

# THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

October 25, 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.*



CHURCH  
OF THE  
NATIVITY,  
EPISCOPAL

Est. 1843

We ask that you and your family pray as you consider what you are able to pledge for 2018. You may return pledge cards through the mail or in the offering plate. You can also make a pledge online at:

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nativityhsv.wufoo.com/  
forms/  
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If you have any questions about stewardship, would like to speak with someone about your pledge or would like to request pledge envelopes please call Beverly Franklin at the Church office, 256-533-2455 ext.219.

Thank you



Camille Sommer

"Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans." I recall this line from John Lennon's son, "Beautiful Boy" but it must be an old saying due to the truth behind it. Perhaps life has followed your plans just the way you hoped. However, I bet most of us have had some surprises and redirection. We have been amazed at how those detours made life richer than we could imagine.

I certainly am not where I thought I would be in this year, my fiftieth on the planet. My family and I have been blessed by the unexpected. That does not mean all has been easy. Despite doing all the "right things" to protect against catastrophe, my husband lost his job in Phoenix, Arizona five years ago while I was a stay-at-home mom. Both unemployed, we returned to Huntsville, my hometown, in November 2012. Life became scary and difficult to navigate for a long time. We managed to relish simple pleasures, appreciated what we have, and continued to nurture our daughters. Much beauty and gratitude arises from the depths of despair. The excitement of restarting a family life in Huntsville gave us a project to enjoy during this transition.

When we lived in Phoenix, we made an annual trip to Huntsville at Thanksgiving since it is my favorite holiday and one of the prettiest times of the year to be in the South. We always took a walk downtown, which included a stop in the lovely courtyard and memorial gardens at Nativity. Never could I imagine then that we would move to Huntsville, become members of Nativity, and each work as church staff for a time. The Godly Play program attracted us to the church, and now we serve as 2nd grade teachers.

Church membership has blessed us with warmth, active involvement, and immersion into the greater Huntsville community. In gratitude for the simple pleasures of visiting the courtyard and garden to the grace we have experienced as lay members, we gratefully contribute our time and money in return.

In this season of harvest, thanksgiving, and reflection, give thanks for the simple gifts you have received. As stewards of the church, we ARE the church, in good times and in bad. Life, or God's will, will prevail even when the directions we assume we should follow distract us on the way. Think of Nativity as one of the maps you need on the life's journey, and make your pledge to Nativity to be a beacon to others in the years ahead.

-Camille Sommer

## Stewardship Committee:

Andrew Hyche Mem Bryant Kim Windham Michael Weinberg Ruth Rainey Glenn Sommer

David Hardy Nicholas Pate Elizabeth Pate Russ Alexander Dottie Crawford – Vestry Liaison



# learn, pray, play



## Upcoming events for children and families:

**October 25, 5.30 pm. Spaghetti Supper and Slime, Gak and Goo night for kids**

**October 27-28, Fall Fling at Camp McDowell for 5th and 6th graders**

**November 5, 3.00-5.00. Saint Fest All Saints Day Celebration**

Trunk or Treat has moved to the Sunday after Halloween and become Saint Fest, celebrating All Saints Day. All saints from 1 to 100 are invited for an afternoon of games, crafts, food and fun Sunday, November 5, 3:00 to 5:00 in Ridley Hall. Following the celebration you are invited to stay and enjoy the Choral Evensong Service for All Saints in the Church with the amazing Nativity Choir. If you have questions or you would like to join the fun and help contact [mcoe@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:mcoe@nativity-hsv.org)

## CLUB 56

Club 56 Lunch Gathering...calling all 5th and 6th graders! Please join Amy for lunch at Sam and Greg's immediately following the annual parish meeting Sunday, November 12. We will meet in the Club 56 Sunday school room and walk over to Sam and Greg's together. Parents welcome! Please let Amy Brooks know if you will attend 256-509-7783 or [abrooks@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:abrooks@nativity-hsv.org)

## Jesus-on-the-Go Photo Challenge

As we prepare for All Saints, we are challenging families to go out into the world and pay attention to where they see Jesus in their midst. Remember that we can see Jesus' light, love and grace in the most unexpected places - in waiting rooms, at soccer games, while we're brushing our teeth, and in each other. During All Saints Day we remember those who have come before us who have been particularly good at seeing Jesus in the world and showing Jesus to the world. We too are called to do the same

thing! How to participate:

1. Pick up "Jesus-on-the-Go" at Church
2. Take a photo of him in the places and with the people who remind you of Jesus
3. Submit your photos to Sarah Watts no later than Nov 4th
4. Vote on your favorite photo at the All Saints program on Nov 5th
5. Winner receives one reserved pew for the 4pm Christmas Eve Service

Questions? Email Sarah Watts [swatts@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:swatts@nativity-hsv.org)





# THE LOFT

LIVING OUR FAITH TOGETHER



## EYC Corn Maze 2017

CALLING ALL 7TH - 12TH GRADERS!  
 WE WILL BE GOING ON OUR ANNUAL EYC DAY TRIP TO  
 LYON FAMILY FARMS  
 SUNDAY OCTOBER 29TH  
 MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 1PM AND WE WILL RETURN AT 5PM  
 ADMISSION IS COVERED BY THE CHURCH.  
 BRING MONEY IF YOU WANT SNACKS!  
 THE FRIED OREOS AND SNICKERS ARE A MUST!

Make your reservation by October 25th to Sarah  
 swatts@nativity-hsv.org

<http://www.tinyurl.com/NativityYouthCornMaze2017>

## Christmas Conference

Christmas Conference, Dec 28-30

Christmas Conference is a retreat at Camp McDowell open to youth in grades 9-12. It is one of the most popular offerings at Camp all year and registration fills up quickly.

To learn more and register, please visit: [dioala.org/youthevents.html](http://dioala.org/youthevents.html).

## ADVENT RETREAT

DECEMBER 1-2

WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL CAMP MCDOWELL

All 7th-12th graders are invited to explore the journey of Advent and take some time in the busyness of the holiday season to find our footing and explore the ways we are waiting for the light to shine in the darkness.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: NOV 24TH**

Contact Sarah Watts (swatts@nativity-hsv.org) for more info.

**COST: \$100/PERSON\***  
 Scholarships always available

**REGISTRATION LINK:**  
[www.tinyurl.com/NativityAdventRetreat2017](http://www.tinyurl.com/NativityAdventRetreat2017)

\*Please note, this price includes a team building activity on their ropes course. We are unsure at this time if Camp will be able to facilitate this. If it turns out they are unable, we will reimburse you the cost of the activity.

## THE 5TH ANNUAL GREAT SPAM HUNT

### NOVEMBER 12, 2017

Help EYC collect food for Huntsville Assistance Program!

Visit the SPAM Hunt Table in the Foyer of Ridley Hall on Oct 29, Nov 5 & 12 to sign up! You will be given a list of items needed by HAP and each item listed has a point value. The team with the most points (it's boys vs. girls!) will be awarded the GOLDEN SPAM AWARD! Place items in a brown paper bag given to you at the table, and we'll take care of the rest!

**Live in 35801 or 35802?**  
**WE WANT TO PICK THEM UP!**

Just place on your porch on Nov 12  
 Collection Times: 1-3pm

If you live outside of 35801 & 35802, please feel free to leave donations at the SPAM Table in the Ridley Hall Foyer on November 5th or 12th.



## Welcome our new Interim Rector

Dear Parish Family,

After prayerful consideration, your Vestry voted Tuesday evening to extend a call to the Reverend Dr. Virginia Monroe to be the Interim Rector of the Church of Nativity, Episcopal beginning 1 Nov 2017. The Rev. Dr. Virginia Monroe, a native of Gadsden, Alabama, received her Master of



Rev. Dr. Virginia Monroe

Divinity degree in 1994 from The School of Theology, Sewanee. She received her Doctorate in Ministry from Sewanee in 2005, the Project: Listening, Leading and Loving, A Model for Lay Pastoral Ministry in the Parish. In 2001, she received certification through the SURSUM CORDA, Spiritual Director's Formation Program, Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina. She is a graduate of The University of Alabama School of Nursing and is a Registered Nurse. She was ordained in 1994 and served on staff at the Church of the Nativity from 1994-1997. She served on staff at Saint Stephen's, Birmingham until 1999 when she was called to be the Priest for Pastoral Care at Christ Church, Greenville, South Carolina. Virginia served as the Rector of The Church of the Good Shepherd, Cashiers, from 2002-2015. She was the Interim Rector at Saint Stephen's Birmingham, from 2015-2016. Her daughter, Leigh, and son-in-law, Sam, live in Birmingham, Alabama.

We are delighted to welcome Rev. Monroe to be the Interim Rector as the next step in the parish's transition and the search for a permanent Rector.

God's Peace,

Margaret Devenish

Senior Warden




### Huntsville Assistance Program (HAP)

**HAP Sunday is November 5**


#### Items needed:

mac & cheese	dry pasta
boxed meals	canned chicken
boxed potatoes	small hams
soup	peanut butter
spaghetti sauce	canned fruit


**Thank you!**



# TASTE



## of Nativity



CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Join us for a spirited evening of sweet and savory treats prepared by many of Nativity's chefs. A Pre-Bazaar event to tempt your palate!

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
**6:00 - 8:00 PM**


*At the Home of*  
**BEVERLY & DANNY ALM**  
**206 GATES AVENUE**

*\$25 Per Person*

HORS D'OEUVRES • WINE & BEER • CASUAL ATTIRE

WONDERFUL WORKS OF ART BY NATIVITY CHILDREN & YOUTH  
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE EVENT

*Please RSVP by Friday, November 3rd*

PROCEEDS BENEFIT NATIVITY'S CHILDREN & YOUTH  
PROGRAMS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OUR GATES 

Living contemplatively is essential in today's often chaotic and challenging world. It is a way to live a truly authentic life—anchored in prayer, spiritually discerning, and responsive to God.

## WINE, CHEESE, BREAD & SPIRITUAL LIVING

Monday Nights in November 6, 13, 20 & 27

6:00 - 7:30 pm in Ridley Hall

Join us as we share wine, cheese and bread while we learn about the Tradition of Christian Spiritual Accompaniment.

Delicious non-alcoholic beverage options will also be provided



Dearest Friends,

When I arrived at Nativity, I knew many of you already. I have met many more, and you are truly a remarkable parish. You are healthy and alive in God's spirit.

I signed on for two months while you were in transition to help out where I could. I didn't know if there would be any place for me when your new interim arrived, so I began to listen to God's voice for me.

I have heard the call and accepted an assignment to go and work among the good people of Grace Cullman. I will begin my journey as their interim in early November. God speed in your search for a new rector, and I am sure I will see many of you again and again as we continue to serve God in the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama.

Peace,  
Steve Gruman

## HURRICAN RELIEF UPDATE

Over the last month, we have seen an incredibly active Atlantic hurricane season and many other disasters in the US and abroad. Episcopal Relief & Development is partnering with the Dioceses of Texas, West Texas, Central Florida, Florida, Southeast Florida, Southwest Florida, Georgia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Dominican Republic, Vanuatu, Cuernavaca, Southeastern Mexico and Kamango to respond to the current disasters.

Our prayers are with those affected and those responding.

We are in close contact with church leadership in the affected areas, and our partners have begun responding to the immediate needs and are planning for longer term responses. Our staff has been on the ground in Texas, Florida, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico to help leadership discern these responses, and these churches are doing incredible work to meet immediate needs post-disaster.

Episcopalians have been responding to disasters in other parts of the country, as well. For example, in the Diocese of San Joaquin, leaders have been [providing critical food and water](#) to first responders as they battle the Railroad Fire in Oakhurst, CA.

We are so thankful for everyone who has reached out with offers of help and support. Right now, our partners in areas affected by the hurricanes are not ready to accept volunteers from outside their region, though once they are ready to accept outside volunteers they will have access to the Ready to Serve database.

To help the hurricane response, consider donating to the [Hurricane Relief fund](#).

For up-to-date information about dioceses responding to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, please see [www.episcopalrelief.org/hurricanes2017](http://www.episcopalrelief.org/hurricanes2017).

For information about disaster preparedness, please visit [www.episcopalrelief.org/preparedness](http://www.episcopalrelief.org/preparedness).

In Peace,  
Katie, Lura, Sara & Tamara

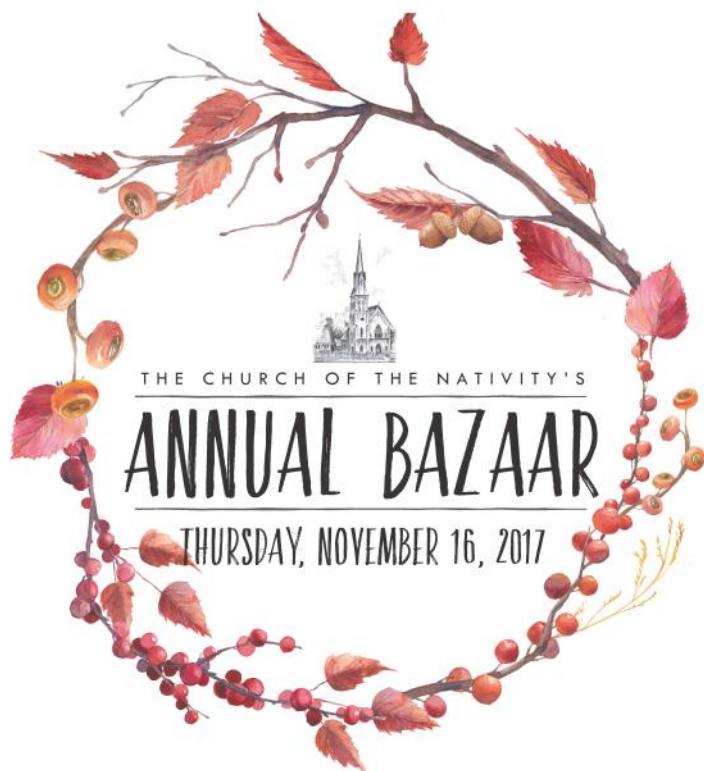
The annual Nativity Bazaar is just around the corner. This year Bazaar proceeds will benefit Owen's house, a women's and children's housing facility at the Downtown Rescue Mission. We need your support to make the 2017 Bazaar a success! Here is how you can help:

**Purchase tickets!** Luncheon tickets are now on sale. There are 2 seatings: 11:15 am and 12:30 pm. \$18 per person. Take out luncheon tickets are available for \$15. For more ticket information contact Marilyn Grundy [mtgrundy@yahoo.com](mailto:mtgrundy@yahoo.com) or 256-509-9962

**Bake, Bake, Bake!** The Bake Sale depends on all the wonderful talents of our parishioners! What is the best thing you make? [Click here](#) to sign up online. You can also email, call or text Xan Curran with what you will bake and donate to the Bake Sale at [xan@comcast.net](mailto:xan@comcast.net) or 256-651-5334.

**Volunteer!** This event is huge and we welcome anyone who wants to lend a hand. Volunteers are needed to help with Taste of Nativity, in the kitchen, at the Bake Sale and during the lunch seatings. If you would like more information about where you can help contact Xan Curran at [xan@comcast.net](mailto:xan@comcast.net) or 256-651-5334.

We look forward to seeing you at the Bazaar!





# Vestry Nominations Slate for 2018 to be presented at Annual Parish Meeting, November 12, 10:00 am

Our parish will come together for one service at 9:00am then move to Ridley Hall for a light breakfast and Annual Parish meeting. Children's activity and nursery will be available.



**Jason Angelichio**

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Born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Jason graduated high school from St. Paul's Episcopal School in Mobile, Alabama. He then attended Birmingham Southern College, where he met his wife Hallie, a third generation Nativity member. Jason and Hallie were married at Nativity and moved to Huntsville. They have a daughter, Emma (five), and a son, Hill (two), who were both baptized at Nativity. Jason is a partner at Hill Fogg & Associates and has been a CPA for 15 years. Jason has served on the finance committee at Nativity for the past two years. A lifelong Episcopalian, Jason enjoys fishing, golf, travelling, and being with his family.



**Shirley Hale**

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Shirley has been a member of Nativity since 1981. She has served the Church as a Bible study leader, stewardship chairman, on the capital campaign committee and the restoration of the Church committee. She completed the four-year Education for Ministry Program (EFM), and is an active member of Cursillo. She also served on the search committee for a new Rector and is currently an Intercessor. Shirley has a BS degree in Business Administration and MS in Administrative Science. She was the Executive Director of Huntsville Hospital Foundation for 13 years and volunteered on many community boards including the Botanical Garden. She is currently on the board of the Huntsville Hospital Community Health Plan. Shirley and her deceased husband Bob Hale have 7 grown children, 15 grand children and two great grands! Her hobbies include reading, bridge and mahjongg.



**Jeff Johnson**

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Jeff was Baptized and Confirmed at Nativity in 2000. He completed his Education for Ministry study in 2007 and attended Cursillo #141."DeColores" Jeff has been a member of Nativity's choir for 20 years, been instrumental and supported Nativity's dining with friends dinner, and been involved with Nativity's Green Street market since it's inception and has served on the stewardship committee. Outside of Nativity Jeff serves on the board of the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra and is owner / stylist of Terramé salon and day spa Jones Valley as well as the Midtown location.



**Michael Shipley**

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Michael joined Nativity 15 years ago when he and his partner Tom Lydon moved to Huntsville for Tom's work with Bechtel at Browns Ferry. Michael graduated from the University of TN with a BS in Communications/Public Relations in 1983. After college, he entered the Executive Training program with Macy's Atlanta. He joined Talbots as a sportswear buyer for the catalog, Talbots second largest division. He retired from Talbots and has moved several times for Tom's work. Now that they both are retired, they have decided to make Huntsville their home. At Nativity, Michael has been involved with Outreach, Parish Life, Usher Chair, Cursillo, Kairos, Crucifer, Garden Guild and Blue Apron Hospitality.



**Shari Williams**

Shari is a third generation Nativity parishioner and lifelong Episcopalian. She is the daughter of Virginia Clark Parnell and granddaughter of the late Anne Blue and N.W. Tucker. Shari has enjoyed serving in various church ministries including: Children's Chapel, Adult Seeker's Class sponsor and small group leader, Godly Play teacher, Vacation Bible School volunteer and Chairperson, Kids Council member, Lay Eucharistic Minister, and Blue Apron Hospitality. Shari earned her B.S. in Speech Language Pathology/Special Education from Auburn University and her M.A.E. in Early Childhood Special Education from University of Alabama at Birmingham. She is currently the Director of Preschool at Faith Presbyterian Church. She is the mother of six year old Clara, who was also baptized at Nativity and actively participates in the Novice Choir, Godly Play, and VBS.



**Wendy Wilson**

Wendy is a Huntsville native. She and husband Curt joined Nativity in 2007, attracted by the warm and welcoming congregation, the beauty of the church and its respect for traditional Episcopal values. Wendy has served on Nativity's Human Resources Committee and has supported Nativity through various programs such as Friends of Music, Episcopal Relief and Development, Dining with Friends, Camp McDowell/Bethany Village, Nativity Flower Guild, Nativity Trust Fund, Nativity Historic Preservation Foundation and the Huntsville Assistance Program. Wendy earned her BS in Business Administration (accounting major) at Auburn University. While in school, she interned with IBM in Atlanta and after college, worked with Deloitte Haskins and Sells (now Deloitte & Touche) before moving back to Huntsville to start Aero Thermo Technology, an engineering services company, with her father. Since 1994, Wendy has been President and CEO of Aero Thermo Technology.

## Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, November 12

9am Holy Eucharist Rite II

10am Meeting, Ridley Hall

Please join us as we come together for one service then move to Ridley Hall for the Annual Parish Meeting. We will enjoy a light breakfast, elect new vestry members, take a look at the highlights from 2017 and learn about exciting plans for the future of our parish family.

Children's activities in Angel Lane and nursery will be available.

## ADVENT QUIET DAY

Mindfulness Practices for Peace and Presence

with

Beth Cook, LPC

**DECEMBER 2**

**9AM-2PM**

Join Church of the Nativity and St. Thomas Episcopal Church for the annual Advent Quiet Day. Enjoy participating in spiritual practices that ground us, bring us peace, mindfulness, acceptance and joy.

Lunch is available by reservation for \$7.

Please reserve your lunch by calling the Church office at 256-533-2455 or by

emailing

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





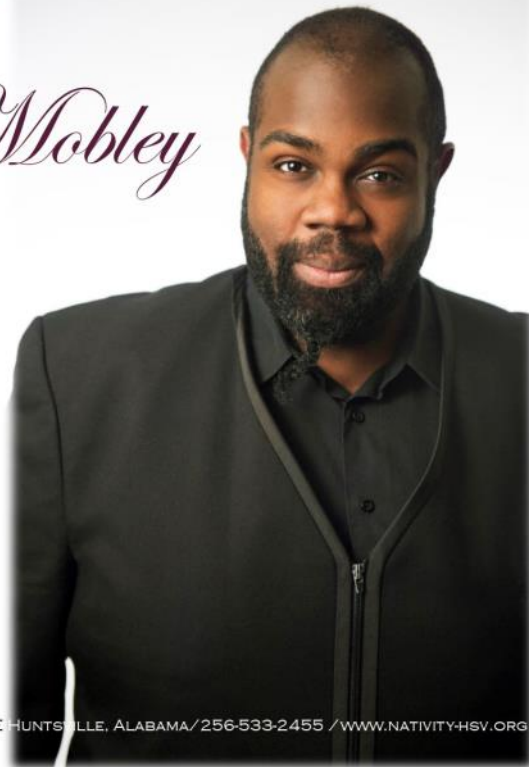
# Reginald Mobley

IN CONCERT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

7:00PM

WORKS BY BACH, HANDEL, PORTER  
AND OTHERS.



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**November 5, 2017 5:00pm**  
Choral Evensong for All Saints'  
Sunday

**November 17, 2017 7:00pm**  
Reginald Mobley, countertenor

**December 3, 2017 5:00pm**  
Advent Lessons and Carols

**January 26, 2018 7:00pm**  
Michael Weinberg, baritone and  
Christian Crocker, tenor  
Elizabeth LaJeunesse, piano

**February 11, 2018 5:00pm**  
Choral Evensong for the Last  
Sunday after the Epiphany

**March 16, 2018 7:00pm**  
Patrick Scott, organ

**May 20, 2018 5:00pm**  
Nativity Choir Spring Concert

**June 3, 2018 5:00pm**  
Choral Evensong

## Choir Rehearsal Schedule:

*All rehearsals on Wednesday in the basement level of Joffrion Hall.*

<b>Cherub Choir</b> (3 & 4 yrs) 4:00pm	<b>Jr. Choristers</b> (3rd-5th) 4:00pm
<b>Novice Choir</b> (k-2nd) 4:45pm	<b>Sr. Choristers</b> (6th-12th) 4:45pm
<b>Adult Choir</b> 7:00pm	

## CHORAL EVENSONG FOR ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY



Crossing the Bar-C. Hubert Parry

Preces and Responses-Kenneth Leighton

Magnificat and Nunc dimittis "St. Pauls"-Herbert Howells

The Beatitudes-Arvo Pärt

November 5th, 2017

5:00pm

Church of the Nativity

Christian Crocker, Organist and Choirmaster

Nicholas Bergin, Organist



## What are You Reading? *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*

By : Marcus J. Borg

Contributed by: Wimberley Watts

One that's been around a while but continues to remain my "go to". I read it a couple of times a year. Just finished it, again.

My father and I had our own private book club. Over the years I've stumbled across a few books I'd give anything to discuss with him. *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*, by Marcus Borg, is without doubt at the top of those finds. Actually, every book Borg has written is a favorite, but this one is my most favorite.

I went to Grace Lutheran Elementary/Middle school, where I received a hefty dose of Christianity and although I have fond memories, I also remember being confused. Life at Grace centered around being fearful of God, whereas Sunday School at St. Thomas and later, Nativity, was all about a glorious, loving God.

I remember once asking the religion teacher (at school) why Jesus had to die on the cross. He gave me the blanket response "for the forgiveness of our sins," all the while looking at me as if I hadn't been paying attention. I have no idea how old I was, maybe 10, but the answer didn't make sense to me. I couldn't grasp how the loving God I learned about in Sunday School could allow his Son to be a sacrifice or why it was necessary to do that in order to forgive our sins. It didn't add up with my understanding of unconditional love.

Honestly, it wasn't until reading *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*, that I understood what "Jesus died for our sins" actually meant. It had nothing to do with what I was taught – a form of Atonement Theology that didn't fully come about until long after Jesus and his disciples walked the earth. About 1000 years later.

In this fabulous little book, many of those questions that some of us have are presented and answered. By the end of the book your love for Jesus only deepens. Your faith is made that much stronger. But, I feel the need to caution you. The topics can be prickly but if you stay with it, you'll come out on the other side filled with joy. A joy so wonderful you'll wish you could stand on a mountain top and share it with the world.

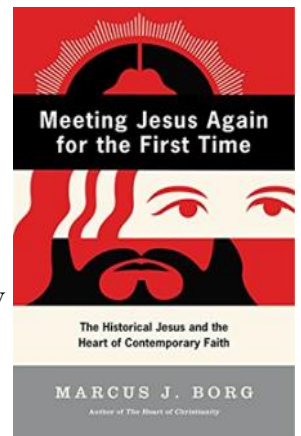
Spirituality



at Nativity

After reading *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*, I understood how his followers could so easily spread the Gospel – the Good News. It's not about the afterlife. It's about here and now.

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.



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*

## Stewardship of Creation Tip

Continuing from the last Steeple with more important facts about food waste:

### 3 ways to reduce food waste in your kitchen right now

The strongest weapon in the fight against food waste is prevention.

Buying less at the supermarket, finishing off what's in your pantry and actually eating those restaurant leftovers are all ways to conquer the food-waste problem.

And it is everyone's problem.

The bulk of American food waste — 80 percent — happens at the consumer level, according to

“A Roadmap for Reducing Food Waste by 20 Percent,” a ReFED's report.

Note: ReFED is a collaboration of over 30 business, nonprofit, foundation, and government leaders committed to reducing food waste in the United States.

### You don't have to be an activist to prevent waste. Here are a few things you can do right now:

#### 1. Limit your purchases by shopping small and smart.

Preventing food waste is the best way to reduce it. Don't buy more than you need and stick to your shopping list.

That's how Tom Oteri, of Tempe, AZ does it. The 74-year-old retired industrial toxicologist cares about food waste, but doesn't make it a topic of conversation at dinner parties. It's just a part of life. He limits what he buys at the grocery store. Rather than a bag of oranges, he buys two oranges. If he happens to have something in bulk, he'll vacuum seal it and put it in the freezer, and he shares the smoked meats he likes to cook with his college-age grandchildren.

#### 2. Be practical, not aspirational.

Instead of getting a recipe and then going shopping for ingredients, take a look around your kitchen. See what ingredients you already have and then find a recipe to use those ingredients.

Cinda Chavich, a Canadian food journalist and cookbook author, organized [“The Waste Not, Want Not Cookbook”](#) by ingredient — carrots, onions, spinach, pork — so you can start with the specific food you need to use and then decide which meal to make. “Be inspired by what you have,” Chavich said.

#### 3. Use expiration dates as guides, rather than gospel.

Use your senses to determine if something has gone bad. Does it smell funky? Is it curdled or mushy?

Expiration and “best before” dates can cause people to throw away edible foods. **“Best before” doesn't mean “poisonous after,”** Chavich said. Many foods, from dairy to canned beans, are good days, weeks, even months after the date printed on their packaging.

“We don't need to produce more, we need to act different.”

“What are our values as a society?”

Quotes from “Wasted”, the new documentary about food waste



## Holiday Farmers Market

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

10 am - 2 pm

Eustis Avenue, Downtown Huntsville

LOCALLY GROWN PRODUCE FARM FRESH FOODS FRESH BAKED GOODS LOCAL ARTISANS



[www.greenestreetmarket.com](http://www.greenestreetmarket.com)

### ANNUAL BLANKET & COLD WEATHER GEAR DRIVE

*Most of us are blessed with a warm place to sleep during the cold winter months. Let's help those who aren't as fortunate. Please donate these items to warm both their bodies and their hearts.*

**October 5 – through winter months**

**Collection bins will be located in Ridley Hall.**

#### Collecting for the Homeless:

**Adult sizes only, please**

**Blankets**

**Sleeping bags**

**Coats/Jackets**

**Warm hats**

**Gloves/Socks**

**Sweat shirts/pants**

**Thermal underwear**

**Warm scarves**



## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

Prentice White, Cheryl Watts, Joann Moorman, Allison Exby, Tommie Taylor, Louise Weathers, Sharon Griffin, Chris Duncan, Carol Muery, Gerry Nitz, Miki Heaton, Martha Joffrion, Frank Vann, Dan Lester, Lucy Cotten, Georgia Hendricks, Ted Bledsoe, Wannie Evans, Linda Mixon, Bill Martin, Kevin Wahl, Cecelia Duncan, Bill Nettles, Barbara Buice, Leigh Wahl, Heidi Foreman, Tom Hodge, Anne Boles, David Phillips, Rose Sidick, Robert McClain, Joan Bennett, Tom Booth, Elsie Olsen

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

Carolyn Courtenay and Nancy Little

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

Kenneth Vandervoort      US Navy, Middle East  
Denver Colin              Afghanistan

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

10/27 Evan Brown	10/28 Piper Smith	10/28 Ethan Dawes	10/29 Davis Manning
10/30 Grace Molloy	10/30 Charles Warren	10/31 William Post	11/3 Tucker McClung
11/4 Katie Banish	11/7 Holland Ray	11/7 Caroline Knight	11/8 Zoe Church

## **GIVE THANKS FOR OUR OFFICE VOLUNTEERS!!**

Some of the unsung heroes of the church are the office volunteers. They answer the phones and field calls, help with our many mail-outs, take reservations for meetings and meals, and serve as the first person to greet the many people who come in to see us. We in the office and you in the pews depend on them for so many things and we thank all of you who volunteer!



We are in need of volunteers for various morning and afternoon shifts, as well as emergency fill-ins when a volunteer is not able to make their scheduled shift. The morning shift is from 9:00am until 12:30pm and the afternoon shift is from 12:30pm until 4pm. If you would be interested in volunteering at the front desk, please contact Amy Kennedy at [akennedy@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:akennedy@nativity-hsv.org) or 256-533-2455 ext. 203.

### **Parish Financial Report Period Ending 09/30/2017**

	CURRENT MONTH	BUDGET for PERIOD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
Pledges Received	\$ 90,390.34	\$ 103,666.67	\$ 837,272.91	\$ 944,500.02
Plate	\$ 7,429.78	\$ 6,666.67	\$ 91,992.93	\$ 59,999.99
Other Revenues	\$ 2,347.94	\$ 10,292.01	\$ 91,452.61	\$ 91,123.97
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 100,168.06</b>	<b>\$ 120,625.35</b>	<b>\$ 1,020,718.45</b>	<b>\$ 1,095,623.98</b>
Diocesan, School of Theology, & Outreach	\$ 34,209.52	\$ 25,040.65	\$ 205,072.58	\$ 225,366.05
Personnel	\$ 42,555.05	\$ 72,624.99	\$ 616,414.91	\$ 653,625.03
Other Expenses	\$ 21,496.44	\$ 23,447.78	\$ 198,504.24	\$ 215,110.47
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 98,261.01</b>	<b>\$ 121,113.42</b>	<b>\$ 1,019,991.73</b>	<b>\$ 1,094,101.55</b>
<b>NET</b>	<b>\$ 1,907.05</b>	<b>\$ (488.07)</b>	<b>\$ 726.72</b>	<b>\$ 1,522.43</b>

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The deadline for the next issue is **12:00pm, Monday, November 6th**

#### CLERGY & STAFF

**The Rev. Dr. Virginia Monroe**

Interim Rector

**The Rev. Bonnie McCrickard**

Associate

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

Deacon

**The Rev. Dr. Basye Holland-Shuey**

Spiritual Direction

**The Rev. Steve Gruman**

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**Christian Crocker**

Choirmaster and Organist

**Lane Tutt**

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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 including church or building and grounds issues should be directed to the main phone 256.533.2455 to leave a message for a priest to respond.

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### 2017 CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATION

#### Christmas dedications are \$20 each

Please complete this form with your check made payable to *Nativity Flower Guild* and return it no later than **Wednesday, December 13th** to:

Andrea Vandervoort, 434 Locust Ave. Huntsville, AL 35801

**PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION.** If you have questions, you may call Andrea at 256.539.2673.

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

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

**Name for this dedication:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the box next to the dedication you desire.** All dedications read:

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

