

THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

November 3, 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.



CHURCH
OF THE
NATIVITY,
EPISCOPAL

Est. 1843

**Reservations are being
taken for a day trip on
November 12, to
Hanceville for tour of:
The Shrine of the Most
Blessed Sacrament**

located at Our Lady of the
Angels Monastery in
Hanceville, Alabama, truly
an amazing and awe-
inspiring place.

&

**The Evelyn Burrow
Museum**

located at Wallace State
Community College. This is
one of the finest collections
of its kind in the world
today. Object d'art in the
Museum date as far back as
the 1600s. Other pieces are
so rare they are priceless.
with

Lunch will be at **All Steak
Restaurant** in Cullman at
1:00 p.m. Private dining
Call 256-533-2455 by
Wednesday 11/10.

Spend What You *Need*; Give the Rest to God

Stewardship is NOT about the parish budget! So our guest stewardship preacher this past Sunday, The Rev'd John Talbird, reminded us. *Stewardship is a process through which we become generous people, fall more deeply in love with God, and participate in transformation.*

Not only are our lives transformed to be generous expressions of God's intended creation (i.e. created in God's image), but the world is transformed because we are committed to significant purposes. In fact, the only reason the church budget needs funding is so that lives will be changed through what the resources offered support. If our lives are not becoming more like Jesus and expressions of his love and mercy for all, reaching out into the world's hurting places, then the budget is irrelevant.

But it is apparent that at Nativity, lives are being changed. There are more and more generous people giving their time, talent and financial resources. Our outreach ministries are touching more people in direct ways than ever before, especially as people put feet to their faith and *Just Do It*. Our life and ministry together at Nativity is making a significant difference.

Our lay stewardship preacher on October 24, Shelley Whitney, expressed how her stewardship journey has changed her family's life. Stewardship begins by taking a look at our needs verses our wants. It takes gratitude leading to an honest assessment of exactly what percentage of God's money you are currently returning to God's work as a steward. Shelley reminded us that it also involves sacrifice to reach the minimum biblical standard of the tithe. "If you don't have to cut some things out of your lifestyle within your comparative economic standing to meet your pledge, then you are not giving enough." Again, this is a process, but as long as we are growing in our giving, perhaps increasing our gifts each year by a percentage until we reach the tithe, we are on the right path.

God wants your life to be significant in matters that last. God wants your heart to be large and generous. So pray about your spiritual journey and the way your life is becoming more like Jesus' life. **And then....**

- **Attend our Annual Meeting this Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Celebrate stewardship at the Nativity Fiesta of Grateful Giving on November 11. (make your reservation NOW!)**
- **Bring your Stewardship Pledge Card to church on November 14 and offer it as a sacramental expression of giving your life to God in Christ. Spend what you need and give the rest to God. *But don't give to the budget. Give to God's dream of making you and the whole creation new.***

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



YOUNG PARENTS join the fun!

Who: Parents of children still living in the house (unless they are 25!)

When: Friday, November 19 at 7:00

Where: home of Leah and Drew Brambach 1514 Owens Drive

Bring: an appetizer to share and an Episcopal Beverage

Questions? - Elizabeth Foster - 533-2455 ext. 211 or Elizabeth.foster@nativity-hsv.org

Bring them home! KITCHEN AMNESTY continues: If you have borrowed and forgotten to return items from Nativity's Kitchen, you will be pardoned by returning the items (no questions asked!) We are missing an entire bin of stainless steel utensils, (tongs, knives, etc.) several large stainless steel casserole pans & bowls. Many of these items were quite new and we are in desperate need of all items to be returned in order to avoid another expense to replace missing items. You may bring the items and leave in the church office or Ridley Hall. We understand you may have borrowed the items for an off-site event and you forgot to return them. Please look in your kitchen cabinets, pantry, car trunk...anywhere you may have stored them. The Bazaar cooks depend on these items. If you have any questions or know the whereabouts of the MISSING COOKWARE please contact Sally Stockton or the church office 256-533-2455. (You will remain anonymous.)



FAIR WARNING! If you park in the Nativity parking lot on a weekday during business hours, please remember you MUST have a Nativity Parking Decal. Any vehicle without the decal will get a big orange sticker on the windshield. You may come to the church office Monday-Friday for your parking decal.

Please be attentive to the circle drive....there are marked handicap spots & reserved spaces....other than these PARKING IS Prohibited. Parking in unauthorized spaces in the circle is a fire-hazard. BE KIND TO OUR LANDSCAPING by not parking on the grass, graveled areas, or flower gardens.

MISSION GUILD will meet Monday, November 14 at 10:00 a.m.

in the home of Nancy Morris 4008 Gunnison Lane with Henrietta Boykin and Lois Dreher as co-hostesses. Clyde Nevins will speak on "Ministry to Haiti." Bring Bingo Prizes for Aquarius Club! If you are interested in learning more about Nativity's Mission Guild, please contact Sue Rowan 256-536-1811.



THE MUSTARD SEED transition—In 2004, Nativity's congregation expressed an interest, through a parish survey, in having a book store. In 2006, Catti Clanton and Blair Glenn approached the Vestry and Father Andy with a plan for The Mustard Seed, Books and Gifts at Nativity. For over 4 years, the Mustard Seed has provided a safe place for people to gather; providing a spiritual resource for our parish community, as well as our downtown neighbors and North Alabama. The Seed is a helping hand of Nativity's outreach for those folks who want to learn more about Nativity and the Episcopal faith. The partnership has worked very well. Our hope is that it continues to thrive and remain a place of hospitality for years to come.

With counsel and prayer, Catti and Blair have decided to sell their share of the shop. The Vestry, Advisory Council, Catti, and Blair are in the process of looking for that person(s) who is willing to invest time and talent in The Mustard Seed, becoming partners with the church. If you are interested please contact Catti Clanton at 256-497-3488. (No calls to the church office please.)

The bookstore will remain in full force with new items being added weekly as well as sales, special orders, open house with refreshments during the holidays, etc. Hours will remain the same. Remember to drop in for all your favorites. In fact a 40% off SALE (for certain items) is in process NOW!

Current store hours: Sunday 9 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Wednesday 11:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Store phone: 256-534-4005

Holidays at the Pantry
Hunstville Assistance Program
it all means **HAP** !!!

On **Sunday November 7**, HAP Pantry Sunday! Nativity will collect Canned Hams and Canned chopped Chicken. HAP Clients need meat for the Holidays! Last year they loved the small canned hams (non-refrigerated type.) These may be found at Dollar General, Wal-Mart, and Publix. Bags of hard candy are welcome as a holiday treat.

ALL SAINTS EVENSONG—NATIVITY—November 7, 5:00 p.m.

We all enjoy singing this annual service for Nativity members, and the community. We hope you will come back from whatever afternoon activities you have undertaken that day and slip inside the church for about a hour to rest in the sound and beautiful space. All questions related to the choir, and other concerts or musical events at Nativity may be directed to Suzanne in the church office.



LOOK WHATS NEW FOR THE PARENTING CLASS Sundays in November 10:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER 14TH— ADVENT AND CHILDREN led by MADELINE MULLINS

NOVEMBER 21ST— EDUCATION AND CHILDREN led by BYRON HULSEY,
SARAJANE TARTER, AND DEBORAH BAKER



SAVE THE DATE! ADVENT WREATH

The Advent Wreath workshop will be held on **Sunday, November 28** at 10 a.m. in Ridley Hall. All supplies will be available for \$10, just bring your own greenery (boxwoods work best). All Church School Classes will be dismissed so everyone can attend this annual workshop.

The flower guild will be on hand to give us all the tips we need to help us all design beautiful Advent wreaths for our homes.

Remember, the Advent wreath is not just another decoration, but an opportunity for worship and devotion as a family! We hope to see ALL of you there!!

YOUTH HAPPENINGS and GATHERINGS!

- **Sunday, November 7 6:00—7:30 p.m.** EYC invite you for dinner, nostalgia, cake, and a bittersweet goodbye to Nativity's extraordinary Youth Minister, Catti Clanton. If you are a member of one of **Catti's past EYC groups**, please feel welcome to come and share your **favorite (and quirky) memories!** We are all eager to hear the Chapstick story!
- **EYC CHRISTMAS RETREAT December 4-5** to Nashville's Opryland Hotel and Sewanee. We will explore secular Christmas customs and the Sacred traditions of Advent. **Deadline to sign-up is November 12.** Contact Minda Alexander if you need a registration form. Minda 256-694-0554; mindaa@comcast.net
- **WEDNESDAY NIGHT SOUP VAN** has openings for the December 15th run. Contact Minda to reserve your spots.

The History of Nativity's Bell

by Richard Hamner



This is the third in a series of stories about Nativity's bell. This chapter starts after Elaine and I broke the bell wheel in 1992.

Rod Murray, the rector of Nativity at that time, decided that we should replace the bell wheel with an automated striker. When word got out about that, there was some opposition to the idea that we would no longer have a rope with which to toll the bell. Some people thought that we would no longer be able to do "change ringing", but in fact that was never possible with our bell because of the way it is mounted and the fact that we have a single bell and not a carillon or a peal set. So our mission was to find the right method for ringing our bell.

We went around Huntsville visiting all of the churches that have large bells rung by any sort of automated system. One such visit got us up into the First Baptist Church bell tower. First Baptist's original bell (or bells) went off to war along with Nativity's bell in 1862. But their present bell tower has a complete carillon of bells. (A "carillon" is a set of at least 23 bells, tuned in a certain way to give two octaves of notes.) We were treated to a tour of the bells (with a great view of Huntsville), and a demonstration of how a carillon of bells is played.

That is where we learned about The Verdin Company. Verdin is now in its sixth generation of family ownership, having started in 1842, and they make clock towers and bell striking systems that are made to endure the elements of weather for long periods of time. (Our bell striker has been in place since 1992, and has never even hiccupped.)

We formulated a proposal for a new bell striking system. We went to the Vestry with our proposal, got the funding, and set off recruiting a team of people to help with this rather daunting project. We had no idea what we were up against, but we launched into it with the planned gusto typical of Nativity through the ages. We had the forty days of Lent to get it done, and on Maundy Thursday the bell rang for the first time with the new striker.

The bell striking system we chose uses two electromechanical solenoids to actuate a large bronze hammer which strikes the bell. Each solenoid is powered by a separate DC electrical source so the force applied to the hammer can be varied. This variation in the force of the hammer striking the bell allows the automated striker to simulate the sound made by a person pulling on a rope.

When a person pulls a rope to actuate the bell, the first strike is a hard, loud strike because the person is doing the pulling, and the bell moves fast. The second strike is done by gravity as the bell swings back and slows down a bit, and the clapper doesn't hit the bell quite as hard. So the traditional sound over the ages is loud, soft, loud, soft, etc. Our bell striking system simulates that sound through the management of DC voltage going to the two solenoids. Also, the time interval between the first and second strikes is different from the interval between the second strike and the first strike in the next pair. Listen to the bell carefully sometime when you hear it ringing. It still sounds like someone is in the bell tower pulling on a rope.

Our bell computer can be programmed to strike the bell at any minute of the week, and unless changed, that program repeats every seven days. It can be manually actuated, and it can be used for funeral tolling, where the bell is struck once every ten seconds. That is a very dramatic sound, indeed.

One interesting thing about the bell's computer program is that in the software Sunday is Day 7 rather than Day 1! The author of the software had read Genesis but not John's gospel, I guess.



Next story: The bell striker construction project.

ECW BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE—THURSDAY NOVEMBER 18

**The Bazaar begins at 10:30 a.m.—Luncheon seatings are offered at 11:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
Take-out Lunches may be picked up between 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.**

Nativity's wonderful ECW Bazaar is ALMOST HERE! Thanks to you, our parish, it's shaping up to be one of the most successful Bazaar's yet! You won't want to miss this exciting event so mark your calendars to be there on Thursday, November 18th.

Here are more ways to participate:

Baked and Frozen Foods Sale

If you have already signed up as a donor for the Bazaar's Baked or Frozen Foods Sale.....Thank You! If you haven't yet had the opportunity, **Sue Rowan** and her Calling Committee will be contacting you soon! Volunteers are hard at work calling every member of the parish to encourage all to be a part of this year's Bazaar. Make your plans now to donate homemade baked goods, cakes, muffins, breads, rolls, canned preserves, pickles, cheese straws, casseroles or any wonderful homemade dish of your choice. They even have recipes to share if you need some inspiration!

Drop Off for donated food items

Please pull into the circle to drop off your donated food items on either Wednesday, November 17th from 3-5 pm or Thursday, November 18th from 7-9 am. No need to park! **Leah Brambach** will have runners there to take your items.

Luncheon

Tickets for the seated luncheon as well as take-out lunches are now on sale. Tickets are \$15 each. Please call **Marilyn Grundy** at 256-533-9546 for seated luncheon reservations OR order a take-out lunch by calling **Mary Beth Wilson** at 256-539-0361. Tickets may also be reserved at the Bazaar Booth after each service.

Crafts

Crafts Chairs **Beth Chenoweth** and **Cassie Chenoweth** have been organizing a fantastic Bazaar Boutique featuring products from a host of talented artists. Some of the treasures to be found in the boutique are: cookbooks, jewelry, handmade soap, baby items, paintings, and more!

Raffle

Pat Goodson, **Sarah Gessler**, and **Jane Brocato** have an amazing lineup of raffle items! Tickets may be purchased by contacting Pat at 256-533-5202, Sarah at 256-534-4233, or Jane at 256-489-1694 or come by the Bazaar Table.

Decorations

Minnie Lois Neal and **Anne Conner** are creating beautiful table decorations. These will also be for sale at the end of the event.

MOST IMPORTANTLY please let everyone know that....all proceeds from the Bazaar will benefit Sawyerville Day Camp and Oscar Mason Center.

ALTAR FLOWERS 2011 DEDICATION FORM

If you are interested in dedicating **Altar flowers for a specific Sunday in 2011**, please complete and mail this form with your check made out to "Flower Guild" and mail to: Andrea Vandervoort, 434 Locust Ave. Huntsville, AL 35801. If you have questions, you may call Andrea at 539-2673.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION, THANK YOU.

2011 Altar Flower Order Form

Altar Flowers are \$40 or \$20 for shared dedications

Date desired _____

Your Name _____

Phone # _____

Would you share a dedication? _____

Do you wish to have your name listed in the bulletin? _____

Please be specific by underlining or circling above your desired dedication below:

All dedications read "To the glory of God and...

in loving memory of or in thanksgiving for or in celebration of...

Name for this altar flower dedication: _____

WORSHIP SCHEDULE November, 2010 published 8/17/10 (updated 10/20/10 by clg)

WEDNESDAY, November 3, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 pm	Akin	Akin	Jeannie Robison

THURSDAY, November 4, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Landry	Landry	

SUNDAY, November 7, Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Anderson	Anderson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson
8:45 am	Akin	Anderson	Cheryl Watts, Warren Vann	Kachi Ezeibe	Virginia Kobler
11:00 am	Anderson	Anderson	Barbara Buice, Lea Ellison	Ed Greene	Susan Brown

WEDNESDAY, November 10, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 pm	Anderson	Anderson	Don Askins

THURSDAY, November 11, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm			Cancelled – Nativity Jubilee

SUNDAY, November 14, Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Stewardship Sunday

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Akin	Landry	John Hendricks	John Hendricks	John Hendricks
8:45 am	Anderson	Landry	Lewie Bates, Pearline Gilpin	Dianne Nettles, Lane Mickle	Lee Hicklen
11:00 am	Akin	Landry	Rich Goodwin, Ed Vaughn	Chris Jackson, Roy Gowman	Jeannie Robison

WEDNESDAY, November 17, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 pm	Akin	Landry	Cheryl Watts

THURSDAY, November 18, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Akin	Akin	

SUNDAY, November 21, The Last Sunday after Pentecost (Christ the King)

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Anderson	Anderson	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett
8:45 am	Akin	Anderson	Robert Dunn, Lee Hicklen	Lee Hicklen, Amy Creech	Lane Mickle
11:00 am	Anderson	Anderson	Mike Ward, Janet Robbins	David Collette, Debbie Collette	Don Askins

WEDNESDAY, November 24, HE Thanksgiving Eve Service

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 pm	Akin	Akin	Mary Hendricks

SUNDAY, November 28, The First Sunday in Advent

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Akin	TBD	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett
8:45 am	Akin	TBD	Basye Holland-Shuey, Ralph Shuey, Charlie Warren	Melissa Kirkindall, Jeannie Robison	Clay Sherrill
11:00 am	Anderson	TBD	Don Askins, Dianna Dabbs, Mike Knight	Ronnie Rogers, Elaine Hamner	RuthAnn Haymes

ALTAR GUILD

6	Emily Moody, Nancy Colin, Judy Vann, Louise Reynolds, Wanda Cobb	13	Mary Johnson, Lea Ann Barnett, Flo Stockton, Caffey Litkenhous, Sara Little
20	Judy Heacock, Rose Ann Shearer, Suzy Naumann, Laurie Noojin, Alice Lanier	27	Wimberly Watts, Emily Rodgers, Linda Watts, Laura Innes, Sara Little, Marcia Machek

BLUE APRON

7	8:45 – Kamelchuk & Luther	11:00 – Smitherman	14	8:45 – Elliott & Caprio	11:00 – Pinson
21	8:45 – Bryant & Windham	11:00 – Collette	28	8:45 – Moring & Ellison	11:00 – Briggs

CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE:

November 1 – 7	November 8 – 14	November 15 – 21	November 22 – 28	Nov. 29 – Dec. 5
Akin	Anderson	Landry	Akin	Anderson

PRAYER LIST

We pray for the search process of a Bishop

Almighty God; Send down upon your Church and the Diocese of Alabama the comfort of your Holy Spirit, that this same spirit may lead us in this time of transition. Guide us as we to seek your wisdom so that we choose a bishop who will walk in your ways, and so draw our hearts to you, that in all our works we may glorify your Name. Through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

We pray for those who are ill or recovering

Samuel Wells, Jessie Sanders, Jimmie Lou Horton, Mary Dee Shahan, Terry Clevenger, Donald Perry, Angel Colin, Diane Harvey, Charlotte Laxson, Stephen Paul Greene, Henry Chase, Don Askins, Sara Welch, Emile Joffrion, Gerald McQueen, Dan Kinard, B. W. Dortch, Jeanne Dowd, Elsie Olsen, Perry McClain, Gene Sullivan, Eileen Sullivan, Leigh Wahl, Bill Marsh, John, Nancy Kelly, Julie Kirk, Joan Bennett.

We pray for our Military: Lourie Formby, Afghanistan; John Orosz, Afghanistan

We pray for the departed: Jeanne McCown, parishioner

We give thanks for the birthdays of our children:

11/7 Bailey Benton, Caroline Knight, Anne Wilson

11/8 Zoe Church

11/9 Jackson Knight

11/10 Caroline Hornsby, Sarah Hornsby, Steuart Evans, Morgan Watkins, Maura Berman

11/11 Ellie Webber

11/13 Ruby Haymes

STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION TIP

by Harvey Cotten

What To Do About Your Leaves

Falling leaves are everywhere around us and for many they are just a nuisance. However, this seemingly unusable waste product can be a very valuable garden amendment if you know how to use them correctly. Here are a few tips and suggestions.

Mulch Them

- Use a mulching lawnmower and 'mow' your leaves. The mulching mower will shred or chop up the larger leaves into smaller bits and pieces that can stay on the lawn if not too thick.
- Rake, blow or bag your leaves and use them as a layer of mulch around your trees or in shrub beds or even in the vegetable garden. If you shred them first then they will stay in place better, allow water to penetrate easier and break down faster returning nutrients to the soil.

Compost Them

- The two main ingredients in making compost is 'brown' stuff and 'green' stuff. Leaves are the perfect source for 'brown' stuff (or the carbon material) and are in abundant supply during the fall of the year. The 'green stuff' includes grass clippings, vegetable scraps, or any other nitrogen source.
- Gather leaves up – by raking, blowing, mowing/bagging or just mowing and raking the left over debris and place in a compost bin or pile. Easy bins can be constructed from a 10' section of welded wire fencing (three or four feet tall) with 2" by 4" openings. These bins are inexpensive, easy to fill and very easy to turn – just pick up the bin and place it next to the pile and shovel the ingredients back into the bin. This adds oxygen to the pile and speeds up the decomposition process.

Bag Them

- This is the least desirable option but one that is available. I would recommend mowing the leaves first so that the volume of dry leaf matter is greatly reduced. You may use a bagging attachment on your mower or a leaf blower to gather the leaves together.
- I would recommend using one of the biodegradable lawn bags that are available for sale – they come as a paper product or a plastic resin made from corn. These bags will decompose over time in the landfill where plastic bags will not break down.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: 7:45 a.m.—Holy Eucharist Rite I in Bibb Chapel

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.— Holy Eucharist Rite II (nursery available)

8:45 a.m.—Children's Chapel

Grateful Giving



Grateful Giving Thoughts

What does grateful giving mean? To be grateful means to be warmly or deeply appreciative of kindness or benefits received. I think that grateful giving means appreciating the gifts that God has given us so much that we want to give a portion of it back to our church.

I think that most people are, like me, hesitant when it comes to parting with money. Especially in this rough economy, it is much easier to be a realistic – maybe even reluctant – giver than to be a grateful giver. Grateful giving, however, is not about economics. Grateful giving asks that we think about what we have received and give back to the church, in thanksgiving.

I grew up in the Church of the Nativity. I was baptized and confirmed in the church. Two years ago, my husband, Jason, and I got married in the church. Nativity has given me so much, and it continues to be a place where I can always find support, love and faith.

Jason and I are just starting out. We worry about our future and, in particular, finances. It would be easy for us to approach stewardship by thinking about the future and, specifically, what we can and cannot afford; instead, this year, we will look to the past and give to the church in consideration of the many gifts we have received. When I think about the gifts God has given us in the past year, specifically my experience at the Nativity, I am overwhelmed with appreciation.

Hallie H. Angelichio



NATIVITY TO ATTEND LESSONS AND CAROLS, ALL SAINTS' CHAPEL located on the beautiful grounds of Sewanee The University of the South on Saturday, December 4.

We will travel by chartered bus with departure from Nativity at 1:30 p.m. Reservations are required by calling 256-533-2455.

Upon arrival we will attend a reception in Bishops' Common. Next onto reserved seating for Lessons & Carols in All Saints' Chapel.

We will continue the evening with a gourmet, catered dinner at Sewanee Inn; returning to Huntsville around 9:30/10:00 p.m.

Cost for transportation, reception, & dinner is \$45.00 per person



Nativity Women's Retreat The Epistle of Joy

NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER (DEADLINE is November 30)

What could be better than spending time with all your good friends? You do not want to miss this one night retreat at St. Mary's!

Retreat date: February 25 & 26

Place: St. Mary's, Sewanee Center for Spiritual Development

Guest Speaker Kathy Phillips will present a program on Philippians.

Cost: \$130* per person, includes all meals & accommodations

Registration is due with full payment no later than November 30. For more information contact Lane Tutt, 256-533-2455.

REGISTRATION FORM (cut out, complete, enclose retreat fee, and mail to church TODAY!!!!!!)

NAME: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Roommate request*: _____

*Cost is based on double occupancy which also allows for the largest number of women to participate.

Make checks payable to: Church of the Nativity (annotate Women's Retreat 2011)

Return your registration form & FULL payment to: Church of the Nativity ATTN: Lane Tutt 208 Eustis Ave SE, Huntsville AL 35801.

VESTRY NOMINATION PROCESS

Every fall we elect six new vestry members for a three-year term. The slate was presented formally at the opening of the Annual Parish Meeting Sunday, October 31. The 2010 Nominating Committee presented the following slate of candidates for consideration in electing six members to the Vestry: Leah Brambach, Pattie Cline, Sally Ann Culver, Lou Durnya, Brad Hall, Donna Joffrion, Kim Kerr, Tom Lydon, Harvey Pride, Rusty Stephenson, Kathy Woodard, and Don Wheeler

VOTING CONTINUES Sunday, November 7, 8:15 a.m.—10:15 a.m.

(You must vote for six only; if you vote for more or less than six, your ballot will be disqualified.)

The Men's Breakfast Crew and Sally Stockton will provide breakfast during the Annual Parish Meeting and newly elected Vestry members will be announced prior to conclusion.

(Adult church school classes will be cancelled this day so all adults may attend the meeting.)

Who is eligible to vote at a Parish Meeting?

Those entitled to vote shall be confirmed adult communicants in good standing canonically resident in the Parish, and physically present at the meeting, of not less than 17 years of age or high school seniors, and who are known to the Treasurer as regular contributors to the support of the parish program, and those present shall constitute a quorum. (canon 9, Sec. 3 1979)

VESTRY NOMINEES 2010 by last name alphabetical order

Leah Brambach

Leah was born in Scottsboro, Alabama and has been a lifelong Episcopalian. She has been a member of Nativity for ten years. Leah is the General Manager for Office Interiors by Osco Inc. She is married to Drew Brambach and has one son Will Brambach age 7.

During Leah's time at Nativity she has loved the opportunity to teach Sunday school and Bible School. She has Chaired and Co-Chaired Parish weekend for the last four years. She has also chaired committees for the Bazaar. Presently she serves on Kids Council, Blue Apron Ministries, and teaches two Sunday school classes.

Pattie Cline

Pattie is a Huntsville native and a cradle Episcopalian who was baptized, confirmed, and married at Nativity. She is the mother of two grown children, grandmother of two beautiful grandchildren and the wife of John Cline. Having taught 23 of her 25 years in the Huntsville Public Schools, Pattie is presently a retired school teacher. Her activities at Nativity have included a Sunday school teacher, a YP sponsor, the Nativity Bazaar Chairman, the Stewardship Campaign Co-chair, and an Altar Guild member. She is presently a member of the Garden Guild and the Good Book Bible Study class. She is a proud EfM graduate. Through the years, she has devoted her time and energies to community service projects in Huntsville, including serving on the Harris Home Board.

"I am delighted with the opportunity to continue serving my church with a nomination for the Vestry."

Sally Ann Culver

Sally Ann is a life-long member of Nativity- baptized, confirmed and married in the Church; is mother of 3 daughters, has 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren and claims to be "old as dirt"!

She currently serves Nativity as a Lector, an Intercessor, and an Office Volunteer Receptionist; participates in the Prayer Shawl Ministry, the Ladies Wednesday Night Bible Study; has served on the Altar Guild, as Chairman of the ECW Bazaar and on other Bazaar committees.

Sally Ann is a longtime employee of Lauren's Gift's, a sustaining member of the Huntsville Junior League, a member of the Greenwicks Garden Club, an Honorary Member of the Women's Guild of the Huntsville Museum of Art, and has served as past President of all three organizations.

She has lived in Huntsville all her life-attending East Clinton Elementary School, Huntsville High and the University of Alabama, where she is presently the #1 Football fan!

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Louis (Lou) R. Durnya

Lou has attended Nativity for over 26 years. He has served on several stewardship campaigns, serves as an usher, and attends the Wednesday morning men's Bible study.

He retired as Assistant Chief Counsel for NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in January 2010 and was rehired in March on a part time basis. He is a retired Army Reserve Judge Advocate General Corps' Colonel and was activated in 2003 for Operation Enduring Freedom serving as the Staff Judge Advocate for a mobilized unit.

Lou is a former president of the North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Historic Huntsville Foundation and the Kiwanis Club of Huntsville. He has attended executive programs at Harvard University and the Brookings Institution.

Lou is married to Beth and they have two children, Cameron and Sarah.

Brad Hall

A member from childhood of Trinity Episcopal Church in Natchez, MS, Brad received an engineering degree from Mississippi State University and began his career in the automotive manufacturing industry in Jackson, MS, in 1989. "I married my wonderful wife, Holly, in 1995 and we moved to Huntsville about two years later becoming members of Nativity shortly thereafter." He worked for The Boeing Company on Space and Missile related programs until 2006 when he joined his present employer, Defense Acquisition Inc., a small Defense Contractor company.

At Nativity, Brad has served on the Building and Grounds committee, performed usher duties, volunteered for Christmas decoration setup, and an active member of the Blue Apron ministry. Holly and Brad are blessed with three wonderful children. Kate Noble (13) and Sarah Whelden (10) have enjoyed many years of the wonderful WORM and EYC Sunday school programs at Nativity and most recently acolyte duties, while their brother Bradford (2) is just getting started.

Brad's hobbies include hunting and fishing and anything related to quality time spent with family.

Donna Joffrion

A native of Jasper, AL, after graduating from Birmingham-Southern in 1983, Donna moved to Huntsville to work in the technology industry. She became a member of Nativity in 1990 and throughout the years has served on various committees, including Altar Guild, and helped with stewardship campaigns. Donna has co-chaired the ECW Bazaar and co-hosted/chaired the AAC dining with Friends Dinner. Currently, Donna serves on the Nativity Friends Outreach to homebound parishioners.

"I feel very fortunate to be a member of such a loving church family."

Kim Kerr

Kim has been a member of Nativity since 2003. She has headed the Blue Apron Ministry for the last two years, works with the Bereavement Guild, and served as publicity chair for the ECW Bazaar in 2009. A former English instructor at UAH and Calhoun, Kim is now a full-time writer. Kim and her husband, Peter (who co-chairs the Men's Breakfast Ministry), are parents to 9-year-old Mhairi.

Tom Lydon

Tom was born in Boston and remained there through his undergraduate years receiving a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He went right into the Army from College. In one of those strange "coincidences", a guy from Boston and one from Tuscaloosa, Richard Hamner, were in the same class at Engineer School and Ranger school.

Tom received a Masters Degree in Nuclear Engineering after the Army and his 40 plus years career has involved making electricity either from Nuclear, Hydro, Coal, Oil, or Gas. He is now retired.

"Our life at Nativity started when I was transferred by Bechtel to work on the restart on Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant

My partner, Michael Shipley, and I started attending Nativity in the summer of 2003. We have been active in the Cursillo community. I am presently attending EfM. I am assisting the Just Do It program with software so that it can be used to connect groups with needs with volunteers from Nativity."

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Harvey Pride

Harvey Pride, Jr. was born in Decatur, Alabama and has been an Episcopalian for 36 years. An active member of St. John's in Decatur, Harvey served on the vestry for 3 terms, as Sr. Warden, Jr. Warden, and was co-chairman of the capital campaign. In addition, he served on the ushers guild, the finance committee and was a Sunday school teacher.

Harvey was instrumental in the formation of The Church of The Good Shepherd (Decatur) and St. Barnabas (Hartselle). He and his family transferred to the Church of The Good Shepherd in 2000. There, Harvey served as a lay reader, an usher, and on the search committee for a new priest.

Harvey and his wife, Bibi, and their two sons, Noah (15) and Nathaniel (9), moved to Huntsville and joined the Church of the Nativity two years ago.

Rusty Stephenson

"After being away from Huntsville for 20 years in a banking career of 38 years, I am blessed to be back at Nativity now filling my time as a husband, a father of 2 adult sons, and 5 grandsons."

As a cradle Episcopalian, Rusty has served the church in many areas including Sunday School teacher, vestries, search committees, stewardship committees (both parish and diocesan), Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lay Eucharistic Visitor, Lay Reader, and parish visitor. Currently, he is participating in Nativity's Sunday School, Wednesday night programs, Top of the Hill Gang, and stewardship committee. In addition he is serving on the search committee for our 11th Bishop of Alabama.

"Nativity is a very special parish giving many opportunities that encourage me on my spiritual journey and in my service to others. What an exciting time to be a member!"

Kathy Woodard

Kathy has been a member of the Church of the Nativity since 1998. She is an elementary teacher of the gifted with Huntsville City Schools. Kathy has two children, Matthew who is a second-year law student, and Ruth who is a sophomore at the University of Virginia.

Kathy has worked with the acolyte program for the past ten years and is currently co-Acolyte Master. She was a volunteer tutor with Nativity's Adult Learning Center in the evenings for three years. She has also knitted with the Prayer Shawl Ministry and has been a driver for the Top of the Hill Gang.

Don Wheeler

Don is a retired Obstetrician/Gynecologist. He and his wife, Kay, have two grown children, Beth Moring and John Wheeler.

During his years at Nativity Don has served as past vestry member and as Senior Warden. He has also served as co-chairman for Capital Campaign, chairman for Stewardship Campaign.

He attended Cursillo #162. In addition to his service at Nativity, Don is and has been actively involved as past Board of Trustee (Randolph School), Twickenham Historic Preservation Board, Rotary Club and the Strive Mentoring program at Butler High School.

CHRISTMAS 2010 FLOWER DEDICATIONS

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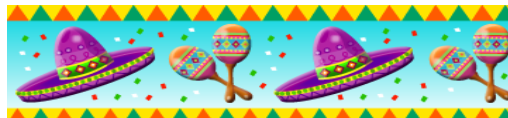
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