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

Christmas Worship

December 24, Christmas Eve

- 3:30 PM Story Time & Christmas Cookies
In the parish hall
- 4:00 PM Holy Eucharist, Contemporary
In the parish hall
Child care available
- 5:30 PM Music for Christmas, in the nave
- 6:00 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II, in the Nave
Child care available
- 10:30 PM Music for Christmas, in the Nave
- 11:00 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II, in the Nave
No child care available

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

- 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II, in the Nave
No child care available

Holy Spirit Breakfast Club

Thursday, December 8, 6:45 am
in the Parish Hall

Please join us on Thursday, December 8, in the parish hall for a special Christmas program presented by the Holy Spirit School 'Tis the Season Choir. Be prepared to sing along to old and new sounds of the season.

A holiday breakfast will be served at 6:45 a.m. for \$3.00. Coffee is free. The program will begin about 7:15 and end by 7:45. Guests are welcome.

Please make your reservation for breakfast by Tuesday, December 6.

To make a reservation contact Jim Davidson @ 713-465-1007, or jsdavidson3@gmail.com

Adult Christian Education

No Christian Education Classes will be offered on December 25 or January 1, to resume on January 8

Sunday Morning Parenting Group: "Boundaries with Teens" Book Study, *Happening now through December 18, 9:30 in Winter's Gym Room 505.* This Holy Spirit group's intention is to connect parents and give them the knowledge to guide our children to a firm foundation for life in a loving environment. For more information, contact Eleanor Sheldon, ess94@earthlink.net 713-467-9551

An Advent Study: Christian Virtue - The Path Between Rules and Instincts, *Sundays, beginning on November 27, through December 18, at 9:30 am, in Room 503, taught by Fr. Patrick Hall.* Using NT Wright's latest book entitled, *'After You Believe,'* we will examine the life of the Good Christian and try to figure out together how we start living like one.

Nooma, *Every Friday morning at 8:15, in the Youth Room.* 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 No gatherings on December 16, 23 or 30.

Ladies Bible Study, A Confident Heart, *by Renee Swope, Wednesdays at 9:30 am, in the Youth Room.* This class is ongoing and you are welcome to join at any time. For more information contact KariAnn Lessner, dcfm@hsechurch.org. No class on December 21st or 28th.

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

Young Adults

Volunteer Day at the Beacon, *Saturday December 3, 11:00-2:00.* The Beacon is a mission of our Cathedral downtown and serves as a day center for the homeless. We will meet at 10:45 am at the Beacon, located in the John S. Dunn Outreach Center, which is in downtown Houston at 1212 Prairie Street, Houston, TX 77002. *To get to The Beacon from Memorial Drive:* 1) Memorial Drive east into town; Memorial becomes Texas Avenue. 2) Continue on Texas to San Jacinto, turn left and immediately get into your right-hand lane. 3) Parking garage is on right (515 San Jacinto Street, between Texas and Prairie). Bring your ticket with you for validation. 4) Take elevator closest to San Jacinto (floor 1 = street level). 5) Turn left and follow the walkway to the double glass doors on the left.

Third Thursday Dinner, *December 15, 6:30pm -8:30 pm.* Join us for a casual dinner hosted at the home of Sarah Taylor, Youth and Young Adult Missioner, at 218 Asbury.

As always, with any questions about our Young Adult Ministry, contact Sarah Taylor at youth@hsechurch.org

Youth Christian Education & Activities

Sunday School, 9:30 am in the Youth Room (Grades 6-12) Join us as we tackle questions like: Is the Bible really True? Is God male? And did God create the Devil? No class on December 25 or January 1.

Youth Parent Advent Party, *Friday, December 9 at 7:00- 9:pm.* Holy Spirit EYC parents of youth grades 6-12, join us for a fun evening with drinks and heavy appetizers hosted by the Snow family. Connect with your fellow parents and with our Youth and Young Adult Missioner about our youth ministry. Contact Evelyn Snow at 713-647-6698 to RSVP or with questions. Address is 12318 Overcup Dr.

Youth Calendar

Dec 4, EYC cancelled for Father David's retirement reception

Dec 11, EYC 12:00-2:00

Saturday, Dec 17, Progressive Dinner *Grades 6-12, meet at 6:00pm at the church* to begin our caravan to different youth group houses for appetizers, dinner, and dessert!

Dec 18 EYC 12:00-2:00

Dec 25 - Merry Christmas!

Seniors' Lunch Out Friday Dec. 9th 11:30

The Black-Eyed Pea Restaurant
2675 Wilcrest @ Westheimer

Guests are welcome.



The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit
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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

December Church Office Hours

Office closed December 21 - 23, & 26

Closes at noon December 27 - 30

Sunday, December 4, 2011

Combined Service at 10:30 in the Nave

Followed by a reception
in the Winters Activity Center

Honoring Fr. David and Elizabeth Puckett
In Celebration of Fr. David's Retirement

Lunch will be served

The Five Senses of the Nativity

Sunday, December 4th
4:30 in the Parish Hall

There will be live animals, pita bread & hummus,
music, a hay ride and much more!

So bundle up the family,
grab a few neighbors and come
Touch * Taste * Hear * Smell * See
Emmanuel... God WITH us!

For more information, please email KariAnn Lessner
at dcfm@hsechurch.org

Fellowship & Ministry Groups

Finance Committee, December 7, 6:00
pm, in the choir room

Daughters of the King Saturday De-
cember 10, 9:30 am, in the parish hall.
(second Saturday)

Prayer Shawl Ministry, December 13,
11 am (not 10 am as usual) in the parlor.
(2nd Tuesday this month) This is our
Annual Christmas Luncheon - please
bring either a salad or dessert to
share.

Vestry meeting, Wednesday, December
14, 7 pm, in the choir room. This is a
combined vestry/ training meeting with
Mary Macgregor from the diocese.

Altar Guild, December 17, 10:30, at the
home of Carole Beerbower, 2 Lazy Wood
Lane, 713-278-1872.

Community of Hope, December 17, 10
am, in the parlor (3rd Saturday)

Contemporary Worship Team, Wednes-
days at 7 pm, in the parish hall. No re-
hearsal on December 28.

Parish Choir Rehearsal, Thursdays at
7:30, in the choir room. No rehearsal
on December 29.

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
rotates its meeting place among the
homes of its members in Houston &
Katy. Contact Ricardo Suarez with any
questions. (281-734-3811,
ricardo.suarez@bp.com)

In reach... Feeling a bit under the weather? Is a hospital stay in your future? We can help!

There are many In Reach organizations here at Holy Spirit that can help you over those rough patches in life that come up from time to time. Often we are aware of those times when a parishioner needs a helping hand, but sometimes we aren't. And if we aren't, we hope you will make your needs known to us. But whom should you call? Of course, you can always call the office at 713-468-7796 and speak with Father David or Father Patrick. Or you can call your Care Call leader. Everyone in the parish is in a Care Call group. The leader makes periodic calls to each person in his or her group just to check in and see if anyone needs assistance in any way. The leader can then contact one of the many groups we have here at the church who might be able to help. If you're not sure who your Care Call leader is, you can contact Karen Montgomery at K1Mont@aol.com to find out. Did you know that we have a Casserole Patrol team that prepares casseroles if you need a meal or two? We have the Community of Hope volunteers who will call on you if you are housebound or in a hospital or nursing home. We also have Lay Eucharistic Visitors. They will come to your home, apartment, or hospital room to give you communion. The Side Chapel Prayer Team will pray with you on Sunday mornings and another group of volunteers delivers flowers from the altar to help brighten your day. The Daughters of the King will pray for you, and the Prayer Shawl group knits blankets and throws if a nice warm wrap is just the thing to help you feel better. If any of these ministries can help you during a time of need, we hope you will let us know.

Please feel free to contact Melinda Van Paasschen
at Melindav@comcast.net for any In Reach concern or need you may have.