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The Church of the Nativity

July 1, 2015

Our Mission

God's family at the historic Church of the Nativity is joyfully and energetically committed to sharing Christ's love and healing by proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel through worship and service to the world.

GENERAL CONVENTION INSPIRES! EXCITES! AND REVEALS A DIVERSE FAITHFUL CHURCH SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE!

Attending the 78th General Convention, my 4th Convention since 2006, strengthens my love for our vibrant and Spirit filled church. General Convention is full of business, perhaps overflowing with much complicated legislation, but at its heart is the desire to serve God in the love of Jesus Christ through the power of the Spirit. MISSION is what it's all about!

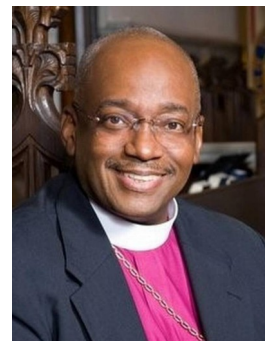
Over 8,000 Episcopalians are in Salt Lake City this week to support the church's work in the world. This includes over 800 lay and clerical deputies making up the House of Deputies, almost 200 Bishops in their house, Episcopal Church Women and National Altar Guild members meeting concurrently, observers and visitors, exhibitors from many parachurch mission and ministry groups (like Sewanee), artisans and craftsmen with liturgical and sacred art (Nativity artist Carol McCrady has a booth) and hundreds of volunteers. Convention has a feel of a great family reunion---and not just any family reunion, but one you are thrilled to attend. The great thing is seeing so many old friends from all over the church along with making new friends.

Worship is the foundation with rousing, creative eucharists and dynamic preaching every morning. I am inspired by the beautiful traditional and new music woven together. Sunday's service with almost all 8,000 conventioners present was exhilarating. This was the United Thank Offering intake at which the Diocese of Alabama was recognized for making the largest gift! 100% of UTO offerings go directly to funding new outreach and ministry on the local level.

One of the most exciting things that happened was the election of the next Presiding Bishop, the Rev'd Michael Curry, currently Bishop of North Carolina. Bishop Curry's election is unprecedented by a first-ballot election by a super majority. History is made by him being the first African American PB. His passionate, evangelical, and fully inclusive leadership is realized by the church as what we need now. His love for Jesus and for Jesus' message of good news for all is nothing short of dynamic.

There are many things happening that will enable our witness in the world to grow stronger and wider. There will be challenging matters that will be decided upon. One of these is our church's response to the recent Supreme Court decision on marriage equality. This House of Bishops passed legislation that also must be passed by the House of Deputies enabling trial liturgies for same-gender marriages and allows clergy in diocese where the Bishop allows to solemnize same gender marriages. This will not be easy for some, but in true *via media praxis* all are enabled to remain within our diverse umbrella of church intent on expanding God's mission in the world. Your Bishops and I will have much more to say about this and other actions of General Convention that affect our common mission. Please go to our diocesan web site and the Episcopal Church's news site for more information in the meanwhile.

In the midst of much that is challenging, I remain ever hopeful and inspired by our church. The way we have dealt respectfully with each other and with where we are being called to live in God's kingdom is nothing short of a God thing! At the Integrity Eucharist, we sang an old Gospel song that happens to be a favorite of our new Presiding Bishop, "How can I keep from singing?" That sums it up for me! "My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation. I hear the real though far off hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging. Since love is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?" We serve a mighty God through a church I am thrilled, proud and humbled to be a part!



Presiding Bishop-elect
Michael Curry



CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, EPISCOPAL

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Worship Schedule

(* Nursery available)

SUNDAY

8:00am Rite I

Holy Eucharist

(Bibb Chapel)

10:00am* Rite II

Holy Eucharist

Children's Chapel

WEDNESDAY

Noon

Holy Eucharist & Healing

(Bibb Chapel)

THURSDAY

6:00pm

Holy Eucharist Rite II

(Bibb Chapel)

Andy +

Children's Corner

Last Chance to Register !



VBS 2015 @ Nativity - July 14, 15 & 16

Ages 4(Pre-K) thru rising 6th grade

Register today! - nativity-hsv.org

Registration deadline: July 1

Volunteers needed - teens and adults!

(nursery available for younger children of volunteers)

Check us out on Facebook!

2015 Episcopal Church of the Nativity VBS

Contacts

Margaret Day Baker:

margaretdaybaker@gmail.com

Madeline Mullins:

madeline.mullins@gmail.com

DCF:- Barbara Bonner 256-533-2455

Camp McDowell Summer registration now open

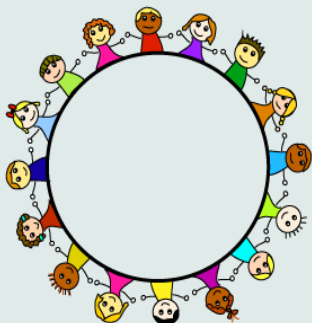
Camps offered through July!

<http://campmcdowell.dioala.org>

Camp McDowell scholarships for Children and Youth are available as part of the

Ann Daly Reynolds Memorial Fund

Please contact [Father Andy Anderson](#) for additional scholarship information



VBS Music Extension for Kids!



Once again, (Tuesday July 14 and Wednesday July 15), a music skills and instrument introduction class will be offered after VBS. We divide all attendees into three groups by age, and will get to play chimes, try out stringed instruments, as well as the piano and organ! Several members of the Army band based at Redstone will also be on hand to demonstrate and perform! Sign up on the VBS registration form. The more the merrier! (ages 5 & up)

If your children are attending the Music program, parents need to supply a sack lunch for their child. The music portion ends promptly at 2:00pm.

The registration deadline is upon us so please register as soon as you can!

Suzanne Purtee suzanne.purtee@nativity-hsv.org

Save the date...

Sunday School Teacher Training

Sunday, August 23

1:00pm - 5:00pm (Ridley Hall)

All youth and children Sunday School teachers should plan on attending this training event! Training will include:

- Updated 'Safeguarding God's Children'
- Curriculum overview
- Age-range specific conversations
- Coordinating with fellow teachers

Please contact William Blackerby with questions or if unable to attend. wblackerby@nativity-hsv.org 256.533.2455

If you are unable to attend, you will need to complete training at an alternate time or location.

Two staff members announce transitions

Deacon Jeannie Robison and Barbara Bonner

July 19th will be the last Sunday as staff members for Deacon Jeannie Robison and Barbara Bonner. Jeannie will be retiring as our deacon, and Barbara will be returning home as a full-time wife and mother after serving as the Director of Children's Christian Formation.

Deacon Jeannie has served at Nativity since her ordination October 1, 2011. She says, "I have loved being Nativity's deacon, and I will always be grateful to the parish for giving me the opportunity to proclaim the gospel, set the table and serve Holy Communion, and share the important times in the lives of my fellow parishioners. Now, however, I need to spend energy on reclaiming my health, so I have decided to retire. I would be grateful for your prayers, and I look forward to sitting next to you in the pews." Deacon Jeannie's particular area of interest was the senior ministry (Top of the Hill Gang) at Nativity, as well as the work of the Interfaith Mission service in promoting interfaith cooperation and racial harmony. She serves on the Diocesan Commission on Race.

Barbara has been the Director of Children's Christian Formation since October 2013. Since that time, she has coordinated children's programming, including the Sunday morning classes for children aged 3 - 12. In addition to the weekly classes, she has also coordinated special programs such as Vacation Bible School, Trunk or Treat, Parish Weekend, Children's Outreach to Oscar Mason Library, our Christmas pageant, Palm Sunday parade, Advent Wreath workshop, and children's activities at Parish Wednesday night spaghetti suppers, to name a few. Barbara says, "It has been an honor and a joy to serve my parish through this ministry." Mary Coe, who has been an assistant in Children's Christian Formation since last August, will assume the role of Director after July 19.

Summer Choir - Starts Sunday, July 12.

Summer Choir is open to anyone! All are welcome.

Come at 9:10am to rehearse, and to have a good time. We lead the service music and sing a simple anthem.

Rehearsal is in Bibb Chapel, from 9:10-9:45am (or so).

Dr. Chris Walters will be the leader on July 12.



A Mid-Summer Evening's Bible Study: Jesus and the Old Testament

Many of us think of the Old Testament as being completely separated from the New Testament. We may believe that Jesus was cut off from the historical Jewish context of his own day. However, Jesus was deeply rooted in the Hebrew Scriptures.

Our four week Bible study will look at the Old Testament through the eyes of Jesus who came to fulfill Old Testament law and the mission God had given to Israel.

Wednesdays in July, Beginning July 8, 5:30pm - 6:30

Ridley Hall

(a change of venue will occur on July 15 due to Vacation Bible School)

Facilitated by Rusty McCown

Baptisms

The next date for baptisms will be August 2, 2015.

Anyone wishing to have children baptized at Nativity on that date should contact Mother Bonnie no later than July 13.

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



HAP for July — Items needed:

Dried beans, rice (1 lb. bags),
canned beans, canned vegetables
(other than green beans),
spaghetti sauce, spaghetti
noodles, cereal, and soup

Thanks for all your support!

Lemonade in the Shade, Volunteers still needed

Volunteers are needed to help set-up, take-down, and be at the hospitality table. Families are especially encouraged to participate.

email Kelly Hudson kelly.hudson.design@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer.

Outreach in Action

Take a look at the "Outreach Bulletin Board" in the hallway behind Ridley Hall. You can read the thank you notes from organizations supported by your Outreach Dollars!

Be sure to look for the latest notes of appreciation from the following organizations:



HEALS - Health Establishments at Local Schools

Kids to Love - Meeting the needs of Foster Children



Centering Prayer, Pot-luck dinner, and Movie

Annual Summer series returns



The Centering Prayer group will begin our annual Centering Prayer, Dinner and a Movie series for 2015. This event is held in Ridley Hall with a potluck dinner on the fourth Tuesday of June, July and August

We meet at 5:30pm, have a Centering Prayer session, and eat while watching our movie. Afterwards, there is a brief discussion. Anyone interested is welcome.

July 28th

August 25th

"Into Great Silence"

An examination of life inside the Grande Chartreuse, the head monastery of the reclusive Carthusian Order in France.

"A Rising Tide of Silence"

This thoughtful documentary profiles Fr. Thomas Keating, from his days as a Trappist monk to his role as one of the world's foremost spiritual figures.



EYC Church of the Nativity

Photos from Camp McDowell's Sophomore activities!



Nativity parishioner Abby Amis (center, in pink shirt) rides a golf cart.



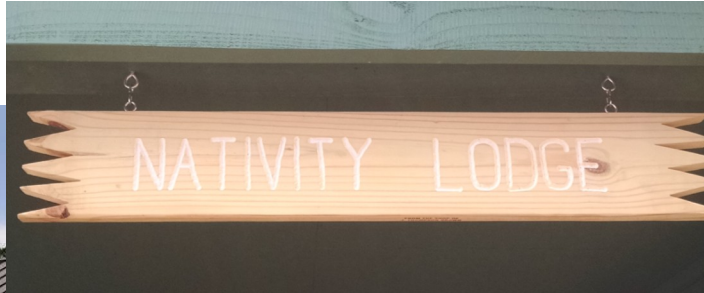
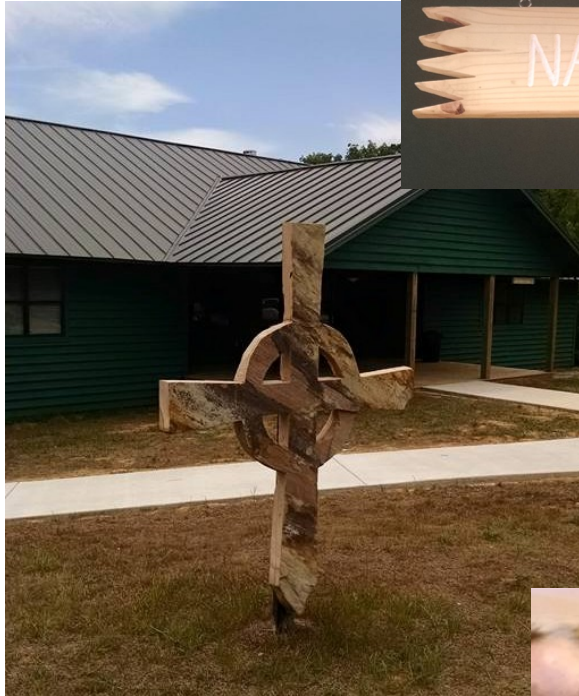
Nativity parishioners Lizzie Clute (third from left) and Mhairi Kerr (foreground on the right) dance during the lip sync

BETHANY VILLAGE DEDICATION & SPECIAL SESSION

It was a busy weekend at Camp McDowell

More than 1,200 Episcopalians from across the Diocese packed into Doug Carpenter Hall in a rousing service with Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori

celebrating and Bishop Kee Sloan preaching before fanning out across Camp McDowell to bless the cabins and lodges of Bethany Village. The dedication and blessing of the Nativity Lodge was a part of the joyful celebration!



Nativity's Special Session Staff: Emily Collette Linton, Bartlee Linton driving the cart, Olivia Collette, Ian Briggs, Harrison Hudson, Father Andy Anderson.
Missing from photo Tippy Anderson



Special Session is an annual camp for teen-agers and adults who have special needs including physical, mental, and emotional challenges. This year's camp came in at record size with 102 campers and more than double that number in counselors and adult staff.

Photos & selected text - Nativity's facebook and the Diocese of Alabama's website

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE - JULY 2015

We still use far fewer acolyte in these summer months, so you may not be scheduled at all in July—but I will try to get those left off this month in quickly next month. Thank you all for your requests and your service, and as always, do try to find a substitute and let us know who it is if you find yourself unable to serve. Stay cool!

July 5

8:00A/M Ward 10:00 A/M Ward

C Powell Stockton C Allie Starnes, Evan Ellison
 T Mary Kate Brooks, Van Dodgen
 T Sam Hartley, Paxtyn Whitney
 S Ireland Braudaway
 AS Dylan Chenoweth

July 12

8:00A/M Nutt 10:00 A/M Nutt

C Allison Taylor C Gillianne Sharp, Steuart Evans
 T Ella Jane Duncan,
 Patrick Ahearn
 T Park Ellis, Cameron Pinson
 S Gillianne Sharp
 AS Elizabeth Evans

July 19

8:00 A/M Sherrill 10:00 A/M Sherrill

C Jackson Anglin C Hall Blake Bryant, Cassidy Bates
 T Meredith Walker, Ellie Walker
 T Clay Walker, Caroline Knight
 S Franklin Aldag
 AS Margaret Bryant

July 26

8:00 A/M Putt 10:00 A/M Putt

C Karsten Correale C Sims Windham,
 Windham Hunter
 T Emery Windham,
 David DiFranco
 T Sidney Gunter, Parker Sanders
 S Katherine Hunter
 AS Joshua Huskey



The Greene Street Outdoor Market Thursday Afternoons

May - August 4:00pm -

8:00pm
 September 4:00pm - 7:00pm
 October 3:00pm - 6:00pm

If you miss an outdoor market, The Greene Street Market Store is Summer store hours are:

Monday - Friday 10:30am – 2:30pm
 Thursday 4:00pm – 8:00pm
 (Open during the outdoor market)
 Sunday 9:30am – 12:30pm

Come by the store and see what's new

The Greene Street Market is a Nativity Outreach Ministry

Sunday on Thursday 6:00pm, Bibb Chapel

Remember Sunday on Thursday if you find yourself unable to make it to church on Sunday morning. It's a service of Holy Eucharist every Thursday evening at 6:00pm in Bibb Chapel.

Come as you are!



God's Special Time

Anyone interested in prison ministry or attending a Kairos closing at Limestone Correctional Facility must attend a four-hour training session before you can enter the prison. This required training will be held here at Nativity on Aug 1st 9:00am-1:00pm.

You will have other opportunities to attend this training but this is the only time it will offered here at Nativity.

If you have any questions please contact:

Michael Shipley 256.520.8741 or

MichealShipley@aol.com

Be The Change Alabama

Project Update #3:

Summer Camp is in full swing at the Huntsville Inner City Learning Center and students in grades 3-5 are attending daily bible study and worship, gardening and crafts classes, swimming and other exercise programs and weekly field trips. The children are organized into groups with assigned middle school and college interns and are learning valuable lessons in etiquette and life skills. Our Be the Change Team recently provided a picnic of fried chicken, potato salad, green beans, cherries and Italian Ice. Many of our team members are spending time each day assisting with bible study and tutoring.



A college intern leads bible study at summer camp at The Learning Center.

Be The Change Alabama (BTCA) team, in partnership with the Inner City Learning Center, is addressing the concern of food justice in the Butler Terrace community. Residents have limited or no access to fresh produce, which is necessary for healthy bodies and minds. The Learning Center began to address food justice by creating raised vegetable gardens which the children of the center plant, weed, water, harvest, and eat what they produce. These first steps are the beginning of food sovereignty and justice, but the desire it to reach the entire community and have them participate in their own empowerment towards having fresh produce readily available. The Learning Center's future goals are: to purchase and remodel a building into a community grocery store that is supplied with produce grown by the children, as well as be in partnership with Greene Street Market and other local farmers to sell their produce in this store; to have cold storage in which the center can purchase and store produce; and cooking classes to teach how to cook seasonal produce.

BTCA is a teammate with the Learning Center in helping them realize and actualize their goals of food sovereignty and justice. How can you help? Be part of the team as we develop and foster vital relationships in the Butler Terrace community, help the team and the Learning Center create resources, volunteers to partnership with the Learning Center, individuals who like to cook and share their expertise on how to cook seasonal foods, and finally to pray along with us that we can show the love of God, through Christ, in the world that is hungry for compassion.

Six Parishes from our Diocese are joining Nativity in this effort. Each parish is developing their own mission relationships and project. Each Parish's effort is 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. Participating parishes: St. Thomas - Huntsville, Church of the Good Shepherd and St. John's - Decatur, St. Phillip's - Fort Payne, and St. Luke's - Scottsboro

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 into 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.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF THIS EFFORT? Please contact Mother Bonnie McCrickard at bmccrickard@nativity-hsv.org or Marilyn Lands at marilynlands@gmail.com.

Huntsville Inner City Learning Center Current Areas of Need:

- Additional team members, Chaperones for Summer Camp Field Trips
- Tutors for afterschool program and summer camp
- Food Distribution: Every Saturday (except fifth Saturdays) from 9:00am – Noon (especially need fresh items)
- Women's Center: Need 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
- Lunches for summer camp and 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. The kids want to learn more about plants and food and selling their produce, possibly at the Greene Street Market or creating their own market
- Cold box storage access
- Fundraising to support building an on-site kitchen

Book Signing - July 16th, 6:00pm

Greene Street Market Store

Murray Dunlap, author, of *Fires and Other Stories*, will be at Church of the Nativity and the Greene Street Market Store at Nativity on Thursday, July 16th from 6:00-8:00pm signing his new book.

Murray is engaged to the Rev. Mary Balfour Van Zandt, Rector of St. Michael's Fayette. Please join us for wine and cheese and conversation with Murray.

To learn more about Murray and his incredible story of overcoming a horrific car wreck in 2008, please visit

www.murraydunlap.com.



HABITAT HOUSE 2015

dedication ceremony for the house is scheduled for the morning of July 11

Alleluia!!!! We have completed the landscaping, put in door stops and doing final touch up on paint. With that, our work on the 2015 house will be done----except for watering the grass until the rains return.

Please mark your calendars for the morning of Saturday, July 11, our house dedication. I want to thank those of you who responded so faithfully during this build. It is a labor of love.

For dedication times and directions, contact Bill Giardini (256.698.5307).



Sign up for Education for Ministry (EfM)

Would you like to broaden your understanding of the church and your faith? Do you want to learn how to reflect theologically on the events in your life and the world? Join us for an evening of learning, discussion, and fellowship.

Come explore the foundations of the Episcopal three legged stool (scripture, history and reason). The University of the South's School of Theology is again offering Education for Ministry (EfM) at the Church of the Nativity. Deepen your understanding of the Old Testament, New Testament, church history, and theology in four year course. We meet weekly starting from September to May.

For further information contact:

Ron Hogan 256.679.5786, ronhuntsville@yahoo.com

or Ted Briggs 256.457.1188, tedlbriggs@gmail.com

For more information and frequently asked questions, the EfM website address is <http://efm.sewanee.edu/>
Click or tap the EfM logo to visit the site

Here are some sample questions offered in EfM study



What was Peter's real name?

Simon. He was also called Cephas, which means rock, as a nickname by the disciples. This was translated into Greek as Petras and anglicized as Peter.

What was Jesus' real name?

Probably **Yeshua** (ישוע) or possibly *Joshua* or *Jeshua*, a popular name at the time, meaning "Yahweh saves." It was translated from Hebrew into Greek as *Iēsous*. *Jesus* is the anglicized Latin translation.

What does the title "Christ" mean?

It refers to the Messiah (Hebrew *moshiach*) or "anointed" one, which the Jews had used for centuries referring to their expected deliverer. It was translated into Greek as *Christós*, and then to Latin as *Christus*.

THE NATIVITY TRUST

“Who is managing the money?”

The last three issues of the Steeple discussed Ensuring Nativity’s Legacy through planned giving. The first article discussed how making a bequest to the Church of the Nativity is vital to the future of our wonderful church.

The second article discussed the Nativity Trust and how all undesignated planned gifts from wills and estates are assigned to the Nativity Trust. It also explained that the Nativity Trust is part of the Alabama Episcopal Foundation through a covenant agreement between the Church of Nativity and this Foundation in January of 2000.

The third article described the Nativity Historic Preservation Foundation with its purpose of ensuring that Nativity could build appropriate funds for the historic preservation of our beautiful campus.

A parishioner posed an excellent question that should be shared. “Who is managing the Nativity Trust money for the Diocese?” In short, the Alabama Episcopal Foundation manages the Nativity Trust fund money. The Foundation is a cooperative effort among the parishes in the Diocese of Alabama to provide a standard “theological basket” receiving will bequests and planned gifts from Alabama Episcopalians. The Foundation, and this approach to legacy stewardship, came from the Church of Nativity. Through the work of Bob Loftin, a Birmingham attorney, the plan was formulated into a diocesan-wide foundation that was incorporated in 1999. The vision was to do the legal work on a diocesan level; freeing parishes from that investment. The model allows the foundation to provide financial support to the parishes, not the diocese. This structure is important because it provides the donor with a high level of confidence about the long-term management and investment of their gift to their particular parish. It is also important to point out that the Foundation is meant to maximize the impact of smaller gifts made through wills.

Many people think Legacy Stewardship only consists of major gifts involving complicated tax arrangements --- However, the vast majority of gifts come from people simply including a sentence in their will directing some percentage or amount of their estate to a parish. The Alabama Episcopal Foundation allows donors to make that simple arrangement with the confidence that their money will be managed and used with the same care and restrictions usually associated with major gifts. Consequently, as a part of the Alabama Episcopal Foundation, our Nativity Trust money (a corpus value of approximately \$475,000) is consolidated yet fully accounted for under Nativity’s name, with the Alabama Episcopal Foundation funds. These funds are pooled with all diocesan investment funds in the Consolidated Trust and Designated Funds (Diocese of Alabama Pooled Investment Fund---almost \$20 Million), with investment counsel being Monroe Vos Consulting and the custodian of the funds being the Trust Company of Stern, Agee and Leach.

The Pooled Diocesan Funds and their investments and management are guided by the Finance Department of

the Diocese and specifically Trustees for the Diocesan Funds. The Finance Committee looks at the funds monthly, but the trustees, indicated by an asterisk below work with the investment advisors quarterly and as needed. Reverend Andy Anderson has served on the Department of Finance and has been a Trustee. The Diocese gets knowledgeable business lay people and clergy with business and finance experience to serve as Trustees. At present, the Nativity Historic Preservation Foundation funds are invested in a money market account due to its small amount. However, the Foundation trustees are considering having the Alabama Episcopal Foundation manage the funds.

I hope this is informative and allows you to be confident that your bequests are wisely and carefully invested for used by Nativity for the Glory of God.

Lou Durnya

Vestry Liaison to Trusts and Endowments

ALABAMA EPISCOPAL FOUNDATION

Treasurer and Chair - Mr. Harry Hargrove*

Staff

The Rev. Rob Morpeth, Staff Officer,
Finance & Administration

Members

Mr. Robert Gamble	Mr. Thomas Damman
The Rev. Aaron Raulerson	The Rev. John Mark Ford
Mr. Will Ratliff III	Mr. John Northcutt*
The Rev. Huey Gardner*	Ms. Carol Myers*
Mr. Philip Passafiume*	

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair - Mr. Robert Thurber

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The Rt. Rev. Kee Sloan, Bishop of Alabama (ex-officio)	
Mrs. Glenda Barker	Mr. Phillip Dotts
Mr. Stephen Greene	The Hon. Robert Harwood
Mrs. Maibeth Porter	

2016 VESTRY NOMINATIONS

We want to hear from you!

The Vestry Nominations Committee is developing a slate of nominees for the upcoming year. According to the Nativity by-laws, the Vestry Nomination Committee submits a slate of proposed new Vestry members to the congregation for approval at the Annual Parish Meeting on November 8th.

You may recommend someone in the parish or submit your own name for consideration. Vestry membership requirements are set forth in the Nativity By-laws :

- confirmed member of Nativity
- regular in attendance,
- made or kept a pledge for at least the current year.

There are several ways to submit a nomination:

- **Click or tap the nomination proposal for an electronic nomination form**
- **Drop boxes located on the Hospitality table in Ridley Hall and in the hallway by the Banister Room**
- **Mail your nomination proposal**

The Church of the Nativity, Episcopal
Attn: Nominations Committee
208 Eustis Ave.
Huntsville, AL 35801

The Committee is composed of the sitting and three most recent Senior Wardens willing and able to serve, along with three members-at-large chosen by the six outgoing Vestry members; the Rector serves *ex officio* in a non-voting role:

Rusty Stephenson, Chair, Senior Warden 2013
stephenson526@gmail.com

Bill Starnes, Senior Warden, 2015
abcstarnes@comcast.com

Lou Durnya, Senior Warden 2014
LDurn@aol.com

Pat Goodson, Senior Warden 2012
patgood@knology.net

Donna Joffrion, member-at-large
djoffrion@gmail.com

Elizabeth Foster, member-at-large
elizabethfoster1704@yahoo.com

Laurie Noojin, member-at-large
laurie.noojin@gmail.com

Andy Anderson, Rector, *ex officio*, non-voting
aanderson@nativity-hsv.org

The Committee welcomes your comments. Please contact any one of them about concerns or suggestions.

VESTRY NOMINATION PROPOSAL

Church of the Nativity

Name of candidate: _____

email: _____

Phone (personal): _____

Work: _____

What strengths would this person bring to the Vestry: _____

In what Parish activities has this person participated? _____

Have you discussed this with the person; if elected, would he/she agree to serve on the Nativity Vestry? _____

Your signature _____

Printed name _____

Date: _____

Thank you for your input on this candidate. The Nominations Committee meets regularly to consider all proposed nominees and to ensure representative leadership from the entire Parish.

Ensuring Nativity's Legacy

Did you know you can plan a vital role in Nativity far into the future?

Designate the Nativity Trust or the Nativity Historic Preservation Foundation in your will today!

For more information about planned giving, visit the Planned Giving page on our website
(nativity-hsv.org/Giving/planned-giving.html)

or contact Frederick Lanier: (256.890.9055)
flanier@jsmithlanier.com.

Nativity Women's Retreat – 2016

SAVE THE DATE - February, 19th and 20th
One night only!

Speaker –Suzanne Matthews

Price - \$130.00 per person

INTERCESSION REQUESTS

We pray for those who are ill or recovering: Cecil Hammett, Vieve Lakeman Steele, Sara Welch, Judith Hodge, Betsy Bournier, Kimberly Moon, Delores Spera, Virginia McCrickard, Claire Johnston, Lynn Jones, Lorene Dilworth, Bill Crump, Tom Booth, Julian Kobler, Cecelia Duncan, Ann Garnett, Anna Post, Aubrey Tycker, Nancy Colin Swenson, June Denson-Mobbs, Bob Hale, Raye Newton, Gary Comfort, Bill Dilworth, Carla King, Eileen Sullivan, Leigh Wahl, Elsie Olsen

We pray for the departed:

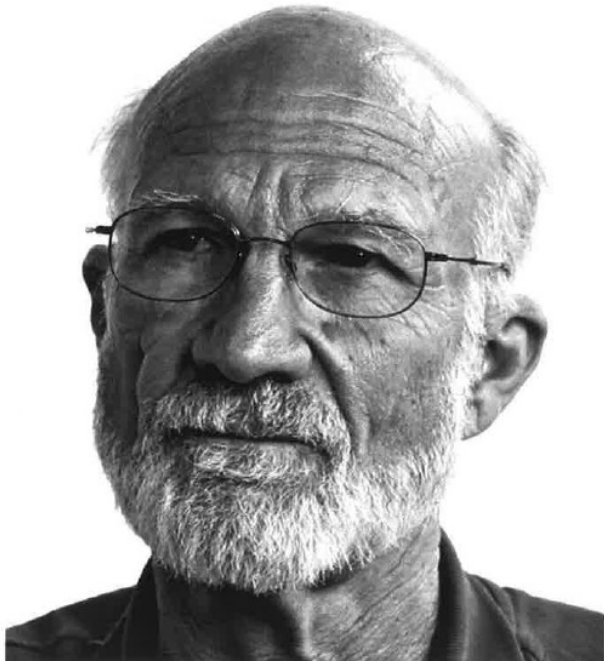
Lee Martin, uncle of David Phillips
Lois Phillips, wife of Dr. Bob Phillips
David McCrickard, brother of Matthew McCrickard
Richard Spera, Sr., father of Richard Spera
Roy Neutze, brother of Jeannie Preston
Dot Barr

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:

7/3	Finola O'Halloran	7/3	Eamonn O'Halloran	7/5	Alexander Cahue	7/7	Kate Noble Hall
7/8	Kate Albritton	7/10	Alexander Allbee	7/10	Daniel Starnes	7/11	Harvey Wilson
7/11	Evelyn Hendrickson	7/11	Jacob Baxter	7/12	Laura Elliott	7/14	Allison Taylor



STANLEY HAUERWAS

July 19, 2015

St. Mary's-on-the-Highlands
1910 12th Ave South
Birmingham, AL 35205

"America's God"
9:00am Lecture in RMH

Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:00am Dr. Hauerwas - Preacher

Evening Prayer Rite II
5:00pm with Choir

"How to be Theologically Funny"
5:45pm in RMH



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July 19, 2015 - St. Mary's on the Highlands, Birmingham



Dear Friends,

Please consider attending Wildacres Retreat this summer in the cool mountains of North Carolina! Cost is very reasonable, dining in the lodge delicious, lovely lodging facilities, great hiking & birding, awesome views, peaceful & serene, and it is family friendly. Partial and Full Scholarships are available from IMS and from Wildacres. Mother Basye

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*Paper registration information is available by request
Glenn Sommer (256.533.2455 x204)*

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, July 13th.

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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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2015 ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION FORM

To dedicate Altar flowers, 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 - 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:

September
6, 27

December
13, 27

July 1, 2015