

# THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

January 7, 2015

## 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.*

## From the Archbishop of Canterbury's Christmas Homily

The Christmas story could be told simply with a happy ending where the gospel reading ended. If we end there, Christmas removes us from reality. Christmas becomes something utterly remote, about lives entirely different, fictional, naïve, tidy. That's not Christmas. Jesus came to the reality of this world to transform that reality - not to take us into some fantasy kind of 'happy ever after' but to 'Good News of great joy for all people.'

It is Good News precisely because God addresses the world as it is. Isaiah speaks of warriors and garments rolled in blood, of yokes on people's shoulders, of oppression. We know that story; it is the lived reality of so many suffering today. Yet Isaiah announces the news of God bringing light, joy, and exultation, through a child!

It is 'good news of great joy' because a helpless baby (who is God) becomes the one who changes this world decisively. Differently to any other figure in human history Jesus breaks in, not to help us escape, but to transform and take hold of our past, our present and our future. This baby brings the promise of forgiveness, the certainty of love and the hope of peace.

This means that whilst we must truly face the state of the world to which Jesus came, we can - we must - be equally realistic about the difference he makes. Jesus did not come for one day. Jesus changed things for ever. He comes to the person who turns and calls to him, bringing forgiveness and new life. That is an offer to all of us today, whether full of the joy of Christmas or in the midst of a personal darkness of despair and hopelessness. If Jesus can be laid in a manger there is nowhere that is not fitting for him to come; no person unfit to receive him.

He comes to the person nearing death, whether that death is premature or after a long life, and he brings the assurance of his presence, and the hope of eternity. Jesus is the promise that 'God is with us', no matter what. To the region caught up in war or to the family caught up in fights, he offers a transformation of hearts so there might be reconciliation. He offers a stepping out of the trenches, away from positions taken against enemies - and into new paths of relating.

He comes to lives that can too easily get caught up in acquiring, amassing, consuming and self-obsessing, bringing a shift in our horizon - beyond ourselves, to those who don't have what we have. If we hear this story properly we look away from ourselves, from our life with its care and burdens. This is freedom: as our perspective widens, so we are healed. This is good news of great joy for all people. The epistle to Titus describes his impact, the creation of people and communities that live out the reality of the love of God in Christ.

Yet because Jesus comes as child, as baby, we are not manipulated or forced, we have freedom to choose whether to hear his story properly or not. This baby is love so fierce it changes universes, love so gentle that the weakest is free to choose.

Jesus does not remove us from reality, he indwells it; and he indwells us if we invite him. To be indwelt by Christ changes our understanding of reality, so that with his eyes we may see the world and love it, overflowing with the love that he gives to us. What an extraordinary God this is who makes all the difference in the world. Don't we all long for his reality rather than our make believe?

The question is whether we will have open hands and ears, hearts and lives to receive him, not just on Christmas, but each day of our lives.

*++Justin, Canterbury*



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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](mailto: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](mailto:Tanya.Miller.Hsv@gmail.com).

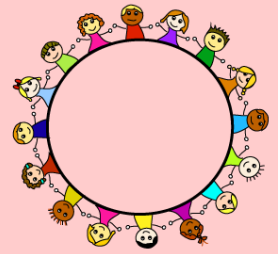
Save the Date  
**April 17-19, 2015**

## Children's Corner

**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

**Jan 28 5:30-7:00pm** Family Spaghetti Night; nursery  
offered by reservation, please call the church office



Contact Barbara Bonner: [bbonner@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:bbonner@nativity-hsv.org)



**HAP for January**  
Items needed — Rice, dried  
beans, spaghetti sauce, soups, and  
canned meats

Thanks for your generosity!

The church office will be closed Monday, January 19 in  
observance of the Martin Luther King holiday.



EYC Church of the Nativity

## Youth Notes!

### Welcome (back) Anne Elizabeth!



Nativity's youth ministry program continues to grow, and as it grows that means that there is more and more for volunteers and staff to do. To help with this growth and to ensure that the youth ministry program continues to succeed, we have hired Anne Elizabeth Cowan as a part-time Youth Ministry Assistant. Anne Elizabeth has nearly a decade of professional youth ministry experience, beginning here at Nativity in 2005, followed by stints at St. James, Fairhope and St. Mary's-on-the-Highlands in Birmingham. In 2012, Anne Elizabeth returned to Huntsville with her husband Andy, and soon after they welcomed their daughter Mary Virginia into the world.

Anne Elizabeth will be working on several of the miscellaneous administrative and communications tasks that are part of youth ministry, and over time will begin to work on Sunday evening programming tailored specifically to Junior EYC.

It is a real privilege to welcome Anne Elizabeth back to youth ministry at Nativity!

## Trinity Institute 2015

### January 22-24, Webcast at Ridley Hall

You're invited to attend Trinity Institute (TI2015), and annual conference that takes place in New York City, but you can attend at Nativity! We bring all the elements of the NYC conference to you via webcast.

This year's conference takes on the pervasive, overwhelming issue of economic inequality. TI2015 speakers have real-world experience making change happen. They will provide us with hopeful, practical tools we can use to make a positive economic impact.

**Thursday:** 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Cornel West (The Rich and the Rest of Us) - Keynote address

**Friday:** 8:00am - 11:45am

The Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury - followed by a panel discussion and Q&A

1:00pm - 4:15pm

Barbara Ehrenreich (Nickel and Dimed; This Land Is Their Land) - followed by a panel discussion and Q&A

6:00pm - 8:30pm

Film Screening —Inequality for All followed by a Skype Q&A: Robert Reich (Aftershock: The Next Economy and America's Future)

**Saturday:** 8:30am - 11:45am

Juliet Schor (Plenitude: The New Economics of True Wealth) followed by a panel discussion and Q&A

1:00pm - 2:30pm

The Rt. Rev. Julio Murray, Bishop of Panama followed by a panel discussion and Q&A

To register for Nativity's TI2015, contact Marilyn Lands (256.464.0669) or [marilynlands@gmail.com](mailto:marilynlands@gmail.com)

*For more information about Trinity Institute, 2015 including speaker bios, complete schedule, videos and more, visit [ti2015.org](http://ti2015.org).*

Dear Friends,

I am deeply grateful for the hospitality extended by this parish, and for **ALL** your efforts to make my ordination service such a beautiful experience.

I want to extend a special thanks to:

Suzanne Purtee and the Nativity Choir for the magnificent music,

Prentice White and Rich Goodwin for directing our procession smoothly,

The Moons, the McDonalds, Sally Stockton, Anna Warren and others who provided a beautiful reception and helped with logistical details,

Dorrie Nutt, Mike Ward, and the acolytes who participated with grace and precision,

Connie Gadomski for her patient work with two dioceses to assemble the service booklet,

The ushers and all who assisted in welcoming our friends and guests,

Andy Anderson, Rusty McCown, Jeannie Robison, Basye Holland-Shuey, and Van Foreman for their support, prayers, and guidance,

And to all Nativity parishioners and friends – your prayers and presence in person and in spirit made that day all the more special.

God is doing something wonderful at Church of the Nativity, and I am honored to be among you.

Happy Epiphany!  
Bonnie+

The Nativity Clergy & Staff would like to offer a great big Thank you to all the wonderful parishioners who gifted us with goodies during the Holidays! Everything was delicious, beautifully presented, and not a crumb remains!

Happy New Year!





## Stewardship Thoughts

### *The perfect New Year's resolution – make a pledge for 2015!*

So, what did you resolve to do in 2015? Lose weight? Quit smoking? Spend more time with your family? Even though most resolutions are broken before January is over, we continue to make them every year. How can we break this cycle of broken resolutions?

Here is a great idea for a New Year's resolution and a way that you can be sure that you keep it all year long! First, make a financial commitment to building God's Kingdom through the mission and ministry of the Church of the Nativity by submitting a pledge for 2015. Then, set up your pledge to be automatically paid through your bank's online banking service. It's really easy...just set up Church of the Nativity as a payee and then set your pledge to be deducted weekly, monthly, or quarterly. Then sit back and enjoy the feeling of making and keeping a New Year's resolution!

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!

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](mailto:bfranklin@nativity-hsv.org)) with your pledge

Pledge on-line here (external website) or from the Nativity website ([nativity-hsv.org](http://nativity-hsv.org))

As we enter a New Year filled with uncertainty and hope, it is a good feeling to know that we have made at least one resolution that we can keep throughout the year. Won't you please submit your pledge now and join over 350 Nativity families who have resolved to serve the parish, community, Diocese, and the world through their financial support of the Church of the Nativity in 2015.

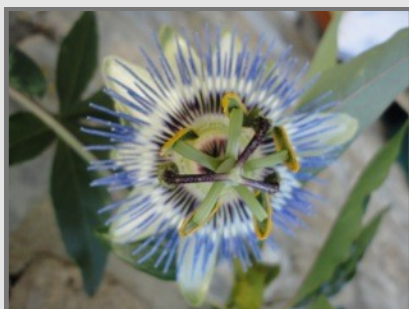
*Nativity Stewardship Ministry*

## 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 email Amy Baxter

[abaxter@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:abaxter@nativity-hsv.org) or call her at the church office, (256.533.2455)



## Centering Prayer group

annual evening with Sister Mary McGehee,

Tuesday, January 27, 5:30pm - Dinner is available

Sister Mary is a nun in residence at Sacred Heart Convent in Cullman. Her topic will be "Practice of the Presence of God contrasted to Buddhist Mindfulness."

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with a twenty minute Centering Prayer sit, then dinner. After dinner, Sister Mary will present her topic.

If you would like to have dinner, please call the church office (256.533.2455) and make a reservation.

The cost of the meal is \$7.00.

Contact Brenda Chynoweth [brendacc@knology.net](mailto:brendacc@knology.net) or (256.464.9457)

## Offering Envelopes are here-

If you requested offering envelopes, they are ready for pick-up in the foyer of Ridley Hall on Sunday mornings. To request envelopes, call Beverly Franklin in the church office (256.533.2455 x219).

## Nativity 101: New Class for ANYONE New to Nativity

Begins January 11, 2015, 10:00am, Ridley 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](mailto:abaxter@nativity-hsv.org).

### Adult Christian Formation Classes

#### Libba Walker Bible Study for 2015.

Begins Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> through February 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.

#### Reflections Bible Study

Resumes Thursday, January 8, 9:15am - Joffrion Hall.

Our study focuses on the Letters of 1,2,3 John. The study book, *What Love Is* by Kelly Minter can be found at Amazon or Life Way.

Contact Shelley Whitney, Debbie Collette, Lisa Caprio, Kim Hartley, or Connie Stephenson with questions.

#### **\*\*New Sunday School Class\*\***

January 11 through February 8, 10:00am, Bibb Chapel.

*Short Stories By Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi* by Amy – Jill Levine. (Illuminates the parables often in surprising ways) The book can be ordered on Amazon.

Leaders: Mari Zimmerman, Evie Spearman, Marilyn Evans, and Mary Coral Murphree.

### Stewardship of Creation:

#### A Great Class with Harvey Cotten

February 15 – March 22, 2015, 10:00am, Bibb Chapel

Harvey Cotten will lead the Stewardship of Creation class as we tackle the issue of climate change. We will explore 'How Christians are cultivating a middle ground on climate change' and each week we will try to separate fact from fiction and quiet the intense noise surrounding this issue.

Over the six-week course we will look at causes, effects, doubts, and choices; while studying what is going on today and where we can go from here.

Harvey will be using two main reference source books for this class:

1. *Between God and Green* by Katharine Wilkinson; Dr. Wilkinson is a 2005 Sewanee graduate. She was a religion major at Sewanee and has taught environmental science at Oxford.

2. *A Climate for Change: global warming facts for faith-based decisions* by Katherine Hayhoe, an atmospheric scientist, and Andrew Farley, a professor of applied linguistics and best-selling author. This book untangles the complex science and tackles many long-held misconceptions about global warming.

**This promises to be a lively topic and one that we will have both a fun and rewarding time together learning about this very important issue.**

## The Catechumenate: Episcopal Faith Seekers' Class

Begins January 11, 2015, 10:00am, Ridley 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, giving 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:abaxter@nativity-hsv.org).

### Upcoming Events at St. Mary's Sewanee

#### Centering Prayer as an 11TH Step Practice

Friday, March 27 – Sunday, March 29

For more information or to make a reservation

<http://www.stmaryssewanee.org>

"Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God..."

### Shop in the Greene Street Market Store

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



## 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 no later than March 16.

Contact: Mother Bonnie [bmccrickard@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:bmccrickard@nativity-hsv.org)  
(256.533.2455 x207)

## Mission Guild

### January meeting date change

Happy New Year! Please note that this month's meeting date has been changed to the **fourth** Monday – January 26. We will meet at 10:00am. in the church library.

Members, remember to bring Bingo prizes for the Aquarius Club and invite a friend! All ladies of the church are welcome. We always have interesting programs and delicious refreshments.

## Acolyte Schedule January 2015

*If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please do your best to find a substitute and let us know who will be filling in for you. There are a very few that did not make it on to the schedule this month—I will make sure you're the first ones I schedule in February. In just a couple of cases, your name may be listed twice; you may have to carry a torch in and then fill another position during the service.*

### Jan 4

8:45 A/M Mike Ward

C Tindall Morring Maria Caprio

T Huston Morring, Paxtyn Whitney

T Evelyn Warren, Joshua Huskey

S Mollie Ward

AS Evan Ward

11:00 A.M Clay Sherrill

C Emily Evans, Scott Louis Miller

T Laura Kate Evans, Laura Kamelchuk

T Riley Kamelchuk, Mary Kate Brooks

S Bankston Creech

AS John Sadler Evans

### Jan 11

8:45 A/M Nina Putt

C Kate Noble Hall, Jackson Anglin

T Britt Webber, Cassidy Bates

T Sarah Whelden Hall, Parker Sanders

S Alexander Young

AS Forrest Webber

11:00 A/M Dorrie Nutt

C John Laney, Scott Louis Miller

T Chris Laney, Sam Hartley

T Alice Malone, Savannah Watson

S David DiFranco

AS John Laney

### Jan 18

8:45 A/M Mike Ward

C Windham Hunter, Neill Luther

T Van Dodgen, Leighton Luther

T Margaret Foster, Franklin Aldag

S Caroline Knight

AS Park Ellis

11:00 A/M Clay Sherrill

C Powell Stockton, Allison Taylor

T Ella Jane Duncan, Elizabeth Evans

T Jack Benton Stockton, Margaret Bryant

S Steuart Evans

AS Hall Blake Bryant

### Jan 25

8:45 A/M Nina Putt

C Meredith Walker, Palmer Ford

T Emery Windham, Sidney Gunter

T Ellie Walker, Clay Walker

S Sims Windham

AS Cameron Pinson

11:00 A/M Dorrie Nutt

C Emily Ellison, Evans Alison

T Patrick Ahearn, Evan Ellison

T Chloe Parsons, Luke Alison

S Robert McCown

AS Evan Ellison



**Art in the Banister Room** This month's art is provided by local artist Yuri Ozaki. Yuri grew up in a small town on Japan's Kii Peninsula; an area known for its wet climate and mystical history. The beauty and mystery of her home region is a strong influence on her work.

Winner of several local and regional awards, her work is on display throughout the Banister Room (located between the Church and Ridley Hall).

Stop by and take a look.



### **Cursillo Informational Dinner** January 11, 5:30pm

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. 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](mailto:drc3898@knology.net)

## **Kairos Volunteer DOC Training**

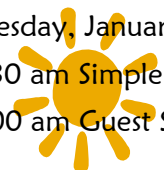
The state of Alabama Dept. of Corrections now requires annual training for all religious volunteers; including those attending the closing ceremony for Kairos #59 on April 26. This training will be held on January 17<sup>th</sup> at Decatur Presbyterian Church, 2306 Modus St. SW, beginning at 9:00 am and will last about 4 hours. For more information, contact Michael Shipley.

## **Monthly Men's Breakfast**

Tuesday, January 13 *Suggested donation \$5*

6:30 am Simple Eucharist in Bibb Chapel

7:00 am Guest Speaker



## **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](mailto:ltutt@nativity-hsv.org)

256-533-2455 / 256-653-7200



## INTERCESSION REQUESTS

**We pray for those who are ill or recovering:** Diane Sheldon, Imogene Nunn, Mary Groff, Dustin Lynch, William Stahel, Stephanie Sherman, Cecelia Duncan, Janet Lyle, Bob Hale, Aubrey Tyser, 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 birth of a child:** Alice Heath Petroff, daughter of Andrea & Jordan Petroff, granddaughter of Peggy and Bob Serio; born December 19

**We pray for those married:** Katie Louise Henley and Luther Frank Corley IV were married at Nativity on December 31

**We pray for the departed:**

Doris Bishop, mother of Nancy Newton Bishop

Dorma Appling, mother of Melanie Drenning

Mark Sutherland

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

1/8 Harry Foster      1/9 Rylan Whitney

1/11 Matthew Brown

1/11 David Young

1/12 Nathaniel Pride      1/13 Anne Limbo

1/14 Parker Sanders

1/16 Sarah Christopherson

1/18 Jackson Allen      1/19 Riley Ragland

1/20 Aiden Copeland

## **Nativity Concert Series 2015 Spring Schedule**

Saturday, January 17th ~ 5:00pm  
Amanda Walden, Soprano

\*Sunday, January 25th ~ 5:00pm  
Kevin Class, Piano

\*Sunday, February 15th ~ 5:00pm  
Daniel Pesca, Piano  
Sarah Frisof, Flute

Friday, February 20th ~ 7:30pm  
Dr. Robert Delcamp, Organ  
Bernadette Lo, Piano

\*Friday, March 6th ~ 7:30pm  
Guidonian Hand Trombone Quartet

\*Sunday, March 8th ~ 3:00pm  
Michael Brown, Violin  
Mac Phillips, Piano

\*Saturday, May 31st ~ 5:00pm  
Nativity Choir ~ England Tour Concert

\* Friends of Music

## **Upcoming Nativity Concerts**

**Saturday, January 17th ~ 5:00pm**

Soprano Amanda Walden will perform a concert of songs and arias. A recent graduate of Belmont University and a former Nashville Opera Fellow, she most recently appeared as Susanna in *Le Nozze di Figaro* with Belmont University Opera and Lucy in *Billy Goats Gruff* with Nashville Opera Education & Outreach.

The program, entitled "The Ingenious Ingénue" will take you on a journey of the feminine by tracing the ever-changing roles of women through art. The program features music composed by women or composed for specific songstresses – One highlight of the program features Songs of the American West! More information about Amanda can be found at [AmandaWalden.com](http://AmandaWalden.com)

**Sunday, January 25, 5:00pm**

Friends of Music at Nativity presents

Pianist Kevin Class, a program of solo piano music

Pianist Kevin Class will perform on our Steinway, in advance of his Spring European and Asian tour. (Kevin is a familiar face at Nativity, having performed here previously with Wesley Baldwin, cellist.)

This solo concert includes a program of Beethoven, Schoenberg, Rachmaninoff, and Busoni.

Information at <http://kevinclass.com/classbio.html>

Nativity's Music Line: (256.533.2455 x216)

## STEEPLE SCHEDULE

*The Steeple* is published each 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays.

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

[gsommer@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:gsommer@nativity-hsv.org)

The deadline for the next issue is **Tuesday 9:00am, January 20<sup>th</sup>.**

## 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

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## AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

A member of the clergy is *on call* each week. If you need assistance from a priest outside office hours, the priest on call will respond to your message.

The number to call *In Case of an Emergency Only* is 256-533-7007. All other calls should be directed to church phone 256-533-2455 and follow the prompts to leave a message for a priest to respond.

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