

THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

April 5, 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.

The Nativity Historic Preservation Foundation

Recently, members of Nativity have seen information concerning the newly established Nativity Legacy Society. Several weeks ago a letter of information was sent to most parishioners from Lou Durnya and me. Sally Naumann wrote an article for the Steeple two weeks ago discussing the Nativity Trust, and two Sundays ago Lou Durnya spoke at all three Sunday services ([You can hear his talk here](#) or by going to the Nativity website and clicking the [Nativity Legacy Society logo](#)).

Late last year, the Vestry established the Nativity Legacy Society; our new effort to promote estate or end of life giving. In Lou's talk he mentioned page 445 of our Book of Common Prayer. Parishioners have two opportunities for leaving Nativity in their wills: The Nativity Trust that Sally referred to and The Nativity Historical Preservation Foundation. Both are wonderful opportunities to support Nativity for many future generations.

The idea of the Nativity Historical Preservation Foundation came from the Preserving Our Heritage Campaign. We realized that the expense to maintain our beautiful and historical church buildings requires a consistent effort each year to fund our long-term buildings' capital needs. Our annual budget is always challenged with so many needs to support. As a result, we established the Nativity Historical Preservation Foundation which creates an endowment that allows funds to accumulate and grow to support the future needs of our beautiful church buildings.

Members of Nativity make our annual pledge to support the many wonderful and beneficial efforts of our church. However, we are asking every member to consider, as the Book of Common Prayer asks, to put Nativity as a beneficiary in your will. If you are like Alice and me and have a true love of our church buildings, designate The Nativity Historical Preservation Foundation. I am a third generation member of Nativity and so many of my memories from my youth include Nativity. We hope that many future generations at Nativity will be able to have the joy of worshipping and fulfilling their spiritual life, as we have, at the most beautiful church in Huntsville. Designating the Nativity Historical Preservation Foundation in my will is a way to ensure this legacy. I hope you will choose to do this.

Please complete the form that is included on page 7 so Nativity has an accurate record of those leaving Nativity in their wills and also so we have an accurate membership roster for the Nativity Legacy Society.

Fredrick Lanier



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Holy Week
Schedule

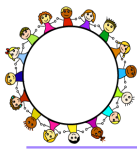
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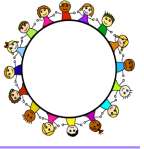


NATIVITY PARISH
WEEKEND

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Children's Formation



farmland vbs

Church of the Nativity June 26-28, 2017

Farmland VBS June 26-28, 1.00 to 4.00 pm.

Registration now open! [Register children here](#)

We'll be having fun on the farm at VBS, June 26-28, from 1-4 in the afternoon. Please note the move to the afternoon time. We hope more children can participate by avoiding conflicts with morning activities.

+ VBS is for children age 4 (by 9/1/17) through rising 6 graders. Ages 4 through rising 4th grade will spend their afternoons having fun with farm-themed activities and learning about farming and feeding the world. Fifth and sixth graders have their own Club 56 activities and outreach projects.

+ VBS is easy and fun with lots of help! Parents of children, volunteer during registration. Teens (rising 7th grade and up), adults with children under 4 and adults without children [sign up to help here](#).

Questions, mcoe@nativity-hsv.org.

Mite Boxes on Easter Sunday .

All children are invited to gather in Ridley Hall before the 8.45 service.

Bring money-filled mite boxes and garden flowers to decorate them.

Extra boxes will be on hand if you don't have one.

Children will process in together with their flower-decorated boxes to fill the cross at the front of the church.

All money collected will be sent to [Episcopal Relief & Development](#), the Episcopal Church's global outreach program.

EASTER EGG HUNT

EASTER SUNDAY

⦿ FOLLOWING 8.45 SERVICE IN THE COURTYARD

⦿ BRING YOUR BASKET TO CHURCH

⦿ COLLECT EMPTY EGGS AND TRADE FOR AN EASTER TREAT! FIND THE GOLDEN EGG FOR A SPECIAL PRIZE!

QUESTIONS, CONTACT MARY COE, MCOE@NATIVITY-HSV.ORG OR 256.532.2855



EYC Church of the Nativity

Our Two New Youth Department Members

It gives me great joy to announce Sara Hutchens and Alec Bonner were elected to serve on Youth Department (YD) during EYC Convention at this year's Rites of Spring youth retreat. Sara and Alec will represent the Episcopal Youth Community in the Diocese of Alabama and working with 9 other youth serving on YD to create opportunities for the Diocesan-wide youth community by planning welcoming and formational events throughout the year.

These events include District Days, Christmas Conference, Diocesan Convention Lock-in, and Rites of Spring while supporting other youth events in the Diocese such as Happening, Awakenings, and Sawyerville Day Camp.

We are excited for Sara and Alec and hold them in our prayers as they head to the YD Formation Retreat in July.



Youth Department members Alec Bonner and Sara Hutchens (center) Pictured with Fr. Rusty McCown & Sarah Watts

Youth Schedule

Sunday, April 9th (Palm Sunday)

NO Sunday School!

4:00pm: Bible Study

4:30pm: EYC

Wednesday, April 12th

6:00pm: Stations of the Cross

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HOLY WEEK & THE TRIDUUM

Palm Sunday - April 9th

The Sunday of the Passion

- 7:45am Holy Eucharist, Bibb Chapel
*8:45 Parade of Palms and Holy Eucharist
The Service begins outside with a Jazz Band and Beast of Burden leading the Parade
*11:00 Parade of Palms and Holy Eucharist (*Incense*)
The Service begins outside, in front of Bibb Chapel

Monday in Holy Week - April 10th

The Anointing of Jesus

- Noon Holy Eucharist, Bibb Chapel

Tuesday in Holy Week - April 11th

The Refusal to Believe in Jesus

- Noon Holy Eucharist, Bibb Chapel

Wednesday in Holy Week - April 12th

Judas' Betrayal of Jesus

- Noon Holy Eucharist, Bibb Chapel
6:00pm Stations of the Cross - *Begins in the Church*

Maundy Thursday - April 13th

Jesus the Servant

- *6:00pm Holy Eucharist, Mandatum (*Foot Washing*) and Stripping of the Altar (*Incense*)
6:00 Maundy Thursday for children (Ridley Hall)
Children join the Service at the Foot Washing (All may participate in the Mandatum, but please come prepared)
8:00 – 11:00pm Prayer Vigil, Bibb Chapel

Good Friday - April 14th

The Crucifixion of Jesus

- 6:00am – Noon Prayer Vigil, Bibb Chapel
Noon Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday - April 15th

Waiting for Jesus' Resurrection

- 7:30pm Great Vigil of Easter with Baptisms; the Lighting of the New Fire; Festal First Easter Eucharist (*Incense*)
Bring bells to ring in the Resurrection!

Easter Day - April 16th

The Risen Lord Gives Us New Life

- 7:45am Holy Eucharist, Bibb Chapel
*8:45 Festal Holy Eucharist and Flowering of Mite Box Cross
(Bring Mite Boxes & Flowers to Ridley Hall)
After the 8:45 Service
Children's Easter Egg Hunt (*Bring your basket*)
*11:00 Festal Holy Eucharist (*Incense*)

Services are held in Church Nave unless noted

The Church Office is closed on Easter Monday, April 17th

* Nursery available

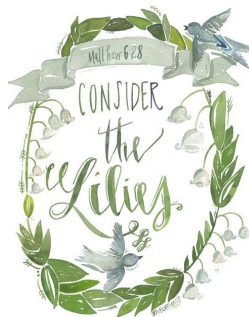
Wednesday Evening Lenten Series

...the Spirituality and Ethics of Simple Living

April 5

The Reverend Tom Ward

former Chaplain at the University of the South;
former Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville,
well-known Centering Prayer Advocate
and Spiritual Director



Dinner 5:30pm. Program 6:00
Nursery available by reservation.

For Nursery and/or
dinner reservations:
256.533.2455



CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 8, 2017
8:30am to 3:00pm

Centering Prayer is a means to deepen one's
prayer life by learning "to rest in God."

Presenting this workshop are:

The Reverend Tom Ward

retired Episcopal priest, Contemplative Prayer
teacher, and retreat leader

The Reverend Dr. Andy Anderson,

Parish Rector

The workshop is designed for all who are seeking
a deeper relationship with the Lord through
their prayer life.

The registration fee (\$35) includes lunch

Payment in advance preferred but will be
accepted at the door.

Register: online tiny.cc/nathsvCenteringPrayer
call, or stop by, the Church Office.

Questions: Brenda Chynoweth
brendacc@knology.net
256.464.9457

REWIND WITH US



NATIVITY PARISH WEEKEND:

APRIL 28-30

TOP 10 REASONS TO SIGN UP:

10. Ditch the city for Wonderful, Wonderful Camp McDowell
9. Play dress up on Saturday night!
8. Have a valid excuse to skip spring sporting events!
7. Hike, canoe, play, and laugh!
6. Play with your children, be they 5 or 50
5. Tour of the Farm
4. Dance to *Microwave Dave and the Nukes* with wild abandon!
3. Relax, count stars, chill.
2. Kickball with the "Collars"!
1. Hang out with your Nativity family!

ABOUT THE WEEKEND

Come rewind through the decades with us and experience Parish Weekend 2017! We'll go on a tour of The Farm, have great food, make items to place into our Time Capsule, and we will have our always-fun-never-to-be-missed dance party with *Microwave Dave and the Nukes*.

Sunday morning, we will gather together for a special service at St. Francis Chapel.

Please visit our [Parish Weekend webpage](#) or pick up a flyer in the Foyer of Ridley Hall to learn more.

You can register online here:

tinyurl.com/NativityPW2017

Questions? Contact:

Ashley Hudson: ashley.hudson@gmail.com or

Ashley Ayres: ashley@pretiumvaluation.com

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Monthly Men's Breakfast

Tuesday, April 11th, *Suggested donation \$5*

6:30am Simple Eucharist, Bibb Chapel

7:00am Breakfast with guest speaker



Hope to see you there!

Gratitude to Connie Gadomski for 9 years of faithful service!

Connie's last day is this Friday, April 7th. If you would like to join the staff and the vestry in offering a tangible expression of thanks to Connie for her faithful service as our ministry assistant, you may participate in a farewell "purse." Please send your checks to the Church of the Nativity with "Gadomski Purse" in the memo line.

First ever Young Adults Mini-Retreat!

Saturday, April 8th at the Ayres Center at St. Mary's in Sewanee.

Leave Huntsville at 7:45 am, and return by mid-afternoon.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Mother Bonnie: bmccrickard@nativity-hsv.org (256.533.2455 x207) by April 6th.



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

Haiti Mission Update

The team from Nativity is scheduled to go to Haiti April 29-May 6. Due to problems with customs in Haiti we will be limited in the supplies we can take with us and plan to purchase them in Haiti.

We will be accepting **cash** donations to buy supplies on Sunday between the services over the next few weeks. Look for us in the narthex outside Ridley Hall. We appreciate all the support we receive from this wonderful parish.

Haiti Medical Mission Team



Huntsville Assistance Program (HAP)



Items needed:
Small canned ham
canned meat
canned fruit
canned vegetables
coffee

Thank you for your generosity!

Art in the Banister Room On Display through April 30th

Featuring Huntsville artist **Caroline Wang**,



This exhibit displays original works inspired by her visit to Wheeler Wildlife and Joe Wheeler park.

cwanggallery.com

Want to be a tour guide?



Interested in leading tours of the Church during the Greene Street Market this year?

Here is your chance. As a tour guide, you get to share the wonderful history of the Sanctuary while being an example to the community what Nativity parishioners are like.

Training sessions are scheduled for Sunday April 23rd following the 11:00am service or Monday, April 24th at 5:30pm

If you were a tour guide last year and want to participate again, you will need to attend one of the training sessions listed above.

If you are interested, please contact Amy Baxter
abaxter@nativity-hsv.org

Become a Greene Street Market weekly sponsor

(find out how on the back page)



Youth Events (Continued from page 2)



Thursday- Saturday, April ,13th 15th

Holy Week Services – check the Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, April 16th (Easter Sunday)

NO Sunday School, Bible Study or EYC!

Wednesday, April 19th

5:30pm: High School Girls
Wednesday Night Bible Study
Resumes

Sunday, April 23rd

10:00am: Sunday School
1:00 – 3:30pm: Putt Putt Masters
@ Southern Adventures
(No Bible Study or EYC)

Amy Baxter to assume Worship and Ministry Assistant Position



For the past three years, Amy Baxter has been a friendly and helpful staff member for all who have met her while she has served as the Rector's Assistant and Music Ministry Assistant. And so God's mission and ministry at Nativity is blessed and fortunate that Amy has accepted the position of Worship and Music Ministry Assistant effective April 10th.

This will be a seamless transition because of Amy's extensive knowledge and experience at Nativity. Amy has also served as Connie Gadowski's back-up when she has been away. Although Father Anderson and the vestry will greatly miss Amy's working with them directly because Amy has functioned so professionally and cooperatively as his assistant, this makes for a "win/win" situation for our parish ministries and for Amy.

Amy will continue serving as the Music Ministry's Assistant, working with Christian Crocker, the choirs, and our Friends of Music programs. In her new role as Worship and Ministry Assistant, Amy will move downstairs and will provide support for our worship ministries, producing all service leaflets as well as supporting our ushers, acolytes, verger, altar guild and flower guild needs. She will provide support for the Associate Rectors and Adult Christian Formation Director. She will also coordinate our pastoral care volunteers with Father McCown and our parish life volunteers. Amy will work with, and schedule, our office volunteers and be a "friendly first face" for many who walk into the parish offices. Congratulations to Amy are in order!

Father Anderson has called a new Rector's Assistant, Ms. Holly McClain, who will begin April 10th and she will be introduced in the April 19th Steeple. The Rector's Assistant will resume the role of Parish Registrar, working with membership information as Connie Gadowski has been doing.

Please keep our transitions in your prayers

What Are You Reading? - The Book of JOY

By: 14th Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, and Douglas Abrams

Contributed by: Pat Sampson

While taking a class with LearningQuest called "Pursing Faith in a Troubled World" it was suggested that we read "The Book of Joy" to help us on our journey. What a wonderful experience it has been to read this book.

It turns out that the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu are old friends because they are both Nobel Prize Laureates for Peace and attended many meetings together. Bishop Tutu traveled to Dharamsala, India to celebrate the Dali Lama's 80th birthday. This book is a result of the week spent together, sharing, caring and enjoying each other's presence. They gave talks twice a day exploring their experience and wisdom. Each has suffered terribly - Bishop Tutu with apartheid while the Dali Lama had to flee his beloved country and followers. Yet, in spite or because of the sadness and grief they experienced, they both show great compassion, humility and forgiveness. They both accept where they are and have been and are grateful to be alive. They are very aware that their experiences could have embittered them, yet we see the fire burned off the dross instead, leaving these spiritual leaders full of joy. They 'teach it is possible to be joyful in the face of our daily troubles." The last part of the book gives us practices to follow as we seek our own joy.

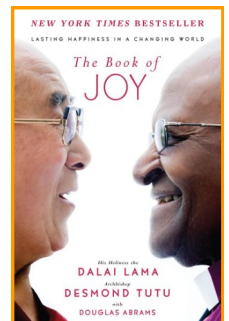
It is also a bittersweet book, these old friends are in their 80's and their health is declining. They will probably never see each other again, yet they share a love and understanding of each other as members of a very exclusive club, world spiritual leaders; through this book we share this special time.

I enjoyed this book so much that I bought copies to share with family members. The Book of JOY is available for checkout from the Huntsville Madison County Public Library.

Please let us know what you are reading by contacting:

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

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



HOW ARE YOU DOING ON THE 40-BAG CHALLENGE?

Instead of giving up something for Lent, challenge yourself to GIVE AWAY something - at least a bag a day for 40 days!!!!

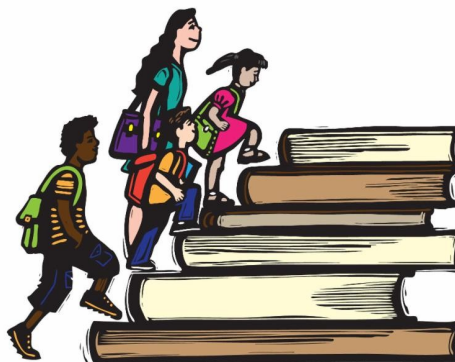
Start on Ash Wednesday, March 1, and end on Holy Saturday, 40 days later, .

Give what you can to someone who needs it - DONATE, DONATE, DONATE.

In the spirit of donation, **Austinville Elementary School** has a small grant to promote reading but has very few books. They are accepting books to build the school library and motivate their readers.

Donate gently used books, reading levels 1st-7th grade, to the bin on the stage in Ridley Hall.

Questions, contact Sarajane Tarter:
starter@hiwaay.net (256.337.9541).



When you give to someone else, that is Stewardship in Action!

What you give to yourself is a gift of LIVING SIMPLY

Have a success story, share and show on our Facebook group:



[Church of the Nativity Episcopal, Huntsville, Al](#)

LIVING SIMPLY



Join the Nativity Legacy Society!

The Nativity Legacy Society is a group of committed followers of Christ who have already named, or want to now name, Nativity as a beneficiary in their estate plan. Remembering Nativity in your will ensures Nativity's legacy for future generations.

If you haven't already submitted this form to help us update our records, you can do so now - put it in the collection plate, mail it to Nativity, or fill it out online at nativity-hsv.org by clicking on the Nativity Legacy Society logo.

NATIVITY
Legacy
SOCIETY



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

___ I/We have included Nativity in a will.

___ I/We designated a gift to the NATIVITY TRUST.

___ I/We designated a gift to the NATIVITY HISTORIC PRESERVATION FOUNDATION.

___ I/We have not yet included Nativity in a will but plan to do so.

___ I/We would like additional information about including Nativity in our will.

***"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth... But store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven...
For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."***

MATTHEW 6:19-21

PRAYER REQUESTS

We pray for those whom prayers have been requested:

Dan Lester, Bob Adams, Jeff Tully, Gerry Nitz, Leigh Wahl, Joyce Adams, Dave Phillips, Gaines Watts, Heidi Foreman, Warren Vann, Tom Hodge, Tom Booth, Sara Welch, Genny Hoskins Beaver, Rick Barnett, Keith McRae, Dick Gragg, Elsie Olsen

We celebrate for the birth of a child:

Cooper Lee Hill, born Feb. 21st, to parents Elizabeth & Sterling Hill; grandparents Cooper & Susie Mickle, great-grandmother is Lane Mickle

Celie Claire Brocato, born on March 23rd, daughter of Julie & Ben Brocato; granddaughter of Jane & Gerry Brocato

We pray for the departed:

George Ferrell, IV
Ruth Parish
Will Dodgen

We pray for those deployed/serving with the Military:

Doug Faith Afghanistan
Hannah Tyner Mackey US Air Force
Kenneth Vandervoort US Navy

We give thanks for birthdays of our children:

4/6	Harry Cantey	4/6	Bankston Creech	4/7	Carter Watson	4/8	Sarah Catherine Miller
4/9	Mary Kate Brooks	4/10	Caroline Steigner	4/10	Trey Schiber	4/10	Ralph Hornsby
4/10	Harper Dawes	4/12	Preston Heritage	4/12	Greer Heritage	4/13	Ellie Walker
4/14	Sam Rice	4/14	Sadie Anglin	4/14	Abby Ham	4/14	Jack Ham
4/14	Luke Ham	4/16	Foster Fleming	4/16	Austill Baker	4/17	Ava Allen
4/17	Hill Angelichio	4/18	Bradford Hall	4/18	Alex Ahearn	4/18	Mary Ellis Alison
4/18	Madelyn Alison						



Sign-up for electronic giving

ACH PAYMENT To find out more or set up automated giving, contact Beverly Franklin

bfranklin@nativity-hsv.org (256.533.2455 x219) in the Church Office and she will be glad to get you started.



You are invited for an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship at an Open Mosque Day. Everyone and every question is welcome! See your name written in Arabic. Try on a head scarf. Tour the Mosque.

Confirmation Schedule Change

This year, Bishop Kee Sloan will be visiting Nativity on Wednesday evening, May 10th instead of Sunday, May 14th (Bishop Sloan's letter on the next page addresses this change):

Wednesday, May 10th

6:00pm Youth & adult confirmation service
Reception honoring our Confirmants to follow (Ridley Hall)

Sunday, May 14th

7, 45, 8:45 & 11:00am services.
10:00am Church School scheduled

Sunday, May 21st - Rogation Sunday

Summer schedule begins
8:00 & 10:00am Church service
Heifer market following the service in the Church Yard

End of Church School Year Celebration!



The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama

The Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan
Bishop of Alabama

February 9, 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope you're all well, taking care of yourselves and your families and the people you are called to serve in our little part of God's Church.

At the January meeting of the Diocesan Council we put together a budget for 2017, taking the covenants pledged from the parishes and using some imagination in assuming what other parishes might give if we didn't have their covenants in hand. I want to thank you all for your support of your Diocese, and especially to thank the parishes who increased either their percentage or their money amount, or both.

Still, despite all of your generosity, costs continue to go up, and a few parishes have found it necessary to decrease their covenant for one reason or another. At the budget meeting we were faced with the unhappy fact that we had more than \$300,000 less than we needed to fund all the ministries across the Diocese, and so some cuts had to be made. I suggested to the Council that it made sense for us to not hire an assistant bishop in 2017, which saved us well over half of that gap, and then we had to find other things to trim or reduce. The Council and I were not willing to cut support the Diocese gives to college work, Sawyerville, youth ministries, Camp McDowell, Special Session, or the General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

It isn't unusual to have to cut from the parochial or diocesan budget, but I want to tell you about the decision to not hire a second bishop, because it will affect the life of your parish. Right now I'm visiting all the parishes and ministries scheduled for me and for Santosh through Easter Day. I want to thank all of you who have had your visitations rescheduled, and your flexibility in getting your folks to come out on Wednesday or Sunday evenings. I can make it like this through Easter Day, but after that we'll need to adjust our assumptions.

For years with two bishops we have been able to visit every parish and worshipping community every year, but with one bishop we're going to have to expand the schedule so that every parish and worshipping community is visited every other year. I don't like it, because we are a relational diocese that values hospitality; I don't think this is the best way for our diocese to work, because it reduces the connectedness between the bishop and the parish. But this is what we have to do given the financial realities that leave us with one bishop.

I wouldn't be honest with you and I wouldn't be doing my job if I didn't say that I hope next year's budget will allow us to reconsider this decision. As you all know, that can only happen as we increase healthy stewardship in the parishes so that the covenants to the Diocese increase along with it. Please do not hesitate to be in touch with Danielle Dunbar, our Development person at the diocesan office, for help or ideas about stewardship.

My long-suffering and hard-working assistant Judy Hall and I have put together a two-year schedule through 2020, which is included. Some parishes will be visited in 2017 and 2019, and others in 2018 and 2020. Our goal is for every parish and worshipping community to be visited every other year, whether you're near or far, whether you're large or small. We've tried to pay attention to the month or time of year a bishop has normally come to visit, but sometimes we've had to volunteer some of you to extend your hospitality at a time when you haven't normally anticipated the bishop's visit. Almost all the visitations are scheduled for Sunday mornings, except for those places that normally meet in the afternoon or evening. It's all very complicated and I suspect there might have been some algebra involved, but we've done the best we could.

I hope you'll be happy with the dates we've assigned you. If you're not, I hope you will try to find a way to make it work and suffer through with quiet grace. If you can't make it work, if the anguish is unbearable, please call or email Judy and we'll do everything we can to make it better for you. If we call you and ask you to consider switching dates with someone else, I hope you'll understand that the other parish must surely have good and dramatic reasons for needing to trade with you and that you will be easing unimaginable sorrow and misery for your sisters and brothers in Christ in another part of our diocesan community.

We have scheduled most of the visits for Sunday mornings, as that seems to work out best for most parishes. If the Sunday you are scheduled for a visitation just won't work, and you have a weekday date that would work better, please call or email Judy and we'll work it out.

Thank you all for your work in our Lord's service, for your support for the Diocese, and for your support for me as your bishop. And thank you for your flexibility and good grace as we make our way through this together.

God's Peace,

The Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan
Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Alabama

10:00am Church School for all ages will not meet on Palm Sunday and Easter Day. The regular schedule resumes on Sunday, April 23rd.

Acolyte Schedule - April 2017

Sunday April 9

PALM SUNDAY

Arrive by 8:25 to line up for Parade

8:45 A/M Nutt

11:00 A/M Sherrill

C Cameron Pinson, Margaret Foster

C Bankston Creech

T Anna Katherine Ayers

T Nannette Aboudonia

T Will Pinson

T Gertrude Aboudonia

S Ireland Braudaway

S Bankston Creech

AS Elizabeth Evans

AS Mary Maddox Creech

Banner Elizabeth Evans

Wednesday April 12

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6:00 pm A/M Nutt

C Bailey Morrison

T Sadie Anglin

T Jack Benton Stockton

Thursday April 13

MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:00 pm A/M Ward, Nutt

C Margaret Foster

Thurifer Tess Lambert

T Phoebe Duncan

T Ireland Braudaway

S Ella Jane Duncan

AS Margaret Foster

Saturday April 15

EASTER VIGIL 7:30 pm

Arrive by 7:10 for instruction

A/M Sherrill, Nutt

C Forrest Webber, Parker Sanders

Thurifer Sam Hartley

T Laura Kamelchuk

T Riley Kamelchuk

S Alice Malone

AS Britt Weber

Sunday April 16

EASTER SUNDAY

Arrive 20 min early for instruction

8:45 A/M Ward, Sherrill

11:00 A/M Putt

C Bailey Morrison, Sidney Gunter

C Evan Ellison, Bankston Creech

T Lucy Ellis, David Young

T Alex Ahearn, Carter Watson

T Charles Warren, Cooper Gunter

T Nannette Aboudonia, Gertrude Aboudonia

S Evelyn Warren

S Patrick Ahearn

AS Park Ellis

AS Mary Maddox Creech

Banners Van Dodgen, Huston Moring,

Banners Phoebe Duncan, Ella Jane Duncan

Katherine Hunter

Patrick Ahearn

Thurifer: Tess Lambert

Sunday April 23

8:45 A/M Putt

11:00 A/M Nutt

C Leighton Luther, Sam Hartley

C Evan Ellison

T Jed Rainey

T Carter Watson

T Elizabeth Rainey

T Madelyn Alison, Mary Ellis Alison

S Joshua Huskey

S Evan Ellison

AS Jed Rainey

AS Luke Alison

Sunday April 30

8:45 A/M Sherrill

11:00 A/M Nutt

C Sims Windham, Huston Moring

C Jack Benton Stockton, Dylan Chenoweth

T David Young

T Phoebe Duncan, Ella Jane Duncan

T Emery Windham

T Evans Bryant, Betsy Bryant

S Sims Windham

S Ella Jane Duncan

AS Parker Sanders

AS Margaret Bryant

Branches of The Vine

A Spring Celebration

Thursday, April 28th 5:30pm Business Attire
Baron Bluff, Burritt on the Mountain \$50 person

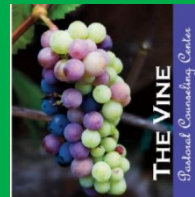
All proceeds will support
The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center
Giving Hope - Changing Lives

Join us for an evening filled with wonderful fellowship
and unique silent and live auctions.

Catered by Lyn's Gracious Goodness!

RSVP by April 15th

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2017 Easter Flower Dedications

Easter 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 the service leaflet
(if you do not wish your name listed, please indicate)



Phone #: _____

Name for this dedication: _____

**Please check the box next to
the dedication you desire.**

All dedications read:

- ☐ In loving memory of...
- ☐ In thanksgiving for...
- ☐ In celebration of...
- ☐ In honor of...

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION, If you have questions, you may call Andrea at 256.539.2673 **THANK YOU**
The Dedication Deadline is April 9th

2017 Altar Flower Dedications

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

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Available Dates:

May: 14

July: 2, 9

June: 25

August: 13, 20, 27

September: 3, 10, 24

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 9:00am, Tuesday April 18th

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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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Greene Street Market at Nativity opens its 7th season Thursday May 4th

Become a weekly sponsor

Each week, the market has a sponsor; an individual or a business. When you become a sponsor, your name or your business:

- appears on both of the sponsor banners hung at the market each week
- will be listed on the greenestreetmarket.com website all year
- is featured on all weekly emails along with any external television or radio announcements on your special night.

The fee to sponsor is \$500. \$250 of it is your donation to the market. You receive \$250 in "Market Dollars" for use at Greene Street. Give the Market Bucks away (employees, clients, friends) or spend them yourself. Now, THATS a bargain !!!

Profits from Greene Street Market supports Nativity's Outreach Ministry.

For more information, call Pattie Cline (256.651.6497)
or Marilyn Evans (256.682.4429).

Thank you for your support of Greene Street Market and for shopping locally.

April 5, 2017