



# Connect

Plug into the life of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church and connect with others at one of our upcoming events.

## Annual Parish Meeting

One Combined Service

**Sunday, January 29, 2012  
9:00 AM in the nave**

Followed by the annual meeting  
at 10:30 in the parish hall

Kids' Activity in the Gym  
during Annual Meeting  
(*Sock Wars!*) →

## Sock Wars

**Sunday, January 29th  
following the 9:00 AM One Service**

Children ages 4 years – 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us for SOCK WARS (while your parents go to the annual meeting... may the FORCE be with them!) We'll be hanging out in the HSEC gym for a galactic good time! Bring a package of NEW socks (kids or adults) – which we will be donating to Mission of Yaweh – and we will be making light sabers, waging war on the socks and watching Episode IV. Snacks will be provided – And nursery will be available for children 3 and under! You don't want to miss this epic event!

## Adult Christian Education

### Question & Answer Session With Fr. Patrick Hall

January 15, 9:30 AM

(Adult Christian Education)  
*Location to be announced*

This is your chance to ask our associate rector any question you have ever wanted to ask about life, the universe, *anything*. Fr. Patrick says, "*The stranger or more awkward the better.*"

**Parent Connection**, 9:30 in Winter's Gym Room 505 to resume meeting on Sunday, January 8. Happy New Year Holy Spirit Families! Come join the Parent Connection class. Father Patrick will be sharing his synopsis of Tom Wright's *Virtues* and how we can apply this in our families. Other guest speakers are being contacted to come to our class this spring to share their family experience. We will continue on this spring and are looking for ways to continue to support our children and teens while we connect and grow our families at Holy Spirit. Bring your ideas and calendars to get ready for 2012. Contact Eleanor Sheldon at [ess94@earthlink.net](mailto:ess94@earthlink.net) or 713-467-9551.

**Nooma**, Every Friday morning at 8:15, in the Youth Room., beginning January 13. Join us as we explore God's Word, with a little help from some friends. For more information on Nooma, contact KariAnn Lessner at [dcfm@hsechurch.org](mailto:dcfm@hsechurch.org) No gatherings on December 16, 23 or 30.

**So Long Insecurity**, Wednesday mornings, beginning January 11 at 9:30 AM in the Youth Room. Join Bernadette Ellis & KariAnn Lessner as we delve into Beth Moore's book *So Long Insecurity*. On the 11<sup>th</sup> we will be covering the Introduction. So order your book & study guide and come get some freedom from the things that hold you back – you have it in you to be secure!

## Children's Christian Education

**Kids on the Road**, Sunday mornings, 9:15, Winters Gym, For children ages 3 years through 5th grade. For more information on programs for children at Holy Spirit, contact KariAnn Lessner, [dcfm@hsechurch.org](mailto:dcfm@hsechurch.org)

## Young Adults

**Third Thursday Dinner**, Jan 19, 6:30 pm Every month on the Third Thursday, our young adult ministry gathers at someone's home for dinner, conversation, and a short devotional. For location of January's dinner please contact Sarah at [youth@hsechurch.org](mailto:youth@hsechurch.org).

## Youth Christian Education Resumes at 9:30 on January 8 in the Youth Room.

### EYC

Jan 1 No EYC

Jan 8 No EYC

**Jan 13** BIG GAME Night 6pm -9pm Kick off the spring semester and New Year with a fun night with your EYC friends! We'll have pizza and ice cream and play some epic games on campus. You won't want to miss!

Jan 15 12:00-2:00, EYC

Jan 22 12:00-2:00, EYC

Jan 29 12:00-2:00 EYC

As always, with any questions about our Youth or Young Adult Ministry, contact Sarah Taylor at [youth@hsechurch.org](mailto:youth@hsechurch.org)

## Seniors' Lunch Out

**Friday January 13**

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11225 Katy Freeway  
east of Kirkwood

**Friday January 27**

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10407 Katy Freeway  
east of the Toll way

*Lunch is always at 11:15*

**Guests are welcome.**



The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit  
12535 Perthshire Road  
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#### Each Sunday

8 AM Rite I Eucharist in the nave  
9:30 AM Christian Education  
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist  
Nave: Traditional Rite II  
Parish Hall: Contemporary Rite II

#### Wednesday

11:00 Eucharist and Healing Service  
in the side chapel

#### Contact us at:

713/468-7796

#### Submit calendar information to:

secretary@hsechurch.org

## Farewell to Fr. Patrick Hall

### One Combined Service on January 15th 10:30, Contemporary Eucharist in the Parish Hall

*Plan to stay after worship for a reception honoring Fr. Patrick*

### An Acoustic Evening with the Associate Rector

Thursday, January 12

7:00 pm  
in the parish hall

Fr. Patrick Hall will perform  
with a special appearance  
by **3dM**

## Welcome Fr. Bill Fowler!

Holy Spirit's Interim Rector  
To arrive on January 22

We are pleased to announce that Fr. Bill's first Sunday at Holy Spirit is January 22, when he will preach and celebrate at the 8:00 Rite I and 10:30 Traditional services. Fr. Bill comes to us from Trinity Galveston. We look forward to his tenure with us, and to having many opportunities to get to know him. He will preach and celebrate at our one service on January 29, then preside over our annual meeting, will speak at Breakfast Club on February 16, teach an Adult Education Class, beginning sometime in February, and will lead our Lenten series this year, just to name a few. *Pertinent dates and times will be announced once they are available.*

### Fellowship & Ministry Groups

**Daughters of the King** Saturday, January 14, 9:30 am, in the parish hall. (2nd Saturday)

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**, January 17, 10 am in the parlor. (3rd Tuesday)

**Finance Committee**, January 18, 6:00 pm, in the choir room

**Community of Hope**, January 21, 10 am, in the parlor (3rd Saturday)

**Altar Guild**, January 21, 10:00, in the choir room. (3rd Saturday).

**Vestry meeting**, Monday, January 23, 7:00 in the choir room. (One week late this month)

**Contemporary Worship Team**, Wednesdays at 7 pm, in the parish hall.

**Parish Choir Rehearsal**, Thursdays at 7:30, in the choir room.

**Home Group**, 7 pm each Tuesday at Ron and Joyce Merretts', 21331 Willow Glade Dr., Katy. For more information please contact Vicki Cravens, 832-248-5249, cravens54@yahoo.com.

**Home Group**, 7 pm each Wednesday. Contact Ricardo Suarez for location. (281-734-3811, ricardo.suarez@bp.com)

### Safeguarding God's Children

**Safeguarding God's Children**, Saturday, January 14, 9 am to noon in the Youth Room. This is a training program for the prevention of sexual abuse of children and youth. The training informs participants of the ways predators gain access to and groom children for abuse and it outlines the safeguards the Church has put in place to protect children and youth in our churches, schools and diocesan institutions. The Diocese of Texas requires this training for **all employees** (full or part-time) of churches, schools and Diocesan institutions and for **all volunteers** (including Vestry) who work with children and youth in any ministry setting. The three hour trainings are scheduled in churches, schools and Diocesan institutions as needed to be in compliance with the SGC policy standard that requires training within thirty days of beginning employment or ministry with children and youth. For more information or to RSVP, please email KariAnn Lessner at [dcfm@hsechurch.org](mailto:dcfm@hsechurch.org)

**Breakfast Club**, January 19, 7:30 in the parish hall. Fr. John Pitts will be our guest speaker. Fr. John has served as our assisting clergy for the last few years and is well known to us in that role. He is currently assisting clergy at Christ Church Cathedral. He has a dual career as a lobbyist to the Texas Legislature and Texas State agencies at Austin where, as Attorney at Law, he is Founder and Managing/Senior Partner in lobbyist and consulting companies. Fr. Pitts attended law school at SMU and worked as an attorney until 1984 when he entered Virginia Theological Seminary. Since his graduation from seminary he has served at St. John the Devine, as Canon to the Ordinary to Bishop Benitez, and as rector at St. Matthew's in Austin. He has been a frequent speaker at the State Bar of Texas and has published books and articles on State Water topics. He has been active in community projects for "at risk" youth and serves on the Boards of Trustees at Virginia Seminary, the Episcopal Seminary in Austin, Trinity School Austin and St. John's School in Houston. Fr. John is conscious of the poor public image of lobbyists and hopes to remedy that perception with this interesting and informative presentation.

To make your reservation please email Jim Davidson, [jsdavidson3@gmail.com](mailto:jsdavidson3@gmail.com).