

# THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

February 21, 2018



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*

## 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.*

"But who do you say that I am?"

These words, found in the Gospel of Matthew, are asked by Jesus to his disciples after he had been teaching. Recognizing that the crowds were confusing him with prophets, he asked of the disciples – the ones who traveled and were with him the most – if they could recognize his true identity as the Messiah.

This identity piece was challenging then and it can be challenging now. We live in a society that is no longer recognized as being "socially Christian," and going to church on Sunday morning is not the norm anymore. In these times, we get to wrestle with Jesus' question as it relates to how we spend our time, talents, and treasures.

"But who do you say that I am?"

During this interim period, we have the opportunity to take a deeper look inward at how we are a unique parish in the city of Huntsville. More importantly, though, we are compelled to rise in answering Jesus' question that was first asked of his disciples. With this, I pose this question: "Nativity, who do you say Jesus is?" As we ruminate on this question, I invite you to notice how Jesus is proclaimed in word and sacrament, and to notice how this proclamation reverberates in this sacred place. Then notice how these reverberations are felt outside of these doors.

Further, I would love to know how this question is answered by each of you. Feel free to find me on a Sunday morning to chat about this, but if that doesn't work please email or call me, 828-231-7911 or [sprotmc0@sewancee.edu](mailto:sprotmc0@sewancee.edu).

In Christ,  
Marion Sprott-Goldson  
Seminarian



## 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. Our initial step in gathering information is a brief questionnaire card and we are asking all adults and teenagers to fill out.. These cards are available in the back of the church, Ridley Hall, the table outside Bibb Chapel, and by the water fountain. Once you have filled out your card, please put it in one of the labeled blue boxes located in Ridley Hall and the hallway by the water fountain. Cards are also available online at [nativity-hsv.org](http://nativity-hsv.org). We thank the many who have already filled out a card! Your thoughts have been very helpful as we finalize the parish survey, which is nearing completion.

## **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)*

February 25	<b>What Makes Us Episcopalians?</b> <b>Scripture, Tradition, Reason</b> Led by The Rev. Deacon Bob Serio	April 8	<b>Church Music</b> Led by Christian Crocker, Organist & Choirmaster
March 4	<b>Scripture, Tradition, Reason discussion continued</b> Led by The Rev. Deacon Bob Serio	April 15	<b>Holy Baptism</b> Led by The Rev. Bonnie McCrickard
March 11	<b>Holy Scripture</b> Led by The Rev. Dr. Virginia Monroe	April 22	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> Led by The Rev. Dr. Virginia Monroe
March 18	<b>The Book of Common Prayer</b> Led by The Rev. Bonnie McCrickard	April 29	<b>The other Sacraments</b> Led by Marion Sprott-Goldson, Seminarian
March 25	<b>Palm Sunday</b> <i>No class today</i> Attend either 8:45 am or 11:00 am service	May 6	<b>Serving in the Church &amp; in the World</b> Led by The Rev. Deacon Bob Serio
March 31	<b>The Great Easter Vigil &amp; Baptisms</b> Saturday 7:30pm	May 9	<b>Wednesday night supper, rehearse for Confirmation. 5:30pm Ridley Hall</b>
April 1	<b>Easter</b> <i>No class today</i> Attend either 8:45 am or 11:00 am service	May 13	<b>Bishop's visit, Confirmation &amp; Reception</b> 9:00am gather in Bibb Chapel 10:00am Service

On Sunday, February 11th during the Children & Youth Sunday celebration 10 graduating seniors were presented with silver crosses . We thank these acolytes for their years of faithful service, and we offer our best wishes as they prepare for graduation.





### Wardens' Council

**Senior Warden: Donald Christian**

*Finance, Stewardship, Memorials*

**Assistant Treasurer: Don Evans**

*Finance, Human Resources*

**Junior Warden: Grant Thomson**

*Building and Grounds, Finance,*

*Human Resources*

**Clerk of the Vestry: Dottie Crawford**

*Year-round Stewardship*

**Finance Chair: Jason Angelichio**

*Finance (Directs Budgeting Process)*

**Treasurer: Paul Bonner**

*Finance, Human Resources*

**Member at Large: Wendy Wilson**

### Vestry Liaisons

**Youth Christian Formation: Shari Williams**

*Youth Council, 7th & 8th Grades, High School Confirmation Class,*

*10th-12th Grades, EYC, JYC*

**Ministries of Worship and Music: Dorrie Nutt**

*Worship Committee, Friends of Nativity Music Board, Nativity Choir, Acolytes,*

*Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Intercessors, LEM, Lectors, Oblation Bearers, Ushers, Verger and Wedding Guild*

**Communications and Technology: Shirley Hale Stucky**

*Communications, Technology Needs*

**Outreach: Don Evans**

*Outreach Committee*

**Parish Life: Fisher Hutchens**

*Men's Ministry, Nativity Bazaar, Receptions, Special Events*

**Hospitality and Welcoming: Jeff Johnson**

*Blue Apron Hospitality Ministry, Men's Breakfast on Sunday,*

*Young Adults Married & Single*

**Children's Christian Formation: Teresa Pinson**

*Nursery, Children's Chapel, Church School, Godly Play, Telling God's Story, Club 56,*

*Vacation Bible School, Eucharist Instruction Class.*

**Building and Grounds: Bob Thompson**

*Building and Grounds, Garden Guild*

**Parish Entities: Don Lambert**

*Greene Street Market at Nativity*

**Pastoral Care: Kim Huskey**

*Pastoral Care Team*

**Stewardship: Michael Shipley**

*Annual Stewardship Campaign and Stewardship of Creation*

**Adult Christian Formation & Spiritual Development: Margaret Gleason**

*Adult Christian Formation, Spiritual Development and EFM*

**Trust and Endowments: Wendy Wilson**

*Nativity Legacy Society, Burritt Trust, Historic Preservation Foundation,*

*Alabama Episcopal Foundation, Long Range Planning and Memorials*

**Sara Hutchens**

*Youth Vestry Representative*

## 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

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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

## Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia Seminar with Teepa Snow!

**When: Wednesday, April 25, 2018**

**Where: Holy Spirit Church**

In the Parish Life Center  
625 Airport Rd. SW  
Huntsville, AL 35802

Please join Senior Helpers of Huntsville as we welcome back nationally renowned dementia expert, Teepa Snow as she presents two special Alzheimer's and dementia seminars for healthcare professionals, caregivers and senior advocates!

**Session 1: 8:00a-11:30a-** "The Role of Medical Advisors - What People with Dementia & Their Families Want & Need from You"  
3 CEU's offered to: Nursing, Skilled Nursing Administrators, Assisted Living Administrators, Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists & Social Workers  
2 CEUs for Speech  
Online registration before 4/23/18:  
\$35 for CEU Attendees and \$25 for Non CEU attendees.  
At the door the day of the event:  
\$40 for CEU Attendees and \$30 for Non CEU attendees  
Breakfast will be provided

**Session 2: 1:30p-4:00p-** "Sorting Out the Three D's: Delirium, Depression & Dementia - What Every Provider and Caregiver Needs to Know"  
This session is free and open to the public. It is beneficial to anyone who is providing support or care giving to a parent, spouse other family member or friend.  
Snacks and beverages will be provided



TEEPA SNOW, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA IS AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST AND DEMENTIA CARE EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST WITH OVER 33 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

For questions on this event call the Senior Helpers office at (256) 650-2982 or email [ksteigerwald@seniorhelpers.com](mailto:ksteigerwald@seniorhelpers.com)

**SENIOR Helpers**  
Care and comfort at a moment's notice.

To register for both events, go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/understanding-alzheimers-and-dementia-seminar-tickets-42728259374>

# 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 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.

Service begins at 12:05 pm in the Church. 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 contain reflections on the scriptures written by members of Nativity. Booklets are available in Ridley Hall and on the tables outside Bibb Chapel.

You can also download a copy on the Nativity website. 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. 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

### 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.**

learn, pray, play

## Upcoming dates

## Wednesdays in Lent

February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21

5:30 Supper in Ridley Hall

6:00 Program for children 4 years to 6<sup>th</sup> grade on  
Angel Lane, *Building Faith Brick by Brick*

## March 25 Palm Sunday

8:45 Service, parade at start of service,  
No Sunday school

April 1      Easter

8:45 Service, children process in with mite boxes

10:15/following service, Easter Egg hunt in courtyard

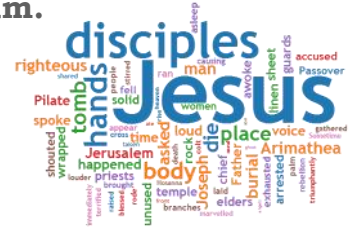
No Sunday school



# MITE BOXES FOR EASTER



**Mite boxes & calendars are available in children's Sunday school rooms. All money collected will be sent to Episcopal Relief and Development, the Episcopal church's global outreach program.**



**On Easter morning:**

**\*Gather in Ridley Hall before the 8.45 service.**

**\*Bring money-filled mite boxes decorated with garden flowers.**

**\*Extra boxes will be on hand if you don't have one.**

**\*Children will process in together with their flower-decorated boxes to fill the cross at the front of the church.**

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.





## Upcoming Youth Schedule

**Wednesday, February 21**

5:30 pm Lent Dinner  
6:00 pm Building Faith with Harry Potter

**Sunday, February 25**

10:00 am Sunday School  
NO EYC THIS WEEK

**Wednesday, February 28**

5:30 pm Lent Dinner  
6:00 pm Building Faith with Harry Potter

**Sunday, March 4**

10:00 am Sunday School  
5:00 pm Middle School EYC  
6:00 pm High School EYC

**ANNUAL EYC SOCCER TOURNAMENT**

ALL 7th-12th GRADERS ARE INVITED TO COME TOGETHER FOR A SOCCER TOURNAMENT AGAINST ST. JOHNS DECATUR & ST THOMAS HUNTSVILLE

**MARCH 11, 1PM-3PM**  
**MCGUCKEN PARK**

WEAR TENNIS SHOES & YOUR NAVY LOFT T-SHIRT OR ANOTHER NAVY BLUE SHIRT IF POSSIBLE!

SIGN UP HERE:  
[WWW.TINYURL.COM/EYCSOCCERTOURNAMENT2018](http://WWW.TINYURL.COM/EYCSOCCERTOURNAMENT2018)



**HOGWARTS EXPRESS**

ALL 7TH-12TH GRADERS ARE INVITED TO

**Building Faith with Harry Potter**

PLATFORM NO. **9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>**

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

5:30PM DINNER  
6:00PM PROGRAM IN LOFT

TICKET NO. 31

NATIVITY TO HOGWARTS  
CONTACT: SARAH WATTS  
SWATTS@NATIVITY-HSV.ORG



Happening is a three-day weekend where the participants spend time seriously considering the person and teachings of Jesus Christ in a relaxed, fun, informal and loving atmosphere. They are provided with opportunities to share, discuss, learn and live with fellow Christians in an environment of acceptance and understanding. Happening is a personal encounter with the living Christ as expressed in the traditions of the Episcopal Church. Please visit the [Happening Website](#) for more information.



Awakenings is a spirituality retreat for 7th & 8th grade youth at Camp McDowell. Awakenings is designed to explore the Life and Light of Christ within us. Youth in grades 10-12 are eligible to serve as high school counselors who lead junior high participants by sharing their stories and facilitating small groups, games, music, and worship. Participant registration & staff applications for high school counselors and adults are coordinated through [Camp McDowell](#). Registration is open through March 1, 2018.







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

Projects, Fellowship, Food & FUN!

Join your friends from Nativity for the annual Men's Retreat Saturday, March 10 & 11 at Camp McDowell! The cost is \$85 for a shared room and \$135 for a single room. To register call the church office (256)533-2455 or visit the Nativity website [nativity-hsv.org](http://nativity-hsv.org).



#### Daughters of the King

Miki Heaton and Susan Brown, 2nd & 3rd from left, were installed February 11th as the newest members of the Daughters of the King. Daughters pledge to a life-long program of prayer, service and evangelism, dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life of their parishes.

## 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



*Elizabeth LaJeunesse, Christian Crocker and Michael Weinberg at the January Friends of Music Concert.*

## THANK YOU NATIVITY CHOIR & CHILDREN'S FORMATION FOR A WONDERFUL MARDI GRAS DINNER!







New member of the Verger Guild,  
Lea Ann Barnett!  
(pictured with Prentice White)

## 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.

## Special Presentation on the Nativity Trust and the Nativity Historic Preservation Foundation

Sunday, February 25 — 10 a.m.

Please join us in Ridley Hall on Sunday, February 25th, at 10 a.m. 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.



Support Historic Preservation



Support Outreach

## Children & Youth Sunday



# Stewardship of Creation

Contributed by Freya Neely

## Composting At Home, Let's add a good Lenten discipline!

From banana peels, to egg shells, to coffee grounds, food scraps can really add up! When thrown in the garbage and disposed in landfills, these innocent-seeming scraps can become major contributors to climate change. In fact, if all of our food scraps were combined, together they would be the third largest emitter of greenhouse gases in the world. Fortunately, there's an easy and satisfying way to harness the power of food scraps and return all of these vital nutrients to the land – composting! Composting feeds the soil instead of landfills and incinerators. Creating your own compost is one of the best ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase the carbon sequestration capacity of your land. If you've been thinking, "I really should be composting," NOW is the perfect time to begin!

### Benefits of Composting

- 🌱 Enriches soil, helping retain moisture and suppress plant diseases and pests.
- 🌱 Reduces the need for chemical fertilizers.
- 🌱 Encourages the production of beneficial bacteria and fungi that break down organic matter to create humus, a rich nutrient-filled material.
- 🌱 Reduces methane emissions from landfills and lowers your carbon footprint.

### HAP SUNDAY IS MARCH 4TH

#### Items needed this month:

Bag beans, prefer 1 lb. bags

Bag rice, prefer 1 lb. bags

Boxed potatoes and meals

Spaghetti sauce

Cereal

Spaghetti noodles

Canned fruit



**Please place items in the HAP bins in Ridley Hall.**

## The Greene Street Market Store

LOCALLY PRODUCED FOODS, ART, GIFTS AND MORE!

**OPEN**

Monday– Friday

10 am—2 pm

Sunday 10 am-12 pm.

208 Eustis Avenue



<http://greenestreetmarket.com>

### What To Compost

Fruits and vegetables

Coffee grounds and filters

Nut shells

Yard trimmings

Houseplants

Leaves

Wood chips

Hair and fur

Eggshells

Tea bags

Shredded newspaper

Grass clippings

Hay and straw

Sawdust

Dryer lint

Fireplace ashes

### What Not To Compost and Why

- 🌱 Black walnut tree leaves or twigs - Releases substances that might be harmful to plants
- 🌱 Coal or charcoal ash - Might contain substances harmful to plants
- 🌱 Dairy products (e.g., butter, milk, sour cream, yogurt) and eggs - Create odor problems and attract pests such as rodents and flies
- 🌱 Diseased or insect-ridden plants - Diseases or insects might survive and be transferred back to other plants
- 🌱 Fats, grease, lard, or oils - Create odor problems and attract pests such as rodents and flies
- 🌱 Meat scraps or fish bones - Create odor problems and attract pests such as rodents and flies
- 🌱 Pet wastes (e.g., dog or cat feces, soiled cat litter) - Might contain parasites, bacteria, germs, pathogens, and viruses harmful to humans
- 🌱 Yard trimmings treated with chemical pesticides - Might kill beneficial composting organisms

Applying compost provides nutrients to the soil, enhancing soil health and plant growth. So don't delay, start your compost pile today! Make this your "add-on" Lenten discipline – one that can lead to a life-giving practice to be continued into each season of the year.

**Wonderful, Wonderful Camp McDowell has something for everyone!**



[Click here](#) to find out more about 2018 Summer Camp on Clear Creek, Bethany, Folk School, Environmental Camp, Upcoming Retreats, Special Events, Farm School and much more!



### Prayer Requests

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

Bobbie Lambert, Ralph Shuey, Margaret Lichty, Jimmy Lou Horton, Ashley Lindley, Warren Towry, Bob Ward, Fred Stucky, Meredith Carlton Yessick, Anne Boles, Joel Nitz, Jody Mowrer, Suzy Naumann, Sandra Clements, Norlene Wolford, JoAnn Moorman, Tommie Taylor, Gerry Nitz, Ted Bledsoe, Kevin Wahl, Cecelia Duncan, Bill Nettles, Leigh Wahl, Heidi Foreman, Tom Hodge, Joan Bennett, Tom Booth, Elsie Olsen

**for the departed:**

Aaron Masterson, Bill Martin, Sarah James

**for those deployed with the Military:**

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

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

2/21	Margot Doss	2/22	Shelby McNully	2/23	Olivia O'Halloran	2/23	Betsy Bryant
2/24	Jordan Copeland	2/25	Clayton Donovan	3/1	Grant Howell	3/3	Aaron McNully
3/4	Clay Walker	3/4	Isabelle Towry	3/5	Lucy Cooper	3/5	Caroline Abney

### **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.

### **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!

### **NATIVITY MEMBERSHIP UPDATES**

**Transfers In:**

**The Scheidker Family**

Eric, Diana, Mark and Kurt.

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

**Transfers Out:**

**Florence Tappan Heinsohn**

Good Shepherd, Raleigh, NC

*"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you"* Numbers 6:24-25

## **Parish Financial Report/Period Ending 01/31/2018**

	CURRENT MONTH	BUDGET for PERIOD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
<b>Pledges Received</b>	\$ 156,129.21	\$ 93,260.12	\$ 156,129.21	\$ 93,260.12
<b>Plate</b>	\$ 8,918.52	\$ 17,083.37	\$ 8,918.52	\$ 17,083.37
<b>Other Revenues</b>	\$ 3,055.20	\$ 9,083.26	\$ 3,055.20	\$ 9,083.26
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 168,102.93	\$ 119,426.75	\$ 168,102.93	\$ 119,426.75
<b>Diocesan, School of Theology, &amp; Outreach</b>	\$ 20,430.97	\$ 24,827.14	\$ 20,430.97	\$ 24,827.14
<b>Personnel</b>	\$ 55,123.40	\$ 69,381.12	\$ 55,123.40	\$ 69,381.12
<b>Other Expenses</b>	\$ 16,841.65	\$ 25,218.27	\$ 16,841.65	\$ 25,218.27
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 92,396.02	\$ 119,426.53	\$ 92,396.02	\$ 119,426.53
<b>NET</b>	\$ 75,706.91	\$ 0.22	\$ 75,706.91	\$ 0.22

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#### ***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:  
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If you have questions you may call Andrea: 256-539-2673.

**The dedication deadline is March 25th.**

