

THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

January 19, 2011

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.

HAITI MEDICAL TEAM RETURNS

A gallery of photos taken Jan. 8-11 in Haiti by the person medical mission team from the Diocese of Alabama, is available at <http://www.episcopalchurch.org> and www.nativity-hsv.org

Two days before the first anniversary of the Jan. 12, 2010 earthquake that devastated vast portions of Haiti, young children were making music in the ruins of the Holy Trinity Cathedral in the capital of Port-au-Prince.

The sight and sound of students of the Diocese of Haiti's Holy Trinity Music School practicing under the open-air shelter that now serves as the cathedral nave was "very encouraging," the Rev. Deacon Dave Drachlis of the Diocese of Alabama told Episcopal News Service in a telephone interview Jan. 10.

The effort is part of Alabama's five-year companion-diocese relationship with the Diocese of Haiti. The relationship is focused on St. Simeon parish. The Diocese of Alabama sent six medical mission teams to Haiti during 2010 along with relief funds and supplies.

Drachlis recalled that he, Dr. Robert Serio and Dr. Don Evans were last in Haiti this past February when a strong aftershock severely damaged what then remained of the cathedral school complex.

There are encouraging signs at the diocese's secondary school, College St. Pierre, as well, said Drachlis, who visited the school Jan. 10. The College St. Pierre grounds quickly became a survivors camp after the quake, despite the fact that the buildings were severely damaged or destroyed and entombed the bodies of students and teachers. Today, the rubble is gone, Drachlis said, and students are studying in wooden classroom buildings. He added that no more than 50 tents remain in an area that once sheltered close to 3,000 survivors.

Drachlis and Serio told ENS that the physical and psychological damage caused by the quake is still evident, but they say that they are also seeing signs of hope and resiliency.

"I get a sense that the Haitian people are trying to get their lives back together," said Serio. "There's still a very long way to go."

Drachlis called this visit "bittersweet" because a year after the quake "there's still a lot of suffering going on and that's heartbreaking."



Haitian worker crushes rock to make gravel and sand for construction of the new St. Albans Episcopal Church in Crochu.

"While what I saw in one sense was discouraging, it's also hopeful because ... you see some patching of buildings going on and you see some places that the rubble has been cleared away," he said.

"People are going on with their lives; they haven't given up," Drachlis added. "They're resilient and that resilience is an amazing thing and it's very, very hopeful and encouraging. But there are a lot of structures that look just the way they did when we were here in February."

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Marilyn Evans holds an infant during one-day clinic at St. Michel's Episcopal in Thomazeau

On Jan. 10 the team saw patients ranging in age from one month to 70 years and older at Lespwa Timoun ("Hope of the Children") medical and nutrition clinic in Croix des Bouquets. A number of people came with common complaints such as ear infections, headaches, colds and sore backs.

"It was a broad spectrum of patients with a broad spectrum of complaints," Serio said, adding that the team saw some people with more serious concerns such as a young injured pregnant woman.

"We're still seeing a lot of the psychological trauma from the quake...problems related to stress and depression as a consequence of the quake," he said.

Drachlis said the team has not yet encountered evidence of cholera, but predicted that they may yet see the disease during their week in Haiti, especially as the members head into more rural areas.

Drachlis, Evans and Serio and the four other members of the medical team arrived in Haiti Jan. 8. Team members are provided medical care through mobile clinics in three rural communities and Croix des Bouquets, a suburb of Port-au-Prince. On Jan 11, the team conducted a clinic in the village of Thomazeau in the Plaine du Cul-de-Sac east of the capital and on Jan. 13 traveled to Gorman in the same area. On Jan. 14, the group entered the remote mountain village of Crochu.

Jan. 12 was declared a national holiday and day of prayer, and the team were elated to be a part of this celebration.

Team members are camped in a churchyard in Croix des Bouquets. The Rev. Fritz Valdema, and his wife, Carmel, a Haitian public-health nurse, serve St. Simeon parish, which is comprised of six geographically separate churches. The Valdemas are helping the medical team with logistics.



Deacon Mary Groff fills a prescription

The rest of the team was made up of Marilyn Evans, pharmacist Deborah Collette, the Rev. Deacon Mary Groff and Sharon Drachlis. Serio, the Evanses, Collette and Groff are all from [Church of the Nativity](#) in Huntsville, which sponsored this trip.

Deacon Drachlis is a member of the diocesan staff and serves at [St. Thomas Episcopal Church](#) in Huntsville. This was Serio's third Haiti mission trip, Groff's second, Deacon Drachlis' seventh, and Ms. Drachlis' fourth trip.

-The Rev. Mary Frances Schjonberg is national correspondent for the Episcopal News Service.

Dr. Bob Serio consults with Pharmacist Debbie Collette

More photos can be found on church website. Also, watch for upcoming date the Nativity Medical Mission Team will be sharing their stories and experiences,



Marilyn Evans assists her husband Dr. Don Evans with a lab procedure

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

HAP SUNDAY February 6—The Huntsville Assistance Program are in need of non-perishable items: Canned Meat, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Peanut Butter and Cereal. Nativity Outreach Ministry continues to support HAP and with your generous donations many receive monetary and pantry assistance.

Are you interested in finding out more about CURSILLO?

The Nativity Cursillo Community is hosting an informational dinner for those who are seeking more information about this exciting movement. If you are interested in attending Cursillo this year or if you are simply seeking more information, we invite you to attend this event. Dinner will be provided and several Nativity parishioners who are involved in Cursillo will be present to answer any questions you may have.

WHAT: Cursillo informational dinner
WHEN: Sunday, February 13, 2011
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Ridley Hall
DINNER: Provided

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



Friends of Music present Terri Richter, soprano on Sunday, January 23, at 4 p.m. in Nave of Nativity

Regularly hailed for sparkling tone and a silken technique, Ms. Richter is well known in the world of Early Music. A graduate of the Seattle Opera Young Artist program, Terri performed as soprano soloist in the Messiah with the Nashville Symphony choir and orchestra this December and has performances in Seattle, Nashville, and New York ahead.

At Nativity she will be singing works from the English Lute School, as well as a set of early Italian arias by Mazzochi, Strozzi, and Rossi and concluding with Bach and Handel. Performing with Ms.

Richter will be Francis Perry, lute, Suzanne Purtee, harpsichord, Kevin Lay, gamba, Carolyn Sanders, trumpet and Jessica Dunnavant, baroque flute, Jeffrey Dortch, violin.

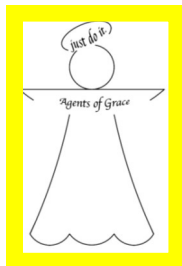
RESCHEDULED — AN EVENING with SISTER MARY of SACRED HEART MOANSTERY

The Centering Prayer Groups are offering the annual Evening with Sister Mary on February 8 at 5:30 PM in Ridley Hall. Sr. Mary has met with the Nativity groups in January for more than ten years. She always brings us new insights as she shares her experiences and expertise. Sr. Mary's topic this year is "Spirituality and The Body." She will draw upon her training and experience in Massage and Spiritual Touch along with her many years practicing Contemplative Prayer. She is a Benedictine sister from the Sacred Heart Monastery in Cullman, Alabama, and is well known to the Nativity community.

The evening will begin at 5:30 with a period of Centering Prayer followed by a light supper and presentation by Sr. Mary, and is open to all at no charge. Supper will be provided by the Centering Prayer Groups. Anyone who wishes may bring something to add to the table. Call Betty Giardini at 539-0973.

CENTERING PRAYER is offered in Bibb Chapel each Tuesday 5:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m. and each Thursday 12:00 noon—12:45 p.m. All are invited and not previous experience is required.

JUST DO IT has several needs for the coming months.



- We are in need of Popcorn Poppers for RidgeCrest School on Jan 28, Feb 25 and April 29. We need 2 poppers for each date. The job entails measuring the popcorn, oil, salt into the popper, filling individual bags and count out the number of bags for each classroom and put the bags for each class in a large garbage bag for pick-up or delivery. If you can help with this request please let me know and I will forward your e-mail to Sarajane Tarter.
- We have a continuing need for volunteer reading and math buddies at Ridge Crest School. Again, I will forward any response to Sarajane.
- We have a need at the Adult Learning Center for reading and math tutors. This would be a 2 hour a week commitment for tutoring in either reading or math. The Adult Learning Center is open Tues-Thurs 9-3 If you can help with this need I will forward your interest on to Deborah Baker Meinecke.
- The Church of The Nativity has agreed to furnish Breakfast at First Stop Homeless Day Center. We need 5-7 people the first Monday of Feb, March, April and May. You will prepare breakfast and serve it to the clients at First Stop. Nativity has been doing this for some time and has been a very positive experience for the volunteers. If you can help with this very important mission please let me know and I will forward your request to Lane Tutt at the church office. If you need more information please let me know and I will give you more detail.
- We have a new request. Friends Inc has several volunteer opportunities available: Providing Transportation to Medical appointments, Errand and Grocery Assistance, Respite Care, Friendly Visits and Friendly Phone Calls. They also have opportunities in the areas of Fund Raising, Computer Assistance and Office Help. If you have any interest in helping Friends Inc please let me know and I will pass your information on to the volunteer coordinator at Friends Inc. Sherry Bryant.

Please pray and think about all of these very important needs and see where your time and talents might come in handy and "Just Do It". Please contact Jan/Feb Arch Agent, Michael Shipley at michaellshipley@aol.com

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

WINTER CHRISTIAN FORMATION OFFERINGS

2011 will present more new and exciting opportunities for persons who are interested in enhancing their faith through class studies. Classes will begin on Sunday, January 9 as well as weekday mornings and weekday evenings to accommodate a variety of schedules. We offer traditional Bible study classes, book, topic, and other types of courses. Classes for children and teens are offered each Sunday. A nursery is provided for children age 12 weeks to age 4. If you need assistance on Sundays in finding a class room, please look for a Blue Apron Ministry Team member (hint: they will be wearing a blue apron.) If you have questions regarding any of the classes you may call the church office Monday–Friday and your call will be directed to the proper program staff member.

SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES 10:00 a.m.

The Seekers' Class

Bibb Chapel

Clergy and lay members of our parish will be leading these classes designed to include church history, our prayer book and hymnal, our worship practices and etiquette (like when to kneel or bow or make the sign of the cross!), and our views about scripture and the sacraments. Classes will also describe the many varieties of ministry opportunities available in the parish.

The Zimmerman Bible Study Class

Joffrion Library

Join us each week as we explore the Gospel according to Mark. The Zimmerman Class has been a Sunday morning bible Study since 1947, when it was first established by Anna Zimmerman. The class is led by a diverse teaching team.

Prayer for Us All

Ridley Hall

"Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ."

These next eleven weeks will take you on a journey of God's grace and presence. You will explore a relationship with God and one another in prayer—a most precious privilege of faith. Come and explore the gift of prayer with a different speaker each week. You will hear from priests, guest speakers, and lay persons.

THE SOUL AND RELATIONSHIPS: *Dancing with Rumi on the Mystic Path*

Choir Room

In this class we will explore the nature of our personal relationships with the divine through the medium of the poetry of the Thirteenth Century Sufi mystic, Jalalu-'D-Din Rumi. Mysticism seeks to connect us to the mystery that is the basis for religious beliefs and is intimately associated with our soul-FULL-ness and our capacity to love. Benton and Largent provide us with a mechanism by which we can identify the divine as the active principle in our lives. We will seek to open and empty our SELVES in order to allow the Holy Spirit to flow through our everyday experiences.

Youth Christian Formation Classes

Grades 7-8

Ridley 2nd Floor

Grades 9-12

Joffrion 3rd Floor

Children's Christian Formation Classes

Nursery

Joffrion 1st Floor

Godly Play (3 and 4 year olds)

Angel Lane

WoRM (K-Grade 4)

Angel Lane

Club 56 (Grades 5 & 6)

Ridley 2nd Floor

WEEKDAY CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

WEDNESDAY

Men's Bible Study meets weekly on Wednesdays at 7:15 a.m. in Joffrion Library. Registration is not required. The class is led by Father Andy Anderson.

The Good Book Women's Bible Study meets each Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in Joffrion Library. Leaders are Ann Bishop, Patie Cline, Susan Morley, and Evie Spearman. Contact person is Carole Sue Goodwin.

Libba Walker Bible Study Classes begin on Wednesday, January 5, 6:00 p.m. in the Library. The new year will begin with The Study of Revelation, Chapter 13. Leaders are Jane Brocato, Kay Wheeler, Anne Robinson, and Sarah Gessler. If you would like to attend, please contact Lane Tutt, 256-653-7200 to order your book.

THURSDAY

Reflections Bible Study meet each Thursday at 9:30 am in Joffrion 2 East. On January 20, we will begin a new study of Francine River's book, *A Lineage of Grace: Five stories of Unlikely Women Who Changed Eternity*. Those women are Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bethsheba, and Mary. Five ladies from our class will lead this study, each taking one of the women. Nursery available. If you would like to be a part of this class just email srhale106@aol.com.

Stephen King praises Huntsville band "Microwave Dave & the Nukes"



Published: Saturday, January 01, 2011 By [Lee Roop, The Huntsville Times](#)
HUNTSVILLE, AL - One of America's favorite authors ended the year and a long-standing gig with a national shout-out to one of Huntsville's favorite bands: Microwave Dave & the Nukes.

Stephen King, of "The Shining" and "The Stand" fame, capped a seven-year streak of columns on pop culture in the magazine *Entertainment Weekly* with a few things he'd still like to praise.

"I want to beg you to go to YouTube and check out Microwave Dave & the Nukes," King wrote, "blasting 'Highway 49' at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Huntsville, Ala. That electric slide guitar will change

your way of life." (video may be viewed on You Tube Highway 49 (042107))

"I'm kind of stunned," electric slide guitarist Dave Gallaher said Friday. "I don't know what to say." Gallaher said the band first recorded the song "Highway 49" in 2003 on its album "Atomic Electric."

"It was our concert closer," Gallaher said. "Something we played a lot, and people have always liked it." Gallaher said "it's really nice for somebody way up in the world of entertainment to find the value in our work. That's gratifying."

King's final "The Pop of King" column appears in the Jan. 7 issue of *Entertainment Weekly*. After praising Microwave Dave, Texas singer-songwriter James McMurtry and Scott Spencer's new novel "Man in the Woods," among other things, King signed off with this admonition.

"Be good to yourself and remember that pop culture is part of the circulation that keeps a culture alive and growing. Circulate with it, and spread the word: You're never too old to put on a pair of 3-D glasses or dancing shoes."

STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION TIP for January 5, 2011 Green Your Kitchen:

The kitchen is at the heart of many American households, but, waste there can be a real problem. [Kitchen appliances](#) typically make up around [30 percent of a home's total energy consumption](#). Any energy savings you can make in the kitchen are going to have an impact on your overall home's energy usage. [This week's tip is the SECOND in a series on how to green your food-prep space.](#)

Tip #2: Compost Biodegradable Waste

Many people just let the in-sink garbage disposal take care of their food waste. Convenient though that may be, the practice [overburdens water-treatment facilities](#) with viscous sludge, [which in turn requires additional water to treat](#). Instead, do your own treatment: Collect your organic kitchen waste in a bin or bucket which has a tight-fitting lid. When it's full, take it to your backyard compost bin: or here are some other ideas:

"I save my best organic vegetable scraps in a bag in the freezer. When I have enough, I boil them for soup stock, THEN I put them in the compost." "We collect our scraps in a dirty dish in one side of the sink throughout the day, and in the evening my husband throws it into our compost bin. Our compost bin is very simple- 4 wooden pallets (that we got for free) attached to form a square, with the 4th one with hinges & a latch. The bottom half is lined with chicken wire, and around the outside we have rocks to deter our dogs from digging. We throw all of our food scraps in there, and we don't turn it, but it does stay wet, and whenever we find stray earthworms, we add them to the bin too. It doesn't stink, and it breaks down ok."

[Composting is a natural and easy way to lessen your water bill and your impact on the water treatment process in our town.](#)

Info on the process that takes place when you compost: Decomposition occurs naturally anywhere plants grow. When a plant dies, its remains are attacked by microorganisms and invertebrates in the soil, and it is decomposed to humus. This is how nutrients are recycled in an ecosystem. [This natural decomposition can be encouraged by creating ideal conditions](#). The microorganisms and invertebrates fundamental to the composting process require oxygen and water to successfully decompose the material. The end products of the process are soil-enriching compost, carbon dioxide, water, and heat.

So, though in-sink garbage disposals can be a great convenience, be aware that using them too much stresses your septic system or municipal water treatment facility. Most require about two gallons of water per minute, and they add organic matter, in the form of tough-to-process sludge, into the public sewer system, [which requires increased amounts of water, chemicals and energy to treat](#). If it is going into a septic system, the organics cause a more rapid buildup of scum and sludge layers, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

[Much of the organic waste that would ordinarily go down the disposal can be added to your compost, greatly reducing both the amount of trash that goes to the landfill and the amount of water you have to pour down the disposal.](#) So when it comes time to flip the switch, think twice before turning on the churning garbage disposal.



Ageless Icons by Balpha Noojin

“We’re writing the word of God with a brush.”

Noojin, who resides in Mentone, says,
"The iconographer 'writes' his work, he doesn't paint it."

Wednesday, January 26th

Spiritual Development Committee presents

Winter Wisdom

Icons and Prayer:

An Introduction for Church of the Nativity

Dinner: 5:15 p.m.

Program: 6:00 p.m.

Reservations required for dinner by noon, Tuesday, January 25th.

Nursery is available by reservation only.

Deadline is noon, Tuesday January 25th. All reservations: 256-533-2455

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT NATIVITY – 2011—Mark your calendars these dates:

Come to dinner* for fellowship with your families and friends at Nativity!!

Nursery* by reservations only, Children and Youth programs each week

January 26th See Above

February 2nd -

“A Dialogue about things Green”

Harvey Cotten, Huntsville Botanical Gardens and

The Rev’d Mark Johnston, Director of Camp McDowell

February 9th, 16th, 23rd, and March 2nd

Adult Bible study groups and Seekers class, Children and Youth Classes -

March 9th – Ash Wednesday

March 16th through April 13—Lenten Speakers (watch for more details)

***ALL dinner reservations and nursery reservation please call 256-533-2455 by Tuesday prior.**

PRAYER LIST

We pray for those who are ill or recovering

Charles Hill, Charles Abney, Nancy Lackey, Gripp Luther, Sarah Taite Kelly, Joy Gass, Gail Rogers, Charlie Vowell, Charlotte Laxson, Leslie Kastens, Luann McCarty, Cecil Chandler, Alexander Sloane, Elizabeth Weaver, Angel Colin, Katherine Berger, Terry Clevenger, Donald Perry, Sara Welch, Emile Joffrion, 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:

Jackie Raynes, mother of Janet Lyles

Marjorie Haffner, mother of Jenny Flynn

We give thanks for the birthdays of our children:

1/25 Neil Fredrickson, Andrew Dunn, Harrison Hudson, Drew McDonald

1/28 Sophia Daniel

1/29 Palmer Ford

1/31 Emery Windham

2/1 Caroline Avolese, Celia Farrell, Brooke Sherman

2/2 Edward Rosler, Paul-Michael Williamson, Christopher Watts

2/3 John Bohan

PARISH WEEKEND

2011

Sign-ups

Sunday, Jan 23

Banister Room

DON'T DELAY



PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN, do you want to begin your new year with a great start?

Join other parents of young children each month for a time of socializing (without your children!) This month we will meet at the home of Amy and Steve Creech (127 Walker Ave.) Friday, January 21, 7:00 p.m. Please BYOB and an appetizer to share. If you've never attended and would like more information contact Elizabeth Foster, 256-652-9063.

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

The following dates are available: March 27, April 3, April 10, April 17, May 22, May 29, June 19, June 26.

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: _____

From your Stewardship Committee...

If you've already made your pledge for 2011, **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!**

If you have not done so yet, please submit your pledge for God's work through the mission and ministry of the Church of the Nativity as soon as possible. Your Vestry soon will begin the task of drafting a budget for 2011 and we need everyone's support in order to fund all requests for the coming year.

Areas identified for additional funding (should anticipated income allow) include children's and youth ministries, senior's ministry, outreach, and our covenant with Sewanee and the Diocese. Several ministries have made requests for increased funding and this will not be possible without increased support from those who have faithfully made and kept a pledge as well as from those who are not currently pledging.

We all have much to be grateful for, and it is through that gratitude that we give back to the One who gives us everything. If you've not already done so, please make your pledge today.

Parish Financial Report Period Ending 12/31/2010

	CURRENT MONTH	BUDGET for PERIOD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
Pledges Received	\$ 202,986.88	\$ 99,791.67	\$ 1,133,541.11	\$ 1,197,500.00
Plate	\$ 14,358.65	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 55,325.28	\$ 45,000.00
Other Revenues	\$ 17,742.60	\$ 9,125.00	\$ 105,035.92	\$ 109,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 235,088.13	\$ 112,666.67	\$ 1,293,902.31	\$ 1,352,000.00
Diocesan, School of Theology, & Outreach	\$ 55,051.78	\$ 22,583.33	\$ 249,735.65	\$ 271,000.00
Personnel	\$ 63,183.41	\$ 59,598.58	\$ 716,755.49	\$ 715,183.00
Other Expenses	\$ 33,764.62	\$ 30,456.28	\$ 336,015.55	\$ 365,475.00
TOTAL	\$ 151,999.81	\$ 112,638.19	\$ 1,302,506.69	\$ 1,351,658.00
NET	\$ 83,088.32	\$ 28.48	\$ (8,604.38)	\$ 342.00

2011 Pledges by January 16, 2011

\$ 500 or <	38
\$501 - \$999.99	41
\$1,000 - \$2,999.99	153
\$3,000 - \$4,999.99	69
\$5,000 - \$9,999.99	46
\$10,000 - \$14,999.99	9
\$15,000 - \$24,999.99	7
\$25,000 or >	3
Total Number of Pledges	366

Total Dollar Amount of Pledges \$1,136,629.26
Average Pledge \$3,105.54



If you have made your 2011 pledge; and requested contribution envelopes they are located on a table in Ridley Hall by alphabetical order.

Please remember to pick them up to save the church postage expense.

Please contact Beverly Franklin at 256-533-2455 Monday– Friday for questions regarding pledging, contributions, memorials, etc.

THE MUSTARD SEED

WINTER HOURS

WE ARE NOW OPEN EACH WEDNESDAY 11:00 UNTIL 5:00

EACH SUNDAY 9:30 UNTIL 12:30

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, January 31.

CLERGY & STAFF

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Associate

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Clerk

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

A member of the clergy is
on call each week.

If you need assistance from a priest
outside office hours, the priest on
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
church phone 256-533-2455
and follow the prompts to leave a
message for a priest to respond.

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NATIVITY PARISH WEEKEND 2011

MARCH 25 - MARCH 27 at Camp McDowell

Fran McKendree will be our speaker for this spiritually renewing, fun family
weekend. To check out information about Fran,

go to <http://www.franmckendree.com>. He will engage all ages and stages as
we shake things up a little this year. **Sign-up will begin on January 23 in the
Banister Room during the Sunday Church School hour.** Back by popular
demand is the ability to choose your own cabin assignment, so make plans now to
join the team in the Banister Room any Sunday between January 23 & February 13.

The deadline to make reservations will be on February 21.

We hope to see all of you there!



Recipient of the 2010 "Making a Difference" award
by the Alabama Alliance for Arts Education.

**TOP OF THE HILL
PRESENTS
DRUM CIRCLE with
John Scalici, January 25,
for his award winning
powerful message of
Unity Through Rhythm**

**Realize YOUR Rhythm!
INSPIRE—EMPOWER—
MOTIVATE**

The mission of all Get Rhythm programs is to empower its participants to
discover the universal language of rhythm. **Get Rhythm! drum circle
programs**, whether educational, stress relieving, or team building, seeks
to facilitate this discovery process so that a group of people may become
empowered to play, think and live more synergistically with the world
around them.

REGISTER IMMEDIATELY—DON'T DELAY. John will need a count to
bring enough drums for interactive participation and Sally needs a count
for lunch.

**Call the church office 256-533-2455 for your lunch (and drum)
no later than noon January 24.**

**When: January 25, 11:30 meet and greet
12:00 p.m.— Lunch
Cost \$8.00 per person**