

THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

June 18, 2014



CHURCH
OF THE
NATIVITY,
EPISCOPAL

Est. 1843

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.

Making Your Pledge to the Nativity Lodge at Bethany Village

I hope that all Nativity families have been praying about making a pledge to build the Nativity Lodge at Bethany Village. Thanks to those parishioners who have already pledged and helped move us close to the halfway mark toward our goal of \$400,000!

Faith is not simply about belief in God. Faith is allowing our lives and actions to be guided by a larger vision. We are blessed with the opportunity to take part in something bigger than our parish church as a part of the vibrant Diocese of Alabama. Bethany's vision provides a special place for Jesus' friends to gather, generation after generation. We too, have an opportunity to show extravagant love for our Lord through Bethany Village, just as Mary poured out her love for Jesus at her home in Bethany.

Please pray about this mission and consider your personal impact on Bethany Village. You are invited to participate in a dream that will impact individuals with special needs, children in our diocese, schoolchildren throughout Alabama, Alabama Folk School participants, and the future job opportunities for people living with physical and mental disabilities. All gifts, large and small, will help to make the Bethany Village dream become a reality.

The Church of the Nativity is founded in the idea of bold dreams and faith in God to provide for our needs. Our own parish began its life in 1842 with less than fifty members. They stepped out in faith and built a church with space for 500 of us to worship in Sunday after Sunday, year after year. Our heritage is one of bold generosity and belief in a larger plan that God calls us toward. Bethany Village is that bold and generous vision now before us.

If you have not yet pledged, please pray about your pledge and send in your pledge card. *Pledges may be made over a 5 year period.* May our actions reveal our faith!

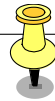
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Ordination of our new Associate Rector,
The Rev. Bonnie Mixon McCrickard,
at Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville on June 7.
Congratulations and welcome, Bonnie
(and Matthew)!

*Please join us this Sunday to
hear our new priest preach
And for a reception in her honor
following the
ten o'clock service.*

The Wisconsin Children's Choir Youth Chorale
Madison, Wisconsin
will be performing
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2014, 7:00 pm
CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY



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.



Tuesday, June 24, Ridley Hall
Centering Prayer at 5:30 PM

Dinner & Movie at 6:00: *The Way*
(bring a ready to eat dish to share for
supper; eat while watching the 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.
Interesting and stimulating discussion always follows the
viewing of the movie.

Reservations are not required. Call Brenda Chynoweth
if you have a question.

Children's Corner

VBS July 14-17 2014 - Habitat for Humanity's "*Under
Construction*"

We need Volunteers! Teens are encouraged to sign-up!
Contact Barbara Bonner: bbonner@nativity-hsv.org,
Mary Coe: marylcoe@yahoo.com or Lee Anne Bryant:
leeannebryant@gmail.com

Registration forms are located on the church bulletin
boards or you can go to this link: <http://bit.ly/nvbs14>



The Greene Street Market Store needs YOU!

Can you work in the store for 4 hours a
week - or 4 hours every other week, or
every third week? **It is FUN!**

We need volunteers who want to work in the GSM
Store for 4 hour shifts. If you get a friend or two to-
gether, you can work together and get to visit (and
work) or you can share the load and work every other
or every third week.

You will be trained on how to use the computer for
sales and get to see all the wonderful folks who come
into the store.

Nativity Summer Choir begins July 6.



All are welcome. No experience needed.
Rehearsal is at 9:10 Sunday mornings
in the Church

INTERCESSION REQUESTS

We pray for those who are ill or recovering:

Diana Neil, Ron Evans, Patrick Brickson, Ron McCullar, Oscar Maxwell, Gene Sullivan, Lynn Jones, Barry Morton, Bess Wallace, Tom Robinson, Anna Lee, Lorene Dilworth, Bill Dilworth, Dot Barr, Linda Browning, Evin Yadegar, Janet Moret, Nancy Colin Swenson, Harry Beazley, RuthAnn Haymes, Carla King, Phyllis Lawson, Eileen Sullivan, Elsie Olsen, Leigh Wahl

We pray for those deployed/serving with the Military: South Korea: Tim Fuhrman; US Navy, Jesse Teal

We pray for the departed: Bill Peters; Peggy Adams James, sister of Bob Adams; Jane McIntosh, sister of Lea Ellison; Leslie Vallely

We pray for a marriage: Marie Bautista Frando and Hampton Elliot Frost, June 7 in Dallas Texas

We give thanks for birthdays of our children:

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

YOUR VESTRY NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE SOLICITS YOUR INPUT

Do you have a suggestion for the Vestry Nominations Committee? We seek input from all parishioners, and the form below is a simple method for you to communicate your recommendation. There are also forms available at the church. Thank you for your help with this important 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

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: _____

A Nativity Organ Crawl . . .

Saturday, June 21: 10:30 am

Wednesday, June 24th at 6:45 pm.

Call the church to make a reservation. Please contact me via email or the church phone message system with additional questions or date requests. Suzanne.purtee@gmail.com

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORK SCHEDULE

DATE (Tue, Thur, Sat.)	ACTIVITY
June 19, 21	Paint walls, install shutters, install underlay ment
June 24, 26, 28	Clean floors and windows, install vinyl tile, landscape
July 1, 3, 5	Install and paint interior doors and trim, install cabinets and electrical fixtures
July 8, 10, 12	Install closet hardware, window blinds, bathroom accessories
July 15, 17, 19	Tue, Thur, Sat Catch up work, touch up paint, clean and wax floors
July 22, 24, 26	Tue, Thur, Sat 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.

I'd like to say thank you to everyone who helped the **Dinning With Friends** fund raiser be a great success.

Ron Hogan



Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you very much for your generous support for Bethany Village. Nativity has been generous and supportive of Camp McDowell and the Diocese of Alabama for many years, so it's right and wonderful for you to take a leadership role as this ambitious dream comes true.

Congratulations on your commitment to build one of the lodges; I'll look forward to seeing you there!

God's Peace,

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Parish Financial Report

Period Ending 5/31/2014

	CURRENT MONTH	BUDGET for PERIOD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
Pledges Received	\$ 100,681.28	\$ 107,868.33	\$ 501,223.82	\$ 539,341.69
Plate	\$ 7,111.93	\$ 8,750.00	\$ 44,590.50	\$ 43,750.00
Other Revenues	\$ 2,207.76	\$ 8,381.67	\$ 31,729.45	\$ 41,908.31
TOTAL	\$ 110,000.97	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 577,543.77	\$ 625,000.00
Diocesan, School of Theology, & Outreach	\$ 29,525.24	\$ 25,250.02	\$ 107,487.43	\$ 126,249.86
Personnel	\$ 60,348.19	\$ 67,804.16	\$ 332,165.02	\$ 339,020.88
Other Expenses	\$ 27,810.97	\$ 31,945.83	\$ 155,756.23	\$ 159,729.19
TOTAL	\$ 117,684.40	\$ 125,000.01	\$ 595,408.68	\$ 624,999.93
NET	\$ (7,683.43)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (17,864.91)	\$ 0.07

Copies of financial records and vestry minutes are available in the church office for members to review. Please contact Beverly Franklin or Amy Baxter to set up a time to review these documents.

Vestry meetings are open to the congregation. Vestry meetings are the **third Tuesday** of each month, beginning at 5:15 p.m.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE July 2014, published 6/18/14

WEDNESDAY, July 2, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	McCown	McCrickard	Don Askins

THURSDAY, July 3, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	
6:00 pm	McCrickard	Virginia Kobler	

SUNDAY, July 6, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Anderson & Green – out)	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	McCown	McCrickard	Lane Mickle	Lee Hicklen	Melissa Kirkindall
10:00 am	McCown	McCrickard	Pam Payne, Ronnie Rogers, Joan East, Hanns Billmeyer	Debbie Collette, David Collette	Sally Ann Culver

WEDNESDAY, July 9, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Anderson	Payne	Marilyn Lands

THURSDAY, July 10, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	
6:00 pm	Anderson	Don Lambert	

SUNDAY, July 13, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (McCown – out)	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	Anderson	Anderson	Bob Serio, Lee Hicklen	Jim Douthit	Clay Sherrill
10:00 am	Holland-Shuey	Anderson	Pam Payne, Peter Cobun, Robert Dunn	Sandy Brown, Mike Brown	Deborah Baker

WEDNESDAY, July 16, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Anderson	Green	Cheryl Watts

THURSDAY, July 17, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	
6:00 pm	Anderson	Payne	Sally Ann Culver

SUNDAY, July 20, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (McCown – out)	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	Anderson	Payne	Sue Johnson, Don Lambert	Steve Johnson	Mary Hendricks
10:00 am	Anderson	Payne	Pam Payne, Virginia Kobler, Don Askins	Martha Joffrion, Allen Daniels	Aubrey Tycer

WEDNESDAY, July 23, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	McCrickard	Mary Hendricks	

THURSDAY, July 24, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	
6:00 pm	McCown	Don Askins	

SUNDAY, July 27, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Anderson & Green – out)	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	McCown	McCown	Mary Hendricks, John Hendricks	Ed Greene	Lee Hicklen
10:00 am	Foreman	McCown	Pam Payne, Barbara Buice, Marilyn Lands	Walter Thames, Ronnie Rogers	Rich Goodwin

WEDNESDAY, July 30, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	McCown	Joan East	

THURSDAY, July 31, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	
6:00 pm	McCrickard	Virginia Kobler	

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8:00	Russ McDonald, Peter Barber, Steve Creech, Sparks Ford, Bill Giardini, Robert Rogers
10:00	Gail Rogers, Ronnie Rogers, Madalyn Hicks, Janet Lyle, Rob Cozby, Chris Wesley

ALTAR GUILD

5	Elaine Calhoun, Judy Vann, Alice Lanier, Renée Elliott, Anne Carter
12	Debbie Joyner, Lea Ann Barnett, Nancy Colin, Wanda Cobb
19	Jewell Reynolds, Suzy Naumann, Connie Stephenson, Linda Watts, Sophia Rowe
26	Louise Reynolds, Gail Brown, Rose Anne Shearer, Mary Johnson

CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE

June 30 – July 6	July 7 – 13	July 14 – 20	July 21 – 27	July 28 – August 3
McCrickard	Anderson	McCrickard	McCown	McCrickard

Stewardship of Creation tip



Help promote healthy waters by living a water-friendly lifestyle. some everyday actions you can take:

1. Consider the land-water connection:

What we do on land directly affects the bodies of water around us. Runoff from lawns, farms, streets, parking lots and construction sites is a major source of water pollution. The silt, nitrogen, and phosphorous rob our waters of light and oxygen and are harming the quality of our water.

Help control run-off by taking the following actions:

If you live on the water (or have a second home on the water) plant a buffer zone of trees, tall grasses and shrubs to filter runoff.

Use less fertilizer! Instead, mulch grass clippings to enrich your lawn and create a compost pile that will provide natural nutrients for your garden.

Wash your car on the grass, not the driveway so that harmful chemicals will be filtered by grass and soil before they reach local waterways.

Plant trees. They are nature's best filters.

2. Remember: everything flows downstream.

Our rivers and, eventually, the oceans are downstream of everything! (Think : these are the sources of the water we drink, bathe in, cook with, baptize our children with, swim in at the beach.) These bodies of water don't have an endless capacity to absorb waste. In fact, every year people improperly dispose of 161 million gallons of used motor-oil – an amount greater than the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Much of this oil ends up in waterways and oceans.

Here are some things to consider:

If you decrease your water use at home, you'll decrease the amount of water that must be treated with chemicals.

Don't use the toilet as a trashcan or garbage disposal. Doing so contributes to overloaded sewer and septic systems.

Sweep walks and driveways rather than hosing them down. Water picks up chemicals and transports them to the nearest storm drain, creek or waterway.

3. Recreate – but not recklessly

This is the time of year when many of us spend a lot of time on – and under- the water - - swimming, boating, fishing, diving, and enjoying the beach. How you engage in these activities determines whether your impact is negative or positive.

Retrieve all fishing line, lures, or gear – even if tangled or broken. Fishing gear can entangle or injure fish and other water creatures, - even swimmers and divers!

Drive your boat as though life depended on it. Be aware that there is life under water! Damaging wake can tear up plants and erode shoreline, and at the ocean, boats' slashing propellers injure countless sea turtles, dolphins, manatees, and whales every year.

When you haul your boat out of any waterway, rinse your boat on the spot to remove hitchhiking plants and organisms. By doing so, you can prevent the spread of harmful invasive species.

On trips to the beach or to the river or lake, carry out whatever you carry in. Wildlife can ingest, or become entangled in, trash left behind.

Be informed, be inspired and take these everyday actions to promote healthy, clean water for all of us.



Don't forget - The Greene Street Market Store is open on Sundays following both services (9:00-11:30). Come by and pick up your local veggies or lunch or just come visit!

10 am – 5:30 pm, Monday – Friday.

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 or call St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 256-880-0247. Make checks payable to St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

The Healing Arts Project, Inc. - HAPI

provides an avenue for persons in mental health and addiction recovery to express their creativity through a wide range of artistic endeavors.

**ART
SHOW
JUNE 8-28**



**ST MARY MAGDALENE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
FAYETTEVILLE, TN
WELCOMES YOU TO VISIT THE HAPI EXHIBIT**

**TUESDAYS
2:00-6:00pm**

**THURSDAYS
11:00-3:00pm**

**SATURDAYS
11:00-3:00pm**

NATIVITY OUTREACH



Nativity Parishioner, Dr. Kathleen Felker, prepares to deliver Diapers and Baby Wipes to DHR for infants and toddlers. Many times, these children, who must be removed from their homes, arrive with nothing but the diaper they are wearing. Your Vestry approved the use of \$500 from the Diocesan Trust Fund, and the Outreach Committee added \$100 to purchase two boxes of wipes and two of each size of diapers. This will be a tremendous help to the Foster Parents who may wait several days for funding from DHR.



A wheelchair ramp was built recently for 305 8th Street, a non-profit home for mentally challenged individuals who score high enough on IQ tests to receive no government aid, but are not able to take care of themselves without assistance. This ramp will allow easier access in and out for the residents who live there. Thanks, Nativity volunteers!

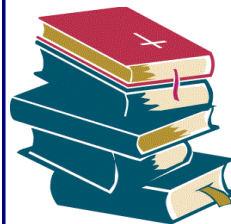
NATIVITY LODGE AT BETHANY VILLAGE



To date we have **\$144,850.00 pledged** towards the Nativity Lodge. Here are some facts about the lodge:

1. \$400,000 is needed to build Nativity lodge with 11 guest rooms, kitchen, great room, fireplace, three porches, and a powder room.
2. Nativity Lodge will accommodate up to 44 guests with easy accessibility to all rooms and two handicapped designated rooms.

Church Periodical Club (CPC) Sunday to be July 6, 2014



The mission of the CPC is to provide funds to assist seminarians from the Diocese of Alabama in purchasing their books. Envelopes marked CPS will be provided in the service leaflets on July 6 for your donation by cash or check payable

to Nativity and marked for CPC. Money collected will be equally divided in the fall among Alabama Seminarians.

Thank you for supporting this wonderful ministry which gives every penny to our seminarians. Last year each seminarian received \$1128.00.

Questions? Contact Joan East, joaneast@knology.net or call 256-325-1418.

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 30.

CLERGY & STAFF

The Rev'd Dr. Andy Anderson

Rector

The Rev'd Rusty McCown

Associate

The Rev'd Bonnie McCrickard

Associate

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 Buysse

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.

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208 Eustis Ave. SE Huntsville, AL 35801

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

www.nativity-hsv.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



2014 ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

To dedicate Altar flowers for 2014, please complete this form and mail with your check (\$40 or \$20 for shared dedications) 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. Open dates are August 10, September 28, November 16, 30, December 14, 28.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION, THANK YOU.

Date desired _____

Your Name _____

Phone # _____

Would you share a dedication? ☐

Do you wish to have your name 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 of...in thanksgiving for...

in celebration of...

Name for this altar flower

dedication: _____