

THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

September 21, 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

WORSHIP SUNDAY:

7:45 a.m.

Holy Eucharist
Rite I
(Bibb Chapel)

8:45 a.m.*

Holy Eucharist
Rite II and
Children's Chapel

11:00 a.m.*

Holy Eucharist
Rite II
(Ridley Hall)

Church School
10:00 a.m.*

(* Nursery available)

THURSDAY:

6:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist
Rite II
(Bibb Chapel)

CHILDREN'S ART STROLL

on Sunday, September 25

10:00 a.m.

on the church lawn!

(Do NOT bring your pets)



Our children have been
working hard to create more
of their masterpieces. All
proceeds from this sale will
benefit Heifer International,
*a quest to end hunger
around the world!*

To learn more about Heifer
International, check out their
website at www.heifer.org.
Please make checks to made
payable to Church of the
Nativity, annotated Heifer.

By the Grace of God

*The Right Reverend Henry Nutt Parsley, Jr.
Bishop of Alabama*

and

*The Right Reverend John McKee Sloan
Bishop Suffragan of Alabama*

Will Ordain

*Jeannie Robison
of Nativity*

Also to be ordained are:

Marla Wright Asson

David S. Barfield

Kimberly Youngblood Beckett

Martha Hixson Holmes

Alison Kelly Hudlow

Jerry Elias Jacob

Julia H. Lee

Judy Goins Quick

Lucinda Lee Roff

Charlotte S. Van Slyke

David Whetstone

Norbert Lance Weston Wilson

*To the Sacred Order of Deacons
in Christ's One Holy Catholic and
Apostolic Church*

1 October, AD 2011 at 10:30 a.m.

*The Cathedral Church of the Advent
521 North Twentieth Street
Birmingham, Alabama*

Your prayers and presence are requested.

The Festal Color is Red Reception Following



October 2, 5:00 p.m.***

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
& AN EVENING WITH ST. FRANCIS

*Please bring your pets (on leash or in crate) to
the church lawn.*

Refreshments for all (including the pets.)
Meet volunteers with A New Lease on Life.

****Please note due to church renovation process the blessing
of animals will not be in the church or parish hall.*

PARISH NEWS

Report from Vestry Nominating Committee

The Vestry Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following nominees for the vestry:

**Hannah Boon, Amy Brooks, Frederick Lanier,
Tom Lydon, Ginney McDonald, and Robert Mullins.**

Your committee has been meeting for the past two months gathering names and working to ensure that we have an excellent slate. All committee members have served one or more terms on the vestry and most have served as wardens. Our experience helped us in making our choices. We wanted people with a variety of skills and interests, and I believe we have succeeded.

We had many well qualified people on our list, and those not nominated this year will be considered in the future. Parishioners are encouraged to continue submitting names for this "perpetual list."

I confess we were a little nervous about our task, since this is a whole new way of electing vestry members, but the response from the parish has been excellent and supportive. We hope the congregation will be as pleased as we are with the nominees.

I want to thank the committee members: David Collette, Phil Dotts, Don Evans, Mac Phillips, Alyce Smith, and Bland Warren, who have made my job as chair such a pleasure. I also want to thank Linda Wheeler for her help, and Andy Anderson and the vestry for trusting us with this important job.

You will hear more about these nominees later.

Sally Naumann

Chair, Vestry Nominating Committee

What Does the Episcopal Church do to Prevent Sexual Abuse & Misconduct?

The sexual abuse crisis that has rocked the Roman Catholic Church continues to make headlines throughout the world as more victims find the courage to shine the light in a very dark place in their lives. Just recently it was reported on NPR that a victim's group is taking their case to the International Criminal Court. The victim's group is arguing that sexual abuse can be considered a crime against humanity, and that those in institutions that either neglect to prevent or overlook abuse should be held accountable.

Sexual Abuse is not an issue only for the Roman Catholic Church. It is a tragedy that we all must be vigilant to prevent. The Episcopal Church requires that all clergy and church workers pass a background check and undergo sexual misconduct prevention training. This includes volunteers who work with youth and children. We also require that there always be at least two adults present in classrooms and other church meetings where youth and children are involved. This is, of course, to protect our youth and children from potential abuse, but it is also to protect our adults from wrongful accusations.

This Thursday, September 22nd Nativity will be hosting the regional Safeguarding God's Children sexual misconduct prevention training. I have always liked how the Episcopal Church has framed this training. It's not just a matter of checking a box to be trained, it is a matter of safeguarding both children and adults from the sin of sexual abuse. This training is not offered out of fear, but out of hope. It affirms that we will not be suspicious, but we will be vigilant. It affirms that we will not let fear permeate our churches, but we will live out the hope that the church is a safe place for all God's children.

Grace & peace,
Brad+

Episcopal Parishes' Citywide Eucharist "Mass on the Grass"



WHERE: St. Thomas Church Lawn

WHEN: Sunday, October 16, 5 o'clock PM

MORE: Followed by Dinner on the Grounds
Bring a Potluck Dish; Blanket or Chair for seating
Water and Tea provided

A time to share in Eucharist and Fellowship with other parishes.

Youth News 9/19/11

We've had a great couple of weeks of Sunday School and EYC, and I'm really excited to see where God leads us this year. For all those in high school who are interested in completing confirmation this year, we will have a meeting on October 11th at 6:00 pm in the EYC Room. This meeting is mandatory for both parents and youth who are interested in confirmation. If you are interested and cannot attend, please let me know and we'll set up a time to meet.

On October 2nd we will have our annual pet blessing here at Nativity. The blessing will begin at 5:00 pm and all youth are on deck! Instead of having normal EYC, we'll meet at the pet blessing at 4:30 and help get everything ready for the fun event. And bring your pets! My own puppies, Millie and Henry, will be in attendance.

On October 9th, we will not have EYC since everyone will be recovering from Fall Break. Have fun that week!

If you're looking for a way to be involved in youth programs, but aren't sure how to do that, let me know! There's always the need for EYC volunteers! One way to be involved is to be an EYC mentor. This means coming to EYC meetings, chaperoning trips, and being just an awesome mentor for the youth. I also need folks to volunteer to bring dinner to hungry teenagers (and youth ministers!) each week. You don't need to have a child in youth programs if you want to volunteer. You just need to love youth ministry! If you'd like to volunteer, please email, call, or hunt me down on Sundays to let me know. The more the merrier! There is also a sign up sheet to bring dinner on the youth bulletin board

I'm really blessed to be here at Nativity and I know this year will be pretty awesome.

Peace,
Liz

Spiritual Development at Nativity presents...



Linn Maxwell, mezzo-soprano

Hildegard of Bingen and the Living Light

Wednesday, October 12 7:00 p.m.

St. Stephens Episcopal Church

8020 Whitesburg Drive

\$5.00 per person at the door

Reception to follow

A One Woman Play about the 12th Century German Abbess and mystic.

Parish Financial Report Period Ending 8/31/2011

	CURRENT MONTH	BUDGET for PERIOD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
Pledges				
Received	\$ 97,582.88	\$ 99,620.88	\$ 704,103.51	\$ 796,967.32
Plate	\$ 3,084.41	\$ 4,610.38	\$ 35,600.23	\$ 36,883.32
Other Revenues	\$ 2,858.64	\$ 9,169.74	\$ 72,642.84	\$ 73,357.36
TOTAL	\$ 103,525.93	\$ 113,401.00	\$ 812,346.58	\$ 907,208.00
Diocesan, School of Theology, & Outreach	\$ 18,767.21	\$ 21,541.74	\$ 129,611.86	\$ 172,334.04
Personnel	\$ 58,761.09	\$ 62,558.33	\$ 505,387.41	\$ 500,466.68
Other Expenses	\$ 21,555.24	\$ 29,293.73	\$ 198,970.14	\$ 234,350.08
TOTAL	\$ 99,083.54	\$ 113,393.80	\$ 833,969.41	\$ 907,150.80
NET	\$ 4,442.39	\$ 7.20	\$ (21,622.83)	\$ 57.20

The Adult Learning Center needs you!

We need volunteers to work one-to-one or with small groups to tutor clients in basic reading and math skills. You do NOT need a teaching background and only a couple hours per week commitment is required with all teaching materials and support for tutors available. The Adult Learning Center is housed on the second floor of the library. Contact program coordinator, Nancy Saliba, at 256-532-5979 or 256-694-1606 to get started. This is a VERY rewarding outreach ministry-please consider becoming an ALC tutor! Nativity Outreach appreciates our current ALC volunteers.

WORDS FROM DEACON MARY GROFF

Dear Nativity family,

How can I thank you for the warm and glorious send off? I have so many wonderful memories that will live within my heart always. For me, it all began with the "after church lunch bunch" taking me to dinner at D & L restaurant. Good food and good conversation.

Then, Sunday September 11th we had one of the best Top of the Hill Gang Dining-out events. With the help of Brian and Lisa Andrews working with the staff at Club 29, thirty nine of us had a great meal and good fellowship. They just knew that I wanted one more T.O.H.G. event.

This was followed by a Staff luncheon at Sam and Greg's on the Courthouse Square. More good food, good conversation and stories of the past seven years. We enjoyed story telling, laughter and gifts too.

Then came Sunday...the last day...As is typical of this wonderful parish, so many people came together to share their knowledge, skills and abilities (social worker terms) to make it a very special day for me. I thank you for your work.

Fr. Andy, as Rector of the parish, decided to be celebrant at all three services and asked me to distribute the bread at the 11:00 Holy Eucharist. The intercessions and closing prayer meant so much to me.

Suzanne Purtee selected "Here I Am Lord" for the 8:45 Eucharist knowing that I planned to mention the hymn in my sermon. The closing hymn 541 for 11:00 blended so well with the Lectionary of the day, and the Diaconal dismissal. *A perfecting ending to a beautiful service.*

My goal for my sermon on Sunday was to share with you my journey to this day, do a little more teaching about the Sacred Order of Deacons and then point the way for the new ministry that will begin when Jeannie Robinson is ordained Saturday, October 1st. The applause at the 11:00 Eucharist when I finished, was overwhelming. It was so kind of you.

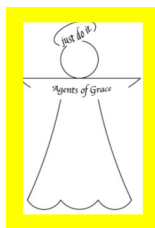
The reception catered by Nativity's own Sally Stockton with help from the Top of the Hill Gang was lovely with the tents, linen table cloths and more fine food on a beautiful, balmy day...It was the **best** lawn party ever. The table flowers from my children, were a lovely surprise. They live far away and were with me in spirit.

Thank you for your gracious generosity. I am now able to plan additional workshops and study retreats during my sabbatical. The Nativity print by Ed Starnes brings with it double pleasure because Ed and Rae Starnes served on the Top of the Hill Board.

So, dear people of God, we have journeyed well together. Prayers for our continued journeys.

Deacon Mary Groff

Just Do It



Just Do It is Nativity's email/communication system where we let you know of volunteer needs in the community that you can reply to by email if you see something you'd like to do.

Some of you may already be getting emails from Just Do It! If you **are not currently getting them and would like to be notified** of volunteer opportunities by email, please send an email to JUSTDOIT@NATIVITY-HSV.ORG and include your name and phone number.

Meals on Wheels: Meals on Wheels is looking for 3-4 volunteers to carry mid-day meals to those in need on the third Thursday of each month, starting at 10:30 a.m. Specifically, they need substitutes for the times when their regular drivers aren't available. If you have approximately an hour to give on Thursdays and can provide a smiling face to deliver a meal, call Jennie Coe at (256) 883-6398.

First Stop Breakfast: Lane Tutt needs a group to feed breakfast to the homeless at First Stop on Monday, December 5. The group of 4-5 people will make the casseroles, buy the fruit and coffee, cook/butter the biscuits, and serve it from 8:15-9 a.m. (Note: The new casserole recipe just takes an hour to cook and the instructions are simpler.) The cost is reasonable when you divide it among your members. **You will have a grand time and the clients there will be so appreciative!** Give Lane Tutt a call at (256) 533-2455 for more information.

STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION TIP for September 21, 2011

Making your office green...

Some of us spend a lot of our time at work, so help make sure your office is green by following this week's tips. (These are good practices for our homes also!)

Tip: Maximize computer efficiency.

Computers in the business sector waste \$1 billion worth of electricity per year, so make it a habit to turn off your computer — and the power strip it's plugged into — when you leave work for the day. Otherwise you'll still be burning energy even if you're not burning the midnight oil. During the day, setting your computer to go to sleep during short breaks can cut energy use up to 70%. Remember, screen savers *don't* save energy.

Tip: Maximize printer efficiency.

The average U.S. office worker can use 10,000 pieces of copy paper per year. To reduce your number, print double-sided whenever possible. Avoid color printing (hues are more likely to be toxic) and consider downloading [Ecofont](#) to save ink. Better yet, really think about whether you need that information down on sheets of dead trees, or whether having it on your computer is good enough.

Tip: Chew on this: How do you keep your lunches green?

Much of your munching happens at the office, so keep your own mug, dishware, and flatware at your desk. *This will fend off the temptation to use the paper and plastic disposables that are easy to grab in the lunchroom.* If you're a workplace manager, provide reusable dishes, silverware, and glasses. Switch to [eco-friendly coffees](#) and [teas](#), and buy organic and [local food](#) for parties and other events. And remember: Water fountains are better than [bottled water](#).

CCIB Report: Restoration Update

The interior project in the church includes repair of plaster and wood damage. The plaster damage has been completed, except for few small areas. Installation of top plaster coats with the pigment matching the colors selected by the "Design Team" and approved by the Vestry has started on the apse ceiling. Damaged wood repair is near completion. Cushions and needle point items are being repaired and cleaned along with reconditioning of the hymnals and prayer books by Rie Linton with help of son, Bartlee and daughter, Dorothea. Over 50 *Books of Common Prayer* need to be replaced. Many others are being repaired.

The plaster project is scheduled to be complete on October 7th. The interior project also includes cleaning and installation of the organ pipes, plaques, art, books, cushions, etc. Therefore the church will be closed until October 23rd.

The church is closed for safety purposes during the interior projects. Please do not enter the church. 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

Mark your calendars for Nativity's

THANKS *for* **GIVING**

celebration of stewardship!

Thursday, November 3, 2011

Huntsville Museum of Art

Come enjoy an evening with your Nativity family as we celebrate

An ATTITUDE of GRATITUDE!

Sermon preached by the Rev'd Deacon Mary Groff, September 18, 2011 will be available on- line in its entirety tomorrow, September 22.

Below is the updated, paraphrased poem "I Stand by the Door" by the late Samuel Moor Shoemaker which Deacon Mary read in conclusion of her sermon.

I stand by the door.
I neither go too far in, nor staying too far out.
The door is the most important door in the world
It is the door through which humankind walks, when they find God...
I Stand by the Door
Near enough to God to hear Him and know He is there
But not so far from humankind as not to hear them.
And remember they are there too.
Where? Outside the door-
Thousands of them, millions of them ...
So as Deacons we stand by the door and say the words of dismissal.
"Go In Peace to Love and Serve the Lord."



Jeannie Robison, Deacon Mary, Fr Andy, Daniel Suggs



TOHG Brunch at Grill 29



Reception to honor the ministry of Deacon Mary



Deacon Mary attempting to absorb the events of the day.



A Sad Report to Outreach! A Plea for Your Help with Food!

Outreach has learned from HAP that the Huntsville "Angel Food" Program has been suspended. We are heart-broken! This service has helped many elderly and low-income families with the purchase of designated boxes of meats, frozen foods, and other fresh products. It has been a life-saver for many. In this time of economic challenge, HAP knows that their requests for the basics will multiply. We need to do something different at Nativity in the next weeks!

Beginning Sunday October 2, we will collect EVERY SUNDAY until the end of November to get them thru this Fall Crisis. In nine Sundays, let's burst the seams of their Pantry!

Please bring at least one of these items each week:

Canned Chicken, Tuna or Spam

Peanut Butter

Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce

Bath Soap

Toilet Paper

Bins may be found outside Ridley or the Banister Room.

Each time you go the Grocery,

think "HAP BASICS"!!!

INTERCESSION REQUESTS

We pray for those who are ill or recovering:

John Cline, Charlie Lyle, Genie Adams, Elizabeth Abney, Eileen Sullivan, Julie Kirk, Bill Marsh, Hap Welch, Mitzi Sewell, Ira Kross, Steve Stevens, Barbara Chapman, April Hamric, Steve Hays, Nancy Lackey, Nativity's Tornado Family, Jack Wilson, Leigh Wahl, Billy Johnston, Sr., Angel Colin, Donald Perry, Elsie Olsen, Evin Yadegar, Scott Shelton, Joy Gass, Sara Welch, Emile Joffrion, Eileen Sullivan, John, Nancy Kelly, Joan Bennett.

We pray for those in Military Service and those serving with the Peace Corps:

Kuwait: Spencer Colin, Greg Riddle; Afghanistan: Blake Lane, Robert Sampson, The Gambia, West Africa: Marisa Benzle

We pray for the departed:

Luther Franklin Corley, Jr., father of Trey Corley; grandfather of Franklin, Evan, and Clare Corley
David derode, grandfather of Kingslea deRoode Merkel

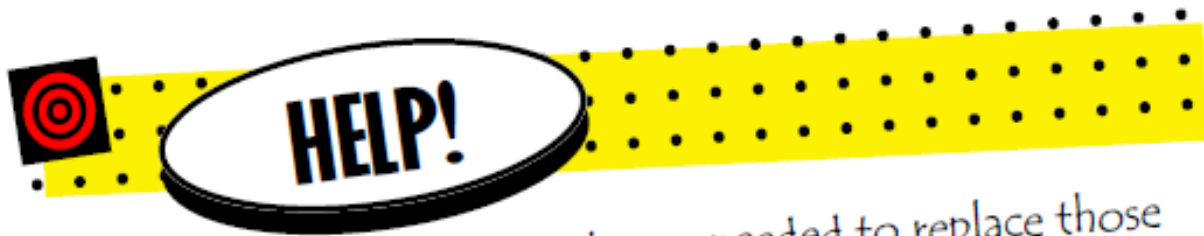
We give thanks for the birthdays of our children:

9/26	Hattie Landry
9/30	Rosie Chilton, Meredith Walker
10/1	Hanna Page Clayton
10/2	Sara Moore, Crayton Lovejoy
10/4	Tessa Dollman, Huston Moring, Elizabeth Moody
10/5	Anatasia Abrams
10/6	Chase Rodgers
10/7	Katherine Walker, Haylee Linton
10/8	Laura Kate Evans, Forrest Webber, Patrick Rozar
10/9	Paxtyn Whitney, Sarah Whelden Hall, Anna Chilton

We give thanks for the marriage of:

Pleasants Pollard Elliott and Jordan Chase Crowson, August 27.
Megen Eugenia Heslip and James Cameron Robbins, September 17.

We give thanks for new members of Nativity: Kathleen Abalos, Jackie and John Sheldon



51 new BCP Prayer Books are needed to replace those damaged beyond repair.



Wouldn't you like to donate one in honor, memory or thanksgiving of a loved one?

Each Book of Common Prayer will have a lovely bookplate placed on the inside cover with your personalized request:

Your Name: _____

In _____
(honor, loving memory, thanksgiving)

of _____

given by _____

▶ **\$25 per book**

Checks made payable to:

▶ **Church of the Nativity**

▶ *Return this card along with your check to:*

Prayer Books
c/o Church of the Nativity
208 Eustis Avenue SE
Huntsville, AL 35801



the
**Greene
Street
Market**
at Nativity

Farmers' Market

EXTENDED every Thursday through
October 27!
NEW HOURS 3:30—dusk

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

This is a producer-only market so the farmers and confectioners will be on hand for you to meet and to answer any questions about their products.

NEWS AND EVENTS FROM OTHER PARISHES and DIOCESE OF ALABAMA

Registration is now open for October & November Folk School at Camp McDowell - Old-

Time Music & Crafts 21 hours of instruction

to be held November 4-8 . Taught by top-notch musicians and artists, the classes are small and the schedule is flexible enough that you can get just what you want during your days at Camp McDowell. To register or for more information contact Danielle Dunbar, 205-563-9990.

- Join **Laura Spencer** in Modern Day homesteading with hands on experience making goat milk soap, marinated feta cheese, beeswax candles, and simple, all-natural cleaners. Students will learn the basic requirements for keeping backyard chickens, honeybees, and even a family dairy goat.
- In **Stephen Morrison's Timber Frame Construction** class student will cover basic history, traditional tools, modern tools, and contemporary applications. Students will learn layout and cutting techniques that can be applied to home projects. We will be crafting two sawhorses per student. (students should be familiar with the use of a skillsaw, chisel, plane and drill.)
- Join **Bill & Mary Smith** to create a sturdy and functional split oak basket. Students will learn the splitting process and will hand carve handles and rims and weave a traditional oak basket.
- In **Gwen Chafin's** beginner to intermediate level class students will learn to hand lace-cane a chair seat using the seven step French method. Each student should bring a wooden chair or stool with holes drilled around an open square, rectangle or circle. Chairs should be in good repair, and all old cane removed.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE October 201, published 9/21/11

SUNDAY, October 2, Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 AM	Anderson	Anderson	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett
8:45 AM	Akin	Anderson	Lane Mickle, Lewie Bates	Melissa Kirkindall, Martha Joffrion	Clay Sherrill
11:00 AM	Landry	Anderson	Peter Cobun, Janet Robbins	Roy Gowman, Ronnie Rogers	Adalene Bledsoe

WEDNESDAY, October 5, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 PM	Akin		Don Askins

THURSDAY, October 6, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher
6:00 PM	Landry	

SUNDAY, October 9, Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 AM	Landry	Landry	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson
8:45 AM	Akin	Landry	Charlie Warren, Bob Serio	Ed Greene, Lane Mickle	Shirley Hale
11:00 AM	Anderson	Landry	Pat Sampson, Roy Gowman	Mary Johnson, Mickey Ellis	Ronnie Rogers

WEDNESDAY, October 12, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 PM	Akin		Cheryl Watts

THURSDAY, October 13, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher
6:00 PM	Anderson	

SUNDAY, October 16, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Akin out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 AM	Anderson	Anderson	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett
8:45 AM	Landry	Anderson	Mike Ward, Lee Hicklen, Robert Dunn	Stacy Moon, Buddy Moon	Lee Hicklen
11:00 AM	Landry	Anderson	Ed Vaughn, Marilyn Lands, Barbara Buice	Sally Ann Culver, John Conover	Rich Goodwin

WEDNESDAY, October 19, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 PM	Anderson		Marilyn Lands

THURSDAY, October 20, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher
6:00 PM	Landry	

SUNDAY, October 23, Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost RALLY DAY

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 AM	Anderson	Anderson	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett
10:00 AM	Anderson	Anderson	Rich Goodwin, Cheryl Watts	Michael Innes, Merrilee Allen	Lee Hicklen

WEDNESDAY, October 26, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 PM	Landry		Mary Hendricks

THURSDAY, October 27, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher
6:00 PM	Akin	

SUNDAY, October 30, Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 AM	Anderson	Per Val	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson
8:45 AM	Anderson	Per Val	Warren Vann	Amy Creech, Lee Coggins	Lane Mickle
11:00 AM	Anderson	Per Val	Don Askins	Debbie Collette, David Collette	Deborah Baker

USHERS

8:45	Dale Moore, Drew Tutt, Beverly Farrington, Ed Starnes, Rae Starnes, Bland Warren, Austin King, Mike Ward, Anna Warren
11:00	Lou Durnya, Benita Hayes, Daniel Suggs, Merrilee Allen

ALTAR GUILD

1	Sara little, Nancy Colin, Alice Lanier, Laura Innes. Mary Johnson	8	Wanda Cobb, Elaine Calhoun, Suzy Naumann, Rose Ann Shearer,
15	Judy Heacock, Laura Innes, Kakki Brooks, Kathryn Mahoney, Debbie Joyner	22	Emily Moody, Caffey Litkenhous, Beth Pugh, Lea Ann Barnett, Louise
29	Alice Lanier, Laura Innes, Marcia Machek, Nancy Colin, Linda Watts		

**Chalice Bearer (Lay Eucharistic Minister/LEM) training will be held in November.
Call Connie in the Church Office to register: 256-533-2455.**

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, October 3, 2011.

CLERGY & STAFF

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Associate

The Rev'd Brad Landry
Associate

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Deacon

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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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208 Eustis Ave. SE Huntsville, AL 35801

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

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ECW Bazaar and Bake Sale 2011 - Coming Soon!

**This year's Episcopal Church Women's Bazaar will be
Thursday, November 17th.**

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

Produced by the ECW, the Nativity Bazaar is our parish's outstanding opener of the holiday season and, most importantly, is our gift back to our local and surrounding communities as the proceeds are used to benefit various charitable organizations.

Last year's Bazaar enabled the parishioners of Nativity to contribute thousands of dollars to the Oscar Mason Center and Sawyerville Day Camp. We are currently in the process of reviewing local community needs and will donate the proceeds of this year's Bazaar to organizations here in the Huntsville area.

Traditionally held on the Thursday prior to Thanksgiving, the bazaar offers great shopping for holiday gifts, crafts and baked goods. In addition, the Bazaar offers a delicious eat-in or take-out lunch. We're certain you won't want to miss it!

This year's Bazaar is chaired by Glinda Clardy and Kate Noble Purvis. As always, the success of the Bazaar depends on the help of many volunteers from our wonderful parish. Please contact either Glinda (glinliz@gmail.com/256-348-5410) or Kate Noble (kpurvis@knology.net/256-303-7259) to offer your support as a volunteer. They look forward to hearing from you!