

THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

January 21, 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.

GRACEGRAMS: Nativity Parishioners Sharing Snapshots of Grace

At its heart, our faith is about receiving and sharing God's abundant love in Christ. One of my hopes has been for you to hear from fellow Nativity family members about moments of God's grace and love experienced through our life together. On a regular basis, I will be inviting folks to share this valuable communications real estate (the front cover of the Steeple!) to do just that. Betty Giardini offers this first GRACEGRAM to us all. Receiving God's blessings, how can we help to share and give?

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The Gift of Receiving. With the coming of fall, I always look forward to the kickoff of the many wonderful programs we have at the Church of the Nativity, followed very quickly by talk of stewardship and the giving of tithes and talents. I believe that we have a deep need to give, and that the urge to give is itself a gift from God. Sometimes the act of giving brings unexpected blessings to the giver, blessings that far outweigh the importance of the gift. Recently, I impulsively gave and the blessing returned a hundred-fold to me.

One Sunday our guest preacher was a young female seminarian from Namibia. She has given me permission to tell this story. She had spent most of her summer in this area and at our church camp, Camp McDowell, on a break from her seminary studies in Texas. She was here with almost no funding, but she sent half of everything she received back to Namibia to her mother, who is raising six children and often goes hungry herself in order to feed them.

This regal and elegant young woman, who has lived a life surrounded by poverty and suffering, preached a moving sermon that Sunday, and I stopped to speak to her after church, waiting until she was standing at the door alone. I asked her about lunch and she replied that she already accepted an invitation. As I stood there, she touched the cross I was wearing on a chain around my neck, looked at it and put it back down. I hugged her and turned away. This is a cross I had worn for a good many years, not particularly fine, but of solid brass on a good chain, a nice weight and length. I loved wearing it. On an impulse, I took off the cross, turned back to her and said, "Would you like to have this?" I don't think I have ever before seen such a look of unabashed delight as she accepted the cross and said, "Oh, yes!" She was like a child who had just received her heart's desire. There was no polite, "Oh, you shouldn't," or "Are you sure?" It was just "YES!" She danced a little jig right there in the doorway. What a gift her open acceptance was for me. I wanted to dance with her, and I wish now that I had.

The rest of this story comes from my daughter Lisa who had made great friends with this remarkable young woman when she visited her church nearby. The following Sunday, she was scheduled to preach again, this time at the church in Athens. Things had not gone well over the weekend and she was feeling unsettled and homesick.

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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

Children's Corner

Wednesdays:

4:30 St. Cecilia's Choir (2nd grade and older)
4:45 Cherub Choir (Pre-K - 1st Grade)

Sundays:

during 8:45 service: Children's Chapel
10:00am
Age 3 thru Kindergarten - Godly Play
1st-3rd grade - Workshop Rotation: The Good Samaritan
4th grade: Telling God's Story
5th & 6th grade: Club 56

Feb 1

8:45 St. Cecilia's Choir sings

Feb 15

10:00am
1st grade Eucharist Instruction begins (see insert)

Feb 17

5:30pm
Shrove Tuesday, Supper and children's Mardi Gras
Parade

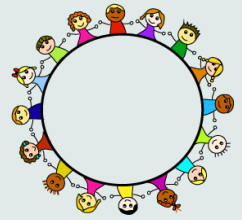
Feb 18

6:00pm
Ash Wednesday Children's service for ages 5 and up

Save the dates:

Apr 17-19 - Family Family Parish
Weekend

July 14-16 — VBS!!



Camp McDowell Summer registration now open
<http://campmcdowell.dioala.org>

Beginning Feb 22 at 10:00am - .All 1st graders are invited to bring a parent and participate in a Sunday morning Eucharist Instruction Class led by Madeline Mullins

The class will culminate with a celebration On March 15 and special recognition of participants at the 8:45 Palm Sunday service .

This class is offered to our first graders each year as a way to introduce them to our liturgy and tradition in a fun, kid friendly environment.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me".
~Matthew 19:14

Contact: Barbara Bonner: bbonner@nativity-hsv.org



EYC Church of the Nativity

Youth Notes!

Ski Trip 2015 a Success!



What a great time we had in Snowshoe, WV! 9 Nativity youth traveled up to the mountains with youth from St. Mary's on the Highlands in Birmingham and St. John's in Decatur. We had two full days of skiing, with beautiful sunny weather on Saturday and a TON of snow on Sunday. We stayed in a great lodge and ate delicious food, and even had a little time for night skiing. We all got closer with old friends and made new ones, and enjoyed a Harry Potter movie marathon to and from Snowshoe. We're already looking forward to next year!

Upcoming Events

- EYC Sunday, January 25, 5:30-7:30 PM in the LOFT. Come for supper and fellowship!
- EYC Sunday, February 1, 6:00-8:00 PM in the LOFT: SUPER BOWL PARTY! Come watch the big game with friends, hang out, eat supper, and play some games!

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

Additional information:

Cost: This is a free event! Come for an individual session or stay for the entire program.

Location: Webcasts and group discussions will be at Ridley Hall.

Food: A continental breakfast will be available on Friday and Saturday morning. There are several places to get something to eat within a short distance of the Church.

Nativity's TI2015 contact is: Marilyn Lands (256.464.0669) or marilynlands@gmail.com

For more information about Trinity Institute, 2015 including speaker bios, schedule, videos and more, visit ti2015.org.

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




HAP Sunday, February 1

Items needed — Soup, spaghetti sauce, rice, dried beans, meat, cereal, canned vegetables
Thanks for your generosity!

Stewardship Thoughts

The best time is anytime! – make your pledge for 2015!

	Church of the Nativity, Episcopal Pledge Commitment for Year 2015
	Name _____
	Address _____
	Phone _____ Email _____
	Accept this pledge as a symbol of my/our commitment to follow Jesus through the intentional practice of giving. I/We offer this pledge in gratitude for all the ways this community supports me/us in following the Way of Jesus.
	In faith and prayer my/our commitment is \$ _____ annually to be given () weekly () monthly () quarterly () annually
	I would like pledge envelopes: () Yes () No

Place this 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)

Nativity Stewardship Ministry

Please Support the Nativity and St. Thomas Medical Mission to Haiti February 28, 2015



This year the medical mission ministry is relying on a vendor set-up that provides supplies to international medical missions at the lowest costs. Instead of



collecting bottles of vitamins and tubes of ointments, we are asking for checks and cash to go towards ordering these supplies. All amounts are greatly appreciated.

On Sundays, from January 18 through February 22, a mission representative will be in Ridley Hall, accepting donations and then creating a 'mission voucher' for the March 1st offertory. These mission vouchers will be a symbol of our love and hope for our sister diocese in Haiti.

Each voucher will have a message with something like:

- Your \$30 donation provides one month of multi-vitamins for 45 undernourished children. These vitamins are important for proper growth and development.
- Your \$10 donation treats 20 people for diarrhea. Lack of proper sanitation creates life-threatening situations for people at risk.

Donations may also be dropped off anytime at the church office. Please make checks payable to Nativity with 'Haiti mission' as the note.

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).

Sharing our stories - Jordan Hutchison



It's easy to see how Jordan Hutchison, a six feet five inch volunteer with Nativity's youth ministry, got the nickname "the jolly green giant." As a basketball player at Montevallo, Jordan not only played ball but also learned to be open-minded and accepting of people. Athletes, drama majors, and "people who dyed their hair green," all had one thing in common, this psychology major says.

They wanted to be appreciated for who they were.

Jordan, now an Investment Advisor with Oak Tree Financial Services, brings his easy acceptance of people to his volunteer work. William Blackerby, Youth Minister Coordinator, describes Jordan as a "confident, laid-back role model" who's easy to get to know.

Jordan tells the Nativity youth not to worry about what they'll do with their lives; that will come later. He wants them to feel comfortable in the present and to understand that they can count on the community at Nativity to be there for them. He remembers feeling awkward as

an adolescent and tries to put the group members at ease. In one recent game, they all had to name the oddest Christmas gift they got. Jordan went first: He got a Batman onesie. "It was a joke gift," he explains.

Faith has always been a part of his life. An Episcopalian from birth, he believes in giving of his time. As a person who grew up with the blessing of a strong and supportive family, he wants to pass on what he learned: simply being present is important. So he shows up, week after week, at Nativity and at the Inner City Tutoring Center, where he works with low-income youth.

Jordan says people his age can "sit around and watch Netflix" or get up and do something.

Only five years out of college, he falls back on his faith more and more. Each day, he reads "The Wall Street Journal" at work, and religious writer Eric Metaxas at home. His favorite quote from Metaxas is: "Love is stronger than fear."

- Thanks to Beth Thames for writing this story

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But she was wearing the cross, and when she held it close and sat quietly for a few minutes, there came a great peace and confidence, and she knew that she could do what she needed to do. When I heard this story, my heart filled with joy and gratitude. A few days later when the young deacon's photograph appeared with a nice article in our local newspaper, she was wearing the cross.

A few months later, she was ordained in Namibia. It pleases me to think that perhaps a bit of my own love and spirit will go with her as she ministers to her people. My prayer for myself is that I will receive God's many blessings to me as freely as she received that cross. This is not really a story about giving and receiving a bit of jewelry, it is a story about giving and receiving God's love. Both giving and receiving are necessary for balance, and we are called to receive as joyfully and freely as we are to give. I pray that I can remember to embrace both the giving and receiving of God's love and blessings during the coming days, and I will think of her wearing my cross, and I will smile, and perhaps even dance a little jig.

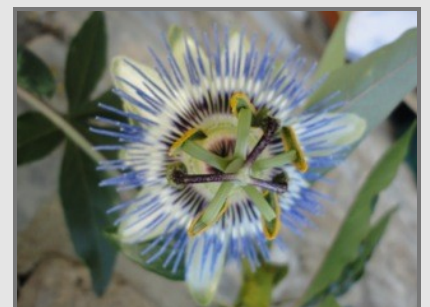
-By Betty Giardini, first printed in the December 2014 Contemplative Outreach NEWS

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 or call her at the church office, (256.533.2455)



STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

BURN BETTER, BURN WISE: TIPS FOR BUILDING A CLEANER FIRE

This winter families and friends will gather around fires in woodstoves or fireplaces or other wood-burning appliances. But **how you build that fire – and what you burn** – can have a significant impact on air quality and health, both inside your home and out. Whether you're using a woodstove, pellet stove, your fireplace, or other wood-burning appliance, seeing smoke from your chimney means your fire isn't burning as efficiently or cleanly as it could. Woodsmoke contains fine particles – also called fine particle pollution or PM_{2.5} -- which can harm the lungs, blood vessels and heart. People with heart, vascular or lung disease, and older adults and children are more at risk.



Building an effective fire requires good firewood (using the right wood in the right amount) and good fire-building practices. The following practical steps will help you obtain the best efficiency from your wood stove or fireplace.

- *Burn only dry, well-seasoned wood that has been split properly.*
- Season wood outdoors through the summer for at least 6 months before burning it.
- Store wood outdoors, stacked neatly off the ground and with the top covered.
- Start fires with newspaper and dry kindling or consider having a professional install a natural gas or propane log lighter in your open fireplace.
- Add wood, *being sure to leave space between the pieces of wood – and give the fire plenty of air until it is burning well.*

Items You Should Never Burn in Your Appliance:

- Household garbage or cardboard. Plastics, foam and the colored ink on magazines, boxes, and wrappers and wrapping paper produce harmful chemicals when burned. They may also damage your wood-burning appliance.
- Coated, painted, or pressure-treated wood because it releases toxic chemicals when burned.
- Plywood, particle board, or any wood with glue on or in it. They all release toxic chemicals when burned.
- Wet, rotted, diseased, or moldy wood.

Safe Wood-burning Practices

Keep all flammable household items—drapes, furniture, newspapers, and books—far away from the wood-burning appliance.

- Start fires only with newspaper, dry kindling and all natural or organic fire starters.
- Never start a fire with gasoline, kerosene, or charcoal starter.
- Do not use logs made from wax and sawdust in your wood stove or fireplace insert – they are made for open hearth fireplaces.
- Keep a fire extinguisher handy.

Money Saving Tips

- Look into getting your name on a list with local tree cutters who will deliver wood to your home. This saves them from traveling to the landfill and paying dumping fees. It also reduces landfill dumping. Plus, you may end up with discounted firewood.
- Remember to allow time for the wood to season as mentioned above.
- You can reduce overall heating needs and heating bills by improving the insulation in your home; caulking around windows, doors, and pipes to seal air gaps; and adding weather-stripping to doors and windows.

Enjoy the warmth and beauty of a lovely fire on these cold winter evenings, knowing that you are using the best fire-building and safety practices.

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

Family Spaghetti Night

Wednesday, January 28, 5:30pm - 7:00pm(Ridley Hall)
\$5.00 per person, \$20.00 family maximum. Dinner followed by all ages activity. Nursery is available for little ones 4 and under if they'd prefer a different activity. (parent's discretion)

As always, dinner reservations appreciated but not required. Nursery reservations are required.

Contact: Connie Gadomski (256.533.2455)
cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org

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. Our speaker is Fran Fluhler, Director, Manna House. Hostesses are Ann Epps and Henrietta Boykin.

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.

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 or (256.464.9457)

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 17th at Decatur Presbyterian Church, 2306 Moduas St. SW, beginning at 9:00 am and will last about 4 hours. For more information, contact Michael Shipley.

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* and mail to: Andrea Vandervoort, 434 Locust Ave. Huntsville, AL 35801. If you have questions, you may call Andrea at 256.539.2673.

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 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 altar flower dedication: _____

1st EVER Nativity Men's Retreat

Saturday & Sunday, February 21- 22, 2015
10:00am - 10:00am at Camp McDowell.

Cost includes lodging and all meals

Single, \$105 per person

Double, \$70 per person

Fellowship, a work project, the out-of-doors

Men doing Men stuff!

Sponsored by the Nativity Men's Ministry



Contact [Father Rusty McCown](#) for more information

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.

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**. She is a delightful speaker with an amazing story you will never forget!

The retreat this year is "*Becoming Hope*"

What if:

- this Lent we each listened carefully for the voice that names us, and shows us the unique form of Hope we are called to be?
- we each arose, and driven by the Spirit carried that Hope into some wilderness that tested the depth of our commitments, revealing who we really are?
- we rededicated ourselves to what it means to practice the presence of Hope in ways that change us, change our relationships, and even reshape our environments?

The cost is \$145. If you have questions, let me know. Thank you, Lane Tutt

Nativity Women's Retreat

St. Mary's, Sewanee, Tennessee

February 20-21, 2015

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Roommate request*: _____

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

Cost: \$145.00 per person

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE

**Return your registration form & FULL payment 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

Nativity 101: New Class for ANYONE New to Nativity

Continues through February 8, 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 25	Nativity 101: Sunday Worship, The Eucharist
February 1	Nativity 101: Church Manners and Etiquette
February 8	Nativity 101: How can YOU get involved?

The Catechumenate: Episcopal Faith Seekers' Class

The class begins with a 5 week series, Nativity 101. Nativity 101 leads into The Catechumenate, the Seekers' Class on February 15. **Sundays, 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 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 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 goes through Sunday, May 10. On May 17 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 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.

INTERCESSION REQUESTS

We pray for those who are ill or recovering: Ed Vaughn, Anna Post, David, Diane Sheldon, William Stahel, Stephanie Sherman, Cecelia Duncan, Bob Hale, Aubrey Tyser, Ann Garnett, Lorene Dilworth, Bill Dilworth, Lynn Jones, Barry Morton, Carla King, Nancy Colin Swenson, Eileen Sullivan, Leigh Wahl, Elsie Olsen,

We pray for those deployed/serving with the Military:

US Navy, Jesse Teal
Afghanistan; Denver Conlin

We pray for the departed:

Roland Shafer, Jr., cousin of Bonnie McCrickard
Sister Isabella Ferrell, aunt of Judy Vann
Eric Hallman
Laura Dulaney, mother of Claudette Toole
Nancy Horton, sister of Betty Giardini
Stephen Drzycimski, son-in-law of Betty & Bill Giardini

We give thanks for birthdays of our children:

1/29	Evelyn Roche	1/29	Palmer Ford	1/31	Mary Cowan	1/31	Emery Windham
2/1	Caroline Avolesse	2/1	Celia Frrell	2/2	Edward Rosler		
2/2	Paul-Michael Williamson			2/3	John Bohan		

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 Events

Sunday, January 25, 5:00pm

Friends of Music at Nativity presents

Pianist Kevin Class, a program of solo piano music
Kevin Class will perform on our Steinway, in advance of his Spring European and Asian tour.

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

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

Saturday, January 31, 7:00pm

Nativity Choir & Friends presents

PASTICHE - You are invited to a delightful evening of refreshments and musical entertainment. as you are entertained with songs and musical selections from the 50s the present.

Scheduled special guests include:

Elton John Paddington Bear
Austin Powers!

\$15 per person in advance, \$20 at the door.

Contact the church office for reservations (with payment) 256-533-2455. This is a fundraiser for the Choir trip to England this summer.

Nativity's Music Line: (256.533.2455 x216)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE February 2015, published 01/21/15

SUNDAY, February 1, 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Anderson	Anderson	Don Lambert		
8:45 am	McCown	Anderson	Seminarian, Bob Serio, Lewie Bates	Meredith Walker	Clay Sherrill
11:00 am	McCrickard	Anderson	Seminarian, Pat Sampson, Rob Cozby	Pamela Briggs, Ted Briggs	Marilyn Lands

WEDNESDAY, February 4, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	McCown		Cheryl Watts

THURSDAY, February 5, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	TBD	O'Reilly	Shari Williams

SUNDAY, February 8, 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	McCown	O'Reilly	Ken Barnett		
8:45 am	Anderson	O'Reilly	Seminarian, Robert Dunn, Sam Porter	Amy Creech	Lee Hicklen
11:00 am	Anderson	O'Reilly	Seminarian, Marilyn Lands, Ed Vaughn	Jim Douthit, Walter Thames	Deborah Baker

WEDNESDAY, February 11, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Holland-Shuey		Mary Hendricks

THURSDAY, February 12, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	McCrickard		Don Lambert

SUNDAY, February 15, Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	McCrickard	McCrickard	Sue Johnson		
8:45 am	McCown	McCrickard	Seminarian, Don Lambert, Shari Williams	Buddy Moon	Jim Douthit
11:00 am	Anderson	McCrickard	Seminarian, Jordan Cozby, Rich Goodwin, Peter Cobun	Sally Ann Culver, Mike Innes	Ronnie Rogers

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 18, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector
7:00 am	Anderson	Anderson	John Hendricks	
12 noon	McCrickard	Anderson	Joan East, Pat Sampson, Don Askins	Lynn Lewis
6:00 pm	McCown	Anderson	Sally Ann Culver, Bob Serio, Lee Hicklen,	Martha Joffrion, Ronnie Rogers

THURSDAY, February 19, HE

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

SUNDAY, February 22, 1st Sunday in Lent

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (McCown – out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Anderson		Lea Ann Barnett		
8:45 am	McCrickard	Anderson	Seminarian, William Blackerby, Joan East, Mike Ward	Stacy Moon	Melissa Kirkindall
11:00 am	McCrickard	Anderson	Seminarian, Sally Ann Culver, Don Askins, Deborah Baker	Rich Goodwin, Jordan Cozby	Ed Vaughn

WEDNESDAY, February 25, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	McCrickard		Marilyn Lands

THURSDAY, February 26, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	McCown		Virginia Kobler

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8:45	Robert Mullins, Chad Ayres, Michael McClung, Ray Moring, Read Windham
11:00	Daniel Suggs, Stephen Prucha, Marina Prucha, Barbara Buice, Teague Smith, Steve Brouse

ALTAR GUILD

7	Emily Moody, Caffey Litkenhous, Laura Innes, Flo Stockton, Wanda Cobb
14	Sophia Rowe, Sue Johnson, Judy Heacock, Rose Anne Shearer, Debbie Joyner
21	Gail Brown, Louise Reynolds, Linda Watts, Jewell Reynolds, Mary Johnson
28	Sara Little, Emily Moody, Sue Johnson, Caffey Litkenhous, Nancy Colin, Jennie Coe

CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE

January 26 – February 1	February 2 – 8	February 9 – 15	February 16 – 22	February 23 – March 1
McCrickard	McCown	Anderson	McCrickard	McCown

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