

THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

September 7, 2016

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.

Returning with Gratitude and Renewed Vision

Back home from an amazing journey as a pilgrim on the Camino de Santiago, I am reminded of T. S. Eliot's words from *Four Quartets*: ***We shall not cease from our exploring, and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time.*** On pilgrimage, we are intentional about the deep movement of God's Spirit in our lives, in the lives of our fellow travelers, and in the world. We pray with our feet. We pray in community with our fellow pilgrims. We pray with the saints in whose footsteps we tread, connecting collective sacred memory and place to God's future.

And that is why we arrive from where we started and know the place for the first time. It is so good to be home at Nativity! I return with the fresh eyes and a renewed heart of gratitude for our community as God's pilgrim people at the Church of the Nativity. I am so grateful for the many gifts of our clergy, staff, vestry leaders, and of all of you who give so generously of your time and resources to enable God's future. When you leave to go on pilgrimage, you have to trust God's presence at work in others, letting go. Detachment is a great spiritual discipline for knowing what is essential and enduring.

The Pilgrimage journey of the Camino de Santiago enables community. Travelling light, with humility and vulnerability, we recognize our deep need for others along the way. One of the greatest gifts of the Camino is the people you meet from all over the world. Everyone has a compelling story to share and honesty is instantaneous. People share freely of their possessions: money, food, sun screen, water, foot cream, moleskin, ibuprofen, wine! But more importantly, people are freed to share their hearts—their pain, their struggles, their joys and encouraging words, their hopes. We somehow are patient and caring enough that language barriers fall away to understanding. It's the way the world should...could be.

It's the way the church strives to be. This strength of community and our unity in spite of walls that could divide breaks through at Nativity. We call it the Kingdom of God. This is where we can see ourselves anew and know the place for the first time. One of the questions that lays a foundation for the amazing community formed on the Camino is "Why are you walking?" What are you hoping will happen in your life when by making this journey? It's a good question for us all.

About two weeks into the Camino—after your heart has been overwhelmed by the beauty of Spain, the kindness of the people, the culture, customs, food, wine, and even the physical difficulties that just about everyone meets—walking into the town of Najerra these poetic words are written on a wall:

Dust and mud, sun and rain, such is the way to Santiago. Thousands of pilgrims and more than a thousand years. Pilgrim: who calls you? What hidden power attracts you? ...It is not the beauty of Navarra, nor the wine of Rioja, nor the seafood of Galicia, nor the fields of Castilla. Pilgrim, who is it calls you? What unseen power attracts you? ...It is not the history, nor the culture. Not the rooster of the Calzado, nor the palace of Gaudi, nor the castle of Ponferrada. All that is seen in passing, and it is a joy to see it all, is still less than the voice that calls...The power that pushes me...Only He who is above understands it!

God's Spirit and presence deep within calls us to the Camino journey. All are seeking God's presence in some way, seeking something larger than what we've known, even if we don't have the language to name it. This common search unites us into a loving, caring community of fellow travelers. We journey in thanksgiving, in penitence seeking mercy, in knowing the joy of grace and creation, in finding and claiming hope for the future. And this is what unites us at Nativity into a loving, serving, praying, growing, giving community. God's voice in Christ calls us together and pushes us into God's future.

Our extravagant God understands our deepest needs and does not count or measure, but just pours and pours grace upon grace into our lives and world. We discover together, we live in a God created cosmos shot through with care and love. And so let us begin our church year anew with gratitude and renewed vision, seeing each other and God's love uniting us as for the first time!

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CHURCH
OF THE
NATIVITY,
EPISCOPAL

Est. 1843

Worship Schedule (* Nursery available)

SUNDAY

7:45 Rite I

Holy Eucharist
(Bibb Chapel)

*8:45am Rite II
Holy Eucharist
Children's Chapel

*11:00am Rite II
Holy Eucharist

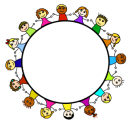
WEDNESDAY

Noon

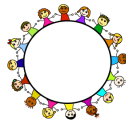
Holy Eucharist
& Healing
(Bibb Chapel)

THURSDAY

6:00pm Rite II
Holy Eucharist
(Bibb Chapel)



Children's Formation



Please make sure you have registered your child for Sunday School

Our theme for children's formation this year: Bible Mosaic. Each class will study the Bible in their own way, but all will have the same goal: learning about God's love for all of us.

Register online at:

tiny.cc/nathsvSSRegister

Contact: Mary Coe

mcoe@nativity-hsv.org



Wednesday, September 28 - 5:30pm

Family Spaghetti Night

at Nativity

Nursery by reservation
through the church office
256-533-2455



BINGO Fun for Everyone!

Wednesday, September 28th ~ dinner 5:30; BINGO @ 6:00 pm.
\$5.00 per person; \$20 max per family; reservations requested but not required

All-ages bingo following dinner.

As always, dinner reservations are appreciated but not required. The nursery is available for ages 4 and under (reservations required)

\$5 per person - \$20 family maximum

**Reservations: call the Church Office
(256.533.2455)**

Youth Notes: September 25th:

Nativity is hosting the Tennessee Valley Youth Day in Ridley Hall from 2:00-4:00pm

Regular EYC that day is **CANCELLED** so everyone can attend this fun event!

While you are proclaiming peace on your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart. If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion

St. Francis Day and Pet Blessing



Sunday
September 25

Visit from St. Francis during 8:45 Service

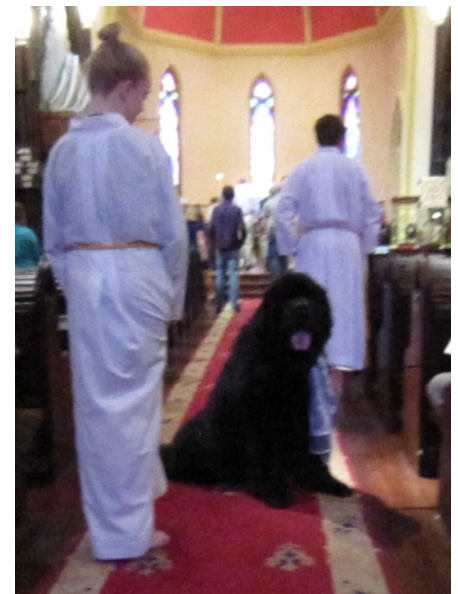
Pet Blessing in Courtyard following 8:45 service

Pet food and towel collection for Humane Society

All happily leashed or carrier-contained pets are welcome

If you haven't been to St. Francis Day at Nativity:

- + Pets are welcome in the Sanctuary for the 8:45 service.
- + Although rare, accidents can happen. Cleanup supplies are available if needed.
- + It is a joyous, active service.



Monthly Men's Breakfast

Tuesday, Sep 13, *Suggested donation \$5*
6:30am Simple Eucharist, Bibb Chapel
7:00am Breakfast with guest speaker



2017 VESTRY NOMINATIONS

**Sunday, September 11th
is the nomination deadline!**

VESTRY NOMINATION PROPOSAL

tiny.cc/nathsvVestry2017

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.

Organ Recital

Paul Thomas

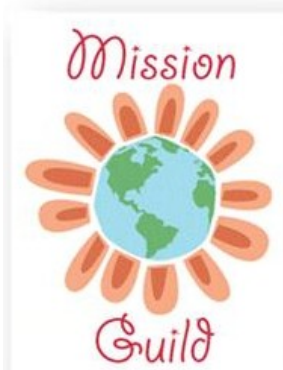


Works by: Demessieux, Bach, Whitlock and Vierende

Friday, September 9th 2016
7:30pm

A Friends of Music Event

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, EPISCOPAL ~ 208 EUSTIS AVENUE SE ~ HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA 35801



The oldest guild at Nativity with roots back to 1898, invites all women of the Church for coffee.

**Monday, September 19
10:00am
In the Library**

Please help us continue our long history of service.

For information call
Joan East 256-325-1418
Jimmy Lou Horton 256-883-0175

The Mission Guild offers women of Nativity a way to come together in spirit to focus on, and provide, monetary support for groups and organizations.

A major strength of the Mission Guild is its diverse membership and the fellowship that it offers

DOK FALL RETREAT

September 10, 2016

**Reservations accepted
through September 8th**

9:00am to 2:30pm
Library & Bibb Chapel
Church of the Nativity

Contact: Meb Shaw

Email: msmbs@hughes.net

Phone: 256-773-0524

Come and spend the morning learning the Spiritual Practice of ACTIVE PRAYER.

Sue Miller will teach us on ACTIVE PRAYER to enhance our daily life.

After lunch, Pat Sampson will teach us how to make prayer beads and how to use them. There will be beads available but please feel free to BYOB (bring your own beads).

Men's Breakfast Cooks



Do you:

- . Like to cook?
- . Enjoy fellowship with other men?
- . Get up early, even on Sunday?

Then We Need You!

To start cooking or for more info: Fisher Hutchens 256.533.5041



What Are You Reading? *Bettyville* by George Hodgman

Contributed by: Liz Laney

In my recent journey through care and death of my mother, I have found companionship in the memoirs of other people on the same path. (I wonder why it is always only children, like me, who write these.) I have given away several copies of my favorite: *Bettyville* by George Hodgman, and if I haven't already given you one, I recommend it now.

George's story sounds like it will be predictably heartwarming— a 50-something, sophisticated New York editor returns home to rural Missouri to care for his cantankerous 90 year old mother. By the way, neither of them has acknowledged the fact that George is gay. Sounds like a sitcom, doesn't it?

George's observations are laugh-out-loud funny as he returns to his hometown and teenage room, where there might still be a "toenail from high school" stuck in the "last shag carpet left in America." Betty, the foil for his humor, is the mother who taught him to drive fast and sing pop songs on the way. She plays the organ at the Methodist church, loves her daily gin and tonic, and "hasn't had a successful hair appointment since 1945." His portrait of Betty is loving, colorful, and hysterical.

The chapters alternate between the current caregiving — trips to the doctor, lunches at possible assisted living places, services at the church where George grew up — and startlingly honest memories of a childhood when George learned to live a divided life and the whole family learned to cope with the sad consequences of not trusting those we love most with our true selves. Gradually, daily acts of caring, conversation, and humor bring mother and son into a deeper acceptance. *Bettyville* is ultimately a story of reconciliation and love that can bridge the red state-blue state, liberal-conservative, gay-straight divides.



'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:

Mary Johnson maryjohnson2@knology.net or Laura Malone lpmalonepi@gmail.com

Bridge at Nativity

Fridays, 1:00-3:00pm,
Starting September 9th



Playing Bridge is a great social activity and an excellent strategy game that is a whole lot of fun! Four people are needed per table to play the game and two decks of cards are needed per table. If you already have a playing group, come join us on Friday.

On Sept. 9, in the Club 56 room (2nd floor, Ridley Hall), we'll begin along with discussing the details (i.e., card tables if needed, cards, snacks, etc.). Everyone is welcome and you do not have to be a member of Nativity to participate! So, bring your friends and join in the fun.

For those learning the game, We are using the American Standard Study Guides by Audrey Grant, American Bridge Teacher Association.

All levels of expertise are welcome, as is mentoring. Our goal is to learn to play by the SAME rules in the Audrey Grant books. Therefore, we will only be scoring and playing by The American Standard Rules.

Contact: Dottie Crawford (334-624-3388)
dotcrawford2@gmail.com.

*Book One: Bridge Basics - An Introduction \$11.95.
We have read this book, but are still learning how to implement the rules. Please read this book if you are new to bridge.

*Book Two: Bridge Basics - Competitive Bidding
\$11.95

*Book Three : Bridge Basics - Popular Conventions
\$11.95

*Bridge at a Glance - Expanded Version - Quick Reference \$9.95 (This is used throughout the game for now)

Books can be ordered from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, or Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies 800-274-2221



FALL 2016 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPEAKER SERIES

Our series starts on the 2nd Wednesday this year.

"RE-ENERGIZING THE CHURCH"

Join us for dinner and wonderful speakers
presenting topics to stir your thoughts!

5:30 pm – Dinner
6:00 pm – Speaker

Oct. 12 – *What's ahead?*

How does the church go forward?

The Rev. Henry Hudson – Priest Associate -- St. Paul's Episcopal - Selma, AL (Recently retired Rector -- Trinity Episcopal Church – New Orleans, LA and former Church of the Nativity Associate)

Oct. 19 – *How does our ministry of hospitality have greater impact?*

The Rev. Paul Pradat – Rector – St. Thomas Episcopal – Huntsville, AL

Oct. 26 – *How do we strengthen our interfaith relationships?*

Dr. Daniel Schenker – Recently retired UAH Professor of English

Dinner reservations appreciated
Nursery reservations required

Make dinner reservations by calling the Church Office (256.533.2455) by Noon, Monday.

Sponsored by the Spiritual Development Committee

Huntsville Assistance Program (HAP) Items Needed



soup
spaghetti sauce
pasta
cereal
ANY VEGETABLES

Thanks for all your support!

WELCOMING WEEK 2016



CONNECTING NEIGHBORS
SERVING COMMUNITIES

Welcoming Week is an annual series of community events, bringing together immigrants and U.S.-born residents in a spirit of unity to raise awareness of the benefits of welcoming everyone!

Last year, there were 245 Welcoming Week events in over 80 communities, connecting over 22,000 people.

Huntsville's own Interfaith Mission Services will be participating in an event on Saturday, September. 17th

7th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL of North ALABAMA



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

9:30AM -
5:00PM

@ The UAH
Fitness Center

500 John Wright Dr. NW
Huntsville, AL 35805

International Cuisine | Food Trucks
Countries Exhibition | Open Air Market
Live Music | Children's Activities



For more info contact:
Belinda Ong | ongb@uah.edu | 256.824.6432



The International Society of Huntsville promotes Northern Alabama's International Community through cultural, educational, and social programs.

What does
40,000 lbs of
potatoes look like?



The Great
Potato Drop
Sat * Sept 24th
Starting at 9:00 am

in the parking lot of
Faith Presbyterian
5003 Whitesburg Dr
Huntsville

HOW CAN I HELP?

Help is needed to make bags, fill bags, move bags, and load bags into trucks for delivery to local feeding agencies
There are jobs for ALL ages and physical abilities

BRING...your water bottle, jacket, chair,
family & friends to make your morning count
as you reach out and help feed hungry people!

Sponsored by Faith Presbyterian Church, The Society of St. Andrew
Gleaning Project and the Food Bank of North Alabama.

For more information, contact Krista Lovell, Mission Coordinator
at Faith Presbyterian Church (kristalovell@comcast.net)
www.presby.org * Facebook: Faith Presbyterian Church



Blossomwood Elementary Snack-Pack Program



Volunteer opportunities begin Today!

As we begin this wonderful ministry, we still want your help decorating and writing encouraging notes to put in the snack packs during September.

Cards can be picked up at the church office or in the Ridley Hall foyer. Any notes you write should be signed simply, "Your Nativity Neighbor."

Completed cards need to be returned by Sunday, September 11th. If you have already signed up to help with this ministry, **thank you**, we will be sending out volunteer times and opportunities through email next week to everyone on our mailing list! There is still time to participate!

Contact Vicky Hinton noregrets1@comcast.net for information on how to get involved.

Blossomwood is a partner with
Nativity's Outreach Ministry

STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

As we begin a new church school year and the fall season, let's take time to look at some thoughts on care of God's creation from a variety of spiritual and faith leaders and what part we, *each one of us*, has in it:

"The first law of our being is that we are set in a delicate network of interdependence with our fellow human beings and with the rest of God's creation."

Desmond Tutu, in *God has a Dream*

"The Bible makes clear a basic truth that we self-centered humans find difficult to accept, namely, that the natural universe was not created primarily for us. There is no doubt that God wants us to enjoy and even use its resources to optimize a good life for ourselves. But the ultimate purpose of creation is worship. Nature and all living things were created to glorify God."

Tony Campolo, in *Carpe Diem*

"The family needs a home, a fit environment in which to develop its proper relationships. For the human family, this home is the earth, the environment that God the creator has given us to inhabit with creativity and responsibility. We need to care for the environment; it has been entrusted to men and women to be protected and cultivated with responsible freedom, with the good of all as a constant guiding criterion."

Pope Benedict XVI, at 2007 World Day of Peace message

"We cannot be all that God wants us to be without caring about the earth."

Rick Warren, pastor and author
The Purpose Driven Life

"How we treat the earth and all of creation defines the relationship that each of us has with God....To commit a crime against the natural world is a sin. For humans to cause species to become extinct and destroy the biological diversity of God's creation... for humans to degrade the integrity of Earth by causing changes in its climate, by stripping the Earth of its natural forests, or destroying its wetlands... for humans to injure other humans with disease...for humans to contaminate the Earth's waters, its land, its air, and its life, with poisonous substances, these things are sins."

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, in Remarks at the Symposium on Religion, Science and the Environment

"The growing possibility of our destroying ourselves and the world with our own neglect and excess is tragic and very real."

Billy Graham, in *Approaching Hoofbeats*

"Around the world, we can see the results of exploitation which destroys much without taking future generations into account. Today, all men have a duty to show themselves worthy of the mission given them by the Creator by ensuring the safekeeping of that creation."

Pope John Paul II

In the coming weeks we'll explore more thoughts on Care of Creation and practical ways we can be good stewards of God's creation.

CREATION - Let's Take Care of It
The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Genesis 2:5



Click or tap anywhere in this block to register

Labyrinth Walk

Celebration

9/11 Honor Walk
Remember. Heal. Celebrate.

September 11, 2016

U.S. Space & Rocket Center

2:00 - 5:00pm

To register, please visit rocketcenter.com/honorwalk

pre-registration is free or tickets may be purchased at the door
Registration includes free admission to U.S. Space & Rocket Center

Adult Sunday Classes

Starting September 11th, 10:00am

What is the Preacher Talking About? A Lectionary-Based Bible Study

Each Sunday we hear various readings from the Bible. Taken from both the Old and New Testament following a pattern called the Common Revised Lectionary. We will look deeper into the readings chosen for that day to get a better understanding of what they meant for those hearing them long ago as well as the meaning for us today.

Fr. Rusty McCown and Paul Bonner
Bibb Chapel

The Breakfast Club

We will be studying 'PARABLES' referencing two books: *Kingdom, Grace, Judgment: Paradox, Outrage, and Vindication in the Parables of Jesus* by Robert Farrar Capon and *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming* by Henri J. M. Nouwen.

Amy Creech & Emily Rodgers Joffrion Hall 2 West

The Social Justice Class

We will discuss the book, *We Make the Road by Walking: A Year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation* by Brian D. McLaren. Each short chapter takes key Bible passages as a reference point, providing brief analysis and ending with six discussion questions. One Sunday each month we will have a guest speaker dedicated to issues relevant to our community.

Harvey Cotten, Melissa Kirkindall, Freya Neely, and Bill Starnes
Banister room

The Book Class

This year we are following-up Amy-Jill Levine's visit to Huntsville with a study of one of her more accessible books, *The Meaning of the Bible: What the Jewish Scriptures and Christian Old Testament Can Teach Us* by Douglas A. Knight and Amy-Jill Levine, discussing the Jewish world view underpinning the Bible

Weekly discussion leaders

Ridley Hall (Fall), TBD (Spring)

The Zimmerman Bible Study Class

The class will be studying the letters of Paul, in the order that they were written. We have an extraordinary core group that teaches, and plan to have guest teachers as well.

Gaines Watts, Virginia Kobler, and Elise Taylor

Youth Sunday Classes

7th & 8th graders and 10th-12th high schoolers

Will be using the Seasons curriculum, which is based on our lectionary, the Scripture readings for Sunday worship.

7th & 8th graders will meet upstairs in Ridley
High schoolers will meet in the EYC Loft

9th graders

Who wish to be confirmed in May 2017 will meet in the small classroom on the second floor (Please Note: 9th graders not desiring confirmation are welcome to attend the high school class.)



Hollywood comes to Birmingham Saturday, October 15

You are cordially invited to a day-long event hosted by the Department of Recovery Ministries addressing topics surrounding addiction and recovery. The event is open to everyone and will take place at **St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Birmingham** beginning at **10:00 a.m.** with a recovery-themed Eucharist later that afternoon.

Two keynoters, Michael O'Keefe and Travis Meadows, will speak to the impact of addiction in their lives. **O'Keefe** is an actor best known for his role as Ben Meecham in *The Great Santini* and Danny Noonan in *Caddyshack*, and also an accomplished songwriter and author. **Meadows** is a singer/songwriter from Nashville, Tennessee who describes himself as 'an orphan who turned into a preacher, a preacher who turned into a songwriter, a songwriter that turned into a drunk and a drunk that is learning to be a human being.'

Morning and afternoon workshops will round out the day. Register by using the following link:
<https://secure-q.net/EventQ/Event/Info?OrgID=dioala&EventID=2835>.

Weekday Bible Studies

Starting Soon

Reflections Bible Study

Class begins Thursday, September 8,
9:30–11:00am, Joffrion Hall 2 East (J2E)

We will begin our year with *Entrusted*, a new six-week course on 2 Timothy by Beth Moore. . The participant workbook is available for pre-order from Amazon or Lifeway.

Class facilitators are: Connie Stephenson, Kim Hartley, Lisa Caprio, Shelly Whitney, and Debbie Collette. Contact Debbie Collette, 256.830.2451 for information or to register.

The Good Book Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays - September through early May,
1:00-2:30pm, Joffrion Hall Library

Leaders: Marty Askins, Susan Morley.

Contact: Carole Sue Goodwin, 256.534.4477 for information or to register

High-School Girls Bible Study

Starting Wednesday Sept. 14, 5:00pm, EYC Loft

Leaders: Rebecca Epps and assisted by Retta Bonner.

Ongoing

Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

September through early May, 7:15am,
Joffrion Hall Library

Contact: Fr. Andy Anderson, 256.533.2455

Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study

Through September 21st, 6:00–7:00pm, Joffrion Hall Library

A study of The Old Testament by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. A good follow-up to her visit to Huntsville!

Leader: Mtr. Basye Holland-Shuey

Contact: Lane Tutt -256-653-7200

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, 1:00-3:00pm, Joffrion Hall Library

No knitting or crocheting skills are necessary – we will teach you!

Contact: Gail Brown 256.880.1149

Centering Prayer

Tuesday – 5:30pm, Thursday – Noon, Bibb Chapel

Contact: Brenda Chynoweth, 256.464.9457

Acolyte Schedule - September 2016

There are just a few of you who did not make it on to the schedule at all due to one less early service--not to worry, I'll make sure you're on the schedule next month. As usual, we have fewer acolytes that request the 11:00 service, so some of you are scheduled twice this month or have 2 compatible positions in the same service. Thanks for doing double duty!

Sept 11 "RETURN TO REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE"

8:45 A/M Nutt

C Katherine Hunter, Simms Windham

T Anna Katherine Ayres, Ellie Walker

T Van Dodgen, Clay Walker

S Alice Malone

AS Emery Windham

11:00 A/M Sherrill

C Jack Benton Stockton*, Dylan Chenoweth

T Evans Bryant, Betsy Bryant

T Sadie Anglin, Laura Kate Evans

S Jack Benton Stockton

AS Margaret Bryant

Sept 18

8:45 A/M Sherrill

C Cameron Pinson, Sidney Gunter

T Will Pinson, Cooper Gunter

T Elizabeth Rainey, Lucy Ellis

S Sam Hartley

AS Jed Rainey

11:00 A/M Nutt

C Bankston Creech, John Sadler Evans

T Nannette Aboudonia, Gertrude Aboudonia

T Madelyn Alison, Mary Ellis Alison

S Ella Jane Duncan*

AS Mary Maddox Creech

Sept 25

8:45 A/M M Ward

C Ireland Braudaway, Bailey Morrison

T Alex Ahearn, Thomas Aldag

T Charles Warren, Sarah Whelden Hall

S Patrick Ahearn

AS Evelyn Warren

11:00 A/M Putt

C Evan Ellison, Jack Benton Stockton*

T Riley Kamelchuk

T Laura Kamelchuk

S Riley Kamelchuk

AS Laura Kamelchuk

PRAYER REQUESTS

We pray for those whom prayers have been requested:

Mildred Lane, Claire Johnston, Paloma Maria, Phyllis Beck, Betty Anne Councill, Hubert Fowler, Dick Gragg, Rick Barnett, Betty Gerlach, Claude Boykin, Jody Mowrer, Paige Fague, Fr. Dan McKee, Bess Smith, Kim Tyser, David Reynolds, Bob Adams, Bob Hale, Katherine White, Leigh Wahl, Elsie Olsen

We pray for a birth:

Thorin Sky Colin, son of Denver & Shiree Colin, great-grandson of Skip & Nancy Colin. Born September 1st in Hinesville, Georgia.

We pray for those attending Cursillo #204 this weekend at Camp McDowell

Pilgrim: Paige Beitel

Staff: Bob & Peggy Serio

We pray for the departed:

Bill Wilkinson, parishioner

Mary Kathryn "Kate" Holt Russell, aunt of Anita Hutchison

Richard Rhoades

Francis Duncan, aunt of Michael Shipley

We pray for those deployed/serving with the Military:

Afghanistan, Doug Faith

US Army Special Forces, Major Wes Williams

US Navy, Kenneth Vandervoort

US Navy, Jesse Teal

We give thanks for birthdays of our children:

9/8	Tate Dollman	9/9	Mary Ceil McClung	9/9	Samantha Rowe	9/12	Micah Watts
9/13	Parker Ellis	9/14	Sara Hutchens	9/15	Lillian Retzke	9/19	Jefferson Retzke

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Please print all information

Two dates left for 2016! ~ December 4th & 18th

Date desired: _____

Your Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Would you share a dedication? Yes No

Do you wish to have your name listed in the bulletin? Yes No

Name for this altar flower dedication: _____

If you have questions, you may call Andrea at (256) 539-2673.

(\$40 or \$20 for shared dedications)

Please make your check payable to:

Nativity Flower Guild

Please check your desired dedication:

- ☐ To the glory of God and...
- ☐ In loving memory of...
- ☐ In thanksgiving for...
- ☐ In celebration of...

Mail your form and check to:

Andrea Vandervoort
434 Locust Ave
Huntsville, AL 35801

WORSHIP SCHEDULE September 2016, published 8/24/16; updated 9/6/16 by clg

THURSDAY, September 1, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Anderson	Farr	

SUNDAY, September 4, 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (McCown – out)	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	Anderson	Farr	Don Lambert	Don Lambert	Don Lambert
10:00 am	Anderson	Farr	Basye Holland-Shuey, Ralph Shuey, Virginia Kobler	Mike Innes, Ronnie Rogers	Deborah Baker

WEDNESDAY, September 7, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	McCown		Cheryl Watts

THURSDAY, September 8, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Anderson		Don Lambert

SUNDAY, September 11, 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Anderson		Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson
8:45 am	McCown	Anderson	Charlie Warren, Robert Dunn	Buddy Moon	Joan East
11:00 am	McCrickard	Anderson	Hanns Billmeyer, Rich Goodwin	Chris Jackson, Robbie Shafer	Rhonwyn Watson

WEDNESDAY, September 14, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	McCrickard		Joan East

THURSDAY, September 15, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	McCown		Sally Ann Culver

SUNDAY, September 18, 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	McCown		Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett
8:45 am	Anderson	McCown	Basye Holland Shuey, Lee Hicklen	Stacy Moon	Clay Sherrill
11:00 am	Anderson	McCown	Sally Ann Culver, Walter Thames	Fred Beck, Mary Johnson	Martha Bosworth

WEDNESDAY, September 21, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Holland-Shuey		Lea Ann Barnett

THURSDAY, September 22, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Anderson		

SUNDAY, September 25, 19th Sunday after Pentecost – St. Francis Sunday

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Anderson		Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett
8:45 am	Anderson	St. Francis	Bob Serio, Mike Ward	Lee Hicklen	Melissa Kirkindall
11:00 am	McCrickard	Anderson	Peter Cobun, Gary Rasponi	Marcia Cobun, Rhonwyn Watson	Virginia Kobler

WEDNESDAY, September 28, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	McCown		Joan East

THURSDAY, September 29, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	McCrickard		

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8:00/8:45	Josh Kelly, Jeff Ellis, Tom Ford, Melissa Helton, Bill Joyner, Gripp Luther, Grant Thomson
10:00/11:00	Jeff Dortch, Jim Douthit, Bobbie Graham, Cheryl Watts, Gaines Watts

ALTAR GUILD

3	Judy Vann, Judy Heacock, Nancy Colin, Anne Carter
10	Sara Little, Linda Watts, Rebecca Brothers, Gail Brown, Sue Johnson
17	Emily Moody, Debbie Joyner, Mary Johnson, Beth Pugh, Jewell Reynolds
24	Connie Stephenson, Rose Anne Shearer, Sophia Rowe, Lea Ann Barnett, Judy Vann
1	Judy Heacock, Nancy Colin, Wanda Cobb, Caffey Litkenhous, Linda Watts

CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE

August 29 – September 4	September 5 – 11	September 12 – 18	September 19 – 25	September 26 – October 2
Anderson	Anderson	McCown	McCrickard	McCrickard

STEEPLE SCHEDULE

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Upcoming Events at a Glance

September

- 9th FOM Concert ~ Paul Thomas, Organ..... 7:30pm
- 11th Regular Sunday Worship Schedule begins ... 7:45, *8:45 & *11:00am
*First day of Sunday School, all ages..... 10:00am
- 25th *St. Francis Sunday/Blessing of the Pets8:45am
No Children's Chapel
Tennessee Valley Youth Day at Nativity (No EYC)..... 2:00pm
- 28th *Family Spaghetti Dinner (Ridley Hall)..... 5:30pm
Nursery reservations required

October

- 1st Diocesan Ordination Service for Vocational Deacons,
Cathedral Church of the Advent in Birmingham 10:00am
- 2nd No Children's Chapel or Children's Sunday School
Fall Break

Starting Oct 12th

*Wednesdays in October - Dinner & a guest speaker
(Nursery reservations required)

*Nursery available

September 7, 2016