

# THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

June 4, 2014



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

#### 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.*

#### Serving Others as Christ has Served

All Christians promise, and are given the strength from the Holy Spirit, to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves. In Baptism we vow to proclaim the good news of God in Christ by word and deed, working for peace and justice while respecting the dignity of every human being. These promises, the foundation of all of the church's ministries, come from Jesus' example: *I come among you as one who serves.* And so at the Last Supper, to show that he means business, and means for us to follow him, he takes on the role of a servant, girding himself with a towel, and stoops to wash the disciples' feet.

All Christians are servant ministers. Since the earliest days of the church's growth, soon after the fire and wind of Pentecost, the church ordains some of us deacons to remind us of this basis of ministry. Deacon Jeannie Robison and retired Deacon Mary Groff have been among us in the servant ministry of the diaconate, showing us that all Christians are called to serve as Christ has served, especially by attending to the needs of the poor, the lonely, the sick, and the weak. Jeannie and Mary serve as "vocational" deacons, interpreting the needs of the world to the church, and then leading the church in servant ministry to the world.

A vocational deacon's work is non-stipendiary; they don't get paid, but connect their professional calling to the church's ministry. Deacons bridge the sacramental and gospel preaching/teaching role of bishops and priests with the most important and largest group of ministers in the church, the laity. Perhaps the most critical words of the Eucharist are said at the end of worship as the Deacon sends us forth: *Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!*

I am happy to let you know that Dr. Bob Serio has been discerning a call with the church and the Bishop to the vocational diaconate. The Bishop and his advisory commission on ordained ministry have invited Bob to begin the formal road to the diaconate through our Diocesan Deacon School, beginning this August. God willing and with Bob's completion of this 2-year training, Bob will be ordained a deacon in 2016. Please keep Bob and Peggy in your prayers.

Perhaps you have also read where our new Associate Rector Bonnie McCrickard will be ordained a deacon this Saturday at Christ Church Cathedral in Nashville. All priests spend at least 6 months as deacons laying the foundation of our priestly ministry (and for Bishops, their Episcopal ministry) in serving as Christ served. Since Bonnie (God willing) will be ordained a priest in December, we refer to her role as the "transitional" diaconate. Rusty McCown on June 1<sup>st</sup> observed the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination as a deacon in this capacity, and today, June 4, I observe my 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being ordained a deacon.

The Bishop says these words to new deacons: *God now calls you to a special ministry of servanthood....In the name of Jesus Christ, you are to serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely. At all times, your life and teaching are to show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself.*

The Bishop then prays: *O God, most merciful Father, we praise you for sending your Son Jesus Christ, who took on himself the form of a servant, and humbled himself, becoming obedient even to death on the cross. We praise you that you have highly exalted him, and made him Lord of all; and that, through him, we know that whoever would be great must be servant of all.*

This is the basis of the ministry I have been humbly called and privileged to serve in the Church. I am so very grateful and re-commit myself to this calling. May we all remember that this is the basis of all ministry....mine and yours. Where and whom will you serve? **May God give us all the will and the strength to do these things we have promised in Christ's name!**

Andy +

## Nativity Choir's Annual Spring Concert

Sunday, June 8, 5:00 pm

### *The Song of Creation, and Prayers and Dances of Africa!*

The Nativity Choir Concert this Sunday afternoon features some wonderful music, musicians, and excellent prose to contemplate! Opening the program is a suite of songs and dances of Africa, composed by Peter Klatzow, South African and graduate of the Royal College of Music in London. The choral portions of this musical suite are based on texts from the African Prayer Book, compiled by Desmond Tutu. In between each choral selection is a short selection – the dance – which will be played by a brass quintet, including a new Nativity member and his colleagues, based on Redstone Arsenal.

With opening sentences such as “All you Big things, Bless the Lord,” and “Great is, O King, our happiness,” these African prayer text highlight the praise of God. A companion choral selection to this choral suite is a setting of the Song of Creation, or the Canticle we know from the BCP as the *Benedicite*, with the repetitive phrase: bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

Sunday's musical setting of the *Benedicite* by the twentieth century British composer Ralph Vaughn Williams is filled with energy and vitality – the same qualities of the God who is so fervently praised. It is a wonderful companion to the South African Prayers and Dances.

Completing the concert is a popular work for Organ and Brass Quintet: Eugene Gigout's Grand Choeur and Dialogue. Dr. Faythe Freese of the University of Alabama is our guest organist and accompanist.

Soprano soloist for the Vaughn Williams Canticle is a graduate of Oakwood University who won the National Classical Singer University Competition, in 2010: Ms. Whitney Morrison.

Please come to the Nativity Choir's spring concert this Sunday, June 8, at 5 pm.

God Willing

The Right Reverend John C. Bauerschmidt, D. Phil.

will ordain

**Bonnie Mixon McCrickard**

to the Sacred Order of Deacons

Saturday, June 7, 2014

at ten o'clock in the morning at

Christ Church Cathedral

900 Broadway

Nashville, TN 37203

Reception to follow Clergy: Red Stoles

Your prayers and presence are requested

## Dining With Friends

*The Loaves and Fishes, Southern Style*

(hush puppies and fried catfish)

Friday June 6<sup>th</sup> in Ridley Hall

This \$50 per plate tax deductible donation for AIDS Action Coalition. **Reservations are required.**

Contact Ron Hogan at [ronhuntsville@yahoo.com](mailto:ronhuntsville@yahoo.com) or 256-679-5786.



More auction art



### Nativity Welcomes Pamela Payne as Diocesan Intern for Ordained Ministry Discernment

Pamela Payne, choirmaster at St. John's, Decatur, will be spending 12 weeks at Nativity this summer as part of the Diocese of Alabama process for discernment for ordained ministry. An important new addition to that process is serving an internship in a different church than one's sponsoring parish. While at Nativity, Pam will serve as a Lay Eucharistic Minister at the 8:00 a.m. Sunday services in June and August and at the 10:00 a.m. service in July. She will do some preaching and hospital visits with the clergy. Ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in 1993, Pam has served as a pastor, church musician, religious communicator, and teacher in a number of denominations. For five years, she was Communications Officer for the Diocese of Indianapolis, where she edited the diocesan newspaper. Pam earned the M.Div. degree at Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, and a Ph.D. in Constructive Theology from Vanderbilt University, Nashville. Pam is serving as the Choirmaster at St. John's, and she also works for the Huntsville Library. She is the mother of two grown sons, Daniel and Christopher Allen.

## INTERCESSION REQUESTS

### We pray for those who are ill or recovering:

Oscar Maxwell, Anna Lee, Tom Booth, Lorene Dilworth, Bill Dilworth, Gene Sullivan, Dot Barr, Lynn Jones, Barry Morton, Bess Wallace, Lynn Rains, Leslie Valley, Tom Robinson, Evin Yadegar, Janet Moret, Linda Browning, Nancy Colin Swenson, Harry Beazley, RuthAnn Haymes, Carla King, Suzanne Johnson, Phyllis Lawson, Eileen Sullivan, Elsie Olsen, Leigh Wahl.

### We pray for those deployed/serving with the Military:

Bahrain: Jonathan Serwecki; South Korea: Tim Fuhrman; US Navy, Jesse Teal

### We pray for the departed: Elizabeth Crump McGee, sister of Bill Crump

### We give thanks for birthdays of our children:

6/10 Nyssa Henderson	6/12 Jack Copeland	6/12 Ella Duncan	6/14 Abby Amis
6/14 Alee Clayton	6/15 Joshua Huskey	6/15 Ian Artrip	6/15 Kate Miller

## NATIVITY OUTREACH



**June 8th!**

Just  
Stuff It!

Join us in the library after the 10:00 service. Come one, come all, for our Outreach Committee project to First Stop—meal packets for the homeless.

Nativity Volunteers

packaged 10,000 meals in TWO HOURS

at the **Stop Hunger Now Event** on May 10th.



THANKS FOR THE GREAT RESPONSE—

We will be delivering **96** to Sawyerville!

## Children's Corner

**July 14th-17th — VBS :**

registration going on now on-line

<http://bit.ly/2014navityvbs>

Like us on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/2014NativityVBS>

**Thur. June 12 at 4:00 pm**—Children's corner at Green Street Market

**Happy Father's Day! June 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Camp McDowell Summer registration open**

<http://campmcdowell.dioala.org/>

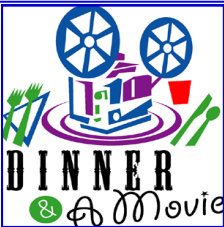


## Art in the Banister Room



*The Art of Nature*, an exhibit by a group of artists inspired by the Goldsmith Schiffman Wildlife Sanctuary. The group call themselves the Sanctuary Artist and they have share their inspiration and creativity brought about by the Goldsmith Schiffman Wildlife Sanctuary since 2009.

Be sure to stroll through the Banister Room and enjoy the varieties of nature works there. You can also see their work online at [www.sanctuaryartists.net](http://www.sanctuaryartists.net)



## Tuesday, June 24, Ridley Hall

The Centering Prayer Groups are offering the **summer movie series** on the fourth Tuesday evenings in June, July and August in Ridley Hall. The evening begins with Centering Prayer at 5:30 PM, followed by supper and movie at six (we eat while watching the movie).

Our June movie, ***The Way***, is a 2010 American drama directed, produced and written by Emilio Estevez, starring his father Martin Sheen, Deborah Kara Unger, James Nesbitt, Yorick van Wageningen, and Estevez. It honors the *Camino de Santiago* and promotes the traditional pilgrimage. Reservations are not required, just bring a dish (ready to eat) to share for supper. Interesting and stimulating discussion always follows the viewing of the movie.

Call Brenda Chynoweth if you have a question.



## 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:

Shelley Whitney, co-chair, member-at-large  
([smwhitney51@gmail.com](mailto:smwhitney51@gmail.com))

Rusty Stephenson, co-chair, Senior Warden 2013  
([stephenson526@gmail.com](mailto:stephenson526@gmail.com))

Lou Durnya, Senior Warden 2014 ([LDurn@aol.com](mailto:LDurn@aol.com))

Pat Goodson, Senior Warden 2012 ([patgood@knology.net](mailto:patgood@knology.net))

Bland Warren, Senior Warden 2011 ([blandwarren@me.com](mailto:blandwarren@me.com))

Elizabeth Foster, member-at-large  
([elizabethfoster1704@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethfoster1704@yahoo.com))

Laurie Noojin, member-at-large ([laurie.noojin@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.noojin@gmail.com))

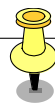
Andy Anderson, Rector, *ex officio*, non-voting  
([aanderson@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:aanderson@nativity-hsv.org))

You may recommend someone in the parish or submit your own name for consideration. The requirements are set forth in the Nativity By-laws for Vestry membership: confirmed member of Nativity, regular in attendance, and has made/kept a pledge for at least the current year.

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



### *Where did you Worship?*

We have created a Bulletin Board to display all of the Church Service Leaflets collected on your Summer Travels.

Please bring your "Summer Travel" Church Leaflets to Amy Baxter in the office so we can start pinning.

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Oscar Mason Summer Reading Kickoff



8 Nativity youth spent a very hot Friday volunteering at the Oscar Mason Summer Reading Kickoff Fair last week. From 11:30-2:30, Robert McCown, Sara Hutchens, Allie Starnes, Liddy Malone and her friends Rachel and Elizabeth, Steuart Evans, Alec Bonner and David DiFranco helped with set up, games, and clean up. Allie, Sara, and Robert held down the registration table while Liddy, Rachel and Elizabeth ran the cake walk before heading to the snow cone machine. Steuart ran the extremely popular quarterback toss, David manned the ring toss, and Alec helped with several games. Afterwards, we cooled off with some ice cream. It was a great day of service in the community! Many thanks to Barbara Bonner for driving and volunteering!



## A Nativity Organ Crawl . . .



You might wonder what these two photos have in common . . . In the world of the career organist, there are things known as organ crawls. You might like to think of these as 'pub

crawls' if that is a phrase you are familiar with!

Sometimes we go from church to church, to visit each pipe organ from the outside (listening, observing the console up close) to the inside (entering the pipe chamber).

Organ Crawls can also be limited to one organ: this becomes a session of about 1-2 hours where your local organist (me) gives you some information about our pipe organ, and then invites you to (very carefully) enter our pipe chamber, and begin to understand a little bit more about pipe organs in general, and our organ in particular. Each chorister at Nativity has this opportunity once or twice over the course of their musical training here.

Organ crawls are helpful, fun, and interesting. You are invited to try out the organ keyboards, various sounds, and ask all kinds of questions that probably you have thought about over the years but never had the opportunity to voice.

Here is your chance! Depending upon the response, and the ages (adult and/or children) I will provide 2-3 opportunities this summer for an introduction and exploration of the pipe organ. (Anyone who wants to go on a pub crawl afterwards will need to be of legal age !!)

You may call and make a reservation at the church office. The dates and times (so far) are: Saturday, June 21: 10:30 am and Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm.

Please contact me via email or the church phone message system with additional questions or date requests. [Suzanne.purtee@gmail.com](mailto:Suzanne.purtee@gmail.com)

## First Stop Presents

A Dinner with Alabama  
Football Legend

**Phi Savage**



June 14, 2014 at  
the Marriott Huntsville  
6:00 p.m.

Tickets \$50.00 each

Purchase tickets:

[http://www.firststop.org/  
events.html](http://www.firststop.org/events.html)

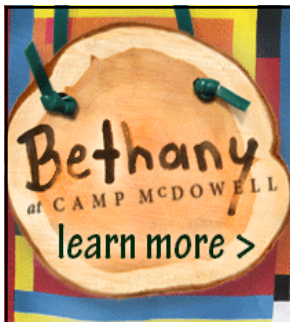
## ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

JUNE 2014

*This schedule reflects the fact that as soon as our refurbished pews return to the chapel, we will be using very few acolytes for the 8:00 service. You will notice that some have double duties during these early services. Many have let me know that even though you have "taken the summer off" from acolyting, you will stop by if you happen to be at church to see if we need a last minute substitute. We appreciate that! Hope you all have a wonderful summer--*

<b>June 1</b>	Acolytemaster: Clay Sherrill (both services)
<b>8:00</b>	<b>10:00</b>
C Karsten Correale	C Allie Starnes, Emily Ellison
T Victoria Spera	T Parker Sanders*
T Joshua Huskey	T Park Ellis
S Karsten Correale	S Allison Taylor
AS Sidney Gunter	AS Evan Ellison
<b>June 8</b>	Acolytemaster: Mike Ward (both services)
<b>8:00</b>	<b>10:00</b>
C Jackson Anglin	C Foard Naumann, Tindall Morring
T Evan Ward	T Sarah Whelden Hall, Margaret Foster
T Mollie Ward	T Huston Morring, Cameron Pinson
S Mollie Ward	S Kate Noble Hall
AS Evan Ward	AS Robert McCown
<b>June 15</b>	Acolytemaster: Dorrie Nutt (both services)
<b>8:00</b>	<b>10:00</b>
C Gillianne Sharp	C Scott Louis Miller, Windham Hunter
T Cole Greco	T Van Dodgen, Jack Benton Stockton
T Elise Greco	T Anna Chilton, Parker Sanders
S Gillianne Sharp	S Powell Stockton
AS Cole Greco	AS Katherine Hunter
<b>June 22</b>	Acolytemaster: Nina Putt (both services)
<b>8:00</b>	<b>10:00</b>
C Karsten Correale	C Jordan Cozby, Alexander Young
	T Sam Hartley, Forrest Webber
	T Elizabeth Evans, Britt Webber
	S Franklin Aldag
	AS Steuart Evans
<b>June 29</b>	Acolytemaster: Mike Ward (both services)
<b>8:00</b>	<b>10:00</b>
C Laurel Sharp	C Neill Luther, Cassidy Bates
	T Leighton Luther, Caroline Knight
	T Dylan Chenoweth, Robert Walker
	S Meredith Walker
	AS Ellie Walker

\*scheduled twice this month



Bethany Village will embody how the world could be, in a new development for ministry at Camp McDowell named for the place where Jesus' friends lived. Our goal is for the vision to begin to become reality in 2014. The camp needs our support to make the vision a reality. Watch for a letter soon!

Dear Nativity,

Thank you for your support of the Camp McDowell Scholarship Fund this year. Your generous gift of \$1500 will allow many campers to attend Special Session where they will be welcomed with love and joy. On behalf of all your campers, thank you.

With gratitude,

Danielle Dunbar, Development Director



Dear Andy and Nativity,

On behalf of Crisis Services I want to thank you again for making Ridley Hall available for our volunteer dinner. As always it was a gift from the spirit to be in this place.

Sincerely,

Martha Bosworth

### The Wisconsin Children's Choir Youth Chorale

Madison, Wisconsin

will be performing

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2014 –  
7:00 P.M.**

### CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY



Their repertoire will include O Lord, How Excellent Is Thy Name (Marcello), Ave Maria (Daley), Gate Gate (Tate), We Rise Again (Dubinsky, Arr. Lydia Adams), Mon Coeur Se Recommande A' Vous (di Lasso, Arr. Jerry W. Harris), Hey Ho, the Wind and the Rain (Biegel), Living in a Holy City (Hatfield), Here Comes the Sun (Arr. Shaw), Les Beattitudes (Childs), Hvalíte ímía Ghospódñe (Chesnokov), I Have Had Singing (Jeffers), Listen to the Angels Shouting (Arr. Clifton J. Noble, Jr.), Mata Del Anima Sola (Estevez), Chattanooga Choo Choo (Arr. Mac Huff), Sahayta (Ben Allaway), Say, Now Ye Lovely Social Band (Arr. Averitt), No Time (Arr. Brumfield), Will the Circle Be Unbroken (Arr. J. David Moore), and The Lord Bless You and Keep You (John Rutter).





## Stewardship of Creation Tip

As summer approaches, we all can remember the times in years past when we had extended dry periods and water shortages. Let's think ahead and take steps now to save water, and also develop good water-saving habits. Here are facts and information on steps to take to help save water by checking our household fixtures and irrigation systems for leaks:

### Outdoors:

- An irrigation system should be checked each spring before use to make sure it was not damaged by frost or freezing.
- An irrigation system that has a leak 1/32nd of an inch in diameter (about the thickness of a dime) can waste about 6,300 gallons of water per month.
- To ensure that your in-ground irrigation system is not leaking water, consult with an irrigation system contractor who has passed a certification program focused on water efficiency.
- Check your garden hose for leaks at its connection to the spigot. If it leaks while you run your hose, replace the nylon or rubber hose washer and ensure a tight connection to the spigot using pipe tape and a wrench.

### The Facts on Household Leaks:

- Household leaks can waste more than 1 trillion gallons annually nationwide. That's equal to the annual household water use of more than 11 million homes.
- Ten percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day.
- Common types of leaks found in the home include worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. Fixing easily corrected household water leaks can save about **10 percent** on their water bills.
- Most common leaks can be eliminated after retrofitting a household with new [WaterSense](#) labeled fixtures and other high-efficiency appliances.

### Leak Detection:

- One way to find out if you have a toilet leak is to place a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color shows up in the bowl within 15 minutes without flushing, you have a leak. Make sure to flush immediately after this experiment to avoid staining the tank.
- Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, you probably have a leak.
- Examine your winter water usage. It's likely that a family of four has a serious leak problem if its winter water use exceeds 12,000 gallons per month.

### Faucets and Showerheads:

- A leaky faucet that drips at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year. That's the amount of water needed to take more than 180 showers!
- Leaky faucets can be fixed by checking faucet washers and gaskets for wear and replacing them if necessary. When replacing a faucet, look for the [WaterSense label.](#)
- A shower or bathtub faucet leaking at 10 drips per minute wastes more than 500 gallons per year. That's the amount of water it takes to wash 60 loads of dishes in your dishwasher.
- When replacing a showerhead, look for one with the [WaterSense label.](#)

### Toilets:

- If your toilet is leaking, the cause is often a faulty toilet flapper. Over time, this rubber part decays, or minerals build up on it. It's usually best to replace the whole rubber flapper—a relatively easy, inexpensive do-it-yourself project that pays for itself in no time.
- If you do need to replace the entire toilet, look for a [WaterSense label.](#) *If the average family replaces its older, inefficient toilets with new WaterSense labeled ones, it could save 13,000 gallons per year.* Retrofitting the house could save the family nearly \$2,400 in water and wastewater bills over the lifetime of the toilets.

## June 6 is the deadline to ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN OUR NEXT CHURCH DIRECTORY!

If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please [call Amy Baxter at the church office, 256-533-2455.](#) It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book and Directory.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY work SCHEDULE

DATE (Tue, Thur, Sat.)	ACTIVITY
June 5,7	Paint walls, install shutters, install under layment
June 10,12,14	Clean floors and windows, install vinyl tile, landscape
June 17, 19, 21	Install/paint interior doors/trim, install cabinets, and electrical fixtures
June 24, 26, 28	Install closet hardware, window blinds, bathroom accessories
July 1, 3, 5	Catch up work, touch up paint, clean and wax floors
July 8, 10, 12	Work punch list, DEDICATION CEREMONY

**Regular working hours** are from 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM with a break for lunch around noon.

**Lunches** are provided on **Saturdays only.** Bring carpentry tools, a utility knife, gloves if you have them.

**The Suggested lunch schedule** is as follows. Please prepare for 20 people. Include drinks.

June 7: United Church of Hsv.

**June 14: Church of the Nativity**

June 21: First Christian

June 28: St. John AME,

July 5: Aldersgate

July 12 First Presbyterian (if needed)

## CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP

*Saturday, June 28, 2014*

**8:30 am—3:00 pm.**

Registration deadline June 25

St. Thomas Episcopal Church,

12200 Bailey Cove Road Huntsville, AL

The workshop is designed for all who are seeking a deeper relationship with the Lord through their prayer life. The registration is \$35 per person and includes lunch. The presenter is the Rev. Tom Ward, retired Episcopal priest and Contemplative Prayer teacher and retreat leader.

**To register** call Linda Lou Hardison at 256-650-4682, [linda\\_lou\\_hardison@comcast.net](mailto:linda_lou_hardison@comcast.net) or call St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 256-880-0247. Make checks payable to St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

## STEEPLE SCHEDULE

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

To submit events or articles, you may bring them to the church office or email:

cwatts@nativity-hsv.org

The deadline for the next issue is

**Monday noon, June 16.**

### CLERGY & STAFF

**The Rev'd Dr. Andy Anderson**

Rector

**The Rev'd Rusty McCown**

Associate

**The Rev'd Mary Groff**

Associate for Pastoral Care

**The Rev'd Jeannie Robison**

Deacon

**Suzanne Purtee**

Organist/Choirmaster

**Lane Tutt**

Adult Christian Formation

**William Blackerby**

Coordinator of Youth Ministry

**Barbara Bonner**

Children's Formation

**Cassie Chenoweth**

Assistant Children's Formation

**Audrey Clayton**

Nursery Coordinator

**John Buyse**

Property Manager

**Al Ford**

Sexton

**Sally Stockton**

Kitchen Coordinator

**Beverly Franklin**

Bookkeeper/Business Mgr

**Connie Gadomski**

Worship & Ministry Assistant

**Amy Baxter**

Assistant to the Rector

**Cheryl Watts**

Communications Assistant

**Prentice White**

Verger/Wedding Coordinator

### WARDENS' COUNCIL

**Lou Durnya Sr** Warden

**Frederick Lanier Jr** Warden

**Michele Hunter** Clerk

**Brenda Chynoweth** Treasurer

**Robert Mullins** Finance Chair

### 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

208 Eustis Ave. SE Huntsville, AL 35801

256-533-2455 Fax: 256-533-2374

[www.nativity-hsv.org](http://www.nativity-hsv.org)

**A New Church Directory** will be published soon! If you have moved, changed your name, have a new family member, phone number, cell number, email, or other change, please contact Amy, Connie or Cheryl at the church office, 256-533-2455 so we can make the updates for the directory. **Please let us know by June 17.**



### Pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey October 8-25, 2014

There is still room for 3-4 additional people to travel to this part of the "old world." Call Amy Baxter, 256-533-2455, to learn more and to sign up!

