

THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

December 1, 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.



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OF THE
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Nativity Pastoral Emergency On-Call During December

The Rev'd Rob Iler, Rector of St. Columba-in-the-Cove Episcopal Church will be assisting the Nativity clergy with pastoral emergency on-call requests this weekend and part of the week after Christmas when Nativity clergy, due to scheduled parish events out of town and extended family needs, will not be available. We are grateful for Rob's assistance.

Advent Time

The First Sunday of Advent, this past Thanksgiving Weekend, heralds a new year for God's people in the Church. Our Christian Year begins anew each Advent, calling us to schedule our lives on God's time, not Central Standard Time. While the world fast forwards to Christmas, Advent calls us to a different pace and rhythm. We wait and expect for God's purposes and ways to be revealed in our lives and in the world.

Advent begins during this time of national thanksgiving. We find ourselves on God's time only as we can open our hearts to God in gratitude for all that has been and for all that will be. Each day comes to us as a gift. Life is a gift that calls us to respond in whatever way we can—no matter how small or large; no matter what our energy level; we respond. While the world has us scurrying around madly to find just the right gifts for others, may we remember that the greatest came gift came humbly from God 2000 years ago in Bethlehem. Take time to be grateful for this gift and the gift of love each day.

The meaning of Advent is in the waiting. But our waiting is "not nothing," someone else wrote. Our waiting is not passive. We deliberately look for and expectantly prepare for Christ's return at the end of the ages, as well as his first coming in the Incarnation, Christmas. Our firm hope is for the time when God will be all in all. Christ's return at the consummation of history compels us to think about how our lives are measuring up to God's hopes for us. It is a new year and where we fall short, in repentance, we turn in a new direction and begin anew. And then for this day, God will be all in all, and Christ comes again.

In Advent, the world is dark and cold, yet we sing of the light. *I want to walk as a child of the light, I want to follow Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike...shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.* Listen to the words of the Advent hymns. Let them become your prayers. No matter how dark and cold it seems outside or in your life, Christ's light pierces the darkness. The Advent Wreath light increases as we move closer to Christmas. *For the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

The color for Advent is blue—both for expectation and to remind us of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the God Bearer, whose openness and obedience to God's invitation is the model of faith. Take time to come to church early and sit in the quiet beauty of the nave. Look around and notice the many symbolic allusions to Mary in the *fleurs de lis* and lilies in the stained glass windows and the many pointed arches. How will you allow Christ to be born in you this Christmas and every day? Consider Mary's response. Consider your response.

Advent is about God's time. Give your life to this rhythm and pace. Slow down and be quiet. Claim the silence of prayer in the midst of all the noise of the world's time. *And the dawn from on high shall break upon you and guide your feet into the way of peace.*

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Holidays off to a hectic start?

Join us for a day of quiet & prayer on Saturday, December 11. **Advent is a season of preparation and anticipation as we await the coming of our Lord.** Join us as we seek to faithfully observe this Advent season. We will begin our morning (8:30 a.m.) with Morning Prayer in the chapel at 8:45 a.m. and then at 9:15 a.m. receive a brief instruction on walking and praying the labyrinth, which will be laid out in Ridley Hall. We will continue with noonday prayers and a simple lunch. After lunch we will receive a brief instruction on centering prayer, and have time to practice centering prayer together. We will conclude our time of silence and prayer with a simple Eucharist in the chapel at 2:30 p.m. Join us for all of the day or any part.

Advent Quiet Day "Tools for the Journey"

Jointly sponsored by Nativity Reconciliation Ministries &

Nativity Spiritual Development Committee

Please call the church office 256-533-2455 to reserve your lunch.



On Dec. 12th the youth are volunteering at Santa's Village from 4:30 until 9:00. We will meet in the circle at 4:15 and walk over together.... Watch your email and texts for reminders and more info. Come be an elf!!!



Advent for our Children!

St. Nicholas - THIS SUNDAY, December 5, 10 a.m. - The WoRM

Please join us this Sunday with your gifts of outreach. *Join in the spirit of St. Nicholas this Sunday by bringing a lightweight, new children's book to brighten someone else's day.* We will have a fun day in the WoRM as we learn about St. Nicholas and all of the traditions around the world!

Simple Gifts - An Advent Celebration! Sunday, December 12, 4-6 p.m. - Ridley Hall

Join us for a fun family event that will help us all focus on the true meaning of Christmas. This event is a spin off from our traditional St. Nicholas Celebration...we've just added a new twist and moved St. Nicholas' visit closer to St. Nicholas day(December 6)! We hope that all of you will join us for this event that everyone in your family can enjoy. It will be complete with Christmas carols, outreach and a delicious meal. Please make your reservations by Wednesday, December 8 by calling the office at 256-533-2455. We hope all of you will make plans to join us!!

WoRM Pajama Party - Sunday, December 19 - During Children's Sunday School

Back by popular demand...the WoRM pajama party! This is your child's chance to wear their PJ's to church for a good cause! We will be gathering pajamas and books to be given to the children at the Oscar Mason Library after school program. Just bring one pair of new pajamas in your child's size and a book for the child to read in their new pjs! This program has proven to be a very meaningful in the past, so let's make this our best year ever!



Children's Christmas Pageant - December 14, 4:00 p.m.

No need to sign up! All children ages 3-4th grade will simply need to join us in Ridley Hall beginning at 3:15pm to receive your costume and instructions on what to do. As we did last year, the children will join their parents in church and join in the pageant as it is happening! We hope that all of you will make plans to join us for this wonderful Nativity tradition! Questions: madeline.mullins@gmail.com



The Mission Guild's Christmas luncheon will be held Monday, December 13
at the Holiday Inn Downtown at 11:00 a.m. Our honored guests will our newly ordained priest,
The Rev'd Brad Landry, and his wife Elizabeth.
Our yearly project for Christmas is gifts for FOCAL children.
For more information call Sue Rowan 256-536-1811

Father Anderson Receives Louisville Institute Grant for Pastoral Leaders

Andy Anderson is a recipient of a Louisville Institute Sabbatical Grant for Pastoral Leaders. Father Anderson's project, *"Building the Church: Laying Spiritual Foundations,"* is one of 39 awards selected from a field of over 400 applicants in North America for the 2010 competition. Rectors of parishes in Alabama are scheduled for a 12 week sabbatical after five years of service. Andy's sabbatical begins the end of May and continues through August of 2011, after eight years of service to Nativity and seventeen years of ordained ministry. The Episcopal Church embraces the spiritual, biblical, and intellectual benefit of Sabbath time for both the clergy and the parish, and the Vestry has endorsed Andy's plans. A sabbatical is a time of spiritual renewal and re-invigoration as new approaches to ministry are contemplated and developed. Sabbatical planning includes a combination of Spiritual renewal and rest, intellectual and parish ministry learning, and family renewal and personal interest pursuits (things often ignored with the heavy demands of ministry). Andy will be sharing his Sabbatical plans in more detail after the holiday season in the first of the New Year. If you'd like to find out more about the Louisville Institute and this leadership program, you may want to visit their web site at www.louisville-institute.org



FOCAL
Gifts for
Foster Children

FOCAL GIFTS RETURN DATE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

The Outreach Committee wishes to thank everyone for their generous and continued support. This month's collection we take to HAP may well be someone's holiday meal. Try to bring items with that in mind. Many of you have expressed difficulty in locating the Plumrose canned hams. Plumrose hams are NOT on a shelf with other canned meat. Publix on Whitesburg & Airport Rd. have them, ask the butcher for assistance, Price \$3.99.) **BRING YOUR ITEMS—SUNDAY DECEMBER 5.**



Coffee! Coffee! Coffee!

Outreach Committee sponsors 2nd year of coffee sales to benefit "Krik? Krak" hot lunch program at an Episcopal school in Conchu, Haiti. The program was begun by spouses of clergy from our own Diocese of Alabama. Last year we were able to send \$702.40, thanks to your donations.

Coffee is from Kaffeeklatsch, who graciously gives us a good price! This year's selection will be offered in regular and in decaf. It is a Mexican blend, robust in flavor, and is fair trade, organic, and grown in the shade.

Half-pound bags (\$10) will be decorated with raffia and a tag stating the donation to the lunch program. Profit per bag is \$4.10 which goes to Haiti. We have received questions as to how the money reaches this school - our church sends it directly to our diocese office and they in turn wire it to the bishop's office in Haiti, where all of our donation is allocated for the school in Conchu.

We will be taking orders for the next 2 Sundays: December 5 & December 12, after the 8:45 service and before the 11:00 service. You pick up orders the following Sunday after you place your order. Pay in cash or check. See you in Ridley narthex!

Questions? Call: Gail Brown, 256-880-1149

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Blue Apron Meeting

All current and prospective Blue Apron volunteers are invited to a organizational and informational meeting on January 9, 2011, from 5.30-6.30 p.m. in Ridley Hall.

This is a fun ministry, open to folks of all ages – from the EYC to Top of the Hill Gang. This casual meeting will allow us to get organized for 2011 and answer any questions you may have.

For more information about Blue Apron or the meeting, contact Kim Kerr – (256) 772-1972 or kimskerr@gmail.com.

The History of Nativity's Bell

by Richard Hamner



This is fifth in a series of stories about Nativity's bell. This issue tells some stories that are verifiably true, some that are only legend, and one that is a purely blatant lie.

The True Stories

1. The tornado that hit the steeple in the 1950's.

Early in Emile's ministry, a tornado came through Huntsville and warped Nativity's steeple. The steeple had to be removed and repaired, and a steel structure was lowered into the tower for additional strength. The bell and the steeple are both now supported by that steel. A steel staircase was installed from the top of the bell tower vestibule up to bell level (the top of the brick part of the tower.) That steel ladder continues on up to the top of the steeple. Jim Pierce and I climbed that ladder, hoping to see Huntsville from above the clouds, but the windows at the top of the steeple were covered, and we couldn't see a thing.

2. Jim Pierce and the "virtual electrocution".

One Saturday morning we were working on the electrical system up next to the bell. Jim Pierce was the electrician that day, and he was wiring the electrical circuit that would provide a power outlet for lights and tools and vacuum cleaners, etc. up next to the bell. Elaine was there with her camera, always ready to chronicle the events of the new bell striker system.

Well, just as Jim touched the wire to the plug, and I mean at the exact nanosecond, Elaine took a flash picture of Jim. Jim almost jumped out of the bell tower, sure that he had just been electrocuted. We still talk about Jim's "virtual electrocution".

3. Paul Whitehouse and the restoration of the bell wheel.

Paul Whitehouse was a communicant of Nativity until he moved to Maryland. He is a woodworker and does demonstrations of hand tools and techniques used in times gone by. Paul built the two wooden hand rails that lead from the nave to the chancel (by hand! No power tools were used.) Notice those the next time you go to communion.

When we got the bell wheel down from the tower and made sure all the pieces were there, Paul took the wooden wheel and restored it. It now hangs in the bell tower, so notice the wheel and Paul's handiwork sometime when you are at the church.

The Legend: The Healing after the storm.

A few years after the bell striker was installed, a major thunderstorm came through Huntsville. A lightning strike somewhere very close to the church knocked out power all over the surrounding area. The bell seemed to have been fried. I got a call to come and check out the situation. My assessment was that we were in for major electrical repairs. We all went home in despair, resolving to meet and rebuild the bell striker's electrical system.

The next morning, the bell began to ring as usual! I think that one of Nativity's deceased communicants, probably the one who gave the original bell to the Confederate Army to be made into artillery, came back and repaired the bell's electrical system out of sheer guilt.

The Lie: This next story is NOT true. This is in the category of stories that start with, "I want to tell you a story. This is no lie." You know the kind.

Anyway, one day when we were all working on the bell up in the steeple, a guy walking by Nativity came into the church, climbed the steel ladder, and joined us on the bell platform. He said, "What are y'all doing?" We explained that we were installing a new bell striking system, and we showed him the big bronze hammer and the electrical system that actuated it.

He said, "I can show you another way to ring that bell." We all looked at each other and said, "What do you mean?"

The guy said, "Let me show you." He backed off a few feet, took off his hat, and ran at full speed toward the bell. Just when he got to the bell, he lowered his head and hit the bell with his forehead. The bell rang as it never had. A BONG resounded throughout the city. We were all amazed.

The guy got back on his feet, looked a little wobbly, and he passed out and fell all the way to the ground into the churchyard.

Well, we called 911, and while we were waiting for the ambulance a couple of guys walking along Eustis Avenue stopped and surveyed the situation. One of them looked at the guy lying on the ground and then looked at his friend and said, "You know that guy?" The companion said, "You know, I don't think I know him, but his face sure rings a bell!" Ah, Yes. Bell jokes.

That was not a true story, but I wrote it to Rod Murray in hopes that he would have a heart attack. He never had the heart attack, but I almost got excommunicated.

Writing this series of articles has been fun. I hope reading it has been fun, too, and a little bit educational.

Richard "Quasimodo" Hamner

PRAYER LIST

We pray for those who are ill or recovering

Sara Vowell, Claude Boykin, Leslie Crosby, Dick Hay, Carter Kilgore, Josh Kelly Jr, Angel Colin, Frank Anderson, Mary Dee Shahan, Terry Clevenger, Charlotte Laxson, Stephen Paul Greene, Donald Perry, 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: Tim Fuhrman, Pakistan; Lourie Formby, Afghanistan; John Orosz, Afghanistan

We pray for the departed:

Irene Nolen Clark, communicant

Frieda Johnston, mother of Linda Johnston

We give thanks for the birthdays of our children:

12/1 Claire Hulsey

12/4 Richard Huskey

12/7 Charles Smith

12/8 Margaret Foster

12/9 Jack McClung

12/10 Patrick Reid, Vivian Brouse

12/12 May Watson, Will Knight

12/14 Hope Howell, William Ellison. Ireland Braudaway

Prayer Shawl Group Meets each Tuesday 1:00 - 3:00 Library in Joffrion

Come join us to knit, crochet, and have some prayers and friendship during this busy time of year. If you want to learn, we can teach you! Questions? Call Gail Brown: 880-1149, or 508-1561.

The Haiti Medical Mission team are in need of infant vitamins, children's chewable vitamins and pre-natal vitamins. We could also use small tubes of topical antibiotic cream (Neosporin, Polysporin or store brand generics) and antifungal creams (Lotrimin, Tinactin, Monistat and store brand generics). We will have a collection bin in Ridley Hall. The trip is scheduled for January 8-15.

Grateful Giving—Stewardship 2010

2011 Pledges by Dollar Range November 28, 2010

\$ 500 or <	21
\$501 - \$999.99	29
\$1,000 - \$2,999.99	93
\$3,000 - \$4,999.99	53
\$5,000 - \$9,999.99	36
\$10,000 - \$14,999.99	6
\$15,000 - \$24,999.99	7
\$25,000 or >	2
Total Number of Pledges	247

Total Dollar Amount of Pledges \$846,073.26

Average Pledge \$3,425.40

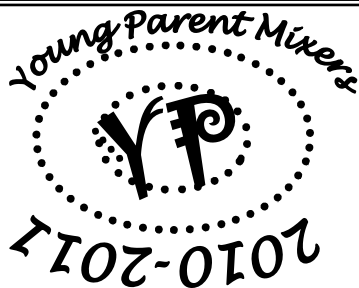
Just Stuff It #3

We'll be stuffing meal packs for First Stop on Sunday, December 12, immediately after the 11 o'clock service. We'll do it in the library in Joffrion. Come one, come all!



Interested in attending a Cursillo weekend in 2011?

If you would like to attend a Cursillo weekend or would like to know more about this spiritual movement, contact one of Nativity's co-lay rec-tors: David/Debbie Collette (256-830-2451) or Chris/Shelley Whitney (256-774-1939)



Join Nativity Young Parents Mixers for fun and fellowship
FRIDAY, December 10, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Julie and Gary Anglin—1302 Sierra Blvd 35901, 256-534-3179.

Bring an appetizer to share and an Episcopal beverage.

If you aren't familiar with parish mixers for parents of young children, please contact Elizabeth Foster, efoster@nativity-hsv.org or 256-533-2455.

STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION TIP for December 1, 2010

Green Holiday Tips - In this first week of Advent, as we prepare to celebrate the arrival of God's precious gift to us in the Christ Child, and as you make holiday plans for gifts and activities, here are some great ways to plan ahead to make your holidays greener:

Buy Energy-Saving Holiday Lights

Now you can decorate your house with **LED lights that use 90 percent less energy than conventional holiday lights**, and can save your family up to \$50 on your energy bills during the holiday season! LED lights are available at many major retailers, including CostCo, Walgreens and Ace Hardware.

Make Your Own Wrapping Paper

Most mass-produced wrapping paper you find in stores is not recyclable and ends up in landfills. Instead, here's a great chance to get creative! Wrap presents with old maps, the comics section of a newspaper, or children's artwork. Or use a scarf, attractive dish towel, bandana, or some other useful cloth item. If every family wrapped just three gifts this way, it would save enough paper to cover 45,000 football fields.

Add Organic and Local Foods to Your Holiday Feast

Support local family farmers who grow sustainable meat and produce. Not only does it taste better and is healthier for you and your family, you'll be doing your part for the planet too. Look for an organically-raised turkey or ham for Christmas dinner.

Stocking Stuffers: Test Your Eco-Knowledge

A great stocking stuffer is "guilt-free" chocolate! Give the gift of organic, *fair-trade* chocolate and you can eat your way to a better planet. Another great idea is *fair trade* coffee, which is now more readily available in most grocery stores. Look for the "Fair Trade" sign on the package.

Give a Gift that Gives Back!

Help support the critical work of not-for-profit and environmental groups and give a meaningful gift at the same time! Send a donation to a group, such as Wilmer Hall, Episcopal Relief and Development, Habitat for Humanity, The Nature Conservancy, Sierra Club, World Vision, or Camp McDowell Scholarship Fund, in honor of friends or family members. You might want to gather materials telling about the work of the different organizations and let each person choose the group to receive the honorarium sent in their name. This can become a special family tradition for a family gathering.

Recycle Your Christmas Tree

Ninety-eight percent of Christmas trees were grown on farms, not in forests, so at least it's not as if you're cutting down an ancient tree. Each year, 10 million Christmas trees end up in the landfill. While your tree won't fit in the recycling bin with your newspapers and bottles, you can recycle your tree at the Hsv Botanical Garden. Be sure to remove all ornaments, garland and lights.

Donate Your Time or Money to an Environmental Group

Get into the holiday spirit by volunteering! There are countless ways to help improve your community - and the planet - from cleaning up a local river to helping inner city kids experience the outdoors for the first time.

Recycle Your Old Cellphone

Getting a new cell phone for Christmas? Not sure what to do with the old one? Now, you can drop off that old phone in the dropbox at Nativity or at any Staples store, as part of their cell phone recycling program. Each year, 130 million cell phones are thrown out, weighing approximately 65,000 tons. Recycling your old phone prevents hazardous elements like mercury, cadmium and lead from ending up in our landfills and leaking into our water supply.

SAVE THE DATE—Nativity Parish Weekend 2011—Camp McDowell

Friday, March 25- Sunday, March 27

Our parish weekend team is already hard at work planning our Nativity Parish Weekend for 2011! Due to Easter falling very late in April this year,

the decision was made to change the date for Parish Weekend (as noted above.)

This fun family tradition at Nativity has become a very popular event that fills up very quickly.

So, mark your calendars now and make plans to register for this event soon after the new year!

The Mustard Seed Books & Gifts @ Nativity

Holiday Hours:

Sunday 9:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Monday -Thursday—11:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Friday - closed

Saturday 11:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Holiday Wine & Cheese

Saturday, December 11, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Featuring arts & crafts, unique nativities,

Advent readings,

and a sale table full of goodies!

Come for a cup of tea!

The Seedlings Book Club

will be meeting Tuesday,
December 9 at 6 p.m., in
The Mustard Seed

We are reading *The First Christmas* by Marcus Borg and John Crossan. Please join us. This group is open to the congregation!

Nativity offers transportation

December 7

to The Cathedral

Church of the

Advent, Birmingham

for the ordinations of
Bradley Landry and

Geoffrey Evans

to the Sacred Order

of Priesthood.

Reservations to

256-533-2455.

WEDNESDAY, December 1, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 PM	Anderson	Landry	Don Askins

THURSDAY, December 2, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	
6:00 PM	Akin	Akin	

SUNDAY, December 5, Second Sunday of Advent

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Landry out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 AM	Anderson	Anderson	John Hendricks	John Hendricks	John Hendricks
8:45 AM	Akin	Anderson	Pat Sampson, Lane Mickle, Warren Vann	Kachi Ezeibe, Lane Mickle	Virginia Kobler
11:00 AM	Akin	Anderson	Marilyn Lands, Walter Thames, Roy Gowman	Merrilee Allen, Ed Vaughn	Martha Bosworth

WEDNESDAY, December 8, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 PM	Landry	Anderson	Marilyn Lands Brad Landry's 1 st Celebration!

THURSDAY, December 9, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	
6:00 PM	Landry	Landry	

SUNDAY, December 12, Third Sunday of Advent

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 AM	Landry	Landry	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson
8:45 AM	Anderson	Landry	Cheryl Watts, Pearline Gilpin	Stacy Moon, Buddy Moon	Shirley Hale
11:00 AM	Landry	Landry	Robin Cozby, Peter Cobun	Rich Goodwin, Mary Johnson	Ronnie Rogers

WEDNESDAY, December 15, HE

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

THURSDAY, December 16, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	
6:00 PM	Landry	Landry	

SUNDAY, December 19, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 AM	Anderson	Anderson	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett
8:45 AM	Landry	Anderson	Merrilee Allen, Lewie Bates	Dianne Nettles, Amy Creech	Lee Hicklen
11:00 AM	Akin	Anderson	Bryan Bennett, Barbara Buice	Lee Coggins, John Conover	Deborah Baker

WEDNESDAY, December 22, HE

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

FRIDAY, December 24, Christmas Eve Services

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Groff out)	Lector	Intercessor
4:00 PM	Anderson	N/A	Charlie Warren, Ronnie Rogers, Mike Knight		N/A
7:30 PM	Akin	Anderson	Lewie Bates, Ralph Shuey, Basye Holland-Shuey	Martha Joffrion, Sally Ann Culver	N/A
10:30 PM	Anderson	Anderson	Lea Ellison, Peter Cobun, Ed Vaughn, Roy Gowman	Pamela Briggs, Ted Briggs	N/A

Saturday, December 25, HE Christmas Day

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Groff, Anderson, Landry out)
10:00 PM	Akin	Akin	John Hendricks

SUNDAY, December 26, St. John, Apostle and Evangelist (The First Sunday after Christmas Day) Lessons & Carols

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Akin, Groff, Landry out)	Lector	Intercessor
10:00 AM	Anderson	NA	Lee Hicklen, Cheryl Watts, Walter Thames, Merrilee Allen, Janet Robbins	Mickey Ellis, Lee Hicklen, Mike Innes, Walter Thames, Merrilee Allen	Clay Sherrill

WEDNESDAY, December 29, HE

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

THURSDAY, December 30, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	
6:00 PM	Akin	Akin	

ALTAR GUILD

4	Jeannie Robison, Kathryn Mahoney, Debbie Joyner, Elaine Calhoun, Barbara Ward	11	Kakki Brooks, Nancy Colin, Caffey Litkenhous, Judy Vann, Emily Moody
18	Sara Little, Louise Reynolds, Alice Lanier, Lea Ann Barnett, Wanda Cobb, Judy Heacock, Wimberly Watts, Beth Pugh, Marcia Machek	25	Laura Innes, Rose Ann Shearer, Emily Rodgers, Mary Johnson, Kathryn Mahoney

BLUE APRON

5	8:45 – Kelly & Hall 11:00 – L. Watts	12	8:45 – Kerr & Whitehead 11:00 - Neely
19	8:45 – Mullins & Creech 11:00 – Suggs	26	10:00 – Whitney & Fisher

2010 CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATION FORM

If you are interested in dedicating flowers for Christmas, please complete and mail this form with your check made out to "Flower Guild" to: Andrea Vandervoort, 434 Locust Ave. Huntsville, AL 35801.

Christmas dedications are \$20 each

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION. THANK YOU.

Your Name(s) as it is to be listed in Christmas Programs: _____

Phone # _____ Do you wish to have your name listed in the Christmas Programs? _____

Please be specific by underlining or circling your desired dedication below

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

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

Name for this dedication: _____

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: _____



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.

STEEPLE SCHEDULE

The Steeple is published each
1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

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

linda.wheeler@nativity-hsv.org

The deadline for the next issue is
Monday noon, December 13.

CLERGY & STAFF

The Rev'd Dr. Andy Anderson
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The Rev'd Mary Anne Akin
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The Rev'd Brad Landry
Rector's Assistant,
Deacon-in-training

The Rev'd Mary E. Groff
Deacon

Suzanne Purtee
Organist/Choirmaster

Lane Tutt
Adult Christian Formation

Minda Alexander

Bartlee Linton

Interim Youth Christian Formation

Madeline Mullins

Children's Formation

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AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

A member of the clergy is
on call each week.

If you need assistance from a priest
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call will respond to your page.

The number to call in

Case of an Emergency Only is
256-533-7007.

All other calls should be directed to
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256-533-2455

and follow the prompts to leave a
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Service of Nine Lessons & Carols for Advent

*Song by the
Nativity Choir
with*

*Susanna Phillips, guest soloist,
and Josh Goble, organist*

*Saturday, December 18
5:00 p.m.*

*Nursery by Reservation only to 256-533-2455 no later than
Wednesday, December 15.*

Reservations are not required for Lessons and Carols.