

# THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

August 19, 2015



CHURCH  
OF THE  
NATIVITY,  
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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)

## 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.

## Finding Your True Life, *The One Hid with Christ in God*

*You have been raised with Christ...you have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.* The Christ in God life affirmed by God's incarnation in Jesus of Nazareth's birth, life, death and resurrection continues in us. God's divine presence since the first incarnation in the creation of the Cosmos has always indwelt our human existence; Spirit and matter are one, not two separate realities. Our sacramental understanding of the holy in ordinary things and events testifies to this, making it real in us.

Paul's letter to the Colossians encourages us to seek this true life God gives, the self created in God's image, that is fully revealed in Christ Jesus. Unfortunately, Paul sometimes uses language that is not helpful. He writes to seek the things that are above, not of the earth which might seem to create a division between Spirit and matter; that God is "out there" and we must cross a great chasm to get to God. And so we try to bridge that gulf in many ways. But the reality is that we don't have to work so hard. God wants to shape us with God's life that is deep within us if we would just recognize it and let God do the building and shaping.

Now for certain, you and I have allowed other things to shape our lives. We have allowed the safe expectations of others to create us in something less than God's image. Our deepest longings for God, who has made us for God's self (and so as Augustine put it, *our hearts are restless until they find their rest in God*) have been replaced by other needs, some necessary for preservation, some sinful in that they exploit others and undermine God's purposes for the world and our lives. And so the greatest spiritual work we have to do is to dismantle, even die, to this false self so the life hid with Christ in God can live.

Jesus says stop your scheming and looking elsewhere, God's Kingdom is within you. He is restating God's truth revealed early on through the Moses prophetic tradition, restated by the prophet Jeremiah and others, and later affirmed by Paul in his letter to the Romans.

English mystic Dame Julian of Norwich wrote this: *The place which God takes in our soul he will never vacate, for in us is his home of homes, and it is the greatest delight for him to dwell there...The soul who contemplates this is made like the one who is contemplated.*

Wow! God's delight is in you so much that God's home is deep within your life. God will never desert you or anyone else! Finding the life hid with Christ in God, we are made like him, and our true life and self lives. I admit, it's a scary thing to have to die to live; it's a scary thing to fall into the hands of the living God. But turning 60 this summer, I realize there is nothing else to do....where else can I go, for God in Christ gives us the words of life.

So, my friends, two suggestions to allow this life hid with Christ in God to live:

- + Find a prayer and reflection discipline that connects you to God daily.
- + Join our parish efforts to connect to God's story of the life hid with Christ by reading *The Story*, immersing yourself in the Bible, revealing God's word that is already very near to you and in your heart and mind and soul.

And your life will be caught on fire with God's love and life, not only transforming you, but through your life hid with Christ in God, making a difference in this world like nothing else!

*Andy +*

## Children's Corner

August 19, Choir Resumes in the choir room  
5.00-6.00pm Treble Choir (2<sup>nd</sup> grade and up)  
5.15-6.00pm Cherub Choir (age 4 to 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

August 23, Sunday School Teacher Training  
1.00-5.00pm, Ridley Hall

August 30, Rally Day and Sunday School sign up

September 13, First day of Sunday School

## Children's Sunday Formation

Classes begin September 13

Register online <http://goo.gl/forms/WYRHlrcE4w>

Registration also available at Rally Day and Sunday school.

\*3 & 4 year olds,  
K & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: The Story told through Godly Play

\*2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: The Story for Children

\* 4<sup>th</sup> Grade The Story for Kids

(The above classes meet in Angel Lane, downstairs Ridley Hall)

\*Club 56: The Story with a tween twist  
(upstairs, Ridley Hall)

Questions, contact Mary Coe, [mcoe@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:mcoe@nativity-hsv.org)

## Sunday School Teacher Training

Sunday, August 23

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

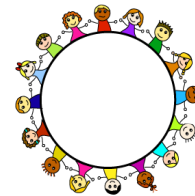
All youth and children Sunday School teachers should plan on attending this training event! Training will include:

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.



EYC Church of the Nativity

## August and September

### EYC events

August 30th	EYC Kickoff - Dinner and Games!	5:30-7:30pm
September 13th	EYC in the LOFT	5:30-7:30pm
September 18th & 19th	Junior EYC Lock-in	8:00pm -8:00am
September 20th	Senior EYC in the LOFT	5:30-7:30pm
September 27th	Tennessee Valley District Day at St. Thomas Episcopal Church	2:00-4:00pm

Visit [nativityyouth.org](http://nativityyouth.org) for more information

New this year! a Bible study just for girls in High School! 5:00 PM every Wednesday in the LOFT starting September 2nd

Follow us on Instagram! @nativityeyc

Dear Nativity Parish Family,

Thank you so much for all the kind words, notes, and prayers during my mother-in-law's and brother-in-law's hospitalizations. We are grateful for the support of this parish, and give thanks for our opportunity to be in this part of the body of Christ!

God's Peace,  
Bonnie and Matthew McCrickard

## NATRIVIA!

### A Nativity Game Show

Wednesday, August 26 . 5:30pm

Bring your entire family as we all play Nativity's fast action and fun new all-ages game following the...

## Family Spaghetti Night

at Nativity



As always, dinner reservations are appreciated but not required. Nursery is available (age 5 and under) but reservations are required.

**\$5 per person - \$20 family maximum**

Reservations: call the Church Office (256.533.2455) or [cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org)

Dear Nativity Family,

It was such an honor to serve my Church as Director of Children's Christian Foundation. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve in that capacity. Thank you also, for the beautiful Ed Starnes print. I will always treasure it!

Peace be with you,  
Barbara Bonner

## 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.



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)



## Nativity Annual Parish Picnic / Rally Day

Sunday, August 30th following the 10:00 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



Taking pictures at Rally Day?

be sure to post them to Nativity's Instagram account <https://instagram.com/nativityhsv/>

Not sure how to do that? Click or tap [here](#) for detailed instructions



The book **THE STORY** is will be available for sale at the Rally Day picnic and in The Greene Street Market Store. - \$10.00.



### 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 four year course. We meet from 6:00 – 9:00pm weekly on Monday or Tuesday nights from September to May. Cost is \$350, which includes your books.

The third year book is *Christianity: The First Three Thousand Years* by Diarmaid MacCulloch (2009), which was also a New York Times bestseller. MacCulloch traces the origins and development of Catholic, Orthodox, Syrian, Coptic, and Protestant Christianities, and he provides a more in-depth look at the development of Christianity in Asia and Africa than standard histories of Christianity. As one reviewer summarized "Excellent, comprehensive, simply-written, and engages the facts (and fiction) of history in a thoughtful way. A must-read for Christians and non-Christians interested in understanding Christianity"

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

### Why is Jesus not involved in the Immaculate Conception?

The immaculate conception is the conception of the Virgin Mary in her mother's womb free from original sin by virtue of the foreseen merits of her son Jesus Christ. Although the belief that Mary was sinless and conceived immaculate has been widely held since Late Antiquity, the doctrine was not dogmatically defined until 1854, by Pope Pius IX in his papal bull *Ineffabilis Deus*.

### How many letters in the New Testament were actually written by Paul?

Thirteen letters (epistles) were attributed to Paul, but scholars believe only seven were written by him: Four letters are believed to be pseudepigraphic (written by someone else in Paul's name). Scholars are divided on the authenticity of the remaining two letters.

## Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord!

**First adult choir rehearsal: September 9, 7:00 - 9:00pm**

Have you had experience singing great music in a parish choir, college choir or other choral group? Do you enjoy the fellowship of meeting others who enjoy the same - singing (and meeting new friends) - even if not in an organized choral group? If your answer was yes (or nearly so) in any of these cases, The Nativity Choir is reaching out for your "voice" and for your fellowship. As the summer draws to a close (with the beautiful music that The Summer Choir has been offering), The Nativity Choir is ready to begin regular rehearsals and singing the 11:00am liturgies and special services such as Evensong on November 1<sup>st</sup>, Lessons and Carols on December 19<sup>th</sup> and Christmas Eve.

I am also beginning a more extended experience (than my 6 week sabbatical replacement for Suzanne in 2013) here at Nativity as your Interim Organist and Choirmaster from September until Christmas Day, and I am looking forward to all that is part of making a smooth transition in the music department. The Nativity Choir will be a large part of my focus as I specifically work among parish individuals; its first rehearsal is on Wednesday, September 9 from 7:00 to 9:00pm in the Choir Room. If you are considering the Nativity Choir or returning after a long hiatus, please e mail me so that I know of your interest and any questions you may have. Or you may call me at Nativity on September 4 when I begin my duties.

Of course it will be both a pleasure to renew friendships made previously and to forge new ones during my second more extended stay. I look forward to seeing all of you and experiencing a wonderful sojourn as part of your parish. Psalm 150.

Stephen G. Schaeffer  
Interim Organist-Choirmaster  
[sschaeffer@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:sschaeffer@nativity-hsv.org)

## Summer Choir

**Drop-in choir available to all through August 30**

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).



## Nativity 101: Class for ANYONE new to Nativity

**Sundays through August 30, 9:00am (Library)**

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

## 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

**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.

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.

## Upcoming Events at a Glance September

Thursdays	Greene Street Market	4:00-7:00pm
6th	HAP Sunday	
7th	Labor Day Holiday – Office Closed	
13th	Regular Worship Schedule in effect	
	*First day of Church School, all ages	
15th	Men's Breakfast	7:00am
18th-19th	Jr. EYC Lock-in	
20th	Inreach / Outreach Ministry Fair	
27th	*St. Francis Sunday Blessing of the Pets Tennessee Valley Youth District Day	10:00am
30th	*Family Spaghetti Dinner (Nursery by reservation)	5:30pm

## October 8-11 - The Cursillo Community in Alabama celebrates it's 200th weekend - we invite you to be a part of history at Camp McDowell!



The Cursillo Community in the Diocese of Alabama is celebrating its 200th weekend October 8-11 at Camp McDowell. Cursillo was brought to Alabama by such visionaries as Bishop Furman Stough and Father Emile Joffrion in the late 70s. We are proud that we have reached this incredible milestone and hope you will consider attending Cursillo on this weekend (if you can't make it, don't worry – there are 5 weekends each year!).

If you would like to attend the October 8-11 Cursillo or have questions about the Cursillo movement, contact David or Debbie Collette (256-527-2560) or [drc3898@knology.net](mailto:drc3898@knology.net)

The application deadline for this upcoming Cursillo weekend is August 28.

## 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.
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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.

## 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



## QUICK BITS



**TWICKENHAM Fest**  
ALABAMA'S CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

2015 PUBLIC PERFORMANCES  
AUGUST 27TH-30TH  
HUNTSVILLE, AL

Please visit [twickenhamfest.org](http://twickenhamfest.org) or  
call (256.469.1356) for festival  
information

### 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!

### Welcome our Haitian neighbors

Saturday, August 29, Noon (Camp  
McDowell) - Fritz (Pere Val) and  
Carmel Valdema, minister and  
directors of the Haitian programs  
supported by Nativity and the  
Diocese, will be guests of honor for  
an old fashioned Bar-B-Q. You are  
cordially invited! Lunch will be at  
Phifer Hall in Bethany Village.

Bring your own favorite beverages  
and your swim wear (if you want  
to try the new Bethany Pool).

RSVP by Friday, August 21st to: CJ  
Van Slyke [cjenkinsro@aol.com](mailto:cjenkinsro@aol.com)

**"Preparing for Peace at the End of  
Life: - What Spiritual Care Givers  
Need to Know about Death &  
Dying"** - Tue, Sep. 1, 6:00-9:00pm,  
(First Baptist Church, 600  
Governors Dr.) sponsored by the  
Huntsville Assoc. for Pastoral Care.  
(supper and registration at 5:30),  
*CEU's available for nurses and  
social workers.* Cost: \$35 (includes  
supper!).

To register or more information:  
[malmcarl@hotmail.com](mailto:malmcarl@hotmail.com) or (256  
883.6539)

### The Good Book Bible Study

Begins Wednesday, September 9,  
from 1:00 - 2:30pm in the Church  
library.

The lesson will be Exodus and the  
study books can be ordered online.  
Leaders of this Ladies Bible Study  
are Susan Morley, Evie Spearman,  
Jeanie Marsh and Marty Askins.

For more information contact  
Carole Sue Goodwin at (256 534  
4477) or [wgood35801@aol.com](mailto:wgood35801@aol.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)



### Nativity Women's Retreat – 2016

St. Mary's Sewanee , TN

SAVE THE DATE

One night only – Friday, Feb. 19th  
and Saturday morning Feb 20th !

Speaker –Suzanne Matthews

Price - \$130.00 per person

# Stewardship of Creation

## What is Stewardship of Creation?

In most issues of The Steeple, the 'Stewardship of Creation' article provides information, along with actions, we can take to live out our call to care for God's amazing creation and each other. So, exactly what is 'Stewardship of Creation' and what does it have to do with our lives as Christians?

David Rhoads, Professor of New Testament, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago provides the following:

***Steward* is a biblical term that refers to a manager who handles the goods and property of another. A steward is not therefore an owner, but one who has a responsibility to an owner to treat property with care and respect. *Stewardship* is a term that refers to the responsibility of a steward to manage wisely. The unjust steward was one who took advantage of his position to aggrandize himself (Luke 16:1-13).**

*Stewardship* has come to be used in the Christian community in a broader sense for our responsibility to manage wisely the goods and property that are in our possession. The assumption is that we do not possess or own anything. Rather, the world, including us, belongs to God, and it is arrogant for humans to think otherwise. Therefore, we are not owners but stewards of all that comes into our arena of responsibility—income, assets, property, goods, time, talents, and our very selves. Religious stewardship is management as a sacred trust.

**In recent times, the concept of *steward* has been applied in its most original and fundamental meaning to refer to our human responsibility to care for the Earth itself (Gen 1-2).** Our human failure to be responsible stewards of Earth has led to the current ecological crises threatening global climate stability, the ozone layer, and the diversity of plant and animal species. Ecological problems also include the pollution of air, the despoiling of land, the degradation of fresh water, and threats to the health of the oceans. The loss of forest and arable land in alarming proportions has tremendous implications for food security. Human population, now over seven billion, is stressing every ecosystem on Earth. **As Christians, what is our responsibility?**

### Stewardship of Creation Is Our Human Vocation:

**The Bible is a good place to find guidance.** The concept of *environmental stewardship* originates with the first of the creation stories; where God gives humans dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the animals of the land (Gen 1:1-2:4). *Traditionally, Christians have distorted the mandate to "exercise dominion" to mean that creation is for human beings and that we have a right to*

*dominate and exploit creation for our wants and needs. This has led to incalculable abuses of nature.*

**We now know the Hebrew word for *dominion* does not mean "to dominate" or "to exploit." Rather, it means "to take responsibility for," as a ruler assures responsibility for the well-being of those in the realm. In this first creation story, human beings were created last, not as the so-called "crown of creation," but to exercise responsibility for the well-being of the garden Earth. According to Genesis 1, exercising responsibility as part of God's creation is the main reason humans were created. *Therefore, being stewards of creation is foundational to what it means to be human. Caring for creation is not an add-on, not a side-line, not related just to part of our calling. It represents our proper human relationship to Earth. This portrayal puts human beings squarely in a caretaker position regarding environmental stewardship.***

### We Are Called "to Serve and to Preserve"

The second creation story goes even further in clarifying the concept of environmental stewardship (Gen 2:5-15). In this story, **God put Adam and Eve in the garden in order "to till and to keep" the land.** However, the words translated as "till" and "keep" may be misleading. The Hebrew word for "till" is a word used to depict the service that a slave gives to a master. **And the Hebrew word for "keep" means to preserve for future generations.** Hence, the mandate "to serve and to preserve" the land places human beings not in a hierarchical position over creation **but a position of service to it.**

Just as the later Christian message depicts Jesus as a servant-king, so humans are challenged in this creation story to assume a similar role: "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all" (Mark 9:35). Care for creation is to be exercised not to serve our wants and desires but to serve the best interests and well-being of all Earth-community together, including ourselves.

From the Web of Creation website; "Stewardship of Creation" by David Rhoads;  
<http://www.webofcreation.org/> used with permission

**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!**



# 2016 VESTRY NOMINATIONS

Nominations accepted through August 23!

## 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.

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.



### 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)

## INTERCESSION REQUESTS

**We pray for those who are ill or recovering:** Charles Smith, Kingslea de Roode Merkel, Fr. Peter Horn, Dell Crawford, Eileen Sullivan, Gary Comfort, Claire Johnston, Lorene Dilworth, Cecelia Duncan, Ann Garnett, Tom Booth, Kimberly Moon, Bill Crump, Anna Post, Nancy Colin Swenson, Bob Hale, Carla King, Leigh Wahl, Elsie Olsen

**We pray for the departed:**

Raye Newton, mother of David Newton  
Evelyn Jean Newcomb, mother of Lyn Aust  
Billy Ray Kirkindall, father of Sandy Kirkindall  
Guy Spencer, Jr.  
Rosalie Tutwiler McCool, mother of Rosalie Smith  
Mike Burroughs, brother of Diane Freudenberger

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

US Navy, Jesse Teal

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

8/19 Frances Fortner	8/19 Wren Guffey	8/21 Caleb Arnette	8/22 Quintin Maddox
8/22 Alice Burson	8/22 David Burson	8/23 Ford Whitfield	8/24 Lillianne Dollarhide
8/26 Elizabeth Evans	8/26 Hannah Huskey	8/27 Atkins Connelly	8/27 Nathaniel Swillie
8/27 Alec Bonner	8/29 Lucy Ellis	8/29 Sam Hartley	8/30 Anna Abney
9/1 Caroline Baugher			

### Parish Financial Report - Period Ending 7/31/2015

	CURRENT MONTH	BUDGET for PERIOD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
Pledges Received	77,542.00	107,144.79	714,523.86	750,013.55
Plate	6,462.40	8,333.33	48,085.40	58,333.35
Other Revenues	112,213.71	10,141.68	157,725.09	70,991.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>196,218.11</b>	<b>125,619.80</b>	<b>920,334.35</b>	<b>879,338.50</b>
Diocesan, School of Theology, & Outreach	18,870.10	25,089.58	150,050.89	175,627.10
Personnel	75,493.56	71,083.33	505,993.18	497,583.35
Other Expenses	27,152.22	29,447.52	185,945.11	206,132.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>121,515.88</b>	<b>125,620.43</b>	<b>841,989.18</b>	<b>879,342.85</b>
<b>NET \$</b>	<b>74,702.23</b>	<b>\$ (0.63)</b>	<b>\$ 78,345.17</b>	<b>\$ (4.35)</b>

### Copies of financial records

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

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

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE September 2015, published 8/19/15

WEDNESDAY, September 2, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12 noon	McCrickard		Cheryl Watts		
THURSDAY, September 3, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
6:00 pm	Anderson		Don Lambert		
SUNDAY, September 6, 15th Sunday after Pentecost					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (McCown – out)	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	Anderson		John Hendricks	John Hendricks	John Hendricks
10:00 am	McCrickard	Anderson	Deborah Baker, Hanns Billmayer, Rich Goodwin, Lane Mickle	Chris Jackson, Joe East	Shirley Hale
WEDNESDAY, September 9, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12 noon	McCown		Lea Ann Barnett		
THURSDAY, September 10, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
6:00 pm	McCrickard		Shari Williams		
SUNDAY, September 13, 16th Sunday after Pentecost					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Anderson – out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	McCrickard		Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett
8:45 am	McCown	McCrickard	Pat Sampson, Lewie Bates, Robert Dunn, Warren Vann	Jennifer Dill	Clay Sherrill
11:00 am	McCown	McCrickard	Ed Vaughn, Sally Ann Culver, Barbara Buice, Joan East	Sandy Brown, Mike Brown	Sally Ann Culver
WEDNESDAY, September 16, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12 noon	Holland-Shuey		Ralph Shuey		
THURSDAY, September 17, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher			
6:00 pm	Anderson		Don Lambert		
SUNDAY, September 20, 17th Sunday after Pentecost					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (McCrickard – out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Anderson		Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett
8:45 am	Holland-Shuey	Anderson	Bob Serio, Charlie Warren, Ralph Shuey	Lynn Lewis	Jim Douthit
11:00 am	McCown	Anderson	Peter Cobun, Richard Spera, Virginia Kobler	Marcia Cobun, Mike Innes	Rhonwyn Watson
WEDNESDAY, September 23, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12 noon	Anderson		Mary Hendricks		
THURSDAY, September 24, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
6:00 pm	McCown		Sally Ann Culver		
SUNDAY, September 27, 18th Sunday after Pentecost – St. Francis Sunday					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Anderson – out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	McCown		Don Lambert	Don Lambert	Don Lambert
8:45 am	McCrickard	McCown	Margaret Bibb, Pat Quirk, Mike Ward	Meredith Walker	Martha Joffrion
11:00 am	McCrickard	McCown	Holland-Shuey, Walter Thames, Hanns Billmayer, Rich Goodwin	John Conover, Elaine Hamner	Martha Bosworth
WEDNESDAY, September 30, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12 noon	McCrickard		Joan East		
THURSDAY, October 1, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
6:00 pm	Anderson				
USHERS					
8:00/8:45	Josh Kelly, Jeff Ellis, Tom Ford, Melissa Helton, Boll Joyner, Gripp Luther, Grant Thompson				
10:00/11:00	Jeffrey Dortch, Jim Douthit, Joe Worley, Bobbie Graham				
ALTAR GUILD					
5	Nancy Colin, Judy Vann, Linda Watts, Judy Heacock				
12	Sara Little, Caffey Litkenhous, Mary Johnson, Laura Innes, Jennie Coe, Sam Porter				
19	Gail Brown, Lea Ann Barnett, Debbie Joyner, Connie Stephenson, Anne Carter				
26	Renée Elliott, Sophia Rowe, Beth Pugh, Louise Reynolds, Rose Anne Shearer				
CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE					
August 31 - Sept. 6		Sept. 7 – 13		Sept. 14 – 20	
Anderson		McCown		McCrickard/Anderson	
Sept. 21 – 27		Sept. 28 – Oct. 4			
McCown		McCricakrd			



## 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:

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The deadline for the next issue is Monday Noon, August 31<sup>st</sup>.

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Associate

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Associate

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### AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

A member of the clergy is *on call* each week. If you need assistance from a priest outside office hours, the priest on call will respond to your message.

The number to call *In Case of an Emergency Only* is 256.533.7007. All other calls should be directed to church phone 256.533.2455 and follow the prompts to leave a message for a priest to respond.

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Read the whole Bible this year

September 13th

thru

May 15th

*"Finding your Story in God's Story"*

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August 19, 2015