

THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

November 2, 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.

Listen

*With the night falling we are saying thank you
We are stopping on the bridge to bow from the railings
we are running out of the glass rooms
with our mouths full of food to look at the sky
and say thank you.
We are standing by the water looking out in different directions...*

And we are saying thank you, thank you, thank you, the poet W. S. Merwin writes. We are saying thank you on the good days so we can especially know our blessings on the difficult days, and keep on saying thank you to God for each and every gift we have in this life, especially for God's redeeming and saving love in Christ Jesus.

Our Stewardship Ministry invites us to pause at this point in our life as a parish and develop an "attitude of gratitude." To do that, we must first "listen." At our annual meeting on Sunday, we took note that this past year has been one of many blessings. Even with the economy and the world around us in much turmoil, we have had a stable, steady, encouraging year as God's people. Senior Warden Bland Warren and I listed many reasons we should say "thank you." You have your own. Listen to them. Listen with your heart.

Listening with our hearts, we learn that stewardship is not about the parish budget. **Stewardship is a process through which we become generous people, fall more deeply in love with God, and participate in transformation.** Not only are our lives transformed to be generous expressions of God's intended creation, but the world is transformed because we are committed to holy purposes. The church budget only needs funding so that lives will be changed through ministries the resources offered support.

It is apparent through Nativity that lives are being changed. There are more and more generous people giving their time, talent and financial resources. Our outreach ministries are touching more people in direct ways than ever before. I have an attitude of gratitude for all of you for Christ's love you are sharing with so many. *Thanks for Giving* all you do of your time, talent and financial resources. Thanks for Giving your hearts and your very selves to God here.

But there is more that God can do through Nativity. There is more gratitude and generosity that we can all show in our lives. There is more of your heart that God wants. Now that we are returning to our beautifully restored church, it is time to strengthen our mission to our neighbors beyond our walls through increased outreach in Huntsville, the Diocese of Alabama, and the world. It is time to increase our ministry among our children and youth by allocating more resources to this vibrantly growing part of our shared life. Now is the time to be better stewards of our holy buildings by taking proactive care of them through increased capital reserves.

Now is the time for more than 450 of the 850 or so families to give their hearts to God through pledging and yes, even tithing. Now is the time for more of us to change our priorities so that the attachments that get in the way of God will take second seat. Increasing our pledges sacrificially will change those attachments that hinder spiritual health and growth and align our hearts with God's. And we will have an attitude of gratitude.

One steward put it this way: *Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.*

Andy +



CHURCH
OF THE
NATIVITY,
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**SUNDAY
November 6
Schedule**

7:45 a.m.

**Holy Eucharist
Rite I
(Bibb Chapel)**

9:00 a.m.*

Church School

10:00 a.m.*

**Holy Eucharist
Rite II and
Children's
Chapel**

**followed by
PARISH
PICNIC**

PARISH NEWS and EVENTS

Vestry Members Elected During Annual Parish Meeting October 30, 2011

The following will begin 3-year terms on Vestry beginning January 2012:



Robert
Mullins



Ginney
McDonald



Tom
Lydon



Frederick
Lanier



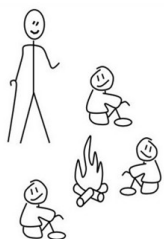
Hannah
Boon



Amy
Brooks

Meals on Wheels Volunteers NEEDED!

The Nativity team delivers meals the third Thursday of every month. This will take you approximately 1 1/2 to 2 hours, arriving at the Senior Center at 10:30 am to pick up the food. You will be given a list of names, a map, and directions on where to go. This is a very rewarding volunteer job. Many of the recipients, who are home-bound, do not see anyone else the entire day. The clients really appreciate a hot meal and a friendly face. Anyone interested, please call Jennie Coe at 256-883-6398.



Krik? Krak!

Nativity Blend Outreach Coffee - to be available in gift bags for your Thanksgiving Travel!

Think Ahead - Who on your gift list needs to receive a wonderful bag of Kaffeeklatsch Nativity Coffee? You may purchase these bags ON-SITE in the Parish Hall beginning Sunday November 20. (Also at the Nativity Bazaar!) Bring your checkbook so that the Haitian Children's Lunch Program will benefit from your purchases. Don't forget a bag for yourself - to top off your pumpkin pie!

HAP Sunday Pantry - THIS WEEK, SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6

Fill their Pantry—remember to bring items for the Needy to make Thanksgiving Dinner for their Families - add pumpkin or apple pie filling. On this celebration day of our church's restoration, BRING YOUR CANNED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH HALL - our bins will be available !

Loops of Love travel to Haiti

On Sunday, October 30, the Prayer Shawl Ministry presented Carmel, the wife of Pere Val, with eight prayer shawls for her return trip to Haiti. The shawls are gifts for the women who cook the weekly Krik? Krak! hot lunches for the village children. This is often the only hot meal the children have each week. We also sent hand-knitted dish cloths that the ladies will use in their school kitchen.

Young Parents Mixers will meet Friday, October 11, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jennifer and Byron Hulsey. Please bring YOYB and an appetizer to share. This is a time of fellowship for parents of young children. We gather monthly in a casual and relaxed way to socialize with new and old friends.

Hulseys' address: 929 Whiting Drive 256-880-5242

The Saints of God

Buried Through The Ministry Of
The Church Of The Nativity Since All Saints' Day 2010

Kelley Campbell Berger

Irene Nolen Clark

Harriett Canterbury Forster

Sylvia Smrdel Garth

Muriel Denby Gazverde

William Richard Hay

Charles Walstein Hill

Charlotte Harper Laxson

Lewis Hall McCurdy, Jr.

Norman Ray Puckett

Virginia "Jackie" Raynes

Kenneth Wallace Reynolds

Joseph Clement Rosswog, Jr.

Alexander Pershing Sloane

Marie Wicks Southworth

Katherine Alan Vowell

William Dayton West

Anna Ruth White

November 6—All Saints' Sunday

5:00 p.m. Nativity Choral Evensong in Nave

Reflections Bible Study* will begin a 4-week study entitled, *Book of Faith Advent Reflections Making All Things New*.

The book includes daily devotions as well as Bible study. The four class dates will be November 3, 10, December 1, and 8. Please let Betsy Ford know ASAP if you can attend and want to have a book ordered for you. (sparksford@knology.net or 256-650-3995) *Young mothers we provide a nursery!

Nativity Holy Land trip in the works! Rector Andy Anderson and Academy Travel will lead a trip to the Holy Land for October 2012. Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, the River Jordan, Caesarea Philippi, the Dead Sea, a night in a kibbutz, Petra in Jordan and more! Details to follow. If interested, please let Linda Wheeler know at e-mail linda.wheeler@nativity-hsv.org, or call the parish office front desk volunteer at 256-533-2455 to get on the list for more information to be mailed to you when available.

A Place Where Everybody Knows Your Name

We've all been there before. The smile, the handshake, and then the blank. You know this person, you just can't seem to remember their name. Then there's the friendly parishioner who warmly greets a newcomer, only to find out they've been members since 1892. Forgetting names can be embarrassing. Sometimes our friendly intentions are stunted by our short memories.

The sitcom Cheers had eleven seasons on television. You can probably hum the familiar tune...

*Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name;
And they're always glad you came
You wanna be where you can see our troubles are all the same;
You wanna be where everybody knows your name*

If this Bostonian bar made people feel so welcome, why not the church? This is the place where we gather not around a Budweiser, but around the body and blood of Christ. But let's face it, Nativity is a big place. On an average Sunday we have nearly five hundred folks come through these doors. It's hard to know five hundred names.

To help make Nativity a warm and welcoming place for all, The Blue Apron Hospitality Guild is encouraging everyone to sign up for a new nametag. In the coming weeks you'll be asked if you'd like a nametag. We've found easy to make, easy to put on, easy to read nametags that you can keep right here at church, and pick up on Sunday morning. No one will force you to wear one, but isn't it better to be in a place where everybody knows your name?

Grace & peace,
Brad+

Interested in Cursillo? It all begins by attending a Cursillo weekend!

The dates for the 2012 Cursillo weekends have been announced. If you are interested in attending a Cursillo weekend and becoming part of the Cursillo community at Nativity, please contact Nativity's Cursillo lay rectors Debbie and David Collette for more information. The dates for the 2012 Cursillo weekends* are:

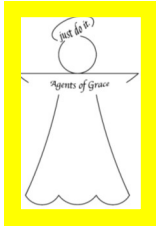
March 8-11 April 12-15 June 7-10 September 6-9 October 11-14

The Nativity Cursillo Community will hold an informational event in January 2012 for those interested in learning more about this incredible experience. Watch the Steeple and Nativity Notes for more information.

**each pilgrim attends only one Cursillo weekend, not all five!*

ORDER YOUR THANKSGIVING TURKEY!

\$45 each add a flavor for \$5 more (all turkeys are 10-12 lbs) Tickets are available in the church office and will be on sale at ECW Bazaar! Orders can be picked up on Wednesday, November 23 between 4 and 6 p.m. Proceeds will benefit The Oscar Mason Center.



Just Do It

The Adult Learning Center has many new clients and we are in desperate need of math tutors. Prior teaching experience is not required. Contact Nancy Saliba at 256-694-1606 to volunteer.

ACOLYTE TRAINING time is here!

All returning AND prospective acolytes 7th-12th grades will meet Sunday, November 20 at 12:30 in Ridley Hall for a piece of pizza, then move to the Sanctuary for training. This should last for about an hour. If you are not able to attend that day, contact the Acolytemasters (below) to arrange for an alternate training time or for any other questions about the training. We are excited to have you all take part in this important ministry at Nativity!

Kathy Woodard: kwoodard01@comcast.net ph# 256-508-4303

Dorrie Nutt: dorrienutt@comcast.net ph#256-533-1128

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE — NOVEMBER 2011

We're finally back into the Sanctuary! We've returned to a regular number of acolytes for each service, *but please note the different service time on the 6th, along with the Presentation of Senior Acolyte Crosses on the 20th*. All seniors, whether scheduled or not, should come that Sunday to receive their cross. Then, we'll have ACOLYTE TRAINING at 12:30 following the service. This is for all present and future acolytes, and should last for about an hour. We'll have some pizza there so we won't get too hungry! If you're not able to come to Training that day, let Mrs. Nutt or Mrs. Woodard know, and we will schedule a make up time for your training. Thanks for bearing with us during this time of renovation!

November 6 **ONE SERVICE ONLY TODAY—10:00 A.M.

C Bird Sherrill, Mary Margaret Ragland
T HB Bryant, Allie Starnes
T Savannah Watson, Jordan Cozby
S Julie DiFranco
AS Karsten Correale
Banners Trace Markwalter, John Laney

November 13

8:45
C Katherine Walker, Noelle Carter
T Robert Walker, Spencer Anglin
T Franklin Aldag, J Anglin
S Carter McDonald
AS SG Moore

11:00
C Rachel Quillen, Shep O'Neal
T Alexander Young, Allison Taylor
T Powell Stockton, Celeste Nelson
S Patrick Quillen
AS Elise Nelson

November 20SENIOR ACOLYTE CROSS PRESENTATION @ 11**

All seniors, scheduled or not, should be present to receive their crosses.

8:45
C Will Ellison, Rosie Chilton
T Emily Ellison, Anna Chilton
T John Chilton, Chase Rodgers
S Sabol Rodgers
AS Tindall Morring

11:00
C Harrison Hunter, P Naumann
T W Hunter, E Moody
T A Dunn, I Braudaway
S R Baugher
AS R Quillen

November 20 ACOLYTE TRAINING for ALL RETURNING AND PROSPECTIVE Acolytes

12:30 Meet us in Ridley for a piece of pizza, then we'll move to the Sanctuary for training.

November 27

8:45
C M Sharp, Cat Kelly
T Meredith Walker, new torch
T Cassidy Bates, new torch
S Travis King
AS Maria Caprio

11:00
C Harrison Hudson, Susan Purvis
T Karl Schneider, new torch
T Stuart Evans, new torch
S Hanly Ward
AS Walker Purvis



WE NEED YOUR BAKED GOODS and FROZEN FOODS! **2011 NATIVITY BAZAAR**

Share your family's favorite frozen food or baked goods with your Nativity Family!

Please e-mail or call Summer McClung to donate to this year's Bazaar. 256-534-5619 summermcclung@bellsouth.net. You can also go to the church website for a link to Summer.

Some of our top-sellers from years past have been:

Homemade rolls Cheese straws
Christmas morning casseroles
Cakes Cookies

If every family donates one item* we can make this year's bazaar the most successful ever!

*NO STORE BOUGHT ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

LET'S MAKE AN EFFORT TO ENSURE WE HAVE THE FUNDS TO MEET THE EVER RISING NEEDS OF THE LESS FORTUNATE FAMILIES AND CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY!

Monetary donations are also accepted and can be mailed to Summer McClung 1216 Tunlaw Rd. Huntsville, AL 35801. (Please make checks payable to Episcopal Church Women)



NATIVITY ANNUAL BAZAAR

Thursday, November 17

Proceeds from ECW Bazaar and Men's Turkey Fry will benefit Village of Promise and The Oscar Mason Center.

The Bazaar begins at 10:30 a.m.

Two Luncheon seatings are offered:
11:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.



Take-out lunches may be picked up between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Sit-down and take-out tickets can be purchased in Ridley Hall Narthex between services each Sunday or you may contact the following to purchase:

- Seatings: Marilyn Grundy 256-533-9546 mtgrundy@yahoo.com
- Take-out: Jennifer Hulseley 256-880-5242 jat.hulseley@yahoo.com or Andrea Bell 256-536-0373 andrea.daly.bell@gmail.com

To volunteer or for more contact information:

- Arts and Crafts Booths: Carol McCrady 334-477-4803 carol.mccrady@yahoo.com
- Bake Sale: Lane Tutt 256-653-7200 or Andrea Vandervoort 256-539-2673
- Beverages: Pamela Briggs 256-882-6363; tlbriggs1@comcast.net
- Clean-up: Emily Rodgers 256-653-9903 emily34@knology.net; or Anne Pollard 256-503-479-5070 appy@comcast.net
- Decoration: Kelli Markwalter 256-882-7878 mwalter@knology.net; Jean Warren 256-551-2464 jwarren202@comcast.net
- Desserts: Ashley Carlton 256-337-4330
- Hostesses: Freya Neely 256-536-9009 wln719@hiwaay.net
- Men's Turkey Fry: Brad Hall 256-520-5818 or Russ Alexander 256-755-7132
- Raffle: Sarah Gessler 256-534-4233
- Runners: Holly Hall 256-534-7224 hhall@knology.net
- Volunteers: Louise Applegate 256-534-9678 apple@knology.net Nancy Gauldin 256-551-9008 nancya@knology.net
- Waitresses: Xan Curran 256-536-9186 xan@comcast.net

Stewardship of Creation Tip for November 2, 2011

For the Birds: Which Seeds Are Best?

AS THE WEATHER TURNS cooler, it's time for backyard birders to start cleaning out feeders and stocking up on supplies for winter feeding. Trying to decide which bird seed to buy? To promote smarter decisions about bird seeds and how to feed wild birds, David Horn, Associate Professor of Ecology at Millikin University, recently established the National Bird-Feeding Society (www.birdfeeding.org).

Many of the group's recommendations will be based on Project Wildbird, a 2005–2008 study led by Horn in which several thousand volunteers contributed observations from their backyard feeders. Among the study's results are that black oil sunflower, white proso millet, nyjer (thistle) seed and sunflower chips are the most highly sought after seeds (see www.projectwildbird.org).

To stay healthy, birds must consume a mix of fats, proteins, carbohydrates and various vitamins and minerals to fuel a metabolism that can require up to a whopping 10,000 calories a day (equivalent to a human consuming 155,000 calories). A bird's inner furnace burns especially hot during flight and the breeding season and on the coldest days, which means the animals must make highly efficient choices about what they eat.

A backyard feeder is an especially efficient place to forage because it mimics what scientists call a "resource patch," a cluster of food much like a fruit-laden apple tree. But although a feeder offers an abundance of food, evolutionary pressures encourage birds to continuously sample a wide variety of foods because any bird that becomes dependent on a single patch or type of food will perish if it runs out.

This means you don't have to worry that birds will become overly dependent on your feeder. Indeed, in a

classic study of black-capped chickadees, ecologist Margaret Clark Brittingham of the University of Wisconsin found that even when they have access to unlimited feeder food, these voracious seedeaters obtain 79 percent of their daily energy needs from a variety of wild sources. Birds are remarkably proficient at assessing potential food items for nutritional content and quality. If you watch your feeder closely, you may observe the animals lightly rattling individual seeds in their bills to weigh and taste them before deciding whether to drop them to the ground or eat them. Low-quality foods are discarded and a consistently low-quality food patch may be avoided for a while—a behavior called "neophobia" that explains why birds learn to avoid your feeder if you put out old, moldy or inedible seeds.

At the University of California–Davis, animal nutrition expert Kirk Klasing is studying how birds taste and assess the nutritional profiles of foods. He recently discovered that the animals

"mostly taste umami," referring to the Japanese term for one of the five basic tastes, in this case a taste for protein. This benefits birds, says Klasing, because seeds high in protein are nearly always high in fat, and fat provides the energy boost that gets a bird through cold winter nights or the energetically demanding needs of flight. It's possible that birds may taste the fat content of seeds as well.

Whichever seeds you buy, **a growing body of evidence shows that backyard feeding helps wild birds—the animals' growth rates, survival rates, breeding success and clutch sizes all improve markedly when they have access to feeders. Putting out high-quality seeds, bought as fresh as possible and stored in a dry clean place, seems to offer seed-eating birds the best of all worlds: highly nutritious food that is also easily processed.** And in the depths of winter, when a bird's food needs may increase up to 20-fold, *that is nothing to turn your beak up at.*

Parish Financial Report Period Ending 09/30/2011

	CURRENT MONTH	BUDGET for PERIOD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
Pledges Received	\$ 96,241.30	\$ 99,620.88	\$ 800,344.81	\$ 896,588.24
Plate	\$ 5,670.17	\$ 4,610.38	\$ 41,270.40	\$ 41,493.74
Other Revenues	\$ 911.88	\$ 9,169.74	\$ 73,554.72	\$ 82,527.02
TOTAL	\$ 102,823.35	\$ 113,401.00	\$ 915,169.93	\$ 1,020,609.00
Diocesan, School of Theology, & Outreach	\$ 21,835.79	\$ 21,541.74	\$ 151,447.65	\$ 193,875.78
Personnel	\$ 59,447.34	\$ 62,558.33	\$ 564,834.75	\$ 563,025.01
Other Expenses	\$ 29,832.67	\$ 29,293.73	\$ 228,802.81	\$ 263,643.81
TOTAL	\$ 111,115.80	\$ 113,393.80	\$ 945,085.21	\$ 1,020,544.60
NET	\$ (8,292.45)	\$ 7.20	\$ (29,915.28)	\$ 64.40

Nativity Stewardship Schedule

Thursday, November 3
THANKSforGIVING Celebration

November 7
Stewardship materials arrive in parishioner's homes

November 7-12
Consider God's blessings to you, pray about your gift back to Him

Sunday, November 13
Commitment Sunday—bring your completed pledge card to church

Sunday, November 20
Second opportunity to bring in your pledge card

A note from Dave Drachlis, Diocese of Alabama

Here is some stream-of-consciousness that you may -- or may not -- find helpful:

The diocese of Alabama is completing the fifth year of its companion relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti. In 2006, Haiti's Bishop Zache Duracin asked the diocese to focus its relationship with St. Simeon Parish served by Father Peirre-Henry Fritz Valdemar (Pere Val) and his wife Carmel who is a Haitian public health nurse. The parish is actually comprised of four geographically separate Episcopal churches. They are St. Simeon Church and school in Croix des Bouquets, St. Marc's Church and school in Lilavois, St. Michel's Church and school in Thomazeau, and St. Alban's Church and school in remote mountainous region of Crochu.

The Church of the Nativity has been instrumental with the diocese ministry in Haiti from the beginning. Among the many ministries supported by Nativity, the church has helped fund Lespwa Timoun, a program (operated by Carmel) for seriously malnourished children in the communities surrounding their churches; responded by staffing and helping fund the first medical team from the diocese to respond within weeks of the devastating 2010 earthquake; provided emergency funding to help keep teachers on staff and reopen schools following the quake; and is supporting the Krik? Krak! Program to provide nourishing lunches for school children at the Episcopal school in the impoverished Crochu community.

Dave

3rd Annual Nativity Women's Retreat at St. Mary's, Sewanee, TN

Reservations are being accepted with a deadline of November 30
(forms available from Lane Tutt or church office)

Retreat Dates: Friday, February 24—Saturday morning February 25th.

Retreat Cost: \$120.00 per person- includes all meals and accommodations.

Youth News

Our fall schedule has been crazy busy and we're only partially in to the season!

■ **This Sunday** we'll meet at our normal times (5:00 for junior high, 6:30 for senior high) and

■ **Next Sunday** we'll meet up at the Ellison's house for our youth bonfire and overall awesome time. We'll meet at their house at 5:30 (and parents are welcome, too!) for the s'more making, apple cider drinking festivities to begin! For directions or more information, please email me.

■ **Our next confirmation meeting will be November 13th** in the EYC Room directly after the 11:00 service. This meeting is for all youth and parents interested in participating in confirmation beginning in January. We'll go over the dates and information for the year. If you cannot make the meeting, let me know and we'll work it out.

■ **BIG NEWS!! Our 2nd Annual Secular & Sacred Christmas trip is coming up** and I want you to join us! Last year was the launch of the awesome experience and this year should be no different.

■ We are leaving Friday, December 2nd after school and we'll be back on December 4th in the evening.

■ We'll get to go to Nashville on that Friday and spend some time enjoying all the cheesy silliness that goes on leading up to Christmas and then

■ head over to Sewanee Saturday afternoon to enjoy the beauty of Sewanee.

■ We'll round out the weekend attending Sunday's Lessons & Carols service, reminding ourselves that Christmas is not just about the cheesy silly stuff that goes on, but about the birth of Christ and the joy that surrounds that beautiful event.

■ The cost is \$150 and is due no later than **November 21st**. If you're interested in attending, please let me know. The more the merrier!

■ **Don't forget that our Youth Wednesday Night Dinner (and a movie!) is every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.** in the EYC Room AND

■ **EYC (youth group) is every Sunday night.** The junior high group (grade 6-8) meets at 5:00, dinner with both groups at 6:00, and senior high (grades 9-12) from 6:30 to 7:30/8. I'd love to see you!

■ **And if you haven't joined our Facebook group yet**, go make that happen! Search "Nativity EYC" and you'll find out page that is always updated with reminders, prayer requests, and the occasional "Hello."

■ **Youth Mission Trip?** Plans are underway for a summer domestic mission project. Details later!

For more information, or to just chat, say hi, however the Spirit moves you, call, email, or visit our website at www.nativityyouth.org.

Peace!
Liz

Capital Campaign Implementation Work Almost Complete....

We return to our beautifully restored and renovated church this Sunday. Thanks be to God! Thanks be to God for the leadership of our Capital Campaign Implementation Board, chaired by Loch Neely, and for the time Loch and so many others, especially Skipper Colin, have given to this mammoth work. Thanks to you for your generosity in making the gifts available to support this work, but especially for your patience and congeniality and faith as we have worshipped together with heart and voice in the parish hall. Thanks also to the many who came by and helped us clean and move in. Please note that although we have returned to the church, there are some details yet to be completed (i.e. art work, plaques, sconces to be hung, etc). These things will continue to be a work in progress over the next few weeks. But we are in the church. Alleluia!

INTERCESSION REQUESTS

We pray for those who are ill or recovering:

Vannah Husband, Sarah Edwards, Charles Warren II, Jack Wilson, Jib McClain, Al Bryan, Barbara Chapman, Donald Perry, Anita Johnson, Ernie Limbo, Bill Marsh, Linda Alt, Edna Warren, Angel Colin, Charlie Lyle, Hap Welch, Julie Kirk, Chris Rodgers, Genie Adams, Steve Likos, Eileen Sullivan, Nancy Lackey, Nativity's Tornado Family, Leigh Wahl, Billy Johnston, Sr., Elsie Olsen, Scott Shelton, Joy Gass, Sara Welch, Emile Joffrion, 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 The Gambia, West Africa: Marisa Benzle

We pray for the departed: B. W. Dortch, father of Jeffrey Dortch

We pray for parishioners attending Happening 59 this weekend: Harrison Hudson, Chase Rodgers, Sabol Rodgers, and Hanly Ward.

We give thanks for the birth of a child: Piper Louise Smith, daughter of Megan and Brandon Smith, born October 28.

We give thanks for the birthdays of our children:

11/4	Neill Luther
11/7	Anne Wilson, Caroline Knight, Bailey Benton
11/8	Zoe Church
11/9	Jackson Knight
11/10	Maura Berman, Caroline Hornsby, Sarah Hornsby, Morgan Watkins, Steuart Evans
11/11	Ellie Webber
11/13	Ruby Haymes
11/14	Walker Purvis
11/15	Evans Bryant, Peyton Mickle
11/16	James Drenning



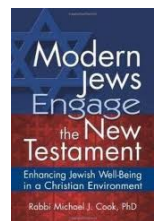
Please join us as we learn together from the author of
Modern Jews Engage the New Testament.

Dr. Michael Cook

December 4, 7:00

Discussion will be

"Painting Judas at the Last Supper: Renaissance Images of the Jews?"



Co-sponsored by: Temple B'nai Sholom & Church the Nativity, Episcopal Reconciliation Ministries this event will take place at Temple B'nai Sholom located at 103 Lincoln St. Please call the Temple Office for questions or to RSVP 256-536-4771 or contact Brad Landry at Nativity 256-533-2455.

Saint Thomas Episcopal Church 18th Annual LOBSTERFEST

Saturday November 12th from 10 am - 6 pm

Orders can be made by calling (256) 880-0248 or forms available at www.stthomashuntsville.org
100% of proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity, First Stop, and International Medical Missions

STEEPLE SCHEDULE

The Steeple is published each
1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

To submit events or articles,
you may bring them to Linda
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email:

linda.wheeler@nativity-hsv.org

The deadline for the next issue is
Monday noon, Nov. 14, 2011

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Associate

The Rev'd Brad Landry
Associate

The Rev'd Mary E. Groff
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Elizabeth Foster
Children's Formation

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Audrey Clayton
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John Buyse
Property Manager

Al Ford
Sexton

Sally Stockton
Kitchen Coordinator

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Prentice White

Verger/Wedding Coordinator

Vestry
Bland Warren

Senior Warden

Pat Goodson

Junior Warden

Russ Alexander
Treasurer

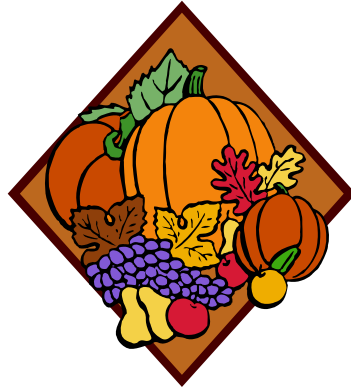
Donna Joffrion
Clerk

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.



Novemberfest!

TOP OF THE HILL GANG LUNCHEON

November 8 11:30

*Reservations to church office by
Monday, November 7.*

**NOVEMBER 6 ~ ALL SAINTS' DAY
RALLY DAY ~ PARISH PICNIC ~ Evensong**

7:45 a.m. Rite I in Bibb Chapel

9:00 a.m. Church School* for all ages

10:00 a.m. Rite II and Children's Chapel
*Everyone will gather in Ridley Hall to process
to the refurbished Church Nave*

Parish Picnic will follow 10:00 joint worship.

*Please bring your side dish to Ridley where the
serving tables are set-up.*

Tables and chairs will be set-up on church lawn.

*Children there will be an inflatable slide and kid
friendly desserts in the playground area.*

5:00 p.m. Nativity Choral Evensong