

# THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

December 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.*



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OF THE  
NATIVITY,  
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Est. 1843



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LIVING  
GENEROUSLY

## Advent Stewards

I love this season of Advent with its messages of yearning and hopeful expectation; of God's reign we are called to embrace because God embraces us; and especially of God's light in Christ always piercing the darkness. We are blessed to have the season of Advent to center us. Especially after our bitter political season, the season of Advent is a gift helping us know hope. And so with all gifts God blesses us, how will we be Advent stewards?

An important question because the culture around has pushed the fast-forward button and we are reeling ahead to Christmas. Christmas carols have been blaring since before Halloween. Christmas trees have been decorated and lit weeks before Thanksgiving. And instead of God's Kingdom being the focus, materialism and consumerism engulf us. With all the wonderful and frenetic demands upon us, we can easily lose sight of the season of Advent and its pregnant hope of God's reign always coming into our lives and world.

Advent calls God's people to pay attention, to slow down and simplify. Nativity's emphasis on spiritual growth through year round stewardship reminds us to step back from the culture's consumerism and materialism so prevalent at this time. Easier said than done, right?

So let me recommend a wonderful little book that came out in the 90's that I have taught in other parishes: ***Unplug the Christmas Machine*** by Jo Robinson and Jean Staeheli. This accessible book helps reduce the stress and increase the season's enjoyment by suggesting you make simple changes in your Christmas preparations and celebration. The authors encourage readers to examine their current practices, define their values, and then combine all their insights into a workable plan for the coming holiday season.

The ideas expressed challenge the way our consumer society continues to usurp our holy days and to exploit people and the environment. We *can* experience the joy that comes from celebrating and living in ways that affirm all. In Advent, before we run up credit card bills and have January regrets from over-spending, we can evaluate our relationship with money and spending and talk about these things in our households.

Although none of us can, in all probability, stop "the Christmas machine," we can at least take some time to get perspective and slow down. We can pay attention to Advent even if we feel compelled (and for some good reasons, too) to get our Christmas trees up prior to Christmas Eve! One way to give attention to Advent is to light your Advent wreath at family meals and use the Advent at Home booklet provided by our Children's Christian Formation ministry.

This Advent you can establish a holy routine of reaching out to others in need—a good routine to develop year round. As we will hear from our readings this coming Sunday, God's reign is breaking into this world as we reach out to the poor, the hungry, the sick, the stranger and the lonely. Beginning the church year, Advent sets the pace for our journey in the months ahead. Can you slow down and pay attention? Take a few minutes each day to sit still and be quiet and pray. This Advent make spiritual New Year's resolutions.

As Advent Stewards, may we claim our hope found, not in consumerism and materialism nor in political agendas, but in God's reign in Christ. Setting our fears aside and welcoming God's kingdom into our own lives, we discover a holy perspective that locates all humanity in the embrace of a loving and caring God...a God who is revealed in Jesus, the vulnerable babe of Bethlehem, whose birth we celebrate at Christmas and whose presence comes again into the lives of those who choose to be stewards of God's life and blessings.

*Andy +*

# Children's Formation

## Children's Christmas Pageant



✱ 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

✱ For all children age 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade

It's our great Christmas Eve tradition: all the children playing the parts of the Nativity, gathered around Baby Jesus in church.

Our traditional pageant will be enhanced by new costumes this year.

To help ease the Christmas Eve chaos, 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to get costume assignments on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm.

If you can make the fitting, great; if you can't, your child can still get a costume on Christmas Eve.

✱ Helpers needed on both days. Please email [Mary Coe](mailto:mcoe@nativity-hsv.org) [mcoe@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:mcoe@nativity-hsv.org) to volunteer.

Can't wait to see all our beautiful children on Christmas Eve!

✱ Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>

3:00 to 4:00 in Ridley Hall, costume assignments for 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> graders only.

(3's, 4's, and kindergarteners will get costumes on Christmas Eve)

4:00 to 5:00 in Church, rehearsal for Narrator, Club 56 readers, candle lighters and 4<sup>th</sup> graders with major roles.

No other children need to attend the rehearsal

✱ Saturday, December 24

3:00 to 4:00 in Ridley Hall, all children age 3 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade put on costumes and get instructions.

Children age 3 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will sit with their families until their time in the pageant. Readers and candle lighters should also come to Ridley Hall by 3:30.

4:00 in Church, Children's pageant and Holy Eucharist.



EYC Church of the Nativity

## It's a Busy Time for our Youth!

Sun, December 11: Sunday School as normal

EYC from 4:30pm-6:00pm: Christmas-theme – Christmas attire is encouraged. Bring a \$1-\$5 wrapped gift.

Please note, the Parent & Youth Christmas Party has been changed to a Kickoff Gathering Event on Jan 8!

Fri, December 16: Chrismons & Caroling, 3:30pm

All youth and their families are invited to gather in the church at 3:30pm to help decorate the Nativity Christmas Tree and then go Christmas Caroling around Huntsville.



Our youth recently spent the evening volunteering as elves at Santa's Village!

Dec 25 & Jan 1: No Sunday School or EYC: See you on January 8th!

Jan 8: Save the Date: Kick-Off Event for Youth & Parents,

All youth and their parents are invited to gather for a 2017 kickoff event on Jan 8th. We'll play games and spend some time looking at the Winter, Spring & Summer of 2017! Look forward to seeing you all there!

Contact: Sarah Watts [swatts@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:swatts@nativity-hsv.org)



A Service of  
Nine Lessons and Carols

Saturday - December 17, 2016 - 5:00 pm

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The Nativity Choristers and Adult Choir  
Christian Crocker, Organist & Choirmaster  
Nicholas Bergin, Organist

Church of the Nativity - 208 Eustis Avenue - Huntsville - 256.533.2455



Music by Charles Wood, Herbert Howells, with traditional carol arrangements by David Willcocks

For more information: Christian Crocker, [ccrocker@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:ccrocker@nativity-hsv.org) (256.533.2455 x216)

Greene Street Market at Nativity

# HOLIDAY MARKET

Saturday, December 10th  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Eustis Avenue  
Downtown Huntsville

*Locally produced foods,  
gifts and more!*

## Pearl Harbor: A Remembrance

A Commemoration of the  
Seventy-Fifth Anniversary  
of the Attack on Pearl Harbor



Presented by  
Soprano Stacy Moon  
Organist/Pianist Randy Foster  
Saturday, December 10, 2016 5:00pm

Church of Nativity  
208 Eustis Avenue, S.E.  
Huntsville, Alabama

## ANNUAL CAMPAIGN RESPONSES ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED!

YES, YOU CAN STILL RESPOND TO GOD'S MISSION THROUGH NATIVITY IN 2017!!!

Although the public face of the Annual Campaign ended November 30<sup>th</sup>, pledges for God's mission through Nativity are still being received and will go towards the 2017 mission budget the Vestry will be making at its January Vestry Retreat at Camp McDowell. Many of our people cannot make their pledges for the next year until December or even January.

The Vestry will be following up personally with folks who have pledged in the past but did not get their responses in by November 30<sup>th</sup>. Please keep these matters in your prayers for God's mission to flourish and for people to grow in faith through the stewardship of their time, talent and financial resources.



LIVING GENEROUSLY

Our Seminarian Assistant Matt Farr's last Sunday is December 18. We are grateful for Matt's gifts of ministry he has shared, and that we have been a part of his priestly formation.

His preaching and teaching has touched so many, and we are especially grateful for the Advent Series he is a part of with Lynn Berry, Jeannie Robison, and Walter Thames on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in Ridley Hall.

**Matt will be preaching at the Noon service in the Bibb Chapel on Wednesday, December 14th. Please consider attending this service to support Matt.**

### Men's Ministry Breakfast

Tuesday, December 13th, *Suggested donation \$5*

6:30am Simple Eucharist, Bibb Chapel

7:00am Breakfast with guest speaker:



### The Holy Season of Advent and Christmastide

**Saturday,  
December 17  
5:00pm**

Advent Lessons  
and Carols  
Nativity Choristers  
and Adult Choir  
(Church)

**Christmas Day  
December 25  
10:00am**

(Bibb Chapel)  
No Church School  
No Nursery

**Christmas Eve  
Saturday,  
December 24**

4:00pm  
\*Children's Christmas  
Pageant  
\*Nursery Available  
7:30pm  
Festal Eucharist  
10:30pm  
Choral Holy Eucharist

**1st Sunday  
after Christmas  
January 1**

7:45am Rite I  
Holy Eucharist  
(Bibb Chapel)  
Christmas Reading  
and Carols  
10:00am, (Church)  
No Church School  
No Nursery

### Interfaith Community Gathering First meeting: December 16<sup>th</sup>

Church of the Nativity, Temple B'nai Sholom, the Huntsville Islamic Center, the Office of Multicultural Affairs of the City of Huntsville, and Free2Be are hosting a series of potlucks for people to gather together and have conversations about who we are so that we can create a community based on love, compassion and understanding of the "other".

This is a time of year when we gather as families to celebrate a myriad of winter festivals, let's expand the meaning of the term family to mean all. The great equalizer of humanity is breaking bread together in order to remind us of our commonalities instead of highlighting our differences. We will gather together for a vegetarian pot luck to share learn more about our neighbors.

We will gather Temple B'nai Sholom (103 Lincoln St., Huntsville) on Friday December 16th at 5:30pm to form relationships with our neighbors from all backgrounds and faith traditions. Please join us.





Our sincere thanks to everyone who made it possible for a foster child to have Christmas gifts! Those who attended Sunday's 8:45 service enjoyed a wonderful procession with beautifully wrapped gifts and bicycles. Your generosity brings so much joy to many foster children this Christmas!

We are still amazed by the generosity shown each Christmas by those who worship at Nativity.

Gail and Ronnie Rogers



Contact Stratt Byars at [stratt@campmcdowell.com](mailto:stratt@campmcdowell.com) for more information  
Website for Registration and Information: <http://campmcdowell.com/winter-weekend>

**You are invited to Wonderful, Wonderful Camp McDowell for fun, worship, and community together. There'll be hot chocolate, campfires, inside and outside activities, and more friends than you'll know what to do with!**

**Invite a friend and register today. Scholarships are available upon request. Registration and event website is found at**

**[www.campmcdowell.com/winter-weekend](http://www.campmcdowell.com/winter-weekend)**

## **What Are You Reading?**

### **When the Heart Waits by Sue Monk Kidd**

**Contributed by: Marcie Wingo**

*When the Heart Waits* by Sue Monk Kidd was written in 1990 before Kidd's book *The Secret Life of Bees* was published. During one of our women's retreats at Sewanee our guest speaker mentioned *When the Heart Waits*. Since then it has become one of my favorite books, one that I have re-read many times. Sue Monk Kidd wrote this autobiography because of her own life crisis. Sue Monk Kidd quotes Kierkegaard, Henri Nouwen, Joseph Campbell, Thomas Merton and T.S. Eliot and other spiritual writers and poets along her journey.

We probably all question our lives whether we challenge our purpose, confront our darkest nights, futility or our mortality. I feel I was invited to look over Kidd's shoulder as she compares her life to a chrysalis. The chrysalis is a metaphor for her soul transformed inside a cocoon. The chrysalis is unable to escape the dark night because of the wait, requiring stillness.

But stillness also means healing. Once the chrysalis is ready to emerge the soul has healed and the beautiful butterfly is able to fly. The butterfly cannot be forced to emerge because it's wings would not be fully developed. So too, our own souls cannot fly without compassion, forgiveness, and patience.

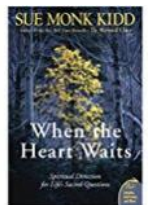
Among Kidd's own quotes this is one of my favorites.

"I've tried to grapple with the sacred questions of life, with the journey and mystery of the human soul as it grows spiritually, moving through passages most have forgotten exist. You'll find me talking a lot about waiting, for in many ways waiting is the missing link in the transformation process. I'm not referring to waiting as we're accustomed to it, but waiting as the passionate and contemplative crucible in which new life and spiritual wholeness can be birthed."

I hope you find joy in this book

'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](mailto:maryjohnson2@knology.net) or Laura Malone [lpmalonepi@gmail.com](mailto:lpmalonepi@gmail.com)







## LIVING GENEROUSLY

We celebrated the close of our Annual Campaign with a 'Gratitude Dinner' complete with activities for all ages, making Advent Wreaths, and blue Advent pops! Many of the programs ministries, and events supported by your time, talents, and gifts make up this tiled border (which were also used to count off the sixty days of the Annual Campaign). Thank you again for supporting the Annual Campaign and all of our Stewardship efforts.





# STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

## *tips and thoughts for meditation*

As we move through Advent, let us THINK about our actions, our purchasing decisions, our use (or abuse) of natural resources, our gift-giving practices, our attention (or lack of attention) to the impact of doing things *only for convenience* and without consideration for the longer-term effects of our actions, the influence those decisions have on the children in our lives, and the environmental impact we have, for good or for bad.

### **Ecology Matters!**

#### **We care, to protect the people, places, and resources we hold sacred**

As participants in Stewardship of Creation, we encourage one another, share our knowledge with one another and rejoice in each person's efforts to care for God's creation, because God is praised through every good work however small! We pray for one another to take heart, trust in the Lord, and continue to be true to what God the Lord of all is asking of us. And we remind one another that our efforts are part of His Project, that of building a Kingdom of justice, love, peace, life and blessing.

Let's commit ourselves daily to the protection and conservation of our precious & fragile ecology wherever we are so that all may enjoy what God has made. Each day let's begin again, and pray to God our loving Creator to bless and guide our efforts.

#### **Praised be God through each person's care for creation**

[www.praying-nature.com](http://www.praying-nature.com) Br. Cathal Duddy, ofm

The words above are the "why." Now, here is "how": We have been blessed during the last week to again have RAIN but we can't forget the drought and the scary lack of water many people have been facing, both those who live near us and many who are far away.

One of the most important and, in some places, scarce resources on earth is water. It is easy for those of us who live near the Tennessee River to forget that fact!

If every Nativity household would do some or all of the familiar water-saving steps listed below, we –the members of this parish- can save gallons and gallons and gallons of water as well as saving money.

(Did you know that water consumption charges increase with higher volumes of usage!)



There are a number of ways to save water, and they all start with you!

- Dishwashers typically use less water than washing dishes by hand. Now, Energy Star dishwashers save even more water and energy. When shopping for a new dishwasher, use the [Consortium for Energy Efficiency website](#) to compare water use between models.
- If your dishwasher is new, cut back on pre-rinsing. Newer models clean more thoroughly than older ones.
- Designate one glass for your drinking water each day, or refill a reusable water bottle. This will cut down on the number of glasses to wash.
- Soak pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them clean. Why fight to get something clean when a little soaking will make the job easy.
- If washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run. Fill one basin with wash water and the other with rinse water, or at least do not let the water run the whole time you are washing the dishes. Run water only to rinse after the dishes are washed.
- Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Instead, compost vegetable food waste and save gallons every time.
- Don't use running water to thaw food. For water efficiency and food safety, defrost food in the refrigerator.
- Reuse leftover water from cooked or steamed foods to start a nutritious soup; just keep a "soup jar" in the freezer and add to it, thaw when you're ready to make soup; it's also one more way to get 8 glasses of water a day.
- If you accidentally drop ice cubes, don't throw them in the sink. Drop them in a house plant instead.
- Collect the water you use while rinsing fruit and vegetables. Use it to water house plants.

**Do one thing every day to save water  
(and your money!)**

**Every person can make a difference.**

Based on material from Br. Cathal Duddy, ofm,  
[www.praying-nature.com](http://www.praying-nature.com), and other sources; used with permission

*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*

## "OUR TIME"

### A no-cost grief support retreat for youth & adults



**March 3-5, 2017 @ Camp McDowell**

#### *What is OUR TIME?*

OUR TIME is a two-night grief-support retreat for kids (6-12th grade) & an adult caregiver who are healing from loss after the death of a loved one.

#### *More Information & Registration*

Contact: **Susanna Whitsett, Coordinator**

[susanna@campmcdowell.com](mailto:susanna@campmcdowell.com)

205.281.1903

[Click here to register for OUR TIME.](#)



WASHINGTON  
**NATIONAL  
CATHEDRAL**

Watch the video

Each week at Washington National Cathedral, we  
pray for one of the states of the union.

#### **Week of Dec. 4, 2016 - A Prayer for Alabama**

Timeless roll the streams while man molds their course  
and wrests his sufficient margin of life from Thy  
scattered benefice;

Shapes the fling to arrow point;  
nurses seed to cotton, bale and  
cloth; carves the wood to cabin logs  
and bakes his cities from the clay;  
mines the ore and makes the steel;  
catches the surging flood upon his  
shining wheels and makes the river  
yield light and power for Thy people  
all.



Praise Thee, wondrous God, for the blessed watershed  
that is Alabama, pliant to man's need, gracious to his  
questing spirit. May her sons not forget Thy bounty, nor  
fail to deserve Thy benediction;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—from "For All the States" by Dean Francis Sayre (1972)

## Participate in AdventWord

[Click or tap to sign-up](#)

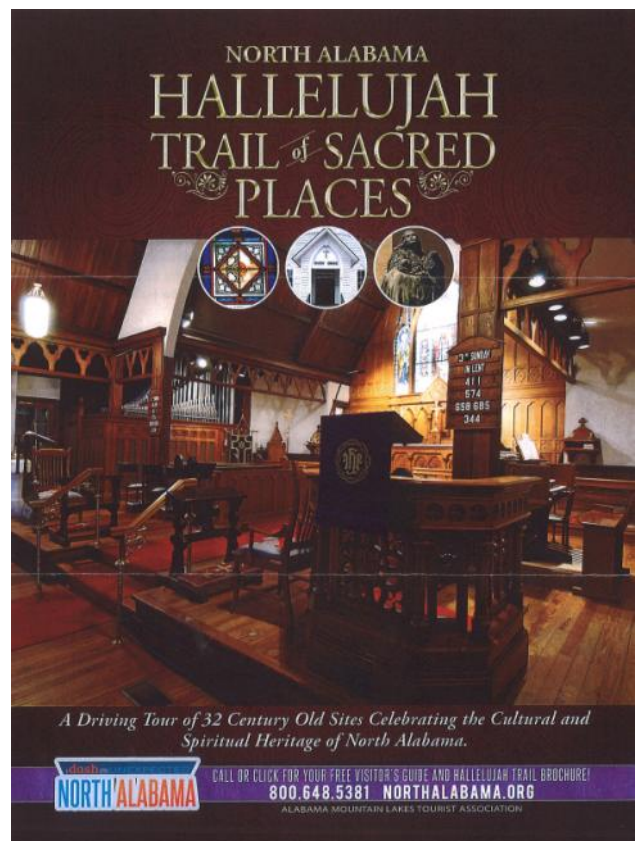
#AdventWord - A Global Advent Calendar



Through Advent, [AdventWord](#) will arrive with an image and an invitation for you to send back an image to help create a global Advent Calendar.



Advent Word is an online daily devotion from the Society of St. John the Evangelist; a monastic community of The Episcopal Church & The Anglican Church of Canada.



Nativity is included as part of the trail.

Brochures available in Ridley Hall  
or click the image.



## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

Sue Magee, Tom Booth, Bill, Claire Johnston, Debra Cote, Mary Goodwin, Phyllis Beck, Sara Welch, Shirley Singleton, Genny Hoskins Beaver, Fr. Dan McKee, Rick Barnett, Jim Martin, Kai Gustafson, Keith McRae, Diane Helser, Paloma Maria, Dick Gragg, Bess Smith, Leigh Wahl, Elsie Olsen

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

Elizabeth Lee Polstra, daughter of Taylor & Theo Polstra; granddaughter of Mike & Laura Innes, born November 1st in Winkler, Manitoba, Canada.

Grace Kennedy Sampson, daughter of Matthew & Tracey Sampson and great-granddaughter of Sherry Sampson, born November 3rd in Birmingham.

### **We pray for the departed:**

Barry Naylor, step-father of Kate Noble Purvis, Will Rawson, & Jane Walker Rawson

Dean Wington Shepherd, mother of Neal Machek

Nancy Lackey

Needa Gibson, mother of Gail Brown

Julia Annette Wood, infant daughter of Eric & Deirdre Wood

David Reynolds, brother-in-law of Jeff Ellis

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

Doug Faith, Afghanistan

Kenneth Vandervoort, US Navy

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

12/7	Sloan Dill	12/8	Margaret Foster	12/9	Jacks McClung	12/10	Patrick Reid
12/10	Vivian Brouse	12/12	Will Knight	12/14	Hope Howell	12/14	Ireland Braudaway
12/16	Liddy Malone	12/17	Maggie Sanders	12/18	Chandler Mason	12/18	Hunter Whitworth
12/18	Alton Hudson	12/19	Jack Phillips	12/20	George McCurry	12/20	Jewell West

The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center has a job available for a Ministry Assistant for 20 hours a week.

[Click here to see the job description](#)

Interested applicants can email your resume to Amanda Ragland at

[amanda@vinepcc.com](mailto:amanda@vinepcc.com)



Interfaith Mission Services FoodLine needs volunteers to answer phones and direct clients to area food pantries.

More information at:

[interfaithmissionservice.org/direct-service/foodline/](http://interfaithmissionservice.org/direct-service/foodline/)

## **Huntsville Assistance Program (HAP)**



Little Debbie holiday cakes  
rice (1lb bags)  
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!**

## 2017 Haiti Medical Mission

The Medical Mission Team is planning our next medical mission to Haiti April 29-May 6, 2017. If you would like more information or are interested in joining us for this life changing week, please contact Debbie Collette 256-527-5050 or Deacon Bob Serio 256-509-5931.

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### Acolyte Schedule ~ December 2016

#### Sunday December 11

**8:45** A/M C Sherrill

C Forrest Webber, Leighton Luther  
T Anna Katherine Ayres, Will Pinson  
T Evans Bryant, Betsy Bryant  
S Cameron Pinson  
AS Parker Sanders

**11:00** A/M M Ward

C Jack Benton Stockton, Dylan Chenoweth  
T Madelyn Alison  
T Mary Ellis Alison  
S Molly Ward  
AS Margaret Bryant

#### Saturday, December 17 5:00 PM Lessons and Carols A/M D Nutt

C Tess Lambert T Ella Jane Duncan, Phoebe Duncan Thurifer Evan Ward

#### Sunday December 18

**8:45** A/M N Putt

C Bailey Morrison, Ireland Braudaway  
T Charles Warren, Sarah Whelden Hall  
T Evelyn Warren, Alice Malone  
S Sam Hartley  
AS Huston Morring

**11:00** A/M C Sherrill

C Evan Ellison  
T Mary Kate Brooks  
T Luke Alison  
S Riley Kamelchuk  
AS Laura Kamelchuk

#### Saturday December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

**4:00 PM** A/M M Ward

C Forrest Webber, Huston Morring  
T Elizabeth Evans, Elizabeth Rainey  
T Alex Ahearn, Anna Katherine Ayres  
S Margaret Foster  
AS Parker Sanders

Banners:

Patrick Ahearn, Jed Rainey, Clay Walker

**7:30 PM** A/M D Nutt

C Evan Ellison, Sims Windham  
T Lucy Ellis, Tess Lambert  
T Alice Malone, Katherine Hunter  
S Sam Hartley  
AS Emery Windham

Banners:

Park Ellis, Joshua Huskey, Van Dodgen

**10:30 PM** A/M D Nutt

C Sidney Gunter, Jack Benton Stockton  
T Cooper Gunter  
T Nannette Aboudonia  
S Sidney Gunter  
AS Gertrude Aboudonia  
Thurifer Dylan Chenoweth  
Banner: TBD

### ANNUAL BLANKET & COLD WEATHER GEAR DRIVE

*Donation bins in Ridley Hall*

**Adult sizes only, please**

**Blankets**

**Coats/Jackets**

**Gloves/Socks**

**Thermal underwear**

**Sleeping bags**

**Warm hats**

**Sweat shirts/pants**

**Warm scarves**

**Sponsored by The North  
Alabama Coalition for the  
Homeless**





## 2016 CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATION

Christmas dedications are \$20 each

Please complete this form with your check made payable to: *Nativity Flower Guild*

Mailing address: Andrea Vandervoort, 434 Locust Ave. Huntsville AL 35801

Your Name as it is to be listed in Christmas service leaflet  
(if you do not wish your name listed, please indicate)

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name for this dedication:

\_\_\_\_\_  
PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION, If you have questions, you may call Andrea at 256.539.2673 THANK YOU

Please check the box next to  
the dedication you desire.

All dedications read:

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

The Christmas Flower Dedication deadline is Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

**2016 Christmas and 2017 Altar Flower Dedication Forms**  
are also available in the hallway by the Banister Room.

## **2017 ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

**Please print all information**

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

Please make your check payable to:

***Nativity Flower Guild***

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.

**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

## 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, bring  
them to the church office or email:

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

The deadline for the next issue is  
**Noon, Monday December 19<sup>th</sup>**

### CLERGY & STAFF

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Associate

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Associate

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**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

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### Upcoming Events at a Glance

#### December

9	Young Adults / Twentysomethings Advent Party (off-site)	6:00pm
10	Greene Street Market Holiday Farmers' & Gift Market	9:00am
	Stacy Moon recital; "Pearl Harbor, a Remembrance"	5:00pm
13	Simple Eucharist (Bibb Chapel)	6:30am
	Men's Ministry Breakfast w/guest speaker	7:00am
16	EYC Chrismons & Caroling	3:30pm
17	An Advent Service of Lessons & Carols	5:00pm
18	Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	(Details on pg. 2)
23rd & 26th	Church Office Closed	
24	*Children's Christmas Pageant & Holy Eucharist	4:00pm
	Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist	7:30 & 10:30pm
25	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist (Bibb Chapel)	10:00am
	No Children's Chapel or Nursery	

\* Nursery Available

**December 7, 2016**