

THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

May 19, 2010

The mission of the Episcopal Church of the Nativity, as part of the family of God, is to proclaim and spread the word and work of God through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, by Eucharistic worship and by ministry to the world.

Summer Schedules Bring a Season for Renewal

This Sunday we move to our summer worship schedule when we have our annual Episcopal Visit for Confirmation. At the 10:00 a.m. service, Bishop Suffragan Kee Sloan will preach, celebrate, baptize, confirm and receive. We will all renew our baptismal covenants, a timely thing to do as we move into summer!

This schedule change serendipitously happens on the day we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost (**wear red**). Pentecost, the feast of the fire and wind of the Holy Spirit, arrives just as schools let out. Summer vacation signals a time of rest and re-creation, not only for our students and their families, but for all of us. Most would agree that after ten months of the school year routine, our pattern of living and experiencing the world, needs reshuffling.

It is easy to get into a rut. It is easy for life to be bound by patterns that can sometimes seem constrictive. This summer many of us will take off with the wind to parts unknown. Seeing life from the perspective of being in a different location physically or mentally is refreshing. The wind and fire of the Holy Spirit celebrated at Pentecost break down constrictive boundaries and ruts that can develop in our faith. Routines are healthy and helpful. But we regularly need fresh perspectives.

Although we joke about how God trusts Episcopalians to take the summers off, we know that our faith cannot take the summer off. Although things slow down at Nativity, we all need our abiding connection to Christ's presence and the Holy Spirit in Word, Sacrament and this community of faith. **So here is what you can do:**

Attend Sundays on Thursdays at 6 p.m. in the Chapel—especially for all you folks who get to the lake or the mountains or the beach regularly on weekends. Many have asked for this service, which is not only for Young Adults, but all ages.

Permission is granted to come casually to Nativity on Sundays! Sign up to help Blue Apron Ministry host "Lemonade in the Shade."

When travelling out of town, do your best to get to church. Bring the service leaflets back and we'll post them so all can see "where we've been."

Please keep your stewardship gifts current. Your clergy and staff and the utilities all keep on doing what they have been doing all year. Pastoral care, worship, outreach, and capital campaign construction **don't** take the summer off!

Experiment with a new spiritual discipline for 10-20 minutes a day. Light a candle, pray in silence, read the daily office, read the Psalms or section of scripture.

Rest, enjoy life, be grateful, accept God's blessings and peace.

May we all have a blessed summer. Much love, grace and peace in Christ to all.

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SUNDAY, MAY 23

PENTECOST—WEAR RED

BISHOP SLOAN PREACHING 8:00 A.M. AND 10:00 A.M.

CONFIRMATION AND BAPTISM 10:00 A.M.

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN RIDLEY SPONSORED BY ECW



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Sunday on Thursday

Can't get to Church this Sunday, going out of town, other commitments preventing you from getting to church on Sunday? Nativity continues to offer a worship opportunity on Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. in Bibb Chapel (church during renovation.)

This service utilizes the same readings as the upcoming Sunday, allowing you to say your prayers and worship prior to the weekend if you will be away. It is come as you are, from work or the gym, as casual as you need to be to get here! REMEMBER to make God a part of your weekend pilgrimage, offer your life and purposes to God's holy purposes as we gather for Eucharist on Thursdays.

PARISH NEWS and EVENTS



Women's June Wednesday Night Bible Study with Suzanne Matthews

A summer class entitled "Crossings Continued," will be taught by Suzanne Matthews every Tuesday evening in June from 6:00 – 7:45 p.m. in Ridley Hall. This is a follow-up to the "Crossings" Women's Retreat at Sewanee in February. The cost of the class is \$25. To enroll, call the office at 533-2455 or Lane Tutt at 653-7200

"Are you interested in attending Cursillo?"

Remaining dates in 2010 are June 10-13, Sept 16-19, and Oct 14-17.

Contact one of Nativity's Cursillo Ultreya Co-lay rector's Chris and Shelley Whitney or David and Debbie Collette.

Nativity's Good Friday Offering 2010 for Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society

This offering goes back to 1922 and since then Episcopalians have supported the ministries of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East through the Good Friday Offering. For 150 years the Anglican Church in Jerusalem has borne the responsibility of sharing the cross of Jesus in a special way. By helping to maintain the Christian witness in the Holy Land. It is vital that we continue to share in this burden, and not let our brothers and sisters in Jerusalem carry the cross alone. ***This year Nativity collected \$705.00*** which has been disbursed to Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

CHILDREN'S NEWS

Summer Children's Chapel

Join us beginning May 23 for a more relaxed, summertime version of children's chapel! Our children's chapel will be held during the 10 a.m. service during the summer months.

VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN ONLINE!

Are your children ready to go on an adventure like no other? Bring them to the Church of Nativity where we will go on an ~~adventure on the Nile and explore ancient Egypt~~. We have a fun week with some new twists planned for our children this year!



VBS is open to children ages 4 by September 1 - entering 6th grade. ***New for this year – we will offer a fun-filled, outreach focused program for our 4th -6th graders.*** The program will run in conjunction with the regular VBS, but will be totally separate to allow our older children the more hands on type work that they thrive on.

VBS registration is officially open starting today! To register your children for this fun filled week and get more details about the week, go to www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/nativitykids. **Early registration ensures that your child receives a t-shirt and all of the crafts, so please register no later than June 15 to help us with planning!** We are also accepting some volunteer positions that are not yet filled, so please check out our website for openings available! We are looking for some teens ages 7th grade - college age to help out with various tasks throughout bible school, so check out the website to see what we have to offer! We can't wait to see all of you here on July 13, 14, 15!!

Small acts. By many hearts. Every day.

Leads to much love.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE June, 2010, published 5/18/10

WEDNESDAY, June 2, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 PM	Anderson	Anderson	Cheryl Watts

THURSDAY, June 3, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 PM	Anderson	Anderson	

SUNDAY, June 6, Second Sunday after Pentecost

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 AM	Anderson	Landry		John Hendricks	Lane Mickle
10:00 AM	Anderson	Landry	Peter Coburn	Walter Thames, Sally Ann Culver	Don Askins

WEDNESDAY, June 9, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 PM	Akin	Akin	Gary Raspori

THURSDAY, June 10, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 PM	Akin	Akin	

SUNDAY, June 13, Third Sunday after Pentecost

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Anderson out)	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 AM	Akin	Walter		Kachi Ezeibe	Clay Sherrill
10:00 AM	Akin	Walter	Robin Cosby	Ed Vaughn, Merilee Allen	Rich Goodwin

WEDNESDAY, June 16, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 pm	Akin	Lippe	Marilyn Lands

THURSDAY, June 17, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 PM	Akin	Landry	

SUNDAY, June 20, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 AM	Anderson	Akin		Melissa Kirkindall	Gary Raspori
10:00 AM	Anderson	Akin	Ed Vaughn	Elaine Hamner, William Ellison	Jeannie Robison

WEDNESDAY, June 23, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 PM	Anderson	Landry	Mary Hendricks

THURSDAY, June 24, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 PM	Anderson	Anderson	

SUNDAY, June 27, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 AM	Akin	Anderson		Lane Mickle	John Hendricks
10:00 AM	Akin	Anderson	Barbara Buice	Chris Jackson, Rich Goodwin	Susan Brown

WEDNESDAY, June 30, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 PM	Akin	Akin	Don Askins

ALTAR GUILD

5	Dekkie Joyner, Wanda Cobb, Emily Moody, Jeannie Robison, Flo Stockton	12	Judy Vann, Lea Ann Barnett, Ann Bishop, Linda Watts, Mary Johnson
19	Kakki Brooks, Laurie Noggin, Kathryn Mahoney, Judy Heacock, Jewell Reynolds	26	Sara Little, Caffrey Litkenhous, Wilma Kelly Watts, Laura Innes, Kitty Simmons

BLUE & PRON

6	Daniel & Taylor Suggs	13	Mem Bryant
20	Ana Mari & David Smitheman	27	Teresa Pinson

CLERGY ONCALL SCHEDULE:

May 31 – June 6	June 7 – 13	June 14 – 20	June 21 – 27	June 28 – July 4
Anderson	Akin	Landry	Anderson	Akin

PRAYER LIST

We pray for those who are ill or recovering

Keith Clevenger, Nelda Tolar, Charlotte Laxson, Jessica Nettles, Perry McClain, Kennedi Phillips, Matthew Harris, James Horton, Susie Harper, Pat Hair, Suzanne Thomason, June Thomson, Angel Colin, Elsie Olsen, Tippy Anderson, Callie Sullivan, Betty McCaleb, Gene Sullivan, Eileen Sullivan, Judy Christian, Sara Grace Fague, Lauren Falls, Julie Kirk, Leigh Wahl, Diane Cunningham, John Klos, Bill Marsh, Jane McIntosh, Jack Wilson, Nancy Kelly, John, Joan Bennett

We pray for our Military:

Lawrence Linton (Afghanistan), Johnny Johnston, Jr (Afghanistan)

We pray for the departed:

Harry Frost, father of John Frost; Shonna Shelton, niece of Skipper Colin; Florence Murphy, sister of Bob Sampson; Elizabeth Hamner, mother of Richard Hamner; Johanna Caruso, mother of Michael Caruso and Lisa Caprio; Dorothy Kelly, mother of Andy Kelly

We pray for the birth of a child: Brennan Sties Hamner, born Monday, May 10 in Texas, to parents, Jesse & Bethany Hamner, grandparents Elaine & Richard Hamner.

We give thanks for the marriage of Margaret Camille Caprio and Marion Douglas Reed on May 15, 2010 at The Church of the Nativity.

We give thanks for the birthdays of our children:

5/24	Taylor Whitworth
5/25	Sara Huckaby, David DiFranco
5/26	Kelly Hay
5/31	Britt Webber, Cameron Harry
6/1	Elena Schuppener
6/2	Elise Roche, Jack Benton Stockton, Spencer Anglin
6/4	Scott Miller, Alexander Bounds

Restoration Update

Bibb Chapel now has a new roof system, and none too soon. The old metal shingles were in very poor condition and were allowing water to penetrate into the building. Remaining to be installed is a special metal cover for the stone caps that cover the tops of the walls. This covering should ensure that moisture will no longer enter the walls through the stone caps. Once that is complete, the scaffolding will be removed from the chapel.

The remaining task is to clean the interior of the chapel - no small job! The reroofing work disturbed 125 years worth of dust and soot which must be carefully cleaned up.

The masonry restoration on the church has begun with the removal of the cast iron dentil molding located below the gutters. Our contractor should be arriving on site soon with a full crew ready to go to work on the masonry restoration.

If you have any questions, please call me or Skipper Colin.

Loch Neely
CCIB Chairman

On May 6th Nativity's Youth Confirmation Class went to NYC to work and play. While there we worked at Holy Apostle Episcopal Soup Kitchen, Project Hospitality on Staten Island and St. Michael's Soup Kitchen....we also shopped, ate, saw Blue Man Group, and did too many other things to even name. Included in our group were chaperones: Catti Clanton, Bartlee Linton, David Joffrion, Leila Hergert, and Emily Collette; students: Allie Hergert, Elise Nelson, Hanly Ward, Noelle Carter, Rachel Quillen, Trace Markwalter, Spencer Anglin, Travis King, and William Ellison. Our adventure was amazing! Thank you all so much for your prayers and support in making this possible. **David Joffrion wrote a letter to the youth who went and with his permission we will be to sharing it with all of you. This perfect reflection on a meaningful trip will be in June 2nd edition of The Steeple with a few photos of them at work.**

STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION TIP submitted by Jennifer Retzke

Plant Right For Your Site

Where is it sunny or shady? What is the pH of your soil? What type of soil (e.g. sandy, clay) do you have in your yard? Look around—are there plants with problems? Where do you want play areas, vegetables, color, views or privacy? How much lawn do you need or want to maintain?

Choose the right plant for the right place.

Select plants that grow well in your area of the country and fit the amount of sun, type of soil and water available in your yard. (In general, it makes sense to use low-water plants to save yourself the time and expense of watering). Think about how big a tree or shrub will be when mature (especially next to your house or driveway and near power lines).

Pick plants that resist pests.

Many garden centers and nurseries offer information about pest- and disease-resistant plant varieties. After they're established, they'll save you time and money on pest control.

Give plants a good start.

Prepare the soil by mixing one to three inches of compost into soil in planting beds. For trees and shrubs, mix compost into the whole planting bed, or just plant in existing soil and mulch thoroughly. Set plants at the correct soil level, following instructions provided with your plant. Mulch new plantings and be sure to water even drought-tolerant plants during their first few years especially in the summer and fall until they build deep roots.

Bonus Tip:

Make Space for Wildlife

You can invite birds, butterflies and other wildlife into your yard, protect streams and fish, and make a more attractive landscape.

- Consider planting native trees and plants, especially ones with berries, fruit and flowers.
- Plant in layers (ground cover, shrubs, and trees) so your landscape is like the forest.
- Don't plant invasive species—check with your local Cooperative Extension Office for a list of invasive "noxious weeds."
- Minimize potential harm to birds, beneficial insects, and fish by using pesticides only when necessary and using them properly. Read the label and follow instructions carefully whenever you use a pesticide.
- Provide a bird bath or other small water source. Make sure you change the water every couple of days so your bird bath doesn't become a mosquito breeding ground.
- Leave wild "buffer" areas of native plants along ravines, streams, shorelines and fence lines.



Parish Financial Report Period Ending 04/30/2010

	CURRENT MONTH	BUDGET for PERIOD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
Pledges Received	\$ 74,992.00	\$ 99,791.67	\$ 328,277.00	\$ 399,166.64
Plate	\$ 2,147.96	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 12,591.48	\$ 15,000.00
Other Revenues	\$ 16,063.39	\$ 9,125.00	\$ 38,659.37	\$ 36,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 93,203.35	\$ 112,666.67	\$ 379,527.85	\$ 450,666.64
Diocesan, School of Theology, & Outreach	\$ 13,742.17	\$ 22,583.33	\$ 58,263.53	\$ 90,333.36
Personnel	\$ 62,590.23	\$ 59,598.58	\$ 231,150.75	\$ 238,394.36
Other Expenses	\$ 26,845.40	\$ 30,456.28	\$ 116,116.30	\$ 121,824.76
TOTAL	\$ 103,177.80	\$ 112,638.19	\$ 405,530.58	\$ 450,552.48
NET	\$ (9,974.45)	\$ 28.48	\$ (26,002.73)	\$ 114.16

SOCIAL SECURITY EXTRA HELP

Under a new law, more Medicare beneficiaries could qualify for Extra Help with their Medicare prescription drug plan costs because some things no longer count as income and resources.

Who can get Extra Help?

Anyone who has Medicare can get Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage.

- You can apply online at www.socialsecurity.gov;
- Call Social Security at 1-800-325-0778;
- Apply at your local Social Security office.

STEEPLE SCHEDULE

The Steeple is published the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

To submit events or articles, you may bring them to Linda Wheeler at the church office or by email:

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The deadline for the next issue is noon, Monday, May 31, 2010.

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MUSIC FOR NATIVITY SPRING CONCERT
FRIDAY, MAY 21—7:30 p.m.

Friends of Hyvenson Dinner, featuring Haitian Cuisine



Date: Thursday, May 27 **Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Price per person and/or Family: \$25 (additional donations welcome)

Menu: Beans and rice with chicken; water and sweet tea for beverages

Note: Donations are tax-deductible. Please make checks to Church of the Nativity with the subject line reading "Young Adult Haiti Mission".

Come Hungry!

Purpose: Raise funds to support the Friends of Hyvenson Project

The Young Adult Ministry of Nativity is attempting to raise \$39,000 for 39 Haitian people whose lives have been destroyed by the recent earthquake. Each one of these 39 individuals is a direct family member of our good friend and

brother, Father Hyvenson Joseph. The funds will be aggregated and used to to build a temporary home for these individuals as they attempt to rebuild their lives. Over time, our goal is that this home will become a community outreach center for other Haitian people who have suffered devastating setbacks in life.