

# THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

February 1, 2017



CHURCH  
OF THE  
NATIVITY,  
EPISCOPAL

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The Huntsville  
Assistance  
Program (HAP)  
really needs your  
help this month!

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HAP Sunday is  
February 5th

## 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.*

## Go Forth in Peace

On Sunday, we heard the Prophet Micah asking...and what does the Lord require, but that we do justice, love mercy (also translated kindness) and walk humbly with our God. We come together at Nativity regularly to learn how to do these things the Lord requires. And sometimes we struggle mightily with what God requires in the face of what is going on in the world around us. We know that we can't do justice and love mercy and kindness in a vacuum.

These things God asks of us can only be enacted as we are sent forth into a world that is politically and ideologically charged with competing visions. We go forth into a world that is broken and in need of healing and love. Faithful followers of Jesus choose several ways to fulfill the Lord's requirements. There are differing faithful responses but they are all accomplished as we walk humbly with God and with each other.

By now, you may recall the blessing that I use when I send us forth from the Eucharist. These words are taken from Paul's letter to the Romans, and were used by one of my mentors, The Rt. Rev'd Duncan Gray (a remarkable man of faith, Bishop of Mississippi, and civil rights activist in the 1950's and 60's). These words shed light upon the prophet Micah's guide to God's life:

***Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage.***

***Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil.***

***Strengthen the faint-hearted, help the afflicted, support the weak.***

***Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit!***

***And the blessing of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you forever.***

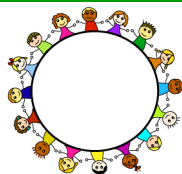
However you are called to do justice, love mercy and kindness and walk humbly with God, may we do so in the name of our Trinitarian God whose changeless name is love. May we seek understanding and remain connected to our brothers and sisters who don't see things the way we do. May we do everything in love, having the same mind that was

in Christ Jesus who humbled himself, even to the point of death on the cross, to share our humanity so we could show forth God's Divine life of love and mercy and justice.

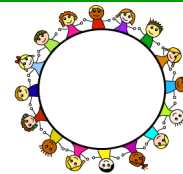


Sometimes a picture is worth a thousand words, an image from Instagram!

*Andy +*



## Children's Formation



### Eucharist Instruction Class

Families with first graders or older children who missed it are invited to join Father Rusty and Madeline Mullins for a special Sunday school class that explains the Episcopal Eucharist in a fun, engaging way. In class, children will learn about church traditions and why we do things the way we do. They will understand what is happening during the Eucharist and be able to participate more fully in church services.

Class meets in the Children's Chapel during Sunday school from 10:00 to 10:50 on February 5, 12, 19, 26, finishing up on March 5 with special seating during the 8:45 service; no reservation is required. We ask that each child brings a parent with them to this class as we talk a lot about family and family traditions.

Questions, contact [Mary Coe](#).



EYC Church of the Nativity

## Soup, Cookies, and Fun!

### Youth Super Bowl Party, Feb 5 ,

5:00pm through the Half-Time Show

All youth are invited to gather together for the Super Bowl on Sunday evening. We'll eat great food, play a few games and watch the first half of the Super Bowl and the half-time show!

### Valentine's Day Cookie Sale, Feb 12<sup>th</sup>

The youth will be selling valentine's day cookies in the Foyer of Ridley Hall. Support youth programs & trips by stopping by the table and buying a cookie (or 12)!



### Youth Schedule:

Wednesdays, Feb 1, 8, & 15th

5:30pm: High School Girls Bible Study

Sunday, Feb 5 ~ SOUPer Bowl of Caring Final Day

Sunday School at 10am

Super Bowl Party at 5pm

### SOUPer Bowl of Caring Benefitting Mobile Soup Kitchen of Huntsville Feb 5th

Be sure to stop by the SOUPer Bowl of Caring table in the Foyer of Ridley this Sunday, Feb 5th to buy some soup or to pick up your pre-orders! All proceeds benefit the Mobile Soup Kitchen of Huntsville, AL.

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

### Sunday, Feb 12

Valentines Day Cookie Sale

10am: Sunday School

4pm: Bible Study

4:30pm: EYC

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

# Echoing Air



“Tis Love That Has Warmed Us”

Music of Purcell, Blow, Draghi, and others

Nathan Medley and Steven Rickards, Countertenors

Jeffrey Collier and Keith Collins, Recorders

Christine Kyprianides, Viola da Gamba

Thomas Gerber, Harpsichord

**Friday, February 3rd, 2017**

**7:30pm**

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, EPISCOPAL  
208 EUSTIS AVENUE SE HUNTSVILLE, AL 35801  
256-533-2455 ~ [WWW.NATIVITY-HSV.ORG](http://WWW.NATIVITY-HSV.ORG)

## Upcoming concerts:

Sunday, February 12 ~ 5:00pm  
Kevin Class, piano

Sunday, March 12 ~ 5:00pm  
Nativity Choir, Evensong

Sunday, March 26 ~ 5:00pm  
Kevin Class, piano

Contact: Christian Crocker  
[ccrocker@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:ccrocker@nativity-hsv.org) (256.533.2455 x216)

## Young Adults/Twentysomethings

We will meet on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, after the 11:00am service for brunch (location TBD).

If you are interested in attending, please contact Mother Bonnie: [bmccrickard@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:bmccrickard@nativity-hsv.org) (256.533.2455 x207) by February 16<sup>th</sup>.



[nativity young adults/twentysomethings](https://www.facebook.com/nativityyoungadults/twentysomethings)

## Monthly Men's Breakfast

Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, *Suggested donation \$5*

6:30am Simple Eucharist, Bibb Chapel



7:00am Breakfast with guest speaker:

## Huntsville Assistance Program (HAP)

**HAP Sunday is February 5<sup>th</sup>**



**“We had to close our doors a couple of times last month ”**

**We can use almost everything, especially:**

**meat, especially canned chicken,  
fruit  
cereal  
peanut butter  
spaghetti sauce  
spaghetti noodles  
rice, beans (1lb bags)  
bar soap**

**Thank you for your generosity!**



# THE CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

A TRILOGY - for everyone, you & me, all of us - no matter where we are on our journey

## *THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY*

Monday Nights in February 6, 13, 20 & 27

6:00 - 7:15 pm in Ridley Hall



LED BY: Mother Basye & Father Rusty

BOOK: Pilgrim: A Course for the Christian Journey - The Eucharist

- join us as we explore the notion that the whole of life is sacramental; and that worship and prayer guide our journey in many forms as we grow into becoming who we are meant to be

- Please read chapters 1 & 2 prior to the first class!

- Books are \$11 and available in the church office or from Amazon.

QUESTIONS? Mother Basye ~ [basye@knology.net](mailto:basye@knology.net)



Kill 12-point Buck with Bow	Rebuild Engine (Any kind)	Rescue Kitten from Tree	Survive Rattlesnake Bite	Build Log Cabin	Enter Lumberjack Contest	Hike Appalachian Trail, Solo
Carry Buckskin Knife	<div>  <div> 2017 MEN'S RETREAT  <b>MAN CARD</b>  X-OUT EACH TASK AS ACHIEVED </div> </div>					Drink a Martini, Shaken, not stirred
Grow Epic Beard						Stop Purse Snatcher
Learn to Weld						
Spend Weekend at Camp McDowell	Attend 3rd Ever Men's Retreat March 4-5	Pay \$\$\$ cost includes: all meals & lodging \$135 -single \$85 - double	Turn in Registration to Rusty McCown	Help Assemble Nativity Lodge Table	Fellowship with Other Men outdoors	

## What Are You Reading?

***My Stroke of Insight* by Jill Bolte Taylor, PhD**

**Contributed by: Mary Johnson**

*My Stroke of Insight* is a book written by Jill Bolte Taylor, PhD. She is a brain scientist, a neuroanatomist, who at the age of 37 experienced a massive stroke from a hemorrhage in the left side of her brain. Her story is of the remarkable things she learned through the experience, about the brain, from the inside- out. With her left side language center obliterated, she learned that her right side was the spiritual center.

In spite of great pain and concern for her loss of her old self, she was fascinated to learn that she felt herself to be a fluid, not a solid. She perceived her spirit to be enormous as it flowed out to join All That Is in the universe -like a genie, liberated from its bottle. There was no past or future, only the present moment and it was beautiful to her. The energy of everything blended the edges together. Things were no longer seen as separate, but all connected. She saw everything in the dynamic molecular state of activity that the physicists tell us it actually is. It felt like Nirvana or heaven and part of her wanted to stay there.

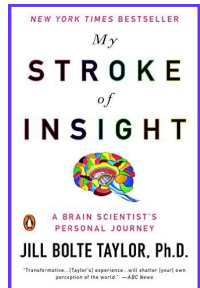
She takes us on a fascinating journey of her eight years to complete recovery and to her new knowledge of the power of thought as energy. On that journey, she perceives that All That Is is creative energy and that she is infinitely connected to it. She has learned much about the brain that she could not have imagined from her scientific work, and is now thankful for the experience.

Her remarkable recovery has inspired her to share advice for the medical community, caregivers, visitors to the sick and patients alike. They are ideas worth spreading and as such, **she also has a heart-felt TED talk that you might enjoy on TED.com.**

**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)

'What are you Reading?' is a book review column brought to you by Nativity's Spiritual Development Committee.



## **MATT FARR TO BE ORDAINED AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL KNOXVILLE, FEBRUARY 11**

We send our best wishes and prayers for Matt's ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons on Saturday, February 11. Matt served Nativity in 2016 completing his seminary Field Education here. After Matt graduates from the School of Theology at Sewanee in May, 2017, Matt's future leads him toward the ordination to the Priesthood.

We are grateful for Matt's presence and ministry at Nativity. If you'd like to wish Matt well, cards may be mailed to him at:

335 Tennessee Ave  
Sewanee, TN 37383

St. Andrew's, Montevallo is seeking new residents for Canterbury House.

If any of you have students going to Montevallo in the fall and they are looking for housing have them contact Tyler Richards. [rev.tyler16@gmail.com](mailto:rev.tyler16@gmail.com)

## **Blossomwood weekend snack pack Ministry**



Join us every Wednesday at 4:30pm in the Joffrion Library to assemble weekend snack packs for students at Blossomwood Elementary School. This program is a joint effort with Manna House and supplies more than 150 students each week with a food source for the weekend. All ages are welcome to help! We begin at 4:30 and the activity takes anywhere from 15 to 45 minutes depending on the number of participants.

If you can't be there on Wednesday nights but want to help, we always need volunteers to help pick-up and deliver the bags on Friday mornings and help with distribution at the school on Friday afternoons so there may be something that fits your schedule. Please email [bessnackpacks@gmail.com](mailto:bessnackpacks@gmail.com) for more information about these opportunities.



## CAMINO DE SANTIAGO PILGRIMAGE JUNE 2017

Interested in an abbreviated Camino pilgrimage from June 15-26, 2017?

The ancient pilgrim way of St. James in the north of Spain is a transforming journey. Great food and wine, amazing scenery, beautiful people and good soul work. Father Andy Anderson is leading a small group, walking the last 115k (about 71 miles) from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela. Andy walked the 500 mile Camino Frances on his sabbatical last summer.

Travel arrangements including hotel accommodations (double room w/ private bath), most meals, luggage transfers between hotels (only have to walk with a day pack), and roundtrip airfare to Madrid along with transfers between Madrid and the Camino are being booked with Academy International Travel who are experienced church pilgrimage tour agents and have organized several Church of the Nativity pilgrimages. The land cost will be around \$3000, plus airfare tbd.

Please let Andy know if you'd like to travel as soon as possible. Contact Andy at [aanderson@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:aanderson@nativity-hsv.org) with your questions or if you'd like to go. \$100 deposit required by February 19, 2017. Buen Camino!



### Women's Wednesday night bible study

Due to popular demand, the class will be extended one extra week to Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. That night is also our Feb. Spaghetti supper at 5:30pm. (have supper and then join us in the library at 6:00)



We are in need of a few new volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels. The Nativity team delivers meals the third Thursday of every month, in the morning, starting at 10.30 am. This takes about 1-1/2hrs depending on the route.

Anyone interested please contact Jennie Coe (256.883.6398) [ronjcoe@yahoo.com](mailto:ronjcoe@yahoo.com) Thank you.



**Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> - 5:30pm**

**Family Spaghetti Night**  
*at Nativity*



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

**NATIVITY PARISH WEEKEND !**  
**APRIL 28-30 CAMP McDOWELL**

# STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

Here are thoughts and words about stewardship of God's creation to take into your heart and to guide your actions as you go about your daily activities:

"As the stewards of creation, what account will the Human Race be able to give of our stewardship?"

D. Denise Dianaty

Marcia Bunge writes, in a Web of Creation article:

**"All of the biblical passages that command us to love our neighbor also have strong implications for environmental responsibility ... As we better understand the dimensions of our environmental problems, it is clear that they are often connected to social injustices. We cannot adequately show love to our neighbors, therefore, without taking into account the environmental problems that affect them."**

*"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can." – John Wesley*

## **We Are Called "to Serve and to Preserve"**

...the Bible contains insights that can help form the basis of a sound environmental ethic.

...Genesis 1:28 and 2:15 call human beings to preserve and protect the earth and its creatures.

... the biblical texts emphasize a humane and compassionate rule that displays responsibility for others and that results in peace and prosperity.

... Genesis 1:28 does not advocate tyrannical exploitation of nature but rather responsible care of it.

The Hebrew word for "keep" means to preserve for future generations. Hence, the mandate "to serve and to preserve" the land places human beings not in a hierarchical position over creation **but in a position of service to it.**

Just as the later Christian message (in the New Testament) depicts Jesus as a servant-king, so humans are challenged in this creation story to assume a similar role: "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all" (Mark 9:35).

**Care for creation is to be exercised not to serve our own wants and desires but to serve the best interests and well-being of all Earth-community together, including ourselves.** – adapted from *Web of Creation*

**Take the GreenFaith Pledge!** Join thousands of others throughout the world in taking this pledge:

**"I pledge to make my life a blessing for the Earth."**

What will you do today to live out the Golden Rule that Jesus gave us, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." How will you be a good Steward of Creation?

**How will you be "a blessing for the Earth?"**

*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*

## **Thomas Merton's Desert Spirituality**

**Contemplative Outreach Birmingham  
24th Annual Gathering ~ March 18, 2017**

***Featuring Dr. Bonnie Thurston*  
Merton scholar, educator and writer.**



**Our contemplative day will focus on the  
ambiguous image of the desert  
in the thought and prayer of Thomas Merton**

**Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church  
3775 Overton Road Birmingham, AL 35223  
9:00am-4:00pm \$60**

**More information and registration  
[centeringprayeralabama.org](http://centeringprayeralabama.org)**

**Questions: contact Louise Meredith  
[centeringprayeralabama@gmail.com](mailto:centeringprayeralabama@gmail.com)**

# Nativity's 2017 Vestry

## Wardens' Council



**Senior Warden**  
**Margaret Devenish**  
Stewardship, Memorials,  
Finance



**Junior Warden**  
**Robert Dunn**  
Human Resources,  
Building & Grounds,  
Finance



**Finance Chair**  
**Brandon Smith**  
Finance (Directs  
Budgeting Process)



**Treasurer**  
**Donald Christian**  
Finance,  
Human Resources



**Clerk of the Vestry**  
**Dottie Crawford**  
Year Round Stewardship,  
Annual Campaign



**Trust and Endowments,  
Long-Range Planning**  
**Linda Watts**  
Nativity Trust, Historic  
Preservation Foundation,  
Finance



**Wardens' Council**  
**Paul Bonner**  
Assistant Treasurer

## Vestry Liaisons



**Youth Christian  
Formation**  
**Chad Hinton**  
Youth Council, Youth  
Confirmation Process,  
Acolytes



**Children's Christian  
Formation**  
**Teresa Pinson**  
Kids' Council, Liaison  
with Children's Choirs



**Ministries of Worship and  
Music**  
**Dorrie Nutt**  
Worship Committee,  
Friends of Nativity Board,  
Acolytes, Nativity Choir



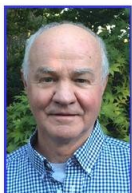
**Building and Grounds**  
**Don Lambert**  
Building and Grounds



**Communications and  
Technology**  
**Grant Thomson**  
Communications  
Technology needs



**Parish Entities and  
Stewardship of Creation**  
**Lee Hicklen**  
Greene Street Market at  
Nativity and GSM Store,  
333 Franklin Street



**Outreach**  
**Don Evans**  
Outreach Committee,  
Adult Learning Center



**Pastoral Care**  
**Kim Huskey**  
Pastoral Care Team



**Parish Life**  
**Fisher Hutchens**  
Parish Life functions and  
groups



**Adult Christian  
Formation Committee &  
Spiritual Development**  
**Margaret Gleason**  
RenewalWorks



**Hospitality and  
Welcoming**  
**Bob Thompson**  
Blue Apron Hospitality  
New Member Welcoming



# **The Catechumenate: Episcopal Faith Seekers' Class**

**Begins February 12, 2017 at 10:00am in the Parish Hall**

Please register with Amy Baxter at 256-533-2455 or [abaxter@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:abaxter@nativity-hsv.org)

A class for Adults seeking to be Confirmed and Baptized Episcopalians from most other traditions (or no tradition) or Received into the Episcopal Church from the Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Lutheran (ELCA) traditions. This class is also for Confirmed Episcopalians seeking to deepen and renew their faith and Baptismal Vows

This class is introduced with a five-week series, Nativity 101, that gives a broad sweep introduction to the Episcopal Church for anyone new to Nativity or old-timers who want a refresher. Nativity 101 leads into The Catechumenate, the Seekers' Class on February 12. The church's catechumenal process, an ancient pattern for initiating Christians into the full life of the community of the faithful, is at the heart of our Seekers' Class for people new to the Episcopal Church and for other Episcopalians who want to renew and deepen their faith. This process enables participants to reflect upon the traditions and practices of Christianity as the Episcopal Church has received them. Each Seeker or Catechumenate (the historical name for people seeking church membership) will be assigned a sponsor to walk the journey with them. Sponsors are already members of Nativity who will encourage you and be available for questions and discussions about the faith we share as Episcopalians. This class is for anyone who desires to be a confirmed communicant of Nativity and for those adults who are not baptized. This class is specifically for:

- People who have not been baptized
- People baptized as infants who want to make a mature public affirmation of their faith
- People seeking out this church community for marriage or for baptism of a child
- People baptized in other traditions but who have not shared in the Episcopal Church's understanding of Confirmation by a Bishop in the historic, apostolic tradition
- Newcomers to the Episcopal Church from other traditions
- Former Roman Catholic or Orthodox Christians who will be received into this Communion
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America members who have not been confirmed
- Returnees (for a variety of reasons)
- Active members seeking to deepen and renew their commitment
- Nominal members seeking basic formation
- Lapsed members willing to reconsider Christian Commitment
- Christians seeking deeper faith understanding in a time of crisis

On May 14th, the Bishop of Alabama will be present with us to celebrate these commitments made in Confirmation, Reception, and Renewal of Baptismal Vows. Adults seeking Baptism will be baptized at the Great Vigil of Easter on Easter Eve at 7:30pm on April 15, 2017.

The class convenes in the Parish Hall at 10:00am with a presentation by one of the clergy or by a lay leader in the congregation. On March 5, the class hears a presentation by a member of the clergy and then breaks into small groups for table discussion. These classes concludes around 11:30am.

**Child care is available on these Sundays past the Children's Church School time until 11:30, but you must register for child care.** Participants are asked to attend the 8:45am worship service beginning March 5.

## Feb 2017 Acolyte Schedule

### Sunday, Feb 5

8:45 A/M C Sherrill  
C Leighton Luther, Bailey Morrison  
T Lucy Ellis, Alex Ahearn  
T Anna Katherine Ayres, Patrick Ahearn  
S Ella Jane Duncan  
AS Park Ellis

11:00 A/M D Nutt  
C Bankston Creech, Margaret Bryant  
T Evans Bryant, Betsy Bryant  
T Phoebe Duncan  
S Joshua Huskey  
AS Mary Maddox Creech

### Sunday, Feb 12

8:45 A/M N Putt  
C Ellie Walker, Huston Morring  
T Clay Walker, Sam Hartley  
T Elizabeth Evans, Tess Lambert  
S Alice Malone  
AS Sarah Whelden Hall

11:00 A/M M Ward  
C David DiFranco, Molly Ward  
T Sadie Anglin, Katie Garth Kelley  
T Madelyn Alison, Mary Ellis Alison  
S Evan Ward  
AS Luke Alison

### Sunday, Feb 19

8:45 A/M D Nutt  
C Cameron Pinson, Sidney Gunter  
T Will Pinson, Cooper Gunter  
T Van Dodgen, Katherine Hunter  
S Ireland Braudaway  
AS Parker Sanders

11:00 A/M C Sherrill  
C Forrest Webber, Evan Ellison  
T Mary Kate Brooks  
T Nannette Aboudonia  
S Britt Webber  
AS Gertrude Aboudonia

### Sunday, Feb 26

8:45 A/M C Sherrill  
C Sims Windham, Margaret Foster  
T Jed Rainey, Charles Warren  
T Elizabeth Rainey, Emery Windham  
S Evelyn Warren  
AS Thomas Aldag

11:00 A/M D Nutt  
C Dylan Chenoweth, Jack Benton Stockton  
T Carter Watson  
T Catherine Hendricks\*  
S Riley Kamelchuk  
AS Laura Kamelchuk

\* unless still on crutches. Get well soon, Catherine!

## "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**

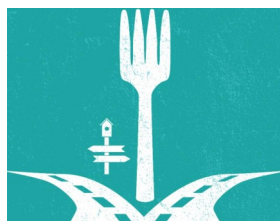
[susanna@campmcdowell.com](mailto:susanna@campmcdowell.com)

205.281.1903

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

## 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 by March 8<sup>th</sup> [bmccrickard@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:bmccrickard@nativity-hsv.org) (256.533.2455 x207)



The Institute for Conscious Being is sponsoring an Enneagram Conference at Camp McDowell

**February 9 -11, 2017**

Dr. Joe Howell and his team have conducted numerous Enneagram Conferences in the US. We are privileged to have him return to Camp McDowell and offer this conference.

More information and registration at [campmcdowell.com](http://campmcdowell.com)

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

Mark See, Lloyd Newman, Heidi Foreman, Warren Vann, Charlie Lyle, Tom Hodge, Elise Goodson, Tom Booth, Sara Welch, Beezie Lindsey, Genny Hoskins Beaver, Rick Barnett, Jim Martin, Keith McRae, Dick Gragg, Leigh Wahl, Elsie Olsen

### **We pray for an Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons:**

Matt Farr, at St. John's Cathedral, Knoxville on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

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

Josh Sievers, grandson of Betty Fletcher  
Dick McCown, uncle of Rusty McCown  
Ann Gurley, former parishioner  
George Douthit, brother of Jim Douthit  
Virginia Larkin Hughey

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

Doug Faith, Afghanistan  
Kenneth Vandervoort, US Navy

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

2/1	Caroline Avolese	2/3	John Bohan	2/4	Alice Malone	2/6	Cameron Pinson
2/8	Clara Keener	2/11	Cooper Gunter	2/11	Andrew Rawson	2/12	Eno Farrell
2/12	Caden Jackson	2/13	Alex McCarty				

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

### **2017 Altar Flower Dedications**

**Available Dates:** Feb 5, 12, 19, 26 Mar 26 Apr 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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...



## 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, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

### CLERGY & STAFF

**The Rev. Dr. Andy Anderson**  
Rector

**The Rev. Rusty McCown**  
Associate

**The Rev. Bonnie McCrickard**  
Associate

**The Rev. Robert A. Serio, M.D.**  
Deacon

**Christian Crocker**  
Choirmaster and Organist

**Lane Tutt**  
Adult Christian Formation

**Sarah Watts**  
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

**Mary Coe**  
Children's Formation

**Amanda Goeke**  
Children's Formation Assistant

**Audrey Clayton**  
Nursery Coordinator

**John Buyse**  
Property Manager

**Marlin Wilder**  
Sexton

**Regina Milton**  
Weekend Sexton

**Sally Stockton**  
Kitchen Coordinator

**Beverly Franklin**  
Bookkeeper/Business Mgr

**Connie Gadomski**  
Worship & Ministry Assistant

**Amy Baxter**  
Assistant to the Rector

**Glenn Sommer**  
Communications

**Prentice White**  
Verger/Wedding Coordinator

### WARDENS' COUNCIL

**Margaret Devenish** - Sr. Warden

**Robert Dunn** - Jr. Warden

**Donald Christian** - Treasurer

**Brandon Smith** - Finance chair

**Dottie Crawford** -  
Clerk and Stewardship Ministries

**Linda Watts** - 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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### Upcoming Events at a Glance

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

#### February

3	Friends of Music Presents ~ Echoing Air	7:30pm
5	HAP Sunday Confirmation Class SOUPer Bowl of Caring Soup Sale	
6	The Christian Spiritual Journey Class begins (Ridley Hall)	6:00pm
12	Youth Valentine Cookie Sale Catechumenate [Seekers] Class begins (Ridley Hall) Friends of Music Presents ~ Kevin Class, piano	10:00am 5:00pm
14	Simple Eucharist (Bibb Chapel) Monthly Men's Breakfast with guest speaker	6:30am 7:00am
17-18	Diocesan Convention (Birmingham)	
17-20	EYC Ski Trip (West Virginia)	
22	**Family Spaghetti Dinner (Ridley Hall)	5:30pm
28	**Mardi Gras Dinner & Program (Ridley Hall)	

#### March

1	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Holy Eucharist, Imposition of Ashes 7:00am (Bibb Chapel) Noon (Church) Soup lunch afterwards - no reservations needed (Ridley Hall) **6:00pm (Church) and special children's service (Ridley Hall)
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\*\* Nursery available by reservation

**February 1, 2017**