

THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

November 19, 2014

Our Mission

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.

Why We Give Thanks

In Luke's Gospel reading today from Morning Prayer (Luke 17: 11-19), Jesus leaves the comfort zone of his familiar life in Galilee where he meets ten lepers who cry out for mercy. Jesus of course has mercy and tells them to go show themselves to the priest, something they would do *after* they were healed. Upon following Jesus' instructions all ten realize they are cured of leprosy. But only one, a despised Samaritan, someone outside of the bounds of respectable society, returns to Jesus and falls at his feet in thanksgiving. Because of his gratitude, the thankful Samaritan is not only cured, but he is well...he shares God's life of blessing and grace.

We do not know what this particular grateful person's life was like afterwards. We only know he is well. In other places in the Gospels, we see others who are made well responding to Jesus in gratitude; their lives becoming a channel of God's blessing and mercy to others, just as they have received mercy.

One of the hopes of the RenewalWorks efforts we are embracing is so that each one of us at Nativity will more deeply understand and know God's love for us in Christ. This love seeks us out while we were not even aware or deserving, enabling us to share God's life. As we come to terms with and grow in God's love, our lives will be vessels of God's grace for others (our neighbors) just as the chalice we drink from every week is a vessel of God's love for us. Made well, we share the fullness of God's acceptance, grace, and mercy; God's very life of love.

Gratitude to God is the valve that opens our hearts and lives to God's abundant and extravagant blessings of life. This is the power of the Eucharist we are called to each and every week. ***At the Eucharist, we offer thanksgiving for God's good gifts of grace.*** This is literally what our Sunday worship service means and why we gather. Being well and sharing God's life means that our lives will be channels of God's blessings for others. That is what Jesus means when we hear in the Gospels, "Your faith has made you well."

Our national season of Thanksgiving gives us the opportunity to ask ourselves, "Have I opened the gratitude valve?" If so, then how is God's love and mercy flowing through me to others? How am I seeking and serving Christ as Christ has sought and serves me? *How am I loving my neighbor as myself?* Am I giving my time, talent, and financial resources to God's work in the church and in the world? Would Jesus say to me, "Your faith has made you well?"

Nativity is a place where the gratitude valve is open wide in so many ways. For over 100 years, Nativity's Annual Bazaar reflects God's movement towards us in grace and love as we reach out to others offering grace and hospitality. Our many guests from the Taste of Nativity Celebration to Thursday's extravagant lunch, the bake sale and crafts fair in reality share God's gracious love we know ourselves at Nativity. The proceeds from Bazaar primarily go to support the needs of children in Huntsville that are being met through the Boys and Girls Club, as well as the needs of Nativity's children as we nurture and form them in Christ's love. Through the Bazaar, we open up the valve of gratitude and God's blessings flow!

Next week, don't just give thanks to God for the many blessings you receive. Open your heart in gratitude to God in Christ, and allow God's blessings to flow through you to others. And hear the words of Jesus, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."



CHURCH
OF THE
NATIVITY,
EPISCOPAL

Est. 1843

Worship Schedule

(* Nursery available)

SUNDAY

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



GOD WILLING

*THE RIGHT REVEREND JOHN C. BAUERSCHMIDT,
D. PHIL.*

WILL ORDAIN

THE REV. BONNIE ANNE MIXON MCCRICKARD

TO THE SACRED ORDER OF PRIESTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2014

AT TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AT

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

208 EUSTIS AVENUE, SE

HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA 35801

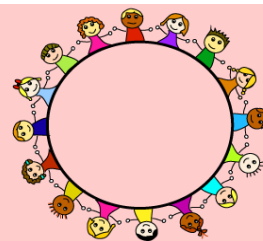
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW CLERGY RED STOLES

YOUR PRAYERS AND PRESENCE ARE REQUESTED

Children's Corner

Nov 30-No Sunday school

Advent Wreath Workshop
(see below)



Dec 7 - Feast of St. Nicholas
and Pajama Day
Club 56 Senior visits

Dec 14 - 2 pm Caroling at HarborChase Assisted Living

Dec 21 - 2 pm Pageant practice

Dec 24 - 4 pm Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist

Contact Barbara Bonner: bbonner@nativity-hsv.org



Advent Wreath Workshop

November 30 - 10am, Ridley Hall

Celebrate the start of Advent by making a wreath together!

\$10 for the wreath base and candles, bring your own greenery (holly, boxwood, etc.) and clippers if you have them.



EYC Church of the Nativity

Youth Notes!

Results of the 2nd Annual Great SPAM Hunt

A blustery, rainy Sunday afternoon couldn't keep 16 Nativity youth from having a blast at the 2nd Annual Great SPAM Hunt on Sunday, November 16. Looking for a repeat victory from last year, the boys, with a team of three, were shorthanded, but made the best of the situation while utilizing a few less than savory tactics to get a leg up. The girls, a dozen strong, knocked the boys off handily, with a points gap of 400. When it was time to award the trophy, however, it became clear that the Golden SPAM Award had mysteriously disappeared, only to return once the event was over... But the girls can certainly be proud knowing they are the winners. The series now stands at 1-1. Many, many thanks to Christine Starnes and Elizabeth Foster for chairing the event, their husbands Bill Starnes and Lee Foster for being referees, Amy Brooks, Holly Ellis, Bland Warren, and David Towry for driving the youth teams, and HAP for their partnership and the work that they do. We were able to deliver three van loads of food to HAP after the event.



ANNUAL BAZAAR NOVEMBER 20

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, EPISCOPAL

ANNUAL BAZAAR

THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 20, 2014

*Wonderful crafts,
baked goods, casseroles,
and the best lunch around!*

CRAFTS AND BAKE SALE BEGIN AT 10:30AM
DINE-IN LUNCH - TWO SEATINGS
11:15AM AND 12:30PM

Luncheon Reservations

for either the 11:15am or 12:30pm seating are \$15 each or \$100 for a table for 8. Contact Marilyn Grundy (256.509.9962) or mtgrundy@yahoo.com

Take-out lunches must be ordered in advance. Contact Mary Beth Wilson (256.509.7262) or crazy-wilsons@yahoo.com. Take-out lunches are available between 10:30 and 11:30am on November 20

Raffle tickets: \$1/ticket, 6 tickets for \$5, or 12 tickets for \$10 will be available for sale by calling Sarah Gessler (256.534.4233) or Sarahwgessler@gmail.com

Table Decorations by Kelli Markwalter and Jean Warren. They will also be for sale following the event.

Additional information, contact Beth Morring (256.520.6500) or Bmorrington@knology.net

Co-chairs: Beth Morring and Madeline Mullins

Looking forward to seeing you Thursday!



ADVENT COFFEE SALES

Starting November 30, the Outreach committee will be selling ½ pound bags of KaffeeKlatsch Nativity Blend after the 8:45 and 11:00 services. The cost is \$10 per bag, and proceeds help the Haiti Medical Mission Team purchase medical equipment for the clinics. Anyone wishing to purchase a large order should email Lee Hicklen: anthonyhicklen@knology.net

Lector Training Session - Sunday, November 23rd

Following the 11:00 service (approx. 12:30) in the Church.

Questions? Contact Connie in the office (256.533.2455) or cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org.

Sewanee Lessons & Carols - Sunday, December 7th. Bus departs Nativity at 1:55pm. \$50 per person includes: Round-trip luxury coach, Episcopal happy hour enroute, reserved seating, and dinner at St. Mary's Conference Center following the service.

Contact Connie in the church office for reservations. Payment required at the time of the reservation. For more information, contact Sam Porter (256.651.8990).

Friends of Music Presents...

Rachel Laurin

French Canadian Organist & Composer
Friday, November 21st at 7:30pm

Organist, composer and improviser, Rachel Laurin was born in 1961, in St-Benoît, Province of Quebec, Canada. After her studies at the Montreal Conservatory, she became Associate Organist at St-Joseph's Oratory, Montreal (1986-2002), and from 2002 to 2006, she was Titular Organist at Notre Dame Cathedral, Ottawa.

She now devotes herself to composition, recitals, master classes and lectures.



The Greene Street Market Store

Open 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday and 10:00 am to 12:30 pm Sunday. Enter through the old Mustard

Seed entrance on Eustis.

We are looking for more volunteers — shifts are 10–1:30 and 1:30–5:00. Send an email to Hanns Billmeyer, at venhan@att.net or just come by

Saturday, December 6, 2014

9:00am-2:00pm, St. Thomas Episcopal



Advent Quiet Day

Church of the Nativity and St. Thomas will host a day of refreshing silence and spiritual consciousness. Led by Rev. Geoffrey Butcher, we will contemplate *The Image of God Within* through intervals of centering prayer, light exercise, Labyrinth walking meditation, journaling, and Eucharist.

The program is at St. Thomas; starting at 9:00am, ending at 2:00pm although you may leave at any time. An optional lunch is \$10. Please call St. Thomas (256.880.0247), to reserve a spot. The optional lunch is \$10.

We look forward to having you join us.

Stewardship Thoughts

Your faithful stewardship enables many ministries through Nativity It is easy to e-pledge!



Your Stewardship Ministry urges you to consider submitting your pledge on-line and then paying your pledge weekly or monthly through electronic banking.

To e-pledge: [Click here](http://nativity-hsv.org) (for those receiving the Steeple electronically) or open the Nativity website (nativity-hsv.org), then click on the GIVING tab near the top of the page. Choose **PLEDGE NOW**, then complete the form and submit.

Once you have pledged, you can also set up electronic (or epay) payments.

To e-pay your pledge: go to your bank's electronic banking site and set up Church of the Nativity as a payee. The address is:

208 Eustis Avenue
Huntsville 35801.

Put your name as the account number and set up payments to be submitted on a regular basis, generally weekly or monthly.

We hope you will consider electronic pledging via the Nativity website and automated pledging through your bank this year!

Nativity Stewardship Ministry

FOCAL—Foster Children Alliance of Madison County— Gifts should be returned by Sunday, December 7



FOCAL: What is it? What do they do? How does Nativity help them?

FOCAL is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for children in foster care in Madison County, AL. They assist foster children and their foster families with resources to meet their many needs that cannot be obtained thru the foster care system. Their administrative costs average \$175 per year.

FOCAL helps with the following expenses: field trips, dance lessons, special clothing needs, graduation expenses, school supplies, camp attendance, band instruments, athletic fees, enrichment programs, therapeutic/special needs and Christmas presents. Recently Nativity has also had a drive for pampers for FOCAL. We all know how important it is for children to feel they "belong". Foster children simply by being foster children are "different". By helping the children with these expenses FOCAL helps them to feel they "belong".

FOCAL's major annual effort is to provide Christmas gifts for the more than 500 children in foster homes. Nativity has been helping with this for many years. Ronnie and I assumed chairmanship of Nativity's Christmas gift contributions in 2000. Currently Nativity's generous members provide 4 gifts each for 30 to 40 children.

On the 1st Sunday in December (December 7th this year) we take the gifts to the altar to be blessed. Nativity's children get to experience offering the gifts to be blessed by helping to carry the gifts into the church. Many parents also let their children choose which gift request they fulfill and to shop for the gift.

The FOCAL board with the gift requests will be in Ridley Hall on Sundays in November. Instructions are with the boards. A list of "generic" gifts is there also if you would like to help in that way.

- Ronnie and Gail Rogers



For November — Small
Canned Hams, Canned
Vegetables, Canned Fruit,
and Boxed Cereal
Thanks for your generosity!



Nativity introduces its YouTube channel!

Notice the new icon next to the Facebook logo on our [web page](#)? Click it and you will go to Nativity's new YouTube channel. Here you will currently find videos that share our story in a different and unique way. Once on the page, look for the red "Subscribe" icon. Click there and you will receive notices via email when something new is added.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/nativityhsvyt>

Interested in attending a Cursillo weekend in 2015?



Cursillo is an incredible spiritual experience that begins with a 3-day weekend retreat at Camp McDowell. Cursillo means "short course in Christianity" and covers many basic Christian concepts over the weekend. Eucharist is held each day and, while the movement is lay led, there are three clergy available during each Cursillo weekend.

Nativity has been a strong participant in Cursillo since its introduction into Alabama in the late 70s. The Nativity Cursillo community will hold an informational dinner event at the home of Kay and Don Wheeler on Sunday, January 11, 2015. This no-pressure event will give attendees an overview of the Cursillo weekend and answer any questions. The Cursillo weekend schedule for 2015 is below (you only attend ONE Cursillo weekend!):

March 12-15, 2015 April 9-12, 2015 June 11-14, 2015
September 10-13, 2015 October 8-11, 2015 (Cursillo #200!)

Debbie and David Collette serve as the lay rectors for the Nativity Cursillo community. Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or would like to begin the application process. You can contact us at (256.830.2451) or drc3898@knology.net.

6th Annual Nativity Women's Retreat

Friday, February 20 – Saturday, February 21, 2015

One Night Only! St. Mary's Sewanee, Tennessee

Our speaker is Courtney Cowart author of, "An American Awakening: From Ground Zero to Katrina: The People We are Free to Be." After she spoke last year at Nativity, I called and invited her to be our retreat leader the next day!! This young lady is a delightful speaker with an amazing story you will never forget! She is a theologian who witnessed the two greatest catastrophes in recent American history- the 9/11 tragedy and the devastation of Hurricane Katrina and how she actively participated in the healing of both. Mark your calendars. I can't wait to see all of you there and if there are any questions, let me know. Thank you, Lane Tutt

Nativity Women's Retreat St. Mary's, Sewanee, Tennessee February 20-21, 2015 Registration

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Roommate request*: _____

***double occupancy allows for the greatest
number of women to participate**

Cost: \$145.00 per person

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE

***** Deadline *****

**Return your registration form & FULL payment no later than
January 30, 2015 to:**

**Church of the Nativity
ATTN: Lane Tutt
208 Eustis Avenue SE
Huntsville, AL 35801**

Questions? Contact Lane Tutt

ltutt@nativity-hsv.org

256-533-2455 / 256-653-7200

TRANSITIONS

We welcome those transferred from other parishes:

Paul, Barbara, Retta and Alec Bonner, St. Martin's, Charlotte, North Carolina
 Jim, Jr. and Moss Fleming, St. Anne's, Atlanta Georgia
 Diane Freudenberger, St. Charles' Anglican, Huntsville
 Whitner and Lucy Kane, Christ Church, Raleigh, North Carolina
 Patterson Shedd III, St. Paul's, Mobile

We welcome the newly baptized:

Lily Anne Durnya Vivienne Lysne Shedd
 Carter Anderson Whitehead Atkins Ramelle Connelly

We welcome those joining us from other faiths:

Chris and Tip Hulser-Hoover

Farewells:

Jane Bandy Smith, to Christ Episcopal, Tuscaloosa
 Brent, Andrea, Charlie & Jack Bell to St. Peter's, Rome, Georgia
 Elizabeth Dunn to Christ Episcopal, Charlotte, North Carolina

Nativity Blue Apron Hospitality Volunteers Needed!

Want to find a way to get involved? The Blue Apron Ministry is looking for several volunteers to be a greeter after the 8:45 service. Your duties are very simple and take about 15-20 min. each time. Your commitment will be 2 Sundays through May 2015.

Please reach out to Kelly Hudson if you have some time to spare and can help,

Kelly.hudson.design@gmail.com.

Parish Financial Report - Period Ending 10/31/2014				
	CURRENT MONTH	BUDGET for PERIOD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
Pledges Received	98,781.45	107,868.33	997,099.76	1,078,683.34
Plate	10,737.70	8,750.00	84,878.20	87,500.00
Other Revenues	3,702.77	8,381.67	119,322.15	83,816.66
TOTAL	113,221.92	125,000.00	1,201,300.11	1,250,000.00
Diocesan, School of Theology, & Outreach	25,115.30	25,250.02	222,487.38	252,499.96
Personnel	75,122.63	67,804.16	671,190.93	678,041.68
Other Expenses	24,281.42	31,945.83	298,802.37	319,458.34
TOTAL	124,519.35	125,000.01	1,192,480.68	1,249,999.98
NET \$	(11,297.43)	\$ (0.01)	\$ 8,819.43	\$ 0.02

Financial Record Copies
 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.

INTERCESSION REQUESTS

We pray for those who are ill or recovering: Doris Tack, Janet Lyle, Diane Freudenberger, David Corriveau, Claudette Batten, Raye Newton, Russell Bishop, Anne Pollard, Jeannie Robison, Bob Hale, Aubrey Tycker, Tazewell Mackey, Liam Mackey, Steve Brouse, Dianne Nettles, Lea Ellison, Stephen Dufrechu, Ann Garnett, Lynn Jones, Barry Morton, Lorene Dilworth, Bill Dilworth, Gene Sullivan, Nancy Colin Swenson, Harry Beazley, Carla King, Eileen Sullivan, Elsie Olsen, Leigh Wahl

We pray for those deployed/serving with the Military: US Navy, Jesse Teal

We pray for the departed: Maurice Leonard Sparks

We give thanks for birthdays of our children:

11/19 Vivian Hinton	11/20 Henry Limbo	11/21 Ernest Artirp	11/23 Macy Baker
11/24 Wren Bryant	11/25 Ronan Goeke	11/25 Ella Rozar	12/1 Claire Hulsey
12/2 Jensen Goeke	12/2 Liam Stevens		



BY THE GRACE OF GOD
AND WITH THE AFFIRMATION OF THE PEOPLE
THE RIGHT REVEREND PHILLIP M. DUNCAN, II D.D.
BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST
WILL ORDAIN

DAVID KEITH GREEN

TO THE SACRED ORDER OF DEACONS
IN CHRIST'S ONE HOLY CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC
CHURCH

ON SATURDAY, THE TWENTY-SECOND OF NOVEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND FOURTEEN
AT TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
115 SOUTH CONCEPTION STREET
MOBILE, ALABAMA 36602

YOUR PRAYERS AND PRESENCE ARE REQUESTED.
CLERGY: BLACK CASSOCK, SURPLICE, RED STOLE



The Church office will be closed on
Thursday November 27
Friday November 28.
We will resume normal office hours on
Monday December 1

The Lady Chapel (aka the St. Mary Chapel) Expansion Underway!

Our plans to renovate and expand the Lady Chapel, the small chapel to the west of the Sanctuary and Chancel where we pass through after sharing communion is underway. As shared this past summer, the Memorials Committee has received gifts to expand and beautify our Lady Chapel into a sacred space that can be better utilized for prayer and devotions, as well as a place to offer the sacraments of Unction (healing) and Reconciliation. The Architecture and Interiors Committee along with the Rector are moving along with the plans approved by the 2012 Vestry and again shared with and consensus received from the current Vestry to begin the work. The Buildings and Grounds Committee is receiving updates as we move along with the work and providing helpful advice for certain aspects of the expansion.

Many are aware that the Church of the Nativity's church nave, chancel, sanctuary, altar guild room and the Lady Chapel have been designated a National Historic Landmark due to our architectural significance. When the parish received a Save America's Treasure's grant to complete the work accomplished through our Preserving Our Heritage/ Strengthening Our Mission Capital Campaign, we agreed to an historical preservation easement for 50 years. Any work we do in the church requires approval by the Alabama Historical Commission and that permission has been granted to complete this project.

Gothic churches similar to Nativity often have a small side chapel devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary and hence called "The Lady Chapel" or the St. Mary Chapel. We are blessed to have in our Lady Chapel an icon of the Virgin of Kazan as a focal point for prayer. The Lady Chapel space was initially the organ pipe chamber for the original pipe organ placed in the church in 1859. When the current organ was installed in the church in 1947, and with the addition of Ridley Hall in 1952, this space was converted into the current small prayer chapel dedicated to the Virgin Mary and half of the space was utilized as the Clergy Vesting Room. Our project to enlarge the Lady Chapel takes this space back to its original dimensions which pleases the Alabama Historical Commission.

The completed design finishes will incorporate the colors from the stained glass windows and walls and ceilings of the church along with other design motifs from the French Gothic style, a direction our church's architects, Wills and Dudley, were influenced by when they designed and built the Church of the Nativity. Two particular aspects of this gothic motif are our polygonal apse, and the width of the nave (not including side aisles) compared with the height of the ceiling being narrow and high. They both introduced color into subsequent churches they designed and built, and St. John's Church in Montgomery, built by Wills before Nativity, has a blue painted ceiling with gold stenciling. There is some speculation that our original plaster ceiling in the 1859 church (which fell after the first year) was painted. The design elements in our concept have also been approved by the Alabama Historical Commission. The icon of the Virgin of Kazan will remain a focal point for prayers and devotions.

The wall dividing the current chapel from the vesting space has been removed and the sub-pine flooring is exposed (eventually refinished to match the finish on the pine floors in the church). The ceiling has been removed exposing the rafters that were put in place to support the flat roof that replaced the 1859 pitched roof that matched the Altar Guild Sacristy wing roof. With the 1950's project, the original west wall of the room was taken down and completely rebuilt and the east and north walls of the room were substantially rebuilt to enclose the large openings for the organ pipes and make the smaller arched entryways we currently have. The south wall was plastered to match the other three walls, all part of the 1951 or '52 addition.

The final design plans for the Lady Chapel are being completed as we can now visualize the expanded space. Meanwhile, there is no interruption of the utilization of the Lady Chapel for the way we return to the nave from the altar. Thanks be to God for those who have given memorial gifts to make this broadening of our spiritual and prayer life possible. We are blessed to worship in the "beauty of holiness" at Nativity and throughout the generations, enhancements have been made by our parishioners generosity, faith and devotion.



Initial Design Concept

WORSHIP SCHEDULE December 2014, published 11/19/14

WEDNESDAY, December 3, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Anderson	McCrickard	Cheryl Watts

THURSDAY, December 4, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	McCown		Don Lambert

SUNDAY, December 7, 2nd Sunday of Advent

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (McCrickard – out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	McCown	McCown	Ken Barnett		
8:45 am	Anderson	McCown	Margaret Bibb, Pat Quirk, Warren Vann, Virginia Kobler	Allen Daniels	Jim Douthit
11:00 am	Anderson	McCown	Rob Cozby, Sally An Culver, Rich Spera, Rich Goodwin	Mary Johnson, Mike Innes	Jordan Cozby

WEDNESDAY, December 10, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Anderson to Brookdale)
12 noon	McCown		Don Askins

THURSDAY, December 11, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Anderson		Margaret Bibb

SUNDAY, December 14, 3rd Sunday of Advent

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Anderson	Anderson	Sue Johnson		
8:45 am	McCrickard	Anderson	Allen Daniels, Lewie Bates, Charlie Warren	Cassidy Bates	Clay Sherrill
11:00 am	McCrickard	Anderson	Hanns Billmeyer, Deborah Baker, Ed Vaughn	Mickey Ellis, Elaine Hamner	Rhonwyn Watson

WEDNESDAY, December 17, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Holland-Shuey		Marilyn Lands

THURSDAY, December 18, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	
6:00 pm	McCrickard		Sally Ann Culver

SUNDAY, December 21, 4th Sunday of Advent

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	McCrickard	McCrickard	John Hendricks		
8:45 am	McCown	McCrickard	Shari Williams, Robert Dunn, Joan East	Bankston Creech	William Blackerby
11:00 am	Anderson	McCrickard	Barbara Buice, Walter Thames, Peter Cobun	Sandy Brown, Mike Brown	Don Askins

WEDNESDAY, December 24th, Christmas Eve

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector
4:00 pm	Anderson	NA	Jordan Cozby, William Blackerby, Charlie Warren, Lewie Bates, Bob Serio, Ralph Shuey	Children
7:30 pm	McCown	Anderson	Don Lambert, Sally Ann Culver, Lee Hicklen	Chris Jackson, Ron Hogan
10:30 pm	McCrickard	Anderson	Peter Cobun, Virginia Kobler, Sam Porter, Joan East, Deborah Baker,	Robbie Shafer, John Conover

THURSDAY, December 25, Christmas Day

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
10:00 am	McCrickard		John Hendricks, Mary Hendricks

SUNDAY, December 28, First Sunday after Christmas Day

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Anderson & McCown – out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Holland- Shuey		Lea Ann Barnett		
10:00 am	McCrickard	NA	Don Lambert, Bob Serio, Ralph Shuey, Joan East	Mary Johnson, Allen Daniels, Melissa Kirkin-dall, Lee Hicklen, Ronnie Rogers	Clay Sherrill

WEDNESDAY, December 31, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Anderson		Joan East

USHERS

8:45	Charlie Warren, Steuart Evans, Bland Warren, Kevin Webber, Don Wheeler
11:00	Terry Clevenger, Pamela Briggs, Ted Briggs, Buddy Moon, Kylan Laxson

ALTAR GUILD

6	Lea Ann Barnett, Mary Johnson, Nancy Colin, Judy Vann, Flo Stockton
13	Alice Lanier, Caffey Litkenhous, Emily Moody, Renée Elliott, Wanda Cobb, Jennie Coe
20	Louise Reynolds, Sara Little, Rose Anne Shearer, Lea Ann Barnett, Judy Heacock, Anne Carter, Gail Brown, Linda Watts, Jewell Reynolds
27	Debbie Joyner, Mary Johnson, Connie Stephenson, Beth Pugh, Sophia Rowe

CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE

December 1 – 7	December 8 – 14	December 15 -21	December 22 – 28	December 29 – January 4
McCown	Anderson	McCrickard	McCown/McCrickard	Anderson

2015 ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION FORM

To dedicate Altar flowers for 2015, 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.

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: _____

2014 CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATION

Please complete and mail this form with
your check payable to
“Flower Guild”
to Andrea Vandervoort,
434 Locust Ave
Huntsville, AL 35801.

Christmas dedications are \$20 each.
PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

*Please be specific by underlining or circling
your desired dedication below:*

All dedications will read:

“To the glory of God and... “in loving memory of”

“in thanksgiving for”

“in celebration of”

Name for this dedication:

Your Name as it is to be listed in Christmas service leaflet (if you do not wish your listed, please indicate)

Phone #: _____

Stewardship of Creation Tip

November 17 - 21 is Food Recovery Week

As we approach the time of year when food is the focus of many social events and gatherings of family and friends, here are some important things to think about and important information to help us reduce food waste:



Most people don't realize how much food they throw away every day from uneaten leftovers to spoiled produce. More than 96 percent of the food we throw away in the US ends up in landfills. In 2011, we land filled more than 36 million tons of food waste. Once in landfills, food breaks down to produce methane, a potent greenhouse gas which contributes to climate change.

There are many ways you can reduce food waste, for example:

- **Shop your refrigerator first! Cook or eat what you already have at home before buying more.**
 - **Plan your menu before you go shopping** and buy only those things on your menu.
 - **Buy only what you realistically need and will use.** Buying in bulk only saves money if you are able to use the food before it spoils.
 - **Be creative!** If safe and healthy, use the edible parts of food that you normally do not eat. For example, stale bread can be used to make croutons, and beet tops can be sautéed for a delicious side dish.
- Freeze, preserve, or can surplus fruits and vegetables - especially abundant seasonal produce.** If you see that you will not consume fresh vegetables or fruit before they go bad, freeze the extra to use next week!
- **At restaurants, order only what you can finish** by asking about portion sizes and be aware of side dishes included with entrees. Take home the leftovers and keep them for your next meal.
 - **At “all-you-can-eat” buffets, take only what you can eat.**
- Compost food scraps rather than throwing them away.**

Benefits of Reducing Wasted Food

- **Saves money** from buying less food.
- **Reduces methane emissions** from landfills and lowers your carbon footprint.
- **Conserves energy and resources**, preventing pollution involved in the growing, manufacturing, transporting, and selling food (not to mention hauling the food waste and then land filling it).

Supports your community by providing donated untouched food that would have otherwise gone to waste to those who might not have a steady food supply.

To share the bounty most of us enjoy:

Think about having a family project to give to the various organizations in Huntsville through which food can be donated.

When you are grocery shopping, take advantage of “Buy one, get one free” offerings to pick up items to donate. At Nativity, donations are needed for HAP, and the Food Bank of North Alabama is also a great organization providing food to area residents in need.

If there is nutritious, safe, and untouched food left from a social gathering, contact First Stop or the Salvation Army feeding program to see if the food can be used.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year - Look for our next tip in January 2015!



STEEPLE SCHEDULE

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

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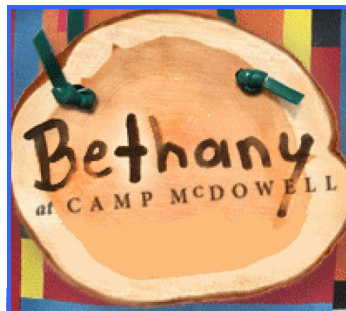
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The Nativity Lodge at Bethany Village

is taking shape! Recently Ronnie and Gail Rogers visited Bethany Village. They shared some pictures of the Nativity Lodge along with other construction projects happening there. This ministry is becoming a reality due to your generosity and commitment to a long-term vision.