

# THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

February 4, 2018

**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

*Almighty God, giver  
of every good gift: look  
graciously on your  
Church, and so guide  
the minds of those who  
shall choose a rector for  
Nativity that we may  
receive a faithful pastor  
who will care for your  
people and equip us for  
our ministries; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen*

I want to thank the clergy, parishioners, and members of the Wardens Council and Vestry for allowing me to serve as Senior Warden in this 175th year of Nativity's presence in Huntsville. I am both humbled and excited to be part of our work during this Interim period as we prepare our wonderful Church of the Nativity Episcopal for our 12th Rector.

At our recent Camp McDowell retreat, the vestry worked together to discuss, debate, and negotiate a realistic budget. We strived to maintain, as closely as possible, the usual budgetary amounts for outreach, staff salaries and benefits, the care and maintenance of our beautiful 19th Century church, and to fund the search committee's work. As many know, the Vestry has diligently worked to maintain our budgets during a time when income from pledge has been flat or declining and to best utilize the gifts entrusted to our care and management. We thank parishioners for your pledges and hope those who have not pledged yet will do so soon.

The primary goal for the 2018 Vestry is to prepare Nativity for our 12th Rector and to support the Profile and Search Committees chaired by Bill Starnes. I encourage everyone to play an active role in the process by completing and returning a response card to assist the profile committee in creating the Parish Profile document.

During this interim period we are called to listen, contemplate, and consider what we as a vibrant, historic Parish want in our next Rector. With God's help and guidance, we will soon enter a new and exciting phase in the history of the Church of the Nativity Episcopal, Huntsville. Thank you for your continued support and prayers during this time of transition.

-Donald Christian  
Senior Warden



*Members of the Clergy & Vestry enjoying Vestry Retreat. Photos courtesy of Donald Christian.*

## NATIVITY SEEKERS CLASS, 2018

These classes are for those who wish to be Confirmed, Received, or those wishing to reaffirm their Baptismal Covenants. Join us! Sunday morning, 10:00-10:45, Bibb Chapel unless otherwise noted.

*For more information, contact The Rev. Dr. Virginia Monroe, [vmonroe@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:vmonroe@nativity-hsv.org)*

<b>February 11</b>	<b>The Church Year</b> Led by The Rev. Deacon Bob Serio	<b>April 1</b>	<b>Easter</b> <i>No class today</i> Attend either 8:45 am or 11:00 am service
<b>February 14</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Attend either 7:00 am, Bibb Chapel, 12:00 pm or 6:00 pm, Church	<b>April 8</b>	<b>Church Music</b> — led by TBA
<b>February 18</b>	<b>Paul-Gordon Chandler</b> , Ridley Hall	<b>April 15</b>	<b>Holy Baptism</b> Led by The Rev. Bonnie McCrickard
<b>February 25</b>	<b>What Makes Us Episcopalians?</b> <b>Scripture, Tradition, Reason</b> Led by The Rev. Deacon Bob Serio	<b>April 22</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> Led by The Rev. Dr. Virginia Monroe
<b>March 11</b>	<b>Holy Scripture</b> Led by The Rev. Dr. Virginia Monroe	<b>April 29</b>	<b>The other Sacraments</b> Led by Marion Sprott-Goldson, Seminarian
<b>March 18</b>	<b>The Book of Common Prayer</b> Led by The Rev. Bonnie McCrickard	<b>May 6</b>	<b>Serving in the Church &amp; in the World</b> Led by The Rev. Deacon Bob Serio
<b>March 25</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b> <i>No class today</i> Attend either 8:45 am or 11:00 am service	<b>May 9</b>	<b>Wednesday night supper, rehearse for Confirmation. 5:30pm Ridley Hall</b>
<b>March 31</b>	<b>The Great Easter Vigil &amp; Baptisms</b> Saturday 7:30pm	<b>May 13</b>	<b>Bishop's visit, Confirmation &amp; Reception</b> 9:00am gather in Bibb Chapel 10:00am Service



Mary Maddox Creech & Lucy Ellis, spent the weekend at Camp McDowell preparing for Confirmation. On Sunday afternoon, they were Confirmed with 26 others by Bishop Sloan at the Chapel of St Francis in a joyful service! Please congratulate our two new confirmands when you see them!

## UPDATE FROM THE PROFILE COMMITTEE

### **Search for the New Rector – Parish Profile Committee**

The Parish Profile Committee is actively working to gather input for the Parish Profile, which is used to recruit and select a new rector. We are gathering information through a three-step process.

- \* Cards for you to describe Nativity and what you would like to see in a new rector
- \* Parish survey
- \* Listening groups

We want to ensure that everyone has multiple opportunities to voice their thoughts and opinions. It is very important that everyone participate to ensure we accurately describe Nativity.

The Profile Committee has started the process with cards which are available in the hallway and Ridley Hall. Within several weeks, we should have the parish survey ready, which will be available online and on paper. It should take 10-15 minutes to complete. We are asking all adults and teenagers to complete the survey. Our target response level is at least as many people as attend church.

After the survey, there will be a number of listening groups, some open session, some with small groups within the church. Their purpose is to refine and clarify the survey results and provide further guidance to the Discernment Committee.





# Children & Youth Sunday

February 11, 2018 | 8:45am Service

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| <p>Roles:</p> <p>Ushers: 7th-12th Grade</p> <p>Readers &amp; Prayers: Club 56</p> <p>Preachers: Alec Bonner &amp; Bankston Creech</p> | <p>Music:</p> <p>Novice Choir</p> <p>Jr &amp; Sr Youth Choir</p> <p>Jammin' with Jesus Group</p> |
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All children & youth are invited to join the procession into the church

Senior Acolytes will be presented a cross in recognition of their years of service

First Grade Eucharist Instruction Class will be baking our communion bread and will be recognized with special seating



## Children and Youth Sunday

Parents, please plan to arrive with your children a few minutes early and meet in Ridley Hall at 8:30am. Sunday school classes and teachers will process in together, carrying the banners they made in Sunday school. This is a great opportunity for children of all ages to be seen together and celebrated. After they process in, children will sit with their families.

**Ushers:** Help hand out bulletins, collect offering, bring elements & offering forward. You will need to arrive Sunday, February 11 at 8:00 am for instructions and participate in whole 8:45am service. Email Sarah to sign up!

**Music:** Help lead all worship music during the 8:45am service. Email Sarah to sign up!

Look forward to seeing all our children for a joyous service! Questions, [mcoe@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:mcoe@nativity-hsv.org) or [swatts@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:swatts@nativity-hsv.org)



FEBRUARY 11, 2018

## VALENTINES DAY COOKIE FUNDRAISER

\$2 FOR 2 COOKIES

\$10 FOR DOZEN

CHOCOLATE CHIP & WHITE MACADAMIA NUT







# CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday, February 11th 2018 5:00pm

Nativity Choir

Christian Crocker, Organist and Choirmaster

Kenneth Miller, Organist

Magnificat and Nunc dimittis "St. Paul's"-Herbert Howells

Preces and Responses-Kenneth Leighton

Psalm 114-Edward Cuthbert Bairstow

Seek him that maketh the seven stars-Jonathan Dove



## Mardi Gras Dinner

When: February 13th, 2018 5:30pm

Where: Ridley Hall

Why: Choir Fundraiser

Cost: \$12 Adult, \$5 Pizza for Children

\$30 Family of four or more

Reservations:

256-533-2455

*"Laissez les bon temp roulez!"*

Menu:

Jambalaya

Bread

Salad

King Cake and Bread Pudding

Pizza for Children

Church of the Nativity, Episcopal-208 Eustis Ave. SE Huntsville, AL 35801

## FRIENDS OF MUSIC

### EVENTS 2018

March 16, 2018 7:00pm

Patrick Scott, organ

May 20, 2018 5:00pm

Nativity Choir Spring Concert

June 3, 2018 5:00pm

Choral Evensong

### Prize Drawing

There will be a chance drawing for a beautiful painted roof tin by artist Maria West at the Mardi Gras Dinner! Drawing tickets are for sale through February 13th for \$20. The roof tin was painted in memory of Mari Zimmerman, and funds raised will go toward the Nativity Choir England trip. For more details contact Christian Crocker at [ccrocker@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:ccrocker@nativity-hsv.org) or 256-533-2455.

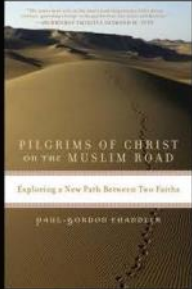


The Church of the Nativity invites you to  
**BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN THE RELIGIONS AND PEOPLES  
OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND WEST  
WITH PAUL-GORDON CHANDLER**

**Saturday, February 17, 2018**

**Morning Presentation 10:00am**

(followed by Q & A period and a book-signing)



**SIX PILLARS BUILDS A BRIDGE**

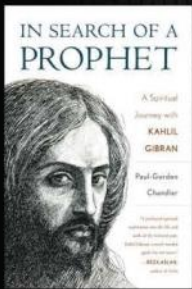
Exploring a New Path Between Christians and Muslims

Today's tensions between the Muslim and Christian worlds run high. In this presentation, Paul-Gordon Chandler, who has spent most of his life within the Islamic world, will present creative thinking in the area of Christian-Muslim relations, by exploring how these two major religions - which share much common heritage - can not only co-exist, but also enrich each other. Based on his book, "Pilgrims of Christ on the Muslim Road."

"The issues dealt with in this timely presentation demonstrate God's divine embrace, providing a bridge in the gap." Archbishop Emeritus Desmond M. Tutu

**Afternoon Presentation 1:00pm**

(followed by Q & A period and a book-signing)



**IN SEARCH OF A PROPHET**

Kahlil Gibran: An Unparalleled Spiritual Guide for Our Times

Paul-Gordon Chandler will take the listener on a fascinating journey through the all-embracing spirituality of Kahlil Gibran, the early 20th century Lebanese born poet-artist and author of the bestselling book *The Prophet*. He explores how Kahlil Gibran, a supreme East-West figure, can be a much-needed guide in the midst of today's global challenges, related to peace, harmony and building bridges between the creeds of the Middle East and West.

Based on his new book:

IN SEARCH OF A PROPHET: A Spiritual Journey with Kahlil Gibran (Rowman & Littlefield).

"A profound spiritual journey into the life and work of the beloved poet, Kahlil Gibran, a much-needed guide for our times."

— Reza Aslan, author of *God: A Human History and Zealot*

**Paul-Gordon Chandler**

Episcopal priest, author, art curator, interfaith advocate and authority on Christian-Muslim relations [www.paulgordonchandler.com]



The Spiritual Development Committee is thrilled to welcome Paul-Gordon Chandler to Nativity, February 17 & 18.

Presentations by Paul-Gordon will take place at Nativity on Saturday and during the Church school hour on Sunday the 18th. The Rev. Chandler will also offer the sermon at the 8:45 and 11:00 services.

This event is FREE and open to the public!

For more information, or to reserve a box lunch for Saturday (\$10) visit the Nativity website:

[nativity-hsv.org](http://nativity-hsv.org).

Paul-Gordon Chandler's books *-In Search of a Prophet - A Spiritual Journey with Kahlil Gibran* and *Pilgrims of Christ on the Muslim Road - Exploring a New Path Between Two Faiths*, are on sale in The Greene Street Market Store!

***What are you reading?***

Contributed by Mary Johnson

I am so excited that we are having Paul-Gordon Chandler come to our church to speak with us about, among other things, the Lebanese mystic, Kahlil Gibran, author of *The Prophet*. As a young girl, I was introduced to *The Prophet* by my grandmother, who thought it perhaps the wisest book she had ever read. I came to love it as she did and continue to refer to its guidance and beauty many times over the years.

Hear his timeless and beautiful words on marriage, written in 1923.

Love one another, but make not a bond of Love:

Let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of your souls.

Give one another of your bread but eat not from the same loaf.

Sing and dance together and be joyous, but let each one of you be alone,

Even as the strings of a lute are alone thought they quiver with the same music.

If you have a chance before Mr. Chandler comes, get a copy of *The Prophet* and drink in it's wisdom.

Spirituality



at Nativity



# learn, pray, play

## ASH WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S SERVICE



A kid-friendly Ash Wednesday service  
and introduction to Lent

Ages 5 and up

February 14 at 6.00pm

(concurrent with service in church)

Sign in, Ridley Hall/Pickup, Angel Lane

Questions, [mcoe@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:mcoe@nativity-hsv.org)

**\*allergy alert: snack will be served, please let us know  
ahead of time about food allergies**

### Upcoming dates:

February 13- 5:30 Mardi Gras dinner and children's parade

February 14- 6:00 Children's Ash Wednesday Service, ages 5 & up,  
sign in Ridley Hall, pick up Angel Lane

February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21 -Wednesdays in Lent 5:30 Supper in  
Ridley Hall, 6:00 Program for children on Angel Lane, Building Faith  
Brick by Brick

## Krewe d'enfants



ALL CHILDREN AGE 4 AND UP  
ARE INVITED TO BE IN OUR  
**MARDI GRAS KREWE!**

**KREWE D'ENFANTS** WILL PARADE  
THROUGH RIDLEY HALL WITH  
BEADS AND MOON PIES FOR ALL!

AFTER EATING, KIDS COME  
DOWNSTAIRS TO MAKE MASKS  
AND PREPARE FOR THE PARADE.

QUESTIONS,  
[MCOE@NATIVITY-HSV.ORG](mailto:MCOE@NATIVITY-HSV.ORG)

Mardi Gras Dinner choir fundraiser, Tuesday, February 13, 5.30 in Ridley Hall. \$12/Adults, \$5/children. Reservations 256.533.2455

### Wednesdays in Lent for Children

## Building Faith Brick by Brick

The Bible, Legos and a space for wondering



Ages 4 and up  
5.30 dinner, Ridley Hall  
6.00 program, Angel Lane,  
downstairs Ridley



Questions, [mcoe@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:mcoe@nativity-hsv.org)  
Dinner, \$7 per person  
Nursery by reservation only

Reservations, [nativity-hsv.org](http://nativity-hsv.org) or 256.533.2455.





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-A NATIVITY YOUTH SMALL GROUP-

## GRILLIN' WITH GOD

HOUSE OF:  
MADELINE & ROBERT MULLINS

February 18  
5pm-6pm

Youth are invited to meet at the Mullins' house to eat some yummy food! Please note, this event replaces EYC for the day.

Email Sarah for to sign up and for the address!



## Upcoming Youth Schedule

2/11 – 8:45am Children & Youth Sunday,  
Valentines Day Cookie Sales

10am Youth Reception in LOFT

5pm: Middle School EYC

6pm: High School EYC

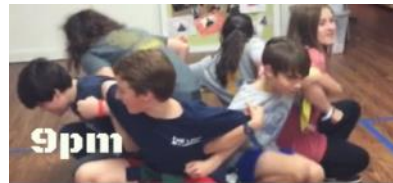
2/18 – 10am Sunday School

5pm-6pm Grillin' with God (No EYC)

2/25 – 10am Sunday School

5pm Middle School EYC

6pm High School EYC



## HOGWARTS EXPRESS

ALL 7TH-12TH GRADERS ARE INVITED TO

## Building Faith with Harry Potter

PLATFORM NO.

9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

5:30PM DINNER

6:00PM PROGRAM IN LOFT

TICKET NO. 31

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NATIVITY TO HOGWARTS

CONTACT: SARAH WATTS  
SWATTS@NATIVITY-HSV.ORG

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT  
FEB 21, 28 & MAR 7, 14 & 21

# TUESDAYS AT NOON

## LENT 2018

THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, EPISCOPAL

### ***"LENT—A SEASON OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH"***

*Come hear stimulating sermons given by visiting clergy and benefit from the quiet reflection at midday.*

#### **February 20**

##### **The Rev. Susan Sloan**

Retired Episcopal Priest

Former Rector, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Huntsville, AL

#### **February 27**

##### **Rev. Mitchell Williams**

Sr. Pastor Trinity United Methodist Church, Huntsville, AL

#### **March 6**

##### **Rev. Rosemary McMahan**

Minister at Large, North Alabama Presbytery

Recent Interim, First Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, AL

#### **March 13**

##### **The Rev. Matthew Lewis**

Assistant to the Rector, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville, TN

#### **March 20**

##### **The Rev. Ed Bacon**

Retired Episcopal Priest living in Birmingham, AL

Former Rector, All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena, CA and frequent guest on Oprah's Soul Series.

Box Lunches (\$7.00 each) will be available in Ridley Hall following the services. Reservations for the lunches are requested by Monday noon, (256)533-2455 or you may register online at [nativity-hsv.org](http://nativity-hsv.org).



## LENTEN MEDITATIONS

The 2018 Nativity Lenten Meditation Booklets will be available beginning on Ash Wednesday. The booklet contains reflections on the scriptures written by members of Nativity. Booklets are available in Ridley Hall and on the tables outside Bibb Chapel & Lady Chapel. If you would like to receive the meditations by email each Wednesday & Sunday during Lent please contact the church office or [SIGN UP HERE](#).

## LENTEN RETREAT



**SATURDAY, MARCH 10**

**9:00AM –4:30PM**

**CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY**

Join us for this full-day Lenten Retreat based on the Living Compass Program: *"Living Well Through Lent 2018: Loving with all Your Heart, Soul, Strength and Mind."* Marilyn Lands, M.S., LPC will facilitate our time together.

Lent is a time for introspection and self-reflection, a time to reflect on the core of what it means to live a Christian life. And there is nothing more central to that life than loving—loving with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind. For people of faith, love is not an abstract or feel-good concept, but an urgent call to radically incarnate love in how we relate to God, our neighbor, and ourselves.

The retreat time is designed to provide a foundation for seeking a deeper experience of love and Lent, an experience that will help prepare us for the true meaning of Easter.

Participants will receive a copy of Living Compasses *"Living Well Through Lent 2018"* daily devotional booklet to accompany them on their Lenten journey. Booklets will be available at the Ash Wednesday service or in the church office. The program will begin at 9:00am and end at 4:30pm. A simple lunch will be served at noon. Participants may choose to attend the morning session only.

There is no charge for the program but we will be accepting donations to cover the expense of lunch and materials.

To register for this free event call the Church office 256-533-2455 or register online at [nativity-hsv.org](http://nativity-hsv.org).



# WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN LENT

*Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*

-Hebrews 11: 1

5:30pm Dinner

6:00pm Presentation

Ridley Hall

**February 21<sup>st</sup>**

Warren Lightfoot

Attorney, Lightfoot, Franklin & White in Birmingham, AL

**February 28<sup>th</sup>**

The Rev. Paul Pradat

Rector, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Huntsville, AL

**March 7<sup>th</sup>**

Lieutenant Colonel John D. Mahony (USA, Ret)

Huntsville, AL

**March 14<sup>th</sup>**

The Rev. David Meginniss

Rector, Christ Episcopal Church, Tuscaloosa, AL

**March 21<sup>st</sup>**

The Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan

Birmingham, AL



Dinner reservations requested, nursery reservations required by noon on Tuesday. Reservations can be made by calling the Church office, 256-533-2455 or online at [nativity-hsv.org](http://nativity-hsv.org)

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### Ash Wednesday, February 14

7:00am Ash Wednesday Liturgy,  
Holy Eucharist Rite II, Bibb Chapel  
12:00pm Ash Wednesday Liturgy,  
Holy Eucharist Rite II, Church  
(followed by a soup lunch in Ridley Hall)  
6:00pm Ash Wednesday Liturgy,  
Holy Eucharist Rite II, Church\*  
(children's program in Angel Lane)

### Sundays during Lent

7:45am Holy Eucharist, Rite I, Bibb Chapel  
8:45am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Church\*  
11:00am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Church\*

### Wednesdays during Lent

12:00pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II, and Healing, Bibb Chapel

### Thursdays during Lent

6:00pm Sunday on Thursday  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Bibb Chapel

### Palm Sunday, March 25

7:45am Holy Eucharist, Rite I, Bibb Chapel  
8:45am Liturgy of the Palms, Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*  
11:00am Liturgy of the Palms, Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*

### Holy Week

Monday, March 26 12:00pm  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Bibb Chapel  
Tuesday, March 27 12:00pm  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Bibb Chapel  
Wednesday, March 28 12:00pm  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Bibb Chapel  
**Maundy Thursday, March 29**  
6:00pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Church  
8:00pm-12:00am Prayer Vigil  
**Good Friday, March 30**  
6:00am-12:00pm Prayer Vigil  
12:00pm Good Friday Liturgy, Eucharist from Reserved Sacrament

### **Holy Saturday, March 31**

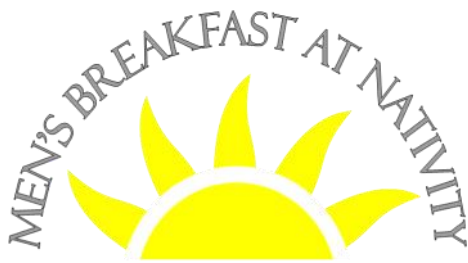
7:30pm Great Vigil of Easter,  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II & Baptism  
(with incense)

### Easter Day, April 1

7:45am Holy Eucharist, Rite I, Bibb Chapel  
8:45am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Church\*  
Children's Easter Egg Hunt following  
8:45am service in the courtyard  
11:00am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Church\* (with incense)

**\*Indicates nursery available during service.**





SECOND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Tuesday, February 13 7:00am in Ridley Hall is the next Men's Breakfast.

Join us for a delicious breakfast and an informative presentation by Robert Mullins, who will speak about the Rector Search Committee's development of a parish profile.

Hope to see you there!

A Simple Eucharist or Morning Prayer is offered in Bibb Chapel at 6:30 am if you are interested.



**Nativity Men's Retreat**  
**MARCH 10 & 11**  
**CAMP MCDOWELL**  
**REGISTER TODAY!**

The Church of the Nativity  
 Outreach Committee  
 received this beautiful card  
 from our friends and staff of  
 Lespwa Timoun Clinic in  
 Haiti over the holidays.



Dear,

Lespwa Timoun and Staff would like to thank you for your support and opportunities. We had to work together to do such a wonderful transformation in Lespwa Timoun. This year, we profite this occasion of the end of the year and the new year to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2018. May God bring to all of us during this new year prosperity and health.



# Stewardship of Creation

Contributed by David Chadwick

As the first line of Psalm 24 declares, "'The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.' The world, including ourselves, belongs to God. So what should our relationship with the physical world be? We cannot truly be owners, but we can be stewards of our planet and everything that we are in contact with, including our property, income, goods, time, skills and ourselves.



Man's relationship with our planet is often fraught. We mine for minerals, extract oil from the deep, and remove mountains for coal. The consequences of human consumption are often destructive, and we should try to minimize these impacts, working to return the environment to a state that nature can reclaim and our children can enjoy. Sometimes human intervention has positive consequences. I joined a birdwatching group at Lake Guntersville yesterday, a lake that didn't exist until the TVA built the Guntersville Dam in 1939. In addition to generating electricity using a renewable resource (rain!), the dam holds back a 75 mile long lake that is used extensively for recreation and is a haven for wildlife. We counted over 1,000 ducks, grebes and loons in a couple of hours of birdwatching, with the ducks starting to pair up and prepare for their migration north to breed. God's creation has a great way of adapting and thriving when given a chance. We should strive to protect and enrich the land we are stewards of, from our yards and neighbourhoods, to our state and national parks and refuges.

## The Greene Street Market Store at Nativity

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Monday– Friday

10 am—2 pm

Sunday 10 am-12 pm.

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GIFTS AND MORE!



the  
**Greene  
Street  
Market**  
at Nativity

## Monday *Hope*



Resources for those in a healing process: Education,  
Worship, Prayer, Support, Scripture, Musical Meditation

The Rev. Dr. Amanda W. Ragland, LMFT.

Free of charge

12 p.m.-1 p.m.

Begins February 12th

Continues every Monday in Lent

First Presbyterian Church: The Gideon Blackburn House

307 Gates Avenue

Huntsville, Alabama 35801

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

Please RSVP to The Vine Office

at (256) 270-7399

or [vine-ministry@vinepcc.com](mailto:vine-ministry@vinepcc.com)

"Heal me, LORD, and I will be healed; save me and I will be  
saved, for you are the one I praise."  
Jeremiah 17:14

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McDowell has something for  
everyone!**



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2018 Summer Camp on Clear Creek,  
Bethany, Folk School, Enviromental  
Camp, Upcoming Retreats, Special  
Events, Farm School and much more!

## **Bible Museum Trip**

Lynne Berry Vallely has put together a trip to Washington, DC, for her and her mother in honor of her mother's birthday. They welcome members of Nativity and friends to join them. They will stay at the Mandarin Oriental hotel and visit the new Museum of the Bible and the National Gallery of Art, where Lynne will point out paintings that she teaches in her Sunday School classes. They will have afternoon tea at the St. Regis and dinner at a nice restaurant each night. With luck, the cherry blossoms will be in bloom.

For more information, contact Lynne at [lynneb4@gmail.com](mailto:lynneb4@gmail.com) or 256-479-1010.

## **THANK YOU PARISH LIFE, CHILDREN'S FORMATION & SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT FOR A WONDERFUL SPAGHETTI SUPPER!**



## **Special Presentation on the Nativity Trust and the Nativity Historical Preservation Foundation**

Please join us on Sunday, February 25th, to learn about The Nativity Trust and the Nativity Historical Preservation Foundation. There will be a presentation on the workings of each endowment so parishioners can better understand why these funds are so important to the future well being of Nativity. You will learn how the two funds are different, how they are invested, how they are utilized and other important information so you can make an informed decision when doing your estate planning.”



# Acolyte Schedule

## February 2018

*February contains our annual Senior Acolyte Cross presentation. This year we will do this in conjunction with Youth Sunday on Feb 11 at the 8:45 service. I have scheduled all seniors for that service, so have had to leave several of you early service participants off the schedule altogether this month—but I will get you on first thing next month for sure! Thanks, all!*

### Sunday, Feb 4

#### 8:45 A/M Sherrill

C Margaret Foster, Sam Hartley  
T Josh Huskey, Vivian Hinton  
T Ellie Webber, Alana Boyce  
S Britt Webber  
AS Alice Malone

#### 11:00 A/M Ward

C Patrick Ahearn  
T Pheobe Duncan  
T Catherine Hendricks  
S Ella Jane Duncan  
AS Alex Ahearn

### Sunday, Feb 11

#### 8:45 A/M Putt SENIOR CROSSES

C Ireland Braudaway, Margaret Bryant  
T Van Dodgen, Sidney Gunter  
T Huston Moring, Ellie Walker  
S Bankston Creech  
AS Katherine Hunter  
Banners: E Ward, M Ward, S Windham

#### 11:00 A/M Nutt

C Evelyn Warren, Cam Pinson  
T Will Pinson  
T Warren Towry  
S Cam Pinson  
AS Charles Warren

### Sunday Feb 11 5:00 Evensong \*\*Please arrive at least 15 min prior for instruction

C Mary Maddox Creech T Caroline and Sarah Coleman Hornsby  
Thurifer Tess Lambert A/M Nutt

### Sunday, Feb 18

#### 8:45 A/M Sherrill

C Parker Sanders, Sam Hartley  
T Maggie Sanders, Clara Keener  
T Anna Mullins, Olivia O'Halloran  
S Tess Lambert  
AS Sadie Anglin

#### 11:00 A/M Ward

C Dylan Chenoweth, Luke Alison  
T Ty Voisine  
T Madeline Alison, ME Alison  
S Riley Kamelchuk  
AS Laura Kamelchuk

### Sunday, Feb 25

#### 8:45 A/M Putt

C Sarah Wheldon Hall, Elizabeth Evans  
T Alton Hudson, Lucy Ellis  
T AK Ayres, RJ Ragland  
S Thomas Aldag  
AS Park Ellis

#### 11:00 A/M Nutt

C Jack Benton Stockton  
T Carter Watson  
T Evans Bryant  
S Betsy Bryant  
AS Emery Windham

# Senior Cross

## Presentation



At the 11:00 service on Sunday February 11, we will honor our senior Acolytes by presenting them with silver crosses engraved with their initials. These young people have served as torches, banner bearers, servers and crucifers, some for as many as six years! They have faithfully arrived on Sunday mornings, occasionally following prom and homecoming, sometimes driving in early from the lake, and often sandwiching their acolyte duties between sports tournaments and band concerts. In this final year of their service, we watch excitedly as they make their college visits and take the SAT's, leading them to the next phase of their journey. Please join us in thanking them for their dedication to this ministry at Nativity!

### Senior Acolytes 2017-2018

Ireland Braudaway

Katherine Hunter

Margaret Bryant

Huston Moring

Bankston Creech

Ellie Walker

David DiFranco\*

Evan Ward

Van Dodgen

Molly Ward

Sidney Gunter

Sims Windham



### Prayer Requests

**Comfort those requesting prayers for healing in body, mind or spirit:  
for healing:**

Ashley Lindley, Warren Towry, Sarah Ham, Bob Ward, Fred Stucky, Meredith Carlton Yessick, Anne Boles, Joel Nitz, Shelley Campbell Coxwell, Jody Mowrer, Suzy Naumann, Eva Nave, Sandra Clements, Norlene Wolford, JoAnn Moorman, Tommie Taylor, Gerry Nitz, Ted Bledsoe, Kevin Wahl, Cecelia Duncan, Bill Nettles, Leigh Wahl, Heidi Foreman, Tom Hodge, Robert McClain, Joan Bennett, Tom Booth, Elsie Olsen

**for the departed:**

Aaron Masterson, Bill Martin, Margaret Henson, Sarah James and Rose Sidick.

**for those deployed with the Military:**

US Navy, Kenneth Vandervoort  
Afghanistan, Denver Colin  
Middle East, Greg Riddle

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

2/8	Clara Keener	2/9	Annsley Cook	2/11	Gunter Cooper	2/11	Andrew Rawson
2/12	Eno Farrell	2/12	Caden Jackson	2/13	Alex McCarty	2/16	Whitfield Harris
2/16	Mem Mullins	2/20	John Hutchens				

### **NEXT AVAILABLE DATE FOR BAPTISM**

The next opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Baptism will be Saturday, March 31 7:30 pm at the Easter Eve Vigil.

Please call Rev. Bonnie McCrickard, 256-533-2455 ext. 222 if you have a child (or adult) you would like to have baptized at that time.

### **TRAINING FOR LAY EUCHARIST MINISTERS**

LEM training will be Sunday February 18 after the 11:00 service. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Deacon Bob Serio [bserio@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:bserio@nativity-hsv.org).



### **NATIVITY MEMBERSHIP UPDATES**

**Transfers In: Jim Payne**

*"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."* Romans 15:7

### **Keep us in the know!**

Please help us keep our files up to date! If you have moved, changed your email address or have a new phone number please let us know. Contact Emily Rodgers at [erodgers@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:erodgers@nativity-hsv.org) or by calling the Church office 256-533-2455 ext.204. Thank you!

## **2018 Easter Flower Dedications**

**Easter dedications are \$20 each**

Your name as it is to be listed in the service leaflet: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name for dedication: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please choose one:**

\_\_ in loving memory of... \_\_ in thanksgiving for... \_\_ in celebration of... \_\_ in honor of...

**PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION.** Please complete this form in full with your check made payable to:

*Nativity Flower Guild* and mail :

Andrea Vandervoort, 434 Locust Ave. Huntsville, AL 35801

If you have questions you may call Andrea: 256-539-2673. **The dedication deadline is March 25th.**





# WORSHIP SCHEDULE February 2018 - updated 2/1/18 aek

## THURSDAY, February 1<sup>st</sup>

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	McCrickard	Charles Morley	

## SUNDAY, February 4<sup>th</sup> - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	McCrickard	Lea Ann Barnett		Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett
8:45 am	Monroe	McCrickard	Marion Sprott-Goldson, Lewie Bates, Mike Ward	Camille Sommer	Clay Sherrill
11:00 am	Monroe	McCrickard	Deborah Baker, Peter Cobun, Hanns Billmeyer	Sally Ann Culver & John Conover	Ronnie Rogers

## WEDNESDAY, February 7<sup>th</sup>

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Holland-Shuey	Joan East	

## THURSDAY, February 8<sup>th</sup>

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Foreman	Don Lambert	

## SUNDAY, February 11<sup>th</sup> - Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Monroe / Youth	Don Lambert		Don Lambert	Don Lambert
8:45 am	McCrickard	Youth	Charlie Warren, Lane Mickle, Ralph Shuey	Amy Creech	Elaine Hamner
11:00 am	Monroe	Youth	Pat Sampson, Virginia Kobler, Sally Ann Culver	Rhonwyn Watson & Robbie Shafer	Adalene Bledsoe

## WEDNESDAY, February 14<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
7:00 am	Monroe / Serio (assisting)	-	
12 noon	McCrickard / Monroe	Cheryl Watts	
6:00 pm	Holland-Shuey / Monroe	Joan East, Mary Hendricks	

## THURSDAY, February 15<sup>th</sup>

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Monroe / Sprott-Goldson	Sally Ann Culver	

## SUNDAY, February 18<sup>th</sup> - First Sunday in Lent

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	McCrickard / Sprott-Goldson	Sue Johnson		Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson
8:45 am	Monroe / Chandler	Lewie Bates, Joan East, Lee Hicklen		Joe East	Fred Beck
11:00 am	McCrickard	Chandler	Sally Ann Culver, Susan Brown, Polly Blalock	Stacy Moon & Buddy Moon	Aubrey Tyner

## WEDNESDAY, February 21<sup>st</sup>

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	McCrickard	Mary Hendricks	

## THURSDAY, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Sloan	Charles Morley	

## SUNDAY, February 25<sup>th</sup> - Second Sunday in Lent

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Sloan	John Hendricks		John Hendricks	John Hendricks
8:45 am	Holland-Shuey / Sloan	Kaaren Dunn, Robert Dunn, Allen Daniels		Jennifer Dill	Melissa Kirkindall
11:00 am	Monroe	Sloan	Marion Sprott-Goldson, Peter Cobun, Richard Spera	Marcia Cobun, Mickey Ellis	Rhonwyn Watson

## WEDNESDAY, February 28<sup>th</sup>

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	McCrickard	Lea Ann Barnett	

### USHERS

7:45am	Peter Barber
8:45am	Robert Mullins, Chad Ayres, Ray Moring, Brandon Smith, Greg Whitehead, Read Windham
11:00am	Steve Brouse, Sherman Dailey, Marina Prucha, Stephen Prucha, Teague Smith

### ALTAR GUILD

4	Caffey Litkenhous, Judy Heacock, Debbie Joyner, Sara Little, Sophia Rowe, Jill Chadwick
11	Wanda Cobb, Nancy Colin, Mary Johnson, Elizabeth Pate, Jewell Reynolds, Peggy Serio
18	Rebecca Brothers, Sarah James, Sue Johnson, Emily Moody, Connie Stephenson
25	Kaaren Dunn, Alice Lanier, Beth Pugh, Judy Vann, Linda Watts

## CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE

January 29 - February 4	February 5 - 11	February 12-18	February 19-25	February 26-March 4
McCrickard	Serio	McCrickard	Serio	Monroe

## SUNDAY VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY SCHEDULE

	February 4 <sup>th</sup>	February 11 <sup>th</sup>	February 18 <sup>th</sup>	February 25 <sup>th</sup>
8:45am	Jason Angelichio	Paul Bonner	Donald Christian	Don Evans
11:00am	Dottie Crawford	Jeff Johnson	Dorrie Nutt	Michael Shipley

## VERGER SCHEDULE

	Head Verger Trainer	February 11 <sup>th</sup>	February 18 <sup>th</sup>	February 25 <sup>th</sup>
8:45am	Prentice White	Lea Ann Barnett	Don Lambert	Hud Heaton
11:00am	Terry Clevenger	Lea Ann Barnett	Don Lambert	Hud Heaton

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Nancy Davis and Andrea Vandercoort have served together as the Nativity Flower Guild Co-Chairs since 1988. The Church of Nativity is grateful for their years of service and dedication to this ministry.

#### 2018 Altar Flower Dedications

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Available: March 4, 25, April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 27

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

Please choose one: ☐ in loving memory of... ☐ in thanksgiving for...  
☐ in celebration of... ☐ in honor of...

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:

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