



Connect

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

Make Your Voice Heard!

It's an exciting time of change here at Holy Spirit, and we need your help!

Attend Holy Spirit's **Visioning Event**, Saturday, February 4 at 9 a.m. Who are we as a parish? What are our priorities and core values? How do we see ourselves changing over the years to come? Help us find answers to these very important questions during this four-hour session led by an expert from the Diocese. (Coffee served at 8:30 a.m.)

Fill out a **Parish Survey**. What qualities do you want to see in our new rector? What ministries and programs should the rector spend his/her time and energy on? The survey, which will include questions on demographics, will be available online and via hard copy in late January.

The information we gather will guide our Rector Search Committee during the search process and will form a key component of Holy Spirit's new parish profile brochure, which will give prospective rectors a comprehensive look at who we are as a church community.

Adult Christian Education

The Lenten Program begins on February 26, with supper at 5:00, followed by the program at 5:30. A children's program will be offered at the same time. Please see reverse side of this Connect for more information.

Parent Connection, 9:30 in Winter's Gym Room 505 Come join the Parent Connection class. Guest speakers are being contacted to come to our class this spring to share their family experience. We are looking for ways to continue to support our children and teens while we connect and grow our families at Holy Spirit. For more information on this class Contact Eleanor Sheldon at ess94@earthlink.net or 713-467-9551.

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

So Long Insecurity, Wednesday mornings, at 9:30 AM in the Youth Room. (upstairs in the Winter's Activity Center Room 604) *So Long Insecurity* by Beth Moore is the book we will be working through during January, February & March. For more information, email KariAnn Lessner at dcfm@hsechurch.org Come get some

freedom from the things that hold you back – you have it in you to be secure and 2012 is the year to do it

Children's Christian Education

Children's Christian Ed, 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,

Young Adults

Third Thursday Dinner, February 16. Every month on the Third Thursday, our young adult ministry gathers at someone's home for dinner, conversation, and a short devotional. For location and time of January's dinner please contact Sarah at youth@hsechurch.org.

EYC

Destination Unknown - EYC Mystery Trip, Saturday Feb 11, 1pm-5pm. Where will we go? What will we do? The possibilities are endless and the sky's the limit! There's only one way to find out - sign up and come. Even better, bring a friend. Cost is \$30, scholarships available.

- Feb 5** EYC 12:00-2:00
- Feb 12** EYC 12:00-2:00
- Feb 19** EYC 12:00-2:00
- Feb 26** EYC 12:00-2:00

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

Safeguarding God's Children

Safeguarding God's Children, Thursday, February 9, 6:00 – 9:00 pm in Room 604 in the Winter's Activity Center. 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

Holy Spirit Community Auction Gala

Saturday, February 4th 6:30 pm

The Pelazzio
12121 Westheimer Road

Come celebrate Holy Spirit Episcopal School's 50th Anniversary and honor founders Mrs. Jan Leach & Mrs. Maurine Alfrey at our annual auction gala. Music will be provided by *The Argyles*.

Go to hse.org to make your reservation today!





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

Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Supper

February 21, 6:00 pm
In the parish hall

*Watch for details in the Sunday
announcements and on the web*

**SHROVE
TUESDAY**

**Fellowship
& Ministry Groups**

Daughters of the King Saturday, February 11, 9:30 am, in the parlor. (2nd Saturday)

Finance Committee, February 15, 6:00 pm, in the choir room

Community of Hope, February 18, 10 am, in the parlor (3rd Saturday)

Altar Guild, February 18, 10:00, in the choir room. (3rd Saturday).

Vestry meeting, Monday, February 20, 7:00 in the choir room. (3rd Monday)

Prayer Shawl Ministry, February 21, 10 am in the parlor. (3rd Tuesday)

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)

**Pancakes
& Prayer Pockets**

Tuesday, February 21st
6:00 pm

in the parish hall

During our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner come by the Children's Ministry Table and make a Prayer Pocket – a small swatch of fabric filled with your prayers and petitions; which we will pray over in Children's Chapel for the 40 days of Lent and return to you on Resurrection Sunday! Won't it be exciting to see how God uses the prayers of the children to show us His love and mercy? For more information or if you have fabric & buttons you'd like to donate, email KariAnn Lessner at dcfm@hsechurch.org

**Breakfast Club
February 16, 7:30 am
In the parish hall**

Join us for a good breakfast and a wonderful opportunity to get to know our new interim rector, Fr. Bill Fowler, as he shares with us some of his personal background. All are welcome. Breakfast is served at 7:30 and the program ends around 8:30 a.m. Cost is only \$3.00. Reservations are appreciated. To make a reservation or have your name added to our email notification list email Jim Davidson, jsdavidson3@gmail.com.

"The truth is, God uses change to change us. He doesn't use it to destroy us or to distract us but to coax us to the next level of character, experience, compassion and destiny." Beth Moore in "The Promise of Security"

Ash Wednesday

February 22

**Holy Eucharist
and Imposition of Ashes**

Noon and 7:00 PM

Lenten Program

Sunday Evenings

For Children through Adults

**February 26, March 4
March 11, March 18, March 25
5:00 - 6:30**

Each Sunday Evening will begin with a soup and salad supper at 5:00, followed by the program at 5:30. The Reverend Bill Fowler will lead the adult's program this year.

Ready? Set... Go Fish!: Sunday evenings during Lent for **children 4 years – 5th grade** (there will be nursery provided for children under 4 years) We will be eating together (see Lenten Program article for times) as a church family and then focusing on the Great Commission. We're getting ready for God's promises, set for what life throws our way, and fishing for others to tell the Good News to! For more information or to register your child, please email KariAnn at dcfm@hsechurch.org

**Seniors' Lunch Out
11:15**

Friday February 10

**GOODE COMPANY BARBECUE
8911 Katy Freeway
east of Campbell**

Friday February 24

**YAO'S RESTAURANT
9755 Westheimer at Gessner**

*Join us for good food
and great fellowship*