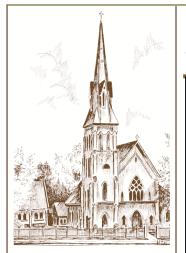
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SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES SUNDAY

(* 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

August 15, 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.



Summer is coming to a close but not before you see what is being offered for the upcoming 2012-2013 Church Year at Nativity!

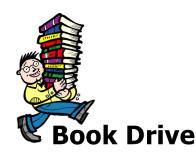
Please make plans to attend Nativity's MINISTRY FAIR #1 on Sunday, August 19 from 9:00 until 12:00 in Ridley Hall

Refreshments will be served while you browse!

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC and HEIFER ART SHOW Sunday, August 25

after the 10 AM service

- Please bring sides to share:
 Casseroles, beans, salads, slaw, deviled eggs, okra, squash, rolls
 - Church will provide fried chicken, drinks, and desserts
 - Tents & fans will be set-up
 - Children's Art Work For Sale!



Books – Books – Books – A BOOK DRIVE!!! TWO SUNDAYS!

The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center requests help from Nativity Parishioners to stock its Lending Library. The Vine is located in our church's 333 Franklin St. Building and receives its space as an Outreach Gift from the Parish. The counseling center would like you to donate any gently used self-help, devotional or inspirational books that you no longer are using.

In this new venture, their Clients are already checking out many books each week. Please bring your give-away books THIS Sunday, August 19th or NEXT Sunday,

August 26. Please place them in the White Box marked "Book Drive" with the green "Vine" label. It will be on the stage in Ridley Hall. Many people will appreciate your book-shelf cleaning!



Venue: Church of the Nativity, Episcopal

Sunday August 26, 3:00 p.m.

The Church of Nativity will not be taking calls for this event; for information on this chamber series featuring Susanna Phillips, Matthew McDonald, and friends, please refer all inquires to Matt at http://twickenhamfest.org/home.html or 256-714-8680

It's time for ACOLTYE TRAINING!

We'll be holding Acolyte Training sessions for all CURRENT and PROSPECTIVE acolytes 7th-12th grades on Sunday, September 9, at 4:00 p.m. in the church Sanctuary. There will be a make up training session on Monday, September 10, at 7 p.m. for those unable to come on Sunday.

Please call or email Dorrie Nutt 256/533-1128 dorrienutt@comcast.net to let us know which session your child will attend. If they're not able to come to either session, we'll arrange to meet with them individually for training.

Acolytemasters: Nina Putt, Clay Sherrill, Mike Ward, and Dorrie Nutt

For prospective acolytes: What will be expected of you if you join the Acolyte program?

You will need to attend training to learn how to participate as a leader in the worship services, and then you will be assigned to serve once or twice a month for Sunday worship and other special services. We will expect you to serve when you are scheduled OR you will need to arrange for a substitute to take your place. (You can swap Sundays with another acolyte if you are unable to serve.) We'll give you a roster of all the acolytes and their phone numbers so you'll know whom to call. We also expect you to arrive on time for your scheduled services. We look forward to having you in this important ministry at Nativity!

The First Sunday of the Month September 2nd. is HAP SUNDAY for Nativity

Yes, it will be Labor Day Weekend, but let's fill the barrels with items that families can use in a new school year.

Pasta * Spaghetti Sauce * Rice in 1 lb. Bags * Canned Fruit * Liquid Dish or Hand Soap * Oatmeal HAP Clients appreciate YOUR care!!!

10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

BENEFITTING THE HUNTSVILLE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ~ HAP GALA at Trinity United Methodist Church 607 Airport Road ~ September 16, 6:00—8:00 p.m.

Silent auction and food tasting by caterers from all over the Huntsville and North Alabama area. Cost is \$10 per person

and

~ CONCERT BY LARNELLE HARRIS at FBC 600 Governors Dr. ~ September 22, 6:30 p.m. Concert Tickets \$18 per person (Group of 10+ \$15/person) Tickets for both events are available at the HAP office or online at www.huntsvilleassistanceprogram.org or at the door

INTERCESSION REQUESTS and THANKSGIVING

We pray for those who are ill or recovering:

Linda Frost, Bill Edwards, Phyllis Lawson, Barbara Smith, Bill Marsh, Dot Kitchens, Elsie Olsen, Leigh Wahl, Joy Gass, Emile Joffrion, Eileen Sullivan, John, Nancy Kelly.

We pray for the departed:

Robert Sheffey, brother of Martha Joffrion

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:

8/13	Sarah Huskey	8/24	Lillianne Dollarhide
8/16	Charlotte Klos, Read Klos	8/26	Elizabeth Evans, Hannah Huskey
8/17	Ayden Schuppener	8/29	Lucy Ellis, Sam Hartley
8/18	Warren Towry, Emily Church	8/30	Anna Abney, Rachel Joffrion
8/20	Sumter Park	9/1	Caroline Baugher
8/22	Quintin Madow, Alice Burson, David Burson	9/2	Jane Havron
		9/6	Patrick Ahearn

Notification of Parishioner Deaths

If you are interested in receiving an email notification when a parishioner dies, contact Connie in the church office: 256-533-2455 or cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org

"Parishioners on Wheels"

Many cities are fortunate to have a Meals on Wheels Program. Volunteers serve hot lunches to the poor elderly at their homes through the week. We all know that those who deliver these meals to recipients' doors are often the highlight of someone's day – a friendly hello and caring hug, along with 2 meals! But not every area is fortunate to have Nativity parishioners to be on Delivery Teams! Those from our congregation who regularly deliver are: Kay Wheeler and Charlotte Richardson, Sara Little, Henrietta and Claude Boykin, Lawren and Joe Cooper, Judy Vann and Mary Hendricks, Wanda Cobb and Jennie Coe, Freya Neely and Debbie Collette, Lane and Drew Tutt, Don Askins, Carol Sue Goodwin, Ron McCullar, Lois and Percy Dreher, Liz Laney, Betsy Bourner, and Tom Lydon. This Thursday Lynn and Carroll Lewis are attending a Meals on Wheels training program. Ask one of these good neighbors about this rewarding experience. You may want to sign up for a team or as a substitute! Jennie Coe serves as our Parish Coordinator.

In July, Nativity's Outreach Ministry contributed \$4,000 to Meals on Wheels in response to a local urgent need.

Ready to share your TIME and TALENT? Don't miss the 2012 Nativity Ministry Fairs!

The Nativity Stewardship Ministry is sponsoring Ministry Fairs # 2 and #3 for both Inreach and Outreach programs. Under the theme "OUTWARDLY FOCUSED, INWARDLY STRONG," parishioners will have the opportunity to learn about, and become involved in, the various ministries offered and supported by the Church of the Nativity. The *INreach Ministry Fair will be held Sunday, September 16;* the *OUTreach Fair will be held October 21.* Refreshments will be served during each Ministry Fair, and parishioners will have the opportunity to speak to coordinators and/or volunteers for each ministry. Here are some of the organizations that will be represented at the INreach Ministry Fair on September 16:

Pastoral Care and Bereavement
Neighborhood Guilds
Card Ministry
Feed My Sheep cooking and
deliveries
Guild of the Christ Child
Lay Visitors
Nativity Friends

Prayer Shawl
Bereavement Bread
Altar Guild
Flower Guild
Ushers
Lectors/LEMs
Cursillo
Blue Apron

Supper Club/Foyer
Top of the Hill Gang
Daughters of the King
Acolytes
Canterbury of Huntsville (collegeage ministry)

Parish Weekend

The Libba Walker Bible Study - Women's Wednesday Nights—will begin August 15th

Getting to Know the Holy Spirit, a study by Kathy Phillips—"In these lessons we will look into the Word of God to learn what the Bible teaches about this mysterious third person of the Trinity. We will see that He is literally all over the Scriptures, from the first chapter of Genesis to the last chapter of Revelation."

Contact: Lane Tutt to register and to order your books 256-653-7200 or 256-533-2455.

Leaders: Jane Brocato, Sarah Gessler, Lane Tutt, Anne Robinson, Kay Wheeler



The Greene Street Market is open each Thursday 4:00—8:00 p.m.

Come for Vegetables, Fruits, Greens, Cheeses, Breads, Prepared Foods, Soups & Crafts.

For Market Updates, Check Greene Street's on Facebook.

Market Children's Corner this week, August 16! Last one for the summer!

Youth News – The Steeple 8/14/12

Youth Reflections on New Orleans Mission Trip 2012

"My favorite part of the trip was meeting new people, especially DeRonta at Our School at Blair Grocery's urban farm. He, along with many others, were very humble and welcoming to us. Also the 2nd Line procession was the part that I enjoyed the most. When we all danced down the street to jazz music I felt like a part of the New Orleans family. On this trip, I learned many things from how to harvest sunflowers to letting Christ work His good through me. I now plan to do mission work as much as possible with the church because I feel like a part of something that people will cherish in their lives forever."

_Cassidy Bates

"The mission trip was great. I loved everything about it. I really enjoyed meeting new people and making new friends. My favorite part was working on the farm at Blair Grocery and learning about how they are able to feed an entire community of people ravaged by Katrina. I liked meeting all the people who worked there like Sam a DeRonte. The things I enjoyed most about the trip was definitely the great food we got to eat, meeting new people, and making new friends. On this trip I learned that it much more than just going down there to do work for people. It is about going down there to serve someone."

Travis King

To read more about the trip and what happened in New Orleans, visit <u>www.nativityyouth.org</u> and click on the Youth News tab.

Introducing T.R.A.S.H. nights! Also known as Teens Relaxing At Someone's House and is for all 7th & 8th graders. This will be a once a month youth group meeting beginning Sunday, October 7. This is a time for us to come together in fun and fellowship the first Sunday of each month. The programming for each meeting will start with check in, games, and move into a Bible study. The key to this event is YOU! If you would like to host a T.R.A.S.H. night at your house, let me know! You just have to provide the place, and I'll do everything else (even snacks!). Each event will begin at 4:00 p.m. and end at 5:30 p.m. The first T.R.A.S.H. night will be held at the home of Elizabeth Foster.

Our first EYC of the year will be on September 9th, immediately following the acolyte training. Our night of fun will begin at 5:00pm. This is for all youth, from grades 7-12. We'll all meet in Ridley Hall to talk about the year, and catch up. We've all had busy summers! We'll end by 6:30 (dinner included!). Parents, join us! This is a great time to learn about what we have coming up for the year and what you can expect from youth programs. Please RSVP by September 6th so we can make enough food for everyone. Senior high EYC will still meet every Sunday at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and will be done by 7:30 p.m. or 8:00 p.m. in the EYC Room on the third floor of Joffrion.



Pat Goodson and Sarajane Tarter are "Just Doing It" to support a Village of Promise summer camp at University Place Elementary School!

Reflections Bible Study* will begin August 30th at 9:15 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in Joffrion 2 East

Study: Stepping Up, a journey through the Psalms of Ascent by Beth Moore—This class is designed for busy moms. *Child care is available with prior notice. To register for the class please contact Betsy Ford at 256-650-3995.

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!

FINANCIAL CORNER

2012 Pledge Report August 5, 2012				
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\$5,000 - \$9,999.99	48			
\$10,000 - \$14,999.99	10			
\$15,000 - \$24,999.99	7			
\$25,000 - \$39,999.99	3			
\$40,000 or >	1			
Total Number of Pledges	451			
Total Dollar Amount of Pledges				
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Average Pledge	\$2,954.50			

Wednesday Evening Forum on Faith will begin August 29, from 5:15—6:15 p.m. in Joffrion Hall J2E. This class series will be taught by The Rev'd Brad Landry. blandry@nativity-hsv.org

<u>Centering Prayer Summer Supper and a Movie (Last one</u> <u>for the season:</u> Tuesday, August 28, 5:30 p.m. in Joffrion Hall Library. Contact Betty Giardini for information.

Seeing the Face of God in Each Other Anti-Racism Workshop will be held Friday, October 19—Saturday, October 20 at Nativity. Sponsored by the Commission on Race Relations in the Church. Cost is \$50 including materials, Friday dinner, Saturday Continental Breakfast, and Lunch. To get a registration form or more information contact The Rev'd Jeannie Robison, Deacon at jrobs1@comcast.net or 256-533-2455 ext. 221.

Join us Labor Day Weekend 2012 in Chicago for a peacemaking retreat



The retreat weekend is led by the Rev. Becca Stevens, executive director of Magdalene & Thistle Farms and Episcopal chaplain at St. Augustine's Chapel, Vanderbilt University. Participation priority will be given to all past and current participants of EPF's Young Adult Programs (Young Adult Presence at GC + Urban Pilgrimages), Episcopal Service Corps, Young Adult Service Corps and the Association of Episcopal Deacon's SEVEN program. Participants should be between the ages of 18 and 35.

The retreat will allow participants to deepen in spiritual growth and to reflect on their "journey with justice." The gathering will include time for visioning, conversation in an intimate group setting, prayer and social justice related "field trips" in the Chicago area. The goal is to provide a space in which we can hold one another accountable in living up to our dreams and ideals that are so ample when in a group but so daunting when on our own. We want to strengthen the leadership development that was nurtured in all of these Episcopal programs. (Retreat Schedule)

The participation fee of \$100 includes accommodations and meals. The retreat begins Friday evening and ends Monday at noon. Funds are available to support those for whom costs are a barrier to participation. Please inquire as soon as possible if you are in need! The retreat will be held at the Cenacle Retreat Center, located in Chicago's vibrant Lincoln Park neighborhood.

Please e-mail your completed downloadable application ASAP to epfyaretreat@gmail.com. The \$100 registration fee may be submitted online or via snail mail (check subject line: EPF YA Retreat) to Episcopal Peace Fellowship, 637 S. Dearborn St. , Chicago, IL 60605-1839.

Canterbury of Huntsville—an exciting new ministry for college students & young adult Episcopalians!



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 Collette, at emilycc@uab.edu.

Camp McDowell Wins Fruit Orchard for its Farm Education Program

Camp McDowell will soon have its own fruit orchard, thanks to the efforts of Episcopalians and Camp supporters throughout the Diocese of Alabama and beyond.

The camp finished in winning position Today, Aug. 1 2012, in the third increment of the Communities Take Root Program, a collaborative program between Edy's Fruit Bars and The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation that gives back to communities by providing fruit orchards.

The Camp was chosen this spring to be part of the Communities Take Root Program and competed with more than 100 organizations to become one of the 17 locations that will receive a fruit orchard. During the competition people had the opportunity to vote online once a day for their favorite organization.

Camp McDowell garnered a total of 28,257 votes to secure fourth place and an orchard.

"Thank you so much for your votes and the hard work of many to help spread the word about this project," said Maggie Johnston, director of the McDowell Environmental Center. "Through your efforts you are helping expand the ministries of Wonderful, Wonderful Camp McDowell. We appreciate the votes, but even more so, the knowledge that so many people love Camp McDowell."

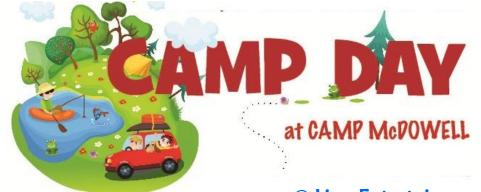
Using the highly successful McDowell Environmental Center as a model, Camp McDowell is creating a new residential farm education center on its property. The McDowell Farm School will be teaching children where their food comes from. It will offer residen-

tial farm education focused on science related to food, sustainability and the surrounding ecosystem. The fruit orchard will play a significant role both in the residential farm center and in the folk school, by providing an edible, outdoor classroom. The orchard will allow the Camp McDowell community to benefit from local food, good health and lifelong learning. The McDowell Farm School is part of the Bethany Village vision.

As the McDowell Farm School begins to take shape, three small school groups will attend a pilot program this fall. Jon Nee is the camp's farm education director, and coordinated McDowell's participation in the contest.

Plans are to plant the orchard across from the entrance to Miller Commons.

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



Mark your calendar for a

Diocesan-wide Camp Day.

Bishop Sloan has decreed Saturday,

October 27th, 2012 to be the day
for our First Annual Diocesan-wide,

"Camp Day" at Camp McDowell.

10 AM—6PM

- © Live Entertainment
- Indoor and Outdoor Games
- © Football Room complete with 10" x 10" TV Screen for the day's games

DINNER ON THE GROUNDS

Bring your chairs or blankets for delicious menu of Boiled Shrimp, BBO Chicken, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Drinks, and Ice Cream

\$12 Per person

SERVICE WITH COMMUNION 5—6 PM

Sign up online beginning August 15th at www.camp-day.org

2012 Huntsville, Alabama Beautification Awards Announced July 26, 2012

The Church of Nativity* is honored to be a 2012 Winner of the Huntsville Beautification Award and being denoted on the Honor Roll (*5 years.) Our thanks go to Nativity's Garden Guild for their outstanding contribution and efforts through superior landscaping and well-maintained properties.

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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.

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FINAL REMINDER... VESTRY NOMINATIONS DUE THIS WEEK Sunday, August 19 is last day.

Please help the Nominating Committee by letting us know who you think would be a good Vestry member. Just fill out the form below and place it in the box in Ridley or you may mail it to the church office attention: **Nominations**. For your convenience there are also more forms in Ridley.

Shelley Whitney

VESTRY NOMINATION PROPOSAL
CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

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NAME OF CANDIDATE:							
E-MAIL:							
PHONE: Home:							
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							