

# THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

January 18, 2017

## 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.*

## Living in the Green in 2017!

We find ourselves living in the green of this season of the Church Year after Epiphany. Green is the color of the hangings and vestments as we gather as God's people on Sundays. This season after the extraordinary and special foci of the Incarnation cycle of Advent and Christmastide, and before the Passion cycle beginning with Ash Wednesday through Lent, Eastertide and up to Pentecost, is a period of stable, steadfast growth in God's love and service.

This is what we call Ordinary Time. Most of the church year is in Ordinary Time remembering that the long season after the concluding Great Fifty Days of Easter (Pentecost) stretches across the summer and into late fall until Advent begins. We live most of our spiritual life in ordinary time, in the green.

This Green Season after Epiphany is at the beginning of a new year. In January life is new. Two Sundays ago, we celebrated Baptisms, and at the edge of the Font, life is new. Every Sunday, when bread and wine are offered, blessed, broken, and shared at the altar, life is new. God's strong message we hear from Isaiah in the Morning Prayer readings this time of year is, "I am about to do a new thing, now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? [Isaiah 43:19] God brings new life, now, as we live in the green.

This is not a time of sitting back, but of intentional growth. We listen to God deeply and notice where God is at work and doing a new thing. We listen to each other and to what God is saying in and through others we share the journey. We pay attention to our relationship with God and what God is calling us to do, even in the midst of great challenges in the culture around us. Living in the green calls for pruning and clearing out old growth to make room for the new. It is a time to plant and fertilize and nurture the growth we know God is always giving.

In our other readings this time of year we hear from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians on Sundays. Paul begins with these words: I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus! Paul reminds the Corinthians and us, that since we are in Christ and Christ's body, God is blessing us TOGETHER with every spiritual blessing and gift. The community faces divisions as any community does, but Paul encourages them and us to recognize that we are one in Christ Jesus through his Cross of reconciliation. It takes everyone sharing their gifts. That greatest gift is, of course, love.

We are usually energized by the new and extraordinary that the other church seasons bring, and so it can be harder to find focus in this green time. The poet W. H. Auden writes The Time Being is, in a sense, the most trying time of all. But this is where we live and where life keeps happening and we keep growing. It is where we are as a parish as we find ourselves after beginning RenewalWorks and The Story, after expanding our understanding of God's welcome and inclusivity, after monumental church restoration project a few years ago, new stewardship approaches just implemented, and looking forward to our 7th year of our growers market, The Greene Street Market at Nativity and many other things.

Your new vestry is meeting this weekend in our annual planning retreat and our theme is "Living in the Green," a model of leadership vision and energy discernment offered by The School of Theology at Sewanee. We celebrate the faithful lay leadership of Sr. Warden Margaret Devenish, Jr. Warden Robert Dunn, Treasurer Donald Christian, and Clerk Dottie Crawford. We celebrate the continued faithful leadership of 3rd year returning vestry members Lee Hicklen, Chad Hinton, Brandon Smith, Linda Watts; 2nd year vestry Kim Huskey, Fisher Hutchens, Dorrie Nutt, Bob Thompson; and new vestry members Paul Bonner, Don Evans, Margaret Gleason, Donald Lambert, Teresa Pinson, and Grant Thomson.

Keep us in your prayers as we celebrate the rich and diverse blessings God has bestowed upon us in Christ Jesus. Living in the Green we will have a wonderful year at Nativity of steadfast growth in our faith and embrace of God's mission through Nativity as we all, together, share the gifts God is abundantly bestowing upon us and through us bless the world.

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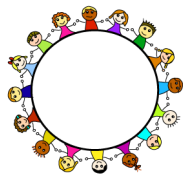
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**Family Spaghetti  
Dinner  
&  
all-ages  
Nativity  
Scavenger Hunt**



**Wednesday  
January 25th**

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## Children's Formation



**Club 56 Bible Study This Sunday.** January 22nd,  
4:30 - 6:00pm

All 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us in Ridley Hall for fun, fellowship and food (pizza, fruit and water, \$5). Parents, please drop off and pick up from Ridley Hall. We'll need a headcount for supper; please email Mary Coe [mcoe@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:mcoe@nativity-hsv.org) if your child is coming or you have questions.

**Advent ERD Collection** Thanks, children of Nativity! Thanks to your saving efforts during Advent, we were able to send \$75 to help Episcopal Relief and Development help children in need.



Dear Mary,

Thank you so much to you and the whole Church of the Nativity for being a part of our Books Not Bars book drive. In total we have collected more than 3,000 books (only some of which are pictured on the front of this card) & have gotten them to incarcerated kids

**You made this book drive a huge success!** across the state. We couldn't have done it without you! Also, thanks for working with me to make sure we could get your books to the Madison County Jail!

Thanks again,  Southern Poverty Law Center  
Claire Shimberg



EYC Church of the Nativity

## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, January 18th & February 1st**

5:30pm: Girls High School Bible Study

**Sunday, January 22nd & January 29th**

Confirmation Souper Bowl of Caring Table Open  
(after & in between services)

10:00am: Sunday School

4:00pm: Bible Study

4:30pm: EYC (Jan 22nd is Outreach Night)

**Wednesday, January 25th**

5:30pm: Family Spaghetti Dinner with Scavenger Hunt

**Sun, February 5th**

Souper Bowl of Caring pick-up

5:00pm: EYC Super Bowl Party (through Half-Time Show)

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

### Souper Bowl of Caring Benefitting Mobile Soup Kitchen of Huntsville - Jan 22, 29 & Feb 5

The 2017 Confirmation class will be selling Santa Fe Soup and White Chili; along with collecting donations for the Mobile Soup Kitchen of Huntsville.

While monetary donations are most welcome, the Mobile Soup Kitchen is also in need of HotHands for hands and feet as well as scarves and gloves.

Look for our youth in the Ridley Hall Foyer beginning Jan 22 to donate or place a pre-order for your soup (available on Feb 5) or donate to the Mobile Soup Kitchen.

[Click or tap here to pre-order](#)

**Wednesday, January 25th - 5:30pm**

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

# **Family Spaghetti Night**

*at Nativity*



**All ages Nativity Scavenger Hunt follows dinner**

**Nursery is available (age 4 and under) but reservations are required.**

**Dinner reservations appreciated but not required**

## **Reservations:**

Online from our website

**Call the Church Office  
(256.533.2455)**

**email [cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org)**

**An Evening with Sister Mary McGehee  
24 JAN 2017, 5:30pm, Ridley Hall**

## ***Stories From the Life of St. Benedict: Lessons from the Ages***

Sister Mary is a nun in residence at Sacred Heart Convent in Cullman. Our evening begins with a twenty-minute Centering Prayer sit, then dinner. After dinner, Sister Mary will speak.

Dinner is available (\$7, pay at the door). Register online or call the Church Office for dinner (256.533.2455)

If you have questions or would like additional information, contact Brenda Chynoweth [brendacc@knology.net](mailto:brendacc@knology.net) or (256.464.9457).

**Click or tap here to  
register online**



## **Nativity Newcomers Dinner Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> - 5:30pm**

New to Nativity in the last year?  
We would be glad to welcome you!

There will be a dinner (off-site) along with the opportunity to meet other newcomers, Nativity clergy, and program staff.

To register:

Contact the Church Office (256.533.2455) or email  
Connie Gadomski [cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org)

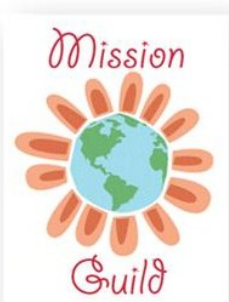
## **Nativity Friends of Music Presents Echoing Air**

Early Music Vocal Ensemble  
with Baroque Instruments

**Friday, February 3rd, 7:30pm  
Everyone is welcome**

[Click or tap for Nativity's concert series](#)





The Mission Guild will meet on Monday January 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 10:00am, in the Library.

The speaker will be Cate Ange from Hospice Family Care - Caring House.

The Caring House provides a safe place for youth ages 3 to 18 and their families to find comfort

after the death of a loved one and share their grief experience with others.

Our Hostesses are Carol Exby and Mary Vann.. Please bring Bingo prizes for the Aquarius Club.

## Easter Baptisms

The next baptism date at Nativity will be The Great Vigil of Easter, April 15th, 2017. Anyone wishing to have children baptized at Nativity on that date should contact Mother Bonnie McCrickard [bmccrickard@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:bmccrickard@nativity-hsv.org) (256.533.2455 x207)

## A letter of appreciation from a visitor

Dear Sir/Madam,

This past November, my husband and I had the distinct pleasure of touring Huntsville on our way to visit family in Clanton, AL. What a beautiful and inviting community you have. We were especially impressed with the generosity of spirit we encountered. While there is much to admire in 'southern hospitality' the congregant who approached us on the street as we were admiring the church and provided us a personally guided tour was to us a divine appointment. Likewise, the friendliness and graciousness of the gift shop attendant was both welcoming and heartwarming. Following our tour, we were presented with a copy of the sesquicentennial history of the church. What a wonderful tribute to work of God's people and the blessings of the Lord on this special place.

You remain in our thoughts and prayers. Our best wishes to you all for light, love, joy, and peace in the year of our Lord 2017!

Sincerely,

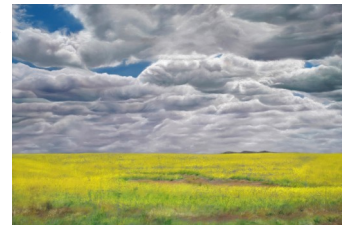
*Sharon + Ken*

Scottsdale, AZ

## Art in the Banister Room On Display through February 28<sup>th</sup>

### Jodi Nuttall

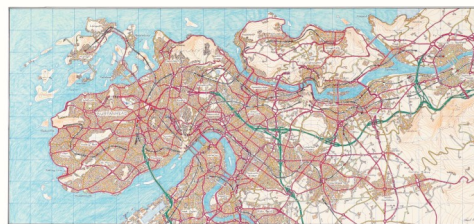
My art is about noting a moment in time when a scene causes me to be still and take notice - momentarily stopping the passage of time.



[jodinuttall.com](http://jodinuttall.com)

### David Nuttall

My work includes unique hand-drawn plausible fictitious maps. I am not trying to fool people that my places are real, but creating the feeling that they could be.



[artimaps.com](http://artimaps.com)

## "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.](#)

# STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

**Our prayer:** Creator God, you have generously blessed us with an abundance of gifts in this, your world. Help us to share in that generosity by living in a way that ensures that your gifts will continue to be available for future generations.

**Amen**

What is the voice of the Lord saying to us today, in the midst of the environmental issues we face? At a time when Planet Earth is more threatened than it has ever been – by a storm of our own making, ...there are two responses that we **cannot** make:

**Defeatism** “I can’t do anything - the problem is too big”. There are so many actions that can be taken, small ones in your own life and family, larger ones at work or by influencing politicians.

**Apathy** “I don’t care”. We hold the lives and future of the most vulnerable in this age and in the age to come, in our hands.

What will we feel like when our grandchildren look at us and say “you knew about climate change and you did what? Nothing???” It is time for us to wake up, to realize the importance of our decisions and actions.

Some of these may be big – there is a big movement towards divestment of fossil fuels, with many deciding they can no longer reap profits from fossil fuels if they are causing so much harm.

Some of these actions may be small - It may be time for you as a family to make small but significant changes in your home, changing light bulbs, starting a compost heap, beginning to recycle or being more faithful about recycling. You will influence other people by the decisions and actions you take.

God may be calling you to dedicate time, passion and energy to become part of the environmental cause, to challenge fracking, or waste management practices at your place of work. What is God calling us to do in this congregation??

## Another ECO-JUSTICE thought SHOP TILL YOU DROP???

There is no such thing as a cheap product. An advertisement only shows us the final bargain price of the item that will ‘make us happier’. It does not show us the impact of the production of this item on other people, communities and the environment.

For example, plastic is an extremely durable material, taking 500 years to biodegrade, yet it’s designed to be

used for an average of 5 minutes, and so often then it’s just thrown away. Few know where this mass of junk will end up - In the oceans, killing and silently destroying everything, even us. Today there are six mega-vortexes, islands of floating plastic: five between the continents and a sixth close to the Arctic, which is similar in size to Brazil (8.5 million square kilometers) and is 10 meters thick. They have a density of over 200,000 pieces of debris per square kilometer

So what should our response be? First, we’re reminded we need to remember and put into practice the three **R**’s: **Reduce**, **Re-use** and **Recycle**. Recycling is important because it reduces the pressure to produce new products. We should all recycle. But recycling is not enough. The waste coming out of our houses is just the tip of the iceberg. For every bag of waste you recycle, 70 bags of rubbish were created in the production of those items.

**More important is to reduce our consumption and to re-use items.** In order to do this we need to cut ourselves off from the spiritual force of consumerism. Let’s stop serving mammon and serve God and what God loves.

Walk lightly.

Each leaf, each petal, each grain, each person, sings  
your praises, Creator God.

Each creature on the earth, all the mountains and the  
great seas, show your glory, spirit of love

And yet, the hand of greed has patented and plundered  
your splendor,

has taken and not shared your gift,

has lived as owner of the earth, not guest.

And so the ice is cracked, the rivers dry,  
the valleys flooded and the snow caps melt.

God our Father,

show us how to step gently,

to live simply,

to walk lightly

with respect and love for all that you have made.

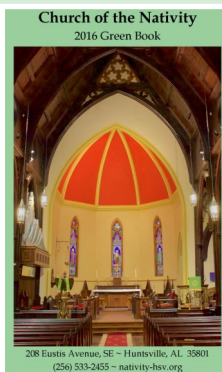
**Amen**

Compiled from resources provided by the  
[Episcopal Ecological Network](#)

*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*

## Digital Green Books Available



We now have a digital version of our 2016 Green Book and directory. This version is designed to be searchable, but cannot be copied or printed. It is designed this way to protect the privacy of those listed, and includes a confidentiality message on the first page of the document.

To request a digital Green Book, please email Glenn Sommer  
[gsommer@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:gsommer@nativity-hsv.org)

We will only send directories to Nativity members. Green Books without directories are also available

Has your address, phone number, or email address changed? Have you dropped your landline? If so, please let us know so we can update our records.

**Directory update information:**  
 Connie Gadowski (256.533.2455)  
[cgadowski@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:cgadowski@nativity-hsv.org)

## ANNUAL BLANKET & COLD WEATHER GEAR DRIVE

### *Donation bins in Ridley Hall*

It's warm right now but there is plenty of Winter weather left!  
 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



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## Parish Financial Report - Period Ending 12/31/2016

	CURRENT MONTH	BUDGET for PERIOD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
Pledges Received	193,920.18	103,610.53	1,264,514.97	1,254,995.00
Plate	7,731.93	7,083.33	85,733.65	85,000.00
Other Revenues	16,563.35	10,292.01	149,091.14	122,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>218,215.46</b>	<b>120,985.87</b>	<b>1,499,339.76</b>	<b>1,461,995.00</b>
Diocesan, School of Theology, & Outreach	64,017.43	24,863.56	302,367.57	301,499.00
Personnel	66,834.24	71,250.00	859,396.59	855,000.00
Other Expenses	26,201.33	24,935.75	260,988.10	305,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>157,053.00</b>	<b>121,049.31</b>	<b>1,422,752.26</b>	<b>1,461,999.00</b>
<b>NET \$</b>	<b>61,162.46</b>	<b>\$ (63.44)</b>	<b>\$ 76,587.50</b>	<b>\$ (4.00)</b>

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

**Vestry meetings** are open to the congregation. Vestry meetings are the **third Tuesday** of each month, beginning at 5:30pm in Joffrion Hall, 2nd Floor, East (J2E).

## Adult Education Updates & Reminders

**The Book Class** - Sunday, 10:00am - Will resume on January 22nd in Joffrion Hall, 2 East (Second Floor).

The class will continue its study of *The Meaning of the Bible* by Amy Jill Levine & Douglas Knight

**Nativity 101** - A class for **ANYONE** new to Nativity: Continues through February 5th, 10:00am in the Parish Hall - Nativity 101 is a five-week offering for anyone new to Nativity, including Episcopalians who have transferred in or in the process of transferring their letter.

January 22 - Practical Implications of The BCP (The Book of Common Prayer)

January 29 Sunday Worship, The Eucharist (What we do, when and why!)

### New Class:

**Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study** - Starting January 25th through February 15th (4 weeks). 6:00-7:00pm (Joffrion Hall Library) - This class is on The Gospel of Matthew and led by The Rev. Virginia Monroe. Those participating are asked to read the Gospel of Matthew for the first class. Questions: Lane Tutt [ltutt@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:ltutt@nativity-hsv.org)

You can attend the Bible Study after enjoying the Spaghetti dinner on the 25th.

**Reflections Bible Study** - Thursdays, 9:30-11:00am, (Joffrion Hall, 2nd Floor, J2E). The class began the Winter/Spring semester on January 12th with a study of the book, *One in a Million* by Priscilla Shirer.

Altar Flower Dedication forms are also available in the hallway by the Banister Room & in Bibb Chapel

### 2017 Altar Flower Dedications

*Available Dates:* Jan. 22; Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26; Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date desired: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) for dedication: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Will you share this dedication? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Can we list your name in the bulletin? ☐ Yes ☐ No

*Dedications are \$40 each or \$20 if shared*

Make Check payable to : **Nativity Flower Guild**

Mail your check along with this form to:

Andrea Vandervoort - 434 Locust Ave., Huntsville, AL 35801

Questions? Call Andrea: 256-539-2673



*Please choose one:*

☐ in loving memory of...

☐ in thanksgiving for...

☐ in celebration of...

☐ in honor of...



## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

George Douthit, Charlie Lyle, Tom Hodge, Beezie Lindsey, Ann Bishop, Elise Goodson, Tom Booth, Sara Welch, Mary Goodwin, Phyllis Beck, Genny Hoskins Beaver, Rick Barnett, Jim Martin, Keith McRae, Dick Gragg, Leigh Wahl, Elsie Olsen

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

Sutton Grace Ojay, daughter of Katherine & Daniel Ojay; granddaughter of Chris & Jody Singer, born December 22nd

### **We pray for the celebration of a marriage:**

Rebecca Whitney Westbrook and Phillip Wade Hill were married at Nativity on Saturday, January 14th

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

Virginia Larkin Hughey

Martha Bryant, grandmother of Martha Crump and Hall Bryant, Jr.

Jette Pidgeon

Rev. Dan McKee

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

Afghanistan Doug Faith

US Navy Kenneth Vandervoort

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

1/18	Finn Webb	1/18	Jackson Allen	1/19	Riley Jane Ragland	1/20	Aiden Copeland
1/22	James Gullion	1/22	Florence Pate	1/29	Evelyn Roche	1/29	Palmer Ford
1/30	Drake Allen	1/31	Mary Virginia Cowan			1/31	Emery Windham

## **The Reverend Dr. Daniel Deupree McKee, II**

The Reverend Dr. Daniel Deupree McKee, II, 71, died Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at home surrounded by his family. A Requiem Eucharist was celebrated at 3:00pm. Friday, January 6, 2017 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral followed by a reception in the parish hall.

Dan was born on May 16, 1945, in Vicksburg, the son of the late William Wells McKee and Helen Priestly McKee. A 1963 graduate of Clarksdale High School, he continued his education at Millsaps College, attending on a tennis scholarship. During his time at Millsaps, he was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity. In 1967, Dan earned his Bachelor of Arts.

Following graduation, Dan began his studies at the School of Theology, in Sewanee, TN, studying abroad in Edinburgh, Scotland for a year.

In 1971, he earned his Master of Divinity and in 1990 he earned his Doctor of Ministry.

Dan was ordained in the Diaconate on June 20, 1971 at St. George's Episcopal Church in Clarksdale and to the priesthood May 27, 1972 at the Chapel of the Holy Family at Camp Bratton Green.

Reverend McKee's first church was St. Thomas Episcopal Church and All Saints Episcopal Church in Inverness. Here, he met the love of his life, his wife of 43 years, Diane.

Reverend McKee served at St. Christopher's in Jackson, St. Mary's in Lexington and St. Paul's in Newport, AR. Reverend McKee was called to serve as the Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of Arkansas, a position he served for 9 years.

After serving on a diocesan level, he served as an interim rector at Nativity Episcopal Church in Huntsville, AL. He returned to Little Rock, serving as the Sub Dean at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. Reverend McKee retired in 2010 to Madison, MS, to be closer to family. Reverend McKee was currently serving as the Priest in Charge at Holy Trinity in Crystal Springs as well as other Episcopal churches as a supply priest.

Reverend McKee enjoyed Special Sessions at Camp Bratton Green and Camp Mitchell and served as director for many years. He also enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Survivors include: wife of 43 years, Diane Tolbert McKee of Madison; daughter, Helen McKee of North Little Rock, AR; daughter, Katharine McKee Surkin (Joe) of Madison; grandchildren, Adam Surkin (Leian) of Pelahatchie; Mary Kate Surkin of Madison; Joseph Surkin of Madison; great grandchildren, Shelby Surkin and Evelyn Deupree Surkin of Pelahatchie; brother, William McKee (Milinda) of Houston, TX.

Memorials may be made to Camp Bratton Green, 1530 Way Road, Canton, MS 39046 or St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 301 Hazel Street, Newport, AR 72112.



# WORSHIP SCHEDULE February 2017, published 1/18/17

## WEDNESDAY, February 1, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Anderson		Cheryl Watts

## THURSDAY, February 2, HE

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

## SUNDAY, February 5, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (McCrickard – out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	McCown		Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett
8:45 am	Anderson	McCown	Holland-Shuey, Ralph Shuey, Allen Daniels	Bankston Creech	Joan East
11:00 am	Anderson	McCown	Virginia Kobler, Gary Rasponi, Laura Pierce	Walter Thames, Ron Hogan	Deborah Baker

## WEDNESDAY , February 8, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	McCown		Sarah Watts

## THURSDAY, February 9, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Anderson		Charles Morley

## SUNDAY, February 12, 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Serio – out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Anderson		Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson
8:45 am	McCown	Anderson	Culbertson, Margaret Bibb, Pat Quirk	Martha Joffrion	Lane Mickle
11:00 am	McCrickard	Anderson	Culbertson, Pat Sampson, Rich Spera	Dianne Nettles, John Conover	Rhonwyn Watson

## WEDNESDAY , February 15, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	McCrickard		Joan East

## THURSDAY, February 16, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Anderson	Culbertson	Don Lambert

## SUNDAY, February 19, 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Anderson	Culbertson	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett
8:45 am	Anderson	Culbertson	Warren Vann	Elaine Hamner	Melissa Kirkindall
11:00 am	Anderson	Culbertson	Lee Hicklen	Jim Douthit, Mickey Ellis	Fred Beck

## WEDNESDAY, February 22, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Holland-Shuey		Mary Hendricks

## THURSDAY, February 23, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	McCrickard		Laura Pierce

## SUNDAY, February 26, Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Anderson – out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	McCrickard		John Hendricks	John Hendricks	John Hendricks
8:45 am	Holland-Shuey	McCrickard	Joan East, Lee Hicklen	Lynn Lewis	Clay Sherrill
11:00 am	McCown	McCrickard	Culbertson, Deborah Baker, Tom Devenish	Sally Ann Culver, Ronnie Rogers	Martha Bosworth

### USHERS

8:45	Robert Mullins, Chad Ayres, Michael McClung, Ray Moring, Brandon Smith, Greg Whitehead, Read Windham
11:00	Steve Brouse, Sherman Dailey, Marina Prucha, Stephen Prucha, Teague Smith

### ALTAR GUILD

4	Rebecca Brothers, Judy Heacock, Sarah James, Emily Moody, Connie Stephenson
11	Gail Brown, Lea Ann Barnett, Mary Johnson, Sue Johnson
18	Wanda Cobb, Nancy Colin, Rose Anne Shearer, Sophia Rowe, Judy Vann
25	Sara Little, Debbie Joyner, Alice Lanier, Caffey Litkenhous, Beth Pugh, Jewell Reynolds

## CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE

Jan 30 – Feb 5	February 6 – 12	February 13 – 19	February 20 – 26	February 27 – March 5
McCown	Anderson	McCrickard	McCown	Anderson

## 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 January 30<sup>th</sup>**

### CLERGY & STAFF

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Associate

**The Rev. Bonnie McCrickard**  
Associate

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### WARDENS' COUNCIL

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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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### Upcoming Events at a Glance

Nativity's full online calendar: [tiny.cc/nathsvCalendar](http://tiny.cc/nathsvCalendar)

#### January

22	Club56 Bible Study (Ridley Hall)	4:30pm
24	Centering Prayer with Sister Mary (Ridley Hall)	5:30pm
25	**Nativity Family Spaghetti Dinner (Ridley Hall)	5:30pm
	Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study Begins	6:00pm
29	Nativity Newcomers Dinner (off-site)	5:30pm

#### February

3	Friends of Music Presents ~ Echoing Air	7:30pm
5	HAP Sunday Confirmation Class Souper Bowl of Caring Soup Sale	
12	2017 Catechumenate (Seekers) Class begins (Ridley Hall)	10:00am
	Friends of Music Presents ~ Kevin Class, piano	5:00pm

\*\* Nursery available by request

**NATIVITY PARISH WEEKEND - SAVE THE DATE!**

**APRIL 28-30 CAMP McDOWELL**

**January 18, 2017**