

THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

September 19, 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.



CHURCH
OF THE
NATIVITY,
EPISCOPAL

Est. 1843

WORSHIP TIMES SUNDAY

(* Nursery available)

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

Church Building Continues....

Every September, Nativity buzzes with renewed excitement and energy. People are coming and going on Sundays, and during the week with Bible Studies for all ages (we even have a Bible Study for girls in the 1st-4th grades this fall!), Reunion groups, Education for Ministry Classes, choir rehearsals, and in meetings to make plans for the November Nativity Bazaar or to knit prayer shawls or to pray and work for God's mission through Nativity. We have returned from summer vacations and diversions. The pews and classrooms are full. We renew our commitment to be faithful stewards of God's blessings of our time, talent and resources.

The InReach Ministry Fair we held this past Sunday saw more people connecting to our ministries of pastoral care, worship and community that make us inwardly strong. We are ***inwardly strong*** so we can be ***outwardly focused***! So on October 21, we will have our OutReach Ministry Fair, giving us all opportunities to be involved in ministries that reach beyond 208 Eustis Avenue and into the world with Christ's healing and love.

We renew our commitment to a regular diet of those things that feed our soul. But we don't just return to classes, programs, and ministries. We return with open hearts to God's love and call to ministry through Nativity. Our faith journeys reveal a pattern of returning to God because our attention to God's grace is often diverted for many reasons. Yet God is forming us as people who rely on his grace and love alone. In these trying days in our country and in the world, God calls us to deeper levels of trust in God's purposes and presence with us. And so we build the Kingdom of God in our lives and in the world through Nativity. We build to transform lives.

This is the most important building we do. This is why it is critical that all parents and youth meet with our Youth Ministry Architects consultants this week. What are you doing to build God's Kingdom in your own life, and hence, in the world?

A week from Sunday on September 30, we will celebrate St. Francis Day at our 8:45 a.m. service. St. Francis' most important work was not in blessing animals and connecting to creation, but in building Christ's church. He literally rebuilt church buildings as we have done at Nativity. But he especially built the church into a strong and sustainable temple of the Holy Spirit by changing people's lives and setting hearts afire with God's love in Christ. His prayer, which we will pray together on September 30, clearly models the building we are all asked to do in and through our lives; in and through Nativity.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Let's continue building together!

Andy +

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray to Join Diocese as Assistant Bishop



The Rt. Rev. Santosh K. Marray, bishop assisting in the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina, has accepted a call to become assistant bishop in the Diocese of Alabama beginning at the end of this month. As assistant bishop, he will support the Rt. Rev. Kee Sloan, Alabama's, diocesan bishop, by sharing the annual parish visitation schedule. Along with Episcopal visitation in the Diocese of East Carolina, Marray is responsible for the Department of Mission and Congregational Development, especially in small congregations. He will continue to assist in that area in our diocese especially, congregational development in small congregations.

"We are pleased and excited to welcome Santosh to the Carpenter House staff and our diocesan family," said Sloan. "We look forward to the special gifts he will bring to the ministry of our diocese. He is a genuine and loving man, and I am confident that he and his wife Nalini will fit in well with us."

During more than 30 years of ordained ministry, he has served the people of six dioceses (Guyana, Bahamas, Florida, Seychelles, and East Carolina) spanning three provinces of the Anglican Communion (West Indies, The Episcopal Church and Indian Ocean).

Nativity Pictorial Directory Portrait Sign-Up



Thanks to those of you who scheduled appointments from your home computers. The link to the sign-up page can be found on Nativity's home page. The sign-up page is well laid out and very user friendly.

Pictorial Directory

Thanks, also, to all of you who stopped by the directory portrait Sign-Up table last Sunday and scheduled your appointment. Our table will be set up for the next several Sundays in Ridley foyer with the Sign-Up team there to quickly schedule your desired appointment.

Friends of Music Concert Series Begins a New Season!



The first concert of the 2012-13 Season takes place **Saturday, September 29th, at 5 pm at Nativity**

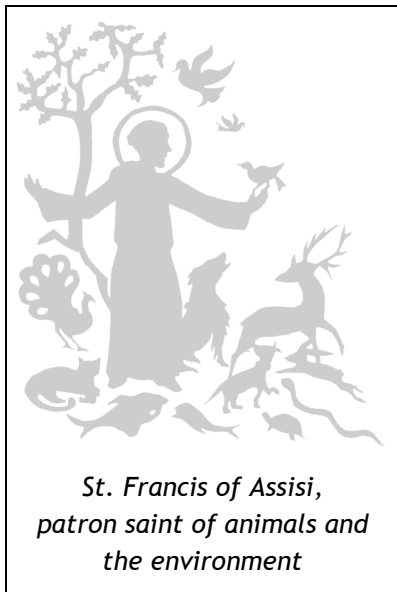
Baritone Mischa Bouvier will sing a concert of works by Handel, Schubert, Ravel, Bolcom and Paul Bowles. Mr. Bouvier was last at Nativity in May of 2006 when he joined the annual Nativity Choir concert in their performance of Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Five Mystical Songs*. His current season in the U.S. includes participating as solo artist in the Colorado Symphony's presentation of Handel's *Messiah* and in Handel's *Apollo and Dafne* in a return engagement with the American Bach Soloists (San Francisco). Mr. Bouvier will also offer a series of concerts in 2012-13 at Brooklyn's Barbes Bar that focuses on contemporary music and explores American song.

A reception for the artist and public will take place in Ridley Hall after the concert.
All are invited!

"Seeing the Face of God in Each Other" 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.



**SAVE the DATE THURSDAY November 1, 6:00 p.m.
for Nativity's Annual THANKS for GIVING celebration, 2012
at the Huntsville Museum of Art.**



St. Francis of Assisi Celebration at Nativity Sunday September 30

You may bring your beloved pets and creatures to the 8:45 a.m. service (on leash or in crate.)

The pet blessing follows immediately afterwards at approximately 9:30.

For those not coming to 8:45 a.m. service and want to bring your pets for a blessing, please meet in the courtyard about 9:45.

We WILL have Church School on September 30.

**St. Francis of Assisi Forever Wild Days at
Monte Sano State Park (Small Pavilion)
Sunday, September 20, 1—4:00 pm**

You may bring a picnic lunch, folding chairs hiking shoes, a camera for the beautiful views. (*You may set-up your lunch on picnic tables or on the lawn.*) Entrance to the park is free, just say you are with Episcopal Diocese of Alabama. The small pavilion is reserved from 1:00 p.m. until park closing.

SCHEDULE:

1:00 Gather and greet, set-up, have your picnic

2:00 Worship

2:30 Hike led to Forever Wild land; family hike led near the pavilion, hike on your own, play on the playground, or just enjoy the view

*This event is hosted by Church of the Nativity Stewardship of Creation Ministry
and sponsored by Diocesan Task Force for The Stewardship of Creation.*

Youth News and events you need to know!

- This week the senior high EYC will make homemade dog treats for the St. Francis Blessing of the Animals. We'll meet in Ridley Hall for dinner at 6:00 pm and finish up by 7:30 pm. It'll be fun and cute and super awesome so you should be there!
- On September 30, we will be attending the Diocesan District Day in Decatur at Delano Park. This is open to all youth in 7th – 12th grade. We will meet at the church at 2:15 pm and be back by 5:00 pm. District Day is planned and run by the Diocesan Youth Department and is a great way to meet your district representatives on youth department (two of them are even from Nativity – Katherine McCown and Spencer Anglin!), and find out what's going on this year with diocesan youth programs. If you're interested in attending, let me know so I'll have enough car space.
- **Calling all 7th & 8th Graders!!!!** The diocese has put together a BRAND NEW spirituality retreat just for you! The weekend is called Awakenings and is October 12-14 at Camp McDowell. To learn more and register, go to http://dioala.org/ministries/youth_upcoming_events.html

I'll see y'all soon!

Peace,

Liz

The Source Books & Gifts owner, Rev. Cheryl Blankenship, is looking for Nativity volunteers to assist in the bookstore. Below are hours we would like to invite Nativity volunteers to participate to help generate more business by making the store available during prime shopping times.

Tuesday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday – Thursday 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

If you are interesting in helping our on-site book store, please contact Cheryl Blankenship at [256-457-8482](tel:256-457-8482).

TOP OF THE HILL GANG luncheon and program—Tuesday, September 25

11:30 appetizers as you mingle

12:00 p.m. lunch with program to follow

Reservations to church office 256-533-2455 by noon, Monday, September 14

Flu/Pneumonia Vaccination Clinic (open to all 13 yrs +)

will be held in Banister Room of Nativity, Tuesday, September 25 9:30-11:30

The cost is \$25 for flu vaccine and \$75 for pneumonia vaccine. Medicare & Insurance will be filed for you. You must call the church office by noon September 24 to schedule.

INTERCESSION REQUESTS

We pray for those who are ill or recovering:

Martha Williams, Jim Douthit, Deana Snowden, Margery Davis, David Hunt, Phyllis Lawson, Dorette Schlidt, Rudi Schlidt, Billy Rivenbark, Linda Frost, Sam Piper, Mary Alison, Dot Kitchens, Elsie Olsen, Leigh Wahl, Joy Gass, Emile Joffrion, John, Nancy Kelly.

We pray for the departed:

Margery (Margie) Davis, parishioner

Diane Holcomb

Diane Edge, aunt of Shelley Whitney, godmother of Paxtyn Whitney

Pauline Reynolds, aunt of Brenda Chenoweth

Val Stancavage, sister of John Sheldon

Charles Shaver III, brother of Holly Hall

We pray for those deployed/serving with the:

Military: Afghanistan: Lane Sampson-Jackson,

Bahrain: Jonathan Serwecki

Peace Corps: The Gambia, W Africa: Marisa Benzle

Red Cross Hurricane Relief: Lea Ellison, Baton Rouge

We give thanks for the marriage of:

* Susanna Godbey and Joshua Hendrickson married at Church of the Nativity on September 8.

* Katherine Goodwin and Peter Swarthout at Rock Hill Plantation, married in Stafford, Virginia on September 22. Katherine is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Richard C. Goodwin.

We give thanks for the birth of a child: Emma Hallie Angelichio, born September 2, daughter of Hallie & Jason Angelichio; granddaughter of Kathy & George Hill.

We give thanks for birthdays of our children:

9/24 Maura Farrell, Rebecca McCoy

9/25 Van Dodgen

9/26 Hattie Landry

9/30 Meredith Walker, Rosie Chilton

10/1 Hannah Page Clayton

10/2 Crayton Lovejoy, Sarah Moore

10/4 Tessa Dollman, Huston Morring

10/5 Anatasia Abrams

We welcome new members:

Jennifer, Madison, and Margot Doss

WORSHIP TIMES

** indicates Nursery available, located in Joffrion Hall 1st floor*

Sunday Worship Service times will change on September 9:

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

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

11:00 a.m.* Rite II

Church School 10:00 a.m.* for all ages (see below Adult Classes and locations)

Most Sunday sermons are posted on the website:

www.nativity-hsv.org click *Sunday Morning* then click *Sermons*

Wednesday Worship

12:00 noon - Holy Eucharist and Healing Service (Bibb Chapel)

Sunday on Thursday

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

Each third Thursday - Nativity Cursillo musicians

CHURCH SCHOOL FOR ADULTS 10:00 A.M. EACH SUNDAY

The Book Class *A World Lit Only By Fire* by William Manchester

Class Leaders: Evie Spearman and guests

Place: Bibb Chapel We shall go from the Medieval World into the Renaissance with Manchester's final and greatest book—which is the portrait of an age when our modern mentality is being born. The historical story ends with Magellan's voyage around the world. This is history at its best!

The Breakfast Club Sunday School Class

Class Leaders: Amy Creech and Emily Rodgers

Place: Joffrion Hall 2 West

This is a Bible study class as well as an opportunity for group outreach projects. Come relax in a comfy setting with a cup of coffee, as we delve into the Bible, strengthen friendships, and experience helping others.

The Zimmerman Bible Study Class

Class Leaders: Virginia Kobler, Suzy Naumann, Pride Sherrill, Elise Taylor, Gaines Watts

Place: Library

Our study this year begins with Acts 14. We will finish the book of Acts in December. In January we will begin the study of John in January and continue through May. This class has been a Sunday morning Bible Study since 1947! It was established by Anna Zimmerman.

***The Future of Faith* by Harvey Cox**

Class Leaders: Darlene Ehinger, Blair Glenn, Marilyn Lands, Juliana Larson, Jackie Sheldon, and Christine Starnes

Place: Ridley Hall

The Rise and Fall of Belief and the Coming Age of the Spirit: There is an essential change taking place in what it means to be "religious" today. As religious people shift their focus to ethical guidelines and spiritual disciplines-not-doctrine we are seeing a universal trend away from hierarchical, regional, patriarchal, and institutional religion. Now, legendary Harvard scholar Harvey Cox offers a new interpretation of the history and future of religion, revealing how doctrines and dogma are giving way to new grassroots movements based in community, social justice, and spiritual experience. The Future of Faith is a major statement and a hopeful vision from one of the most revered theologians today.

Note: Dr. Cox is the Hollis Professor of Divinity at Harvard University and will be in Huntsville for several events this fall, Thursday, November 8, 7:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Friday, November 9, 12:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church for a luncheon and lecture, and November 9, 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church.

October 7—First Sunday of the Month—HAP SUNDAY
Canned meats, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce/noodles, canned vegetables

ADULT STUDIES OFFERED DURING THE WEEK

TUESDAY

Financial Peace University* (Dave Ramsey's all *new* material)

Each Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. (*Nursery *only with prior notice* to Father Brad)

Facilitators: Father Brad Landry and Mrs. Stacy Moon

Contact Father Brad at blandry@nativity-hsv.org or 256-533-2455 to register TODAY

EfM Book Club

Meets first Tuesday each month at 12:00 p.m. in the church library

Contact: Shirley Hale

Centering Prayer

Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. in Bibb Chapel

Contact: Betty Giardini

WEDNESDAY

Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Each Wednesday, beginning September 5 at 7:15 a.m. in the church library

Leader: Father Andy Anderson

Contact the church office 256-533-2455 or lwheeler@nativity-hsv.org for more information

The Good Book Bible Study

Each Wednesday beginning September 12 at 1:00 pm in the Library

The Search for the Twelve Apostles by William McBurnie

Contact: Carole Sue Goodwin (256-534-4477) for more information or to order a book

Leaders: Mary Askins, Ann Bishop, Susan Morley, Evie Spearman

Wednesday Evening Forum on Faith

Each Wednesday beginning August 29, 5:15 p.m. until 6:15 p.m.

Leader: Father Brad Landry

The Libba Walker Bible Study for Women

Each Wednesday, at 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in church library

Getting to Know the Holy Spirit, by Kathy Phillips

Contact: Lane Tutt ltutt@nativity-hsv.org or 256-533-2455 to order a book

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

THURSDAY

Reflections Bible Study for Busy Moms*

This class meets weekly at 9:15 a.m. in Joffrion Hall 2 East.

Stepping Up, a Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent, by Beth Moore

Contact: Debbie Collette 256-830-2451

Leaders: Lisa Caprio, Debbie Collette, Kim Hartley, Connie Stephenson, Shelley Whitney

Centering Prayer

Thursdays at 12:00 p.m. in Bibb Chapel

Contact: Betty Giardini

County-wide Cursillo Ultreya meeting this Sunday, September 23 to be held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church beginning at 6:00 pm. Bring an appetizer/side/salad and enjoy great fellowship, music, and a talk by Bishop Kee Sloan.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE October 2012 published 9/19/12

WEDNESDAY, October 3, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 noon	Akin		Marilyn Lands

THURSDAY, October 4, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher
6:00 pm	Anderson	

SUNDAY, October 7, 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Landry out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Anderson	Anderson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson
8:45 am	Akin	Anderson	Lee Hicklen, Minda Alexander, Charlie Warren	Melissa Kirkindall	Lane Mickle
11:00 am	Akin	Anderson	Rich Goodwin, Don Askins, Barbara Buice	Martha Joffrion, Ronnie Rogers	Adalene Bledsoe

WEDNESDAY, October 10, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 noon	Anderson		Don Askins

THURSDAY, October 11, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher
6:00 pm	Landry	

SUNDAY, October 14, 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Anderson out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Akin	Akin	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett
8:45 am	Landry	Akin	Lewie Bates, Lane Mickle, Robert Dunn	Ed Greene	Lee Hicklen
11:00 am	Landry	Akin	Ronnie Rogers, Pat Sampson, Roy Gowman	Rachel Quillen, Chris Jackson	Rich Goodwin

WEDNESDAY, October 17, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 noon	Landry		Mary Hendricks

THURSDAY, October 18, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher
6:00 pm	Akin	

SUNDAY, October 21, 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Anderson out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Landry	Landry	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett
8:45 am	Akin	Landry	Bob Serio, Warren Vann, Mike Ward	Allen Daniels	Clay Sherrill
11:00 am	Akin	Landry	Ed Vaughn, Peter Cobun, Deborah Baker	Rick Wilhoite, Ron Hogan	Ronnie Rogers

WEDNESDAY, October 24, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 noon	Akin		Janet Robbins

THURSDAY, October 25, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher
6:00 pm	Landry	

SUNDAY, October 28, 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Anderson	Bishop Parsley	John Hendricks	John Hendricks	John Hendricks
8:45 am	Anderson	Bishop Parsley	Lee Hicklen	Lane Mickle	Shirley Hale
11:00 am	Anderson	Bishop Parsley	Marilyn Lands	Sandy Brown, Michael Brown	Martha Bosworth

WEDNESDAY, October 31, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 noon	Landry		Marilyn Lands

USHERS

8:45	Dale Moore, Beverly Farrington, Austin King, Ed Starnes, Rae Starnes, Drew Tutt, Mike Ward, Anna Warren
11:00	Lou Durnya, Benita Hayes, Marilyn Lands, Tom Lydon, Michael Shipley, Teague Smith

ALTAR GUILD

6	Mary Johnson, Linda Watts, Connie Stephenson, Flo Stockton
13	Elaine Calhoun, Renée Elliott, Judy Vann, Alice Lanier
20	Kakki Brooks, Caffey Litkenhous, Laura Ines, Nancy Colin, Wanda Cobb, Debbie Joyner
27	Jewell Reynolds, Sara Little, Beth Pugh, Judy Heacock, Emily Moody, Suzy Naumann

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

"America's God"

Dr. Stanley Hauerwas

Duke Divinity School

Noted Author addressing the Church and the World
One of "America's Best Theologians"
~ *Time Magazine*

Monday, October 15 7:00 p.m.

Church of the Nativity

Reception to follow in Ridley Hall
Free! Open to All



CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, EPISCOPAL

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE HARRY E. AND MABRY B. MILLER LECTURESHIP FUND OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Present

**HARVARD DIVINITY PROFESSOR HARVEY COX
FOR THREE PUBLIC LECTURES**

NOVEMBER 8, 2012 7:00 P.M.

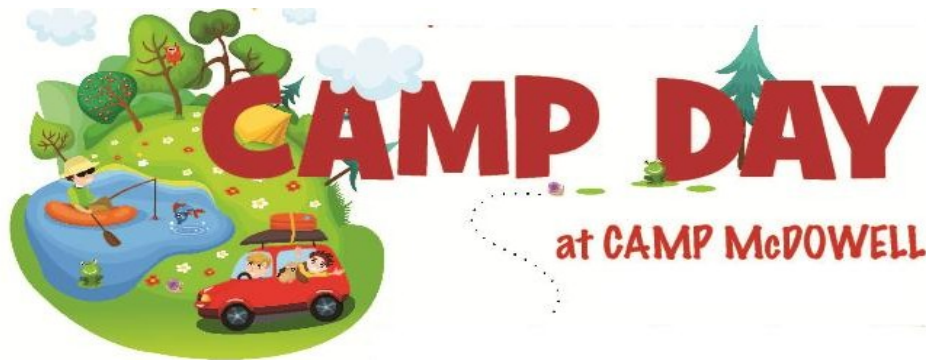
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WESLEY CENTER
GREENE STREET DOWNTOWN HUNTSVILLE, AL
"WHAT MUSIC DOES JESUS LIKE"

NOVEMBER 9, 2012 12:00 NOON

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL
307 GATES AVENUE DOWNTOWN HUNTSVILLE, AL
"SCIENCE AND RELIGION: THE NEW CONVERSATION"

NOVEMBER 9, 2012 7:00 P.M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
600 GOVERNORS DRIVE HUNTSVILLE, AL
"THE FUTURE OF FAITH"



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.

☺ Live Entertainment

☺ Indoor and Outdoor Games

☺ Football Room complete with 10" x 10" TV Screen for the day's games

DINNER ON THE GROUNDS **\$12 Adults \$6 Children**

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

SERVICE WITH COMMUNION 5—6 PM

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

Parish Financial Report (Period Ending 8/31/2012)

	CURRENT MONTH	BUDGET for PERIOD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
Pledges				
Received	\$ 78,482.24	\$ 106,777.42	\$ 797,887.50	\$ 854,219.32
Plate	\$ 5,594.19	\$ 5,555.83	\$ 43,716.75	\$ 44,446.68
Other Revenues	\$ 11,132.52	\$ 8,940.00	\$ 79,653.36	\$ 71,520.00
TOTAL	\$ 95,208.95	\$ 121,273.25	\$ 921,257.61	\$ 970,186.00
Diocesan, School of Theology, & Outreach				
	\$ 22,459.32	\$ 24,070.84	\$ 151,180.57	\$ 192,566.64
Personnel	\$ 61,553.04	\$ 65,470.32	\$ 522,731.71	\$ 523,762.72
Other Expenses	\$ 31,000.02	\$ 31,732.04	\$ 214,864.90	\$ 253,856.84
TOTAL	\$ 115,012.38	\$ 121,273.20	\$ 888,777.18	\$ 970,186.20
NET	\$ (19,803.43)	\$ 0.05	\$ 32,480.43	\$ (0.20)

**NATIVITY BAZAAR—
SAVE THIS DATE
November 15, 2012.**

The lunch seatings are at
11:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

This is a fun opportunity for
fellowship and volunteering.

The planning committee will be
calling soon, so get those
recipes out for the bake sale
and be ready to volunteer
where needed.

Thank you from The Vine....



Dear members of Church of the Nativity,

I want to thank you for your generous offering of office space to the Vine. We have been in the office building on Franklin since the beginning of 2011, and I can not tell you what this has done for our organization to have a central location! You have fostered much growth for us, and The Vine wants you both to know this and to have ownership of what you have allowed us to become. We welcome your visit to see what the Lord has done. Our board of directors and all of our staff extend heart-felt gratitude.

In His Service,
Dr. Amanda W. Ragland
Executive Director

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, October 1.

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

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Nursery Coordinator

John Buyse
Property Manager

Al Ford
Sexton

Sally Stockton
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Bookkeeper/Business Mgr

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Worship & Ministry Assistant

Linda Wheeler
Assistant to the Rector

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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 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.

Church of the Nativity, Episcopal

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**"Down from the Mountain:
Wisdom from on High"**

Wednesday Nights at Nativity

October 3, 10, & 17

Faculty from

The School of Theology, Sewanee

October 3 - The Rev. Dr. William Brosend

What's Important today in Homiletics ?

October 10 - The Rev. Dr. Benjamin King

What's Important today in Church History ?

October 17 - The Rev. Dr. Robert MacSwain

An Ethicist speaks on C. S. Lewis

5:15 p.m. Dinner in Ridley Hall

6:00 p.m. Speaker

Reservations required for Dinner & Nursery

256-533-2455 by noon Monday prior

Brought to you by: The Nativity Spiritual Development Committee