

THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

July 6, 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)

Transitions in the Youth Ministry

I am excited to announce that our new **Youth Minister, Liz Williams**, is now on board with us at Nativity! Back in February we formed a Youth Ministry Discernment Group to contemplate and articulate our priorities for youth ministry. Based on these priorities, this group then set out to search for a new youth minister who would be committed to those goals. Below you can read a short introduction by Liz, but I hope you will soon get to know her in person. In the next several weeks we will plan some get-togethers for parents and youth to meet Liz. In the meantime, introduce yourself to her and show her how much Nativity supports its youth ministry! A special thanks also goes out to Minda Alexander and Bartlee Linton who have carried us through this interim period.

Grace & peace,
Brad+



Liz hails from the Diocese of Georgia where she grew up in a small town in the southern part of the state. She spent her summers at the diocese's summer camp in coastal Georgia, Honey Creek, and attended many diocesan youth events both as a participant and then as a staff member. While in college, she continued to spend her time as a camp counselor at Honey Creek and once she graduated with her bachelor's degree, she served as a marketing intern for the conference center. Before going back to school to work on her Masters of Public Administration degree, she worked at Kanuga Conferences, Inc as a program assistant one summer and then as the Youth Program Director the next summer. Liz has also been involved in young adult ministry in the Episcopal Church. She was the Rector of this year's Vocare in Georgia young adult weekend and is also on the Vocare International Steering Committee.

Liz is working on becoming an avid runner, but also likes to spend her time reading and playing with her two dogs Millie and Henry. She is extremely excited about moving to Huntsville and starting a new adventure at Nativity.

Liz can be reached at 256-533-2455 or lwilliams@nativity-hsv.org. She looks forward to hearing from you!

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Nativity Summer Choir begins Sunday, July 10

All are welcome and invited to come once—or come weekly.

Summer choir is for You!

A great way to see what it is like to sing the service (and make new friends!) Come once or come each Sunday. You will be warmly welcomed. A simple anthem and the service music will be rehearsed at 9:00 in the choir room located downstairs in Joffrion Hall for the 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist* service.

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.



NEXT WEEK is VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday

9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

**Contact Elizabeth Foster for
reservations 256-533-2455 or
www.nativity-hsv.org and click on
Shake It Up Café at Nativity**

Are YOU looking for a Bible study class?

Are YOU a mom or future mom?

Then we want YOU to attend the renewed Reflections Bible Study*

Come participate in discussions lead by some new and not-so-new leaders as we travel together on our spiritual journeys. No Bible study experience necessary. We will explore the Bible using diverse methods including life application studies. Announcement of our kick-off study is coming soon!

When: Starting August 18, 2001, from 9:30-11:00 (Nursery available)

Where: 2nd floor of Joffrion Hall (J2E)

We will be looking for YOU!

Beth Moring and Betsy Ford

Who Do You Want For Bishop? Let us know July 10

If you haven't gotten a chance to talk with the delegates and alternates to the Special Meeting that will elect the 11th Bishop of Alabama, here's your chance! On Sunday, July 10th they will be available to have conversations with you in the foyer of Ridley Hall from 9-9:50. (Go to www.dioala.org to listen to the candidates' opening remarks and answers to 2 questions.)

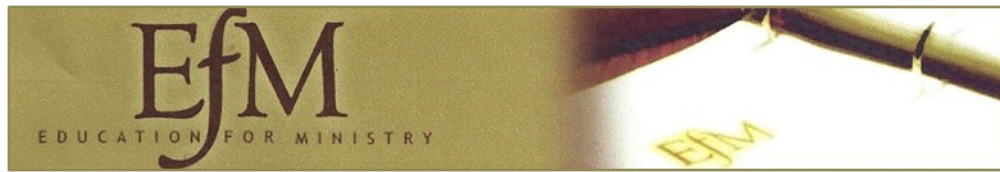
Delegates for the July Election:

Bland Warren, Pat Goodson, David Collette, Renee Elliott, Freya Neely, Mac Phillips, Ronnie Rogers, and Rusty Stephenson **Alternates:** Alyce Smith; Madeline Mullins, Debbie Collette, Loch Neely, & Gail Rogers

FREE CANCER SCREENING - An invitation from UHF President, Thomas E. Moody, M.D.

The Urology Health Foundation and the Madison County Health Department will be conducting a free prostate cancer screening at the Madison County Health Department, 301 Max Luther Dr. on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. If an abnormality is found, we will assist each person with treatment regardless of their ability to pay. The death rate from prostate cancer among men in Alabama is second only to that in Washington, D.C. The key to reducing the risk of prostate cancer is early detection. I hope you will encourage your church members to come and take advantage of this free screening. Questions may be directed to the Madison County Health Department at 256-533-8679

SUMMER CONCERT ON THE LAWN
SUNDAY, JULY 17, 6:00 P.M



Join EFM for the 2011-2012 Program Year

Nativity has three Education for Ministry (EFM) seminar groups that will resume their nine-month academic year in late August. EFM applications are now being accepted and should be submitted by August 8. If you would like to know more about this theological education opportunity, please contact one of the three EFM mentors listed below.

EFM is a four-year program of study, prayer, and reflection which moves participants toward a new understanding of the fullness of God's kingdom. Setting their own learning goals, students spend two to four hours on preparation each week. In the seminar meetings, which are usually from two and a half to three hours in length, participants are given the opportunity to share their insights and discoveries and to discuss questions which the study materials raise for them. These discussions and guided theological reflections teach students to think theologically by examining their own beliefs and their relationship to our culture and our Christian faith.

Contact information for Nativity's three groups:

Tuesday evening

Lea Ellison – mentor

256-520-6652

lea.ellison@comcast.net

Monday evening

George Thacker – mentor

256-533-3005

george_thacker@bellsouth.net

Thursday morning

Jeannie Robison—mentor

256-536-0202

jrobis1@comcast.net

The School of Theology, the University of the South, sponsor of the EFM program, emphasizes that “in coming to terms with the notion that everything we do has potential for manifesting the love of Christ, we discover that our ministry is at hand wherever we turn.”

CENTERING PRAYER ANNUAL EVENT

You are cordially invited to attend

“Praying Beyond the Lines”

Keynote Speaker – The Rev'd Geoggrey Butcher

The 5th Annual Gathering of

Contemplative Outreach of Middle Tennessee

2011 Breakout Sessions: Centering Prayer

Introduction to Centering Prayer

Lectio Divina

Invitation From God

Presenter & Facilitator Gathering

on Saturday, August 13, 2011 from 9:00-2:30

Westminster Presbyterian Church

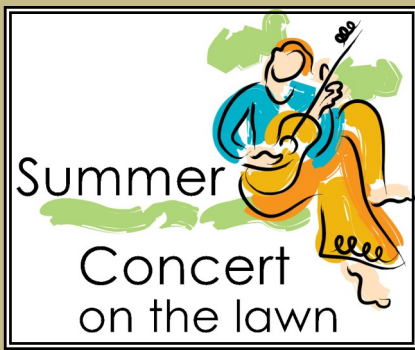
3900 West End Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee

Refreshments, Lunch & Program - \$25 - Reservations Required

RSVP by Friday, August 5

For more information or to receive a registration form contact

Carol Wray - carolwray@aol.com or (615)373-0613



Featuring Huntsville native Alan Little

a singer/songwriter/guitarist/
harmonica player/percussionist/
drummer. From fingerstyle guitar to
bluesy harmonica riffs, Alan is a very
popular performer; bring family
& friends!

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, a picnic for two, or your
neighborhood! Everyone is invited.



the
**Greene
Street
Market**
at Nativity

Farmers' Market

every thursday 4pm - 8pm
may 19th - september 29th
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.

The NATIVITY CHOIR

Has returned
from their
ENGLAND

TOUR 2011

Lots of photos
and
Journal notes
are available
on their blog.

You can
access from:
[www.nativity-
hsv.org](http://www.nativity-hsv.org)
and click on
[via their blog
spot!](#)

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 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."

From The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center....

Monday, July 11, 11:45-1:00, Library, Church of Nativity, Episcopal, ***Surviving the Suicide of a Loved One Support Group.***

Monday, July 11, 7:00-8:30 p.m., ***Post Disaster Emotional and Spiritual Care***, a support group for April 27 tornado survivors: Good Shepherd UMC, corner of Capshaw and Old Railroad Bed Road in Madison.

PRAYER LIST

We pray for those who are ill or recovering:

Nate Porter, Jr., Bill Eldridge, Nancy Lackey, Angel Colin, Bill Marsh, Jack Wilson, Mark, E. Ray Tanner, Debbie Bell, John Lydon, RuthAnn Haymes, Carolyn Cunningham, Wally Reynolds, Those in recovery following the recent tornados, Heather Simpson, Donald Perry, Claude Boykin, Bobbie Graham, Elsie Olsen, Evin Yadegar, Scott Shelton, Vernon Lucas, Kit Carlton, Joy Gass, Sara Welch, Emile Joffrion, Eileen Sullivan, Leigh Wahl, John, Nancy Kelly, Julie Kirk, Joan Bennett.

We pray for our Military: Afghanistan:

Robert Sampson, Lourie Formby, John Orosz

We give thanks for the marriage of Erin Teal and William Pollard Elliott, June 25, 2011 with The Rev'd Brad Landry officiating.

We give thanks for the birthdays of our children:

7/9 Catherine Peterson
7/10 Alexander Allbee, Daniel Starnes,
Emily Evans
7/12 McKenna Watson
7/14 Allison Taylor
7/15 Mary Ragland
7/16 Lisa Smith, Devon Parsons
7/17 Caroline Ayres
7/20 Reagen Huskey

FINANCIAL PLEDGE UPDATE

2011 Pledges - June 30, 2011

\$ 500 or <	51
\$501 - \$999.99	51
\$1,000 - \$2,999.99	189
\$3,000 - \$4,999.99	79
\$5,000 - \$9,999.99	52
\$10,000 - \$14,999.99	9
\$15,000 - \$24,999.99	7
\$25,000 or >	3
Total Number of Pledges	441

Total Dollar Amount of Pledges \$1,267,231.14

Average Pledge \$ 2,873.54

FINANCIAL REPORT

MAY 31, 2011

	CURRENT MONTH	BUDGET for PERIOD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
Pledges				
Received	\$ 87,948.58	\$ 99,620.88	\$ 430,887.36	\$ 498,104.56
Plate	\$ 4,382.23	\$ 4,610.38	\$ 25,768.16	\$ 23,052.06
Other				
Revenues	\$ 7,370.84	\$ 9,169.74	\$ 35,582.69	\$ 45,848.38
TOTAL	\$ 99,701.65	\$ 113,401.00	\$ 492,238.21	\$ 567,005.00
Diocesan, School of Theology, &	\$ 19,557.05	\$ 21,541.74	\$ 71,146.64	\$ 107,708.82
Personnel	\$ 58,799.59	\$ 62,558.33	\$ 320,642.85	\$ 312,791.69
Other Expenses	\$ 18,143.73	\$ 29,293.73	\$ 127,556.73	\$ 146,468.89
TOTAL	\$ 96,500.37	\$ 113,393.80	\$ 519,346.22	\$ 566,969.40
NET	\$ 3,201.28	\$ 7.20	\$ (27,108.01)	\$ 35.60



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, July 18, 2011.

CLERGY & STAFF

The Rev'd Dr. Andy Anderson
Rector

The Rev'd Mary Anne Akin
Associate

The Rev'd Brad Landry
Associate

The Rev'd Mary E. Groff
Deacon

Suzanne Purtee
Organist/Choirmaster

Lane Tutt
Adult Christian Formation

Liz Williams
Youth Christian Formation

Elizabeth Foster
Children's Formation

Cassie Chenoweth
Assistant Children's Formation

Audrey Clayton
Nursery Coordinator

John Buyse
Property Manager

Al Ford
Sexton

Sally Stockton
Kitchen Coordinator

Beverly Franklin
Bookkeeper/Business Mgr

Connie Gadoski
Worship & Ministry Assistant

Linda Wheeler
Assistant to the Rector

Communication/Publication Admin
Prentice White

Verger/Wedding Coordinator

Vestry
Bland Warren
Senior Warden
Pat Goodson
Junior Warden
Russ Alexander
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.

Church of the Nativity, Episcopal

208 Eustis Ave. SE Huntsville, AL 35801

256-533-2455 Fax: 256-533-2374

www.nativity-hsv.org

YOUR new Vestry Nominations Committee wants YOUR input!

The Vestry Nominations Committee last month held its first meeting under the recently approved changes to the Nativity by-laws regarding Vestry elections. We will be communicating with the parish regularly to solicit your input and to keep you informed of our progress. At this time we would like to introduce you to the members of the committee and provide you with their contact information.

The Committee is composed of the current and three most recent Senior Wardens willing and able to serve along with three members at-large chosen by the six outgoing Vestry members; the Rector serves *ex officio* in a non-voting role:

Sally Naumann, Chair, member at large (sal.naumann@mac.com)

David Collette, Senior Warden 2009 (david.collette@hhsys.org)

Phil Dotts, Senior Warden 2008 (pdotts@publicfa.com)

Don Evans, member at large (don.evans@hhsys.org)

Mac Phillips, Senior Warden 2010 (macphillips@gmail.com)

Alyce Smith, member at large (256-536-4198)

Bland Warren, Senior Warden 2011 (blandwarren@me.com)

Andy Anderson, Rector, *ex officio*, non-voting (aanderson@nativity-hsv.org)

Now that we've introduced ourselves, we would like to solicit your input. A new form will soon be available on the Nativity website for parishioners to use in suggesting names for the Vestry nomination pool. This form will also be published in an upcoming Steeple issue. You may recommend someone in the parish or submit your own name for consideration. Please make sure that anyone you suggest is willing to have his/her name considered and meets requirements as set forth by the Nativity by-laws for Vestry membership: confirmed member of Nativity, regular in attendance, has made and kept a pledge for at least the current year, able to attend monthly Vestry meetings, etc. Names submitted but not included on the slate of nominees will remain on the list for consideration in subsequent years.

Please prayerfully consider submitting your name and/or the name(s) of parishioners you would like considered for the Nativity Vestry in 2012. You are welcome to contact any of the members on the committee at the phone number/e-mail addresses listed above if you have questions about the process. And, watch for more information from YOUR Vestry Nominations Committee.