

# THE STEEPL

The Church of the Nativity

August 2, 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.*

## Time to Say Good-bye

It is not easy to say good-bye to the wonderful people of Nativity and to this ministry we have shared. It is not easy to collect my thoughts for this last Steeple article after sharing my reflections and musings about God and the church, and especially our life together, for over 14 years.

So let me begin by saying how grateful I am for each one of you and for the Holy Place and People that are the Church of the Nativity. Tippy and I have been overwhelmed with both joy and sadness, and with such deep emotions, by your gracious words and acts of kindness to us. So thank you from the depths of my heart! You are a great community of God's people in Christ. God's mission has grown in remarkable ways and God has accomplished much through us. You have taught me what it means to lead a vibrant Episcopal parish, even when the lessons were sometimes hard. The power of God's reconciling love and mercy has fueled our moving ahead into God's Resurrection life.

Nativity is not the same parish it was fifteen years ago. And looking at the pictures of Rally Day in 2003, I am not the same either—physically (!)—and of course spiritually. Nativity has reached a new place of spiritual depth and growth. Nativity is a spiritual well in the heart of the city of Huntsville and this parish has much to celebrate now. Nativity is blessed with remarkable lay, clergy, and staff leadership who are faithful, inclusive, and hold a vision of God's Kingdom that embraces Nativity's core values and ideals, while at the same time, are committed to moving forward into that bright future God desires. Change is inevitable in this life if we are alive, vibrant and growing, and so we are called to manage change effectively, not avoid it.

So with all the good we celebrate, there are yet challenges. The church is emerging into a new way of "being Christ's body" in this brave, new, interconnected world we live today. Our anxiety and fear about this must fade in the knowledge of God's enduring love and purposes we share, knowing that the Holy Spirit is among us and leading us. Funding God's mission through the church is recognized as a challenge across all denominations, but, thankfully, Nativity has creative, vibrant and new leadership who are working together to help you meet this challenge.

Also, being church today is no longer just about who is present on Sundays, and so we creatively find other times and ways to gather as God's people in worship and prayer. Our gatherings also includes gatherings like the Greene Street Market, gatherings for musical offerings, gatherings in interfaith collaborations, gatherings at Camp, as well as in all of us gathering with others, inside and outside the church, in the ways each are called to serve the most fragile in our world.

And so my farewell reflections are from ideas I shared in my first year at Nativity. Your gathering together in the many ways available constitutes the strongest symbol of God's presence in the world. The church is a gathering of people in a particular place who together, through different and specific means, are participating in the mystery of Christ, being formed and transformed as God's continued presence in our day and time. Your gathering together, in spite of diverse differences and interpretations, is Nativity's strongest witness to God's healing love and power to a hurting world.

So keep gathering as God's people. Keep praying; keep learning; keep serving; keep giving. *Keep showing up!* And then, my friends, keep inviting others into this gathering which is indeed itself, God's mantle wrapped around all of humanity; a place where the jaws of death are opened and the Crucified/ Risen One is pulling all into the glory of God's enduring life for all creation.

It is time to say good-bye and this is a sad thing for me and for my family. I will never forget the beauty and love of Nativity, and I will not forget each one of you. And so I say good-bye in its truest sense: "God be with you." May you, and I, go with God—who will hold us together with bonds stronger than time or distance.

*Andy +*



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OF THE  
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## Save the Date

August 6

Celebration of Our Rector  
Rev. Andy Anderson



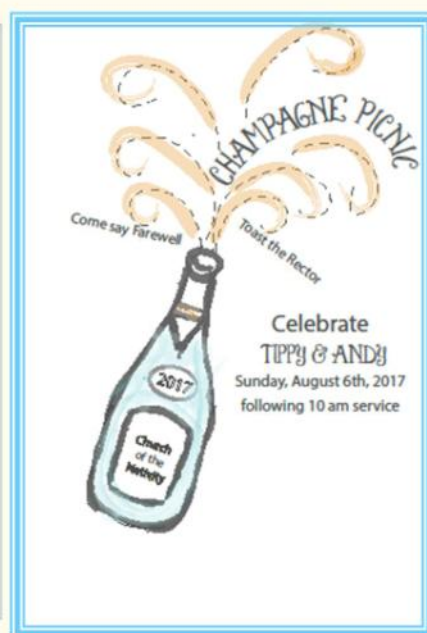
Photo montage inside





## CELEBRATION OF OUR RECTOR

Father Andy Anderson will be moving to St. Mary's Sewanee, Tennessee to serve as the Executive Director of The Ayers Center for Spiritual Development. His last Sunday at Nativity will be August 6. We will celebrate his nearly 15 years at Nativity with Liturgy for Leavetaking and Ending a Pastoral Relationship. After the service we will honor Andy and Tippy with a champagne picnic.



Nativity welcomes Fr. Andy and Tippy, May 2003



First Rally Day, 2003



Blessing of the Animals, Fall 2011



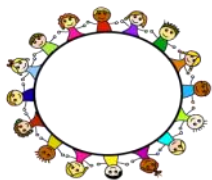
Renewing baptismal vows at the Jordan River during a visit to the Holy Land, 2012



Father Andy and Tippy Anderson attend last Vestry meeting, July 18, 2017

For more photos, visit the photo gallery on our website at: <http://nativity.dioala.org/page3.html>



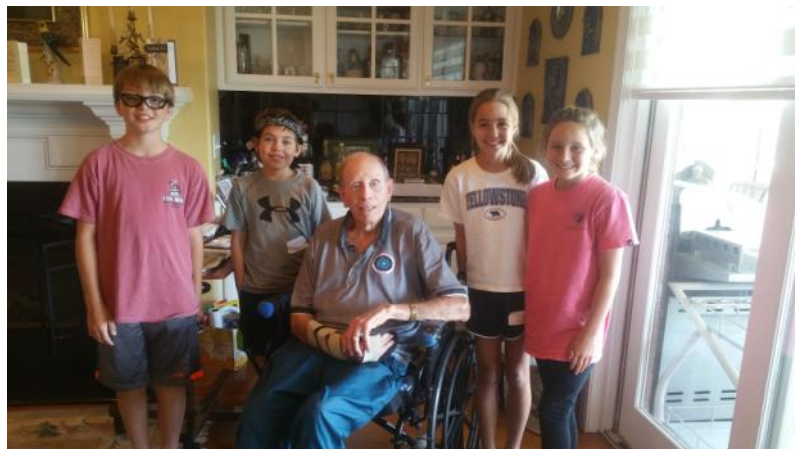


## Children's Formation

## Club 56 Visits Senior Parishioners

### Club 56 VBS Outreach

During their outreach-focused Vacation Bible School this year, our fifth and sixth graders visited five senior parishioners to learn more about their life stories and the history of the church. The kids interviewed Fred Lackey, Evie Spearman, Adeline Bledsoe, Prentice White and Martha Joffrion. After the visits, each group made a poster commemorating the time spent with the parishioner. Below are photos taken with Fred Lackey. Look for more photos in the next issue.



Visiting with Fred Lackey are William Keener, Drew Schiber, Macy Baker, and Caroline Ayres.



Mr. Lackey's poster created by the Club 56 kids

### Sunday School Dates to Remember

Sunday, August 20, after 10:00 service  
Sunday, August 27, after 10:00 service  
Sunday, September 10, 10:00-10:50am

Sunday school teacher training (teachers look for emails with more info)  
Rally Day  
First meeting of 2017-2018 Sunday school classes

#### CHERUB AND NOVICE CHORISTER PRACTICE RESUMES

Novice Choristers (ages K - 2nd grade)  
*Practice begins Wednesday, August 16*

4:45- 5:30pm

Cherubs (ages 3 through Pre-K)  
*Practice resumes Wednesday, September 6. This choir will sing twice a year: at the 4 pm Christmas Eve service and again in the late Spring.*

4:00-4:40pm

Questions? Want to join? Contact Barbara Bonner [bcbonner65@gmail.com](mailto:bcbonner65@gmail.com)



#### NATIVITY CHORISTER PRACTICE RESUMES WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

Junior choristers (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade) 4:00pm-5:15pm

Senior Choristers (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) 4:45pm-6:15pm

Questions? Want to join the choristers? Contact Christian Crocker, Organist and Choirmaster, via email at [ccrocker@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:ccrocker@nativity-hsv.org) or by phone at 256.533.2455.

Blessing of the Backpacks  
Sunday August 13, 10:00am  
service

A Nativity tradition...help your children start the school year off right! We'll be blessing all backpacks and school bags on the 13<sup>th</sup> during the 10:00am service.





EYC Church of the Nativity

**Save the Date:**

**Youth Lake Day**

September 10, 2017  
1:00pm-5:30pm

Meet in church parking lot at 1pm. We'll spend the day at Lake Guntersville playing games, swimming, and taking boat rides! Snacks will be provided and we'll return to the church by 5:30pm.

Registration Deadline: Wed, Sept 6th  
[www.tinyurl.com/NativityYouthLakeDay2017](http://www.tinyurl.com/NativityYouthLakeDay2017)

## Youth & Parent Kickoff Event

Sunday, August 6th

4:30pm-6pm

Nativity LOFT

(3rd Floor Joffrion)



Come for TACOS! and to learn about the great things we've got planned for this year! SERIOUSLY—we have some really awesome new things going on and we hope to see you there!

**What to Bring:**

Your Calendar

Clothes & Shoes you can run around in

**RSVP to Sarah Watts**

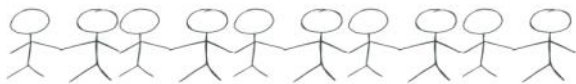
([swatts@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:swatts@nativity-hsv.org))

by Wednesday, August 2nd

**Calling all rising 7<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents!** If you have not been receiving emails from Sarah Watts and would like to know more about upcoming youth offerings, please contact Sarah at [swatts@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:swatts@nativity-hsv.org)

### Youth Small Groups

connect • discover • belong



Sign up today!

### EYC August Small Groups

Each group will meet 4 times, and each is designed to gather youth to have fun, form relationships and live out their faith together.

#### Jammin' with Jesus

Bring your instrument, maybe some sheet music (or not) and come prepared to jam out together! All skill levels are very welcome! Even if you don't play an instrument and want to just come and hang - you're welcome! Specific meeting days & times will be decided by participants and facilitators. Preston Watts will be facilitating this small group. [Sign up here!](#)

#### Grillin' with God

Bring something to stick on the grill and gather together at the Mullins' house to learn the basics of grilling and to have fun eating great food together. Specific meeting days & times will be decided by participants and facilitators. Robert Mullins will be facilitating this group! [Sign up here!](#)

#### Random Acts of Kindness

This group will gather together to spread joy and happiness to our community. Activities might include delivering "You Deserve a Treat" bags, filling laundry machines with coins, or anything else! Do you enjoy serving or need some more service hours? This is the small group for you! Specific meeting days & times will be decided by participants and facilitators. Amy Brooks will be facilitating this small group! [Sign up here!](#)

#### EYC 101

This small group is the only group designed specifically for our new 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Our gatherings will provide a space for the youth to get acquainted with all things youth-related and form deeper and lasting relationships with each other. While this group is set aside just for them, they are also welcome to join other small groups as well! Specific meeting days & times will be decided by participants and facilitators. Tabby Ragland, Jean Warren & Sarah Watts will be facilitating this group. [Sign up here!](#)



## Stewardship of Life Class

Sundays at 9am  
July 30- August 20  
Ridley Hall  
and the Library

Deacon Bob Serio  
will facilitate a series on  
healthy living and  
preparation for  
End of Life.

[click here to view notes](#)



## Series Topics

*Week 1: Healthy lifestyle tips*  
exercise, diet, sleep

*Week 2: Living with illness*  
physical limitations, visual changes,  
palliative and hospice care

*Week 3: Legal considerations*  
power of attorney, living wills,  
advance directives, funeral wishes,  
property disposition

*Week 4: Spiritual needs for final days*  
funeral plans, closure, legacy



## Sign up for Education for Ministry (EfM)

Would you like to deepen your understanding of the church and the roots of Christianity? Are you ready to take the next step, beyond attending church, to examine the underpinnings of your faith? Or perhaps you would like to take a refresher class with the new EfM materials. Join us weekly for an evening of learning, discussion, and fellowship.

Come explore the foundations of the Episcopal three-legged stool (scripture, history, and reason). The University of the South's School of Theology is again offering Education for Ministry (EfM) at the Church of the Nativity. It is a four-year course covering Old Testament, New Testament, church history, and theology. We meet weekly starting from September to May. Tuition is \$375, which includes books.

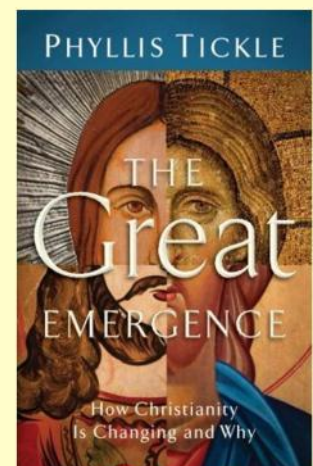
For information, contact: Ron Hogan 256.679.5786, [ronhuntsville@yahoo.com](mailto:ronhuntsville@yahoo.com) or Ted Briggs 256.457.1188, [tedlbriggs@gmail.com](mailto:tedlbriggs@gmail.com)

To learn more about EFM and address frequently asked questions, visit <http://efm.sewanee.edu/>

## THE CHANGING FACE OF CHRISTIANITY: WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT OLD TIME RELIGION? 6PM MONDAY NIGHTS, JULY 31 TO AUGUST 28 IN THE JOFFRION HALL LIBRARY

Join Rev. Susan Sloan as we explore how Christianity is emerging in the 21st century. Using a book by Phyllis Tickle, revered Episcopal laywoman and highly-regarded religion writer, we will learn about the Church's historic rummage sales and what we can expect in the future.

If you would like to read along, *The Great Emergence* is available to order online. Visit [Amazon](#) for details.



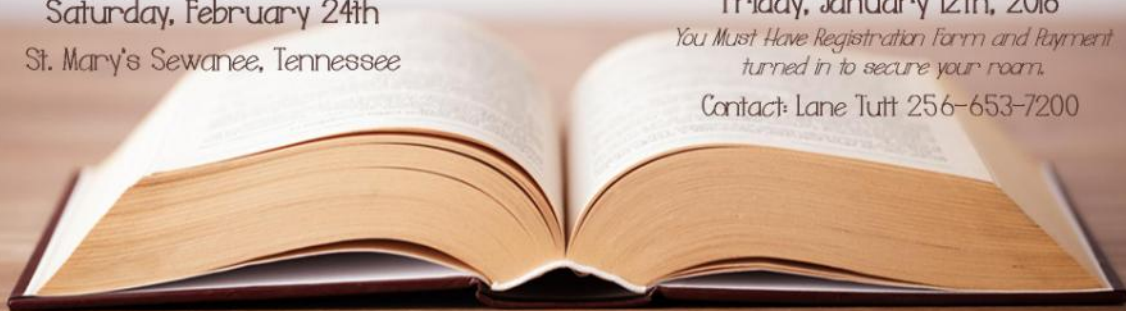
7th Annual

# Nativity Women's Retreat with The Rev'd Dr Virginia Monroe

*Listening for God Through Sharing our Stories*

One Night Only!  
Friday, February 23rd  
*thru*  
Saturday, February 24th  
St. Mary's Sewanee, Tennessee

Cost: \$100 per person  
Sign Up Early, Limited Space  
Registration Deadline:  
Friday, January 12th, 2018  
*You Must Have Registration Form and Payment  
turned in to secure your room.*  
Contact: Lane Tutt 256-653-7200



Maybe nothing is more important than that we keep track, you and I, of these stories of who we are and where we have come from and the people we have met along the way because it is precisely through stories in all their particularity, as I have long believed and often said, that God makes himself known to each of us most powerfully and personally.  
*Telling Secrets, Frederick Buechner*

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Nativity Women's Retreat  
February 23-24, 2018  
St. Mary's Sewanee, Tennessee

## REGISTRATION

Name:

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Email:

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Phone:

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Roommate Request:

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Cost: \$100 per person

Deadline  
*(limited Space)*  
Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Checks Payable to:  
Church of the Nativity

Church of the Nativity  
Attn: Lane Tutt  
208 Eustis Avenue SE  
Huntsville, AL 35801

Questions?  
Lane Tutt 256-653-7200  
ltutt@nativity-hsv.org



## *Summer Choir Continues*

Ever wanted to sing in the choir? Join us this summer in a more relaxed setting! Rehearsal will begin at 9:00am in the choir stalls before the 10:00am service on Sunday mornings. Summer choir ends on August 20 so don't miss the great opportunity.

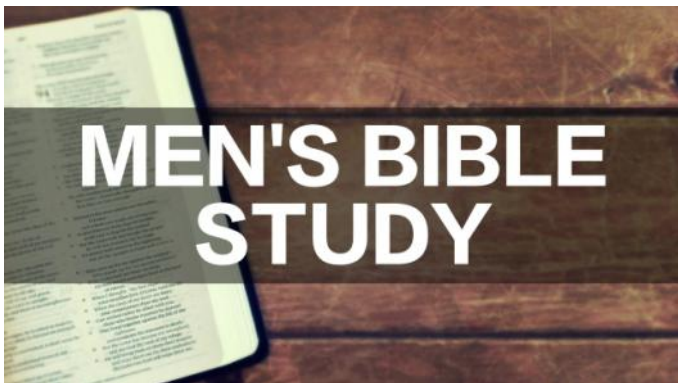
For more information please contact Christian Crocker at [ccrocker@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:ccrocker@nativity-hsv.org) or by telephone at 256-533-2455.



### **Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study September 6, 13, 20, 27 6:00pm In the Library in Joffrion Hall**

#### **Topic: The Gospel According to Mark Facilitated by Virginia Monroe**

Join us as we explore the Gospel according to Mark and get a head-start on the lectionary readings for Year B. Bring your Bible, all versions welcomed! As part of your end of summer reading, you may want to read the Gospel to get an idea of how Jesus is constantly "on the move." It is only sixteen, not-too-long chapters.



### **Men's Wednesday Night Bible Study September 6, 13, 20, 27 6:00pm In Joffrion Hall 2nd Floor East**

#### **Topic: The Power of the Bible Today Facilitated by Charles Morley**

The men will take a non-literal, off-beat look at why an ancient library of poems, songs and beautiful / violent / passionate stories (the Bible) can change the way we feel about EVERYTHING. Fish bites man on first night!!! Bring a friend.

### **CAMP MCDOWELL WOMEN'S RETREAT: LESSONS ON LIVING FOR WOMEN WHO DO TOO MUCH**

**September 22-24, 2017**



Through workshop & discussion, best-selling author [Patricia Sprinkle](#) ("Women Who Do Too Much" and "Children Who Do Too Little") will present a model for adult women of how to do less, live better, and focus on what God is calling you to do.

The experience is further supported by spiritual practices led by The Rev. Dr. Bayse Holland-Shuey (Assisting Priest for Spiritual Direction and Interfaith Consultant at the Episcopal Church of the Nativity in Huntsville, Alabama) which will allow attendees to release, restore, and re-center. Come, enjoy the labyrinth, the natural setting, and connect with others in the beauty of God's backyard. Space is limited; early registration is recommended.

Registration open through September 15.

To register, visit [Camp McDowell Women's Retreat 2017](#)

## 2018 VESTRY NOMINATIONS

**We want to hear from you!**

The Vestry Nominations Committee is developing a slate of nominees for the upcoming year to fill six Vestry vacancies resulting from six members completing their three-year terms. The Nominating Committee will be looking at particular skill sets needed to compliment and replace the skills that will be lost by the Vestry members rolling off the Vestry at the end of the year. According to the Nativity by-laws, the Vestry Nomination Committee submits a slate of proposed new Vestry members to the congregation for approval at the Annual Parish Meeting on November 12th. You may recommend someone in the parish or submit your own name for consideration. Vestry membership requirements are set forth in the Nativity By-laws as follows:

- confirmed member of Nativity
- regular in attendance
- made or kept a pledge for at least the current year

The Vestry Nominating Committee is composed of the sitting and three most recent Senior Wardens willing and able to serve, along with three members-at-large chosen by the six outgoing Vestry members. The Rector serves ex-officio in a non-voting role. This year's committee members are:

Lou Durnya  
Bill Starnes  
Rusty Stephenson  
Margaret Devenish  
Donna Joffrion  
Holly Ellis  
Alice Lanier  
Andy Anderson

Chair  
Senior Warden, 2015 & 2016  
Senior Warden, 2013  
Senior Warden, 2017  
Member at Large  
Member at Large  
Member at Large  
Rector

LDurn@aol.com  
abcstarnes@comcast.net  
stephenson526@gmail.com  
mdevenish100@gmail.com  
djoffrion@gmail.com  
hollyellis804@gmail.com  
amlanier@knology.net  
aanderson@nativity-hsv.org

There are several ways to submit a nomination:

- [Click or tap here for the electronic nomination form](#)
- [Drop boxes located on the Hospitality table in Ridley Hall and in the hallway by the Banister Room](#)
- [Mail your nomination proposal to:](#)

The Church of the Nativity, Episcopal  
Attn: Vestry Nominating Committee  
208 Eustis Ave.  
Huntsville, AL 35801

**Nominations will be accepted through Sunday, September 10, 2017.**

### Centering Prayer, Pot-luck Dinner, and a Movie Annual Summer Series



Please join our Centering Prayer group for our annual summer of Centering Prayer, Dinner and a Movie. We meet in Ridley Hall at 5:30pm on the fourth Tuesday of August. We begin with our Centering Prayer sit, then serve the food and begin watching the movie. After the movie, we have a brief discussion.

Please bring a dish to share and join us for an evening of spiritual connection and sharing. Our last remaining movie will be:

#### August 22 WALL-E



Dutiful robot WALL-E is left to clean up earth's mess. But with the arrival of a female probe, a smitten WALL-E experiences love for the first time.

Please contact Brenda Chynoweth 256.464.9457  
[brendacc@knology.net](mailto:brendacc@knology.net) with any questions.



### Nativity Young Adults (20-30-40-Somethings) Fellowship Kickoff

Friday, August 25, 6:00pm

We will meet at the home of  
Andrew Hyche. RSVP to Amy Baxter in the  
church office: 256-533-2455.  
More details coming soon!

### Huntsville Assistance Program (HAP) Items needed:



*HAP Food  
Pantry  
Needs*

soup  
cereal  
spaghetti sauce & noodles  
boxed/package potatoes  
bar soap  
toilet paper

**As always, thank you for your generosity!**



## August 2017 Acolyte Schedule

*Hope you're all having a great summer! We have one last month of our smaller schedule, using way fewer Acolytes, so many of you are not on this list at all. I have left a couple of spots open for new folks that come to the training. Do not assume that I left you off because you weren't doing a good job—we appreciate each and every one of you! I did have requests by quite a few families for certain days, so scheduled them. Do not worry, you will be back on the schedule in September!*

### Sunday, August 6

8:00 A/M Nutt  
C Bailey Thompson

10:00 A/M Nutt  
C David DiFranco, Cameron Pinson  
T Will Pinson, Phoebe Duncan  
T Catherine Hendricks, Emery Windham  
S Ella Jane Duncan  
AS Van Dodgen

### Sunday, August 13

8:00 A/M none  
C Sam Hartley

10:00 A/M Putt  
C Bailey Thompson, Huston Morring  
T Jed Rainey, Elizabeth Rainey  
T Britt Webber, Alice Malone  
S Park Ellis  
AS Lucy Ellis

### Sunday, August 20

8:00 A/M none  
C Tess Lambert

10:00 A/M M Ward  
C Molly Ward, Evan Ward  
T Carter Watson, new trainee  
T Elizabeth Evans, Joshua Huskey  
S Ireland Braudaway  
AS Thomas Aldag

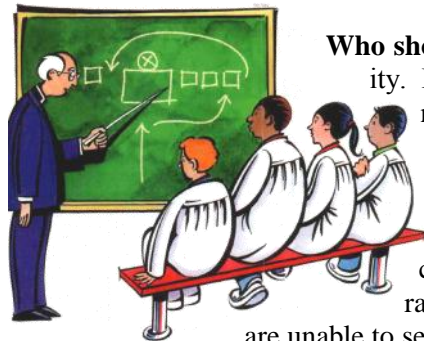
### Sunday, August 27

8:00 A/M Sherrill  
C Evelyn Warren

10:00 A/M Sherrill  
C Margaret Bryant, Ellie Walker  
T Evans Bryant, Clay Walker  
T Alex Ahearn, new trainee  
S Patrick Ahearn



## It's time for ACOLTYE TRAINING!



**Who should attend Acolyte Training?** The Acolyte program is open to all 7-12<sup>th</sup> graders at Nativity. Even if you didn't start as a 7<sup>th</sup> grader, you can jump in anytime and join us! We do require all new and returning acolytes to come to one of the training sessions.

**How do I join the Acolyte program at Nativity, and what will be expected of me?** You will need to attend training to learn how to participate as a leader in the worship services, and then you will be assigned to serve once or twice a month for Sunday worship and other special services. We will expect you to serve when you are scheduled OR you will need to arrange for a substitute to take your place. (You can swap Sundays with another acolyte if you are unable to serve.) Most of the substitutions are arranged by email. We also expect you to arrive on time for your scheduled services.

For all **PROSPECTIVE and RETURNING ACOLYTES**, training will be held on Sunday, August 13th following the 10:00 service. We'll plan to start in the church at 11:30 and be finished by 12:30. Parents are welcome to attend, or you may drop your child off. If you're not available to attend that day, a make up session will be held Monday August 14th at 7 p.m. in the church. If you can't come to either of these sessions, email me and we'll set up a time to meet individually after school one afternoon or between Sunday services.

**QUESTIONS?** Call or email Dorrie Nutt: 256/509-1837 [dorrie.nutt@gmail.com](mailto:dorrie.nutt@gmail.com)

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE August 2017, published 7/20/17-updated 7/21/17 AEB

WEDNESDAY, August 2, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12 Noon	Anderson		Sarah Watts		
THURSDAY , August 3, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
6:00pm	Anderson		Sally Ann Culver		
SUNDAY, August 6, 9th Sunday after Pentecost					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	Anderson		Joan East, Allen Daniels	Joe East	Joe East
10:00 am	Anderson	Anderson	Robert Dunn, Sally Ann Culver	Lynn Lewis, Marcia Cobun	Adalene Bledsoe
WEDNESDAY , August 9, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12 noon	Monroe		Joan East		
THURSDAY, August 10, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
6:00 pm	McCrickard		Sarah Watts		
SUNDAY, August 13, 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	McCrickard		Joan East, Mary Hendricks	John Hendricks	John Hendricks
10:00 am	Monroe	McCrickard	Deborah Baker, Lane Mickle, Richard Spera	Amy & Bankston Creech	Martha Joffrion
WEDNESDAY, August 16, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12 noon	McCrickard		Susan Brown		
THURSDAY, August 17, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
6:00 pm	Holland-Shuey		Sarah Watts		
SUNDAY, August 20, 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Monroe OUT)					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	Holland-Shuey		Allen Daniels, Lee Hicklen	Fred Beck	Fred Beck
10:00 am	McCrickard	Holland-Shuey	Mike Ward, Hanns Billmayer, Peter Cobun	Sally Ann Culver	Ronnie Rogers
WEDNESDAY, August 23, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12 noon	Holland-Shuey		Joan East		
THURSDAY, August 24, HE (Holland-Shuey OUT)					
Service	Celebrant / Preacher		LEM		
6:00 pm	Monroe		Sally Ann Culver		
SUNDAY, August 27 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Holland-Shuey OUT)					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	Monroe		Mary & John Hendricks	Mary Hendricks	John Hendricks
10:00 am	McCrickard	Monroe	Sally Ann Culver, Virginia Kobler, Lane Mickle	Mike & Sandy Brown	Adalene Bledsoe
WEDNESDAY, August 30, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12 noon	McCrickard		Joan East		
THURSDAY, August 31, HE					
Service	Celebrant / Preacher		LEM		
6:00 pm	Sloan		Sarah Watts		
SUNDAY, September 3, 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	Sloan		Joan East, Lee Hicklen	Lee Hicklen	Lee Hicklen
10:00 am	McCrickard	Sloan	Patrick Quirk, Margaret Bibb, Richard Spera	Stacy Moon, Martha Joffrion	Buddy Moon
USHERS					
8:00	Robert Mullins, Chad Ayers, Ray Moring, Brandon Smith, Greg Whitehead, Read Windham, Peter Barber				
10:00	Steve Brouse, Sherman Dailey, Marina Prucha, Stephen Prucha, Teague Smith				
ALTAR GUILD					
6	Judy Heacock, Linda Watts, Nancy Colin, Gail Brown				
13	Linda Watts, Sara Little, Sophia Rowe, Beth Pugh, Judy Heacock, Peggy Serio				
20	Judy Vann, Sara Little, Sue Johnson, Alice Lanier, Peggy Serio				
27	Mary Johnson, Lea Ann Barnett, Emily Moody, Sarah James, Kaaren Dunn				
3	Gail Brown, Rebecca Brothers, Debbie Joyner, Elizabeth Pate				
CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE					
July 31-August 6		August 7-13		August 14-20	
Monroe		McCrickard		Holland-Shuey	
August 21-27		August 28-September 3			
Monroe		McCrickard			



## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Jeff Retzke, Ted Bledsoe, Cai Carter, Wannie Evans, Walt Grundy, Linda Mixon, Bill Martin, Kevin Wahl, Rose Sidick,, Cecelia Duncan, Bill Nettles, Barbara Buice, Leigh Wahl, Gaines Watts, Heidi Foreman, Warren Vann, Tom Hodge, Keith McRae, Anne Boles, Robert McClain, Joan Bennett, Tom Booth, Elsie Olsen

### We pray for the departed:

Eugenia Chisholm

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

Doug Faith	Afghanistan
Hannah Tycker Mackey	US Air Force
Kenneth Vandervoort	US Navy, Middle East

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

8/2	Caroline Cooper	8/2	Caroline Brooks	8/2	Sean Berman	8/3	Harrison Hall
8/4	Evan McCarty	8/5	Drew Dodgen	8/5	Graham Duncan	8/6	Henry Keener
8/6	Noah Huskey	8/6	Anna Post	8/8	Hunter Ray	8/8	Beau Cline
8/9	Moss Fleming	8/9	Wil Clardy	8/13	Sarah Huskey	8/15	Pierce Anderson

### *Rector's Farewell Funds*

With Father Andy's calling to St Mary's in Sewanee and departure on August 6, parishioners have two ways to support and say "thank you" for his and Tippy's nearly 15 years as Rector of Nativity:

#### Rector's Farewell Purse and Portrait Fund\*

All donations may be made via Egiving or sent to the attention of Beverly Franklin in the church office. Be sure to mark which fund or funds you are supporting.

Questions? Call 256-533-2455.

\*Following a Nativity tradition, a portrait of Andy will be painted for the church. Work is underway on Andy's portrait by local artist, Maggie Little. Completion is expected by early December. Stay tuned for updates. Contributions for both portrait support and the Anderson purse will continue to be gratefully accepted.

### **YOU ASKED FOR IT!**

We now have several options for making your monetary gifts to the church. Besides the always accepted cash or check, you can now use your credit or debit card.



Text "**giving**" and the amount you would like to give to 256.530.7373, and complete the short application form. Options such as your pledge or special donations are available to pick from. There is no charge to you for this option.

Our website, [www.nativity.dioala.org](http://www.nativity.dioala.org), also offers giving options of using your MC, Visa, American Express, bank debit card or Pay Pal. There is a small charge for the use of Pay Pal only.

Look for information cards at the back of the Church with how-to information. When you give electronically, you may place one of these cards in the offering plate as a physical gesture of giving.



**ACH PAYMENT**

Enjoy the convenience and safety of regular pledge payments to Nativity directly from your checking or savings account by setting up an Automated Clearing House (ACH) transfer. To find out more or to set up automated giving, please contact Beverly Franklin, [bfranklin@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:bfranklin@nativity-hsv.org), or 256.533.2455 ext 219 in the Church Office and she will be glad to get you started. This is also FREE.

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The deadline for the next issue is  
**Noon, Monday August 14**

#### CLERGY & STAFF

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

**The Rev. Bonnie McCrickard**  
Associate

**The Rev. Virginia Monroe**  
Interim Associate, Pastoral Care

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

**The Rev. Dr. Basye Holland-Shuey**  
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**Margaret Devenish** - Sr. Warden

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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 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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### 2017 Altar Flower Dedications

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

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

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

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

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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...

Remaining dedication dates:

December 10

August 2, 2017