



The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

The Dove

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Upcoming Events:

ECW: May 18th 7:00 PM Parish Hall

DOVE CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE: May 20th

PENTECOST: May 23rd

FISH FRY: June 6th, Neva Jahnz' house

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From Father Keith...

May is an important month in the life of our parish. First, our students and teachers will be completing a full and rewarding 2009-10 church school year during this month; the last day of the church school year is May 23rd. Please be sure to say "thank you" to Julie and all our teachers. This same Sunday is also Pentecost, a major feast of the church year in which we remember and celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the early church. Pentecost is our parish feast day, since we are named in honor of the Holy Spirit. On this same day, in addition to our liturgical celebration of Pentecost, we will have our annual "birthday" party to celebrate the beginning of the church. As part of this celebration, we will have a reception for newcomers to our parish similar to the one we had last October. And at 4:00 p.m. on Pentecost Sunday, several of our youth and adult members will be confirmed or received in the Episcopal Church at the Cathedral of St. Philip; Jeff Daniel and members of our choir will sing with other choirs during this special liturgy. So Pentecost will be a full day and the highlight of

a very important month for us.

But May is important for another reason, too. In the Episcopal Church, like many churches, some of us "take off" for the summer. May is our month to make connections and set plans that will keep us engaged in the worship, fellowship and ministry of our parish throughout the summer months of the year. There are at least three options that I hope many of you will consider:

1. May is the month to sign-up for a "summer letters" Bible study in which I will lead a study of Paul's letters to the Galatians and the Colossians; these epistles are appointed for the Sunday lectionary readings in the months of June and July, so our Bible study will complement and prepare us for what we hear on Sunday morning. Galatians is considered one of the earliest documents of the New Testament and is a powerful witness to the im-

portance of liberty, love and equality in the early church. Colossians is a testament to a deep spiritual life based on our baptism and faith in the risen Christ.

2. May is the month to plan to attend and help with our first "family friendly and fun" service on Sunday, June 6th. This service will include having the children and youth more visible in our music and liturgy (perhaps even including drama). Having this type of service 3-4 times a year was suggested during our parish weekend program (I wrote about this in last month's Dove). June 6th is the same Sunday that our parish has its annual Fish Fry, so our whole day should be a celebration of our life together. If you would like to help with the service, please con-

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tact Jeff, a member of the vestry or me about how you can be involved.

3. May is also a good time to plan for our parish’s Vacation Bible School. Our VBS will be held in the morning from Monday, July 19th to Friday, July 23rd. Please be sure to sign up your children, and then remember to invite the children of neighbors and family members to attend. Let Julie Wilson know how you can help as a volunteer-- there are many ways to help out in this important and fun ministry. Men are encouraged to help with VBS, too.

So those are just three ways to stay connected and involved during the summer months. Look for other creative and fun ways to stay involved, such as: attending the parish’s trip to see the Gwinnett Braves play; attending (and helping with) the summer Super Foyers party; and helping Christina Brislin and Carmen Smith as they plan our new fall festival for October 23rd.

I look forward to seeing you all in May—and throughout the summer!

God bless you.

Keith+

Weekly Schedule

Monday	1:00 PM	Women’s AA Meeting
	6:00 PM	EfM
Tuesday	1:00 PM	Women’s AA Meeting
	7:30 PM	Overeater’s Anonymous
Wednesday	9:00 AM	In Stitches Knitting and Crochet group
	11:00 AM	Brown Bag Bible Group
	12:00 PM	Stations of the Cross (March only)
	5:00 PM	Children’s Choir rehearsal
	5:45 PM	Evening Prayer & Lenten program
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Faith/Book Study Group
Thursday	12:00 Noon	Holy Eucharist
	1:00 PM	Women’s AA Meeting
	10:30 AM	Faith/Book Study Group
Sunday	8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 AM	Sunday School—all ages
	10:45 AM	Holy Eucharist
Second Thursday of each Month		
	6:30 PM	Vestry Meeting

Monthly Dove Info

TRANSFERS IN: Elaine Daughters

BAPTISMS: Jacob & Garrett Venable and Owen Patterson

PRAYER LIST: Lily Anderson, Vera Anderson, Jim Anderton, Glenn Beebe, Michael Bullard, Jan Cahoon, Wallys Iveth Caruso, Ayden Crock, Joy Crock, Ann Day, Elaine Fulbright, Patty Fusaro, Gary Gault, Jim Kellaher, Bob Kilreas, Jim Lokesak, Cathy Manor, Carson Martin, Beth Duncan McCart, Marc & Shanne McGowan, Mattie Melton, Ginny Munroe, Roy Osmulski, Fran Pickering, Mickey Register, Lanny Rhoton, Darel Robertson, John Sciortino, Betsy Tanner, Ted Tulis, Bryson Watt, Penny White, Trevor Wills, and Robert Wolfersteig.

We pray for all soldiers and civilians alike who risk their lives for freedom and peace in Iraq and Afghanistan.

We pray for Katharine, our Presiding Bishop, Neil, our Bishop, Keith, our Assistant Bishop, Fr. Keith, our Priest, and all bishops, priests, and deacons.

We give thanks for healing begun and continuing in: Will Brown, Barbara Roquemore Duffey, Tom Gibson, Tim Grein, Dianna Halatyn, Sarah Lipscomb, Ella Sims, Gloria Szokoly.

We pray for expectant parents: Clif & Nichole Freeman, Matt & Shannon David; Jim & Shannon Darke, Matt & Martha Hays Weiss, Greg & Valerie Sylvester, and Thomas & Lauren Cornelius.

BIRTHDAYS: Gale Clarida, Madeline Collins, Gloria Szokoly, Reed Berry, Nancy Greene, Clinton Spencer, Bill Clarida, Audrey Perdue, Joanie Anderton, James Ellington, Virginia Williamson, Carol Moses, Jay Franklin, Denise Wise, Charlie Jennings, Emory Lipscomb, Julia Rodgers, Sam Norris, Sophie Bohan, Megan Brislin, Dick Oltmans, James Norris, Claud Summers, and Kevin Sherock.

ECW

Our meeting was on April 20 at 7:00 in the parish hall. The speaker for this meeting was from Abba House. Two young ladies came to represent Abba House. They showed a video about the house and its plans for the future. One of the young ladies gave a testimonial of her experiences and how her stay at Abba House helped her. It was an inspirational meeting.

May's meeting will be our yearly banquet. This year we are meeting in the parish hall and ECW will provide a ham. The rest of the meal will be brought by those attending. Please sign up on the parish hall door with what you will bring. If you decide to come at the last minute you are most welcome to come!!

Next year Nancy Tarrar, Sharon Linsley, and Nancy Greene have agreed to be the leadership of ECW. We are going to change the meetings to quarterly instead of monthly. There is a short survey coming out in the bulletin so if you are women of the church, please take a moment to complete the survey and return so that plans for the future can be made. Thank you.

Mailing to the Church

If you are mailing your pledge to the church, please send to our post office box address:

Church of the Holy Spirit

P.O. Box 1010

Cumming, GA 30028

770-887-8190 phone

All first class mail should be sent to the PO box address. The Pilgrim Mill address only receives second and third class mail and the post office will return any first class mail with this address on it to the sender.



ECOHS Angels

April Pantry – Jay & Carol Franklin and Kelly Starling



Treasurer's Window

March 2010 & YTD Results

The following is a summary of the Parish financial results as of March 31, 2010:

	<u>Budgeted YTD</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Budgeted Month</u>	<u>Actual Month</u>
Operating Income:	\$ 64,806	\$ 56,895	\$ 29,430	\$ 21,868 (A)
Operating Expenses:				
Bldg/Grounds	\$ 5,458	\$ 5,922	\$ 2,136	\$ 1,819
Worship	\$ 35,853	\$ 35,539	\$ 16,204	\$ 11,763
Christian Ed	\$ 2,850	\$ 2,303	\$ 1,150	\$ 919
Parish Life	\$ 10,180	\$ 1,498	\$ 10,180	\$ 439 (B)
Outreach, Etc. (1)	\$ 7,744	\$ 6,591	\$ 2,581	\$ 1,927 (C)
Administration	\$ 9,065	\$ 8,486	\$ 2,278	\$ 2,774
Subtotal:	\$ 71,150	\$ 60,339	\$ 34,214	\$ 19,959
OPERATING SURPLUS:	\$ (6,345)	\$ (3,443)	\$ (4,784)	\$ 1,909
Other Revenue: (2)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other Expenses: (3)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET TO RESERVE ACCT:	\$ (6,345)	\$ (3,443)	\$ (4,784)	\$ 1,909

1. Includes Diocesan Pledge approximately equal to Ten Percent of our Total Operating Revenue (i.e., a tithe), based on a three-year moving average of the past years' Total Operating Revenue, consistent with Diocesan Canon 20.
2. Other Revenue includes restricted funds received in the form of donations made for purposes of funding Vestry approved projects such as the Memorial Garden.
3. Other Expenses include expenditures made for purposes of carrying out Vestry approved projects such as the Memorial Garden. Any expenditures in excess of receipts effectively reduce Reserves.

CURRENT CASH POSITION:

Regions Bank Operating Account	\$ 60,992
BB&T Preschool Checking	\$ (624)
Regions Bank Rector Discretionary (4)	\$ 1,737
Forsyth Community Bank (Reserve Investment)	\$ 23,169

Includes reserve for Sabbatical Leave.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

- (A) Our income through March is on track with our budget, with actual pledge receipts YTD totaling \$47,597 comparing favorably to the budgeted \$46,448 - we're \$1,149 ahead of schedule! The difference between our Actual YTD income of \$56,895 and the Budgeted YTD of \$64,806 consists almost entirely of budgeted transfers (for example, \$8,000 in income from Parish Weekend registration fees) not yet recorded. These have now – after March 31 – been recorded, and we are right on track with our projections.

Treasurer's Window, continued

- (B) Parish Life shows what appears to be a hugely favorable variance – which would be an alarm bell to me, if it were true !! - of \$8,682, which simply isn't true – As the month closed, we didn't have the Parish Weekend bills in yet. Since then they have come in, and I'm pleased to report that we are also on target in this area. The Parish Weekend came in just slightly under budget (\$367.00, or 3.6%), which is very close to the targeted \$10,080 budget, and a real achievement, considering that the resources we were able to offer were limited at best, and the resulting event itself a delightful success. Kudos to Janice McClellan and all who helped in planning the Retreat.
- (C) In the Outreach accounts, you'll see we're under budget YTD by \$1,153. This is almost entirely attributable to faltering supplies coming from the Atlanta Food Bank, which has lately been sending the Pantry things like yogurt body wash and air fresheners for the car. What the customers want are things like diapers and other paper products and shampoo. Until the Food Bank supplies are more balanced, we've encouraged the Outreach Committee to look to other sources (e.g., Dollar Store) to rebuild a more reasonable inventory for this important ministry.

Overall, our expenses for the year to date are below the budgeted amounts (our operating deficit was \$3,443.00 vs. an expected deficit of \$6,345.00, which is great, reflecting both the bit of extra income reported above, and small savings as noted. Good report – How 'bout that!

Putnam Smith, Treasurer

