

THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

March 18, 2015



CHURCH
OF THE
NATIVITY,
EPISCOPAL

Est. 1843

Worship Schedule

(* Nursery available)

SUNDAY

7:45 a.m. Rite I

Holy Eucharist
Bibb Chapel

8:45 a.m.* Rite II

Holy Eucharist
Children's Chapel

11:00 a.m. * Rite II

Holy Eucharist

WEDNESDAY

12:00 noon

Holy Eucharist & Healing
(Bibb Chapel)

THURSDAY

6:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II
Bibb Chapel

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.

Krik Krak: Cracked Open to a New Story of God's Love

I hope you've heard of *Krik Krak*, the Diocese of Alabama funded (and Nativity funded) ministry that feeds over 250 school age children in the remote Haitian village of Crochu. Our ministry gets its name from the powerful Haitian tradition of storytelling. A Haitian will share a story by shouting out the word **krik**; eager listeners respond **krak**, gathering around the storyteller. My interpretation of this wonderful custom is that the stories told crack the listeners open to hope, community and joy in the midst of the daily struggles of life.

The Clergy Spouses of the Diocese of Alabama named our feeding ministry *Krik Krak* because by feeding these mal-nourished children, who often only get mud cakes filled with grass and berries, we are helping them tell a new story of hope and love for their lives instead of the desperate one that has been written. They are being "cracked open" to God's love for them in Christ in new ways. A hopeful story is arising from God's love being shared.

Five years after the devastating 2010 earthquake, a new story is being written for all the people of Haiti as they are being cracked open to God's healing and life-giving love in so many ways. Christ's love is being showered upon Haiti by people of faith through parish and individual mission trips, and by God's universal revelation of all people created in God's image through humanitarian efforts that transcend faith boundaries. I was in Haiti before the earthquake and I now see a stronger Haiti and a vision of hope that shows a new story being written. Nativity's recent medical mission was our sixth, and we are recognizing great progress. We need to continue helping the Haitians write this new story.

But anyone who goes to Haiti recognizes that the story of your own life is being re-written by God's love that is shared while on mission. Sharing God's love with others in sacrificial, serving ways always cracks us open to God's transforming presence shaping us and calling us. Our lives are laid open and we receive new hope and strength to be the people God has always been calling us to be, if we would just listen. I hope more of us can get to Haiti in the years to come.

However, you don't have to go to Haiti to have your life cracked open by God's love. You can do that right here in Huntsville. One of the ways your life is cracked open to God's love in Christ, realizing that God so loves you and the world, is by giving your time and talent to others whose lives are short-storied; helping them tell a larger and more hopeful story through God's redeeming love in Christ. God calls each of us somewhere, not necessarily to Haiti, but somewhere, and especially right here in Huntsville where you can offer your life in love and service to Christ's love for others.

Giving our financial resources to God's work is another way to crack our lives open to God's love. Thanks to the 403 households whose pledges of financial resources have enabled Nativity's mission to Haiti through our outreach budget, as well as enable a tithe of our pledges to go toward our many outreach efforts locally. In addition, through Nativity's generosity, almost \$3,000 was raised above our tithes and offerings to support the purchase of many other items shared with the people of Haiti to enrich and heal their broken lives. Thanks to all whose hearts have been cracked open by God's love in Christ. You are helping us write a new story of hope and love through Nativity's life and ministry.

Jesus knew the power of stories to crack us open to new understandings about God's truths for us and our world. Jesus' own story of God so loving the world cracks us open to larger living and loving; a new story for our own lives. **Krik!** Hear the story of how God so loves the world in Christ Jesus. **Krak!** Sharing Christ's love by giving yourself away tells an exciting new story of love through your own life. And that is quite a story to be heard!

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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: Heifer Int'l
- 4th grade: Telling God's Story
- 5th & 6th grade: Club 56

March 18 - Family Spaghetti Supper followed by Lenten Programs

- The Gospel According to Pixar - Ages 5 through 12th grade
- Supper at 5:30pm, program begins at 6:10pm
- Nursery available for ages 4 and under
- Nursery reservations required, supper reservations appreciated. Contact Connie (256.533.2455)
- cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org

Spring Break

- March 22** - No Children's Chapel, No Church School
- Nursery available for ages 4 and under
- March 25** - No Choir or Children's program

March 29 - Palm Sunday

- Procession led by "Honey" the horse at the beginning of the 8:45 service.
- No church school.

Apr 2 - Maundy Thursday

- 6:00pm - Children's Agape Meal

Apr 5 - Easter Sunday

- + 8:30am - Bring your mite box decorated with a flower to Ridley Hall (Mite boxes available at Wednesday night programs and Sunday School)
- + Easter egg hunt immediately following the 8:45 service. Bring your basket! No Church School

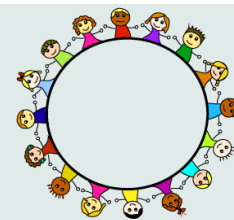
Save the dates:

- Apr 17-19** - Family Parish Weekend at Camp McDowell
- Apr 29** - Family spaghetti supper with all ages activity
- May 3** - 10:00am, Heifer Market
- May 10** - 8:45am Youth and Children Sunday
- 10:00am - End of Church School year celebration
- May 17** - Bishop's visit
- July 14-16** — VBS!!

Camp McDowell Summer registration now open

<http://campmcdowell.dioala.org>

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



EYC Church of the Nativity



EYC dinner and fellowship
March 8, EYC loft

Youth Notes!



The Nativity crew at Happening. Left to right: Liddy Malone, Meredith Walker, Julie DiFranco (visiting from college), William Blackerby, Allie Starnes, Spencer Anglin (visiting from college), Robert McCown, and Laura Szymanski. Not pictured is Allison Taylor.

Family Spaghetti Night

Wednesday, March 18, 5:30pm - 7:00pm(Ridley Hall).

Dinner is at 5:30pm with program events following
(about 6:10pm)

This week's Lenten series speaker:

Dr. Rajinder Singh Mehta,
NASA Scientist and Devout Sikh

"The Gospel According to Pixar"

The Wednesday Evening Lenten program for ages 5
through 12th grade.

\$5.00 per person, \$20.00 family maximum. 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

BIBB CHAPEL FLOOR REFINISHING

Begins Friday, March 6 through March 20

The Chapel floor finish is resurfaced - and it looks
beautiful!



Volunteers needed - Thursday March 19, starting at
2:00pm, to return the Chapel furniture.

Thank you for your help and patience!

PLEASE Save this Date

Sunday, April 12 at 4:00 at Cedarhurst

Celebrating Older Americans!

At Nativity, people of all ages are valued.

Through our Top of the Hill Gang ministry, we want to
celebrate older adults as productive, active, and
influential members of our parish.

If you are interested in thinking out loud about re-
envisioning our senior ministry, please join us on Sunday
afternoon, April 12, at 4:00 at Cedarhurst. We'll have a
little something to eat and drink, and explore the
challenges of aging today. We'll also look at some
examples of successful senior programs across the
Episcopal Church.

We especially want to hear from people who've crossed
the magic threshold of 55 years, but everyone is invited!

Deacon Jeannie

Call the office to register!

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 avail-
able 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**
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LENTEN NOONDAY SERVICES

TUESDAYS 12:05 – 12:35 pm

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

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”

March 18

Dr. Rajinder Singh Mehta,
NASA Scientist
Devout Sikh

March 25

Rabbi Elizabeth Bahar
Temple B'nai Sholom
Huntsville
(Rescheduled from Feb 25)

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

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

If you would like to receive this year's Nativity Lenten Meditations via email, please email Connie in the office:
cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org

"Intent" - A daily dose of art, poetry, stories, photography, music and maybe even a cartoon or two. Created by young adults from several worshiping communities in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. [Story here](#) with a sign-up at the end.

"It's time to... Stop, Pray, Work, Play & Love" - Daily video devotional sent by The Society of Saint John the Evangelist. email sign-up [here](#)

LENTEN NOONDAY SERVICES

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

HOLY WEEK & THE TRIDUUM

Palm Sunday ~ March 29

The Sunday of the Passion

7:45am - Holy Eucharist, Bibb Chapel

*8:45am - Parade of Palms and Holy Eucharist

*11:00am - Parade of Palms and Holy Eucharist

Monday in Holy Week ~ March 30

The Anointing of Jesus

Noon - Holy Eucharist, Bibb Chapel

Tuesday in Holy Week ~ March 31

The Refusal to Believe in Jesus

Noon - Holy Eucharist, Bibb Chapel

Wednesday in Holy Week ~ April 1

Judas' Betrayal of Jesus

Noon - Holy Eucharist, Bibb Chapel

6:00pm - Stations of the Cross, Church Nave

Maundy Thursday ~ April 2

Jesus the Servant

**6:00pm Mandatum (Foot Washing), Holy Eucharist,
and Stripping of the Altar

6:00pm Children's Agape Meal with activity, Ridley
Hall

7:30pm-11:00pm - Prayer Vigil, Bibb Chapel

(The Prayer Vigil begins at the conclusion of the Maundy
Thursday service)

Good Friday ~ April 3

The Crucifixion of Jesus

6:00am-Noon - Prayer Vigil, Bibb Chapel

11:30am - Prelude

**Noon - Good Friday Liturgy

The Church office closes at noon for Paschal Triduum

Holy Saturday ~ April 4

Waiting for Jesus' Resurrection

7:30pm - Great Vigil of Easter; Holy Eucharist, Baptism

Easter Day ~ April 5

The Risen Lord Gives Us New Life

7:45am - Holy Eucharist, Bibb Chapel

*8:45am - Festal Holy Eucharist

Children's flowering of Mite Box Cross

*10:15am - Easter Egg Hunt

Please gather in Ridley Hall for instructions

*11:00am - Festal Holy Eucharist

The Church office will be closed on Easter Monday,
April 6

* Nursery available

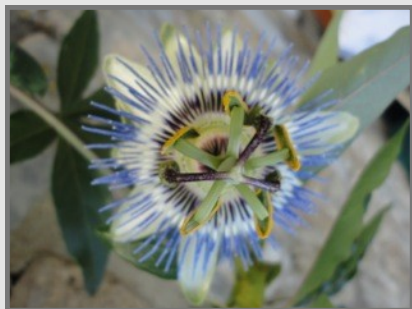
** Nursery by reservation, call 256-533-2455

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)



HABITAT HOUSE 2015

Construction continues

Despite the recent bad weather, and with the help of college students on spring break, we have got about half of the roof trusses erected.

We started our house the last week in February. It is 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).

RenewalWorks™

A Ministry of Forward Movement

The RenewalWorks parish survey results are available by clicking [here](#) or on our website (nativity-hsv.org) under the 'Parish Life' tab and selecting Renewal Works 2015

Taking Nativity To Our Parishioners

If you know of a parishioner who is having a difficult time coming to church and would like to have someone visit them please let us know. Nativity's Pastoral Visitors and Eucharistic Visitors can take our church out to those who may dearly miss being here.

If you have any questions or would like to have a loved one matched up please contact Rusty McCown (256.533.2455) rmccown@nativity-hsv.org. Thank You!

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.

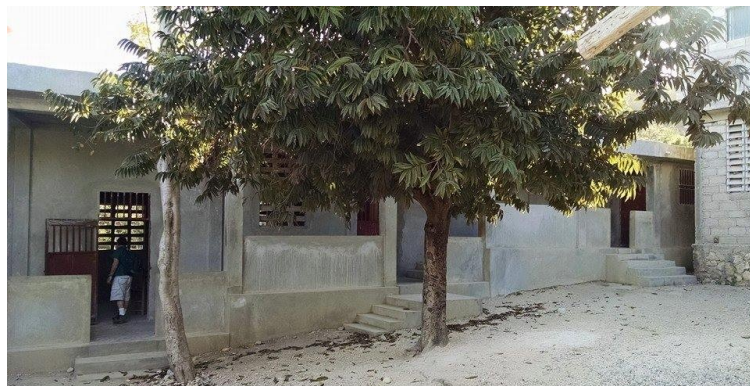
MEDICAL MISSION TEAM SERVING IN HAITI - FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 7, 2015



The 2015 Medical Mission Team: Debbie Collette, Lisa Hardy, Margaret Devenish, Dr. Bob Serio, Father Andy Anderson, Libby Potter (St. Thomas)



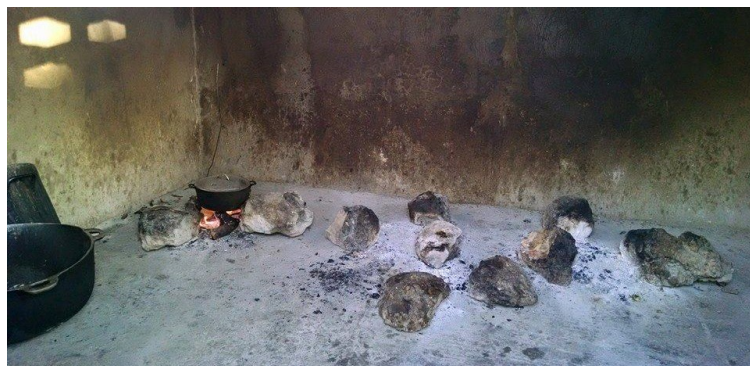
Lespwa Timoun (Hope for the Children) clinic built with support from Nativity and the Diocese of Alabama



School at Crochu, high in the mountains where the Diocese of Alabama and Nativity funded Krik Krak, a program that feeds 250 children 3 times a week



Local artists proudly displaying their artwork (Nativity gave the children coloring crayon packets, coloring pages, and toothbrushes!)



Crochu kitchen where Krik Krak lunches are prepared.



Patients waiting at the clinic



One of the many children who benefitted from this vital ministry.

More pictures on page 10.

Stewardship of Creation - Helpful Hints for God's Creation

As we continue to think about the issues of Climate Change and Global Warming, here is a prayer to help focus on our behaviors and choices that can affect our world:



Father of creation, we thank you for all that you have made; for the joy and glimpses of you we find in nature's beauty, for the variety of all you have provided through its resources. Help us to tread lightly and use wisely, valuing the needs of others, and of creation, above our own desires. Challenge us where we need to change our lifestyles, convict us when we need to speak out on behalf of a voiceless people or world, and soften us where we have stood in judgment of others. Father in your mercy, change us and use us for the restoration of your world, and the protection of all your children. Amen.

A lifestyle of caring for God's creation is easy. Simply remember three 'R's: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle, along with an additional R!

Reduce

We are familiar with many ways to reduce: turning off lights, carpooling, fixing water leaks, and turning the thermostat down or up depending on the season. Here are a few others to consider:

- **When cooking, remove and return items from and to the refrigerator all at once** because each time the refrigerator is opened, even for a moment, it takes three minutes to restore it to its proper temperature.
- **Reduce the number of purchased plastic "re-sealable baggies" used for food storage by using ceramic, glass, or stainless-steel containers with lids.** These containers last for years! If you do not wish to purchase such items, just purchase food items packaged in glass (better to avoid the plastic anyway!) then save, clean, and reuse these jars. You'll be following two creation-caring principles at the same time: reducing *and* reusing!
- **Change incandescent light bulbs to compact fluorescent ones, or better yet, LEDs, which save even more energy!**

Reuse

This step engages our minds and taps our creativity, plus it saves money and often helps with home organization!

One example is reusing plastic pharmacy prescription bottles. Clean, remove the labels, and reuse them:

- for storing nuts and bolts in the toolbox
- as travel containers for shampoo, conditioner, and other essentials (be sure to tighten the lid)
- for holding paper clips, rubber bands, and other small desk items
- for holding small portions of spices and seasonings when you are going to spend a week away from home.
- holding your watch and other jewelry when you are working out, jogging, or at the swimming pool.

These are but a few of the tasks for which these handy containers can be used beyond their original purpose.

The same is true for many items that are regularly discarded without a second thought. *Next time before you toss an item into the trash, ponder what further function it could serve—the possibilities are endless!*

Recycle

Please remember this foundational element of caring for God's world.

- Recycle whatever you are able!
- Advocate for recycling efforts whenever possible (in your parish, workplace, clubs, with friends, etc.).

People may tease you and call you a tree-hugger, but you are tending God's world. *You are doing your part to offer the next generation the life-sustaining and wondrous environment that you received as a gift from the Creator.*

Another R—Rejoice!

As Christians, we should add a fourth 'R' of caring for God's Creation: Rejoice! As we do the little things that make a big difference, that we rejoice in the gift of Creation with which God has blessed us. Such joy reminds and inspires us to continue our efforts and shields us from despair that with God's help can these actions find fruition.

As you reduce, reuse, and recycle, therefore remember to rejoice!

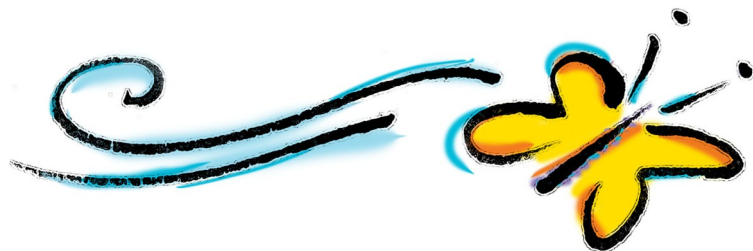
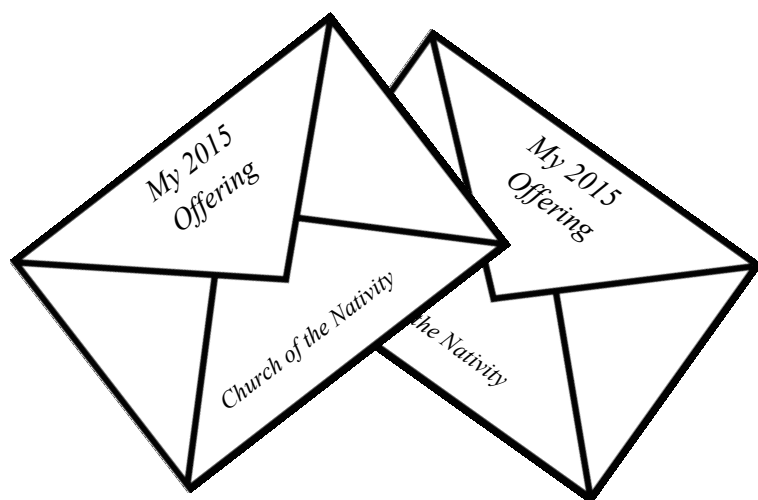
"A Lifestyle of Caring for God's Creation is Easy" adapted from an article in *The Alabama Episcopalian*, by The Rev Jayne Poole with additional information from Michael Churchman.

Reminder: On March 22nd at 10:00am, please join us for the final session of Harvey Cotten's class on Climate Change. We will have a great opportunity to learn more and discuss possibilities for action in this class, "Where do we go from here?" We'll be back in Bibb Chapel.

Please pick up your requested 2015 offering envelopes by March 31st!

(Any remaining envelopes will be recycled).

Envelopes can be found on the hallway table near the water fountains.



the
**Greene
Street
Market**
at Nativity

Available now at the
**Greene Street Market
Store**

Episcopal shields for your car, prayer books, books for folks interested in the Episcopal church, and cards.



The Greene Street Market is a Nativity outreach ministry



EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

In 2014, Nativity's Outreach Ministry efforts and individual gifts raised \$6,105 for Episcopal Relief and Development.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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.



For March

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

Bar soap, really needed.

Thanks for all your support!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE April 2015, published 3/18/15

WEDNESDAY in Holy Week, April 1, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Holland-Shuey		Marilyn Lands
6:00 pm	Anderson		<i>Stations of the Cross</i>

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 2, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector
6:00 pm	McCown	Robison	<i>Holland-Shuey</i> , Robert Dunn, Virginia Kobler	Bob Serio

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	Passion Readers	Lector
12 noon	Anderson	McCown	Rev'd Jeannie Robison, Jim Douthit	Camille Sommer, Ronnie Rogers

HOLY SATURDAY, April 4, The Great Vigil of Easter

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:30 pm	Anderson	McCrickard	Lee Hicklen, Don Lambert, Joan East	Martha Joffrion, Lynn Lewis, Ron Hogan, Debbie Collette	Clay Sherrill

SUNDAY, April 5, Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Anderson		Ken Barnett, Lea Ann Barnett		
8:45 am	McCown	Anderson	<i>Holland-Shuey</i> , Lane Mickle, Charlie Warren, Sam Porter, Ralph Shuey, Mike Ward, Bob Serio	Buddy Moon, Stacy Moon	Lee Hicklen
11:00 am	McCrickard	Anderson	<i>Foreman</i> , Peter Cobun, Rich Goodwin, Sally Ann Culver, Joan East, Don Askins, Jordan Cozby	Robbie Shafer, Chris Jackson	Virginia Kobler

WEDNESDAY, April 8, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	McCrickard		Don Askins

THURSDAY, April 9, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	McCown		Shari Williams

SUNDAY, April 12, 2nd Sunday of Easter

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Anderson – out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	McCown		Don Lambert		
8:45 am	McCrickard	McCown	Seminarian, Robert Dunn, Margaret Bibb, Pat Quirk	Lee Hicklen	William Blackerby
11:00 am	McCrickard	McCown	Seminarian, Walter Thames, Hanns Billmeyer, Rich Spera	Ed Vaughn, Elaine Hamner	Sally Ann Culver

WEDNESDAY, April 15, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	McCown	O'Riley	Joan East

THURSDAY, April 16, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	
6:00 pm	Anderson		Don Lambert

SUNDAY, April 19, 3rd Sunday of Easter

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (McCown & McCrickard – out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Anderson		John Hendricks		
8:45 am	Anderson	Anderson	Shari Williams, Cheryl Watts, Lewie Bates, Joan East, Lee Hicklen	Lane Mickle	Clay Sherrill
11:00 am	Foreman	Anderson	Virginia Kobler, Rob Cozby, Ed Vaughn	Martha Joffrion, Jim Douthit	Martha Bosworth

WEDNESDAY, April 22, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Anderson		Cheryl Watts

THURSDAY, April 23, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	McCrickard		Don Askins

SUNDAY, April 26, 4th Sunday of Easter

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (McCown – out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	McCrickard		Lea Ann Barnett		
8:45 am	Anderson	McCrickard	Seminarian, Allen Daniels, William Blackerby, Don Lambert	Melissa Kirkindall	Jim Douthit
11:00 am	Anderson	McCrickard	Seminarian, Marilyn Lands, Barbara Buice, Deborah Baker	Rhonwyn Watson, Walter Thames	Adalene Bledsoe

WEDNESDAY, April 29, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Holland-Shuey		Mary Hendricks

THURSDAY, April 30, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Anderson		Virginia Kobler

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8:45	Dale Moore, Pat Goodson, Harvey Pride, Jr., Drew Tutt, Anna Warren	11:00	Michael Shipley, Tom Lydon, Benita Hayes, Marilyn Lands, Lou Durnya, Teague Smith
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ALTAR GUILD

4	Louise Reynolds, Renée Elliott, Rose Anne Shearer, Sue Johnson, Debbie Joyner, Emily Moody, Wanda Cobb
11	Linda Watts, Judy Heacock, Judy Vann, Anne Carter, Jewell Reynolds, Jennie Coe
18	Nancy Colin, Lea Ann Barnett, Gail Brown, Flo Stockton, Caffey Litkenhous
25	Debbie Joyner, Sara Little, Alice Lanier, Sophia Rowe, Beth Pugh

INTERCESSION REQUESTS

We pray for those who are ill or recovering: Sally Ann Culver, Doris Tack, Nancy Jane Hundley, Anna Post, Cecelia Duncan, Stephanie Sherman, Bob Hale, Aubrey Tycker, Ann Garnett, Virginia McCrickard, Raye Newton, Sally Elliot, Gary Comfort, Bill Dilworth, Lorene Dilworth, Lynn Jones, Carla King, Nancy Colin Swenson, Eileen Sullivan, Leigh Wahl, Elsie Olsen

We pray for those deployed/serving with the Military:

Afghanistan, Shelby Smith
Afghanistan, Denver Colin
US Navy, Jesse Teal

We give thanks for birthdays of our children:

3/19 Edward Aboudonia	3/22 Travis McClendon	3/22 Lizzie Clute	3/23 Anna Kane
3/23 John Kelly	3/24 Luke Allison	3/29 Robert McCoy	

Parish Financial Report - Period Ending 2/28/2015

	CURRENT MONTH	BUDGET for PERIOD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
Pledges Received	105,060.27	102,833.33	219,279.34	205,666.70
Plate	12,135.00	7,500.00	19,050.00	15,000.00
Other Revenues	4,303.54	10,090.01	5,066.31	20,179.90
TOTAL	121,498.81	120,423.34	243,395.65	240,846.60
Diocesan, School of Theology, & Outreach	16,705.28	21,636.67	33,472.49	43,273.30
Personnel	67,846.63	71,083.33	148,466.70	142,166.70
Other Expenses	33,287.32	27,695.85	59,905.09	55,391.50
TOTAL	117,839.23	120,415.85	241,844.28	240,831.50
NET \$	3,659.58	\$ 7.49	\$ 1,551.37	\$ 15.10

Financial Record Copies

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

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

Carmel Valdema and gardener Leuk and the Lespwa Timoun Garden...

another aspect of the nutrition clinic's ministry



Lisa Hardy, Bob Serio, and friendly children at the clinic

HAITI PHOTOS

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2015 ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION FORM

To dedicate Altar flowers for 2015, please complete this form and mail with your check (\$40 or \$20 for shared dedications) made payable to *Nativity Flower Guild* to: Andrea Vandervoort, 434 Locust Ave. Huntsville, AL 35801. If you have questions, you may call Andrea at 539-2673.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION, THANK YOU.

Date desired _____

Your Name _____

Phone # _____

Would you share a dedication? ____

Do you wish to have your name listed in the bulletin? ____

Please be specific - underline or circle your desired dedication below:

All dedications read

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

Name for this altar flower dedication: _____

Available dedication dates:

April 26

May 17

June 28

July 5

July 19

July 26

August 23

August 30

2015 EASTER FLOWER DEDICATION

To dedicate Easter flowers, please complete this form and mail with your check made payable to:

“Flower Guild”

Andrea Vandervoort,

434 Locust Ave

Huntsville AL 35801

If you have questions, you may call Andrea at 256.539.2673



Easter dedications are \$20 each

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

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

All dedications will read:

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

Name for this dedication: _____

Your Name as it is to be listed in the service leaflet: _____

(if you do not wish your name listed, please indicate)

Phone #: _____

Dedication requests must be in by March 29, 2015

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 31th.

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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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April 17-19