

THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

April 18, 2012

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.

Easter's Promise and Demand

*Not, I'll not, carrion comfort, Despair, feast on thee;
Not untwist—slack they may be—these last strands of man
in me 'or, most weary, cry I can no more. I can,
can something, hope, wish day come, not choose not to be.*

From "Carrion Comfort" by Gerard Manly Hopkins

Easter assures us that we cannot choose "not to be." Christ overcomes death and loss, despair and fear—especially our fear of death—taking us by the hand and raising us with him to life that eternally springs forth hope. We are set free from sins' limitations and reconciled with God so we can in turn be reconciled with each other. Resurrection power is unleashed for our own lives, and for the whole world, too.

After our glorious Easter celebrations, when the crowds have dissipated, all the chocolate candy reduced to a few foil wrappings in the drawer, and the lilies limp, Hopkins powerful words keep me standing and shouting Easter alleluias. For even though I know *Christ is risen from the dead*, the world can sometimes look more like Good Friday than Easter. Good Friday is so poignant because it is so devastatingly true. The world still chooses darkness over light. Terrorism, nuclear build-ups, genocide, economic disparities, and other selfish choices of people against people make the world seem dark indeed.

And in our own lives, pain and suffering and loss continue to be our companions in a world created in freedom, but that does not always unfold the way God has purposed. And so sometimes, our lives seem stuck on Good Friday.

The light of Easter, piercing the thick darkness that covers our world, is sending a message of hope. The great preacher William Sloane Coffin wrote that Easter is a "Yes, but" kind of message. "Yes, fear and self-righteousness, indifference and sin kill; **but** love never dies, not with God and not even with us." Easter says that all the tenderness and love which on Good Friday we saw scourged and nailed to a cross, all that goodness and beauty, are alive and always with us—no faded memory, but an undying presence in the life of everyone. Christ's resurrection assures us of our own resurrection. "Christ is risen to convert us, not from life to something more than life, but from something less than life to the possibility of full life itself."

Easter is our conversion from loveless power to selfless love. Coffin went on to write, "Easter represents a demand as well as a promise. A demand that we pledge our loyalty to the risen one. Our loyalties and our hope are found in the God who defeats the power of crucifixion and raises us to life lived in the promise that God's love prevails. Our Lenten journey is not so much a preparation for the joy of Easter Day, as it is a preparation for the hope and joy of living as Easter people, 365 days a year (366 days this year!).

Nativity is a community of Easter hope; a community that is being converted to deeper levels of living into the promise and demand of Easter. I see this in people's lives and in our corporate life in the ministry we offer to the world. In countless ways, we are saying "I can, can something, hope, wish day come, not choose not to be." And choosing Resurrection life, we give each other and the world the message that we don't have to remain stuck on Good Friday.

Easter Day has come and gone. But Easter's promise is always with us. Alleluia. Christ is risen. Alleluia. We are risen with him!

Andy +



CHURCH
OF THE
NATIVITY,
EPISCOPAL

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WORSHIP TIMES

(* Nursery available)

7:45 a.m. Rite I
Holy Eucharist
(Bibb Chapel)

8:45 a.m.* Rite II
Holy Eucharist and
Children's Chapel

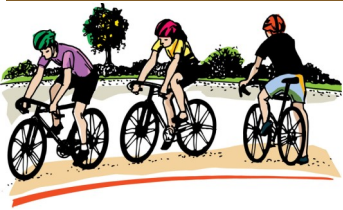
11:00 a.m.* Rite II
Holy Eucharist

Church School
10:00 a.m.*

THURSDAY:

6:00 p.m.
Holy Eucharist
Rite II
(Bibb Chapel)

PARISH NEWS and EVENTS



Walk or Bike to Church

Care of Creation Sunday at Nativity

On April 22nd all Nativity members who are able are encouraged to walk or bike to church. Casual dress is encouraged. Nativity will be observing Care of Creation Sunday by having a "paperless" Sunday. The children will have regularly scheduled Sunday School with an emphasis on taking care of our Earth.

Chalice Bearer Training

On Sunday, April 22nd following the 11:00 service, Fr. Anderson will conduct training for those interested in becoming a Chalice Bearer for Eucharistic services at Nativity. To register, contact Connie in the church office at 256-533-2455 or cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org.



Do you
enjoy watching
the birds
in your own backyard?

Do you enjoy watching the birds in your own backyard?

Would you like to know more about them?

If so, come to the next Top of the Hill Gang luncheon and hear Patti Donnellan, Park Naturalist at Lake Guntersville State Park. Her program – ***Backyard Birds*** – is one of the Park's most popular events. She will bring slides to illustrate the beauty of the birds in Alabama and help us learn to identify them.

Date: Tuesday, April 24, 2012.

Cost: \$8.00

Time: 11:30 for appetizers and social time, 12:00 noon for lunch, and 12:30 for Patti.

Make your reservation by Monday, April 23, at noon by calling the Nativity office, 256-533-2455.

Please join The Vine for a silent art auction at their Branches of Art event on Thursday, May 10, 2012, from 5:30—8:30 p.m. at the Botanical Gardens. Items for auction include jewelry, pottery, paintings, photography, sculptures, needlework, etc. Tickets are \$40.00 a person. The Vine makes pastoral counseling a possibility for ALL, bringing emotional healing with the love and grace of Christ. Please contact Helen Vaughn or The Vine at (256) 461-8580 to RSVP.

A Special thanks for Nativity Front Desk Volunteers

During the weeks prior to Easter our volunteers were kept busy, not only with the normal duties of the front desk, but with a task to assist the Children's Ministry. They stuffed 1500 plastic eggs with treats so that every child who participated could fill his or her basket! Thanks for a job well done!

Reservations continue and open to public for October Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Rector Andy Anderson and Academy Travel will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land October 12 – October 27, 2012. The cost is \$4521.00 per person including airfare departure Friday morning from Huntsville and returning to Huntsville Saturday afternoon. (Does not include airline fuel surcharge and taxes.) Deposit at time of application is \$500.00 (fully refundable until airline reduction date.) Final payment is due 45 days prior to departure. If interested, please [send a note to Linda Wheeler](#) or call 256-533-2455 and the information will be mailed to you. Click for [registration form](#), [pricing](#), and [itinerary](#). *Note: All registrations and deposits should go directly to Academy Travel, not to Nativity.*

Procedure for using Nativity's Tablecloths:

Please remember that the Nativity tablecloths are stored on hangers in Al Ford's office, located downstairs next to the WoRM. The tablecloths are to be used for church use only. They must be checked out by using the form on the rack. If you use them; you are to launder/dry clean them, return them clean and on hangers, hung on the rack by size. Thank you!

"MAY I Help You?"

Each Spring Nativity Outreach does an Ingathering responding to a community need. We do this before summer vacations so that everyone can participate.

This May we have been asked by the *Sawyerville Day Camps* to provide beach towels as we did in 2010. The towels are used by underprivileged children for trips to a swimming pool during the weekly sessions. They LOVED what we sent last time and each child was given a towel as a gift. This year we need MORE because of the increased number of campers.



Beginning May 6, please bring 1 or 2 NEW Large Beach Towels—**STRIPE or SOLID COLOR TOWELS ONLY**
NO cartoons or theme towels!

There will be large cartons for the collection in Ridley Hall every Sunday. We need a minimum of 115 to make all the kids happy! Choose a towel that would make YOU smile!

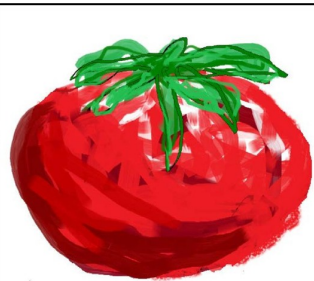
Youth News April 17

ATTENTION ALL GRADUATING SENIORS!!!! We will gather together after the 11:00 service on April 29 for lunch (place TBD) and to talk about Children & Youth Sunday. If you are able to attend, please let me know. And speaking of Children & Youth Sunday, if you would like to participate, please tell me! I'll need all kinds of help that Sunday, and I've love to see all of you participate.

We will **NOT have EYC on April 22 (remember to walk or bike to morning services!)** because I will be out of town for a conference. **We will pick back up on April 29.**

TO ALL YOUTH CONFIRMANDS - Don't forget that we will participate in **Serving the City on April 21 at Lakewood Elementary**. And we need as many parents and mentors to help out as possible. If you're able to be there, please let me know. **We will also have our end of confirmation weekend May 4-6, with our dinner on Friday the 4.** Please let me know if there are any dietary restrictions and if you will be attending.

See y'all soon! Liz



the
**Greene
Street
Market**
at Nativity

Farmers' Market

every Thursday 4pm – 8pm

May 3 – October 25



Habitat House News

Habitat of Madison County celebrates 25th Anniversay

In honor of this celebration a reception and dinner will be held Thursday, May 3 at the Von Braun Center. Reception begins at 5:30 p.m. Dinner and program will being at 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$75 per person; \$125 per couple. For more information contact Bill Giardini.

April/May Work Schedule for 6330 Banks Road:

- April 24, 26, 28 Install and paint interior doors and trim, install cabinets and electrical fixtures.
- May 1, 3, 5 Install closet hardware, window blinds, storm doors, bathroom accessories
- May 8, 10, 12 Catch up work, touch up paint, clean & wax floors
- May 15, 17, 19 Work punch list, DEDICATION CEREMONY Saturday, May 12th

Regular working hours are from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM with a break for lunch around noon. *Lunches are provided on Saturdays only.* Bring carpentry tools, a utility knife, and gloves if you have them.

If you would like to volunteer contact Bill Giardini 539-0973, giardiniw@bellsouth.net

CHILDREN'S NOOK



Christmas
in July

Save the date for a very special Vacation Bible School !
JULY 10, 11, 12! We will be celebrating Christmas.

That's right CHRISTMAS! We will be doing "Christmas in July" with an emphasis on "Giving ourselves as gifts".

Children ages 4 through 6th grade are invited to participate. We will learn about Jesus' birth, do outreach projects, have a pajama party, and much more. For more information contact Elizabeth Foster at 533-2455 or elizabethfoster1704@yahoo.com



Nativity's 8th Annual Parish Weekend
"We Are Family" April 27-29, 2012
@ Wonderful, Wonderful Camp McDowell

Registration for Parish Weekend is now open! Please complete the form below and return it with payment (checks payable to Church of the Nativity annotated *Parish Weekend*) to:

**Church of the Nativity, ATTN: PARISH WEEKEND, 208 Eustis Avenue,
Huntsville, AL 35801.**

Sign up early and get your choice of lodging location!
Registration Information

Family Name _____

E-mail _____

Phone number (s) _____

Names & Ages of ALL family members attending:

Cabin Choice _____

Cost of Parish Weekend

• Lodging \$160 x _____ rooms = \$ _____

• Child care while parents attend Seminar \$5 per family \$ _____

• Meals (*children 6 and under eat free*) Includes Fri. dinner/Sat. breakfast-lunch-dinner/Sun. breakfast
people _____ x \$45 = \$ _____

• Mandatory Activity Fee per family (for Camp McDowell Staff) **\$ 20.00**

• T-shirts \$15 x _____ = \$ _____

Sizes: (please put quantity in spaces)

Adult: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL _____ Youth: S _____ M _____ L _____

• Poncho (one size fits all) \$15 x _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL= \$ _____

Questions? Call Kelley Copeland 534-6766 or Kim Huskey 656-2648

DINING WITH FRIENDS @ NATIVITY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 11



Please join us for food, fellowship and friends at Nativity's annual "Dining with Friends" dinner in support of the AIDS Action Coalition. Over the last few years, Nativity's DWF dinner has become the most successful party to support the unbelievable work of the AAC – that success is because of supporters like you. This year's dinner is scheduled for Friday, May 11th with the silent auction opening at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00. The \$50 per person (\$100 per couple) ticket includes not only your dinner at Nativity but also admittance to AAC's fantastic dessert reception the following weekend – Saturday, May 19th at Hudson Alpha's grand Jackson Center. Ticket sales are

tax deductible and 100% of proceeds from ticket sales and auction purchases go to support the amazing care offered by the AAC – more than 500 clients will benefit from your generosity.

To reserve seating at our annual dinner and receive a ticket to the dessert reception, please send \$50 per person (checks made payable to "AIDS Action Coalition" by May 5th, to this year's Dining with Friends Chairman, at:

J. Chris Wesley
906 Wellman Ave NE
Huntsville, AL 35801-3636

For reservation confirmation, include an email address or telephone number with your payment. Direct all dinner-related questions to Chris Wesley at the address above (or by email at chris@jcwesley.com, or by phone at 256.656.8308).

If you're unable to attend the dinner but are interested in supporting this wonderful agency, any donation would be greatly appreciated and can be made out directly to the "AIDS Action Coalition". Those tax-deductible donations can be mailed to the address above and I will personally deliver your contribution to the agency.

The mission of the AIDS Action Coalition is to STOP the spread of HIV & AIDS in the 12 counties of North Alabama and CARE for people and families living with the disease. Please join us in helping them further their mission.

Thank you,
J. Chris Wesley
Nativity's "Dining with Friends" 2012 Chairman



FINANCIAL CORNER

Pledge report 3/18/ 2012

\$1,000 or <	135
\$1,001 - \$2,999.99	158
\$3,000 - \$4,999.99	80
\$5,000 - \$9,999.99	46
\$10,000 - \$14,999.99	10
\$15,000 - \$24,999.99	7
\$25,000 - \$39,999.99	3
\$40,000 or >	<u>1</u>
Total Number of Pledges	440

Total Dollar Amount \$1,299,126.32

Average Pledge \$ 2,952.56

The Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center

in Cullman and Contemplative Outreach,
Birmingham are sponsoring an Intensive

Centering Prayer retreat to be held in Cullman, Alabama April 27-29.

This retreat, designed for those who have already attended an introductory retreat or workshop, will focus on developing further the discipline of Centering Prayer, a form of Christian prayer rooted in the ancient Christian contemplative tradition. The cost for the weekend is \$195/person for a private room and includes lodging, meals, and linens. For more information or to register, please contact the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center at (256) 734-8302 or by e-mail at retreats@shmon.org.

Easter for Haiti YouTube Video

In February Fr Brad Landry and other Nativity Young Adult Ministry traveled with members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church to Haiti. Steven Lefebvre, Youth & Young Adults Minister at St. Paul's in Murfreesboro, TN put together a stellar video highlighting the project between Nativity/St. Mary's/St. Paul's and the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti. The YouTube video ***Easter for Haiti*** is available via www.nativity-hsv.org.

Dave Ramsey's

Financial Peace
UNIVERSITY **Coming to Nativity...**

**What would your life look like if you had NO DEBT
and were really IN CONTROL of your money?
Are you ready to take the first step?**

To learn more join Lane and Drew Tutt as they introduce "Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University" on Sunday, May 6th 10:00, Ridley Hall.

Dave Ramsey, a personal money management expert, is an extremely popular national radio personality and author of the New York Times best sellers THE TOTAL MONEY MAKEOVER, FINANCIAL PEACE, and MORE THAN ENOUGH.

The 10 week class will begin Tuesday, June 5th at 6:00 p.m.

For more information contact Lane Tutt: ltutt@nativity-hsv.org or call 256-533-2455

Care of Creation Tip submitted by Minda Alexander, April 18, 2012

Fairtrade Products – Helping the Earth and her People!!!

Fairtrade is an alternative approach to conventional trade and is based on a partnership between producers and consumers. **Fairtrade** offers producers a better deal and improved terms of trade. This allows them the opportunity to improve their lives and plan for their future. **Fairtrade** offers consumers a powerful way to reduce poverty through their every day shopping.



When a product carries the [FAIRTRADE Mark](#) it means the producers and traders have met Fairtrade Standards. The [Standards](#) are designed to address the imbalance of power in trading relationships, unstable markets and the injustices of conventional trade.

Fairtrade Encourages Organic Farming Principles

Organic food is generally produced using ecologically integrated practices without use of synthetic chemicals, genetically engineered materials, sewage sludge or irradiation. Chemically dependent agriculture harms the environment and puts human health at risk.

Pesticide or fertilizer laden runoff from farmlands washes into rivers, lakes, and streams, contaminating waterways, and destroying habitat. Many pesticides are also toxic to health, and have been linked to respiratory problems, neurological disorders such as Parkinson's disease, cancer and reproductive problems. Every year, farm workers and people living near conventional farms suffer from poisonings and serious health effects from pesticide spraying.

By supporting organic agriculture, we reward farmers who have made significant efforts to eliminate the need for harmful chemicals.



TRY SOME FAIRTRADE ORGANIC COFFEE AND TREATS*
DURING CARE OF CREATION SUNDAY: APRIL 22nd!!!
BE SURE TO WALK OR RIDE YOUR BIKE TO CHURCH.

*Offered by the Care of Creation Committee during Coffee Hour in Ridley Hall.

WORSHIP NOTES FOR THE GREAT 50 DAYS OF EASTER

During Eastertide, from Easter Day through Pentecost, our worship takes on an even more joyful resonance than other Sundays during the Liturgical Year. More alleluias are said and sung; the hymns continue to reflect the Easter themes, and people are encouraged to stand for the prayers instead of kneeling (entirely optional).

We use Eucharistic Prayer B that expresses our Easter conviction that "In him (the Risen Christ) God has delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before God. In Christ, God has brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life." Living into the reality of resurrection life won for us at Easter, we do not say the confession of sin in our corporate worship. This does not mean that we are sinless and should not confess our sins privately (or to a priest when necessary). Easter is a reversal of the penitence and focus on the cross during Lent. Symbolically, just as Lent is more penitential, Easter is markedly more joyful! Alleluia. Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

INTERCESSION REQUESTS and THANKSGIVING

We pray for those who are ill or recovering:

Tom Robinson, Hal Harvey, Ann Smith, Guy Rankin, Ann Garnett, Beth Durnya, Benjamin & Henry Baldwin, Margaret Smitherman, Joe Franklin, Madison Beggs, Ernie Limbo, Leigh Wahl, Bill Marsh, Joy Cass, Emile Joffrion, Eileen Sullivan, John, Nancy Kelly.

We pray for the departed:

Traudel von Spakovsky, parishioner
Jimmy Hill, brother of George Hill

We give thanks for the birth of a child:

Foster Bayne Fleming, son of Patrick & Elizabeth Fleming; grandson of Phil & Kathleen Dotts and Jim & Sally Fleming

We pray for those in Military & Peace Corps:

Kuwait: Spencer Colin;
Afghanistan: Lane Sampson-Jackson, Blake Lane
The Gambia, W Africa: Marisa Benzle

We give thanks for birthdays of our children:

4/22 Lily Cantey, Sellers Rawson
4/27 Jackson Anglin
4/29 Harrison Whitehead
4/30 Thomas Aldag
5/1 Sydney Suggs, Ian Braudaway
5/2 Rachel McCoy
5/3 Stella Allbritton
5/6 Sam Kobler, Tripp Ford
5/7 Christopher Laney

ALTAR FLOWERS 2012 DEDICATION FORM

If you are interested in dedicating **Altar flowers for a specific Sunday in 2012**, please complete and mail this form with your check made out to "Flower Guild" and mail to: Andrea Vandervoort, 434 Locust Ave. Huntsville, AL 35801. If you have questions, you may call Andrea at 539-2673. Altar Flowers are \$40 or \$20 for shared dedications.

Dates Available: October 21 and November 11

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION, THANK YOU.

Date desired _____

Your Name _____

Phone # _____ Would you share a dedication? _____

Do you wish to have your name listed in the bulletin? _____

All dedications read "To the glory of God and...*in loving memory of* or *in thanksgiving for* or *in celebration of*..."

Please be specific by underlining or circling your desired dedication above:

Name for this altar flower dedication: _____

WORSHIP SCHEDULE May 2012, published 4/18/12

WEDNESDAY, May 2, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 noon	Anderson	Cheryl Watts	

THURSDAY, May 3, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	
6:00 PM	Landry		

SUNDAY, May 6, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 AM	Anderson	Anderson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson
8:45 AM	Akin	Anderson	Merrilee Allen, Minda Alexander	Lee Hicklen, Lane Mickle	Virginia Kobler
11:00 AM	Landry	Anderson	Rob Cozby, Peter Cobun	Ronnie Rogers, Sally Ann Culver	RuthAnn Haymes

WEDNESDAY, May 9, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 PM	Akin	Don Askins	

THURSDAY, May 10, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	
6:00 PM	Landry		

SUNDAY, May 13, Sixth Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day Children & Youth Sunday

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 AM	Landry	Youth	John Hendricks	John Hendricks	John Hendricks
8:45 AM	Landry	Youth	Pearline Gilpin, Cheryl Watts	Meredith Walker, Bankston Creech	Club 56
11:00 AM	Anderson	Youth	Walter Thames, Don Askins	Youth	Youth

WEDNESDAY, May 16, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 PM	Landry	Mary Hendricks	

THURSDAY, May 17, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	
6:00 PM	Anderson		

SUNDAY, May 20, Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day

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	Charlie Warren, Robert Dunn	Stacy Moon, Buddy Moon	Shirley Hale
11:00 AM	Landry	Anderson	Marilyn Lands, Ed Vaughn	Pamela Briggs, Ted Briggs	Lee Hicklen

WEDNESDAY, May 23, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 PM	Landry	Marilyn Lands	

THURSDAY, May 24, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	
6:00 PM	Akin		

SUNDAY, May 27, The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

Summer Schedule begins

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Anderson-out)	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	Landry	Landry	Warren Vann, Bob Serio	Ed Greene	Clay Sherrill
10:00 am	Akin	Landry	Lea Ellison, Roy Gowman, Ronnie Rogers	Lee Hicklen	Deborah Baker

WEDNESDAY, May 30, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 PM	Akin	Cheryl Watts	

THURSDAY, May 31, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	
6:00 PM	Anderson		

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8:45/8:00	Bill Starnes, Clay Sherrill, Allen Daniels, Bob Hale, Ward Wilson, Andy Kelly, Hall Bryant, Pat Sampson
11:00/10:00	

ALTAR GUILD

5	Laura Innes, Beth Pugh, Wanda Cob, Nancy Colin, Emily Moody, Mary Johnson
12	Sara Little, Judy Heacock, Linda Watts, Flo Stockton, Marcia Machek
19	Lea Ann Barnett, Caffey Litkenhous, Alice Lanier, Sue Johnson, Elaine Calhoun
26	Judy Vann, Jewell Reynolds, Renee Elliott, Kakki Brooks, Mary Johnson

CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE

April 29- May 6	May 7 – 13	May 14 – 20	May 21 – 27	May 28 – June 3
Landry	Anderson	Akin	Landry	Akin/Anderson



Music for Nativity presents Organist David Enlow

Julliard School of Music faculty
Winner of numerous national prizes in organ performance

**Friday, April 27th
7:30 p.m.**

Performing works by Bach, Mozart, Vierne and more

[HAP Sunday, May 6](#)

As we enter into the summer months, please remember school children will not be eating breakfast nor lunch at school. As you shop think of foods easily prepared such as
Breakfast bars, Crackers, Peanut Butter, Jelly,
Beanie Wienies, Canned Pastas (spaghetti, ravioli, etc.)

[NATIVITY BAPTISM SCHEDULE](#)

- Sunday, May 27, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.*
- Sunday, June 10, 10:00 a.m.*

To schedule a baptism please contact Connie Gadowski, Ministry Assistant in the church office at 256-533-2455. She will get the necessary paperwork to you.

[SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL continues during May](#)

[ADULTS](#)

Seeker's Class meets in Bibb Chapel

The Zimmerman Bible Class meets in Library

The Spirituality of One's Own Calling will meet in Ridley Hall

Book Class meets in Joffrion 2 West

A New Kind of Christianity: Ten Questions that are Transforming Faith by Brian McLaren

[YOUTH](#)

9th—12th Graders meet 3rd floor Joffrion Hall in EYC room

7th—8th Graders meet *beginning January 15th* 2nd floor Ridley Hall

5th—6th Graders (CLUB 56) meet 2nd floor Ridley Hall

[CHILDREN](#)

Nursery (ages 12 weeks—4 years) 1st floor Joffrion Hall

Godly Play (ages 3 and 4) Angle Lane (downstairs Ridley Hall)

WoRM (ages kindergartners through 4th graders) Angle Lane (downstairs Ridley Hall)

[LOOKING FOR A WEEKDAY/EVENING STUDY GROUP?](#)

Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesday 7:15 a.m. (Library)

The Good Book Women's Bible Study

Wednesday 1:00 p.m. (Library)

Reflections Bible Study (nursery available)

Thursday 9:15 a.m. (Joffrion 2 East)

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, April 30.

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 Jeannie Robison
Deacon

Suzanne Purtee
Organist/Choirmaster

Lane Tutt
Adult Christian Formation

Liz Williams
Youth Minister

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 Gadomski
Worship & Ministry Assistant

Linda Wheeler
Assistant to the Rector
Communication/Publication Admin

Prentice White
Verger/Wedding Coordinator

Vestry
Pat Goodson

Senior Warden

Russ Alexander
Junior Warden

Frederick Lanier
Treasurer

Hannah Boon
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

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