

# THE STEEPLE

## The Church of the Nativity

September 7, 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.*

### Arriving Home with Much Gratitude

How do you say thank you when words are not enough? *Raiding the inarticulate* is never easy, so sometimes we just have to just say "Thank you." So let me take some space here to do just that in an attempt to express the gratitude I have for the blessings of this past summer.

I am grateful to God, but I most know God in and through all of you who unveil the mystery of God's presence in parish community. And so I am grateful, truly and humbly grateful, for all of you. I read Jr. Warden Pat Goodson's "letter to Andy" in the last Steeple with a great sense of pride that I belong to Nativity. I had no doubt that all would run smoothly this summer. Amazing things happened because of the many gifts generously shared at Nativity. Thoughtful and Spirit-guided decisions were made by all.

The strength, stability and collegiality we know are evident in our clergy and staff, and the lay leadership of the parish. Thank you Mary Anne, Brad, Mary, and Rusty for your pastoral and sacramental leadership. Thank you Beverly, Linda, Connie, Suzanne, Lane, Elizabeth, Cassie, Liz, John, Al, Sally, and Prentice for all you did (and keep doing) to enable our ministries through your professional ministries both behind the scenes and in some very up front ways. Thanks Bland and Pat for your outstanding leadership as Wardens and for the many things you did to keep the temporal business of the parish on track this summer. The parish and I are blessed by your wisdom and guidance. Except for the pink swimming pool and Christmas tree left in my office, I have found everything relatively in order!

Thank you Vestry for your stable and steady leadership, and especially for supporting this Sabbath time. And special thanks to our worship leaders and the many people who have enabled worship in the Parish Hall to work. Although my sabbatical is over, we still have until about the middle of October until our sabbatical from the church building will end! I am grateful to the Capital Campaign Implementation Board's incredible attention to detail. Isn't it wonderful to have the outside scaffolding down! Again, thanks to EVERYONE for your giving, sharing, serving, faith, hope, and love!

The Sabbatical brought many rich experiences for Tippy, our family and me. I felt connected sharing glimpses through my blog. I have a couple of uncompleted blogs about Armenia yet to be published, so look for those. I also look forward to sharing some Tuscan cuisine with you at the Greene Street Market and on a Wednesday evening in October! Our St. Francis and Armenian pilgrimages have opened God's presence to me in compelling ways. These will unfold...meanwhile, these words from the Welsh poet R. S. Thomas' poem *Arrival* help capture my feelings upon returning home:

Not conscious that you have been seeking  
suddenly you come upon it  
the village in the Welsh hills  
dust free  
with no road out but the one you came in by.

A bird chimes from a green tree  
the hour that is no hour you know.  
The river dawdles to hold a mirror for you  
where you may see yourself  
as you are, a traveler  
with the moon's halo  
above him, whom has arrived  
after long journeying where he  
began, catching this  
one truth by surprise  
that there is everything to look forward to.

Andy +



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### 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)

## PARISH NEWS

### **Top of the Hill Gang invites anyone who would like to join them for Sunday Brunch at Grill 29 Sunday, September 11 at 1:00 p.m.**

Grill 29 is located in The Village of Providence. Reservations should be made to the church office by noon Thursday. Entrée prices \$8-16

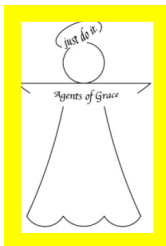
### **Ordination of Deacons Sat, Oct 01, 2011 — 10:30 AM — 12:30 PM**

**Jeannie Robison, Nativity, is a candidate for ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons. The Nativity Choir will be singing. The diocesan community is invited to attend.**

Culminating a formal two-year formation program in the Diocese of Alabama's Deacon's School for Ministry, the third class of candidates will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons Oct. 1, 2011, at the Cathedral Church of the Advent in Birmingham. The vocational deacons will be ordained by the Rt. Rev. Henry N. Parsley Jr., Diocesan Bishop, and the Rt. Rev. Kee Sloan, Suffragan Bishop. The service begins at 10:30 a.m.

### **Nativity's Outreach Committee continues to receive contributions for assistance to our parish Tornado Family.**

The family struggles with the basics of rent, utilities, and car payments. Checks may be written to Church of the Nativity, memo: Tornado Family.



### **Just Do It! - Volunteer Requests**

#### **1. Interfaith Mission Service (IMS) Sponsored Day of Service and Unity**

Date and Times: Saturday, September 10, 8 a.m. - 12 noon (7:30 a.m. for breakfast)

Starting Location: Faith Presbyterian Church, 5003 Whitesburg Drive

Description: Volunteers of all ages from various churches will be assigned to an appropriate task at one of the various community organizations that have a need (ex. First Stop, Harris Home for Children, CASA, National Children's Advocacy Center, Project Green Team, etc.).

Contact: To volunteer, register online at [www.interfaithmissionservice.org](http://www.interfaithmissionservice.org) or call 256-881-4811 and ask for Tom Lovell. Our Nativity contact for information is Lee Hicklin at 256-536-4700, ext.

130. They need to know in advance how many volunteers they can expect so that they notify the agencies.

#### **2. Russel Erskine-Veggies and Fruit**

We had a great response to this fun volunteer opportunity! We just have 1 more spot to fill. If you like to shop at the Greene St. Market and have 2 hours to give to this project, grab a buddy and volunteer!

Nativity's Outreach needs 2 people in all to help with their "Fruit and Veggies for Russel Erskine Residents" project for which we received a Diocesan grant.

**Job Description:** Volunteers shop from 7:30- 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays with Wayne Laney at Greene St. Market for the food items, using money from the Diocesan Grant for this. The Nativity volunteer keeps the items in his/her car (rolling carts provided) until he/she delivers the items to the Russel Erskine the next morning (Friday) from 9 -9:30 a.m. A RE resident will meet you and food carts are emptied on tables in the dining hall. The volunteer return the carts to Nativity.

**Contact:** Sarajane Tarter, 256-337-9541 or [starter@hiwaay.net](mailto:starter@hiwaay.net)

### **2011 Nativity Bazaar**

What: ECW 2011 Nativity Bazaar Volunteer meeting

Where: 1101 Harrison Avenue (Home of Kate Noble Purvis)

When: Monday, September 12th at 6:00 (meeting will last approximately 1 hour)

Who: Any women of the church who would like to help with the Nativity Bazaar.

Please contact Glinda Clardy-Wagner at [Glinliz@gmail.com](mailto:Glinliz@gmail.com) to RSVP or if you would like to volunteer and are unable to attend the meeting.

**Dining with Friends AIDS Action Coalition/AAC** acknowledges The Church of Nativity and its support of DWF 2011. The event this year raised nearly \$90,000 and Nativity was an important part of making that happen! The mission of DWF/AAC is vital to the health of the community. The letter of thanks indicates gratitude for the support of this mission. The letter is signed by Jerry Robinson, 2011 DWF Chair and Mary Elizabeth Marr, AAC Executive Director.

## What is a 'pledge?' Why do Christians need to make a pledge?

*[Stewardship is an often misinterpreted word that sometimes causes people to stop listening even before the conversation has begun. Many think of stewardship as nothing more than the annual brow-beating of parishioners to give more money. Most people don't fully understand stewardship and most churches do a poor job of explaining it. Thus, over the next three months, your Stewardship Committee will publish articles in the Steeple concerning several aspects of Stewardship.]*

In the last *Steeple* issue, we discussed stewardship – the process of managing something (e.g., our time, talents, and financial resources) that was given to us by someone else (God). In this issue, we will discuss a basic stewardship concept – the pledge.

In the context of stewardship, a pledge is defined as a *promise* – a promise to use the gifts that God has given us rightly and to give a portion of them back for the building of His kingdom. Some might ask “Why is it necessary to make a pledge?” or “Can’t I just put money into the plate when I go to church?” while others may say “I have so many expenses - I’ll just give what and when I can.” These concerns may be real, but they are excuses and not reasons why we are not being good stewards.

An important reason to make an annual pledge is to allow the vestry to develop a budget and make plans for the coming year. Without proper resources and the assurance of regular income, it would be impossible to run the church in an efficient manner. It would be easy to stop here and say that pledging is important because it allows the church to meet its financial obligations...but that is only part of the story.

Probably the most important aspect of making a pledge is that it gives us the opportunity to assess our priorities in a planned and thoughtful way, rather than randomly giving what is left over after we have paid for other expenses. In this way, we are intentionally giving from the first fruits of our labors and not just from what remains. Paul speaks of this planned giving in *1 Corinthians 16:2* and *2 Corinthians 8:10-11* and these examples serve us well today.

Making and keeping an annual pledge is an important and necessary part of stewardship for us all. Whether you pledge so that the church can meet its budget or to fulfill God’s request that you return a portion of His blessings back for His use, the important thing is that we make the effort to pledge. God gave us the ultimate planned gift – the life of his only Son to atone for our sins. Let us follow his example and make a planned promise to build His kingdom through the mission and ministry of the Church of the Nativity.

NATIVITY STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

## CCIB Report: Restoration Update (photos online or if viewing electronic version see next page)

Ridley Hall, Bibb Chapel, steeple, apse, sacristy, and nave roof and gutter projects have been completed including the removal of associated scaffolding.

Scaffolding is installed in the church and repair of plaster has begun. More plaster damage than expected was found and has mostly been repaired. The interior project also includes replacing/repairing and refinishing damaged wood. 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 and wood projects are scheduled to be completed in September. However, the church will be closed until the interior project is completed which includes cleaning and installation of the organ pipes, plaques, art, books, cushions, etc.

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.



## Young Parent Mixers to meet at home of Fosters

What is YPM? *Fellowship for parents* of young children gather for monthly parties that are held in parishioners’ homes. These parties are casual and relaxed and a way to socialize with new and old friends.

This month’s party will be hosted by Elizabeth and Lee Foster at 915 North Cleermont Circle. Please bring a side dish or dessert and BYOB. Meat will be provided. If you have questions call Elizabeth at 256-533-2455 or 256-652-9063.





CCIB PHOTOS September 7, 2011

## **Vestry Nominations**

The Vestry Nominating Committee is at work reviewing nominations of candidates. The Committee's goal is to have the 2011 slate of candidates complete by mid September. The nominating process is continuous throughout the year, however candidates submitted after September 5 will not be eligible this year.

Bland Warren, Senior Warden



## **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.

## **STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION**

### **Tip for September 7, 2011:**

This week we will talk about two very important topics for both our families and our community:

1. providing good nutrition and pure health and beauty products for your family, and
2. also supporting the local economy.

You can do both of these in one simple step: by buying locally grown produce, and other locally produced food and health and beauty products. Locally grown produce most often is fresher, tastes better, is less susceptible to harmful contamination, and keeps money in our local economy.

And here are additional reasons to support Locally Grown:

1. It saves natural resources: Buying locally makes you a valuable link in the process of saving resources such as fossil fuels and packing materials.
2. It provides learning opportunities: Locally Grown supporters provide member growers the means to help educate our community about the importance of sustainable agriculture.
3. It supports a way of life: The number of small farms in the United States has decreased in the last decade. Help preserve an honest and worthy means of making a living. Small, diverse, family-owned farms contribute to society's overall health.
4. It connects you to the land through the farmers who grow your food. There is something exciting about engaging in a time-honored connection between eater and grower. Talking to the very farmer who grew and picked your food gives you insight into the relationship between the seasons, the land and your food.

Another aspect of, and additional choice in supporting sustainably-grown food production is to buy organically grown food.

Why purchase organic foods? Here are six good

reasons:

1. *Nutrient density.* Organic farmers nourish the soil that feeds our food. Research shows that organically-produced foods are higher in antioxidants and other nutrients than their conventional counterparts.
2. *No persistent pesticides or synthetic fertilizers.* Designed by intent to kill living organisms, persistent pesticides can be harmful to wildlife and human health, especially as they contaminate our food, air and water or accumulate in our cells. Synthetic fertilizers require large quantities of fossil fuels to produce, and contribute to soil degradation and ocean dead zones.
3. *No synthetic growth or breeding hormones.* Avoiding synthetic hormones (which are frequently given to conventional dairy and meat animals to alter reproductive cycles and speed up growth) means less stress for animals, and reduced human exposure to endocrine-disrupting chemicals.
4. *No antibiotics.* Overuse of antibiotics in farm animals leads to the development of dangerous antibiotic-resistant infections. Organic farmers instead rely on natural measures to promote and maintain animal health.
5. *No GMOs.* Genetically engineered crops are a relatively recent technology with potentially devastating impacts on ecosystems and human and animal health. Organic regulations forbid the use of genetically engineered seeds or animals (including clones).
6. *Animal care.* Organic philosophy means raising animals in harmony with nature. Quality animal care keeps animals healthy and productive, naturally.

*Come support sustainable agriculture and our local economy by shopping at the Greene Street Market each Thursday through October.*



## YOUTH NEWS

We're gearing up for another great year for youth programs here at Nativity! We start Sunday School and EYC on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> and I can't wait! Sunday School will be split into Club56 (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade), 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. For the first Sunday night EYC, all those in grades 6-12 will meet together as a big group. We'll enjoy getting to know one another and then head out to dinner. I will need volunteers to help drive youth from the church to dinner. The fun will kick off at 5:00 pm in the EYC Room – yay! Each week after that we'll have junior high (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) from 5:00 – 6:00 pm, junior and senior high (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) will have dinner together from 6:00-6:30, and then senior high from 6:30 – 8:00. Get pumped!

We'll still have our Youth Wednesday Night Dinner (YWND) each Wednesday starting at 6:00 pm in the EYC Room. I'll order dinner and have the movie set up and ready to go right at 6:00. I ask the youth to bring \$5 towards dinner and money for the Coke machine. It's been a great time so far and I know I've enjoyed hanging out with the youth and just watching some movies!

If you would like to help out with the youth this year, please let me know! I'll need volunteers to come help out on Sunday nights, as well as volunteers to provide dinner for us each week. There's no requirement to be a volunteer – you just have to let me know how you would like to serve! Youth Christian formation takes a community and we here at Nativity have a great one!

I'm looking forward to a great year full of fun, community, and an ever growing love of Christ. See y'all soon!

Peace,  
Liz

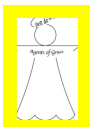
## The Church Directory "THE GREEN BOOK" has been published.

**If you were not at church on August 25 you missed Ministry Fair in a Bag which included the 2011-2012 directory. You can pick up a copy from the front desk during regular office hours.**

## PARISH EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR PLANNING!

- **Nativity will honor The Rev'd Mary E. Groff with a lawn reception on Sunday, September 18 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.** Deacon Mary will be retiring from her diaconal ministry at Nativity and we know you will want to be present as we thank her for her ministry.
- **Nativity's Annual Art Stroll - September 25, 10:00 a.m.** Your purchases of art work will benefit International Heifer Project. The children will create works of art during Church School and look forward to another successful year.
- **The Rt. Rev'd Henry Nutt Parsley, Jr. and The Rt. Rev'd John McKee Sloan will ordain Jeannie Robison and others to the Sacred Order of Deacons** on October 1, 10:30 a.m. at The Cathedral Church of the Advent located 521 North Twentieth St. Birmingham. Reception following the service.

**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](mailto:JUSTDOIT@NATIVITY-HSV.ORG) and include your name and phone numbers.

If you have questions, you may ask them at the above email address or contact the current Arch Agent, Pat Goodson, at (256) 533-5202. This email is not generated from the church office but by JustDoIt volunteers.

She is coming to Nativity!  
Wed., Oct. 12th, 7:00 p.m....in the Church!

feature



## ‘She Chose Me’

A mezzo-soprano reawakens  
Hildegard of Bingen’s voice

By Rhetta Blaney

Many actors talk about their work as a calling, but Linn Maxwell believes her call came from someone who died 831 years ago. Maxwell has no recollection of how she first heard of Hildegard of Bingen, the 12th –century German abbess and mystic. She only knows she couldn’t say no to her.

“I’m convinced Hildegard stayed on my case,” she said. “I didn’t choose to do it. She chose me.”

Maxwell, 66, has written a one-woman play, *Hildegard of Bingen and the Living Light*, with which she tours. In April, she brought the show to New York City for three weekends at the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration (also known as the Little Church around the Corner). What came across most powerfully, even more than all of Hildegard’s extraordinary achievements, was her deep belief that God dwells in each of us and longs for us to know that.

How did a 21st-century woman—who has sung opera throughout the United States and in 25 foreign countries, appeared in cabarets and other writers’ one-woman plays—bond with the mystic who preached salvation, but also practiced holistic healing and wrote about *Viriditas*, her name for nature’s life force?

“I had done two or three one-woman plays that included singing,” Maxwell said. “It’s the genre I like best. Hildegard wrote close to 75 songs. I felt I could portray her.”

A mezzo-soprano who had performed with an early music ensemble, she was familiar with ancient hymns. She began researching Hildegard’s life, which included two visits to Bingen, Germany, where she stayed in the hotel built on the site of Hildegard’s convent, which was destroyed in the 1600s by the Swedes. Hildegard, whom many

consider one of the most important figures of the Middle Ages, had been in charge of the abbey project from the beginning, and Maxwell believes she wants to be heard today. She also read biographies and drew as much of the script as she could from the nearly 400 letters to or from Hildegard that still exist.

“I had to put her words in my mouth,” she said.

What has developed is a 70-minute show in which Maxwell, as Hildegard, shares anecdotes and talks directly to the audience, eliminating the “fourth wall,” that invisible barrier between performer and audience. Clad in a habit made of layers of black chiffon that give it an ethereal illusion, and a bodice of scalloped French woolen white lace, Maxwell lets Hildegard speak.

“I became quite well-known during my lifetime,” she tells the audience, employing wry humor frequently. “Certainly not by being well-behaved or obedient.”

And she explains why she is there.

“I came back to reassure you that the light you are seeking is already in you and it longs to shine forth.”

Maxwell not only sings seven of Hildegard’s songs, she also accompanies herself on an Iberian tenor psaltery, medieval harp and symphonia, instruments she learned to play for the show, which she has been developing for close to two years. Before each performance, she prays to be open to God’s promptings.

“I pray that God will use me however he will want and for me to reach whatever needs people in the audience have.”

Linn Maxwell’s  
call came from  
someone who died  
831 years ago.

## **INTERCESSION REQUESTS**

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

Ira Kross, Steve Stevens, Barbara Chapman, Bill Marsh, Ruth Askins, Bill Moon, Rich Goodwin, Hap Welch, April Hamrick Sterling Smith, Steve Hays, Nancy Lackey, Kimberly Comfort, 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, Julie Kirk, Joan Bennett.

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

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

### **We pray for Nativity's parishioners attending Cursillo#179 this weekend at Camp McDowell:**

Our pilgrims are Terry Clevenger and Ron Hogan; Holly and Jeff Ellis are serving on staff.

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

Cookie (Thelma Frances) Kelly, mother of Josh Kelly, III  
Norborne C. Stone, Jr., father of Nancy Crunkleton

**We give thanks for the birth of a child:** Nathaniel Kent Swillie II, son of Lauren Machek and Nathan Swillie; grandson of Marcia and Neal Machek, born August 27.

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

9/12	Micah Watts
9/13	Parker Ellis
9/14	Sara Hutchens
9/15	Lillian Retzke
9/15	James Cameron Brown
9/19	Elise Nelson
9/20	Caroline Currin, May May Park
9/24	Rebecca McCoy, Maura Farrell

**The Rev. Dr. Basye Holland-Shuey** is currently serving as Transitional Deacon in Charge at Holy Cross-St. Christopher's Episcopal Church.

## **The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Bailey Thomson Awards Luncheon is scheduled for September 23, honorees have been announced!**

You won't want to miss this exciting event celebrating those who are working to reform our State Constitution and bring Alabama into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Among the nominees The Rt. Rev'd Henry N. Parsley, Jr., retiring Bishop of Alabama will be awarded the Faith Community Partner of the Year Award for his encouragement for all Episcopalians to be engaged in constitutional reform.

The luncheon is hosted by Alabama Citizens for Constitutional Reform Foundation at the Thomas E. and Marla H. Corts Arena on the Samford University Campus. The Honorable J. Gorman Houston, Jr., retired Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice, will be the keynote speaker at the event.

Registration begins at 11:15 a.m. and lunch will begin at 11:45 a.m. To purchase tickets or to sponsor a table, please visit:

<http://bringitbackhome.org/bailey-thompson-luncheon.html>

## **Johanna Littleton is the featured artist in The Banister Room Art Gallery**

"I have a passion for color and texture and incorporate these elements into my artwork. I work primarily in acrylic and mixed media, which is a way of saying, "I love to experiment with new materials." Many of my works of art have an underlying feel of the Orient or Middle East because I lived in Java, Indonesia and Esfahan, Iran. It is impossible to be immersed in a different culture without absorbing some of the sights, sounds and colors. All of these have become part of my being, thus, my art.

My favorite Bible verse is Proverbs 23:15-16: *My son, if your heart be wise, my own heart also will rejoice; and my inmost being will exalt, when your lips speak what is right.* This has special meaning to me because I have six sons and have read it to them the nights they were born.

Johanna Littleton, Ascribing Artist  
[www.absolutearts.com/portfolios/b/beckyjjo](http://www.absolutearts.com/portfolios/b/beckyjjo)

You will find a price list of art for sale & contact information in a red binder on a table in the Banister Room.



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To submit events or articles,  
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The deadline for the next issue is  
Monday noon, Sept. 19, 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**  
Deacon

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Organist/Choirmaster

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**Liz Williams**  
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**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.

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**SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL begins September 11, 10:00 a.m. for all ages; nursery, children, youth, and adults. Below are classes offered for adults. If you have questions or need help finding the room just look for someone with an ASK ME sign and he/she will assist you.**

The Book Class will meet in Bibb Chapel during Nave renovation  
*The Gift of the Jews* by Thomas Cahill

The Zimmerman Bible Class meets in Library  
Study begins with study of Elijah followed by study of Romans

Parenting Class meets Joffrion Hall 2 East  
*Prodigal Sons and Material Girls: How Not To Be Your Child's ATM* by Nathan Dungan

All Things Spiritual Class meets in Joffrion 2 West  
*Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr

### LOOKING FOR A WEEKDAY/EVENING STUDY GROUP?

**Young Adults Small Group**  
**Monday 7:00 p.m. (off-site)**

**Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study**  
**Wednesday 7:15 a.m. (Library)**

**Libba Walker Bible Study**  
**Wednesday 6:00 p.m. (Library)**

**The Good Book Women's Bible Study will begin September 14**  
**Wednesday 1:00 p.m. (Library)**

**Reflections Bible Study (nursery available)**  
**Thursday 9:15 a.m. (Joffrion 2 East)**

**For more information of any of these classes call the church office.**