THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

October 19, 2016



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.

My Stewardship Story - Lee Hicklen

My introduction to Outreach at Nativity came at our Ministry Fair in 2006. Rev. Mary Anne Akin pulled me aside and introduced me to Gayla Kidd from the Huntsville Assistance Program (HAP). After our "conversation," Mary Anne asked me to be the Alternate HAP representative and to drive Ruth Anne Haymes to the monthly board meetings. When I agreed, she then replied, "GREAT, you are also now a member of the Outreach Committee!"

Now, 10 years later, I can say, without hesitation, that getting involved in Outreach at Nativity has been the most rewarding thing I have ever done. And, we have come a long way in 10 years. From a committee that met 2-3 times a year to write checks, we are now a finely-tuned organization



In addition to your donations, Nativity's Outreach Committee was happy to purchase \$1,000 in diapers for the DHR Foster Children.

that tracks every dollar spent and schedules disbursements throughout the year.

We begin every meeting with a reading from Matthew 25 that concludes with the well -known quote "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Your pledge response every year, is what allows Outreach at Nativity to happen. Your Vestry has worked diligently over the past several years to meet their commitment to fund Outreach at 10% of Pledge and Plate. And, it is you, the members of the Parish who determine our Outreach Budget each year. We are only limited by the extent of your generosity.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 26:11, "You will always have the poor among you." And James tells us in Chapter 1, Verse 27, "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress..." We ARE the hands and feet of Christ on the earth. We absolutely need your pledge dollars, but we also need your time and talent. I challenge you this year, as you prayerfully consider your financial commitment for 2017, to also consider making a commitment to use your time and talent to support one of the MANY Outreach Ministries. From a Meals on Wheels delivery one day a month or stopping by the Oscar Mason Library to help a child with their homework occasionally, I promise you; you won't regret it!

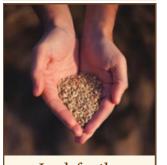
The Outreach Committee meets the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm in the Banister Room. We would be thrilled to have you join us to learn more about how you can help share the Good News of The Gospel with those who are not as fortunate as we.

"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me in. I needed clothes, and you clothed me. I was sick, and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."



CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, EPISCOPAL

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Look for the
Annual Campaign
calendars
throughout the
Church.

Each day shows one of the many programs that are part of our life here at Nativity

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LIVING GENEROUSLY







Please join us for Trunk or Treat...

- Trunk sign up here
- Families without trick or treaters, please join us with your trunk, too, so young families can take their trick or treaters around. We provide the candy.
 Best trunk wins reserved seats for Christmas Eve.
- Volunteer to help serve supper or monitor inflatables. <u>Sign up here</u>
- Please donate individually wrapped bags of candy.
 Donation bin on stage in Ridley Hall.
 Come have a scary good time on Greene Street!

October Family supper next Wednesday, 10/26 5.30 supper, \$5 per person, \$20 max per family. 6.00 Programs for all ages—children 4 and older, join us for Stories about Saints, Angel Lane, downstairs Ridley Hall.

Dinner and nursery reservations, <u>cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org</u> Questions, <u>mcoe@nativity-hsv.org</u>

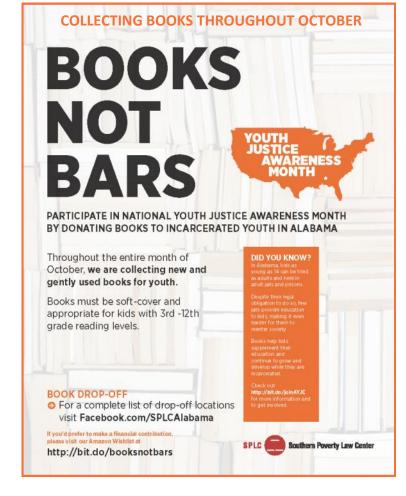
Poverty Law Center and Youth Justice Awareness Month. Youth who cannot make bail may spend up to three years in jail awaiting trial and receive little to no education during that time. Having books to read means the world to these kids. Current libraries are very limited and many books are incomplete or damaged.

Here's how you can help:

- Donate new or like new books.
- Collection bins in Ridley hall and children's Sunday school hall
- Soft cover only
- 3rd through 12th grade reading level
- Check out the Amazon wish list http://bit.do/booksnotbars

More information here:

facebook.com/SPLCAlabama/
go to the Nativity website
email mcoe@nativity-hsv.org





FALL 2016 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPEAKER SERIES

"RE-ENERGIZING THE CHURCH"

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

Tonight's Speaker (Oct 19th):

The Rev. Paul Pradat – Rector – St. Thomas Episcopal – Huntsville, AL How does our ministry of hospitality have greater impact?

Dinner: Chicken & Wild Rice (\$7)

Oct. 26 – How do we strengthen our interfaith relationships? Dr. Daniel Schenker – Recently retired UAH Professor of English

Also on October 26th

Family Supper Taco Bar (\$5 per person, \$20 family maximum)
Programs for all ages — children 4 and older,
join us for stories about Saints, Angel Lane, downstairs Ridley Hall.

Dinner: 5:30pm - Speaker: 6:00pm Dinner reservations appreciated Nursery reservations required

Dinner and nursery reservations email Connie Gadomski <u>cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org</u>
or call the Church Office (256.533.2455)

Sponsored by the Spiritual Development Ministry

ANNUAL BLANKET & COLD WEATHER GEAR DRIVE

Donation bins in Ridley Hall and the Church Office

Most of us are blessed with a warm place to sleep during the cold winter months.

Let's help those who aren't as fortunate.

Adult sizes only, please

Blankets Sleeping bags
Coats/Jackets Warm hats
Gloves/Socks Sweat shirts/pants
Thermal underwear Warm scarves



Sponsored by The North Alabama Coalition for the Homeless



The final open
Greene air Thursday
market this
year is

Market October 27th
at Nativity 3:00-6:00pm

Stay tuned for upcoming holiday markets

The Greene Street Market and Store are a part of Nativity's Outreach Ministry

Chalice Bearer (LEM-Lay Eucharistic Minister) Training Sunday, November 20th following the 11:00 service.



Chalice Bearers assist the clergy in the celebration of the Eucharist by serving the chalice to those taking communion.

Eucharist is the central act of worship in the Episcopal tradition in which we receive the body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

You must be a confirmed Episcopalian and at least 16 years of age to serve as a Chalice Bearer. If you are interested, please contact Connie in the church office.



A Service of Choral Evensong for All Saints' Sunday sung by the Nativity Choir

Sunday, November 6, 2016

at 5:00 p.m.

Douglas Guest For the Fallen

Bernard Rose Versicles, Responses, The Lord's Prayer

Charles Villiers Stanford Psalm 150

Herbert Howells Magnificat & Nunc dimittis "Collegium Regale"

Geraint Lewis The Souls of the Righteous



ALL SAINTS' MEMORIAL DEDICATIONS

All Saints' Sunday, November 6, 2016 is a splendid time to honor your loved ones by making a memorial gift in their honor.

Your gift supports the purchase of annual and

perennial plantings, shrubbery, and trees that help make the garden and our church grounds one of Huntsville's most beloved spots for respite and contemplation.

Please make your donation by **Sunday**, **October 30**th to be included in the special All Saints' Sunday Memorial Service insert.

Checks should be payable to *Church of the Nativity* with annotation, Memorial Garden Fund. If you have questions, please contact Lane Tutt (256.533.2455) <a href="https://little.com/litt

Huntsville Assistance Program (HAP)



The pantry is low on just about everything!

Items (Really) Needed:

rice canned beans of all kinds small canned hams spaghetti sauce

soups

canned vegetables (including green beans!)

cereal

bar soap boxed meals boxed potatoes

Thanks for all your support!



Thursday, November 10th, 6:00pm

At the home of Michele and Ross Hunter Enjoy food from our very own Nativity chefs plus beer and wine.

\$25 per person.

Contact: Margaret Gleason <u>msconway13@yahoo.com</u> (502.810.8558)

As we prepare for the Annual Nativity Bazaar on November 17th, we need to rearrange the majority of our "Meeting Spaces."

If you have a weekly or monthly meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 15th thru Thursday, November 17th, contact Amy Baxter 256.533.2455 x221 or abaxter@nativity-hsv.org to reschedule or cancel your meetings.

Thank you in advance for your help!!!



CRAFT & BAKE SALE BEGINS AT 10:30AM
11:15AM & 12:30PM LUNCHEON SEATINGS

Dine-in (\$18), Take-out (\$15)
For Luncheon tickets, contact Marilyn Grundy

mtgrundy@yahoo.com
(256.509.9962)



Investiture of The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray XI Bishop of Easton

On Saturday October 15th, a service of Recognition and Investiture of Bishop Marray as the 11th bishop of the Diocese of Easton was held. Bishop Kee Sloan offered the sermon.

Video of the service may be viewed here

The Order of Service is available here

STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

As we think about stewardship in our lives, here are words to help us think why stewardship of God's creation is important and how we can make it a daily focus of our intentions and actions:

Covenant for Stewardship of Creation

I believe that God made and loves the universe with all its marvelous order and the infinite complexities of living creatures.

I believe that God has given humanity the gift and responsibility of serving as stewards of creation.

I believe that our diocese encompasses a fragile ecosystem of surpassing beauty with an unusually rich diversity of plant, animal and aquatic life.

Therefore, from this day forward, I will strive to be a good steward of creation.

I will educate myself, my family, friends, and neighbors, those with whom I work, and the members of my parish.

I will advocate for wise and just environmental policy; I will provide and engage in opportunities for service in the stewardship of earth.

This is my solemn covenant.

And here is a practical action to help you put this covenant into practice...

It's that time of year again when our lawns are being covered with leaves. Instead of bagging those leaves down by the street for the city trucks to pick up and haul off, save tax dollars and fossil fuel by COMPOSTING them.

Harvey Cotten offers this idea: place the leaves in a compost bin and create a wonderful garden product, what Harvey calls "Black Gold!" Here's how: he suggests using the lawnmower, with the blades raised to the highest setting, to cut all the leaves into smaller bits. Then rake them up and put in a simple compost bin made of welded-wire fencing (12 feet long by 4 feet tall) joined with cable ties to make a cylinder. Mix in some grass or vegetable scraps and you are well on your way to making compost.

Add some garden soil for the micro-organisms and turn periodically to provide oxygen and by next spring you will have a wonderful batch of compost, "Black Gold!"

You can feel good about these benefits of recycling leaves:

- •Reduces waste going into landfills
- •Encourages improvement of soil through natural processes
- •Reduces need for fertilizer, which saves money, and also reduces the environmental impact of commercial fertilizer use

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

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Oct

26 Wednesdays in October series 5:30pm Family Supper Taco Bar

30 Trunk or Treat w/1st Presbyterian

5:30pm

Nov

All Saints' Sunday

Daylight Saving Time Ends **HAP Sunday** Nativity Choir All Saints' Evensong

5:00pm

8 Men's Breakfast w/Simple Eucharts 6:30am

10 A Taste of Nativity 6:00pm

13 Annual Parish Meeting 10:00am No adult Sunday School

- 17 Nativity's Annual Bazaar
- Friends of Music Duo-Organ Recital: 7:30pm Elizabeth LaJeunesse & Christian Crocker
- 20 Youth and Children's Sunday
- 23 Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist Noon

24-25 Church office closed (Thanksgiving holiday)

27 The Season of Advent begins

30 Family Spaghetti Supper 5:30pm Annual Campaign "Thanks for Giving" celebration **Advent Wreath Workshop**

Vestry Nomination Slate for 2017

to be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on November 13th, 10:00am



PAUL BONNER

Paul Bonner joined the Church of the Nativity with his family in the summer of 2012. He is a lifelong Episcopalian who grew up in Chattanooga, Tennessee, attended Sewanee, and worked for 30 years in education in Charlotte, NC. His time in the church has included work with youth, choir

membership, teaching adult and youth Christian Formation classes, and two terms on vestry.

At The Nativity, Paul is currently teaching an Adult Formation class with Fr. Rusty on the Lectionary. His wife, Barbara, served as the Children's Education director at Nativity and currently works with the youngest choristers. He has 3 children; Arianna, Retta, and Alec.



DON EVANS

Don Evans has been a Huntsville resident for over 50 years and a member of Nativity for about 25 years. He is a former Vestry member and served as Senior Warden. He is married to Marilyn Evans and they have three grown children; Wilson, Sarah and Alice.

Don practices Internal Medicine with The

Huntsville Clinic and has participated in some of Nativity's mission trips to Honduras and Haiti. More recently, he has helped with the Greene Street Market.

His hobbies include golf, old-time fiddle tunes, and pontoon boat-based sunset watching.



MARGARET GLEASON

Born and raised in Louisville KY, Margaret attended Centre College in Danville KY, where she received a BA in English. Upon the completion of her husband's (Jack) residency, in July of 2013, they moved to Huntsville and began attending Nativity. Margaret was confirmed the following year.

Margaret participated in renewal works and is a member of the Spiritual Development committee. She helped implement 'The Story' last year while also helping with: The Taste of Nativity, Nativity Bazaar, Trunk or Treat, and VBS.

Outside of Nativity, Margaret is an ambassador for Hudson Alpha and Lincoln Village Ministries. Margaret and Jack have five year old twins, Ellie and John, and a mutt named Mitchell



DONALD (DON) LAMBERT

Don was born in Huntsville, and baptized at First Baptist Church, but decided to become an Episcopalian after attending a single service at the Cathedral in Birmingham while in college.

He is married to Rose Mary, who is a kindergarten teacher at Highland Elementary, and has a daughter, Tess, who is an acolyte and is active in EYC. Don serves as a lector and LEM, and enjoys the high standards of music and liturgy at Nativity.

He is most likely to be found at the early service on Sunday. Don represents individuals with all kinds of issues in his law practice.



TERESA PINSON

Teresa and her late husband, Tom, were both confirmed at Nativity in 1998. Tom passed away in November, 2008. They have two wonderful children: Cameron, a high school sophomore, and Will, a 7th grader. Both Cameron and Will were baptized at Nativity.

Teresa has enjoyed serving in various church ministries including the Blue Apron Ministry and the Cursillo

community. She has taught Godly Play, 4th grade Sunday school, and is currently teaching 3rd grade Sunday school.

Teresa earned a BS from the University of Alabama and works at Wilmer & Lee, P.A. for the last eleven years. She also enjoys volunteering for The Linc After School Enrichment Program.



GRANT THOMSON

Grant is a Huntsville native. He and his wife Louann have attended Nativity since returning to Huntsville in 2003 from Atlanta where they were members of the Cathedral of St. Philip.

Grant has served as an usher at Nativity and supported programs such as The Greene

Street Market, Icons in Transformation exhibit, and The Nativity Lodge at Bethany Village. He is the director of the Huntsville Rotary Club's STRIVE mentoring program at Lee High School which serves at-risk juniors and seniors.

Grant earned his BS in engineering at the University of Alabama. He is a Certified Financial Planner with the investment firm of Morgan Stanley for the past 26 years. Since 2003, he has served as the Huntsville Branch Manager.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We pray for those whom prayers have been requested:

Keith McRae, Sylvia Mayo, Ernest L. Meinecke, Genny Hoskins Beaver, Claire Johnston, Paloma Maria, Dick Gragg, Rick Barnett, David Reynolds, Betty Gerlach, Betty Anne Councill, Jody Mowrer,

Fr. Dan McKee, Bess Smith, Bob Hale, Leigh Wahl, Elsie Olsen

We pray for the departed:

George Hamner, father of Richard Hamner

Claude Boykin

Jack Norman, step-father of Rebecca Grelier and Natalie Rushing

We pray for those deployed/serving with the Military:

Doug Faith, Afghanistan Kenneth Vandervoort, US Navy Jesse Teal, US Navy

We give thanks for birthdays of our children:

10/19	Cole Greco	10/20	Amelia Rosler	10/21	Beirne Spragins	10/21 Adam DePiano
10/21	Phoebe Duncan	10/23	William Keener	10/25	James Overstreet	10/26 Waring Cantey
10/27	Evan Brown	10/28	Piper Smith	10/28	Ethan Dawes	10/29 Davis Manning
10/30	Grace Molloy	10/30	Charles Warren	10/31	William Post	

Parish Financial Report - Period Ending 9/30/2016								
	CURRENT MONTH	BUDGET for PERIOD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD				
Pledges Received	89,344.62	103,610.56	879,951.42	944,163.35				
Plate	6,823.25	7,083.33	59,411.97	63,750.01				
Other Revenues	2,232.47	10,292.01	52,069.91	91,123.97				
TOTAL	98,400.34	120,985.90	991,433.30	1,099,037.33				
Diocesan, School of								
Theology, & Outreach	27,201.47	24,864.82	198,420.90	226,907.80				
Personnel	70,017.59	71,250.00	650,259.55	641,250.00				
Other Expenses	27,844.47	24,941.54	197,077.87	230,681.17				
TOTAL	125,063.53	121,056.36	1,045,758.32	1,098,838.97				
NET \$	(26,663.19)	\$ (70.46)	\$ (54,325.02)	\$ 198.36				

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 Noon Monday, October 31st

CLERGY & STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Andy Anderson Rector

The Rev. Rusty McCown Associate

The Rev. Bonnie McCrickard Associate

Christian Crocker

Choirmaster and Organist Lane Tutt

Adult Christian Formation Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry Assistant

Mary Coe Children's Formation

Amanda Goeke

Children's Formation Assistant

Audrey Clayton

Nursery Coordinator

John Buyse

Property Manager

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Brenda Chynoweth - Adult Formation Beverly Farrington -

Long-Range Planning

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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Annual Campaign Calendars

During our Annual Campaign (now through November 30th), there are several 'countdown calendars' throughout Nativity. Instead of marking out each day with a big X, the Stewardship team is highlighting one of the many programs, ministries, and activities that are a part of Nativity.

At the Thanks for Giving Celebration (combined with The Family Spaghetti Dinner and Advent Wreath Workshop) on Wednesday, November 30th, every square will be filled with a reminder of those we help and those who support us.

Look for the calendars in Ridley Hall, the hallway outside the Banister Room, and near the Library in Joffrion Hall.

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