

THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

December 17, 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.

Advent's Prophetic Call to You

The Season of Advent is rife with prophetic calls. Our scripture readings and prayers do not let us get around the prophets of the Advent: not one, but three prophets named Isaiah, John the Baptist, and even the angelic messenger Gabriel. Advent prophets and messengers continue directing God's call to us today.

God's call might come to you like First Isaiah's after a glorious revelation of God's resplendent power and you can do nothing but say *here am I, send me!* Or God may be calling to you in Second Isaiah's words of peace when the lamb and lion lie down together and we are led quietly and joyfully into living God's purposes like a child. You may be hearing John the Baptist's fiery message of repentance so that you may focus on God's justice and mercy for others instead of on yourself. But you just might hear God's prophetic voice through Third Isaiah's words of comfort sending you as an agent of comfort and peace and mercy to others. Or perhaps surprisingly, God's call may come to you as it came to Mary, asking you to do something seemingly impossible.

Mark these words (if you are not too busy this Advent): God's voice is calling to you and asking for God's love and life to be born in your own life in a unique way that only you can respond. Like Mary, can you say, *yes?* The time to resolve to answer God's call is now, not after the Christmas cards are out and all the shopping done; not in the new calendar year. It is already the New Year for us who follow Christ.

The season of Advent calls us to slow down and heed God's prophetic call. In all likelihood, if we learn anything from our ancestors in the faith, it will probably not be easy. Like Isaiah, you may feel yourself undone. Like John the Baptist, you may risk your head on a platter. Like Mary, you may have to ponder these things in your heart. God's call will in all probability involve the way you spend your time and your money, and offer your talent. It will involve loving your neighbor and serving Christ in others with dignity and love. It will involve taking up your cross and following Jesus. It will mean you and others will be raised to new life as you answer God's call in faith.

Several of our Vestry leaders have answered God's call to serve in new ways in 2015. I am pleased to let you know that Bill Starnes has answered the call to serve as Senior Warden and Allen Daniel will serve as the Junior Warden. Brandon Smith will serve as Treasurer and Michele Hunter will again serve as Clerk of the Vestry. Retiring Sr. Warden Lou Durnya will continue to offer his wise, stable leadership as a member of the Wardens' Council, as will Brenda Chynoweth. I am so grateful they have prayerfully answered God's call this Advent.

I am thankful so many at Nativity are prayerfully heeding God's call. What is God calling you to do now? Can you get quiet enough to hear God's prophetic call? May you, like Mary, believe the *creed behind the creed: For nothing will be impossible with God.*

And like Mary respond: *Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.*



CHURCH
OF THE
NATIVITY,
EPISCOPAL

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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

Young Adults Gathering

Thursday , January 22, 2015, 5:30pm

Please join us for an opportunity to chat and connect Over hors d'oeuvres, craft beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages

Around 7:00pm, we will join with the group viewing the live webcast of Trinity Church Wall Street's "*Creating Common Good: A Practical Conference on Economic Equality*" Conference

Thursday night's featured speaker is Cornel West, author of The Rich and The Rest Of Us

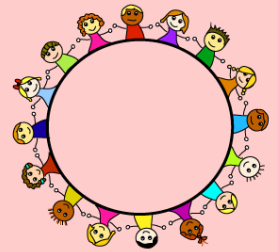
For more info, please contact Mother Bonnie at bmccrickard@nativity-hsv.org

Nativity Parish Family Weekend

If you are interested in volunteering to help with any aspect of the preparation or execution of the Nativity Parish Family Weekend at Camp McDowell in April, please email Tanya Miller at Tanya.Miller.Hsv@gmail.com.

Save the Date
April 17-19, 2015

Children's Corner



Dec 17 4:45pm

Combined Children's Choirs
Christmas rehearsal
followed by pizza supper

Dec 21 2:00pm Pageant rehearsal

4th grade and older special rehearsal for the main parts, meet in the Church

Dec 24 3:15pm Pageant costuming and Children's Choir, meet in Ridley Hall

Dec 28 10:00am Holy Eucharist Christmas Break
No Nursery, no Children's Chapel, no Church School

Jan 4 8:45am Christmas Break

Children's Chapel and Nursery resume, 10:00am
No Church School,

Jan 7 4:15pm & 4:45pm Children's Choirs resume
followed by pizza supper

Jan 11 10:00am Church School resumes
new story cycle: Good Samaritan

Contact Barbara Bonner: bbonner@nativity-hsv.org



EYC Church of the Nativity

Youth Notes!

Advent Activities

- **Friday, December 19th, 3:00 PM: Chrismons and Caroling!** Come to church after school gets out to continue the Nativity tradition of decorating the tree in the nave with Chrismons. After that, we'll have a little party with plenty of Christmas cheer before we visit several homes for caroling. Keep an eye on the weekly email blast for more details.
- **Holiday Break:** There will be no EYC on Sunday, December 21 or Sunday, December 28, but I'm looking forward to hanging out with several Nativity youth at **Camp McDowell for Christmas Conference!** 9th-12th graders, it is not too late to sign up! [Click here for information and registration.](#)
EYC will resume after the holidays on January 4 at 5:30 in the LOFT.



Left: Nativity Elves at Santa's Village

Right: Care package Making at the Ellisons' bonfire



CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

Nativity Lessons and Carols
A Service of nine Lessons and Carols for Advent
in the style of Kings College, Cambridge
Saturday, December 20, 5:00pm
Nativity Choir (church)

Christmas Eve Services

4:00pm
Children's Christmas Pageant

7:30pm
Festal Eucharist

10:30pm
Choral Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day Service

10:00am
Bibb Chapel

December 28

7:45am
Holy Eucharist, Rite I
Bibb Chapel

10:00am
Christmas Readings and Carols



HAP Sunday is January 4
Items needed — Rice, dried
beans, spaghetti sauce, soups, and
canned meats

Thanks for your generosity!

Easter Baptisms

The next date for baptisms will be at the Easter Vigil on April 4, 2015.

Anyone wishing to have children baptized at Nativity on that date should contact Mother Bonnie no later than March 16.

Mother Bonnie (256.533.2455 x207)

bmccrickard@nativity-hsv.org

ADVENT HAPPENINGS

Advent Coffee Sale
Starting November 30
Through December 21



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: athonyhicklen@knology.net

Art and Literature Class - Advent Series

December 7th, 14th and 21st, 10:00am (Ridley Hall)
This class will be using the book, **The Glory of Angels** by Edward Lucie-Smith. It is \$25.84 from Amazon. Participants are encouraged to purchase their copy and bring it to the first class. This class is led by Lynne Berry, Jeannie Robison, and Walter Thames.

FIRST STOP Coat and Blanket Drive

Through the Advent Season

Nativity is accepting donations for FIRST STOP, a non-profit organization promoting the overall rehabilitation of homeless citizens in Huntsville and Madison County. Items needed are: new or gently used blankets, winter coats (mens especially needed), gloves, and athletic socks. Look for the donation boxes in Ridley Hall and the church office.



Cathedral Quilt Raffle

Tickets sold through December 18
Proceeds benefit the Nativity Choir tour this summer

Click on the quilt to view a full-image

A quilt featuring English Cathedrals, measuring 4'8" x 3'9", and made by a friend of the choir, is being raffled to raise funds for the 2015 trip to Northern England & Scotland. Tickets are \$1 each and available on Sunday mornings in Ridley Hall, or email through Suzanne other days of the week. Tickets sold through December 18th. Winner will be contacted on Saturday, December 20th and quilt may be picked up on Saturday evening, or Sunday December 21.

Contact: Suzanne Purtee suzanne.purtee@gmail.com



Stewardship Thoughts

Respond in gratitude for God's greatest gift to us!

Christmas is the season of giving. We give Christmas gifts to those we love because we are thankful for their presence in our lives and want to express that thankfulness in a tangible manner.

The world received its greatest gift over 2,000 years ago in the form of a helpless baby born to an unmarried couple in a harsh land. This gift transformed the world in innumerable ways and continues today.

How do we respond to Christ's presence in our lives and show our thankfulness for the greatest relationship anyone could ever have?

Obviously there are many ways we can show our appreciation. Simply read about the sheep and goats in Matthew 25 or the Great Commission in Matthew 28 to see some of the things we can do to please God. These means of sharing our time and talents are great examples of stewardship.

Another way that we can express our gratitude for all we have been given is to make a financial commitment to building God's kingdom here on earth. Nativity is in the midst of its annual stewardship campaign and we need everyone's participation if we are to realize our full potential in serving our parish, the community, the Diocese, and the world in 2015.

If you have already submitted your pledge for the building of God's kingdom through the mission and ministry of the Church of the Nativity in 2015, THANK YOU!

If you have not yet pledged, please take a moment now to thank God for all he has given you and for all he promises you in the New Year through his son, Jesus Christ. Then, take a moment today to respond as God is calling you. You can make your pledge in several ways:

Place your completed pledge card in the alms basin during the offertory

Mail your completed pledge card to the church office (208 Eustis Ave, 35801)

Call Beverly Franklin (256-533-2455) or email (bfranklin@nativity-hsv.org) with your pledge

Pledge on-line here (external website) or from the Nativity website (nativity-hsv.org)

We have already received the best Christmas gift we could ever hope for – Jesus Christ. In this season of giving, won't you take a moment to pray about all the blessings you have received and how you will respond to those gifts?

Nativity Stewardship Ministry

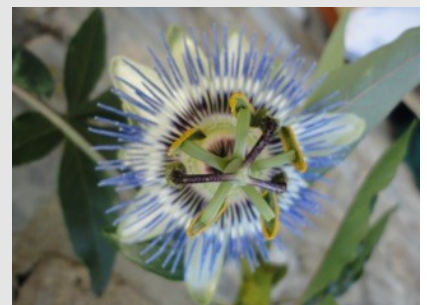
Stocks and Appreciated Securities a GREAT Way to Support Your Pledge and God's work through Nativity!

With another year of record gains, parishioners who pay their pledges by stock transfer are well positioned for generosity AND tax advantages. By donating stock, you can offset those gains with a tax credit based on the appreciated value. You may pre-pay your 2015 pledge with a gift of stock made before year end, fulfill your 2014 pledge, or make a special Christmas offering to God's mission and ministry through Nativity. Call Beverly Franklin at 256.533.2455 or email bfranklin@nativity-hsv.org to find out more. It's easy....and you and the church gain!

NATIVITY PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY "In the Steps of St. Francis and St. Clare" **IN THE WORKS FOR MAY/JUNE 2016**



The early stages of developing a pilgrimage to Italy for May or June of 2016 are underway. This will be a 12-14 day pilgrimage, door to door (airport to airport!) going to Assisi and other hill towns in Umbria and Tuscany important to Francis and Clare's tradition including Gubbio, and the "high places" of Greccio (first live Nativity scene), the Eremo di Carceri, and La Verna (where Francis received the Stigmata). We will also visit Rome, and possibly Sienna and Florence. If you are interested in finding out more and being on the "info list" please e-mail Amy Baxter abaxter@nativity-hsv.org or call her at the church office, 256-533-2455.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE January 2015, published 12/17/14

SUNDAY, January 4, 2nd Sunday after Christmas Day

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	McCrickard	McCrickard	Ken Barnett		
8:45 am	Anderson	McCrickard	Mike Ward, Shari Williams	William Blackerby	Lee Hicklen
11:00 am	McCown	McCrickard	Marilyn Lands, Jordan Cozby	Debbie Collette, David Collette	Martha Joffrion

WEDNESDAY, January 7, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Holland-Shuey		Mary Hendricks

THURSDAY, January 8, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	McCown		Pat Quirk

SUNDAY, January 11, Baptism of Our Lord

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (McCrickard – out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	McCown	McCown	Sue Johnson		
8:45 am	Anderson	McCown	Lane Mickle, Lee Hicklen, Allen Daniels	Bob Serio	Melissa Kirkindall
11:00 am	Anderson	McCown	Rich Goodwin, Don Askins, Sally Ann Culver	Rhonwyn Watson, Ed Vaughn	Martha Bosworth

WEDNESDAY, January 14, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Anderson		Don Askins

THURSDAY, January 15, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	
6:00 pm	Anderson		Virginia Kobler

SUNDAY, January 18, 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (McCrickard – out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Anderson	Anderson	John Hendricks		
8:45 am	McCown	Anderson	Virginia Kobler, Warren Vann, Charlie Warren	Camille Sommer	Lane Mickle
11:00 am	McCown	Anderson	Hanns Billmayer, Deborah Baker, Peter Cobun	Marcia Cobun, Dianne Nettles	Adalene Bledsoe

WEDNESDAY, January 21, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	McCrickard		Marilyn Lands

THURSDAY, January 22, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Holland-Shuey		Sally Ann Culver

SUNDAY, January 25, 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Anderson – out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am		Holland-Shuey	Lea Ann Barnett		
8:45 am	McCown	Holland-Shuey	Ralph Shuey, Margaret Bibb, Pat Quirk	Jennifer Dill	Virginia Kobler
11:00 am	McCrickard	Holland-Shuey	Rich Spera, Barbara Buice, Walter Thames	Ronnie Rogers, Ron Hogan	Sally Ann Culver

WEDNESDAY, January 28, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	McCown		Joan East

THURSDAY, January 29, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Anderson		Don Askins

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8:45	Russ McDonald, Lewie Bates, Lynn Bates, Steve Creech, Sparks Ford, Bill Giardini, Robert Rodgers
11:00	Gail Rogers, Ronnie Rogers, Rob Cozby, Margaret Devenish, Tom Devenish, Marilyn Lands, Chris Wesley

ALTAR GUILD

3	Sue Johnson, Nancy Colin, Judy Vann, Flo Stockton, Alice Lanier
10	Caffey Litkenhous, Anne Carter, Laura Innes, Renée Elliott, Emily Moody, Jennie Coe
17	Judy Heacock, Lea Ann Barnett, Rose Anne Shearer, Linda Watts, Louise Reynolds
24	Gail Brown, Mary Johnson, Jewell Reynolds, Sara Little, Sophia Rowe
31	Sue Johnson, Renée Elliott, Alice Lanier, Anne Carter, Connie Stephenson

CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE

December 29 – January 4	January 5 – 11	January 12 – 18	January 19 – 25	January 26 – February 1
Anderson	McCrickard	McCown	Anderson	McCrickard

Nativity 101: New Class for ANYONE New to Nativity

Begins January 11, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall

Nativity 101 is a new 5-week offering on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall for anyone new to Nativity, including Episcopalians who have transferred in or in the process of transferring their letter. It is the foundation for our Seekers / Catechumenate Class process that continues February 15 for anyone seeking to be Confirmed or Received into our Episcopal Church Communion or for existing Episcopalians who desire to renew their Baptismal Covenants (see the following page describing this process). The Nativity 101 Class Schedule is as follows:

January 11	Nativity 101: Who are we Nativity Episcopalians?
January 18	Nativity 101: The BCP (that is, <i>The Book of Common Prayer</i>) Practical Implications
January 25	Nativity 101: Sunday Worship, The Eucharist
February 1	Nativity 101: Church Manners and Etiquette
February 8	Nativity 101: How can YOU get involved?

For more information, please speak with Lane Tutt or Amy Baxter at 256-533-2455 or abaxter@nativity-hsv.org.

Adult Christian Formation Classes

Libba Walker Bible Study for 2015.

Begins Wednesday, January 7th through February 11th, 2015 - 6:00p.m. Joffrion Hall Library.

The book that will be used is *24 Hours That Changed the World* by Adam Hamilton.

You can order at Amazon.

Contact: Lane Tutt- 256-653-7200.

****New Sunday School Class****

begins January 11 through February 8, 2015 – Bibb Chapel.

Short Stories By Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi by Amy – Jill Levine. (Illuminates the parables often in surprising ways) Leaders: Mari Zimmerman, Evie Spearman, Marilyn Evans, and Mary Coral Murphree. The book can be ordered on Amazon.

FORUM ON BISHOP'S POLICY FOR BLESSING SAME-GENDER LIFE-LONG RELATIONSHIPS

Sunday, January 4, 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall

The Rector will discuss Bishop Sloan's new policy for allowing same-gender life-long committed monogamous relationships.

Please go to the Diocese of Alabama's web site and review the Bishop's letters and the policy itself at

letters: http://www.dioala.org/dfc/newsdetail_2/3168467

http://www.dioala.org/dfc/newsdetail_2/3168886

policy: [http://s3.amazonaws.com/dfc_attachments/public/](http://s3.amazonaws.com/dfc_attachments/public/documents/3200315/Guidelines111414.docx)

[documents/3200315/Guidelines111414.docx](http://s3.amazonaws.com/dfc_attachments/public/documents/3200315/Guidelines111414.docx)

The National Church's liturgical resources for blessings, *I Will Bless You and You Will Be A Blessing*, can be

found here [http://s3.amazonaws.com/dfc_attachments/public/](http://s3.amazonaws.com/dfc_attachments/public/documents/3200303/1412Blessing.pdf)

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Upcoming Events at St. Mary's Sewanee

JANUARY 3, 2015

One-Day Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop

Centering Prayer is a method of prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer.

JANUARY 4, 2015 - JANUARY 11, 2015

Eight Day Intensive and Post-intensive Centering Prayer Retreat

This retreat is an opportunity for practitioners of Centering Prayer to deepen their contemplative journey in the contemporary world.

To make reservations or get more information:

<http://www.stmaryssewanee.org>

The Catechumenate: Episcopal Faith Seekers' Class

Begins January 11, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall

A class is for Adults seeking to be Confirmed and Baptized Episcopalians from most other traditions (or no tradition) or Received into the Episcopal Church from the Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Lutheran (ELCA) traditions. This class is also for Confirmed Episcopalians seeking to deepen and renew their faith and Baptismal Vows

The class begins with a 5 week series, Nativity 101, that gives a broad sweep introduction to the Episcopal Church for anyone new to Nativity or old-timers who want a refresher. Nativity 101 leads into The Catechumenate, the Seekers' Class on February 15. The church's catechumenal process, an ancient pattern for initiating Christians into the full life of the community of the faithful is at the heart of our Seekers' Class for people new to the Episcopal Church and for other Episcopalians who want to renew and deepen their faith. This process enables participants to reflect upon the traditions and practices of Christianity as the Episcopal Church has received them. Each Seeker or *Catechumenate* (the historical name for people seeking church membership) will be assigned a sponsor to walk the journey with them. Sponsors are already members of Nativity who will encourage you and be available for questions and discussions about the faith we share as Episcopalians. The ancient development of the Catechumenate was for converts to the faith in Baptism. Most of our Catechumens at Nativity will not be preparing for Baptism, but will be people who are already baptized. This class is specifically geared toward:

- People who have not been baptized
- People baptized as infants who want to make a mature public affirmation of their faith
- People seeking out this church community for marriage or for baptism of a child
- People baptized in other traditions but who have not shared in the Episcopal Church's understanding of Confirmation by a Bishop in the historic, apostolic tradition
- Newcomers to the Episcopal Church from other traditions
- Former Roman Catholic or Orthodox Christians who will be received into this Communion
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America members who have not been confirmed
- Returnees (for a variety of reasons)
- Active members seeking to deepen and renew their commitment
- Nominal members seeking basic formation
- Lapsed members willing to reconsider Christian Commitment
- Christians seeking deeper faith understanding in a time of crisis

The class meets on Sunday mornings beginning January 11, 2015 with the 5-week Nativity 101 class and goes through Sunday, May 10. On May 17th, the Bishop of Alabama will be present with us to celebrate these commitments made in Confirmation, Reception, and Renewal of Baptismal Vows. Adults seeking Baptism will be baptized at the Great Vigil of Easter on Easter Eve at 7:30pm on April 4, 2015.

The class convenes in the Parish Hall at 10:00am with a presentation by one of the clergy or by a lay leader in the congregation. This presentation is followed by small group table discussions, and then the whole group reconvenes. The class will be dismissed around 11:30 a.m. Child care is available. Participants are asked to attend the 8:45 a.m. worship service. Those who desire may go to lunch afterwards.

For more information, please speak with Lane Tutt or Amy Baxter at 256-533-2455 or abaxter@nativity-hsv.org.

Art in the Bannister Room This month's art is provided by, 'The Committee,' a group of ten women artists who share similar visions in their desire to create. Each artist offers a unique and individual view through mediums and styles.

Their work is on display throughout the Bannister Room (located between the Church and Ridley Hall).

Stop by and take a look.



Curious about Cursillo?



Cursillo is a wonderful spiritual community built on the principles of piety, study, and action. The Cursillo experience begins with a three-day weekend retreat at Camp McDowell and continues when you get back to the "real world" by regularly meeting in small groups.

Hundreds of Nativity parishioners and more than 7,700 in our Diocese have attended a Cursillo weekend and most are still active in the movement today. If you are interested in finding out more about Cursillo in the Diocese of Alabama and in our parish, the Nativity Cursillo Community will hold an informational dinner in early 2015.

This event will be held at the home of Don and Kay Wheeler on Sunday, January 11, 2015 @ 5:30pm. Dinner will be provided and we will have a no-pressure discussion regarding Cursillo. If you would like to attend this event, please RSVP to David Collette (256.527.2560) or drc3898@knology.net

Church Office

Christmas and New Year Schedule

Close at Noon - Wednesday, December 24

Closed - Thursday, December 25

Closed - Friday, December 26

Close at Noon - Wednesday, December 31

Closed, Thursday, January 1

We will resume normal office hours on Friday, January 2

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

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

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

Shop in the Greene Street Market Store and have yourself a local little Christmas.

Support local farmers, artisans, chefs - and Nativity's Outreach Ministry.

The Greene Street Market Store has a wonderful array of foods and gifts for the folks on your list.

A Greene Street Market Gift Certificate is also a great idea. It can be used in the store or next spring at the outdoor market.

Hours: M - F 10:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday 9:30am - 12:30pm



INTERCESSION REQUESTS

We pray for those who are ill or recovering: Eric Hallman, William Stahel, Nancy Shotts, Stephanie Sherman, Cecelia Duncan, Janet Lyle, Bob Hale, Stephen Dufrechu, Aubrey Tycer, Ann Garnett, Lorene Dilworth, Bill Dilworth, Lynn Jones, Gene Sullivan, Barry Morton, Harry Beazley, Carla King, Nancy Colin Swenson, Eileen Sullivan, Leigh Wahl, Elsie Olsen,

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

We pray for the departed:

David Banks, step-brother of Anne Robinson

Claudette Batten, former parishioner

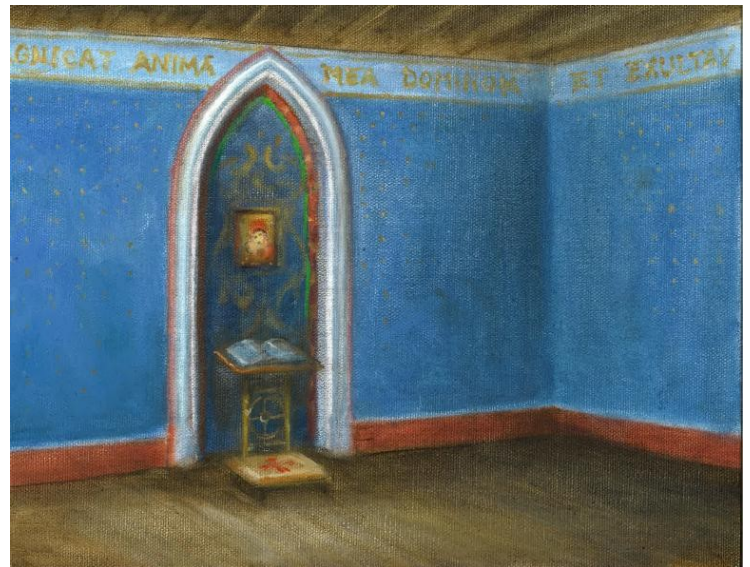
Pete Keay, uncle of Matthew McCrickard

We give thanks for birthdays of our children:

12/16 Liddy Malone	12/17 Maggie Sanders	12/18 Chandler Mason	12/18 Alton Hudson
12/18 Hunter Whitworth	12/20 George McCurry	12/20 Thomas Bradley	12/20 Jewell West
12/21 Evan Ward	12/21 Molly Ward	12/22 Margaret Bryant	12/25 Charlie Vowell
12/25 John Laney	12/27 Allie Starnes	12/28 Tess Lambert	12/29 Will Pinson
12/30 Nicholas Ocampo	1/1 Diana Sommer	1/2 Clover Farrell	1/6 Michael Jones
1/7 Sarah Spragins			

The Lady Chapel (St. Mary Chapel)

Expansion Continues! 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 has started. The final design plans are being completed as we visualize the expanded space. To read more about this exciting enhancement, click [here](#) and you will be re-directed to the full story.



Parish Financial Report - Period Ending 11/30/2014

	CURRENT MONTH	BUDGET for PERIOD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
Pledges Received	123,598.59	107,868.33	1,120,698.35	1,186,551.67
Plate	11,904.00	8,750.00	96,782.20	96,250.00
Other Revenues	5,117.86	8,381.67	124,440.01	92,198.33
TOTAL	140,620.45	125,000.00	1,341,920.56	1,375,000.00
Diocesan, School of Theology, & Outreach	24,531.16	25,250.02	247,018.54	277,749.98
Personnel	66,466.58	67,804.16	737,657.51	745,845.84
Other Expenses	23,646.72	31,945.83	322,449.09	351,404.17
TOTAL	114,644.46	125,000.01	1,307,125.14	1,374,999.99
NET \$	25,975.99	\$ (0.01)	\$ 34,795.42	\$ 0.01

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. Meetings are the **third Tuesday** of each month, beginning at 5:15p.m.

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:

gsommer@nativity-hsv.org

The deadline for the next issue is **Monday noon, January 5th.**

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

Mary Coe

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

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Assistant to the Rector

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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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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: _____