

THE STEEPLE



CHURCH
OF THE
NATIVITY,
EPISCOPAL

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SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES SUNDAY

(* Nursery available)

8:00 a.m. Rite I
Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m.* Rite II
Holy Eucharist
Children's Chapel

WEDNESDAY

12:00 noon
Holy Eucharist &
Healing
(Bibb Chapel)

THURSDAY

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

The Church of the Nativity

July 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.

General Convention, Jesus, John the Baptist and Herod

Excerpts from Andy Anderson's Homily on July 15

The legislative process at The Episcopal Church's triennial General Convention could be viewed as part family reunion and part ant farm! Every day, moving through the convention center and hotels for worship and meetings, with thousands of Episcopalians scurrying around, it seems that every ant in the Episcopal colony there was doing something important.

Some were writing new resolutions and perfecting pre-filed ones, others were hanging out in the exhibit space that includes every organization known to Episcopalians and then some. Many, like me, were renewing friendships and making new ones, some testifying at open committee hearings, some wandering around lost, some campaigning for elected positions; others catching up with a much needed nap; Episcopal Churchwomen from the far reaches of the church were there for their concurrent Triennial meeting, and thankfully, many were praying. In the midst of all the work, we are family. Faithfulness prevails.

I realize that some of our understandings of what it means to be faithful are in disagreement. I realize that some of our tasks seem at cross-purposes. But I do not believe that such disagreements are stronger than the Holy Spirit at work among us in the church. Remaining focused and faithful, even if that puts us in occasional disagreement for a time, God is at work.

I was awed by the rich diversity in the church that splits open my limited particularity of experience. It is wonderful to see old friends from all over the country at Convention. But it is so powerful to see the breadth of our church, meeting and praying with people from the wide expanse of who we are.

The Holy Spirit hovered above the chaos, bringing the work we had assembled to do before us. *Working through our doubts and struggles to direct us toward the fulfilling of God's purposes.* One of the important things accomplished is to begin a process to re-structure the church so that we can be more focused on mission. We dealt with denominational health care insurance and worked on the church's calendar of saints. We even authorized some St. Francis inspired liturgies for our beloved pets! We made statements on matters of peace and justice in this country and around the world.

Although we did not adopt the Anglican Communion Covenant, we agreed to remain in dialog with the Covenant process because there is much we do agree on. All was accomplished through discourse showing Christ-like love for one another. We were able to disagree with each other without demonizing those with differing opinions. You probably didn't hear much about any of this in the press.

Of course, what you probably did hear about was the passage of Resolution A049, which allows the provisional use of liturgies for the blessing of same-sex unions. The resolution was debated with a spirit of respect and forbearance, and passed by a 3/quarters majority in all orders. For these blessing liturgies to be used in the church, it will first require the Diocesan Bishop's consent. And then, after prayerful conversations in parishes, if rectors and vestries affirm their usage, these blessings might be offered.

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I hope you have read Bishop Sloan's letter and seen his subsequent videos on the Diocesan Web site that address this move by the church towards a pastoral response to our members who would find such a blessing a strength to their life-long monogamous commitments.

Bishop Sloan voted for the passage of this resolution, although he has stated that he will not authorize the use of these liturgies in the Diocese of Alabama at this time. He believes that humility, patience, and continued prayerful reflection are needed by Episcopalians in Alabama. In the coming months, we will study and pray and talk about these blessing liturgies on both the diocesan level and on the parish level. I look forward to the conversations with you.

With these matters on our hearts, it is ironic that today's Gospel is the story of King Herod's acquiring the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Depending on how you feel about A049, you may want to have someone's head on a platter. That goes for those who support its immediate implementation, and for those who are struggling with this direction in the church.

King Herod was both fascinated and afraid of John the Baptist, especially the influence he was having over the people of Israel. He respects John's powerful teaching, preaching and his vast following despite John's open opposition to Herod's actions. But Herod clings to his power and influence, afraid of John's. Ultimately, he has no other option than either to change, or to quell John's influence. So he throws John in prison and he ultimately consents to his execution.

Mark's Gospel also tells us that King Herod is fascinated by Jesus's words and actions. The Gospel today compels us to consider how John the Baptist's story intersects with Jesus'. Like John the Baptist before Jesus, Herod is not willing to allow Jesus' words and teachings change his heart. It is easy to be fascinated by Jesus. But it is not so easy to allow his words and the things he does...things he asks for us to do likewise, to change our hearts and the way we live and act in this world.

Today's gospel asks the hard question: How do we kill the voice of the prophet around and even within us? For God is surely speaking deeply within each of us. How do we silence the voices calling us to take a stand for God's life; for Christ's wide mercy and goodness for all?

Whose heads do we want on a platter today? And it may have nothing to do with General Convention. How do we treat those who disagree with us at home, at school, at work, politically? Do we decide to cut ourselves off from them? Do we cut their knees out from underneath them if given the chance?

We are not meant to be like Herod, but like John the Baptist when it comes to Jesus. John said that I must decrease and Jesus must increase. In Paul's letter to the Ephesians we heard earlier, we are reminded that God chose us to come into a relationship with Jesus in order that we live a holy life of blessing.

We who set our hope on Christ, then, are to live for God's praise and glory. In Christ, all things will be gathered together to show forth God's glory and praise. Setting our hope on Christ, God's purposes will be accomplished. Setting our hope on Christ, you and I bind ourselves to the life and ministry of Jesus; to his teaching, and to the Holy Spirit guiding us. We enter into an abiding friendship with him, and remain in this community, the church, which is his body, with him. Studying his life, praying together, and receiving his life in the Eucharist, we see how his life can be reflected in our own lives, so that he may live in us and we may live in him.

Setting our hope on Christ, may we start seeing those who differ from us, not with their heads on a platter, but face to face as our brothers and sisters in Christ, fellow adopted children who are all blessed, each one, with every spiritual blessing. As we have conversations with each other about difficult matters, may we have patience, and respect and listen carefully to one another, not fearing but having faith that God is working through our struggles. Someone told me through the challenges of the 70's, the church is an anvil that has broken many a hammer. The fruits of the spirit will reveal God's purposes among us. And so there is no reason to fear, but plenty of reasons to love each other and this world for whom Christ died for all. And then, as the Psalmist implores, ***mercy and truth shall meet together; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.***

Andy +

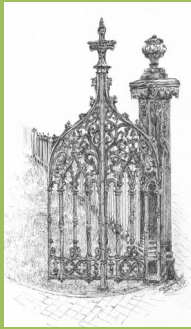


Organ Recital at Nativity

Friday, July 20, 7:30 p.m.

Suzanne Purtee & Mary Ruth Solem

Featuring works by
Maurice Durufle, César Franck, J.S. Bach,
Petr Eben, Max Reger, and more!



2012—2013

THE GREEN BOOK

Church of Nativity, Episcopal
Information Guide &
Church Directory

[Address changed? New phone or email address?](#)

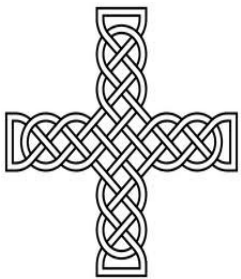
It is close to that time of the year to publish the Church Directory known as **The Green Book**. If your address, phone number, and/or email, etc. has changed since the last publication and if you have not contacted the church office please contact to update.

We will publish email addresses for those who have not opted from publishing the information. Directory updates should be sent to linda.wheeler@nativity-hsv.org or you may give call 533-2455.

[As you begin to think about your HAP food contribution for August 5th, please keep HAP's requests in mind.](#)

Their supply of canned meats and tuna is depleted. Canned beef stew, chicken and dumplings, and hash are always good choices. They ask that we *please bring rice and dried beans in one pound bags*. They do not have the supplies or staff to re-bag for smaller portions.

THANKS FOR CARING WITH FOOD FOR OTHERS!



[Canterbury of Huntsville—an exciting new ministry for college students & young adult Episcopalians!](#)

Nativity, Holy Cross-St. Christopher's, and Alabama Diocese have selected and called Emily Collette as in Intern for the Summer College Campus Ministry. She will be based at Holy Cross-St. Christopher's with a focus on student involvement from UA Huntsville, Calhoun, A & M, and Oakwood college campuses.

This group is dedicated to providing worship, service, and social opportunities specifically for college aged Episcopalians in Huntsville. We meet weekly at local restaurants for dinner and fellowship and monthly for larger events! **All are welcome!** Join our Facebook page or group: Huntsville Episcopal Campus and Young Adult Ministries. for more information contact Emily at emilycc@uab.edu.

[Nativity's Banister Room Art Display features Denise Schiber Watercolor Artist](#)

Denise received a minor in fine art from the University of Alabama while studying Interior Design. She later received a degree in fine art from Athens State University. Denise mainly works in watercolor for her specialization in house portraits but also enjoys working in oils. A published artist, she illustrated A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Throne and two of her paintings are featured in The Huntsville Sketchbook. Stop in the Banister Room and check out her works. The price list is on the table next to the hallway exit. You may contact her for information regarding House Portraits: 256-603-8113. Her website if: www.artworkbydenise.com

[Baptism Schedule for remaining of 2012](#)

August 26 and November 4 To schedule a baptism, please contact Connie in the church office at 256-533-2455 or cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org

INTERCESSION REQUESTS and THANKSGIVING

We pray for those who are ill or recovering:

Ruth Simmons, Frank Moring, Dot Kitchens, Elsie Olsen, Leigh Wahl, Bill Marsh, Joy Gass, Emile Joffrion, Eileen Sullivan, John, Nancy Kelly.

We pray for the departed:

Bill McClung, father of Michael McClung

Nancy Aldenderfer, parishioner

We pray for those in Military & Peace Corps:

Afghanistan: Lane Sampson-Jackson, Blake Lane,

The Gambia, W Africa: Marisa Benzle

Bahrain: Jonathan Serwecki

We give thanks for birthdays of our children:

7/23 Dylan Chenoweth

7/26 Anna Zuga, Hattie Crosby

7/28 Anna Crawford Mullins

7/29 Emma Markwalter, Sadler Evans, Powell Stockton

7/31 Sarah Rowe, Kaden Cheatham

8/2 Sean Berman

8/3 Caroline Brooks, Harrison Little, Alexander Young, Dylan Hicks

8/4 Eva McCarty



CHRISTMAS IN JULY—A huge success!

A big thanks to all of the many volunteers who made Vacation Bible School possible last week. We had over 100 children celebrating Christmas in July. The kids "gave themselves as gifts" and did several outreach projects for our community.

They had a ball making trail mix for troops, bookmarks for Oscar Mason library, and teddy bears for Crisis Services. The older kids went on mini-mission trips and made sandwiches for the homeless, treats for Russel Erskine residents, delivered flowers to a nursing home, and took quarters to laundry mats!

The kids participated in a "Living Nativity Scene" complete with live animals and Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus.

They made art projects that will be sold at Heifer Art show on Rally day. They learned and performed a Christmas play and enjoyed a pancake dinner on Thursday. Even the snacks were Christmas themed! Stay tuned for the slide show on the website.

Jonathan Daniels Annual Pilgrimage, Saturday, August 11, 11:00 a.m. in Hayneville at the Lowndes County Courthouse Square (Lafayette and Washington St.)

Mark your calendars now to attend and be ready to travel. Look for information in July 18th newsletter from Nativity's Reconciliation Ministry regarding transportation from Huntsville.

This year's homilist will be Carolyn Maull McKinstry, author of *While the World Watched: A Birmingham Bombing Survivor Comes of Age During the Civil Rights Movement*. Carolyn will share her experience and insights during the pilgrimage that is sponsored by The Commission on Race Relations and the Diocese of Alabama.

Jonathan Daniels was an Episcopal seminarian who answered the call of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to help register African-American voters in Alabama. He was shot and killed on Aug. 20 1965, while shielding then 16-year-old Ruby Sales from a shotgun blast as she attempted to enter a store to buy something to drink. Daniels was added to the Episcopal Church Calendar of Saints and Martyrs in 1994 to be remembered each Aug. 14.

The pilgrimage begins at 11:00 a.m., on Saturday, Aug. 11, 2012 at the Courthouse Square in Hayneville. The procession will go to the old county jail where Daniels and Sales were among those detained for a week and then will move to the old Cash Grocery Store where Daniels was killed. The pilgrimage will end at the Courthouse where a service of Holy Communion will take place in the courtroom and McKinstry will speak.

NEED TRANSPORTATION? Contact the church office for van reservation to leave on Saturday from Nativity.

Do you have a suggestion for the Vestry Nominations Committee?

We seek input from all parishioners, and the form below is a simple method for you to communicate your recommendation. Names are maintained in a perpetual pool to consider for the annual election each November. Thanks for your help with this important process.

-Mac Phillips

The Committee is composed of the current and three most recent Senior Wardens willing and able to serve along with three members at-large chosen by the six outgoing Vestry members:

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

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

Pat Goodson, Senior Warden 2012 (patgood@knology.net)

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

Alyce Smith, member at large ([256-536-4198](tel:256-536-4198))

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

Shelley Whitney, member at large (smwhitney51@gmail.com)

The Rector serves *ex officio* in a non-voting role.

VESTRY NOMINATION PROPOSAL CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

NAME OF CANDIDATE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PHONE: Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

What strengths would this person bring to the Vestry? _____

In what Parish activities has this person participated? _____

Have you discussed this with the person; if elected, would he/she agree to serve on the Nativity Vestry? _____

Thank you for your input on this candidate. The Nominations Committee meets regularly to consider all proposed nominees and to ensure representative leadership from the entire Parish.

Your Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____



TWICKENHAM Fest

Venue: Church of the Nativity, Episcopal

August 24-26, 2012

Concert times: Friday and Saturday—7:30 p.m.

Sunday— 3:00 p.m.

This year, Twickenham Fest will perform three free formal concerts as well as one free family concert. The family concert will provide a relaxed, casual setting for all ages to enjoy fun, lively music and learn about the instruments being played. All Twickenham events are fantastic opportunities to experience the wonders of world-class chamber music

The Church of Nativity will not be taking reservations or taking calls:

For information on this chamber series featuring

Susanna Phillips, Matthew McDonald, and friends,

please refer to twickenhamfest.org

Looking ahead: October 19-20 Acclaimed Author and Celtic Spirituality Scholar John Philip Newell to present retreat: A NEW HARMONY: The Spirit, The Earth, and The Human Soul at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Birmingham. For information you may contact Sarah Sartain, 205-715-2060 ext. 314 or ssartain@dioala.org

Youth News

YOUTH @ SAWYERVILLE! —————→ We've had a great summer so far in youth programs! We had seven youth and two adults volunteer their time at Sawyerville Day Camp, which was awesome! At Session 1 we had Fr. Brad Landry, Spencer Anglin, Julie DiFranco, Sabol Rogers, Chase Rogers, and Nancy Kate Baugher participate. At Session 2 we had Liz Williams, Katherine McCown, and Hanly Ward participate. I think all of us left each week feeling like we gave our all every day and was more than ready for some good sleep!

YOUTH ON MISSION! —————→ This Friday, July 21st, we will have a group leave for our mission trip to New Orleans. We will be gone for a week working on various projects to help the Katrina rebuilding effort still going on in the city. We have 5 youth participating: William Ellison, Travis King, Spencer Anglin, Cassidy Bates, and Sophie Krome. Please keep this group in your prayers for safe travel, hard work, and good fun.

YOUTH LOCK-IN —————→ The Jonathan Daniels Pilgrimage is coming up on August 11th in Hayneville, AL. The night before, on August 10th, there is a youth lock in at Church of the Ascension in Montgomery. We will stay at the church with other youth from the diocese, learn about Jonathan Daniels, and come together as a community before the pilgrimage the next morning. I'd love to take a group and I want you to join in on all the fun! This is a free event, but donations are accepted to help cover the cost of food. Please bring \$15 to contribute. If you want to sign up, go to: *(and let me know so I can know who to expect!)*
<https://docs.google.comspreadsheetsviewformpli=1&formkey=dHBUyIROYnF5R00wa01iUGcza1p5Wnc6MQ#gid=0> .

YOUTH VOLUNTEER! —————→ Ever hear about Manna House?! I'm sure you have, and we're going to volunteer! Put August 8th at 4:00 pm on your calendar as Nativity Youth at Manna House Day! We will meet at Manna House and be ready to go at 4:00 and plan to be done by 7:30. Please let me know that you want to participate so I know who to expect.

LEMONADE —————→ Each Sunday in the summer, instead of coffee hour after the church service, we have Lemonade in the Shade and the youth are in charge on Sunday, August 12th. It's really easy to put together and we get to wear awesome blue aprons. Let me know if you want in on this awesomeness!

Yogurt Monday!! —————→ Let's have another We will meet at Yogurt Mountain on Monday, August 13th at 4:00pm. You show up, I buy your yogurt. Easy as that!

The summer keeps going, and so does youth programs! If you see anything you're interested in, please let me know. And if you don't, let me know that, too! If you are not on my email list for weekly youth news updates, send me an email and let me know you want to be added. It's a great way to stay updated and know what's going on with our youth programs here at Nativity.

Have a great end to July!
Peace, Liz



We are so grateful for the incredible support that the parishioners at Nativity have given to The Greene Street Market. You make the market successful, as well as fun, each week.

This past Sunday evening you helped pave the way for many families in our community to be a little healthier with your support of our dinner/tasting for the Fresh Foods Initiative of the Food Bank of North Alabama.

We thank you all very much.

The Board of the Greene Street Market at Nativity,
Leedy Aboudonia, Louise Applegate, Hannah Boon, John Cline, Patty Cline, Darlene Ehinger, Mickey Ellis, Marilyn Evans, Jeff Johnson, Elizabeth & Chris Jones, Wayne Laney, Suzy Naumann, Freya Neely, Laurie Noojin, Dorrie Nutt, Stephanie Sherman, Clay Sherrill, Will Taylor, Walter Thames, and Jackie Walker

Nativity Summer Choir continues each Sunday—Summer choir is a great way to see what it is like to sing the service (and make new friends!) You will be warmly welcomed. A simple anthem and the service music will be rehearsed for the 10:00 a.m.* Holy Eucharist service. Contact Suzanne if you have any questions about the choir!

A Thank You from Colorado Springs

"On behalf of St. Michael's Church, we thank you (*Outreach Committee*) and the Church of the Nativity for your generous check of \$500 for the help of those finding themselves in the Waldo Canyon Fire. It's a great connection to know how each of us are helped by others in kind and prayer. The outreach is felt very strongly not only towards us, but the community at large. You know chaos after tornadoes. We know the chaos of the fire! You have calmed the anxiety, and thanks."

Yours in hospitality,
Gary S. Parker+
Interim Rector

Dear Pastor: Please encourage your church members to come and take advantage of a free men's health screening on July 24, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

at Madison County Health Department, 301 Max Luther Dr. The Urology Health Foundation and Madison County Health Department will be conducting a free prostate cancer screening. For more information 256-539-3711; no appointment needed.

The Ayres Center for Spiritual Development will hold its 3rd Annual Sunset Serenade on Sunday, Sept. 2.

The event will be held at St. Mary's Sewanee from 5 to 8 p.m. The Sunset Serenade is a fundraiser and a "friendraiser" organized by a dedicated group of volunteers. Reservations are required. Secure your place by calling St. Mary's Sewanee at 931-598-5342. Tickets are \$50.00 per person, a portion of which is tax-deductible.

NEW TRANSOM STAINED GLASS WINDOWS FOR AMBULATORY

Nativity parishioner and stained glass artist Ron Hogan has created two new stained glass windows for the transom lights in the hallways leading into the Ambulatory (area behind the church where the Acolytes and LEMs vest). These windows reflect the design of the windows in the nave of the church on the side aisles. The window in the transom off of the Bannister Room hallway was given by Ron Hogan to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dean and Joe Laycock. This window replicates the chalice symbol found on the lancet window on the nave's east aisle that is hidden by the organ chamber. The chalice reminds us of our "sharing in the cup of Christ's blessing" offered in the Eucharist. This gift enables us to be inspired by this symbol that we do not get to see because of its location. The Bibb Hallway transom window is given to God's glory and in loving memory of Gilda and Ellery May and Janis and Robert Langley. Both of these windows "light" our way to Christ's love.

Parish Financial Report Period Ending 06/30/2012

	CURRENT MONTH	BUDGET for PERIOD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
Pledges Received	\$ 80,815.99	\$ 106,777.42	\$ 603,675.72	\$ 640,664.48
Plate	\$ 5,165.00	\$ 5,555.83	\$ 33,671.56	\$ 33,335.02
Other Revenues	\$ 32,262.17	\$ 8,940.00	\$ 66,350.08	\$ 53,640.00
TOTAL	\$ 118,243.16	\$ 121,273.25	\$ 703,697.36	\$ 727,639.50
Diocesan, School of Theology, & Outreach	\$ 24,770.38	\$ 24,070.84	\$ 108,964.32	\$ 144,424.96
Personnel	\$ 61,144.90	\$ 65,470.32	\$ 390,037.70	\$ 392,822.08
Other Expenses	\$ 21,193.38	\$ 31,732.04	\$ 159,515.94	\$ 190,392.76
TOTAL	\$ 107,108.66	\$ 121,273.20	\$ 658,517.96	\$ 727,639.80
NET	\$ 11,134.50	\$ 0.05	\$ 45,179.40	\$ (0.30)

VOTE, VOTE, VOTE DAILY for FRUIT ORCHARD for Camp McDowell

There will be 4 winners announced Aug 1, so we hope to finish in the top 4! **CAMP MCDOWELL is in the top 5 of over 100 contestants!** You can vote daily at:

<http://www.communitiestakeroot.com/plant/index#leaders>

WORSHIP SCHEDULE August 2012, published 7/17/12

WEDNESDAY, August 1st, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12:00 noon	Anderson		Marilyn Lands		
THURSDAY, August 2nd, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher			
6:00 pm	Akin				
SUNDAY, August 5, 10th Sunday after Pentecost					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Akin-out)	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	Anderson	Landry	Sarah Dunn, Robert Dunn	Lee Hicklen	Martha Joffrion
10:00 am	Anderson	Landry	Peter Cobun, Cheryl Watts, Robin Cozby	Sandy Brown, Mike Brown	Jordan Cozby
WEDNESDAY, August 8, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12:00 noon	Anderson		Cheryl Watts		
THURSDAY, August 9, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher			
6:00 pm	Landry				
SUNDAY, August 12, 11th Sunday after Pentecost					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	Landry	Anderson	Sue Johnson, Warren Vann	Steve Johnson	Melissa Kirkindall
10:00 am	Akin	Anderson	Rich Goodwin, Deborah Baker	Roy Gowman, Mary Johnson	Lynne Berry
WEDNESDAY, August 15, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12:00 noon	Landry		Mary Hendricks		
THURSDAY, August 16, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher			
6:00 pm	Anderson				
SUNDAY, August 19, 12th Sunday after Pentecost					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Robison-out)	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	Landry	Akin	Bob Serio, Mary Hendricks	Lane Mickle	Lane Mickle
10:00 am	Anderson	Akin	Will Elliott, Walter Thames, Don Askins	Bankston Creech, Amy Creech	Deborah Baker
WEDNESDAY, August 22, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12:00 noon	Akin		Don Askins		
THURSDAY, August 23, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher			
6:00 pm	Landry				
SUNDAY, August 26, 13th Sunday after Pentecost					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Robison-out)	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	Akin	Anderson	Lewie Bates, Lane Mickle	Martha Joffrion	Lee Hicklen
10:00 am	Landry	Anderson	Erin Elliott, Roy Gowman, Ed Vaughn	Rich Goodwin, Sally Ann Culver	Marilyn Lands
WEDNESDAY, August 29, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12:00 noon	Landry		Marilyn Lands		
THURSDAY, August 30, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher			
6:00 pm	Akin				
USHERS					
8:00	Robert Mullins, Michael McClung, Ray Moring, Read Windham, Chad Ayres				
10:00					
ALTAR GUILD					
4	Beth Pugh, Judy Heacock, Jewell Reynolds, Emily Moody, Sara Little				
11	Mary Johnson, Linda Watts, Flo Stockton, Sue Johnson, Wanda Cobb				
18	Judy Vann, Wanda Cobb, Suzy Naumann, Renée Elliott				
25	Laura Innes, Nancy Colin, Connie Stephenson, Caffey Litkenhous, Debbie Joyner				

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Bishop Sloan has decreed October 27th , 2012, to be the day for our First Annual Diocesan-wide, "Camp Day" at Camp McDowell. So mark your calendar and look for more information as time nears for this special time together.

Thank you in advance for your help to spread the word.

Peace, *Tom Atkins* Camp Day Chair

STEEPLE SCHEDULE

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

To submit events or articles, you may bring them to Linda Wheeler in the church office or email: linda.wheeler@nativity-hsv.org
The deadline for the next issue is Monday noon, July 30.

CLERGY & STAFF

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Liz Williams

Youth Minister

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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 message. 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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"The Greene Street Market strives to enhance the quality of life in the area by providing an activity which fosters social gathering and interaction!"

In an effort create a sense community for all who attend, the Greene Street Market at Nativity have a new addition to the 2012 market season, "The Children's Corner."

The third Thursday of July and August features an interactive area just for children. The Downtown Forty Seven and the Toy Place Downtown present, "The Children's Corner," a FREE area for children 12 and under! It starts this Thursday, July 19, 4pm – 6pm.

Come, have fun and learn about gardening, recycling, healthy eating, and farms. At the Children's Corner this Thursday afternoon, children will enjoy painting reusable bags and making animal masks! Keep cool with our mister tree and enjoy some outside summer fun!

Bubbles, sidewalk chalk, and face painting and tattoos, sponsored by Spoiled Rockin' Kidz, will add to the fun. And, storytelling at 5:30 by the Huntsville Madison County Public Library will wind down the afternoon.

Come, bring your children, buy your vegetables, and have fun at the Children's Corner of the Greene Street Market at the Church of the Nativity, corner of Eustis and Greene.