

Living in the Spirit

Week of May 1 - 8, 2016

Sunday, May 1st

- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II,
Rev. Mary Bea Sullivan, preacher & Rev. Malcolm Marler, celebrant
- 9:30 am Christian Education – All Ages
Adult Forum, parish hall
Matt Knierim will lead us in a Values Assessment exercise. The assessment is not a test to see if you have values; it is a tool that will help you recognize how you have formed the values you have. The assessment will help you examine your worldview and how that worldview impacts the way you live your life.
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II,
Rev. Mary Bea Sullivan, preacher & Rev. Malcolm Marler, celebrant
- 11:45 am EYC Hike, Oak Mt. State Park
HS 101, Rector's office

Monday, May 2nd

- 5:00 pm Centering Prayer, nave

Wednesday, May 4th

- 6:30 pm Celtic Eucharist, nave *childcare provided*

Sunday, May 8th

- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Rev. Alison Carmody, celebrant & preacher
- 9:30 am Christian Education – All Ages
EYC (*High School Youth Group*) – meet in Mary Bea's office
Adult Forum, nave
The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) with Rev. Alison Carmody
Rev. Alison Carmody will guide us in a discussion of how the Beatitudes might be used as the operating system for 21st century Christians. Come join the conversation.
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist with Children's Liturgy, Rev. Alison Carmody, celebrant

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
- Sun, Nov 13th Confirmation & Bishop Visit

Weekly & Monthly Reminders

HS 101	May 1st	11:45 am	Rector's Office
EYC	May 1st	11:45 am	Oak Mtn. Hike
Centering Prayer	May 2nd	5:00 pm	Nave
Women's Circle	May 10th	6:30 pm	Nave
Choir Practice	May 11th	7:00 pm	Parish Hall
Prayer Shawl Ministry	May 14th	11:45 am	Nave
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
Vestry Meeting	June 12th	11:45 am	Parish Hall

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

EYC Hike, TODAY

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 – TODAY at 11:45am

Come learn more about Holy Spirit with Mary Bea and a vestry member Sunday, today 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.*

Taste of the Spirit

Save the date for the Taste of the Spirit, **Saturday, July 23rd** at 5:30 pm. Join us for a fantastic evening featuring delectable treats from our very own cookbook, delightful tunes from *Three on a String*, and desirable items from the silent auction. Tickets are \$25/each or \$40/couple and are coming soon.

Don't miss the deadline to submit recipes!

Submit recipes to holyspiritrecipes@gmail.com or paper form in the narthex by **May 8th**.

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 at the 10:30 am service.

Please consider...

- ✧ volunteering once a month to help our mow team ministry. We meet the every Saturday for a couple of hours to groom the grounds. You may choose which week works best for you. Please contact Mike Ghareeb if you'd like to volunteer for this ministry, mikeghareeb@bellsouth.net.
- ✧ bringing can food donations for our Beans & Rice ministry. Our food pantry is getting low and we are in need of can good, especially 15oz cans containing protein.

Summer Feeding Program

We have a wonderful opportunity to help children in our community! We are looking for friendly faces to help host! Please consider donating your time in a 2 hour shift any day Monday through Thursday in June. Contact Toni, toni.nash@aol.com with any questions and sign up at <http://vols.pt/xrLEXP>.

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.

Pentecost Sunday, May 15th

Celebrate Pentecost Sunday by wearing red to church May 15th and joining for a parish potluck following the 10:30 am service. Bring food for sharing and fellowship. Sign up at www.perfectpotluck.com – coordinator is Greer and password is ECOHS.

School of Wizards & Wonders

It will be a magical summer at Holy Spirit! For five Sundays we will **ALL** enter the school of Wizards & Wonders with our headmistress, Mrs. Julia. Don't miss the train to Hogwarts June 19, 26 and July 3, 10, 17 at 9:30 am.

Register for class now to julia@holyspirit-al.org or the sign-up sheet by **May 22nd**.

Mary Bea on Vacation: May 5 – 19

Mary Bea will be on vacation and unable to respond to text, emails, Facebook, or phone calls. If there is a pastoral emergency, please contact Mandy Golightly, mmgolightly@gmail.com or 410-3013. Tara will be in the office Tuesdays – Thursdays from 8:30am to 2:30pm for routine questions.

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; **Ke**e 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; Diocesan Ecumenical/Interfaith Commission; Welcome Center, Millbrook; St. Phillip's, Fort Payne

Ministries and Programs within The Church of the Holy Spirit: Christian Formation, Catechesis of Good Shepherd, Adult Education, EYC

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; **Kelly & Todd** Wrightson (Janet & Buzz Palmer); **Linda** May, **Karen** Marshall, **Carl** Raymond (Allyson Agee); **Susan** Crozter (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); **Krista** McLemore (Olivia Araujo)

For those serving in the armed services: **Hall** Graham (Julia Jackson)

For all who have died, especially **Clay** Jackson, may light perpetual shine upon them.

Upcoming Birthdays: Kim Sorensen (5/1), John Williams (5/2), Erica Wall (5/3), David Aldrich (5/3), Alistair Delchamps (5/4), Tessa Nash (5/4), Molly Power (5/10), Amanda Wilbanks (5/13), Debbie Cawthon (5/14)

Upcoming Anniversaries: Marla & David Aldrich (5/3), Alison & Steve Smith (5/14)

Financial Update

Contributions

Thank you for your generous support of our parish. Below is a summary of the contributions received on Sunday, April 24, 2016.

Pledged.....	\$ 4,552.00
Unpledged	\$ 328.00
Beans and Rice.....	40.00
Bethany Village	\$ 236.95
Gumbo Gala/Episcopal Place	\$ 20.00
Total Contributions	\$ 5,176.95

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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