

THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

February 18, 2015



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

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.

Lent's Clarity

Today on Ash Wednesday the world is cold and gray as Lent begins. Although our word for Lent comes from an *Old English* word that means lengthening, as in the lengthening of days pointing to spring, today it is snowing. It's winter out there and definitely not spring! The trees are bare of leaves, revealing the basic forms of their structure. We come to church on Ash Wednesday and discover a similar barrenness inside in this beautiful and holy place stripped of brass and flower and flourishes, pointing to God's truth behind the symbols.

With ashes placed upon our foreheads, our lives, too, are stripped bare, reminding us of the stark reality of our mortality. Today we encounter death and dust. In facing our mortality, just as anyone who has had a close scrape with death knows, we can breathe more deeply and claim life more fully. Once a year, the church gives us all the opportunity to look at death straight on and choose life.

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." I am finite and fragile, a creature who has been given these few short years to live. I have been given this time *now*, before I return to the dust, to be who I have been given to be by God.

The gray and cold days of winter encourage me to be more alive when the skies are blue and the sun is warm. I can see further through the winter landscape, seeing the real structure of the strength of the trees that offer shade when they are fully leafed. Ash Wednesday enables me to see who God has created me to be in spite of my efforts to cover up the truth that life comes from God alone.

The Lenten landscape is full of confession and repentance because we have failed to live the lives God hopes we will live; we have failed to commend the faith and life that is deep within us. Something mysterious and life-giving happens as we strip away the things that get in the way of God's life leafing forth from us.

Our prayers of confession are our acknowledgment that we are made for better lives—deeper, truer, wiser—than we are living. The first thing the doctor asks when we arrive for an appointment is, "Where does it hurt?" The first step to health is naming the pain. Our confessions allow us to take off the mask of our coping so well, and to name, within the silence and great loving Mystery of God, where our lives are caught, or hurting, or hurting others. Our confessions acknowledge that there is One who cares and forgives, and who is always giving us more life and joy.

Lent calls us to fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. In our fasting and sacrifices, we are stripping away things that we have found pleasure and comfort in so that we may, in the emptiness of the space provided, learn to trust God alone. We can make room for the life that God alone wants us to have and share.

I love the winter landscape and I have grown to love the Lenten landscape. Stripped bare, God is able to breathe new life into this dust that I am, so that I may leaf forth with God's life and love for this world. And one day, I won't simply return to the dust, I will return to the One who created me, redeemed me in Christ, and has sanctified me to share fully in that life forever. A good and holy Lent to all.

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Children's Corner

Wednesdays:

No choir February 18, resuming February 25

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: Creation

4th grade: Telling God's Story

5th & 6th grade: Club 56

Feb 18

6:00pm

Ash Wednesday Children's service for ages 5 and up

Feb 22

10:00am

1st grade Eucharist Instruction begins (see insert)

Feb 25

5:30pm

Family Spaghetti Supper

6:10pm Lenten Programs for ages 5 and older; Nursery available for ages 4 and under

Save the dates:

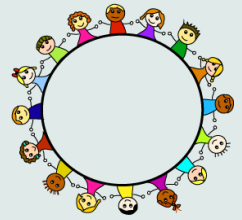
Apr 17-19 - Family Parish Weekend

Visit the registration table in Ridley Hall between services on Sundays to sign up and get more info!

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!

What's Happening?

Nativity is hosting Happening #66, a spiritual renewal weekend for almost 100 10th-12th grade youth from all over our diocese (and beyond). From Friday, February 27th through Sunday, March 1st, there will be 93 teenagers and adults spending the weekend learning about Jesus, sleeping at the church, showering in sponsor's homes, and eating the meals and snacks you provided!

On March 1st, our Sunday morning routine is going to be a little different:

- Happening will be using Ridley Hall all day so it will not be available; the Catechumenate Class will move to the Choir Room in the basement of Joffrion Hall.
- The Breakfast Club will not meet -- their classroom will be used as a Happening small group room.
- The 10th-12th Grade Sunday School class will not meet.
- 9th Grade/Confirmation will meet offsite.
- 7th/8th Grade will meet at a location to be determined.
- Updates to this information will be available on the website and around the church bulletin boards.

Thank you for your patience and hospitality as we welcome this wonderful ministry to young people, by young people, into our church!" William Blackerby (256.533.2455 x 205) wblackerby@nativity-hsv.org

RENEWALWORKS

A letter from the survey presentation team:

As you know, our parish participated in the RenewalWorks spiritual life survey last September, and a Workshop team was put together to review the survey results in combination with the RenewalWorks material. This was done in the idea that "spiritual growth becomes a matter of taking the steps needed to deepen relationship with God, with neighbor, with the world and with ourselves." A RenewalWorks team of 21 parishioners, plus your clergy, participated in 4 workshops conducted during September, October & November. We spent over 12 hours together in these workshops, producing the results we put into the Vestry report (and which the Vestry endorsed).

The final report to the Vestry from the RenewalWorks workshop team, the survey results, a document entitled "Footsteps," and an introduction written by Brian Taylor (for a book entitled "Strength for the Journey, A Guide to Spiritual Practice") are all links contained within this site for you to access and review. In an effort to help guide you through the overwhelming amount of data, we'd like to suggest a less complicated approach to understanding the data.

Initially, we recommend that you start with the [Report to the Vestry](#). That gives you a good summary of what happened in each of the workshops, as well as a summary of the recommendations and the highlights from the survey. This should give you a good framework from which to approach the rest of the data.

Next, you might read the ["Footsteps"](#) document, which sets forth the framework within which we worked during this process. It is about 21 pages, but it gives good insight. In addition, the [article written by Brian Taylor](#) gives great insight into the words "spiritual practice" and what it means, and what it doesn't mean.

Finally, with this background data in mind, review the [Data Pack](#) from RenewalWorks (Nativity's survey results). Reviewing this last might seem odd, but we believe it will make more sense to you after having read the other documents first.

We will hold at least two informational sessions about the data & the process we followed. Anyone who would like to hear more or ask questions is encouraged to attend. The first, with lunch, is set for 12:15pm on Sunday, March 8. The second will be during Sunday School on Sunday, March 15. More information on both will be posted in the Steeple and Nativity Notes.

We thank you for your interest thus far, and look forward to sharing these new opportunities for spiritual growth within our parish.

Sincerely,

Christine Starnes, Virginia Caruso & Ches Chesney
RenewalWorks presentation team

Notes: This letter and document links will also be on our website - to be posted soon.

Paper copies of the documents mentioned in this letter will be available at the front desk of the Church office.

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.

Ensuring Nativity's Legacy

Did you know there are two great ways to help preserve Nativity's heritage for future generations?

If your passion is outreach, give to the
Nativity Trust

If your interest is historic preservation, give to the
Nativity Historic Trust

For more information about planned giving, visit the Planned Giving page on our website
(nativity-hsv.org/giving/planned_giving)
or contact Frederick Lanier: (256.890.9055)
flanier@jsmithlanier.com.

Nativity Parish Family Weekend

"Come Shine with Us"

April 17-19



Artwork created by our very own Michele Banish. A drawing for the original watercolor will be held on March 1. Your Parish Weekend registration automatically enters you in the drawing.

On-line [information](#) and [registration](#) is available! Or, visit our website (nativity-hsv.org) and go to the [Parish Weekend at Camp McDowell](#) dropdown menu under Parish Life.

Contact Barbara Bonner (256.533.2455)

bbonner@nativity-hsv.org

If you are interested in volunteering to help with any part of the Nativity Parish Family Weekend, please email Tanya Miller at Tanya.Miller.Hsv@gmail.com.

Family Spaghetti Night

Wednesday, February 25, 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

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.

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

HABITAT HOUSE 2015

Construction starts February 24

Spring is not quite here but the foundations are popping up out of the ground. We will start our house the last week in Feb. It will be a 5 bedroom biggie for a single parent and her five children; ages 1 -14. This year's home (on Cornerstone Circle) is in the same subdivision as last year's home.

If you want to help, come on by. Volunteers just need to show up. Although having some skill is helpful, it is not necessary; we train as we go. Working hours are 8:00am to 2:00pm Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays with a lunch break usually around 11:30am. Lunches are furnished on Saturdays by one of the participating churches.

For more information, contact Bill Giardini (256.698.5307).

CALLING ALL LENTEN NOONDAY SERVICE YARD SIGNS!

If you have a Yard Sign from last year advertising the Noonday Services, Please Put It Out! These were great publicity items to remind our parishioners and also to invite other people from the area. New signs are available at the Church office if you no longer have yours.



**LENTEN
NOONDAY SERVICES**
Guest Preacher each week
**EACH TUESDAY
IN LENT**
12:05 - 12:35
**CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY,
EPISCOPAL**
208 EUSTIS AVENUE

LENTEN NOONDAY SERVICES

TUESDAYS 12:05 – 12:35 pm

STIMULATING GUEST PREACHERS - LET THIS TUESDAY EXPERIENCE BE A MEANINGFUL PART OF YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY

February 24 – The Rev. King Oehmig –
Priest in Charge at Church of the Nativity –
Fort Oglethorpe, GA (founder and editor of Synthesis)

March 3 – The Rev. Seth Olson –
Associate at St. John's Episcopal Church –
Decatur, AL

March 10 – The Rev. Bill Blackerby –
Interim Rector at Grace Episcopal Church –
Cullman, AL
(former Episcopal Campus Chaplain in Birmingham 1993-2014 and father of our own Youth Minister William Blackerby)

March 17 – The Rev. Mary Anne Akin –
Chaplain at St. Martin's-in-the-Pines –
Birmingham, AL
(so glad to welcome Nativity's former Associate back to our pulpit)

March 24 – Chaplain James Williams –
Chaplain at Limestone Correctional Facility –
Harvest, AL

Sponsored by the Spiritual Development Committee

For more information contact Virginia Caruso 533-6969

***Wednesday Evening Lenten Series** **"The Spiritual Journey in World Religions:** **Self-Examination, Penitence & Confession"**

February 25

Rabbi Elizabeth Bahar
Temple B'nai Shalom
Huntsville

March 4

Dr. Ossama Bahloul, Imam
The Islamic Center
Murfreesboro, TN

March 11

Dr. Daniel Crosby
The Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-Day Saints,
Monte Sano Branch

March 18

Dr. Rajinder Singh Mehta,
NASA Scientist
Devout Sikh

March 25

Panel Exploration
"How Interfaith Dialogue
Enlivens Our Christian
Spiritual Journey"

Prof. Bob Hughes
School of Theology, Sewanee

Kay Campbell
Huntsville Times

Wimberley Watts,
Author

Father Andy
Mother Basye

Dinner 5:30 p.m. Programs for all ages: 6:00 p.m.
Nursery is available.

Reservations are required for both nursery & dinner.

Contact: Connie Gadomski (256.533.2455)

cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 18

7:00am Holy Eucharist, Imposition of Ashes, Bibb Chapel

Noon - Holy Eucharist, Imposition of Ashes, Church
Soup Lunch following in Ridley Hall

*6:00pm - Holy Eucharist; Imposition of Ashes, Church

*6:00pm - Children's Service, K - 5th grade
(meet in Ridley Hall)

LENTEN NOONDAY SERVICES

TUESDAYS 12:05 – 12:35 pm, February 24 - March 24
(Detailed schedule in the side box)

HOLY WEEK

Monday March 30 through Saturday April 4

Monday Noon, Holy Eucharist, Bibb Chapel

Tuesday Noon, Holy Eucharist, Bibb Chapel

Wednesday Noon, Holy Eucharist, Bibb Chapel
6:00pm, Stations of the Cross

Thursday, 6:00pm, Maundy Thursday Liturgy
8:00pm-11:00pm, Prayer Vigil, Bibb Chapel

Friday 6:00 am - Noon, Prayer Vigil continues
Noon, Liturgy for Good Friday\

Church Office closed at Noon for Paschal Triduum

Saturday, 7:30 pm, The Great Vigil of Easter,
Holy Baptism, Holy Eucharist

EASTER DAY, April 5

7:45am Holy Eucharist, Bibb Chapel

*8:45am Festal Holy Eucharist
Easter egg hunt, following the 8:45 service,
meet in Ridley Hall

*11:00am Festal Holy Eucharist

*Nursery Available



Nativity Music Events

Friday, February 20, 7:30pm

Dr. Robert Delcamp, Organ

Bernadette Lo, Piano

Please call the Nativity music line for weather updates possibly affecting this concert.

Friday, March 6 - 7:30pm

Friends of Music at Nativity presents

Guidonian Hand Trombone Quartet

Insightful arrangements of Bach, Haydn, Debussy, & Mozart

Sunday, March 8 - 5:00pm

Friends of Music at Nativity presents

Michael Brown ~ Violin

Mac Phillips ~ Piano

Sunday March 15 - 5:00pm

Nativity Choir Lenten Evensong

Dinner following in Ridley Hall

(Dinner reservations required)

Nativity's Music Line: (256.533.2455 x216)

If you would like to receive this year's Lenten Meditations via email, please email Connie in the office:

cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org



SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION AND PRAYER



You are invited to a time of reflection and enrichment of your spiritual life as we move into the beginning of our Lenten Journey. Nativity will be offering several opportunities for spiritual guidance during this time.

The process of spiritual conversation and prayer is for anyone who feels a longing for a more peaceful and

hope filled life. Spiritual conversation engages the spiritual aspects of being human and our soul's longing for a deeper connection with the Holy.

This year we will spend five Wednesday evenings (beginning February 25th) `learning from other religious traditions about their sacred practices of self-examination, penitence, and confession.

Our prayer and hope is that together and with the grace of the Holy Spirit we may ever be vessels of Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace to ourselves, one another, and the world.

You may call Mother Basye at (256) 468-5590 or the church office (256.533.2455) to schedule time for Spiritual Direction, spiritual conversation, study, spiritual counsel, and/or prayer. Additionally you may wish to discuss with any of the clergy the sacramental Rite of Reconciliation.

Avoiding the DEPRESSION TRAP

A depression and emotional wellness support group
By Mark Beard of THE VINE

There is more understanding and more that can be done to address depression than ever before.

Join us

Free to any adult/spouse/loved one coping with depression

Thursdays, 6:00-7:00 PM

February 5 - May 28

First Baptist Church, Madison

Call The Vine Office for more information, 256-270-7399

The Vine is offering a depression and emotional wellness support group called "Avoiding the Depression Trap". The support group is FREE to any adult/spouse/loved one coping with depression. Join Mark Beard as he leads this support group.

STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

"THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S, AND THE FULLNESS THEREOF" PSALM 24:1

Many faith communities and groups are taking a look at the issues of climate change and global warming. Recently, [Interfaith Power and Light](http://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org), headed by Episcopal priest The Rev. Canon Sally Bingham, organized a "synchronized Climate Prayer event" to draw attention to the issues, during which people all over the country joined in prayer at a designated hour, praying for the health of our planet. There also were other activities, including a "National Preach-In on Global Warming" and a postcard campaign. See the IPL website (www.interfaithpowerandlight.org) for details, and more information about other IPL activities.



The IPL mission statement is: *The mission of Interfaith Power & Light is to be faithful stewards of Creation by responding to global warming through the promotion of energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy. This campaign intends to protect the earth's ecosystems, safeguard the health of all Creation, and ensure sufficient, sustainable energy for all.*

The National Association of Evangelicals has also engaged in the issues of climate change and in an excerpt from a larger document on civic responsibility, issued the following statement:

As we embrace our responsibility to care for God's earth, we reaffirm the important truth that we worship only the Creator and not the creation. God gave the care of his earth and its species to our first parents. That responsibility has passed into our hands. We affirm that God-given dominion is a sacred responsibility to steward the earth and not a license to abuse the creation of which we are a part. We are not the owners of creation, but its stewards, summoned by God to "watch over and care for it" (Gen. 2:15). This implies the principle of sustainability: our uses of the Earth must be designed to conserve and renew the Earth rather than to deplete or destroy it.

The Bible teaches us that God is not only redeeming his people, but is also restoring the whole creation (Rom. 8:18-23). Just as we show our love for the Savior by reaching out to the lost, we believe that we show our love for the Creator by caring for his creation.

Because clean air, pure water, and adequate resources are crucial to public health and civic order, government has an obligation to protect its citizens from the effects of environmental degradation. This involves the urgent need to relieve human suffering caused by bad environmental practice. Because natural systems are extremely complex, human actions can have unexpected side effects. We must therefore approach our stewardship of creation with humility and caution.

Human beings have responsibility for creation in a variety of ways. We urge Christians to shape their personal lives in creation-friendly ways: practicing effective recycling, conserving resources, and experiencing the joy of contact with nature. We urge government to encourage fuel efficiency, reduce pollution, encourage sustainable use of natural resources, and provide for the proper care of wildlife and their natural habitats.

Here at Nativity, Harvey Cotten is teaching a Sunday School Class: "How Christians are Cultivating a Middle Ground on Climate Change" where we study the issues around climate change and global warming. Many scientists and concerned lay people believe we are at a critical juncture, resulting from the influence of human beings on nature. Others believe that the changes happening now are part of a natural, cyclical pattern. Each week we will try to separate fact from fiction and quiet the intense noise surrounding this issue.

Harvey is using these books as reference for his class:

Love God, Heal Earth by The Rev. Canon Sally G. Bingham

Between God & Green by Katharine K Wilkinson

Stewardship of Creation, Feb 15 - Mar 22, 10:00am,
Bibb Chapel



HAP Sunday, March 1

Items needed — Meat, cereal and vegetables, Canned beans, rice, boxed potatoes.

Bar soap, really needed.

Thanks for your generosity!



BE A 2015 GREENE STREET MARKET SPONSOR

The Greene Street Market is looking for businesses or individuals who would like to "sponsor" a weekly market this season. The cost of sponsorship is \$500.

As a sponsor, you will receive the following:

- 25 \$10 Greene Street Market vouchers for use at the market you sponsor.
- Acknowledgment on our Facebook page, in our email blast, and during the market.

For more information call Pattie Cline (256.651.6497) or Marilyn Evans (256.682 4429)

The Greene Street Market is a Nativity outreach ministry

Photos from Nativity's Annual Cajun Dinner, Mardi Gras Celebration, and Children's Parade.

A capacity crowd braved the cold weather and packed Ridley Hall for food, fun, and fellowship

Photos courtesy of the Nativity facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/109244155680/>



WORSHIP SCHEDULE March 2015, published 2/18/15

SUNDAY, March 1, 2nd Sunday in Lent

| Service | Celebrant | Preacher | LEM (Anderson & Robison – out) | Lector | Intercessor |
|----------|---------------|----------|---|----------------------------|-------------|
| 7:45 am | McCown | | Ken Barnett | | |
| 8:45 am | Holland-Shuey | McCown | Seminarian, Allen Daniels, Ralph Shuey | Lynn Lewis | Lee Hicklen |
| 11:00 am | Foreman | McCown | Virginia Kobler, Hanns Billmeyer, Walter Thames | Mary Johnson, Mickey Ellis | Ed Vaughn |

WEDNESDAY, March 4, HE

| Service | Celebrant | Preacher | LEM |
|---------|-----------|----------|----------------|
| 12 noon | McCown | | Mary Hendricks |

THURSDAY, March 5, HE

| Service | Celebrant | Preacher | LEM |
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| 6:00 pm | McCrickard | | Don Askins |

SUNDAY, March 8, 3rd Sunday in Lent

| Service | Celebrant | Preacher | LEM | Lector | Intercessor |
|----------|------------|------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 7:45 am | McCrickard | | Don Lambert | | |
| 8:45 am | McCown | McCrickard | Seminarian, Margaret Bibb, Pat Quirk | Allen Daniels | Clay Sherrill |
| 11:00 am | Anderson | McCrickard | Rich Spera, Rob Cozby, Sam Porter | Sandy Brown, Mike Brown | Jordan Cozby |

WEDNESDAY, March 11, HE

| Service | Celebrant | Preacher | LEM |
|---------|---------------|----------|------------|
| 12 noon | Holland-Shuey | | Don Askins |

THURSDAY, March 12, HE

| Service | Celebrant | Preacher | LEM |
|---------|-----------|----------|----------------|
| 6:00 pm | Anderson | | Shari Williams |

SUNDAY, March 15, 4th Sunday in Lent

| Service | Celebrant | Preacher | LEM (Robinson – out) | Lector | Intercessor |
|----------|------------|----------|--|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 7:45 am | Anderson | | Sue Johnson | | |
| 8:45 am | McCown | Anderson | Seminarian, Warren Vann, Charlie Warren | Bankston Creech | Jim Douthit |
| 11:00 am | McCrickard | Anderson | Marilyn Lands, Barbara Buice, Rich Goodwin | John Conover, Chris Jackson | Rhonwyn Watson |

WEDNESDAY, March 18, HE

| Service | Celebrant | Preacher | LEM |
|---------|------------|----------|--------------|
| 12 noon | McCrickard | | Cheryl Watts |

THURSDAY, March 19, HE

| Service | Celebrant | Preacher | LEM |
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| 6:00 pm | McCown | | Don Lambert |

SUNDAY, March 22, 5th Sunday in Lent

| Service | Celebrant | Preacher | LEM (McCrickard – out) | Lector | Intercessor |
|----------|-----------|----------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| 7:45 am | McCown | | John Hendricks | | |
| 8:45 am | Anderson | McCown | Seminarian, Lee Hicklen, Pat Sampson | Ed Greene | Lane Mickle |
| 11:00 am | Anderson | McCown | Ed Vaughn, Peter Cobun, Deborah Baker | Ron Hogan, Dianne Nettles | Don Askins |

WEDNESDAY, March 25, HE

| Service | Celebrant | Preacher | LEM |
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| 12 noon | Anderson | | Joan East |

THURSDAY, March 26, HE

| Service | Celebrant | Preacher | LEM |
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| 6:00 pm | Anderson | | Virginia Kobler |

SUNDAY, March 29, Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

| Service | Celebrant | Preacher | LEM | Lector | Intercessor |
|----------|------------|----------|--|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 7:45 am | Anderson | | Lea Ann Barnett | | |
| 8:45 am | McCrickard | Anderson | Seminarian, Mike Ward, Bob Serio | Elaine Hamner | Melissa Kirkindall |
| 11:00 am | McCown | Anderson | Seminarian, Don Askins, Sally Ann Culver | Debbie Collette, David Collette | Rich Goodwin |

MONDAY in Holy Week, March 30, HE

| Service | Celebrant | Preacher | LEM |
|---------|------------|----------|-----------|
| 12 noon | McCrickard | | Joan East |

TUESDAY in Holy Week, March 31, HE

| Service | Celebrant | Preacher | LEM |
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| 6:00 pm | McCown | | Virginia Kobler |

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| 8:45 | Charlie Warren, Steuart Evans, Bland Warren, Kevin Webber, Don Wheeler | | | | |
| 11:00 | Jeffrey Dortch, Jim Douthit, Bobbie Graham, Joe Worley | | | | |

ALTAR GUILD

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|----|---|--|--|--|--|
| 7 | Connie Stephenson, Wanda Cobb, Laura Innes, Renée Elliott, Alice Lanier | | | | |
| 14 | Louise Reynolds, Sophia Rowe, Sue Johnson, Rose Anne Shearer, Beth Pugh | | | | |
| 21 | Anne Carter, Lea Ann Barnett, Gail Brown, Jewell Reynolds, Linda Watts | | | | |
| 28 | Sara Little, Laura Innes, Caffey Litkenhous, Mary Johnson, Nancy Colin, Connie Stephenson, Alice Lanier | | | | |

CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE

| February 23 – March 1 | March 2 – 8 | March 9 – 15 | March 16 – 22 | March 23 - 29 | March 30 – April 5 |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|
| McCown | Anderson | McCrickard | McCown | Anderson | McCrickard |

INTERCESSION REQUESTS

We pray for those who are ill or recovering: Cindy Avolesse, Bob Mixon, Fred Adair, Raye Newton, Gary Comfort, Sally Elliot, Anna Post, Stephanie Sherman, Cecelia Duncan, Bob Hale, Aubrey Tycker, 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 Colin

For the birth of a child:

Charles Michael Chynoweth, grandson of Brenda Chynoweth, born Feb. 6th.
Eno Gaines Farrell, son of Jamie & Tim Farrell, great-grandson of Cheryl & Gaines Watts, born Feb 12th.

We pray for the departed:

Tom Payne, husband of the late Sarah Dudley Hall Edwards

We give thanks for birthdays of our children:

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|------|-------------------|------|-----------------|------|-----------------|------|-----------------|
| 2/18 | Franklin Aldag | 2/18 | Crawford Watson | 2/20 | John Hutchens | 2/21 | Margo Doss |
| 2/23 | Olivia O'Halloran | 2/23 | Betsy Bryant | 2/24 | Jordan Copeland | 2/25 | Clayton Donovan |
| 3/1 | Grant Howell | 3/1 | Bailey Morrison | 3/1 | Hampton Shrout | 3/2 | Justin Foscue |
| 3/2 | Jordan Cozby | | | | | | |

| Parish Financial Report - Period Ending 1/31/2015 | | | | |
|---|---------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|
| | CURRENT MONTH | BUDGET for PERIOD | ACTUAL YTD | BUDGET YTD |
| Pledges Received | 114,219.07 | 102,833.37 | 114,219.07 | 102,833.37 |
| Plate | 6,915.00 | 7,500.00 | 6,915.00 | 7,500.00 |
| Other Revenues | 762.77 | 10,089.89 | 762.77 | 10,089.89 |
| TOTAL | 121,896.84 | 120,423.26 | 121,896.84 | 120,423.26 |
| Diocesan, School of Theology, & Outreach | 16,767.21 | 21,636.63 | 16,767.21 | 21,636.63 |
| Personnel | 80,620.07 | 71,083.37 | 80,620.07 | 71,083.37 |
| Other Expenses | 26,617.77 | 27,695.65 | 26,617.77 | 27,695.65 |
| TOTAL | 124,005.05 | 120,415.65 | 124,005.05 | 120,415.65 |
| NET \$ | (2,108.21) | \$ 7.61 | \$ (2,108.21) | \$ 7.61 |

Copies of financial records

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

Vestry meetings are open to the congregation. Vestry meetings are the **third Tuesday** of each month, beginning at 5:30pm

EASTER Flower DEDICATION FORM

Flower dedications for Easter are being accepted until Sunday, March 29, for a contribution of \$20. please complete this form and mail with your check 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 thanksgiving for...**

**in loving memory of...
in celebration of...**

Name for this altar flower dedication:

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: _____

Available dedication dates:

March 15

April 12

April 26

May 17

June 28

July 5

STEEPLE SCHEDULE

The Steeple is published the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.
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, March 2nd.

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The Rev'd Dr. Andy Anderson
Rector

The Rev'd Rusty McCown
Associate

The Rev'd Bonnie McCrickard
Associate

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Deacon

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Assistant Children's Formation

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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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