

THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

May 6, 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.

Al Ford Announces Retirement Approaching 23 Years of Faithful Service

In 1992, in Nativity's 150th year of service, Al Ford began almost 23 years of service to our Lord's Church as the Sexton of the Church of the Nativity. Serving alongside 2 Rectors, 2 Interim Rectors, 11 Associate Rectors, 2 Deacons and almost 40 lay staff, Al has seen the church grow and change during his tenure.



Father Andy Anderson says that 23 years of service is remarkable in today's world. *Al's presence is something we have grown to know and depend upon. His work of caring for and cleaning our buildings, although often behind the scenes, is no less important than anyone's participation in our life together. The rooms have always been set up exactly as we need them to be, sometimes with 2 or 3 changes to a space in a given day! Al's work reminds me of Martha's service to our Lord, in the background, cleaning the dishes after a meal, making certain every-*

thing is set up just right for what needs to happen in our prayers and serving and growing and giving together.

Director of Adult Christian Formation Lane Tutt was the Director of our Children's Ministries when Al began and she has worked with Al for most of his 23 years. Lane shares her thoughts, *"Al was always willing!" He was always willing to do almost anything he was asked to do (he had carried many a load from and to parishioner's cars!), but when we asked him to help with a children's program on "The Wedding Of Cana" Al and his wife Lois, whom many of us know as Al's cheerful assistant, were the "married couple" in the liturgical drama in which the children experienced their beautiful wedding and the miracle of Jesus turning water into wine (in this case for the children, grape juice!).*



Lois Ford, Lane Tutt, Al Ford

John Buyse, Property Manager who works side by side with Al each day says, *"More than anything else, He is a friend and a really good guy. I'll miss him because he is so much fun to be around."*

Al mentioned that his retirement plans are pretty loose right now. *"Maybe some travel. But it will be on my own time!"*

We are grateful for Al Ford and his work with and among us. We will honor Al and Lois at a parish reception on Sunday, June 14, after the 10:00am service. Our tradition is to honor retiring lay employees with a monetary "purse" to be used for their retirement enjoyment. If you would like to contribute, please send your checks to Beverly Franklin made payable to the Church of the Nativity, Al Ford purse.

Please join us in thanking Al for his faithful service.

Children's Corner

- May 10** - 8:45am Youth and Children Sunday
10:00am - End of Church School year celebration
- May 13** - 5:00pm - Choir children's pizza party
- May 17** - Bishop's visit

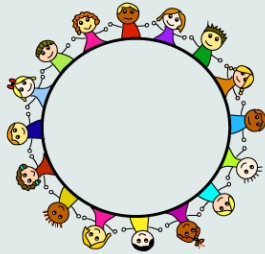
Save the dates:

July 14-16 - VBS!!

Camp McDowell Summer registration now open

<http://campmcdowell.dioala.org>

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



The annual Heifer Market, hosted by the Children of Nativity, provided everyone who stopped by a chance to learn about Heifer International and enjoy a glorious Spring morning



EYC Church of the Nativity

Youth Notes!

Upcoming Youth Events

- Youth (7th-12th Grades) Music Rehearsal — Wednesday, May 6th at 4 PM in the EYC LOFT. Tell William if you can be there.
- Full Youth and Children's Sunday Run-Through — Wednesday, May 6th at 5:30 PM in the nave.
- Seniors! Remember to RSVP to William if you and your family can make it to the senior breakfast May 10th.
- EYC End of the Year Celebration — Sunday, May 17th at 5:30 PM at AMF Pin Palace Lanes. RSVP to William
- Rising 9th-12th graders, time is running out to sign up for the EYC Mission Trip to New Orleans! Visit <http://bit.ly/eycmisiontrip2015> for information and registration.

Contact: William Blackerby wblackerby@nativity-hsv.org

Outreach in Action

May is 'May I Help You?' Month

Since 2010, Nativity has designated May as "May I help you?" for Outreach, by providing opportunities for the Parish to make direct contributions.

This will be our 3rd Stop Hunger Now Event and 5th Sawyerville Collection. The HAP shoe Drive and Heifer Market (in MAY) are new this year. Below is a detailed list of opportunities for you to participate:

HAP Shoe drive: - Through Sunday May 10th.
Bins are on the stage in Ridley Hall.

Sawyerville: Bins are on the stage in Ridley Hall .
We are asked to collect boy's swimsuits
(size large).

May 9th: Stop Hunger Now - ANYONE can just show up, but it will be smoother if they pre-register.

FIRST STOP "Just Stuff It"

Sunday, May 10,

following the 11:00 service (Library). Join the fun and see first-hand how some of our Outreach dollars are spent. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to help stuff meal packs for First Stop. Hope to see you there!

Stop Hunger Now Meal Packaging Event!



STOP HUNGER NOW.

You are invited to join the movement to end hunger in our lifetime! Help us reach our goal to package 20,088+ meals on **Saturday, May 9th**. Working together we can create a world without hunger.

You can pre-register to help at one of the two (2) time slots available

Noon - 2pm & 2pm - 4pm

Where:

Church of the Nativity Ridley Hall

REGISTER Here:

https://stophungernow.secure.force.com/events/SA_EVENTS_Register?id=70170000000lfV1AAI

Nativity Parish Family Weekend

A letter from the steering committee

We just wanted to take a moment to thank each of you who attended Parish Family Weekend at Camp McDowell this year. We (the steering committee, volunteers, clergy, etc.) all hope that each of you had a very good experience. Our goal, is that each of you had such a good time that you will plan to come again next year, and to invite a family that didn't come this year to come with you on our next weekend. We are sure some of you have asked "Why is this event so important to our church?" And because the answer seems so simple, it is easy to dismiss this event as simple too. Let us be clear: the life of the church can easily get lost in our day to day routines of work, sports, and school, etc. For most of us, the church is an undercurrent in our day, not the focus of our day (usually). God is quiet, and our spirits do not shout for attention. Thus, it is easy to lose track of the friends we so loosely connect with once a week, or maybe once a month. We all face forward in the pews at church. We often offer peace in the handshake circle of our rows. Unfortunately this limited time does not allow us the freedom to make the deep, lasting connections that are essential to our well-being.



Parish Family Weekend gives us a chance to make new friends, renew old ties, and deepen connections we all wish we had more time to nurture. Parish Family Weekend gives us a chance to bask in God's magnificent creation. But most importantly, Parish Family Weekend gives us the space to 'see' each other. Yes, we are all part of the body of Christ. Yes, we all have a special gift and role to play. But how often do we find the time to enjoy those gifts and each other?

It is our prayer that those of you who came this year will make it your goal to bring a new family back with you next year so that our church family can continue to grow in love and joy.

Until next year,
Your Parish Family Weekend Team

Nativity Concert Series

Upcoming concerts

Saturday, May 9th ~ 5:00pm

"Faith and Hope", A journey through the years

See poster on this page

Friends of Music presents

Sunday, May 31st ~ 5:00pm

Nativity Choir ~ England Tour Concert

Nativity's Music Line: 256.533.2455 x216

Summer worship schedule begins May 17th -

Please note the following schedule changes:

8:00am Holy Eucharist, Rite I, (Bibb Chapel)

10:00am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Children's Chapel (Church)

Following the 10:00am service, there will be 'Lemonade in the Shade' (Church yard) hosted by Nativity's Blue Apron Ministry.

Nativity Choir Concert

Sunday May 31 at 5 pm

This concert features the Nativity choir, and additionally the singers who are travelling to England at the end of June.

We have a great group of singers from the wider community who will be joining the choir on the trip to England. Our musicians come from Huntsville, Auburn, Durham (NC), Houston, and more.

There are 49 people who will travel on the bus, in addition to our tour guide.

The concert features music by twentieth century British Composers Herbert Howells, Percy Whitlock, C.H.H. Parry, and Master of the Queen's Music, Judith Weir. Additionally we are singing works by American composers Wayne Oquin, Richard Brown and Jim Stanley. We will also perform selections by South African composer Peter Klatzow, Canadian composer Stephen Chatman, and Renaissance composer Adrian Batten.

This concert is free, and all are invited! We are Handicap accessible. Donations are always appreciated.

FAITH AND HOPE: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE YEARS

IN HONOR of the 70TH ANNIVERSARY of the
VICTORY IN EUROPE

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2015

5:00 O'CLOCK, P.M.



STACY MOON, SOPRANO, AND RON GUTHRIE, PIANO
TRUMPETER, RIVER SKRENES

CHURCH OF NATIVITY, EPISCOPAL
208 EUSTIS AVENUE, HUNTSVILLE ALABAMA



The Greene Street Outdoor Market opens Thursday May 7

The 5th Season of the Greene Street Market begins Thursday, May 7th at 4:00pm.

There will be an opening ceremony at 4:00pm with Mayor Tommy Battle, Rev Mark Mueller of First Presbyterian Church and our own Father Andy Anderson to formally begin the season. Microwave Dave is playing and it will be lots of fun.

Come get your fresh, locally grown vegetables, delicious prepared foods, soaps, cheeses and art.

Please join us

The Greene Street Market Store is thrilled to announce that we have a new manager. Our own Vickie Hinton will take the reins of the store in May and we know she will be amazing !

Summer store hours are: M – F 10:30am – 2:30pm,
Thursday 4:00pm – 8:00pm
Sunday 9 :30am – 12:30pm

Come by the store and see what's new

The Greene Street Market is a Nativity outreach ministry

Stewardship of Creation - The Basics, Part 2

Tips for Safer Plastic Use and Less Waste

Realistically, there are times when plastic use is unavoidable, here are some guidelines and tips to help using common plastics, when you simply can't avoid it.

The SAFER CHOICES among common plastics for limited, ideally, single-use with food and drink are:



High density polyethylene (HDPE)



Low density polyethylene (LDPE)



Polypropylene (PP)

And the types of common plastic to AVOID are:



Polyethylene terephthalate
(PET or PETE or polyester)



Polyvinyl chloride (V or Vinyl or PVC)



Polystyrene (PS)



Other (O) - all other plastics

Especially avoid Polycarbonate (PC) which leaches bisphenol A (BPA), which is a known endocrine disruptor with numerous adverse health effects, including increased risk of cancers.

Avoid polycarbonate (PC #7) baby bottles and sippy cups, which contain bisphenol A (BPA). For baby bottles, try and use glass, polyethylene or polypropylene instead. Sippy cups made of stainless steel, polypropylene, or polyethylene, are safer. Be sure to check bottles or cups for the type of plastic it contains. As for baby bottle nipples, try and use natural rubber or silicone that does not leach carcinogenic nitrosamines sometimes found in synthetic latex rubber.

Carry reusable bags, bottles, coffee mugs, take-out food containers, and utensils. For water, try to avoid plastic bottled water. Tap water is much more regulated than bottled water. If the tap water in your area is questionable, consider installing a home filtration



Common Plastics No 1 to No 7 - Description, Toxicity ... (n.d.). Retrieved from http://www.lifewithoutplastic.com/store/common_plastics_no_1_to_no_7

system or using a portable filter, such as a binchotan charcoal filter. Non-plastic reusable water bottles (stainless steel, glass) are now very easy to find - they reduce plastic waste, as well as exposure to toxins, and they save you money the more you use them

If you must use plastic water bottles, minimize their use and exposure to temperature extremes. Plastic bottles made from PETE #1 or HDPE #2 are intended for single use only. Avoid cleaning them with strong detergents that can degrade the plastic and increase leaching - try and use a natural biodegradable detergent.

Avoid heating plastic food and drink containers, especially in the microwave. Heating plastic containers creates stress; causing them to degrade faster and making it more susceptible to leaching chemicals. Even if the container says "microwave safe," it still could leach chemicals. If the plastic is showing signs of wear – scratched, worn, cloudy, sticky, cracked – recycle it.

Use plastic wraps with caution. Some plastic cling wraps are made of polyvinyl chloride (PVC, #3) and should be avoided if at all possible. Plastic wraps should not be used in the microwave. Alternatives include wax paper, paper towels, or a plate to cover food. Also, avoid freezing plastic food and drink containers. Freezing stresses the plastic, causing it to degrade faster and thus making it more susceptible to leaching chemicals. If the plastic is showing signs of wear – scratched, worn, cloudy, sticky, or cracked– recycle it.

Avoid putting fatty or acidic food and drink in plastic containers. Fats and acids (tomato or lemon-based foods) are more likely to cause the plastic to leach chemicals into the foods. When fatty foods are heated in the microwave, there may be a residue left on the plastic (such as a reddish ring with tomato sauce). This residue is the sauce going into the plastic, which means the plastic is also going into the sauce.

REMEMBER:

**2, 4 and 5 are OK for limited use
AVOID 1, 3, 6, 7, and (PC)!**

Next time: More Easy Tips for living out our Care for God's Creation by Living with Less Plastic

Nativity's "Be the Change Alabama" Project – Progress Report

Our Parish is beginning a new and exciting project of relationship and engagement called "Be the Change Alabama," which is part of a resolution of General Convention of identifying "Mission Enterprise Zones" that engages under-represented groups such as: youth, young adults, people of color, working-class people, people with a high-school education, and the un-churched. This initiative also supports the concept that leadership arises out of a deeply intentional process of linking our individual call to the needs of our local community. Leadership in this context is developed when people creatively combine their resources to address an urgent challenge while reflecting on how God is moving through their communal lives. Through "Be the Change Alabama" we are developing church leaders who are empowered to make systemic changes in the local community and hence change the world.

Our Parish team brainstormed ideas and considered a variety of possible programs revolving around food injustice issues and how we might leverage the success of our "Greene Street Market." We then initiated community conversations to develop an ongoing relationship with a neighborhood dealing with food desert* geography issues and possessing a desire to garden and learn more about local food. This led us to begin a relationship with the Huntsville Inner City Learning Center, whose mission is to provide a solid foundation of education to our inner city youth and provide at-risk children with the extracurricular support needed to succeed in school. These tools enable youth served to build meaningful lives and careers and become socially responsible members of society who are productive and competent lifelong learners. The Center provides children ages 6-13 with tutoring, mentoring, bible classes, life skills, health and fitness activities; as well as meals outside of school and on weekends. The Center also offers gardening, music rehearsals and after school activities for older teens and recently opened a Women's Center to provide a safe environment for educational opportunities, parenting classes and social opportunities for moms and their children.

"As a prisoner of the Lord, I urge you:

Live a life that is worthy of the calling He has graciously extended to you.

Be humble. Be gentle. Be patient. Tolerate one another in an atmosphere thick with love.

Make every effort to preserve the unity the Spirit has already created, with peace binding you together.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were all called to pursue one hope."

~ Ephesians 4:1-4PP

INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF THIS EFFORT?

Contact:

Mother Bonnie McCrickard bmccrickard@nativity-hsv.org
or Marilyn Lands marilynlands@gmail.com.

Huntsville Inner City Learning Center Current Areas of Need:

- Additional team members
- Tutors for the afterschool program: Mondays – Thursdays from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Food Distribution: Every Saturday (except fifth Saturdays) from 9:00 – 12:00 (especially need fresh items)
- Women's Center: Needs help with programs especially mentoring around healthy eating, cooking, shopping for fresh food and parenting. Also need sponsors for social programs like Mother's Day Dinner and Summer Picnic
- Chaperones for Summer Camp Field Trips
- After school dinner for children each day: Mondays – Thursdays and lunches during summer program – food for approximately 40 children
- Gardening: Onsite garden and two satellite locations run by kids. They want to learn more about plants and food and begin selling their produce, possibly at Green Street Market or create their market (Marilyn Evans to help with this)
- Cold box storage access

Six Parishes from our Diocese including St. Thomas from Huntsville, Church of the Good Shepherd and St. John's from Decatur, St. Phillip's in Fort Payne, and St. Luke's in Scottsboro are joining Nativity in this effort. Each parish is developing their mission relationships and project. Each Parish's effort is being coordinated by a seminarian from Sewanee, and Brother Aelred Dean is doing his field placement in Contextual Education at Nativity in support of this project.

Be the Change Alabama is a partnership with the Diocese of Alabama, Sewanee, The Episcopal Church, and Leadership Development Initiative of the Diocese of Massachusetts. Leadership Development Initiative's mission is to awaken the Church and enable it to live its true vocation of social justice, reconciliation, and the transformation of individuals, communities, and the larger world through the power of the Spirit of Christ.

LDI: ~ Transforming Leadership teams through spiritual practice, training, and local action.

Be the Change Alabama Team Members and additional
information continued on page 8

Monthly Men's Breakfast

Tuesday, May 12, *Suggested donation \$5*



6:30 am Simple Eucharist, Bibb Chapel

7:00 am Guest Speaker: Ches Chesney is going to speak on RenewalWorks



MISSION GUILD

Annual White Elephant Sale

Nativity's Mission Guild Annual White Elephant Sale and Salad Luncheon will be Monday May 18th, at 10 o'clock in Ridley Hall. This event is Mission

Guild's only fundraiser.

Bring a salad dish to share and a white elephant gift wrapped with eye appeal for the auction.

Jimmy Lou Horton, is our Auctioneer and hostesses are Lois Dreher and Berta Hargett.

Come out and join the fun and fellowship.

Stephen Ministers Are There to Care



Are you going through a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally? Are you lonely, experiencing a crisis, or simply stressed by everyday life? You don't have to suffer alone.

Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing.

To find out more, talk with

Mari Zimmerman

Marilyn Lands

Nancy Colin, or

Rusty McCown.

Contact the Church office (256.533.2455) to schedule an appointment

Baptisms

The next baptism date will be The Day of Pentecost on May 24, 2015. Anyone wishing to have children baptized at Nativity on that date should contact Mother Bonnie no later than May 11th.

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



HAP Needs for May

Items needed — Spaghetti sauce and noodles, canned meat, 1lb bags of rice, canned fruit

Thanks for all your support!

Vacation Bible School

Save the dates - July 14-16



For more information, click [here](#)
Ready to sign up, click [here](#)

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.



The 27th Annual Madison City, Huntsville City and Madison County Prayer Breakfast Thursday May 7, 7:00am

Tickets still available at the door

Held at the North Hall of the Von Braun Center. Guest speaker this year will be the Bishop Kee Sloan, since 2012, the 11th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama. Rev. Sloan previously served for 14 years as rector of Huntsville's St. Thomas' Episcopal Church. A graduate of Mississippi State University and the University of the South, Rev. Sloan is a noted speaker and author.

Special Music will be provided by the Blue Notes, five Huntsville Police Officers who sing a cappella gospel quartet style music. Tickets are available at \$20 each. For more information, please contact [Lou Durnya at ldurn@aol.com](mailto:Lou.Durnya@aol.com).

Be the Change (Continued from page 6)

Be the Change Alabama Team Members:

Father Andy Anderson
Brother Aelred Dean (Seminarian)
Sherman Dailey
Darlene Ehinger
Marilyn Evans
Lee Hicklen
Mother Basye Holland-Shuey
Marilyn Lands
Mother Bonnie McCrickard
Ginney McDonald
Laura Mickels
Deacon Jeannie Robison
Jackie Sheldon
David Towry
Glinda Wagner

*The American Nutrition Association defines food deserts as parts of the country void of fresh fruit, vegetables, and other healthful whole foods, usually found in impoverished areas; largely due to a lack of grocery stores, farmers' markets, and healthy food providers. While food deserts are often short on whole food providers, especially fresh fruits and vegetables; they are heavy on local quickie marts that provide easy access to processed, sugar, and fat laden foods that are known contributors to our nation's obesity epidemic.

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 (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 - 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:

June 28

July 5, 12, 19, 26

August 23, 30

September 6, 13, 27

October 11, 18

November 8, 29

December 6, 13, 27

INTERCESSION REQUESTS

We pray for those who are ill or recovering: Melinda Thompson, Roy Claytor, Lois Phillips, Julian Kobler, Nancy Jane Hundley, Anna Post, Cecelia Duncan, Bob Hale, Ann Garnett, Raye Newton, Gary Comfort, Bill Dilworth, Lorene Dilworth, Lynn Jones, Carla King, Nancy Colin Swenson, Eileen Sullivan, Leigh Wahl, Elsie Olsen

We give thanks for the birth of a child:

Wyatt Graeme Donovan, son of Kynan & Becca Donovan, born on March 31st.

We pray for those married:

Emily Collette & Bartley Linton were married at Nativity on May 2nd

We pray for the departed:

Sinchi Wayra Sheldon

Gerald Radde

Floyd Wilhoite

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:

5/7 Christopher Laney	5/10 Eleanor DeFiore	5/10 Evan Ellison	5/11 Julia Cote
5/12 Anna-Claire Stevens	5/13 Dylan Clardy	5/14 Zoe Maddox	5/14 Murphy Bohan
5/14 Madison Bohan	5/15 Lucy Baggette	5/15 Evans Alison	5/18 Gertrude Aboudonia
5/18 Robert Walker	5/19 Jackson Morrison	5/19 Anna Katherine Ayres	5/19 Evelyn Warren
5/19 Victoria Spera			

I WILL BLESS YOU AND YOU WILL BE A BLESSING

A Resource for Blessing Same-Gender Relationships

5 SESSION STUDY COURSE CONTINUES THROUGH WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 6:00pm. IN RIDLEY HALL

The Episcopal Church's resource exploring how the church has discerned missionally, theologically, and scripturally to move forward with same-gender, faith rooted, life-long, monogamous commitments, *I Will Bless You And You Will Be A Blessing*, has been available on our website for a few months now. These materials contain a Five (5) session study guide to help individuals and parishes understand why the church and our Bishop Kee Sloan believe we should offer these blessings. Bishop Sloan's policy on offering blessings asks that vestries explore the materials first, and that they be available to the parish membership at large, preferably offering the 5 sessions in a class. The Nativity Vestry has been studying the materials and we are making them available to anyone in the parish who would like to engage the materials in an interactive class.

Remaining sessions are May 6, at 6:00pm in Ridley Hall, and May 13 in the Joffrion Library. The schedule follows:

April 8: History: Reviewing the history of The Episcopal Church's decisions regarding same-sex relationships and reflecting on the current context

April 15: Theology and the Bible: Examining our understanding of God's blessing through the lens of theology and scripture

April 22: Liturgy: Discussing liturgy and the liturgical resources developed for the blessing of same-gender relationships

April 29: Study Session does not meet this week. Attend Nativity's monthly Family Night Dinner and Heifer Market program

May 6: Civil and Canon Law: *Exploring legal, canonical, and spiritual issues that arise as the Church considers blessing same-gender couples*

May 13: Mission: *Exploring the blessing of same-gender relationships as part of the Church's mission and God's reconciling work in the world*

PLEASE DOWNLOAD AND REVIEW THE 98 PAGE RESOURCE PRIOR TO ATTENDING THE CLASS. [CLICK HERE](#) FOR THE MATERIALS.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE May 2015, published 5/6/15

SUNDAY, May 3, 5th Sunday of Easter

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Anderson	Anderson	Sue Johnson		
8:45 am	McCown	Anderson	Warren Vann, Lee Hicklen	Allen Daniels	Melissa Kirkindall
11:00am	McCown	Anderson	Virginia Kobler, Sally Ann Culver	Pamela Briggs, Ted Briggs	Martha Joffrion

WEDNESDAY, May 6, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	
12 noon	Holland-Shuey		Marilyn Lands	

THURSDAY, May 7, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	
6:00 pm	McCrickard		Don Lambert	

SUNDAY, May 10, 6th Sunday of Easter

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	McCown	Youth	Ken Barnett		
8:45 am	McCrickard	Youth	Charlie Warren, Mike Ward	Meredith Walker	Club 56
11:00am	Anderson	Youth	Rob Cozby, Marilyn Lands	Jordan Cozby, Windham Hunter	Liddy Malone

WEDNESDAY, May 13, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	
12 noon	McCown		Cheryl Watts	

THURSDAY, May 14, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher		
6:00 pm	McCown		Virginia Kobler	

SUNDAY, May 17, 7th Sunday of Easter – Confirmation & Bishop's Visit

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	Anderson	Bishop	Joan East, Don Lambert	Martha Joffrion	John Hendricks
10:00am	Bishop	Bishop	Sally Ann Culver, Peter Coburn, Virginia Kobler, Lee Hicklen	Bankston Creech, Amy Creech	Lee Hicklen

WEDNESDAY, May 20, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	
12 noon	McCrickard	McCrickard	Joan East	

THURSDAY, May 21, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	
6:00 pm	McCown			

SUNDAY, May 24, Pentecost

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (McCrickard – out)	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	McCown	McCown	Joan East, Lane Mickle	Allen Daniels	Joan East
10:00am	Anderson	McCown	Robert Dunn, Mike Ward, Peter Cobun, Virginia Kobler	Sandy Brown, Mike Brown	Adalene Bledsoe

WEDNESDAY, May 27, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	
12 noon	Anderson		Mary Hendricks	

THURSDAY, May 28, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	
6:00 pm	McCrickard			

SUNDAY, May 31, 1st Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	McCrickard	McCrickard	Allen Daniels, Don Lambert	Buddy Moon	Clay Sherrill
10:00am	Anderson	McCrickard	Basye Holland-Shuey, William Blackerby, Richard Spera	Camille Sommer, Ed Greene	Ronnie Rogers

USHERS

8:00/8:45	Bill Starnes, Hall Bryant, Allen Daniels, Pat Sampson, Clay Sherrill, Ward Wilson, Randy Dill
10:00/11:00	Jeffrey Dortch, John Lewis, Susan Thomas, Ernie Thomas

ALTAR GUILD

3	Laura Innes, Mary Johnson, Emily Moody, Rose Ann Shearer, Connie Stephenson
10	Wanda Cobb, Sara Little, Sue Johnson, Renée Elliott, Sam Porter
17	Louise Reynolds, Judy Vann, Ann Carter, Lea Ann Barrett
24	Jewell Reynolds, Judy Vann, Jennie Coe, Judy Heacock
31	Caffey Litkenhous, Nancy Colin, Sophia Rowe, Connie Stephenson

CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE

April 27 – May 3	May 4 – 10	May 11 – 17	May 18 – 24	May 25 - 31
McCown	Anderson	McCrickard	McCown	Anderson

Acolyte Schedule ~ May 2015

As we close in on the end of the school year, we have a couple of special services this month: the Senior Acolyte Cross Presentation and Confirmation with the Bishop. If you find yourself unable to serve as scheduled, please let us know and find someone to fill in for you. There are a couple of folks scheduled twice this month, so check carefully for your name!

Sunday, May 3 - Senior Cross Presentation

8:45 A/M Nutt	11:00 A/M Putt, Ward. Sherrill, Nutt
C Meredith Walker, Forrest Webber	C Scott Louis Miller, Tindall Morring
T Clay Walker, Park Ellis	T Savannah Watson, Mario Caprio
T Sam Hartley, Margaret Foster	T Emily Ellison, Emily Evans
S Ellie Walker	S Kate Noble Hall
AS Britt Webber	AS Neill Luther

Sunday, May 10

8:45 A/M Putt	11:00 A/M Ward
C Franklin Aldag, Cassidy Bates	C Allison Taylor, Molly Ward
T Patrick Ahearn, Van Dodgen	T Alice Malone, Margaret Bryant
T Mary Kate Brooks, Sidney Gunter	T Evan Ellison, Bankston Creech
S Ireland Braudaway	S David DiFranco
AS Caroline Knight	AS Evan Ward

Sunday, May 17 NOTE DIFFERENT SERVICE TIMES!

8:00 A/M Putt	10:00 Ward, Sherrill CONFIRMATION
C Alexander Young, Karsten Correale	C Jordan Cozby, Evans Alison
T Paxtyn Whitney	T Emery Windham, Evelyn Warren
T Parker Sanders	T Ella Jane Duncan, Mary Kate Brooks
S Karsten Correale	S Robert McCown
AS Joshua Huskey	AS Dylan Chenoweth
	Thurifer: John Laney
	Banners: Luke Alison, Windham Hunter, JB Stockton

Sunday, May 24

8:00 A/M Nutt	10:00 A/M Nutt
C Jackson Anglin	C Allie Starnes, John Sadler Evans
* only one acolyte needed for service in chapel	T Chloe Parsons
	T Laura Kate Evans
	S John Sadler Evans
	AS Cameron Pinson

Sunday, May 31

8:00 A/M Nutt	10:00 A/M Sherrill
C Gillianne Sharp	C Powell Stockton, Hall Blake Bryant
*	T Elizabeth Evans, Riley Kamelchuk
	T Leighton Luther, Laura Kamelchuk
	S Steuart Evans
	AS Jack Benton Stockton

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