

Living in the Spirit

Week of April 24 - May 1, 2016

Sunday, April 24th

- 9:30 am Christian Education – All Ages
EYC (*High School Youth Group*) – meet in Mary Bea's office
Adult Forum: *A Christian Response to Need* Led by Matt Knierim,
Join us as we compare the sociological & scriptural perspectives of
social justice & the implications of each for Christians.
- 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

Monday, April 25th

- 5:00 pm Centering Prayer, nave

Tuesday, April 26th

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

Wednesday, April 27th

- 7:00 pm Choir practice, nave

Sunday, May 1st

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Rev. Malcolm Marler, celebrant
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- 11:45 am EYC Hike, Oak Mt. State Park
HS 101, Rector's office

Dear Holy Spirit Family,

This Wednesday, Exodus 33:1-23 was one of the Morning Prayer readings. Included in the reading is an encounter between Moses and God where Moses says to God, "Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight." How often do we feel like Moses? We desire to understand, see even what it means to follow God's ways. I have experienced this feeling many times. Our collect for today is instructive on how we might understand what it means to follow God's ways: Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (BCP 225) The collect we pray each week "is the collecting of petitions of the members of the congregation into a short prayer." (Leonel L. Mitchell) As we pray this prayer together, and always, may we at Holy Spirit discern what it means to follow in Christ's steps. I am grateful to those who have participated in the recent Love in Action conversations and this entire community.

Yours in Christ,
Mary Bea+

Weekly & Monthly Reminders

EYC	Apr 24th	9:30 am	Tara's Office
Vestry Meeting	Apr 24th	11:45 am	Parish Hall
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Morning Prayer	Apr 26th	9:00 am	Nave
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Choir Practice	Apr 27th	7:00 pm	Parish Hall
HS 101	May 1st	11:45 am	Rector's Office
Daughters of the King	May 15th	11:45 am	Parish Hall
Bunco	May 19th	6:30 pm	Parish Hall
Pack for Beans & Rice	May 20th	9:00 am	Parish Hall
Beans & Rice	May 21st	9:00 am	Narthex

Thank you...

- To all those who helped with the Gumbo Gala, especially Kim & Bill Sorensen, Janet & Buzz Palmer, Marla & David Aldrich, Toni Nash, Mary Joe Logan, Carrie May, Allyson & Chaed Agee, Tara Portney, Eileen Dilbeck, Carol & Doug Smedley, and Mary Hodgetts.
- Robbie McCoy and the support team members!

Church Happenings

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.

EYC Hike, Sunday, May 1st

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 Caitlin if you have any questions (205) 317-1125.

Holy Spirit 101 – May 1st at 11:45am

Come learn more about Holy Spirit with Mary Bea and a vestry member Sunday, May 1st 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.

Celtic Eucharist, Wednesday, May 4th at 6:30 pm

This is a candlelight service using sacred music to provide a meditative worship experience. You are invited to this quiet, contemplative evening worship experience, which is steeped in tradition. This service invites you to enter into a place of rest, prayer and reflection. The atmosphere is one of stillness and calm. *Childcare is provided.*

Graduating Seniors

Please email Tara, tara@holyspirit-al.org, the names of any graduating seniors (high school or college) along with the name of their school. We will honor all seniors Sunday, May 22nd.

Shoes for Sister Schools

THANK YOU to everyone who has donated shoes to help Alabaster City Schools Sister School project where students & staff from ACS travel to Honduras to assist the world's most impoverished and unfortunate people. We are collecting ANY size shoes in good condition until May 15th.

Save the Date

- Wed., May 4th Celtic Evensong Eucharist at 6:30 pm, *childcare provided*
- Sun., May 15th Pentecost Sunday, Parish picnic following 10:30 am service
- Sun., May 22nd Graduating Senior Recognition
- Sat., July 23rd Taste of the Spirit,
Auction, *Three on a String*, & Fundraising Dinner

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.

Financial Update

Contributions

Thank you for your generous support of our parish. Below is a summary of the contributions received on Sunday, April 17, 2016.

Pledged	\$	1,457.00
Unpledged	\$	538.00
Bethany Village.....	\$	75.00
Joyce's Garden	\$	20.00
Gumbo Gala/Episcopal Place.....	\$	70.00
Honduras Mission Trip.....	\$	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total Contributions.....	\$	4,660.00

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; Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Renacence Halfway House, Montgomery; St. Mark's, Birmingham; St. Mark's, Boligee; St. Mark's, Prattville; St. Catherine's, Chelsea

Ministries and Programs within The Church of the Holy Spirit: Choir, Altar Guild, Coffee Hour Ministry, Invite•Welcome•Connect

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

For all people everywhere especially: Migrants killed or injured traveling in the Mediterranean Sea

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); **Linda** May, **Karen** Marshall, **Carl** Raymond (Allyson Agee); **Susan** Crotzer (Harriet Meeks); **Stan** Wright; **Jo** Cochran (Judy Dykes); **Chris** Kent; **Harry, James** (Katy Brooks); **Donna** Mays (Glenda Jones); **Christopher** McKay; **Arthur** Saylor (Terry Saylor); **JT** Peterson (Val Autrey); **Braylee** Araujo; **Emily** (Quinn White); **Kim & Tom** (Katy Brooks)

For all who have died, especially **Steve** Mankoski, may light perpetual shine upon them.

Upcoming Birthdays: David Faber (4/24), Chisom Muruako (4/26), Kim Sorensen (5/1), John Williams (5/2), Erica Wall (5/3), David Aldrich (5/3), Alistair Delchamps (5/4), Tessa Nash (5/4)

Upcoming Anniversaries: Marla & David Aldrich (5/3)

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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