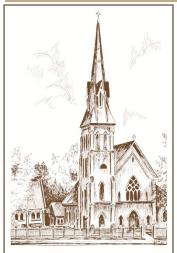
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CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, EPISCOPAL

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SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

SUNDAY

(* Nursery available)

8:00 a.m. Rite I Holy Eucharist Bibb Chapel

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

June 19, 2013

Mission of the Church of the Nativity

God's family at the historic Church of the Nativity is joyfully and energetically committed to sharing Christ's love and healing by proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel through worship and service to the world.

Come to the Center

St. Benedict's Monastery lies in a verdant green valley high in the Rockies outside of Snowmass, Colorado. I am at here on retreat, disconnecting from life's many obligations and busyness, simply resting in and absorbing God's abiding presence of love for me and for you. Surrounded by snow-capped mountain peaks, the words from Psalm 121 reverberate, evoking my own questions of where my help comes. Where do I find life? What is my destiny?

With minimal distractions, I clearly see God's hand in this incredible and beautiful world. I know that God is not high up beyond me as these distant strong ridges, but deep within, at the center of my being, and at the center of all life. At the center of life is the Holy One who in Jesus invites us to know deep friendship. God, the fount of life, invites you and me into divine union so that our lives, becoming one with God's, will reflect the Creator's deep love in all of our relationships, in all people, in all of creation.

There are many ways to cultivate this friendship God initiates in Christ that leads to the divine union God desires with us. The way of this friendship and union is nothing we have to earn, it is pure grace. It is more about "being" than about "doing," yet it takes deliberate effort and even practice. It is so hard for us to remember the amazing fact that God is always present, and so we must consent to God's abiding presence daily. This involves taking time for prayer. The needed prayer is not intercessory prayers when we ask God for things and do all the talking. What is needed is to be quiet, allowing God to speak in God's first language, the language of silence. In God's silence there is unlimited potential.

I have discovered that Centering Prayer offers a proven way to cultivate the deep friend-ship Jesus invites us to share by intentionally consenting to God's abiding presence daily. Centering Prayer is an exciting journey of self-discovery, deliberately focusing our attention on God's wonder and love alone; letting go of everything else, even the "experience of God," so that we can be with God. The Kingdom of God is within you, Jesus tells us.

The retreat I'm making is a Centering Prayer retreat that includes powerful amounts of silence dispersed with prayer times throughout the day. We begin and end each day in corporate worship with the monks. I am blessed that the church expects the clergy to be deliberate about making time for God daily and in regular focused retreats. I wish that all of God's people could get away from the busyness and noise of the world and focus on God alone from time to time, too. If a week is not possible, a weekend will do!

Allow me to connect some dots...this spring following our Bishop's lead, we've focused on inviting people to Nativity so that their lives can be inspired by God's love and transformed. The first invitation we each need to make is to invite God's presence into our lives daily. Centering Prayer is an easy and accessible way to enable the process of interior transformation that restructures our consciousness so that we may perceive, relate and respond with increasing love, manifesting the fruits of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, kindness, patience, etc.), in our every action and interaction with others.

The spiritual journey to transformation involves entering a process of letting go of the false needs for security, esteem, and power in order to trust God alone. Trusting God, we are free to be who God has created us to be: agents of transforming love. And it is no longer I, but Christ who lives in me. God invites you to be so inspired and transformed!

Andy +

Vacation Bible School ~ **Save the date for July 16,17,18.**



VBS is a great time to reconnect with church friends and serve our community. We are excited about our theme this year,

"Breathe it in, God gives life"

Children ages 4-3rd grade will enjoy VBS here at Nativity.

And, children 4th - 6th will go on mini-mission trips around town to spread God's love. It takes a village (and then some) to make VBS a success. We need you! Email Elizabeth at elizabethfoster1704@yahoo.com to volunteer.

HAP Sunday (Huntsville Assistance Program) is July 7.

Needed are the following: Canned meats and fruits, spaghetti sauce and noodles, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, all sizes of diapers.



Suzanne Purtee continues Sabbatical

To follow Suzanne on her sabbatical journey through June 30, a blog is accessible at http://nativitysabbaticaladventure.blogspot.com/

Nativity Summer Choir begins Sunday, July 7th



All are welcome

No experience needed

Rehearsal is at 9:10 in the Church

Songs, Spirits and Stories

A Fund Raiser for the McDowell Environmental Center Scholarship Fund

Thursday, June 27, 5:30-8:30 St. Stephens Parish Hall, 3775 Crosshaven Dr, Birmingham



Music: Herb Trotman and Band Speaker: Dr Jim McClintock

Live and Silent Auction of Art, Vacation Homes and More!

BarBQ... beer... wine...Desserts

Help provide scholarships for underprivileged students who otherwise could not attend the wonderful Camp McDowell Environmental Center.

http://cmec.dioala.org/songs-spirits-and-stories.html

Choir Fundraiser Continues

The Nativity choir has step-stools for sale with proceeds to benefit the choir tour to England and Scotland 2015. The choir's solid wood stools (choice of three stains) are available for \$50 each. Contact Joan East to place your order; 256-325-1418.

HAVEN'T PLEDGED YET? NO PROBLEM! (WE'RE MAKING IT EVEN EASIER FOR YOU!)

If you're one of the more than 430 households who have made a pledge for God's work through the mission and ministry of the Church of the Nativity for 2013, THANK YOU. If you haven't made a pledge yet, there's still time. There are several ways you can make a pledge: (1) complete a pledge card and place it in the alms basin at offertory time, (2) contact bookkeeper Beverly Franklin (bfranklin@nativity-hsv.org or 256-533-2455) and give her your pledge, and (3) COMING SOON online pledging on Nativity's website - www.nativity-hsv.org. We need several more families to make a financial commitment in order to honor all requests for outreach, youth, historic preservation and other funding for this year and we hope we can count on you!

-The Nativity Stewardship Ministry

YOUR VESTRY NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE SOLICITS YOUR INPUT

The Vestry Nominations Committee has begun the process of developing a slate of nominees for the upcoming year. Following changes to the Nativity By-laws approved by the congregation in 2011, the Vestry Nomination Committee submits a slate of proposed new Vestry members to the congregation for approval at the Annual Parish Meeting in early November.

The Committee is composed of the sitting and three most recent Senior Wardens willing and able to serve, along with three members-at-large chosen by the six outgoing Vestry members; the Rector serves *ex officio* in a non-voting role:

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

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

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

Rusty Stephenson, Senior Warden 2013 (firstmom21@aol.com)

Alyce Smith, member-at-large, (256-536-4198)

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

Jennifer Hulsey, member-at-large (jat.hulsey@yahoo.com)

Andy Anderson, Rector, ex officio, non-voting (aanderson@nativity-hsv.org)

You may recommend someone in the parish or submit your own name for consideration. Please make sure that anyone who you suggest is willing to have his/her name considered and meets the requirements as set forth in the Nativity By-laws for Vestry membership (confirmed member of Nativity, regular in attendance, has made and kept a pleage for at lease the current year, etc).

The Committee welcomes your comments. Please contact any one of them if you have concerns or would like to make suggestions regarding the process.

For your convenience a drop-box is located in the foyer of Ridley Hall or you may mail the form to:

The Church of the Nativity, Episcopal

Attn: Nominations Committee

208 Eustis Ave.

Huntsville, AL 35801

VESTRY NOMINATION PROPOSAL

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Name of candidate:		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
E-mail:	Phone: Home	Cell	Work
What strengths would th	is person bring to the Vestry		
In what Parish activities I	nas this person participated?		
Have you discussed this	with the person; if elected, would he	e/she agree to serve	on the Nativity Vestry?
•	t on this candidate. The Nomination representative leadership from the e		regularly to consider all proposed
Your signature			
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SPECIAL NEWS ABOUT FORMER PARISHIONER

by Ann Moses

For those of us a Nativity who have been here for many years, we wish to spread the joyful news that Lauren Wynn Farrington Flowers received her divinity degree with honors from the theology school at Sewanee May 14, 2013.

Lauren, who grew up a Nativity, received two of the top awards: School of Theology Prize in Biblical Studies and the Urban T. Holmes III Prize for Excellence in Preaching. She is now from the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast (South Alabama and the Florida Panhandle) and will be the resident minister at Monroeville.

Her mom, Barbara Perry, is a Nativity Parishioner. Congratulations to Lauren and her proud mother.

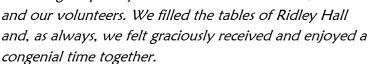
The Daughters of the King confidential Prayer Box

If you would like prayers for someone or have a prayer intention but would rather keep the name or intention private, the Daughters of the King offer a confidential prayer box for you intentions. The names and intentions put in this box are prayed for by the Daughters but the names are never revealed. Once a month, the slips in this box are burned without ever being read.

The DOK Confidential Prayer Box is located in Ridley Hall on the pamphlet rack.

Dear Andy,

Thank you to nativity for once again extending hospitality to Crisis Services



Thanks to you and the staff for your support of us.

Sincerely,

Martha Bosworth

IMS 2013 Annual Celebration and Awards Dinner

Standing on "Common Ground"

June 24, 2013

5:30 pm-8:00 pm

UAH University Center Exhibition Hall

301 Sparkman Drive, 35899

For tickets, call the IMS office, 256-536-2401 or Online at www.interfaithmissionservice.org



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CURSILLO?

There are two Cursillo weekends remaining in 2013...

- •September 12-15 (application deadline mid July 30)
- •October 10-13 (application deadline mid August)

If you are interested in attending one of these Cursillo weekends, contact David or Debbie Collette.

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Youth



Notes!

More than a new look for our youth

Last September, Nativity embarked on a journey to make our youth ministry stronger, more vibrant and more effective. At the encouragement of Father Landry, we hired the group Youth Ministry Architects (YMA) to study our current youth program and help us come up with a solid plan for making it better. As one of the nation's leading providers of youth ministry consulting, YMA provided an assessment of our current youth program and gave us a 36-month plan for renovating it. Part of the plan included finding five parishioners who would focus on building the youth program infrastructure and helping clarify the vision and curriculum of the youth ministry. The Youth Ministry Renovation Team along with Father Landry and our new youth director, William Blackerby, meets every other week to work on this plan.

Here are some of the exciting highlights that have already taken place:

- •An enthusiastic (and organized!) youth director has been hired
- •A 12-month calendar including weekly youth ministry group times and major ministry events and programs has been created
- •An upgraded and greatly improved youth area for Club 56 and the 7 & 8th graders has been built in Ridley Hall
- •Curriculum resources for the 2013-2014 school year have been selected
- •Key volunteers including weekly volunteers and major event coordinators for the 2013-2014 year are in the process of being recruited
- •A Fall kick-off planning team has been recruited a date has been set
- •Summer activities including a youth rafting trip have been scheduled

As we move closer to the full implementation of our renovation plan, we will continue to update you on our progress. In the meantime, please feel free to contact any of us if you have questions or ideas to share. We are thrilled to be a part of this process.

The Youth Ministry Renovation Team

Lewie Bates, Mem Bryant, Steve Creech, Holly Ellis, and Lori Webber

Save the Date! — Contact William if you want to go!

- •Saturday, July 20, Serve lunch at Sawyerville
- •Friday-Saturday, August 9-10, Jonathan Daniels Annual Pilgrimage & Lock-in

Headed to camp this summer? Let me know the address and I'll send you some mail!

I love feedback! Call me, William Blackerby, at 205-240-3705, or email wblackerby@nativity-hsv.org

Stewardship of Creation Tip

Continuing our Birding theme, here is some additional information about feeding birds, this week specifically,

Hummingbirds:



Hummingbirds specialize in eating nectar, evident by elongated bills ideal for probing tubular flowers. Though bills may vary slightly in size and shape, each protects a long and sensitive forked tongue, which a hummer uses to lick its nectar source – whether a flower or feeder – anywhere from 3 to 13 times a second. The fork forms a trough that draws the nectar up by capillary action.

Hummingbirds depend on the sugar-rich nectar for up to 90% of their diet; the rest is made up of insects and pollen that provide essential protein.

Feeder Facts

Maintaining a backyard hummingbird feeder can help provide the birds with nectar critical to their survival, especially during the fall when they need help to double their body mass before migration. (Contrary to a common fear, the extra food won't stop a hummer from migrating south when it's time to go.) Follow these steps to ensure your yard is a safe and nutritious place for hummingbirds:

- Instead of one large feeder, hang several smaller ones in different locations. Keep the feeders far enough apart that the hummers cannot see one another; this will prevent one bird from dominating the rest.
- Fill the feeders with sugar water, made by combining four parts boiled water to one part white sugar, boiled for 1 to 2 minutes. NEVER use honey, which promotes the growth of harmful bacterial, or artificial sweeteners. And Do Not use red food coloring.
- Hang your feeders in the shade to discourage fermentation and spoilage of the sugar solution.
- Be sure to change the sugar water regularly before it gets cloudy, or about twice a week in warm weather.
- Lean the feeders with a solution of one part white vinegar to four parts water about once a week. If your feeder has become dirty, try adding some grains of dry rice when you clean with the vinegar solution, and shake vigorously. The grains act as a good abrasive. Rinse your feeder well with warm water three times before refilling with sugar solution.
- Browse your local birding web site to find out when the first hummingbird sightings occur each spring and try to have your feeders up a couple of weeks before that. In the fall, keep your feeders up for two weeks after you see the last bird using it. A straggler or two might wander by on their way south.

SUMMER PRAYER, Dinner and a Movie

begins June 25

Again this summer, the Centering Prayer Groups will offer Tuesday evening prayer and a movie

with a light pot-luck supper in Ridley
Hall. Centering Prayer begins at 5:30
PM, followed by supper and movie
at six. Our first summer movie is "With

One Voice," to be shown on June

25. Reservations are not required, just bring a dish to share for supper. Interesting and stimulating discussion always follow the viewing of the movie.

*Note - To make it easier to serve supper, bring dishes that are ready to serve and do not require heating or being kept cold. Sandwiches, pasta salads, green salads, cookies, etc. would be great. Call Brenda Chynoweth if you have a question.

INTERCESSION REQUESTS

We pray for those who are ill or recovering:

George Thacker, Will Joyner, Julian Kobler, Elise Goodson, Julia Perry, Nancy Colin Swenson, David Smitherman, Joe McDaniel, Dot Kitchens, Angel Colin, Barbara Hunkapillar, E. Ray Tanner, RuthAnn Haymes, Ann Garnett, Louis Amis, Elaine Wood, Don Askins, Bob, Linda Giardini Drzycinski, Lynne Swanson, Phyllis Lawson, Eileen Sullivan, Elsie Olsen, Leigh Wahl, Emile Joffrion, Nancy Kelly.

We pray for those deployed/serving with the Military:

Afghanistan: Matthew Spivey, Denver Colin; Bahrain: Jonathan Serwecki

We pray for th e departed: Frank Morring

We give thanks for birthdays of our children:

6/19	Sims Windham	6/26	Laura Lee Kamelchuk
6/20	Ben Hulsey	6/26	Jackson Grelier
6/21	Aerin Watts	6/26	Hall Blake Bryant
6/22	Lillie Markwalter	6/27	Mhairi Kerr
6/23	Chase Howell	6/28	Charles Ayres
6/25	Matilda Smith	6/28	Katherine Hunter
6/25	Sarah Thompson	6/30	John Chilton

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Farmers' Market

Thursday's through - Oct 31st, 4 - 8 p.m.

No Market on July 4th

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: cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org

The deadline for the next issue is Monday noon, July 1

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The Rev'd Dr. Andy Anderson Rector

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Associate

The Rev'd Rusty McCown Associate

The Rev'd Jeannie Robison
Deacon

Suzanne Purtee

Organist/Choirmaster

Lane Tutt

Adult Christian Formation

William Blackerby

Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Elizabeth Foster

Children's Formation

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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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2013 ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION FORM

If you are interested in dedicating Altar flowers for a specific Sunday in 2013, please complete this form and mail with your check made payable to *Nativity Flower Guild* 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

The following dates are available:

August 25; September 1; October 20, 27; December 1, 8, 22, 29

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION, THANK YOU

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Your Name
Phone #
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listed in the bulletin?
Please be specific - underline or circle your desired dedication below:
All dedications read "To the glory of God and
in loving memory ofin thanksgiving for
in celebration of
Name for this alter flower dedication: