Returning with Gratitude and Renewed Vision

Back home from an amazing journey as a pilgrim on the Camino de Santiago, I am reminded of T. S. Eliot’s words from *Four Quartets*: *We shall not cease from our exploring, and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time.* On pilgrimage, we are intentional about the deep movement of God’s Spirit in our lives, in the lives of our fellow travelers, and in the world. We pray with our feet. We pray in community with our fellow pilgrims. We pray with the saints in whose footsteps we tread, connecting collective sacred memory and place to God’s future.

And that is why we arrive from where we started and know the place for the first time. It is so good to be home at Nativity! I return with the fresh eyes and a renewed heart of gratitude for our community as God’s pilgrim people at the Church of the Nativity. I am so grateful for the many gifts of our clergy, staff, vestry leaders, and of all of you who give so generously of your time and resources to enable God’s future. When you leave to go on pilgrimage, you have to trust God’s presence at work in others, letting go. Detachment is a great spiritual discipline for knowing what is essential and enduring.

The Pilgrimage journey of the Camino de Santiago enables community. Travelling light, with humility and vulnerability, we recognize our deep need for others along the way. One of the greatest gifts of the Camino is the people you meet from all over the world. Everyone has a compelling story to share—pain, their struggles, their joys and encouraging words, their hopes. We somehow are patient and caring enough that language barriers fall away to understanding. It’s the way the world should…could be.

It’s the way the church strives to be. This strength of community and our unity in spite of walls that could divide breaks through at Nativity. We call it the Kingdom of God. This is where we can see ourselves anew and know the place for the first time. One of the questions that lays a foundation for the amazing community formed on the Camino is “Why are you walking?” What are you hoping will happen in your life when by making this journey? It’s a good question for us all.

About two weeks into the Camino—after your heart has been overwhelmed by the beauty of Spain, the kindness of the people, the culture, customs, food, wine, and even the physical difficulties that just about everyone meets—walking into the town of Najerra these poetic words are written on a wall:

*Dust and mud, sun and rain, such is the way to Santiago. Thousands of pilgrims and more than a thousand years. Pilgrim: who calls you? What hidden power attracts you? .....It is not the beauty of Navarra, nor the wine of Rioja, nor the seafood of Galicia, nor the fields of Castilla. Pilgrim, who is it calls you? What unseen power attracts you? .....It is not the history, nor the culture. Not the rooster of the Calzado, nor the palace of Gaudi, nor the castle of Ponferrada. All that is seen in passing, and it is a joy to see it all, is still less than the voice that calls...The power that pushes me...Only He who is above understands it!*

God’s Spirit and presence deep within calls us to the Camino journey. All are seeking God’s presence in some way, seeking something larger than what we’ve known, even if we don’t have the language to name it. This common search unites us into a loving, caring community of fellow travelers. We journey in thanksgiving, in penitence seeking mercy, in knowing the joy of grace and creation, in finding and claiming hope for the future. And this is what unites us at Nativity into a loving, serving, praying, growing, giving community. God’s voice in Christ calls us together and pushes us into God’s future.

Our extravagant God understands our deepest needs and does not count or measure, but just pours and pours grace upon grace into our lives and world. We discover together, we live in a God created cosmos shot through with care and love. And so let us begin our church year anew with gratitude and renewed vision, seeing each other and God’s love uniting us as for the first time!
If you haven’t been to St. Francis Day at Nativity:
+ Pets are welcome in the Sanctuary for the 8:45 service.
+ Although rare, accidents can happen. Cleanup supplies are available if needed.
+ It is a joyous, active service.

Wednesday, September 28 - 5:30pm

Family Spaghetti Night at Nativity

Nursery by reservation through the church office 256-533-2455

 Winning Fun for Everyone!

Wednesday, September 28th ~ dinner 5:30, BINGO @ 6:00 pm.
$5.00 per person, $20 max per family, reservations requested but not required

All-ages bingo following dinner.
As always, dinner reservations are appreciated but not required. The nursery is available for ages 4 and under (reservations required)
$5 per person - $20 family maximum
Reservations: call the Church Office  
(256.533.2455)

St. Francis Day and Pet Blessing

Sunday
September 25

- Visit from St. Francis during 8:45 Service
- Pet Blessing in Courtyard following 8:45 service
- Pet food and towel collection for Humane Society
- All happily leashed or carrier-contained pets are welcome

While you are proclaiming peace on your lips, be careful to have it more fully in your heart. If you have ears who will listen to God's creatures of the earth.

Youth Notes: September 25th:
Nativity is hosting the Tennessee Valley Youth Day in Ridley Hall from 2:00-4:00pm
Regular EYC that day is CANCELLED so everyone can attend this fun event!

Children’s Formation

Please make sure you have registered your child for Sunday School
Our theme for children’s formation this year: Bible Mosaic. Each class will study the Bible in their own way, but all will have the same goal: learning about God’s love for all of us.

Register online at:
tiny.cc/nathsvSSRegister
Contact: Mary Coe
mcoe@nativity-hsv.org

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2017 VESTRY NOMINATIONS
Sunday, September 11th
is the nomination deadline!

VESTRY NOMINATION PROPOSAL
tiny.cc/nathsvVestry2017

Candidate: ____________________________  
email: ________________________________
Phone (personal): ____________________  
Work: ________________________________
What strengths would this person bring to the Vestry?:  
__________________________________________________________________________

In what Parish activities has this person participated?  
__________________________________________________________________________

Have you discussed this with the person; if elected, would he/she agree to serve on the Nativity Vestry?__________

Your signature ____________________________

Printed name ____________________________

Date: ____________

Thank you for your input on this candidate. The Nominations Committee meets regularly to consider all proposed nominees and to ensure representative leadership from the entire Parish.

 Organ Recital
Paul Thomas

Works by: Demessieux, Bach, Whitlock and Vierne

Friday, September 9th 2016
7:30pm

A Friends of Music Event
CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, EPISCOPAL – 200 CURTIS AVENUE SE – HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA 35801

Monthly Men’s Breakfast
Tuesday, Sep 13, Suggested donation $5
6:30am Simple Eucharist, Bibb Chapel
7:00am Breakfast with guest speaker

The oldest guild at Nativity with roots back to 1898, invites all women of the Church for coffee.

Monday, September 19
10:00am
In the Library

Please help us continue our long history of service.

For information call
Joan East 256-325-1418
Jimmy Lou Horton 256-883-0175

The Mission Guild offers women of Nativity a way to come together in spirit to focus on, and provide, monetary support for groups and organizations.

A major strength of the Mission Guild is its diverse membership and the fellowship that it offers.
Contributed by: Liz Laney

In my recent journey through care and death of my mother, I have found companionship in the memoirs of other people on the same path. (I wonder why it is always only children, like me, who write these.) I have given away several copies of my favorite: Bettyville by George Hodgman, and if I haven’t already given you one, I recommend it now.

George’s story sounds like it will be predictably heartwarming—a 50-something, sophisticated New York editor returns home to rural Missouri to care for his cantankerous 90 year old mother. By the way, neither of them has acknowledged the fact that George is gay. Sounds like a sitcom, doesn’t it?

George’s observations are laugh-out-loud funny as he returns to his hometown and teenage room, where there might still be a “toenail from high school” stuck in the “last shag carpet left in America.” Betty, the foil for his humor, is the mother who taught him to drive fast and sing pop songs on the way. She plays the organ at the Methodist church, loves her daily gin and tonic, and “hasn’t had a successful hair appointment since 1945.” His portrait of Betty is loving, colorful, and hysterical.

The chapters alternate between the current caregiving—trips to the doctor, lunches at possible assisted living places, services at the church where George grew up—and startlingly honest memories of a childhood when George learned to live a divided life and the whole family learned to cope with the sad consequences of not trusting those we love most with our true selves. Gradually, daily acts of caring, conversation, and humor bring mother and son into a deeper acceptance. Bettyville is ultimately a story of reconciliation and love that can bridge the red state-blue state, liberal-conservative, gay-straight divides.

‘What are you Reading?’ is a book review column brought to you by Nativity’s Spiritual Development Committee. Please let us know what you are reading by contacting:

Mary Johnson maryjohnson2@knology.net or Laura Malone lpmalonepi@gmail.com
Bridge at Nativity
Fridays, 1:00-3:00pm,
Starting September 9th

Playing Bridge is a great social activity and an excellent strategy game that is a whole lot of fun! Four people are needed per table to play the game and two decks of cards are needed per table. If you already have a playing group, come join us on Friday.

On Sept. 9, in the Club 56 room (2nd floor, Ridley Hall), we’ll begin along with discussing the details (i.e., card tables if needed, cards, snacks, etc.). Everyone is welcome and you do not have to be a member of Nativity to participate! So, bring your friends and join in the fun.

For those learning the game, We are using the American Standard Study Guides by Audrey Grant, American Bridge Teacher Association.

All levels of expertise are welcome, as is mentoring. Our goal is to learn to play by the SAME rules in the Audrey Grant books. Therefore, we will only be scoring and playing by The American Standard Rules.

Contact: Dottie Crawford (334-624-3388)
dotcrawford2@gmail.com.

*Book One:  Bridge Basics - An Introduction $11.95. We have read this book, but are still learning how to implement the rules. Please read this book if you are new to bridge.

*Book Two:  Bridge Basics - Competitive Bidding $11.95

*Book Three :  Bridge Basics - Popular Conventions $11.95

*Bridge at a Glance - Expanded Version - Quick Reference $9.95 (This is used throughout the game for now)

Books can be ordered from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, or Baron Barclay Bridge Supplies 800-274-2221

FALL 2016 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPEAKER SERIES
Our series starts on the 2nd Wednesday this year.

“RE-ENERGIZING THE CHURCH”
Join us for dinner and wonderful speakers presenting topics to stir your thoughts!

5:30 pm – Dinner
6:00 pm – Speaker

Oct. 12 – What’s ahead? How does the church go forward?
The Rev. Henry Hudson – Priest Associate -- St. Paul’s Episcopal - Selma, AL  (Recently retired Rector – Trinity Episcopal Church – New Orleans, LA and former Church of the Nativity Associate)

Oct. 19 – How does our ministry of hospitality have greater impact?
The Rev. Paul Pradat – Rector – St. Thomas Episcopal – Huntsville, AL

Oct. 26 – How do we strengthen our interfaith relationships?
Dr. Daniel Schenker – Recently retired UAH Professor of English

Dinner reservations appreciated
Nursery reservations required
Make dinner reservations by calling the Church Office (256.533.2455) by Noon, Monday.
Sponsored by the Spiritual Development Committee

Huntsville Assistance Program (HAP)
Items Needed

- soup
- spaghetti sauce
- pasta
- cereal
- ANY VEGETABLES

Thanks for all your support!
Welcoming Week is an annual series of community events, bringing together immigrants and U.S.-born residents in a spirit of unity to raise awareness of the benefits of welcoming everyone!

Last year, there were 245 Welcoming Week events in over 80 communities, connecting over 22,000 people. Huntsville’s own Interfaith Mission Services will be participating in an event on Saturday, September 17th.

**7th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL of North ALABAMA**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH**

9:30AM - 5:00PM
@ The UAH Fitness Center
500 John Wright Dr. NW
Huntsville, AL 35805

International Cuisine | Food Trucks
Countries Exhibition | Open Air Market
Live Music | Children’s Activities

For more info contact:
Belinda Ong | ongb@uah.edu | 256.824.6432

The International Society of Huntsville promotes Northern Alabama’s International Community through cultural, educational, and social programs.

**Blossomwood Elementary Snack-Pack Program**

Volunteer opportunities begin Today! As we begin this wonderful ministry, we still want your help decorating and writing encouraging notes to put in the snack packs during September.

Cards can be picked up at the church office or in the Ridley Hall foyer. Any notes you write should be signed simply, “Your Nativity Neighbor.”

Completed cards need to be returned by Sunday, September 11th. If you have already signed up to help with this ministry, thank you, we will be sending out volunteer times and opportunities through email next week to everyone on our mailing list! There is still time to participate!

Contact Vicky Hinton noregrets1@comcast.net for information on how to get involved.

Blossomwood is a partner with Nativity’s Outreach Ministry.
As we begin a new church school year and the fall season, let’s take time to look at some thoughts on care of God’s creation from a variety of spiritual and faith leaders and what part we, each one of us, has in it:

“The first law of our being is that we are set in a delicate network of interdependence with our fellow human beings and with the rest of God’s creation.”

Desmond Tutu, in God has a Dream

“The Bible makes clear a basic truth that we self-centered humans find difficult to accept, namely, that the natural universe was not created primarily for us. There is no doubt that God wants us to enjoy and even use its resources to optimize a good life for ourselves. But the ultimate purpose of creation is worship. Nature and all living things were created to glorify God.”

Tony Campolo, in Carpe Diem

“The family needs a home, a fit environment in which to develop its proper relationships. For the human family, this home is the earth, the environment that God the creator has given us to inhabit with creativity and responsibility. We need to care for the environment; it has been entrusted to men and women to be protected and cultivated with responsible freedom, with the good of all as a constant guiding criterion.”

Pope Benedict XVI, at 2007 World Day of Peace message

“We cannot be all that God wants us to be without caring about the earth.”

Rick Warren, pastor and author
The Purpose Driven Life

“How we treat the earth and all of creation defines the relationship that each of us has with God....To commit a crime against the natural world is a sin. For humans to cause species to become extinct and destroy the biological diversity of God’s creation... for humans to degrade the integrity of Earth by causing changes in its climate, by stripping the Earth of its natural forests, or destroying its wetlands... for humans to injure other humans with disease...for humans to contaminate the Earth’s waters, its land, its air, and its life, with poisonous substances, these things are sins.”

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, in Remarks at the Symposium on Religion, Science and the Environment

“The growing possibility of our destroying ourselves and the world with our own neglect and excess is tragic and very real.”

Billy Graham, in Approaching Hoofbeats

“Around the world, we can see the results of exploitation which destroys much without taking future generations into account. Today, all men have a duty to show themselves worthy of the mission given them by the Creator by ensuring the safekeeping of that creation.”

Pope John Paul II

In the coming weeks we’ll explore more thoughts on Care of Creation and practical ways we can be good stewards of God’s creation.

CREATION - Let’s Take Care of It

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Genesis 2:5

STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

Click or tap anywhere in this block to register

Labyrinth Walk Celebration


September 11, 2016
U.S. Space & Rocket Center
2:00 - 5:00pm

To register, please visit rocketcenter.com/honorwalk

*pre-registration is free or tickets may be purchased at the door*

Registration includes free admission to U.S. Space & Rocket Center
What is the Preacher Talking About?
A Lectionary-Based Bible Study

Each Sunday we hear various readings from the Bible. Taken from both the Old and New Testament following a pattern called the Common Revised Lectionary. We will look deeper into the readings chosen for that day to get a better understanding of what they meant for those hearing them long ago as well as the meaning for us today.

Fr. Rusty McCown and Paul Bonner
Bibb Chapel

The Breakfast Club

We will be studying ‘PARABLES’ referencing two books: Kingdom, Grace, Judgment: Paradox, Outrage, and Vindication in the Parables of Jesus by Robert Farrar Capon and The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming by Henri J. M. Nouwen.

Amy Creech & Emily Rodgers Joffrion Hall 2 West

The Social Justice Class

We will discuss the book, We Make the Road by Walking: A Year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation by Brian D. McLaren. Each short chapter takes key Bible passages as a reference point, providing brief analysis and ending with six discussion questions. One Sunday each month we will have a guest speaker dedicated to issues relevant to our community.

Harvey Cotten, Melissa Kirkindall, Freya Neely, and Bill Starnes
Banister room

The Book Class

This year we are following-up Amy-Jill Levine’s visit to Huntsville with a study of one of her more accessible books, The Meaning of the Bible: What the Jewish Scriptures and Christian Old Testament Can Teach Us by Douglas A. Knight and Amy-Jill Levine, discussing the Jewish world view underpinning the Bible

Weekly discussion leaders
Ridley Hall (Fall), TBD (Spring)

The Zimmerman Bible Study Class

The class will be studying the letters of Paul, in the order that they were written. We have an extraordinary core group that teaches, and plan to have guest teachers as well.

Gaines Watts, Virginia Kobler, and Elise Taylor

Youth Sunday Classes

7th & 8th graders and 10th-12th high schoolers

Will be using the Seasons curriculum, which is based on our lectionary, the Scripture readings for Sunday worship.

7th & 8th graders will meet upstairs in Ridley High schoolers will meet in the EYC Loft

9th graders

Who wish to be confirmed in May 2017 will meet in the small classroom on the second floor (Please Note: 9th graders not desiring confirmation are welcome to attend the high school class.)

Adult Sunday Classes
Starting September 11th, 10:00am

Hollywood comes to Birmingham
Saturday, October 15

You are cordially invited to a day-long event hosted by the Department of Recovery Ministries addressing topics surrounding addiction and recovery. The event is open to everyone and will take place at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Birmingham beginning at 10:00 a.m. with a recovery-themed Eucharist later that afternoon.

Two keynoters, Michael O'Keefe and Travis Meadows, will speak to the impact of addiction in their lives. O'Keefe is an actor best known for his role as Ben Meecham in The Great Santini and Danny Noonan in Caddyshack, and also an accomplished songwriter and author. Meadows is a singer/songwriter from Nashville, Tennessee who describes himself as 'an orphan who turned into a preacher, a preacher who turned into a songwriter, a songwriter that turned into a drunk and a drunk that is learning to be a human being.'

Morning and afternoon workshops will round out the day. Register by using the following link: https://secure-q.net/EventQ/Event/Info?OrgID=dioala&EventID=2835.
Weekday Bible Studies

Starting Soon

Reflections Bible Study
Class begins Thursday, September 8, 9:30–11:00am, Joffrion Hall 2 East (J2E)
We will begin our year with *Entrusted*, a new six-week course on 2 Timothy by Beth Moore. The participant workbook is available for pre-order from Amazon or Lifeway.

Class facilitators are: Connie Stephenson, Kim Hartley, Lisa Caprio, Shelly Whitney, and Debbie Collette. Contact Debbie Collette, 256.830.2451 for information or to register.

The Good Book Women’s Bible Study
Wednesdays - September through early May, 1:00-2:30pm, Joffrion Hall Library
Leaders: Marty Askins, Susan Morley. Contact: Carole Sue Goodwin, 256.534.4477 for information or to register.

High-School Girls Bible Study
Starting Wednesday Sept. 14, 5:00pm, EYC Loft
Leaders: Rebecca Epps and assisted by Retta Bonner.

Ongoing

Men’s Wednesday Morning Bible Study
September through early May, 7:15am, Joffrion Hall Library
Contact: Fr. Andy Anderson, 256.533.2455

Women’s Wednesday Night Bible Study
Through September 21st, 6:00–7:00pm, Joffrion Hall Library
A study of The Old Testament by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. A good follow-up to her visit to Huntsville!
Leader: Mtr. Basye Holland-Shuey
Contact: Lane Tutt -256-653-7200

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Tuesday, 1:00-3:00pm, Joffrion Hall Library
No knitting or crocheting skills are necessary—we will teach you!
Contact: Gail Brown 256.880.1149

Centering Prayer
Tuesday – 5:30pm, Thursday – Noon, Bibb Chapel
Contact: Brenda Chynoweth, 256.464.9457

Acolyte Schedule - September 2016

There are just a few of you who did not make it on to the schedule at all due to one less early service—not to worry, I’ll make sure you’re on the schedule next month. As usual, we have fewer acolytes that request the 11:00 service, so some of you are scheduled twice this month or have 2 compatible positions in the same service. Thanks for doing double duty!

Sept 11 “RETURN TO REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE”
8:45 A.M Nutt
C Katherine Hunter, Simms Windham
T Anna Katherine Ayres, Ellie Walker
T Van Dodgen, Clay Walker
S Alice Malone
AS Emily Windham

11:00 A.M Sherrill
C Jack Benton Stockton, Dylan Chynoweth
T Evans Bryant, Betsy Bryant
T Sadie Anglin, Laura Kate Evans
S Jack Benton Stockton
AS Margaret Bryant

Sept 18
8:45 A.M Sherrill
C Cameron Pinson, Sidney Gunter
T Will Pinson, Cooper Gunter
T Elizabeth Rainey, Lucy Ellis
S Sam Hartley
AS Jed Rainey

11:00 A.M Nutt
C Bankston Creech, John Sadler Evans
T Nannette Aboudonia, Gertrude Aboudonia
T Madelyn Allison, Mary Ellis Allison
S Ella Jane Duncan
AS Mary Maddox Creech

Sept 25
8:45 A.M M Ward
C Ireland Brandaway, Bailey Morrison
T Alex Abearn, Thomas Aldag
T Charles Warren, Sarah Whelden Hall
S Patrick Abearn
AS Evelyn Warren

11:00 A.M Putt
C Evan Ellison, Jack Benton Stockton
T Riley Kamelchuk
T Laura Kamelchuk
S Riley Kamelchuk
AS Laura Kamelchuk
PRAYER REQUESTS
We pray for those whom prayers have been requested:

We pray for a birth:

We pray for those attending Cursillo #204 this weekend at Camp McDowell
Pilgrim: Paige Beitel
Staff: Bob & Peggy Serio

We pray for the departed:
Bill Wilkinson, parishioner
Mary Kathryn "Kate" Holt Russell, aunt of Anita Hutchison
Richard Rhoades
Francis Duncan, aunt of Michael Shipley

We pray for those deployed/serving with the Military:
Afghanistan, Doug Faith
US Army Special Forces, Major Wes Williams
US Navy, Kenneth Vandervoort
US Navy, Jesse Teal

We give thanks for birthdays of our children:
9/8 Tate Dollman 9/9 Mary Ceil McClung 9/9 Samantha Rowe 9/12 Micah Watts
9/13 Parker Ellis 9/14 Sara Hutchens 9/15 Lillian Retzke 9/19 Jefferson Retzke

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS
Please print all information

Date desired: ____________________________________________

Your Name: ____________________________________________

Phone #: _____________________________________________

Would you share a dedication?  Yes  No

Do you wish to have your name listed in the bulletin?  Yes  No

Name for this altar flower dedication: ____________________________

___________________________________________________________

($40 or $20 for shared dedications)
Please make your check payable to: Nativity Flower Guild

Please check your desired dedication:

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

Mail your form and check to:
Andrea Vandervoort
434 Locust Ave
Huntsville, AL 35801

If you have questions, you may call Andrea at (256) 539-2673.
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**CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE**

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**ALTAR GUILD**

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**Steeple Schedule**

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A member of the clergy is always on call. If you need assistance from a priest outside office hours, the priest on call will respond to your message.

The number to call In Case of an Emergency Only is 256.533.7007  

All other calls should be directed to the main phone 256.533.2455 to leave a message for a priest to respond.

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**Upcoming Events at a Glance**

**September**

9th  
FOM Concert ~ Paul Thomas, Organ .......................... 7:30pm

11th  
Regular Sunday Worship Schedule begins ... 7:45, *8:45 & *11:00am  
*First day of Sunday School, all ages .......................... 10:00am

25th  
*St. Francis Sunday/Blessing of the Pets .......................... 8:45am  
Tennessee Valley Youth Day at Nativity (No EYC) ............ 2:00pm

28th  
*Family Spaghetti Dinner (Ridley Hall) .......................... 5:30pm  
Nursery reservations required

**October**

1st  
Diocesan Ordination Service for Vocational Deacons,  
Cathedral Church of the Advent in Birmingham ............... 10:00am

2nd  
No Children’s Chapel or Children’s Sunday School  
Fall Break

Starting Oct 12th  
*Wednesdays in October - Dinner & a guest speaker  
(Nursery reservations required)

*Nursery available

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September 7, 2016