

# THE STEEPLE

## The Church of the Nativity

June 15, 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.*



CHURCH  
OF THE  
NATIVITY,  
EPISCOPAL

Est. 1843

### SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

#### SUNDAY:

8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist  
Rite I

(Bibb Chapel)  
and

10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist  
Rite II

(Ridley Hall)

This service offers  
Children's Chapel  
and Nursery

#### THURSDAY:

6:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist  
Rite II  
(Bibb Chapel)



Dear People of Nativity,

This past Sunday we celebrated the Feast of Pentecost – and now we enter into that marvelously long season of the same name. A perfect way to begin this time together is by reflecting upon a writing by the theologian, Joyce Rupp. For your “Pentecost Days” – from now until November 27<sup>th</sup>(!!!) I share these words with you.

Joyfully in these days,  
Mary Anne Akin +

### A Prayer for Pentecost

Spirit! Power and Passion of my being,  
press upon my heart your profound love.  
Move through the fragments of my days;  
enable me to sense your fiery Presence  
consecrating my most insignificant moments.

Spirit! Source of Vision, Perceptive Guide,  
permeate the moments of my choices  
when falsehood and truth both call to me.  
Turn me toward the way of goodness,  
so that I will always lean toward your love.

Spirit! Blessing for the heart grown weary,  
encircle me with your loving energy,  
Empower me with your active gentleness.  
Deepen within me a faith in your dynamism  
which strengthens the weak and the tired.

Spirit! Breath of Life, Touch of Mystery,  
you are the ribbon of inner connection,  
uniting me with the groaning of all creation.  
Because of you, my life gathers into a oneness.  
Keep me attentive to this interdependence.  
Fill my being with a constant compassion  
and a deep hope that knows no bounds.

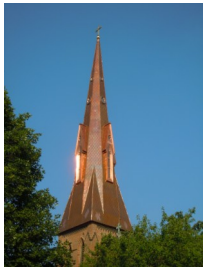


Spirit! Dwelling Place, Sanctuary of Silence,  
you are the home for which I deeply yearn.  
You are the resting place for which I long.  
I find both comfort and challenge in you.  
Grant that I may keep my whole self open  
to the transforming power of your indwelling,  
that I may ever know the blessing  
of your tremendous companionship.

-Joyce Rupp  
out of the ordinary, ©2000 pg 196  
Ave Maria Press

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### CCIB Report and Restoration Update



The masonry restoration project is near completion on the church and bell tower. A punch list of tasks to be completed has been developed.

The steeple, apse and sacristy roof replacement have been completed. Gutters and downspouts for the ambulatory and apse roofs have been installed. Bell tower/steeple scaffolding

has been removed along with the scaffolding at the altar end of the church. Scaffolding along the nave has been installed. Many organ pipes have been removed then stored and the remaining organ pipes wrapped with plastic to prevent damage to the organ from falling dirt from the roof. The cushions and books have been removed. The church roof should be completed by September. Weather can impact the schedule.

Interior restoration of the church will start after the National Park Service/Save America's Treasures Grant has approved the specification. The wood ceiling/structure repair/cleaning and repair of plaster are planned during the summer. The church will be closed until the interior project is completed and the organ pipes, cushions, etc are installed.

The church and Memorial Garden are closed for safety purposes during the church roof project. Please observe and obey barricades and detours. Should you notice anything that appears to be a safety hazard, please inform Loch, Skipper, or John Buyse. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to give Skipper Colin or Loch Neely a call.

\_Skipper Colin



### The Mustard Seed Closes June 30

We have loved serving you over the years and sincerely appreciate your support and patronage. To clear our inventory, we have reduced all non-consignment items by 30%.

Drop in during our regular summer hours:  
Sundays 9:00—12:30, Wednesdays 10:00—3:00  
and Open House on Thursdays 4:00—8:00.

Blair and Catti

### Dearest Nativity Community,

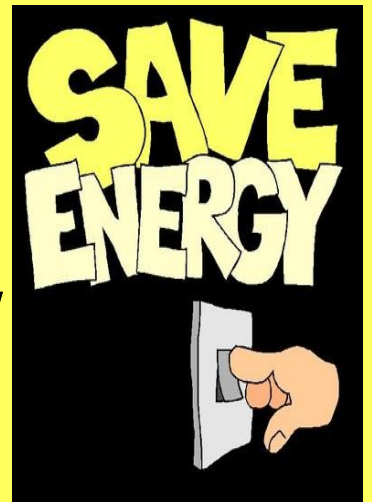
With all my heart thank you for the glorious ordination service on May 16th.

Ralph and I continue to be deeply blessed by your support, prayers, presence, and love.

I rejoice in assisting at Nativity this summer while Andy is on sabbatical and will keep you posted on my future ministry as it unfolds.

Grace and gratitude,  
Basye  
The Rev. Dr. Basye Holland-Shuey  
Transition Deacon

The Building and  
Grounds  
Committee asks  
you to help reduce  
our electric bill.  
Look for these new  
signs throughout  
the church  
buildings!



### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**July 12, 13, 14**

**9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon**

**Registration is open (limited space)**

**[www.nativity-hsv.org](http://www.nativity-hsv.org) and click on Shake It Up Café at Nativity**



## MOPS AND BUCKETS AND CLEANING STUFF

This week Nativity's Outreach sent a van loaded with all the necessary cleaning supplies for the two weeks sessions of Sawyerville Day Camp. This gift worth \$600 was deeply appreciated by the camp staff. The items donated significantly helped their budget.

Nativity is blessed to send the following volunteers to serve on staff for the two sessions:

### Session 1, June 17—June 25:

Spencer Anglin  
Nancy Kate Baugher  
Emily Collette  
Olivia Collette  
Holly Ellis  
Katherine McCown

### Session 2, July 7—July 14

Ian Briggs  
Maggie Clanton  
Emily Collette  
Bartlee Linton  
Sabol Rodgers  
Madeline Sharp

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Monday, 13 June post from Fr Andy's blog:

## Buon Giorno da Orvieto!

### **Sunday, 12 June. The Feast of Pentecost.**

After almost 24 hours after leaving McClung Avenue, Tippy and I arrived at Villa di Ciconia last night about 9:30 Umbria time. We tried to take that classic advice after our first round of packing: Take half as many clothes and twice as much money! Unfortunately, the money is the money, but we did cut our packing down considerably to carry-on size bags! We did check them, however, since we flew Huntsville-Atlanta-Paris-Rome. And after Tippy's thinking she might never see her bags again, they did indeed show up at Fumicino and we didn't even have to go through customs since we connected through Paris. Got the car and headed up the A-1 towards Firenze with our first stop, Ciconia

The kind people at this 16<sup>th</sup> century villa outside of Orvieto were waiting on us and kept the dining room open. We enjoyed a wonderful meal with several items accented with "Rocket" on the "English" menu. Looking at the Italian menu, Tippy, who speaks Italian, realized this was arugula. Being from the Rocket City, we were charmed!

We made our way into the beautiful hill town of Orvieto about lunch time today after relaxing by the pool at Villa Ciconia. Orvieto is one of the "not to miss" hilltowns and worth going back there if you have ever been before (we were here in 2000 on a family trip).

The 13<sup>th</sup> century duomo is fabulous with its mosaics, stone carvings, bronze doors and frescos. Pentecost Red flowers included red gladiola and red antheria for the fire of the Holy Spirit...lots of children with balloons. A festival on the duomo square made for lots of tourists. We discovered a little enoteca where we grabbed a Panini 11 years ago when we were here with Case and Sally. We also visited the Chiesa San Francesca, where St. Bonaventure built a church in 1266 dedicated over the spot Francis visited in the early part of that century.

So we are chasing St. Francis! We are also chasing a Tuscan Bean Pot for a good friend whose family has disappointed her over and over again by not bringing her one back from Italy (she thinks they are afraid she will only serve Tuscan Beans from now on at the family Thanksgiving gathering!). Problem is, we don't know what a Tuscan Bean Pot is. Could this be one in the photo? Probably not, but we are on the search.



Another friend was excited to know that I was into spinning, yarn that is. However, the only spinning I do is on a stationary bike! Here is the closest thing to spinning I did today (outside our charming room at Hotel Villa di Ciconia). My yarn spinning friend will be happy!

Nice little pranzo of pizza, calzone and Orvieto Classico, topped off by pistachio gelato! On to Cortona and the Villa di Piazzano for cooking classes for the next week.



**Arrivaderci!**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE July 2011- published 6/15/11

**SUNDAY, July 3, Third Sunday after Pentecost**

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Akin out)	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 AM	Landry	Landry	John Hendricks	Amy Creech	Clay Sherrill
10:00 AM	Landry	Landry	Mike Ward, Walter Thames, Lea Ellison, Ronnie Rogers	Chris Jackson, Jeannie Robison	Virginia Kobler

**WEDNESDAY, July 6, HE**

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 PM	Holland-Shuey		Mary Hendricks

**THURSDAY, July 7, HE**

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	
6:00 PM	Akin		

**SUNDAY, July 10, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Groff out)	Lector	Intercessor
8: AM	Landry	Akin	Pearline Gilpin	Lee Hicklen	Jeannie Robison
10:00 AM	Landry	Akin	Pat Sampson, Lewie Bates, Janet Robbins, Lane Mickle	Ed Vaughn, Ronnie Rogers	Lane Mickle

**WEDNESDAY, July 13, HE**

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 PM	Akin		Cheryl Watts

**THURSDAY, July 14, HE**

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	
6:00 PM	Robison		

**SUNDAY, July 17, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Groff out)	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 AM	Akin	Landry	Lee Hicklen	Kachi Ezeibe	Emily Collette
10:00 AM	Akin	Landry	Marilyn Lands, Roy Gowman, Barbara Buice, Peter Cobun	Martha Joffrion, Roy Gowman	Martha Bosworth

**WEDNESDAY, July 20, HE**

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 PM	Landry		Marilyn Lands

**THURSDAY, July 21, HE**

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	
6:00 PM	Akin		

**SUNDAY, July 24, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 AM	Landry	Akin	Emily Collette	John Hendricks	Mary Hendricks
10:00 AM	Landry	Akin	Ed Vaughn, Rich Goodwin, Merrilee Allen	Mary Johnson, Ed Greene	Deborah Baker

**WEDNESDAY, July 27, HE**

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 PM	Akin		Don Askins

**THURSDAY, June 28, HE**

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	
6:00 PM	Landry		

**SUNDAY, July 31, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 AM	Akin	Landry	Cheryl Watts	Emily Collette	John Hendricks
10:00 AM	Akin	Landry	Lane Mickle, Don Askins, Robin Cozby	Lewie Bates, Cassidy Bates	Lee Hicklen

**USHERS**

8:00	Russ McDonald, Robert Rodgers, Bill Giardini, Sparks Ford	10:00	
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**ALTAR GUILD**

2	Louise Reynolds, Rose Ann Shearer, Linda Watts, Beth Pugh, Lea Ann Barnett	9	Caffey Litkenhous, Debbie Joyner, Lea Ann Barnett, Suzy Naumann, Judy Heacock
16	Judy Vann, Laura Innes, Kakki Brooks, Wanda Cobb, Lea Ann Barnett	23	Nancy Colin, Louise Reynolds, Elaine Calhoun, Sara Little, Alice Lanier
30	Rose Ann Shearer, Marcia Machek, Mary Johnson, Linda Watts, Alice Lanier, Emily Collette, Debbie Collette		

**CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE:**

June 27 – July 5	July 5 – 10	July 11 – 17	July 18 – 24	July 25 - 31
Landry	Akin	Holland-Shuey	Landry	Akin

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

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### Just Stuff It, Take 2

Our last First Stop homeless meal-pack stuffing event was totaled by the tornados, so we are rescheduling for Sunday, June 26, after the 10 o'clock service. We'll do it in the library, as we did last time. Come one, come all and demonstrate how our finely-honed teamwork Just Does It at Nativity!

### 1st Sunday in July is HAP for the summer

Please bring canned meats, canned fruits, rice, and dried beans. Children don't have school lunches and more food is needed!

### just do it...be Agents of Grace

1. Oscar Mason Library serving Mason Court housing projects needs 5 volunteers for June 23, 10:00 a.m. to read a preselected story and lead the preschool group in a grass skirt craft (already prepared.) If your family or small group can volunteer, please contact the branch manger, Yuki Lewis at 256-535-2249 or ylewis@hmcpl.org
2. Breakfast Crews for First Stop. We need groups for July 11, August 1, September 12, October 3, November 7, and December 5. We need about 4 to 5 people for each time. Lane Tutt goes with the group each time and a list of what to do and directions is sent to Arch Angel of the month. It is very easy to do and they love it when we come. Contact Lane Tutt
3. Drivers for Meals on Wheels: Drivers needed for the 3rd Thursday of each month. They meet at the Senior Center at 10:30 A.M. to pick up the food to deliver. The total time commitment is about 2 hours each time. Contact Jenny Coe at 256-883-6398 if you are interested in helping out.

### SCHEDULE FOR COMPLETION



and DEDICATION of home located at 6333  
Banks, Huntsville AL 35810

JUNE 16, 18 Clean and wax floors, work punch list

DEDICATION CEREMONY: Saturday, June 23, 6:00 p.m.

For directions or information contact: Bill Giardini at [giardiniw@bellsouth.net](mailto:giardiniw@bellsouth.net)



### Stormy Day Fund for Tornado Adopted Family

Please watch for the Big Glass Jar carried by someone with the "Storm Hat". If you want to contribute by mail, make your check to Church of the Nativity – marked *Tornado Fund*. Call Rev. Mary Anne Akin (256-533-2455) if you have furniture or appliances that you can donate.

## **Building the Church Within**

Chasing St. Francis, Centering Prayer, Italy, The Episcopal Church, Tuscan Cooking, the Catechumenate, Sewanee, Gardening, Armenia, and thoughts on the spiritual journey...Building the church deep within our lives and souls happens in many ways and the foundation to building the Kingdom of God in Christ in our world.

### **Want to follow Fr Andy and his journey?**

You can... go to his blog [www.buildingthechurchwithin.blogspot.com](http://www.buildingthechurchwithin.blogspot.com) He has invited you to do so, "I hope you'll follow the blog and share the journey with me. I'll be posting thoughts, prayers, and pictures on a "not quite daily" basis. Deep peace of Christ to all."





### **A prayer for the Election of Diocesan Bishop**

Gracious God, as our diocese looks toward the election of a bishop, send down the comfort of your Holy Spirit upon the Church. Lead us in our time of transition. Let us seek your wisdom as we choose a bishop who will walk in your ways and draw our hearts to you. Guide the members of the search process as they seek and discern you will. In all our works, may we glorify your Name. Amen.

### **PRAYER LIST**

#### **We pray for those who are ill or recovering:**

RuthAnn Haymes, David Pradat, Donald Perry, Claude Boykin, Nan King, Carolyn Cunningham, Wally Reynolds, Mary Hollingsworth, Bobbie Graham, Ralph Shuey, Those in recovery following the recent tornados, Sheryl McGrath, Scott Shelton, George Shepard, Gail Rogers, Evin Yadegar, Elsie Olsen, Angel Colin, Vernon Lucas, Joan Olson, Kit Carlton, Joy Gass, Eileen Sullivan, Jack Wilson, Sara Welch, Emile Joffrion, Leigh Wahl, John, Nancy Kelly, Julie Kirk, Joan Bennet.

#### **We pray for our Military:** Afghanistan:

Robert Sampson, Lourie Formby, John Orosz

#### **We pray for the departed:**

Augusta Dunn, mother of Robert Dunn

#### **We give thanks for the birthdays of our children:**

6/19 Sims Windham  
6/20 Ben Hulsey  
6/22 Lillie Markwalter  
6/23 Chase howell  
6/25 Sarah Thompson, Raney Sledge,  
Matilda Smith  
6/26 Jackson Grelrier, Laura Lee Kamelchuk,  
Hall Bryant  
6/27 Mhairi Kerr  
6/28 Katherine Hunter  
6/30 John Chilton  
7/1 Lillian Gray  
7/3 Finola O'Halloran, Eamonn O'Halloran  
7/5 Alexander Cahue  
7/7 Kate Noble Hall  
7/8 Becky Jones

## **Nativity**

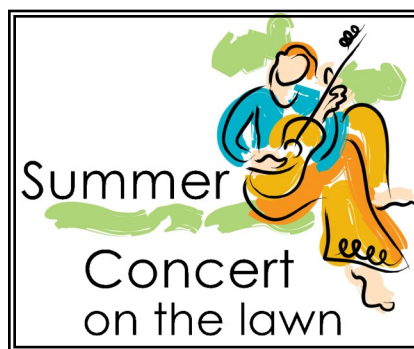
### **Summer Choir begins**

**Sunday, July 10**

**All are welcome and  
invited to**

**come once—or  
come weekly!**

**Rehearsal is at 9:00 a.m.  
in the choir room each  
Sunday. A simple  
anthem and the morning  
service music will be  
rehearsed for the 10:00  
Holy Eucharist service.**



**July 17, 6:00 p.m.**

You will want to bring a lawn chair or blanket while enjoying the music of the early evening. Set up a family picnic, or picnic for two, or your neighborhood! Everyone is invited.



## 10 Great Ways to Care for Creation

1. Thank God for our beautiful world and show your thankfulness in the way you live!
2. Be an example of good earth care so others will be inspired to also care for creation.
3. Learn as much as you can about the habitat, plants, and animals in your area.
4. Carry a reusable aluminum or BPA-free plastic bottle instead of using throwaway water bottles.
5. Recycle everything you can.
6. Don't litter—ever!
7. Before buying something new, think about whether you really need it.
8. Clean out your room, and donate the things that you don't need but are in good condition.
9. Talk to your family about ways you can reduce, reuse, or recycle in your home.
10. Learn from and enjoy these web site resources:
  - National Environmental Education Foundation: <http://www.earthgauge.net/kids/index>
  - Save Our Species: <http://www.epa.gov/espp/poster/>
  - Climate Change: <http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/kids/>
  - Energy Star Kids: [http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=kids.kids\\_index](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=kids.kids_index)
  - Planet Protectors: <http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/education/kidsplanetprotectors/index.htm>
  - Recycle City: <http://www.epa.gov/recyclecity/>

From June 2011 *Pockets: For Kids Who Love God*

The Upper Room



the  
**Greene  
Street  
Market**  
at Nativity

## **Farmers' Market**

every thursday 4pm - 8pm  
may 19<sup>th</sup> - september 29<sup>th</sup>  
[www.greenestreetmarket.com](http://www.greenestreetmarket.com)

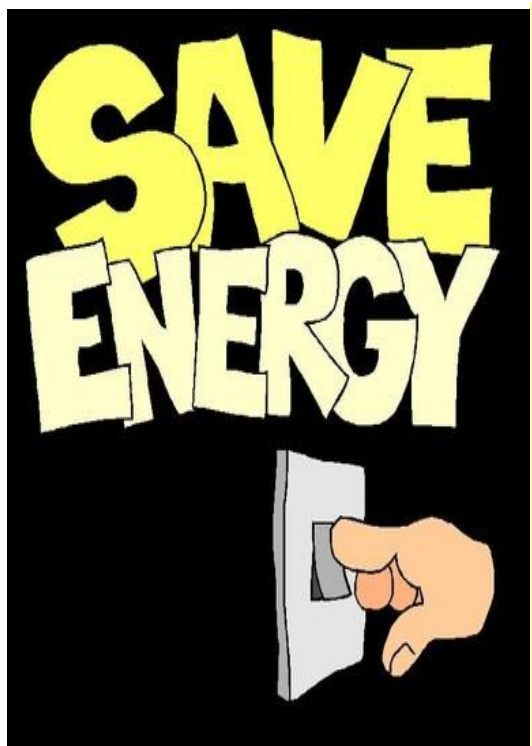
Locally grown fruits, vegetables,  
meats, breads, cheeses, honey,  
relish, & other confections.

This is a producer-only market so  
the farmers who grow the  
products will be on hand for you  
to meet and to answer any  
questions that you have.

Come to the market and bring  
your friends and neighbors We  
will have music, cooking  
demonstrations, good food and  
lots of fun.

LAST  
REMINDER  
Walk-about to  
Meet the  
Nominees  
for Bishop of  
Alabama  
June 25  
St. Luke's  
Church,  
Birmingham  
Registration:  
11:30 a.m.  
Opening Large  
Group Session:  
12:30 p.m.  
Small Group  
walk-about  
Sessions:  
1:30–4:30 p.m.

This is your  
Diocese  
Be Involved  
and let your  
voting  
delegates hear  
from you.



## Lights Off, Please!

Please turn off room lights after  
your meeting is over. If your  
meeting is the last one scheduled  
for the night, please check to make  
sure all lights (**including those in  
stairwells and hallways**) are  
turned off. We want to conserve  
energy and save on our electricity  
bills.

## 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](mailto:linda.wheeler@nativity-hsv.org)

The deadline for the next issue is  
Monday noon, July 4, 2011.

### CLERGY & STAFF

**The Rev'd Dr. Andy Anderson**  
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Associate

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Associate

**The Rev'd Mary E. Groff**  
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**Bartlee Linton**  
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**Elizabeth Foster**

Children's Formation

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Treasurer

**Donna Joffrion**

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 Choir in England!



The Nativity Choir traveled to  
England on Tuesday, June 14, for  
a short tour of singing and sight-  
seeing.

On Friday, June 17 (noon) they  
sing in Canterbury Cathedral

On Monday, June 20, they sing  
Evensong in Gloucester  
Cathedral

On Tuesday, June 21, they sing  
Evensong in Bristol Cathedral

Travel with the choir via their blog spot!

<http://nativitychoirtour.blogspot.com/>

### Prayer for the Nativity Choir

Glorious God, Source of all that is good and true and beautiful,  
keep constant in your musicians the conviction that your Spirit works  
through them - to reach those who gather for hope, assurance, grace and  
beauty; to touch those who long for wonder, mystery and healing.

As our Choir travels to England may they know your constant protection  
and be in your safeguard.

Through joyous song and concert may they bring gifts unknown to new  
congregations. May they befriend those who welcome them and be  
faithful witnesses of your Gospel. May they receive your love and share in  
your Spirit during their days of travel. Bless them each with the mercies of  
your ways. Grant unto them as a Choir, strength and joy as they sing your  
praises, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.