



## The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

# The Dove

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### Upcoming Events:

- HONDURAS MISSIONARY: September 8, 6 PM dinner, 7PM speaker, Parish Hall
- SASSE LUNCHEON: Friday, September 10th, Tanner's Restaurant, Vickery Village
- MEN'S BREAKFAST: Saturday, September 11, 8:30 AM, Parish Hall
- CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Resumes 9/12
- BIBLE STUDY: Resumes 9/15 & 9/6 in the Parish Hall
- DOVE CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE: September 20th
- FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS: October 3
- RED DOOR FESTIVAL: October 23rd 11AM to 2 PM
- ALL SAINTS CELEBRATION: November 1

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### From the Rector

Happy September! This will be a full month as important ministries of our church start back again-- our Sunday morning Christian Education for all ages will start back on the 12<sup>th</sup>, followed by a cookout after the 10:45 a.m. service; we will follow-up the Cross' mission trip in June as Suzy McCall will be present on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> for a simple supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by a talk about her mission in Honduras at 7:00 p.m.; the weekly Bible studies we started this summer will begin again on September 15<sup>th</sup> (7:00 p.m. Wednesday) and September 16<sup>th</sup> (10:30 a.m. Thursday); our EFM group is up and running on Tuesday evenings; our full choir will be practicing on Wednesday evenings and processing again on Sunday morning at 10:45; and we will hear the sound of happy children's voices during the week as our ECOHS Preschool will be in session again.

September is a bridge to even more beehive-like activities in our parish in the fall. Some are (or will be) more visible, like the preparations for our first annual **Red Door Festival** on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. This community-wide event was one of the four goals set by our vestry at the beginning of this year as we decided to do a "signature event" that will help our church be better known in Forsyth County as we provide good food, local music, fun for children, crafts and more; and we intend to use the proceeds from this event to help fund our Pantry and other outreach ministries to the community. Please pitch in as you are asked to help with this event.

Taking place more "behind the scenes" is the work being done to fulfill another of

our four vestry goals from the beginning of 2010—researching the options and costs to enhance our building and grounds. Two separate working groups are looking at interior and exterior projects. One is exploring our options for getting new floors throughout the church; and the other is looking at ways to improve the parking and traffic flow in our front parking lot. We intend to present the results of this research to the vestry by the end of this year and be ready to discuss it as a community at next year's annual meeting. And among other "behind the scenes work" is finishing up our new Outreach building.

Two "extra" liturgical events will take place in the next two months. We will have an animal blessing in honor of the Feast of St. Francis on the afternoon of Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> (more details to follow). And Bishop Keith Whitmore will be with us on Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for All Saints Day. Jeff and the choir will lead us in Choral Evensong followed by Bishop Keith presiding at the Holy Eucharist. There will also be a time during the service to remember those who have died in the past year, especially fellow parishioners and our relatives and friends. Again, look for more information as we get closer to the date.

In the midst of all this good and healthy activity, let us all remember to stay prayerful and ask the Holy Spirit to guide and renew our common life and our ministry in the world.

Keith+





The **Red Door Festival** is only a few weeks away and we have been hard at work to finalize our plans. Above you will see our new, exciting logo. We will have wonderful food as always, plus this year we've added music, children's games, crafts, a bake sale, a gently used book sale, and a white elephant sale. We will also raffle gift baskets.

We are asking for help with these events: bring your books and other sale items; help with children's games, cooking, selling tickets, parking, baking cakes, and setting up and cleaning up. There are sign up sheets in the Parish Hall for areas needing help. You can also purchase tee shirts, drop off books and other items, and pur-

chase tickets each.

We would like everyone to help sell tickets (\$8 for adults and \$5 for children.) Sell them to your family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and anyone else! And if you know of anyone who would like to sponsor a portion of the festival, please let Christina Brislin, Father Keith, or Carmen Smith know.

Funds raised at the **Red Door Festival** will be used to support Holy Spirit's Outreach Ministries, such as The Pantry, dinners at The Place, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, the In Stitches knitting and crocheting group, and other individuals in our community in need of help.

## What will you do to help???

### Music Ministry

The music ministry wants **YOU!**

If you like to sing, we would like for you to sing with us.

- Youth/Children's Choir – Wed. afternoon 5:00 – 5:30 – **Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>**
- Adult Choir – Wed. evening 7:30 – 9:00 – **Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>**
- Sunday morning 10:00 – warm-up for service



Please come and join us and lend your voice to the glory of God through music.

Speak with Jeff Daniel at church after the 10:45 service on Sunday or email

#### **CALLING ALL INSTRUMENTALISTS:**

If you play a musical instrument, please let Jeff know. There are many choir anthems that have instrumental accompaniment other than just piano/organ and we are looking for players to join us.

## Flooring Committee

One of the vestry's top priorities for the year was to explore the options for new flooring for our church. As a result, a group of parishioners is currently looking into replacing flooring throughout the church – sanctuary, parish hall, preschool, hallways, and stairwell. We have been looking at other churches, preschools, and public areas (particularly ones that are new or have recently redone their floors) to get ideas for what will work well in our space. During the next few weeks, we will schedule several professional installers to look at our space and see what they might recommend.

The carpeting in the sanctuary is the original that was installed 25 years ago. It has held up well over the years, but is now looking tired and dated. The carpeting in the parish hall and hallway is about 8 years old and is literally starting to come apart at the seams as well as showing stains from spills of all kinds. The pre-school carpeting gets a lot of

wear and tear and is at least 15 years old. And the stairway is just plain awful and becoming a safety hazard.

We're looking at lots of options – wood, tile, laminate, carpet, and lots of new materials that are on the market. Some of our considerations in making a choice will be:

- Acoustics and noise
- Durability and ease of cleaning
- Safety
- Existing sub-flooring
- Aesthetics
- Present and future use of space
- Cost
- Ease of installation

We are committed to recommending to the vestry options that will serve us well over the years to come as well as being cost effective. Our goal is to make a recommendation to the vestry by the end of this year. We welcome your ideas, sugges-

tions, and concerns. If you would like to recommend possible materials, flooring outlets, installers, etc. or be an active participant in this process by joining the committee, please let us know.

Committee Members:

- Kathy Gibson, Chairman
- Father Keith Oglesby
- Bev Clemmer
- Bert and Midge Printz
- Dan Krogh
- Herb Linsley
- Donna Kukarola
- Karen Byrd
- Carol Franklin
- Julie Wilson
- Lois Smith
- Jeff Daniel
- Kirk Wintersteen

## Honduras Missionary

Suzy McCall will be at Holy Spirit on Wednesday evening, September 8. She will give a short presentation about her work in Honduras and will answer any questions you may have.

Suzy is the missionary who started the Latin American Missionary and Bible (LAMB) Institute in Honduras. She will be in Atlanta the first week of September and we hope everyone in the parish will get to meet her and hear about her experiences. The story of Suzy's life is truly an inspiration.

If you cannot make it to the Wednesday evening meeting there are other opportunities to meet with Suzy as she will be visiting other churches in the area that week.

Sunday, September 5— Sermon at Holy Family, Jasper

Wednesday, September 8— Evening at Holy Spirit, Cumming

Thursday, September 9— Dinner at St. Aidan's, Alpharetta

Saturday, September 11— Spiritual Retreat (1:00 – 4:00 pm) at St. David's, Roswell

Sunday, September 12— Sermon at St. James, Marietta  
– Bruce and Donna Cross



## Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast program took a vacation over the summer, but will start up again in September. The next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM in the parish hall. Please join us for some good food and fellowship.

## Site Development

The outreach building construction slowed during June and July, but the window installation and electrical work were completed. On Saturday, August 14, a work party consisting of Dan Krogh, Ed Smith, Herb Linsley, Kenny Davenport, Bert Printz, Kirk Winterstein, Jay Sylvester, and Jay Franklin completed the installation of the plywood ceiling, installed all the insulation, and began work on the soffits and fascias. This now allows us to get our 80% inspection on the building. A contractor will soon be installing the siding. Our goal is to complete the building and have it dedicated before the **Red Door Festival** in October. The accompanying photos were taken during the work day on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Watch for future work party opportunities as construction progresses.

Jay Franklin, Site Development Chair



## SASSE

SASSE (Socially Active Single Senior Episcopalians) enjoyed their monthly luncheon together at Norman's Landing on Friday, August 13. Some of the members attended the Cumming Playhouse production of "The Graduate" following lunch at the City Bistro after church on Sunday, August 29.

SASSE is looking forward to future outing at the Cumming Playhouse to see "Gypsy" and "To Kill a Mockingbird". The SASSE members meet on the second Friday of each month to lunch together, sometimes in a member's home and sometimes in a local restaurant. Theatrical events are scheduled as opportunities arise. In June a group attended a concert of the Stone Mountain Barbershop Chorus. The July luncheon was in the home of Hollie Ostrander. For a July evening out, members met at The Ridge for a Saturday night dinner. The upcoming September luncheon will take place at Tanner's Restaurant at the Vickery Village.

SASSE will welcome any church member who fits the profile ... socially active, single, senior, and Episcopalian (friends of church members are also welcome). Members are welcome to participate in any or all of the ministry's activities. If you would like to be added to the SASSE email list, contact Alice Bryan at [ablewise@bellsouth.net](mailto:ablewise@bellsouth.net).

### Weekly Schedule

Monday	1:00 PM	Women's AA Meeting
Tuesday	1:00 PM	Women's AA Meeting
	6:00 PM	EfM
	7:30 PM	Overeater's Anonymous
Wednesday	9:00 AM	In Stitches Knitting and Crochet group
	11:00 AM	Brown Bag Bible Group
Thursday	9:00 AM	Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Faith/Book Study Group
	12:00 Noon	Holy Eucharist
	1:00 PM	Women's AA Meeting
Sunday	8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist
	10:45 AM	Holy Eucharist
Second Thursday of each Month	6:30 PM	Vestry Meeting

## Monthly Dove Info

- BIRTHS:** Elizabeth Bradford Darke to Jim and Shannon Darke and brothers Hunter, Jack, and Benjamin Eme Katherine Cornelius, to Lauren and Thomas Cornelius, big brother Joseph, and Great-Aunt Cherly Howell.
- DEATHS:** Michael Roberts, son of Sharon Roberts and the late Paul Roberts, brother of Matthew and David, husband of Melissa and father of Cameron.
- PRAYER LIST:** Jim Anderton, Glenn Beebe, Michael Bullard, Brandon & Allison Burnett, Jan Cahoon, Marion Cardwell, Margie Daniel, Jim Foster, Elaine Fulbright, Patty Fusaro, Gary Gault, Susan Gibson, Carlos Jones, Sarah Lipscomb, Cathy Manor, Carson Martin, Beth Duncan McCart, Marc & Shanne McGowan, Mattie Melton, Ginny Munroe, Scott Page, Mickey Register, Lanny Rhoton, Jan Scarbrough, John Sciortino, Betsy Tanner, Bryson Watt, Harold Weiss, Wade & Kristi Weldon.

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: Lily Anderson, Marion Billingsley, Will Brown, Meredith Comer, Margie Daniel, Tom Gibson, Tim Grein, Rusty Jackson, Betty McIntyre, Ella Sims.

We pray for expectant parents: Matt & Martha Hays Weiss, Greg & Valerie Sylvester, Regan & Katie White.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Nolan Collins, Betty Gore, Megan Rodgers, George Smith, May Kitsell, Robin Elmore, William Collins, Jeff Daniel, Matt David, Meredith Comer, Sonny Gillespie, Sarah Jane Ohl, Skye Norris, Todd Berry, Susan Bradbury, DeWayne Rodgers.



### Angels

July Pantry: The Wilson Family and Kathy Gibson serving 175 families.

August Pantry: The Woodhead Family serving 180 families.

### 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.

## Treasurer's Window

### July 2010 & YTD Results

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

	<u>Budgeted YTD</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Budgeted Month</u>	<u>Actual Month</u>
Operating Income:	\$ 138,441	\$ 142,587	\$ 16,480	\$ 18,185 (A)
Operating Expenses:				
Bldg/Grounds	\$ 12,539	\$ 12,347	\$ 2,220	\$ 2,229 (B)
Worship	\$ 82,053	\$ 85,870	\$ 9,748	\$ 15,844 (C)
Christian Ed	\$ 7,350	\$ 6,583	\$ 850	\$ 1,908 (D)
Parish Life	\$ 10,505	\$ 11,140	\$ 0	\$ 359 (E)
Outreach, Etc. (1)	\$ 18,069	\$ 17,627	\$ 2,581	\$ 3,416 (F)
Administration	\$ 17,364	\$ 16,791	\$ 1,321	\$ 1,671 (G)
Subtotal:	\$147,880	\$ 150,356	\$ 16,720	\$ 25,426 (H)
OPERATING SURPLUS:				
	\$ (9,440)	\$ (7,769)	\$ (241)	\$ (7,241) (I)
Other Revenue: (2)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other Expenses: (3)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET TO RESERVE ACCT:				
	\$ (9,440)	\$ (7,769)	\$ (241)	\$ (7,241) (I)

- (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:	<u>Current</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>
Regions Bank Operating Account	\$ 53,249	\$ 60,812	\$ 54,964
BB&T Preschool Checking	\$ (853)	\$ (1,742)	\$ (1,742)
Regions Bank Rector Discretionary (4)	\$ 1,448	\$ 1,548	\$ 1,548
State Bank and Trust (Reserve Investment)	\$ 23,169	\$ 23,169	\$ 23,169

- (4) Includes reserve for Sabbatical Leave.

#### ADDITIONAL NOTES:

- (A) July, any Parish Treasurer or Administrator will tell you, is the month you just chuck your budget projections out the window, take a knee and pray for rain or some other "event of liquidity". I'm no different than the rest, and look! Prayer still works! Our overall YTD income through July is *still* trending ahead of budget (\$142,587 actual vs. \$138,441 forecast; the variance is \$4,146, or approximately 3.0%). Better yet, we made up for the little hiccup in June and posted actual pledge receipts for July of \$16,352, a \$2,600 favorable variance when compared to the budgeted pledge receipts of \$13,752, largely erasing the June shortfall (\$3,781) and bringing our YTD pledge receipts to

## Treasurer's Window, continued

\$107,541, which is \$1,393 ahead of budget. I know I've said this before, but in seven years as Treasurer at another Parish – and a lot more years serving on a number of Vestries – I can't remember ever seeing a Parish financial statement that showed pledges running ahead of schedule. Keep it up, y'all!!

- (B) In the Building and Grounds accounts, we again ahead of where we thought we'd be (\$12,347 Actual YTD vs. \$12,538 Budgeted YTD). Our utilities remain below budget and continue to mask over-runs in the cost of maintaining the buildings and lawnmowers. The summer heat still hasn't really made itself felt, though the electric bill is higher than we'd hoped, but our savings on gas last winter and on the telephone bill (all year) are a real help. The numbers aren't enormous (about \$2,000 all told), but we're spending twice what we budgeted on repairs, and probably should talk about it with Bert when we run out our 2011 budget.
- (C) In the Worship accounts, our most significant expenditures, we're running over budget YTD by \$3,817, which at 4.6% seems pretty significant at first blush. *Let's think this through*: the budgeted month was \$9,748, whereas – Oh, my!! – the actual month's expenses were \$15,844 in this area. *However*, if you'll think back to June, you'll remember I remarked that our June expenditure (\$9,994) created the illusion of a savings against the budgeted month (\$16,805) simply because we didn't make the expected pension and insurance payments we'd budgeted for June (totaling \$5,157). We made those in July, of course, which accounts for all but \$939 of our actual expenditures in July. Since \$450 of that is for a supply priest that wasn't budgeted (which should wash out by the end of the year), that's hard to get too excited about. Still, we're over budget YTD by \$3,817 overall, as noted above; again, though, at the end of June we showed a *favorable* budget variance of \$2,729. The “swing” at the end of July, therefore, was roughly \$6,500 (moving from + 2,729 to – 3,817), and we know, I think, that \$5,157 of that is attributable to the pension and insurance payments that I've described as “yo-yoing” in and out of view. If I'm right in this analysis (and I'd really welcome any insight you might be able to offer), I can only conclude that we're essentially *on budget*, which is what I've been reporting all year.
- (D) In the Christian Ed accounts, we had an unfavorable budget variance for the month of \$1,058, but the root cause is simply the realization of the cost of producing VBS, which I'd budgeted for June. Year-to-date, as of the end of July we actually have a favorable budget variance of \$767 overall. Hopefully, we'll spend this money on an exciting program for the Fall.
- (E) In Parish Life we're still holding steady, a little more over budget now (\$11,140 YTD vs. \$10,505 budgeted), but the amount itself isn't troublesome. We still shouldn't see much change in these accounts as we move through the second half, I think.
- (F) In Outreach, you'll remember that last month we were under budget YTD by \$1,278, basically because the Pantry budget for June (\$600) went largely unspent. Obviously it *was* spent in July (expenses for the month being \$3,416 vs. \$2,581 budgeted, with the variance almost entirely attributable to the cost of Outreach Ministry), and you'll not that we're now at \$17,627 YTD vs. \$18,069 budgeted. The difference is only \$442, which is hard to assign any significance to at this point.
- (G) In Administration, we continue running just under budget overall (\$16,791 actual vs. \$17,364 projected). The difference is still basically attributable, I think, to the fact that Kristin is now part-time. For July, our direct cost for her services was \$180, versus a budgeted \$562, for a current savings of \$383. We're now under budget in this account for three months running, and it more than accounts for the net favorable variance in our expenditures for Administration year to date.
- (I) Overall, our expenses for the year to date *now* exceed the budget by \$2,476. Nevertheless, with the positive budget variance in the income accounts, we're ahead of target by \$1,671. Because of the “timing” issues that are built into the budget (which I don't mean to harp on, but you have to keep them in mind to make any sense of our reported results from month to month), I can't responsibly assign any particular significance to the net number, though I'm glad it's positive and note for the record that it has been all year so far. It did drop off in July, as expected, but that's normal and shouldn't signal a trend.

Putnam Smith, Treasurer

