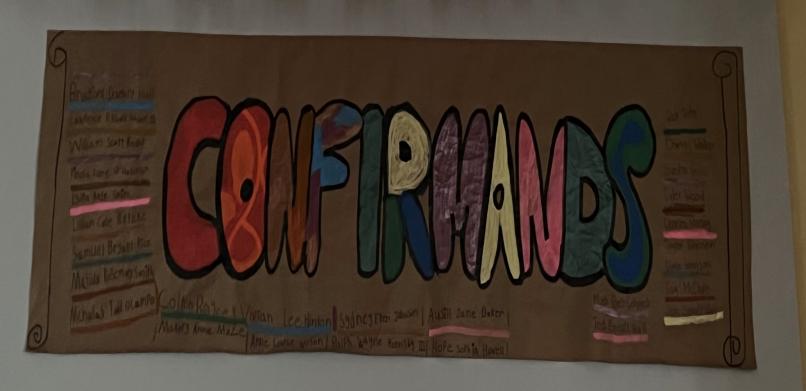
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June 2023

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A member of the clergy is *always* on

the office 256-533-2455 and press* to speak with our clergy on call. Please leave a message for a priest to respond.

call. If you need assistance from a priest outside office hours, please call

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Do you have a change of address, email, phone or perhaps major life event?

Contact Austin Cook
256-533-2455 ext.204 or
acook@nativity-hsv.org.



On the cover... Banners made for our confirmands

Send your pictures from Nativity activities and events to: abrooks@nativity-hsv.org



12:00pm, The Holy Eucharist Rite II with healing, in Bibb Chapel

Thursdays

6:00pm, The Holy Eucharist Rite II, in Bibb Chapel

Sundays

7:30am- The Holy Eucharist Rite I, in Bibb Chapel

9:00am- All Ages Liturgy, in Bibb Chapel

10:00am- The Holy Eucharist Rite II, in the Nave

11:00am-Summer Sunday Lunch and Formation



Confirmation May 28, 2023







Adult Confirmands: Madi Bell-Colpack, Sasha Gillis, Taylor Johnson, Gina Johnson, Guy McClure, Charles Money, Joseph Spratt-Hall, James Spratt-Hall , Rickey Tate, Daniel Walker, Michael Wood

Youth Confirmands: Austill Baker, Colton Boyce, Bradford Hall, Vivian Hinton, Ralph Hornsby, Hope Howell, Sydney Johnson, Will Knight, Mallory Maze, Nicholas Ocampo, Finola O'Halloran, Lillian Retzke, Samuel Rice, Trey Schiber, Lydia Smith, Matilda Smith, Anne Louise Wilson

Stewardship of Creation June 2023

By Freya Neely

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein... Psalm 24:1

A goal of our Nativity Stewardship of Creation Ministry is to help all of us learn how we can be better stewards of the earth and our environment.

One important part of this goal is to be a Christian who lives out efforts to make the world safer for the next generations. This includes actually taking steps to reduce plastic pollution now.

Plastic pollution is poisoning our oceans and land, injuring marine life, and affecting our health! Let's join in efforts dedicated to providing the information and inspiration needed to fundamentally change human attitude and behavior about plastics.

Take Personal Responsibility to Reduce Plastic Pollution

Currently we are producing over **380 million tons** of plastic every year to make bags, bottles, packages, and other commodities, and *some reports indicate that up to 50% of that is for single-use purposes – utilized for just a few moments*, but on the planet for at least several hundred years - or longer. Unfortunately, only about ten percent of this plastic is properly recycled and reused. The rest ends up as <u>waste in landfills or as litter in our natural environment</u>, where it leaches dangerous chemicals into the nearby soil and water, endangering humans and wildlife alike.

Plastic pollution is not only impacting our waters and marine life, but also the food chain and our overall health.

The world must perceive plastics not only as the environmental challenge of global proportions but a symbol of the values that need to change to build a more sustainable and just world.

Take a pledge: Think about the impact of your use of plastic, and cut back at every



One easy thing to eliminate is PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES, which have many negative impacts, a few of which are: a) depleting vital aquafers, b) causing pollution in the manufacturing of the bottles, c) leaching dangerous chemicals and d) creating unsightly litter.

Much of the water is wasted and many of the bottles go in the garbage or on the side of our roads.

Another polluting product is Styrofoam. Just refuse to buy products packaged or served in it. There are good alternatives!! And you can know that you are doing the good thing by refusing it!!

Take personal responsibility for the plastic pollution that each one of us generates by choosing to <u>reduce</u>, <u>refuse</u>, <u>reuse</u>, <u>recycle</u> and <u>remove</u> plastics.

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10 Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. I Corinthians

Sunday Summer Lunches

Join us every Sunday in June and July for Summer Sunday Lunch following the 10:00 AM service. Please let us know you are coming so that we will prepare enough food by clicking <u>HERE</u> or calling the church office.

Below are the menus for each week. Most weeks will be a sampling from the new Nativity Cookbook!

SUNDAY JUNE 4th MENU Program: Stewardship of Creation 1 King Ranch Casserole 2 Tripp's Famous Beef & Mac Casserole 3 Poppy Seed Chicken 4 Broccoli Salad 5 Corn Salad 6 Fresh Veggie Tray with Lemon Cream Sauce 7 Tossed Green Salad with Laney House Dressing

8 Party Green Beans
9 Chocolate Brownies
10 Blackberry Jam Cake
11 Oatmeal Cranberry White Chocolate Chunk Cookies

Program: Children's Ministry 1 Fruit Salsa 2 Mountain Diablo Dip 3 Texas Caviar 4. Guacamole 5 Taco Salad 6 Chicken Crème Cheese Enchiladas 7 Taco Chicken Bowls 8 Taco Dinner 9 Mexican Rice 10 Blueberry Pie 11 Apple Crisp 12 Lemon Rosemary Cookies



Sunday, June 18th Chicken Pasta Salad Program: Homebound and Pastoral Care Ministries

SUNDAY JUNE 25 th MENU
Program: Outreach
1 Emilia's Rice & Chicken & Beans
2 Ham & Artichoke Casserole
3 Fresh Tomato Sauce with Pasta
4 Apple Cranberry & Almond Coleslaw
5 Zucchini Pie
6 Salad with Roquefort Dressing
7 Refrigerator Rolls
8 Frozen Cranberry Salad
9 Almond Skillet Cake
10 Gooey Butter Cake
11 Cherry Cream Pie

Choir



On May 19, members of the choir travelled to Memphis, TN to join the choir from Grace-St. Luke's to sing services of Holy Eucharist and Choral Evensong on Sunday, May 21. Thank you for all your prayers and support this past week.

Do you ever want to sing in choir but aren't sure if the commitment is right for you?

Join us in the summer!

During the summer months, the choir is open to anyone who would like to try us out!

There is no mid-week rehearsal, just come to rehearsal on Sunday morning.

For questions, please contact Director of Music and Organist Christian Crocker at ccrocker@nativity-hsv.org or 253-533-2455.

The Hymnal 1982

The Hymnal 1982

When: Sundays in June, July, and August, 9:00am rehearsal for the 10:00am service

Where: Meet in the chancel (where the choir sits on

Sundays)

Update from Seminarian Kris Paul

You can follow Kris's summer journey on her YouTube channel... https://www.youtube.com/@kristenpaul5040

Greetings from the other side of the world! I hope you are well. New Zealand is amazing but I'll send more on that later.

I gave the vestments and table linens you (Father Michael) gave me to Bishop Tengatenga to distribute in Malawi. Despite being poor, as you may know they were also hit by severe floods this year and I thought they might need or want them. He was thrilled and sent this to me after giving them to the bishop there. I thought you might want to see how far Nativity's love and spirit of Christ has stretched!

Peace,

Kris





Wall hangings and vestments that are no longer used at Nativity will now be enjoyed in Malawi.





EFM Graduation

By Ted Briggs

On May 22, five people celebrated completion of the Education for Ministry (EFM) program. This was one of the largest graduating classes in recent years.



EFM Graduates (L to R) David Hardy, Lisa Hardy, Gina Hannah, Allen Daniels, Miki Heaton

EFM is a four-year course, sponsored by Sewanee School of Theology, to deepen understanding of the church and the roots of Christianity as well as learning to think theologically. Each year focuses on a different aspect: Year 1 the Old Testament, Year 2 the New Testament, Year 3 Church History and Year 4 Theology. We meet weekly on Monday nights from September to May. Although, if there is enough interest, we could start a daytime class. An overview of EFM is available at https://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry/program/. And a list of books used in EFM is available at https://theology.sewanee.edu/files/resources/efm-books-handout-2021-2025-2.pdf
New members welcomed as are returning students, wanted to retake a specific year. Join us weekly for an evening of learning, discussion, and fellowship. Contact Ted Briggs (tedlbriggs@gmail.com) if you are interested.



2022/23 EFM Class (L to R) David Hardy, Allen Daniels, Ted Briggs(mentor), Lisa Hardy, Gina Hannah. Natalie Rushing, Q Wirtz, Miki Heaton, Lee Nation, Don Lambert, Jo Goldasich (co-mentor)

Community and Parish Engagement

The Episcopal Church of the Nativity strives to be good neighbors within our church family and in our community. The Parish and Community Engagement Committee works to provide opportunities to connect with each other, non-profit groups and social organizations that support our core values and with our community by opening our doors and sharing our space during downtown community events. This list is ever changing, so make sure to check in regularly for opportunities to engage in your community! Use this link and sign up today!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E49ADAA2DA5F49-hiclc

For more information please contact Vicky Hinton, <u>vhinton@nativity-hsv.org</u> or Rosie Veal Eby, <u>rvealeby@nativity-hsv.org</u>.

Dinner Church

By Rose Veal Eby

Join us for Dinner Church Sunday, **June 25th at 6pm** in Ridley Hall. Dinner Church is a monthly gathering of people, where our worship and sermon conversation will all happen at the dinner table. Consider it a great potluck with a twist to include our spiritual growth and sharing. Please bring a dish to share as you are able. Contact Rose Veal Eby rvealeby@nativity-hsv.org or 256-533-2455 with questions.



Sawyerville Day Camp

Thank you for helping us reach our swimsuit and towel goal for Sawyerville. If you missed the opportunity to contribute, but would still like to help, you can order from the Sawyerville Amazon Wishlist and the items will be delivered directly.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/UO4OJEDDGY5U?ref =wl fv le

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Outreach

By Rose Veal Eby

On June 3rd the welcome center will be open for hospitality for the Pride Parade. I reached out a few weeks ago to several people asking them to bake something for the event. I received a call from one of the bakers wanting to share with me an experience she had while shopping for cake supplies.

Ms. Carole Albyn has been researching pound cake recipes for months now as she works on her book of recipes. She told me she had run to Walgreens to pick up some ingredients when she saw a rainbow tutu. She took her ingredients and tutu up to the cashier.

The cashier was rather curious about her purchase. Ms. Carole told him that she was baking a rainbow pound cake for hospitality at her church, during the Pride parade. The cashier was stunned. He did not know there was a church where he would be welcomed, where someone cared enough about him to bake a cake.

Her story reminded me of one of my favorite classic songs sung by Eileen Barton.

Come in! Well, well. Look who's here. I haven't seen you in many A year.

If I knew you were comin' I'd've baked a cake, baked a cake, baked a cake If I knew you were comin' I'd've baked a cake Howdya do, howdya do, howdya do?

Had you dropped me a letter, I'd a-hired a band, grandest band in the land Had you dropped me a letter, I'd a-hired a band And spread the welcome mat for you

Oh, I don't know where you came from 'Cause I don't know where you've been But it really doesn't matter Grab a chair and fill your platter And dig, dig, dig right in

I am so thankful for all the hospitality it shows and shares with the community around us. May faith continue to hold the door wide open!



Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Save the date for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build. Join us as we construct 30 beds for children in our community who do not have a place to sleep at night.



NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!

We will meet at the Greene Street Parking Lot (alternate site for inclement weather TBD)

Saturday July 29, 2023 8am-12pm

No experience necessary but expect lots of satisfaction for this magnificent effort!

Click **HERE** to help with the build

Click **HERE** to donate bedding.

We also need donations of twin size kid's bedding sets. These can be found at Walmart.

Contact Deacon Bob bserio@nativity-hsv.org or Mother Rosie rvealeby@nativity-hsv.org if you have questions.



"At SHP, we fully believe that a bed is a basic need for the proper physical, emotional, and mental support that a child needs. When it was brought to our attention that the need for beds went far beyond our own neighborhoods, we stepped up and took initiative. We're a national organization answering the call to a national problem."







The Mother's Minute Group enjoyed flower arranging on one of the Monday night gatherings. Join them on the playground this summer!





Youth Ministry





Nativity Youth sponsored a cereal and fruit bar at First Stop last month!





Is that the Easter Bunny or our Youth Minister??

Children's Formation



ALL CREATURES GREAT & SMALL VBS

CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION

JUNE 12-14 1.00-4.00pm

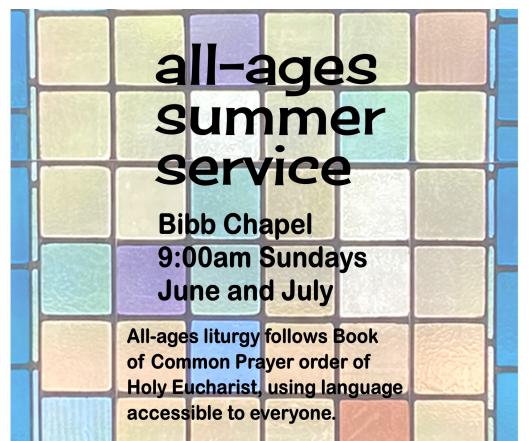
VBS SUPPLY DRIVE

As we learn about care and conservation at VBS, we'd love to upcycle some of your recyclables. Please save your egg cartons (cardboard or Styrofoam) and plastic screw-on lids (like milk or soft drinks) for VBS craft projects. Look for collection bins in Ridley Hall

Late registration. A few spaces have opened up; register today! More details at <u>registration link</u>.

- •Children 4 years-4th grade registration
- •5/6th grade junior counselor registration
- •7th-adult volunteer sign up

VBS is free



Summer Spiritual Direction Offerings

By Basye Shuey

Spiritual Development Activities

A monthly listing of local spiritual development activities of potential interest, brought to you by the Spiritual Development Committee.

- · Rev Basye Holland Shuey is starting two classes this summer: (i) Spiritual Practice with Watercolor and (ii) Group Spiritual Direction.
- · St Mary's Sewanee also continues to offer a variety of activities and events at https://www.stmaryssewanee.org/calendar/

Presentations:

- Dealing with suffering and loss on the Spiritual Journey
- Prayer & Pilgrimage with St. Teresa of Avila Spiritual Guide and Companion

Email or text for dates and times

Email: office.basye@gmail.com

Mobile: 256.468-5590

*The Rev. Dr. Basye Holland-Shuey, Spiritual Director, Presenter, Watercolor Artist, Retired Priest

Baptism Wall

The Baptism Wall is up in the Banister Room. If you were baptized at Nativity and you would like to submit a photo, you can bring in a hard copy of a 4x6 photo or email an image to abrooks@nativity-hsv.org.



Stewardship

By Eleanor Loring

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:13

Prior to every worship service at the Church of the Nativity, unseen hands have reverently prepared the vessels and linens to be used at that service, especially those related to Communion. Following very specific and time honored traditions, members of the altar guild both prepare and take down the linens and vessels used during the service. Each item has a specific name and purpose and is handled with utmost reverence. At least one altar guild member is in attendance at every service to insure that everything is correct.

Among the 30 or so women who serve on the altar guild is Debbie Joyner. Debbie has attended Nativity most of her life. She attended Nativity as a child, and then went to college at the University of Alabama where she met her husband, Bill. In the 1990s, Bill's job gave them the

opportunity to move back to Huntsville where, along with their two children, they made Nativity their home.

The beauty of the building drew her back to her childhood church. As she said, "Nativity looks and feel like a sacred and holy place." After serving on the Vestry for three years she made the choice to serve on the altar guild. When asked about her duties, she laughingly says "Basically we wash dishes, polish silver, and do laundry!". Her favorite things about altar guild have been the joys and satisfaction of serving and getting to know other women she ordinarily would not have known, both older and younger. It has been a way to be engaged and participate in the life of the church.



Debbie's love for Nativity is poured out by serving on altar guild and she has found out that serving has been a blessing to her in so many ways. She encourages anyone interested to consider it. As she says, "there is always room for more!". If you would like more information on altar guild, contact Peggy Serio at mbserio49@gmail.com.

Parish News

June Youth Birthdays:

In memory of the departed:

Ralph Hornsby, Sr

Rowan Harper Elise Roche

Jim Douthit

Blake Kimbro Prentiss Miller Anita Manning Charles Ayres

Beatrice Twitty John Heacock Ellie Gleason

John Gleason

Natalia Vela

Jack Copeland

New Members (since January 2023): Colton Boyce The Hatcher Family Austin Nash

Cora Putt The Hale Family Caroline McCrary

Alex Hereford Donna Maze Jennifer Manning

Lydia Kilpatrick

Guy McClure Mallory Maze Aerin Watts

The Todd Family Oliver Smolin

Debbie Clendenny Vivienne Shedd

Rene Milligan **Transfers** Camille Kilpatrick

Tammy Eskridge Joe and Joan East-St. Matthews, Madison Matilda Smith

Ann Yates

Weddings

Kate Noble Hall & Max Simpson - May 13th

Kristen Sampson & Chris Thomas- May 20th

Baptisms

Mallory Maze

Financial Update

Parish Financial Report April 2023

	Budget for Period	Actual for Period	Budget YTD	Actual YTD
Pledges Received	\$120,049.48	\$156,287.34	\$480,197.92	\$565,960.51
Plate	\$14,583.34	\$10,161.11	\$58,333.28	\$64,919.16
Other Revenues	\$8,835.51	\$15,750.10	\$35,341.92	\$33,377.63
Total Income	\$143,468.33	\$182,198.55	\$573,873.12	\$664,257.30
Diocese & Missions	\$16,155.93	\$19,492.02	\$64,623.56	\$75,101.38
Outreach	\$13,463.33	\$19,609.67	\$53,852.36	\$68,929.46
Personnel	\$80,843.51	\$81,004.39	\$323,373.76	\$314,548.38
Other Expenses	\$33,005.88	\$39,121.25	\$132,019.96	\$125,040.80
Total Expenses	\$143,468.65	\$159,227.33	\$573,869.64	\$583,620.02
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	June 2023 - WORSHIP SCHEDULE updated 5/26/23 – AE				
	Thursday, June 1st				
Service	Celebrant Preacher	Lector / Intercessor			
6:00 pm	Goldsmith	Sally Ann Culver	OAY, June 4 th		
Service	Celebrant Preacher	LEM	Lector		Intercessor
7:30 am	Goldsmith	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett		Lea Ann Barnett
9:00 am	Stuart				
10:00 am	Veal Eby Goldsmith		John Nelson, Lynn Spark	s-Lewis	Rhonwyn Watson
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12 noon	Stuart	Natalie Rushing	1 T 04		
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June 4th	Beth Pugh, Linda Watts, Em	ily Moody, Amanda Kiep, Judy Vann			
June 11th		Peggy Serio, Margaret Lotz, Debbie Jo			
June 18th		Ieather Stroud, Gail Brown, Sophia San	<u> </u>		
June 25 th	Cattey Litkenhous, Natalie R	ushing, Jewell Reynolds, Wanda Cobb,			
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	June 25 th				
10:00 am	Leader – Daniel Starnes				
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Visit <u>nativity-hsv.org/vestry</u> to view current Vestry minutes or call Austin Cook 256-533-2455.

Your Name:	Phone#:
Dates requested:	_ (available dates listed below)
August 13th,27th	
September 3rd, 10th	
November 5th	
December 3rd, 31st.	
Please choose one:	
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Will you share this dedication?YESN	O Can we list your name in the bulletin? YESNC
Dedications are \$40 each or \$20 if shared.	
or	
Fill out the online form by clicking <u>here</u> .	
Questions? Call Andrea: 256-539-2673 or Amy	Kennedy akennedy@nativity-hsv.org