Mow & Clean Team, Welcome Wagon Ministry

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

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 & Janet Cooley); **Lavonda** Green (Bill Sorensen); **Linda** May, **Karen** Marshall, **Carl** Raymond (Allyson Agee); **Susan** Crozter (Harriet Meeks); **Brian** Etheridge, **Jody** Rawlins (Suzanna Rawlins); **Lynette** Morrison (Kim Sorensen); **Stan** Wright; **Joel** (Olivia Kilgore); **Jo** Cochran (Judy Dykes); **Chris** Kent; **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); **Donna** Noren; **JT** Peterson (Val Autrey); **Braylee** Araujo; **Emily** (Quinn White)

For all who have died, especially **Marian** Thompson, may light perpetual shine upon them.

Upcoming Birthdays: 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), Chisom Muruako (4/26), Kim Sorensen (5/1)

Upcoming Anniversaries: 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 10, 2016.

Pledged.....	\$	2,119.00
Unpledged	\$	384.00
Gumbo Gala/Episcopal Place.....	\$	<u>10.00</u>
Total Contributions.....	\$	2,513.00

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 be reached for emergency)

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