# THE STEEPLE

Our Mission God's family

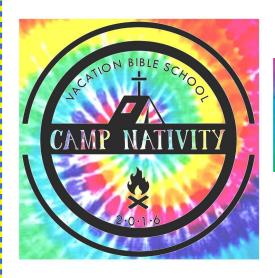
# The Church of the Nativity

June 15, 2016

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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.

# There is plenty going on this Summer...



# CAMP NATIVITY VBS

July 12-14, 9:00am to Noon - Register today!

# CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, EPISCOPAL

Est. 1843

Worship Schedule (\* Nursery available)

### **SUNDAY**

8:00 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 Rite II Holy Eucharist (Bibb Chapel) **Summer Choir starts July 3rd** 



# Street Narket at Nativity

Thursdays ~ 4:00pm

## Lemonade in the Shade



Centering Prayer, Pot-luck

Dinner, and a Movie

Summer series begins Tuesday, June 28

Details on these events, and much more, inside



# Children's Corner Children's Sunday Formation



# CAMP NATIVITY VBS July 12-14, 9:00am to Noon - Register today!

#### CAMP NATIVITY VBS is just 4 weeks away!

We have a terrific program of camp songs, crafts, campfire stories and games. Your children will not want to miss this time of fellowship and fun.

Join us for the kick off/cookout Monday night, July 11th, 5:30 to 6:30pm

CAMP NATIVITY is free to every camper age 4 (by September 1) through rising 6th grade, including your camp t-shirt and the Monday night cook out.



Come be a cabin counselor or activity helper. Adults can volunteer during registration.

Teens register to volunteer here.



### **VBS: OTHER WAYS TO HELP**

Can't make it to VBS to help?

Maybe you have something in your attic we can use!

Two items we would like to borrow:

- several, not too tall, easy to assemble artificial Christmas trees.
- a few play tents or small camping tents--easy to set up.

All will be returned after VBS.

Contact Mary Coe if you can help.

Thank you!

Can't wait to see you at CAMP NATIVITY!

### **REGISTER HERE**

Contact: Mary Coe <a href="mcoe@nativity-hsv.org">mcoe@nativity-hsv.org</a>



# Youth summer mission trip a great success!

EYC Church of the Nativity



The wheelchair ramp your tools repaired.

We had a great time at Mountain T.O.P.!
We worked hard all week, learned a lot about
Grundy County, TN and grew closer to God.
Check out some pictures from the trip.



The porch your donated tools built!

Contact: William Blackerby wblackerby@nativity-hsv.org



The mission team (I to r): Katie Banish, Robert McCown, William Blackerby, Sara Hutchens



Our van dressed up as Lightning McQueen (from Cars) for the van contest



### **QUICK BITS**

### **Employment Opportunity**

The Church of the Nativity is seeking a youth director with the heart of a teacher and a desire to build young adults for the church – present and future.

This person should take the Baptismal Covenant and promises seriously, including their own spiritual growth and nurture, and help infuse a joyful Christian atmosphere into all aspects of their work within this parish.

This is a full time position with benefits; salary is commensurate with experience.

Please direct questions and resumes to Connie Gadomski <u>cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org</u> by June 30th, 2016.

The full position description is available here

## **Nativity Music Presents**

### Summer Choir begins July 3rd!

If you've wanted to sing in choir but can't commit to regular rehearsals during the year, Summer Choir is for you! Rehearsals will be on Sunday mornings in the nave at 9:00am before the 10:00am service. We will rehearse the music for that particular service.

Everyone is welcome to join to sing in Summer Choir

For more information contact Christian Crocker at 256.533.2455 x 216 <a href="mailto:ccrocker@nativity-hsv.org">ccrocker@nativity-hsv.org</a>.

# **Baptisms**

The next baptism date at Nativity will be Sunday July 10, 2016. Anyone wishing to have children baptized on that date should contact Mother Bonnie no later than Monday, June 20th

Contact: Mother Bonnie McCrickard <a href="mailto:bmccrickard@nativity-hsv.org">bmccrickard@nativity-hsv.org</a> (256.533.2455 x207)

### Sunday on Thursday 6:00pm, Bibb Chapel

Remember Sunday on Thursday if you are 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!

# Sawyerville Day Camp Needs Arts & Crafts supplies!

Bring your old newspapers, magazines, and used clean jars (16 ounce or smaller) to the stage in Ridley Hall. Sawyerville campers will use these materials to make candles and other crafts

### **Upcoming Events at a Glance**

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Jun 19	Father's Day	
Jun 28	Centering Prayer Dinner & a Movie	5:30pm
Jul 3	Summer Choir begins	10:00am
Jul 4	Independence Day, Offic	e Closed
Jul 11	Vacation Bible School Ki	5:30pm ck off Cookout
Jul 12-1	4	9:00am - Noon

Camp Nativity Vacation Bible School

# **Taking Nativity To Our Parishioners**

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

If you have any questions or would like to have a loved one matched up please contact Father Rusty McCown <a href="mailto:rmccown@nativity-hsv.org">rmccown@nativity-hsv.org</a> (256.533.2455) Thank You!

### Centering Prayer, Pot-luck Dinner, and a Movie

We meet in Ridley Hall at 5:30pm with a Centering Prayer sit then serve the food and begin watching the movie. After the movie, we have a brief discussion.

Please bring a dish to share and join us for an evening of spiritual connection and sharing.

### June 28 - Ashes and Snow



Using both still and movie cameras, this feature is a poetic narrative rather than a documentary exploring the extraordinary interactions between humans and animals.

Please contact Brenda Chynoweth 256 464-9457 <u>brendacc@knology.net</u> with any questions



# Lemonade in the Shade



# Sunday morning following the 10:00am service

Volunteer at the hospitality table -It's easy & fun and a great activity for the whole family.

Details and online sign-up: <a href="mailto:tinyurl.com/nativitylemonade2016">tinyurl.com/nativitylemonade2016</a>

Hosted by Nativity's Blue Apron Ministry

# What Are You Reading? Submitted by: Liddy Malone

The Year of Living Biblically: One Man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible

The Year of Living Biblically was assigned to my AP Language class after Christmas this year as a model for our then upcoming research projects. It was the perfect example of a research process in which someone uses not only books and websites to explore a topic, but dives in more completely.

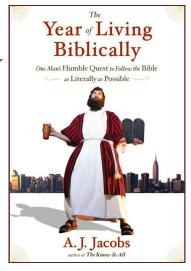
In this book, author A.J. Jacobs takes on the huge task of trying to follow the Bible according to its literal and explicit teachings for an entire year. No rule, however small or metaphorical, is ignored. He wants to see if he is unaware of an essential part of the human experience, or if he made the right choice to be less religious.

As A.J. Jacobs was an agnostic writer with Jewish heritage, I was afraid The Year of

Living Biblically would turn out to be cynical of religion. However, though it is a light and funny read, he truly becomes aware of the beauty of the teachings and rituals of all types of Christianity and Judaism. As I followed his journey, it was hard not to become more respectful, knowledgeable, and appreciative of different religions, including my own, alongside Jacobs. At the same time, it was perfect for making me question some of the laws of the Bible that I had not considered thoroughly. The reader is forced to dive right in with him.

'What are you Reading?' is a book review column brought to you by Nativity's Spiritual Development Committee. Please let us know what you are reading by contacting:

maryjohnson2@knology.net or lpmalonepi@gmail.com.







### **Open-air Market and Artisan Alley**

Thursdays: 4:00 - 8:00pm

### The Greene Street Market Store

Monday - Wednesday, Friday: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Thursday: 2:00 - 8:00pm







# A Clergy Note from The Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan

# The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray Elected 11th Bishop of Easton

For several months, since our friend Santosh was nominated to become the Eleventh Bishop of the Diocese of Easton, there have been two recurring questions: "Do you think he'll be elected?" and "What happens to the Diocese of Alabama if he is?"

My answer to the first question is simple: whether he's elected depends on how much sense the Diocese of Easton has. Earlier today, Santosh Marray was elected on the third ballot to be the next Bishop of Easton. We will celebrate his and Lynn's life and ministry among us with joy and style before long, but for now I want to congratulate them and the Diocese of Easton.

So what happens here? The answer to the second question is not quite so simple: We'll miss Santosh and Lynn, and we'll continue to trust God and be about God's work of love and reconciliation. Eventually we will find another Assistant Bishop, or elect a Suffragan or a Coadjutor, but those are complicated processes that will come after considerable prayer and conversation. Today we give thanks to God for our friends Santosh and Lynn, and offer our prayers as they start this new adventure in the ministry of our Lord.

Thanks be to God!

### Nativity's Prayer Shawl Ministry Creating a tangible form of love and comfort



Members (l to r): Jimmy Lou Horton, Betty Fletcher, Karen Scriven, Inez Parker, Gail Brown celebrate Karen's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday

"As long as there is a shawl - give them out" is the prayer shawl ministry's goal

Every Tuesday for the last 9 years, this devoted group meets to create prayer shawls as a group. Karen, alone, has made 73 shawls! When a shawl is completed, it is blessed by the group and is ready for anyone in the parish to deliver to the recipient. Shawls are available in the church office.

The Prayer Shawl ministry meets each Tuesday from 1:00-3:00pm in the church library. Anyone and everyone is welcome to join the group. No knitting or crocheting skills are necessary – they will teach you!

### Father Andy Anderson's Sabbatical. He shared his plans in the June 1 Steeple:

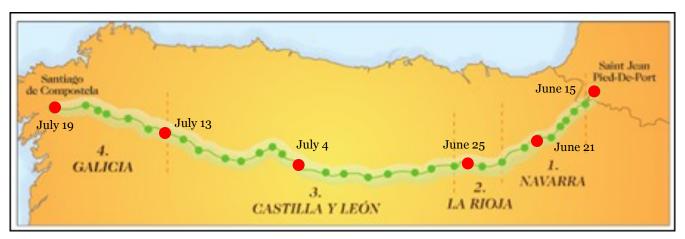
"The focus of my Sabbatical is walking the ancient Christian pilgrimage path, the Camino de Santiago (the Way of St. James) in the north of Spain. Flying to Madrid June 13, I begin the traditional *camino frances* in St. Jean Pied de Port in France June 15. It's about 495 miles to Santiago."

His full article is available in our **Steeple archives**.

### The Legend of Santiago de Compostela (St. James of the Field of Stars)

The name Santiago in Spanish refers St. James, one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus who was also the brother of John and one of the Sons of Zebedee, *the sons of thunder*. He is also referred to as James the Great, contrasted with James the Lesser, the brother of Jesus and the first Bishop of Jerusalem.

After Jesus' resurrection the Apostle James went on a missionary journey to northwest Spain to *Finis Terrae* or the end of the world. He then returned to Jerusalem and was martyred and beheaded by King Herod Agrippa II. His head is buried in the Armenian Cathedral of St. James in Jerusalem along with the body of St. James the Lesser. The Apostle James' body was taken by his disciples and transported back to Spain and buried there in secret in a wood. The legend also includes the story that James' disciples placed his body in a stone boat and launched the boat into the Mediterranean and the boat ended up in Spain and angels buried him.



In the 9<sup>th</sup> century the hermit *Pelayo*, while meditating in the woods, saw a shining star. Pelayo had a vision that St. James was buried there. The place was then named, *Campus Stella*, or Field of the Star, later known as Compostela. Bishop Teodomoro asked for an investigation of the vision and the tomb of the Apostle was uncovered. There a chapel was built over the tomb. Bishop Teodomoro asked to be buried there near James and his tombstone has been uncovered with the date 847.

The city of Santiago de Compostela grew around the site. The Cathedral of Santiago was later built, one of the most magnificent of Cathedrals in the world with its huge swinging incense burner. Since then, Christians have made pilgrimage to Santiago de Compestela through the centuries and it is one of the three major Christian pilgrimage destinations along with Jerusalem and Rome. St. James feast day is July 25.

After the Enlightenment, Pilgrimages weren't so popular. But about 30-40 years ago, the Camino has regained popularity as a spiritual journey and life-marking undertaking. In 2010, the movie *The Way* with Martin Sheen gives a glimpse into what the experience can be like. You may want to "Google" Camino de Santiago for further information and ideas about this powerful and transformational experience. *The way is made by walking!* 

# **2017 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 bylaws, the Vestry Nomination Committee submits a slate of proposed new Vestry members to the congregation for approval at the Annual Parish Meeting on November 13th.

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

# **HAP Sunday is July 3**



**Items Needed** 

little canned hams spaghetti sauce spaghetti noodles cereal soups canned vegetables canned beans

and toilet paper!

Thanks for all your support!

### VESTRY NOMINATION PROPOSAL

http://tinyurl.com/NativityVestry2017

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.

### **Art in the Banister Room**



# This month Patrice Michelle McCrady

My work comes to me through many hikes in the woods. My works involve pencil, watercolor paint and paper, acrylic paint as well as pen & ink. Also, wire, tubing and wood is used to house and structure the paper to a truer form.

michelle.mccrady67@yahoo.com

### PRAYER REQUESTS

### We pray for those whom prayers have been requested:

Fr. Dan McKee, Roy Gowman, Bob Ward, Gene Sullivan, Lee Kinzer May, Charlie Lyle, Bess Smith, Kim Tycer, Rick Barnett, David Reynolds, Betty Gerlach, Bob Adams, Claude Boykin, Anna Post, Martha Joffrion, Claire Johnston, Leigh Wahl, Warren Vann, Avery Tincher, Millie Byram, Jacob Brown, Becky Sodikoff, Marion Schroeder, Gloria Hyatt, Bob Hale, Katherine White, Elsie Olsen

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

Cora Anne Putt, daughter of Nina & Jim Putt; granddaughter of Janis Miskelly; great granddaughter of Anne Paelian, born on June 14th

### We pray for the departed:

Dora Gilbert, grandmother of Camille Sommer

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

US Army, Guice Moore

US Navy, Kenneth Vandervoort

US Navy, Jesse Teal

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

6/15 Joshua Huskey	6/15	Ian Artrip	6/15	Kate Miller	6/19 Sims Windham
6/21 Aerin Watts	6/22	Lillie Markwalter	6/23	Vivienne Shedd	6/23 Chase Howell
6/25 Matilda Smith	6/25	Sarah Thompson	6/26	Laura Kamelchuk	6/26 Jackson Grelier
6/27 Mhairi Kerr	6/28	Charles Ayres	6/28	Katherine Hunter	7/3 Fin O'Halloran
7/3 Eamonn O'Halloran	7/5	Alexander Cahue			

Parish Financial Report - Period Ending 5/31/2016							
	CURRENT MONTH	BUDGET for PERIOD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD			
Pledges Received	77,247.07	103,610.56	484,489.57	529,721.11			
Plate	8,274.26	7,083.33	33,350.32	35,416.69			
Other Revenues	9,457.68	10,293.01	33,736.79	49,955.93			
TOTAL	94,979.01	120,986.90	551,576.68	615,093.73			
Diocesan, School of							
Theology, & Outreach	20,118.88	24,864.82	98,672.47	127,448.52			
Personnel	68,416.29	71,250.00	372,127.86	356,250.00			
Other Expenses	18,206.68	24,949.54	106,750.67	130,906.01			
TOTAL	106,741.85	121,064.36	577,551.00	614,604.53			
NET \$	(11,762.84)	\$ (77.46)	\$ (25,974.32)	\$ 489.20			

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 Tuesda**y of each month, beginning at 5:30pm in Joffrion Hall, 2nd Floor, East (J2E).

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#### STEEPLE SCHEDULE

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

gsommer@nativity-hsv.org

The deadline for the next issue is Tuesday 9:00am, July 5th

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#### AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

A member of the clergy is always on call. 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 the main phone 256.533.2455 to leave a message for a priest to respond.

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### 2016 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.

ı	Your Name:	
	Phone #:	
i	Would you share a dedication?	
Ì	Do you wish to have your name listed in the bulletin?	
ı	Please be specific - circle your desired dedication be	elow:

All dedications read

"To the glory of God and...

in loving memory of...

in thanksgiving for...

Date desired.

in celebration of...

Name for this altar flower dedication:

June 15 2016

**Available** 

**Dedication** 

**Dates** 

July 10

August 28

November 27

December

4, 11, 18