

# THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

August 5, 2015



CHURCH  
OF THE  
NATIVITY,  
EPISCOPAL

Est. 1843

## 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)

## 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.



## *The Story* at Nativity: Reading the Bible Together this Year COME GROW WITH US!

Nativity is committed to being a place where spiritual growth in our life in God is a priority. Our RenewalWorks Ministry begun last year is ready to take a major step in encouraging you to move ahead in your spiritual journey. We will begin reading and studying scripture together as a parish family beginning in September. The Spiritual Life Survey taken last fall reveals this as something you want. Reading scripture together is an important way to grow.

I am thrilled to let you know officially we will be reading *The Story*, an *accessible*, abridged version of the Bible that features segments of scripture woven together with transitional text so it reads like one grand narrative: the story of God's loving relationship with us. Join your parish family in a commitment to read the Bible starting this September through May 2016.

*The Story* will be available in multiple forums so that all will have an opportunity to share this adventure in spiritual growth. On Sunday mornings beginning September 13, *The Story* will be taught in Sunday school for pre-school through high school, and for adults in a special Sunday morning clergy and lay led Bible Study class in the Bibb Chapel, as well as in the Breakfast Club Class for couples and parents.

We will also have a special week-day class for adults (young and old, single and couples) on Monday nights at 6:00, with shared beverages and pizza in the library. In addition, discussion questions and deeper study will be available on-line through Nativity's website. Each week there will be a reading assignment, and if you do them all, you and your family will have read the entire Bible by the end of May!

The parish will provide appropriate age level books for ages 2 through high school. **This is a gift to our children and their families!** Adults are encouraged to buy copies for themselves at The Greene Street Market Store or order online (Amazon or Barnes & Noble).

This past Sunday and over the next 3 Sundays, our Gospel reading is Jesus' "Bread of Life" discourse from John's Gospel, reflecting upon Jesus' Feeding of the Five Thousand. Jesus tells us, *I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.* Jesus knows we hunger for much more than food. Jesus reminds us in so many words, we are not who God created us to be unless we are nourished spiritually. And so he also tells us: *Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life...* How easy it is for us to concentrate, for ourselves and for our children, on the food that fills our stomachs, paying little attention to that food which sustains our souls—our lives in God. Quoting the Old Testament,

Jesus reminds us early in his ministry that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from God. Through the living bread that comes down from heaven, through the revelation of Jesus as the Son of Man in God's incarnation, we discover our deepest hungers are met and satisfied. We find this living bread in this community of faithful people who support God's mission and praise in so many ways. We especially find this living bread in bible study.

The Bible is a wonderful, rich, sometimes mysterious story, the story of God creating, redeeming, and sustaining us and the world. The Bible is a story of hope. The prospect of our entire church family reading and listening for what God has to say to us can only deepen our life together and help us be the people God intends us to be. I hope you will be a part of reading *The Story* together. Come grow with us!

Andy +

# Blessing of the Backpacks

## August 16th

### 10:00am Service

All school aged children are invited to bring their backpacks, tote bags, or computer bags to receive a blessing and set the tone for a new school year.



**Nativity Youth:** This year we've got a new weekly program offering for high school girls (those who will start 9th-12th grades next month). Every Wednesday at 5:00 PM in the LOFT, high school girls and friends are invited to a Bible study just for them led by Nativity parishioner Rebecca Epps. Bible study starts on Wednesday, September 2nd. More information to come! Interested in participating?

Please join us  
Farewell reception for Suzanne Purtee  
Sunday, August 16,  
following the 10:00am service

## Sunday School Teacher Training

Sunday, August 23  
1:00pm - 5:00 (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](mailto: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.



## Vacation Bible School



Thanks to everyone  
who made this year's  
VBS a 'splashing'  
success!



## SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, August 26 . 5:30pm  
\$5 per person - \$20 family maximum

# Family Spaghetti Night

at Nativity



## Jonathon Daniels Pilgrimage, August 15th, Hayneville AL

Special civil rights pilgrimage marking the 50th Anniversary of Jonathan Daniels Death

Fifty years ago this August, a 26-year-old white Episcopal seminarian was gunned down in Hayneville, AL, while working to help register African Americans to vote. Jonathan Myrick Daniels, and other martyrs of the 1960's civil rights movement in Alabama, will be remembered and honored for their sacrifice during a special pilgrimage weekend Aug. 14th through 16th.

On Saturday August 15, Holy Eucharist will be celebrated from the judges bench-turned altar. The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina and Presiding Bishop-elect will deliver the sermon.

Church of the Nativity will be van-pooling to Hayneville on the 15th. If you would like to ride along, call the Church office (256.533.2455) to reserve your seat. There is no charge for this pilgrimage. The vans will leave the Nativity parking lot at 6:00am and return the same day

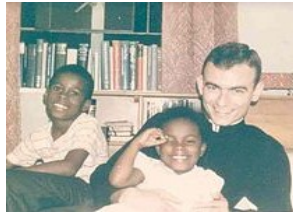
### Additional information about Jonathon Daniels and the Pilgrimage:

Diocese of Alabama website: <http://bit.ly/1KTtvJQ>  
al.com story: [http://www.al.com/living/index.ssf/2015/07/civil\\_rights\\_martyr\\_killed\\_in.html](http://www.al.com/living/index.ssf/2015/07/civil_rights_martyr_killed_in.html)

### Live Webcast

The pilgrimage will be webcast live at:

<http://dioala.org/tv.html>



## Nativity's Annual Parish Picnic and Rally Day

Sunday, August 30th  
following the 10:00am service

Food, Fun & Fellowship

In the courtyard

Wear your casual clothes to church and stay for the Picnic!

Please bring a SIDE DISH to share.

The Church will provide:

- Meat
- Dessert
- Drinks
- paper products



## THE STORY at Nativity

Mark your calendars for September 13 to begin "The Story".. our parish-wide effort to read the whole Bible together this year. This abridged, chronological version of the Bible will be taught from age 2 through adult in Church School and Bible study classes.

Read along with your children and fellow parishioners as we study God's Holy Word together this year!

The book **THE STORY** is now for sale in The Greene Street Market Store. Please support Nativity's store and buy your hardback book - \$10.00 each.

A companion book, **THE HEART OF THE STORY** by Randy Frazee is available at Amazon.com.



## Stephen G. Schaeffer Called to Serve as Interim Organist and Choirmaster



Please welcome Dr. Stephen G. Schaeffer as our Interim Director of Music and Organist and Choirmaster beginning September 4 through Christmas. Stephen served during Suzanne Purtee's sabbatical in 2013 and we are delighted to have him on the bench and leading the choir this fall. Stephen brings a depth of professional and artistic experience. The clergy and staff are delighted to work with him again! After a tenure of 25 years as Director of Music and Organist at the Cathedral Church of the Advent, Birmingham, Alabama he was named Director *Emeritus* in August 2012. Under his leadership The Advent Choir completed two residencies in English cathedrals (2004 - Ely and St. Albans, and 2008 - Durham), morning services at St. Thomas Church, NYC (2000), and an East Coast concert tour including services at Washington National Cathedral, St. Thomas Church, NYC, and St John the Divine, NYC. Prior to his appointment at the Cathedral in 1987 he was a tenured member of the music faculty at Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina, (1971-87) where he was also chairman of the Department of Fine Arts.

Dr. Schaeffer is a graduate of the St. Thomas Choir School in New York City. Following graduation from Davidson College, he pursued work at the College-Conservatory of Music of the University of Cincinnati receiving the Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees. He holds the First Prize in Organ from the Conservatoire National de Région in Lyon, France. A frequent recitalist, Dr. Schaeffer has also served throughout his career as a organ consultant to numerous churches. In March 2012 he recorded his first solo compact disc on the 1988 100 rank Möller organ at the Cathedral, the organ which was his first "project" at the Cathedral.

In retirement, Dr. Schaeffer remains active as a church musician. In addition to these duties he was appointed in 2013 as the regional representative in Alabama and West Georgia for the Reuter Organ Company of Lawrence, Kansas.

He is a member of and has served on the Executive committee of the Birmingham Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, holds membership in the Association of Anglican Musicians, where he has served in many leadership capacities, and is a member of the Organ Historical Society.

### Fall Youth Choirs, Rehearsals start Aug 19

Dear Parents,

The children's choirs at Nativity will continue this year; even with my upcoming departure. I know they will be happy to have Mrs. Anne Chelekis (known as "Mrs. C") providing direction this fall for the St. Cecilia Choir. Most of you know Anne, as she has been the Cherub director in past years, she has subbed for me on occasion, and also has been a part of the after-VBS music experience the past two summers.

The Cherubs (ages 4-7) will continue to be led by Barbara Bonner and we are looking forward to another year of musical growth and fun.

Rehearsals start on Wednesday August 19. The time frame has a slight change: St. Cecilia singers will meet from 4:45 -5:45pm. and the Cherubs rehearse from 5:00 - 5:45pm. Anne will be coming from school herself, as she is a music teacher in the Madison city schools.

The optional pizza payment system and singing-in-church plans will be coordinated by Anne and Barbara.

I hope to see many of you in the next few weeks and will enjoy sharing some hugs and good wishes with your wonderful and very dear, children.

Remember, newcomers are always welcomed and encouraged!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Suzanne Purtee".

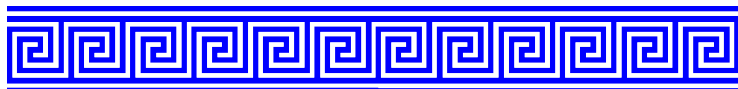
### Summer Choir

#### Drop-in choir available to all

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 9:10am -9:45 (or so).





## Outreach in Action

OMYLA girls get ready to embrace next chapter in their lives



By the time school starts in a few days, the girls of OMYLA, the Oscar Mason Young Ladies' Association, will have sprouted wings and become butterflies.

That's the theme of the eight week summer program now in its eighth year at the Oscar Mason branch of the library, supported by Nativity Outreach.



Thank you for volunteering with Stop Hunger Now. We truly appreciate your dedication and commitment to the vision of a world without hunger.



Blessa Chloe Zamora is a happy, healthy 5-year old who loves food and will eat anything, except maybe vegetables. Chloe is but one example of the tens of thousands of children around the world who are being helped by Stop Hunger Now. By packaging meals with us, you have helped put them and their families on a path toward a better life. Because you shared your time with us, these children have hope—hope for a wonderful childhood, hope for an education, hope for a better life.

We are delighted to announce that the meals from your meal packaging event on May 9th have been shipped in a container totaling 285,120 meals from our Atlanta, GA warehouse.



## Education for Ministry (EfM) classes starting in September

The University of the South's School of Theology is again offering Education for Ministry (EfM) at the Church of the Nativity. Learn to think

theologically as well as deepen your understanding of the Old Testament, New Testament, church history, and theology in a four year course. We meet weekly on Monday or Tuesday nights from September to May. Cost is \$350, which includes books.

The second year book is *Introducing the New Testament: A Historical, Literary, and Theological Survey* by Mark Powell (2009), has been everyone's favorite so far – a “keeper”. He provides a very balanced description of both traditional and current understanding among scholars. Many call-out boxes are included in the book with detailed information.

For further information contact:

Ron Hogan 256.679.5786, [ronhuntsville@yahoo.com](mailto:ronhuntsville@yahoo.com)

Ted Briggs 256.457.1188, [tedlbriggs@gmail.com](mailto: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

## How was the New Testament created?

The New Testament (NT) canon or authoritative list of books developed slowly. At the turn of the first century (100 CE), scripture still referred to the Septuagint (Tanakh or what would become our Old Testament). All 27 of the books now in the NT were complete by 150 CE. However, many other gospels, letters, homilies, and apocalypses existed at the time which are not in the NT today. Different communities used slightly different sets of books. There was not too much dispute about the most commonly accepted books – the four gospels and the letters of Paul, but much discussion about less accepted books. Even the four gospels were not always accepted –some Syrian churches used the Diatessaron (a 2nd century harmony which combined the gospels into a single narrative) into 5th century. The criterion for inclusion in the canon was whether it had catholic (universal) usage and acceptance. The canon was fairly well established by 250 CE and firmly established in the Latin West by Jerome's Vulgate Bible, commissioned in 383. Even today, many stories have been passed down to us from non-canonical books, e.g. according to the Acts of Peter, Peter is crucified upside-down.

## Stewardship of Creation

### Green Tips: What's Wrong with Styrofoam?

A lot! Styrofoam, the trademark name of the Dow Chemical Company for polystyrene foam, used for disposable cups and plates, food packaging, mailing material, appliance packaging and much more, is manufactured from petroleum as well as other chemicals, one of which, benzene, is a known carcinogen.

As school and church and other activities begin to ramp up, be mindful of the products used at these events/gatherings.

Because polystyrene is so prevalent, many of us assume it is safe, but according to a Foundation for Achievements in Science and Education fact sheet, long-term exposure to even small amounts of styrene can cause fatigue, nervousness, difficulty sleeping, low platelet and hemoglobin values, chromosomal and lymphatic abnormalities, and carcinogenic effects. It has not been proven to cause cancer in humans, although there is evidence it causes cancer in animals.

Polystyrene can release potentially toxic breakdown products, *especially when heated*. It's never a good idea to put plastic in the microwave – use glass instead.

Styrofoam also takes a long time to break down in the environment and is not easily recycled. Styrofoam is classified as a #6 plastic (which many recycling centers don't take). Styrofoam is said to take up 25 percent of space in the landfills where it leaches chemicals into the soil and groundwater. Furthermore, Styrofoam can be lethal to any animal that might ingest it by blocking their digestive tracts, ultimately causing starvation.

Try not to buy products packaged in Styrofoam, particularly food items. *Food and petroleum really don't go together!* It is inevitable you'll probably have some, so reuse your Styrofoam for packing materials or crafts (donate them to schools for art projects).

Instead of Styrofoam cups and plates, there are now some eco-safe alternatives used in some restaurants and hotels, which are made from biodegradable cornstarch or from useless agricultural by-products and mushroom roots, and many restaurants put take-outs in paper boxes or other non-styrene containers. Be sure to give a compliment to those places!

Try, as often as possible, to take advantage of existing dishware and flatware but when a situation requires purchasing non-reusable plates and cups and storage containers, be sure to make your selection based on the best choices for the health and well-being of the people who will be ingesting the food served or stored in the dishware.

The next time you buy a coffee to go and it comes in a Styrofoam cup, ask if you can have a different cup. Even if they don't have one, you'll be planting a seed and eventually change will happen.



*Information compiled from Wikipedia.com, Ejnet.org, Greenlivingtips.com, earth911.com, [www.gizmag.com](http://www.gizmag.com) - article by Tamith Cattermole, thedailygreen.com,*

### Nativity 101: Class for ANYONE new to Nativity

**begins August 16 , 9:00am in Ridley Hall**

Nativity 101 is for anyone new to Nativity, including Episcopalians who have transferred in or in the process of transferring their letter. This is the foundation class for our Seekers/Catechumenate Class process that continues in February 2016 for anyone seeking to be Confirmed or Received into our Episcopal Church Communion or for existing Episcopalians who desire to renew their Baptismal Covenants when the Bishop visits in May of 2016.

Nativity 101 meets Sundays August 16, 23, & 30th and concludes with a Welcome Dinner in September.

Topics include:

- Nativity's history and our Episcopal Church historical roots
- Sunday Worship through the Eucharist
- Episcopal Etiquette
- Crazy Language and Calendar
- And an introduction to the practical uses of The Book of Common Prayer.

Contact the Church office (256.533.2455) or Amy Baxter [abaxter@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:abaxter@nativity-hsv.org) to enroll

\*Nursery available by reservation



## Nativity adds Instagram to its Social Media offerings



Nativity now has an Instagram page! Check it out on Instagram at: <http://instagram.com/Nativityhsv>

This is a place where you can share photos of the church, photos taken at church events, etc. Our hashtag is: #nativityhsv For all who are relatively new to Instagram, here are a few quick pointers:

### Adding a Photo:

When you add a photo and tag it with #nativityhsv the following occurs:

The photo become part of the collective hashtag #nativityhsv.

The photo does not appear on the church Instagram page unless an admin for the church page reposts it. We will make an effort to periodically repost your photos to the church page. However, this does not automatically occur when you add a photo.

### Searching:

You can always search by people, tags, or places. If you search by tag, using our hashtag #nativityhsv, you will see all the photos that our members have added to this tag. This is the most effective way to rapidly see all the photos for our church page at any given time.

### Hashtags & @ Tag:

Hashtags are for posts set to public and they provide a way to widely share your photos. Hashtags should be relevant to your photo, and probably should be hashtags already in use on Instagram. (If you make up your own hashtag, you may be the only one using it and thus the only one seeing it.) As stated above, we are using the hashtag #nativityhsv. Here is an example of how you might use hashtags for a photo you took at Camp McDowell during the Parish Weekend: #nativityhsv #campmcdowell #familyfun #Alabama #parishweekend

The @ tag allows you to tag another Instagram user. Typical use of this feature is to leave a comment under a photo you want to share with another user. To do this, type the @ sign in the comments field, then start typing the username and a list will pop-up, allowing you to select the user you want to add.

### Connecting your FB with Instagram:

Many people connect their accounts on setup, but if you didn't, don't worry, it's very easy to setup! The settings are slightly different depending on what type of phone you are using, so if you need further guidance look this up on Instagram help. It takes about two minutes and it

well worth the time, as it allows you to rapidly share your favorite Instagram photos directly on your FB page.

I hope this helps any of you who are Instagram "newbies". If you still have questions, there are many excellent tutorials online for you. Don't be afraid to jump in and post your photos, we want your participation. Instagram is another great way for us to connect and share special moments in our parish.

Contributed by Tracey Christian, Nativity Communications Ministry



**HAP for August** — Items needed: Meat (especially chicken), soup, canned beans, dried beans, 1 lb. bags of rice, boxed potatoes (au gratin, etc.), cereal, vegetables (except green beans).

**Thanks for all your support!**

*Friends of Music Presents...*

## BLACK MARKET HAGGIS

BETTER THAN IT SOUNDS

Sunday, August 23rd at 5pm



Church of the Nativity, Episcopal

208 Eustis Avenue SE - Huntsville, AL 35801

Ofc: 256-533-2455 \* Fax: 256-533-2374 \* [nativity-hsv.org](http://nativity-hsv.org)

## 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.

**May** God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts. **Amen.**

**May** God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation, so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace. **Amen.**

**May** God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war so that we may reach out our hand to comfort and to turn pain into joy. **Amen.**

**May** God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we may do what others claim cannot be done. **Amen**

## 2016 VESTRY NOMINATIONS

**Nominations accepted through August 23!**

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](mailto:stephenson526@gmail.com)

Bill Starnes, Senior Warden, 2015

[abcstarnes@comcast.com](mailto:abcstarnes@comcast.com)

Lou Durnya, Senior Warden 2014

[LDurn@aol.com](mailto:LDurn@aol.com)

Pat Goodson, Senior Warden 2012

[patgood@knology.net](mailto:patgood@knology.net)

Donna Joffrion, member-at-large

[djoffrion@gmail.com](mailto:djoffrion@gmail.com)

Elizabeth Foster, member-at-large

[elizabethfoster1704@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethfoster1704@yahoo.com)

Laurie Noojin, member-at-large

[laurie.noojin@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.noojin@gmail.com)

Andy Anderson, Rector, *ex officio*, non-voting

[aanderson@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:aanderson@nativity-hsv.org)

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



## INTERCESSION REQUESTS

**We pray for those who are ill or recovering:** Dell Crawford, Berta Hargett, Wanda Parsons, Eileen Sullivan, Gary Comfort, Claire Johnston, Lorene Dilworth, Tom Booth, Cecelia Duncan, Ann Garnett, Kimberly Moon, Delores Spera, Bill Crump, Lynn Jones, Anna Post, Aubrey Tycker, Nancy Colin Swenson, Bob Hale, Raye Newton, Carla King, Leigh Wahl, Elsie Olsen

**We pray for the birth of a child:**

Emily Mae East, daughter of Kendall & Joe East III; granddaughter of Joan & Joe East Jr, born July 17th  
Elliette Rose Roderick, daughter of Danielle and Ryan Roderick, born on July 31st

**We pray for the departed:**

Guy Spencer, Jr.  
Julian Kobler  
Al Bryan  
Betsy Bournier, mother of Liz Laney

**We pray for those deployed/serving with the Military:**

US Navy, Jesse Teal

**We give thanks for birthdays of our children:**

8/5 Drew Dodgen	8/6 Addison Duncan	8/6 Henry Keener	8/6 Noah Huskey
8/6 Anna Post	8/8 Hunter Ray	8/8 Samuel Cline	8/9 Matthew Doty
8/9 Wilhelm Clardy	8/9 Moss Fleming	8/10 Gillianne Sharp	8/13 Sarah Huskey
8/15 Pierce Anderson	8/16 Charlotte Klos	8/16 Read Klos	8/16 Kathryn Kelly
8/18 Warren Towry			

“We need places to pray as if someone were listening, to study as if we might learn something worth writing on our hearts, to join with others in service as if the world might be transformed. Churches are places to learn, to practice with others, a continual conversion of life, a permanent openness to change.”

~ Stephanie Paulsell from "Soul experiments" in Faith Matters

## Employment Opportunity

### **WEEKEND SEXTON - part-time, 10 hours weekly**

The Church of the Nativity seeks a part-time, Weekend Sexton who will be able to perform:

- cleaning
- room set-up
- minor maintenance
- coffee and hospitality set-up
- equipment set-up
- altar guild and flower guild assistance on Saturday and Sunday mornings.
- 

**HOURS:** 8:00am - Noon on Saturday and 7:00am - 1:00pm on Sunday.

**Please submit names to Amy Baxter**  
**[abaxter@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:abaxter@nativity-hsv.org), The Rector's Assistant.**

## Centering Prayer, Pot-luck dinner, and Movie

### Annual Summer series concludes this month



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.

### August 25 A Rising Tide of Silence”



This thoughtful documentary profiles Father. Thomas Keating, from his days as a Trappist monk to his role as one of the world's foremost spiritual figures. Interviews and historical footage convey his teachings, which dare to look beyond Catholicism.

## Life After Loss: A Journey to Healing

Thursdays, 3:00-4:00 PM  
July 30 - September 3, 2015


Facilitated by:  
Rev. Carl Malm  
Center for Loss, Grief and Change  
Classes will be held at Brookdale Place Jones Farm  
2815 Carl T. Jones Drive SE  
Huntsville

Open to the Public. No charge to attend  
Reservations are requested but not required. Light refreshments will be served.  
For questions or to make a reservation, please call  
Jana Seikel at (256) 881-6111

  
BROOKDALE PLACE  
JONES FARM  
BROOKDALE SENIOR LIVING

  
Hospice  
Of North Alabama



  
Laughlin Service  
Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.  
Serving Families since 1868

Enter the Brookdale Community from Carl T. Jones Drive. Take a right on to Somerby Drive.  
Park in the first lot on your right and enter through the main entrance.

## 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](mailto:kelly.hudson.design@gmail.com) for more information or to volunteer.

## 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](http://nativity-hsv.org/Giving/planned-giving.html))

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

## It's time for ACOLYTE TRAINING!

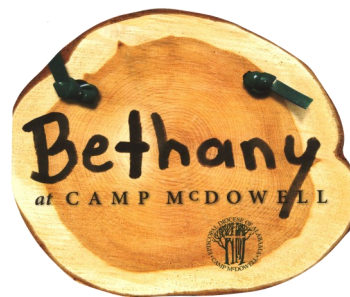
Sunday, August 16th - following the 10:00am service

**Who should attend Acolyte Training?** The Acolyte program is open to all 7-12<sup>th</sup> graders at Nativity. Even if you didn't start as a 7<sup>th</sup> grader, you can jump in anytime and join us! We do require all new and returning acolytes to come to one of the training sessions.

**How do I join the Acolyte program at Nativity, and what will be expected of me?** You will need to attend training to learn how to participate as a leader in the worship services, and then you will be assigned to serve once or twice a month for Sunday worship and other special services. We expect you to serve when you are scheduled OR you will need to arrange for a substitute to take your place. (You can swap Sundays with another acolyte if you are unable to serve.) We'll give you a roster of all the acolytes and their phone numbers so you'll know whom to call. We also expect you to arrive on time for your scheduled services.

For all **PROSPECTIVE** and **RETURNING ACOLYTES**, training will be held on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> following the 10:00am service. We'll plan to start in the sanctuary at 11:30am and be finished by 12:30pm. Parents are welcome to attend, or you may drop your child off. If you're not available to attend that day, a make up ses-

sion will be held Monday August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. in the sanctuary. If you can't come to either of these sessions, email me and we'll set up a time to meet individually after school one afternoon or between Sunday services. **QUESTIONS?** Call or email Dorrie Nutt: (256.533.1128) or [dorrie.nutt@gmail.com](mailto:dorrie.nutt@gmail.com)



**PLEASE HELP!!!**  
**We are almost there!!!**

We need YOU to complete our goal of \$400,000 for the beautiful Nativity Lodge in Bethany Village at Camp McDowell.

We need approximately \$30,000 to make the goal and I know we can do this. Join the 124 Nativity families who have generously pledged to make this goal almost complete. We want you there with us! Let's pull together and make this happen!

You can download a copy of the pledge card on the church website or call Mel Ford for more information on how to make your pledge. (256.881.8596)



## ACOLYTE SCHEDULE - AUGUST 2015

*Please look over the schedule carefully and let us know if you are not able to serve and who your replacement will be. We will be back to full strength for September, so if you have been left off the schedule this month, not to worry! Acolyte Training takes place mid-month (watch your email for information on that) so we are making room for some new acolytes at the end of August.*

### August 2

8:00 A/M Putt

C Alexander Young

10:00 A/M Putt

C Franklin Aldag, Powell Stockton

T Paxtyn Whitney, Jack Benton Stockton

T Dylan Chenoweth, Chloe Parsons

S Robert McCown

AS Park Ellis

### August 9

8:00 A/M Ward

C Jackson Anglin

10:00 A/M Ward

C Allie Starnes, Allison Taylor

T Mary Kate Brooks, Luke Alison

T Alice Malone, Parker Sanders

S Ireland Braudaway

AS Sam Hartley

### August 16

**\*\*ACOLYTE TRAINING follows the 10:00 service**

**(starts approx. 11:30)**

8:00

C Karsten Correale

10:00 A/M Sherrill

C Steuart Evans, Windham Hunter

T Patrick Ahearn, Huston Morring

T Ella Jane Duncan, Evelyn Warren

S Katherine Hunter

AS Sarah Whelden Hall

### August 23

8:00 A/M Nutt

C Nutt

10:00 A/M Nutt

C Gillianne Sharp, Riley Kamelchuk

T Cameron Pinson, new acolyte

T Joshua Huskey, new acolyte

S David DiFranco

AS Laura Kamelchuk

### August 30

8:00 A/M Ward

C Bankston Creech

10:00 A/M Ward

C Meredith Walker, Sims Windham

T Clay Walker, new acolyte

T Emery Windham, Betsy Bryant\*

S Ellie Walker

AS Margaret Bryant

## QUICK BITS

### Farewell reception for

**Suzanne Purtee,**

**Organist and Choirmaster**

Sunday, August 16,

following the 10:00am service

Please join us

### 2016 Haiti Medical Mission Planning Meeting

Sunday, August 16, following the 8:00am service in the Banister Room. Next year's trip will be late in February or early March.

Contact Bob Serio (256.881.6242) or [rserio001@gmail.com](mailto:rserio001@gmail.com) with questions.

### For the adult Church School Book Club

with Evie Spearman and her Men

The book they will be using in their fall class is:

***THE AMERICAN RELIGIOUS  
EXPERIENCE- A CONCISE  
HISTORY*** by Lynn Bridgers.

You can order from Amazon.com

### Meals on Wheels

Outreach opportunity!

Volunteers needed to deliver meals on the third Thursday each month to shut-ins or those unable to cook for themselves. Deliveries take about 1 1/2 hours. All clients really appreciate your smiling face and a few kind words

Contact: Jennie Coe(256 883 6398) or [ronjcoe@yahoo.com](mailto:ronjcoe@yahoo.com)



## STEEPLE SCHEDULE

*The Steeple* is published the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.  
To submit events or articles, you may bring them to the church office or email:

[gsommer@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:gsommer@nativity-hsv.org)

The deadline for the next issue is Monday Noon, August 17<sup>th</sup>.

### CLERGY & STAFF

**The Rev'd Dr. Andy Anderson**  
Rector

**The Rev'd Rusty McCown**  
Associate

**The Rev'd Bonnie McCrickard**  
Associate

**Suzanne Purtee**  
Organist/Choirmaster

**Lane Tutt**  
Adult Christian Formation

**William Blackerby**  
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

**Anne Elizabeth Cowan**  
Youth Ministry Assistant

**Mary Coe**  
Children's Formation

**Audrey Clayton**  
Nursery Coordinator

**John Buyse**  
Property Manager

**Marlin Wilder**  
Sexton

**Sally Stockton**  
Kitchen Coordinator

**Beverly Franklin**  
Bookkeeper/Business Mgr

**Connie Gadowski**  
Worship & Ministry Assistant

**Amy Baxter**  
Assistant to the Rector

**Glenn Sommer**  
Communications

**Prentice White**  
Verger/Wedding Coordinator

### WARDENS' COUNCIL

**Bill Starnes** Sr Warden

**Allen Daniels** Jr Warden

**Michele Hunter** Clerk

**Brandon Smith** Treasurer

**Brenda Chynoweth** Finance Chair

**Lou Durnya** Long-Range Planning

### 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.

## Church of the Nativity, Episcopal

208 Eustis Ave. SE Huntsville, AL 35801

256.533.2455 Fax: 256.533.2374

[nativity-hsv.org](http://nativity-hsv.org)

## 2015 ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION FORM

One Dedication

Date left  
in 2015

December  
13

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:

August 5, 2015