



# The STEEPLE

## 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.

March 2018

## IF THESE WALLS COULD TALK, WHAT WOULD THEY SAY?

For 175 years, people have crossed the threshold into Nativity's welcoming arms to pray in her pews, kneel on her kneelers and lift their voices in praise. Nativity's history is as rich as human history itself.



The celebration of our Demisemiseptcentennial (175th) will begin in April with stories from our history shared on social media, the Steeple, eBlasts and Nativity Notes.

On Rally Day, we will kick off with a picnic for our month long celebration culminating with a special Spaghetti super and dance at the Jive Hive. Special guests will be people who have enriched our past. Throughout the month, we will offer a Lunch and Learn series, guest preachers and a display in the Banister Room highlighting our history.

*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*

## PALM SUNDAY PARADE

### MARCH 25TH, 8:45 SERVICE

This year a brass band will lead the Palm Sunday parade, however, the City of Huntsville Special Events Ordinance requires additional insurance from both the church and the owner of any animal leading the parade. Due to increases in insurance premiums, the parade will be confined to the sidewalks, circular parking lot on Greene Street and back to the church doors on Eustis. Join us!



# SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT AND EASTER

## 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.**

## 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.**

## 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.*

#### **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 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.

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

**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, Bishop Episcopal Diocese of Alabama**



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)

## 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)*

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
April 8	<b>Church Music</b> Led by Christian Crocker, Organist & Choirmaster		
April 15	<b>Holy Baptism</b> Led by The Rev. Bonnie McCrickard		



**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).

## LEMS, LECTORS & INTERCESSORS

If you have not been on the worship schedule lately, and are still interested in serving on Sundays, Wednesdays and/or

Thursdays please contact: Ministry & Worship Assistant, Amy Kennedy at 256

-533-2455 or [akennedy@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:akennedy@nativity-hsv.org) to verify your availability status.

# FRIENDS OF MUSIC EVENTS 2018

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

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

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

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## 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](#).



## FRIENDS OF MUSIC AT NATIVITY PRESENTS

Organ Recital  
Patrick Scott



Friday, March 16th 7:00pm

The recital includes an improvisation on the Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross and an improvisation on a submitted theme.



**The Mission Guild cordially invites  
you to attend our monthly meeting!**

**March 19, 2018**

**10:00 am**

**Joffrion Library**

Our Guest Speaker will be William Hampton, Huntsville Historian and Author of Huntsville Revisited. Mr. Hampton is also a board member of the Huntsville Preservation Association, the Alabama 200 Bicentennial African-American Association and the Scottsboro Boys Museum and Cultural Center.

Anne Epps and Lois Dreher will provide refreshments.

Questions, Joan East 804-731-3429 or [joaneast@knology.net](mailto:joaneast@knology.net)



# learn, pray, play

## VBS SAVE THE DATE!

We are excited to announce VBS for this year will be June 25-27 from 1 to 4 in the afternoon. Chairperson Shari Williams and the youth and children's team are already busy planning three afternoons of fun and learning. In honor of our church's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, our theme will be Church of Nativity history. Would you like to be on the planning team? Email [mcoe@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:mcoe@nativity-hsv.org).



## MITE BOXES FOR EASTER

Our long tradition of mite box coin-collecting during Lent and flowering the cross on Easter morning continues this year.

+ Mite boxes and coin collecting calendars are in children's Sunday school rooms. If you don't get a mite box before Easter, bring your coins (and flowers) on Easter and we'll have boxes on hand.

+ Money collected in mite boxes will be donated to Episcopal Relief and Development.

+ On Easter morning, all children are invited to participate in flowering the cross. Bring flowers that will fit in the coin slot of your mite box with you to church.

+ Plan to arrive for the 8.45 service early and gather in Ridley Hall.

+ At the start of the service, all the children will walk in together and their flowered mite boxes will be collected in the special cross at the front of the church—flowering the cross! Children will then join their families in the pews.

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.



## EASTER EGG HUNT

## EASTER SUNDAY

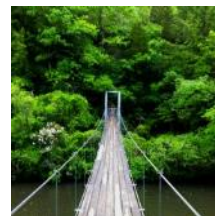
Ⓢ FOLLOWING 8.45 SERVICE IN THE COURTYARD

Ⓢ BRING YOUR BASKET TO CHURCH

Ⓢ COLLECT EMPTY EGGS AND TRADE THEM FOR AN EASTER TREAT!

Ⓢ FIND THE GOLDEN EGG FOR A SPECIAL PRIZE!

QUESTIONS, CONTACT MARY COE, [MCOE@NATIVITY-HSV.ORG](mailto:MCOE@NATIVITY-HSV.ORG) OR 256.533.2455



## Summer Camp Registration

Registration is open for summer camp at Camp McDowell and Bethany Village for rising 1st through 12th graders.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



## Upcoming Youth Schedule

### March 7

5:30 pm Lent Dinner

6:00pm Building Faith with Harry

Potter

### March 11

10:00 am Sunday School

1:00 pm Annual Soccer

Tournament

### March 14

5:30pm Lent Dinner

6:00pm Building Faith

with Harry Potter

### March 18

10:00 am Sunday School

5:00 pm EYC

6:00 pm High School EYC

### March 25

Palm Sunday NO EYC

### April 1

Easter, NO 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.

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

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

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

TICKET NO. 31

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

## Youth Opportunities Around the Diocese

## RITES OF SPRING, APRIL 6-8

HOSTED BY THE YOUTH DEPARTMENT

A time to gather with friends from Camp, make  
new friends, and elect the 2018-2019 Youth  
Department!

REGISTER AT [DIOALA.ORG](http://DIOALA.ORG)  
COST \$125/PERSON  
\*SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

## YOUNG PEOPLE PAINT BIRMINGHAM JULY 9-13

YOUTH AGES 16+

## APPLY TO STAFF

6/2-8 · 6/16-22 · 6/23-29

www.bit.ly/SDCStaff2018  
APPLY BY MARCH 10

## sawyerville

## The Spiritual Development Committee

Your Spiritual Development committee is creating a newsletter that will go out once a month. The content will consist of opportunities that we think might be of interest to you as you continue in your spiritual growth and development (i.e. speakers, workshops, leadership events, etc.). Our goal is to include opportunities locally as well as regionally. Our first newsletter will go out at the end of February and will be a work in process. We look forward to hearing your feedback once we begin. To see the March 2018 edition of this newsletter [CLICK HERE](#). In order to receive the monthly newsletter, you will need to "opt in" to the newsletter database. Visit the [nativity-hsv.org](http://nativity-hsv.org) and click on the the green "Sign Up Here" button to be added to the mailing list for this new publication!

Spirituality



at Nativity

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## WHAT ARE YOU READING?

Contributed by Mary Johnson

An interview with 10 year old Vanessa Vela about *The Giver*, by Lois Lowry

### What is this story about?

It is about a place and time where all the problems of homelessness and joblessness and hunger and discrimination and conflict and war have been solved.

### Really! How has this happened?

Everybody is pretty much the same. There is no color; people have to take pills to keep them from having much emotion, the jobs are chosen for everybody by a committee; food is delivered to everybody. There aren't many choices that anyone has to make. Everyone dresses the same. If someone feels mad, he can talk about it to his family, which has a special talk-about things time, but not to anyone else. There are certain people chosen to have babies. If a baby isn't perfect, it is "released". If a person breaks a rule 3 times, he or she is "released" too. People think that means they are sent somewhere else but really, they are given a shot and put in the trash. You find that out at the end.

### Did you like this book?

Yes. It really made me think about a lot of things and I 'm still thinking about it.

### Do you think it would be a good think for everybody to be the same?

No, it would be pretty boring and I would hate to think I wasn't unique! At least though, we wouldn't have school shootings and it would be kind of a good thing for everybody to get along and have enough to eat and all. But you'd have to eat at the same time and couldn't have any snacks!

### Is it good to protect people from their own choices and making mistakes?

I hate when I do it wrong but on the other hand, you can learn things from making mistakes and not just keep doing stupid stuff and that feels good.

### Do you recommend this book?

Yes I do and I'm going to try to read the others. There is a quartet about this subject.

# Stewardship of Creation

Contributed by Freya Neely



## Composting at Home: Let's add a good Lenten discipline Part 2

### 🌱 Four good reminders of why composting is a great Lenten discipline

1. If not composted, our food scraps can become major contributors to climate change.
2. Composting feeds the soil instead of landfills and incinerators.
3. Composting is a great way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase carbon sequestration.
4. Applying compost provides nutrients to the soil, enhancing soil health and plant growth.

### 🌱 How to Get Garden-Ready Compost

Making compost is probably the single most important thing you can do for your garden – and, BTW, is also beneficial for potted plants, lawns, shrubs and trees! The success of your garden depends on the soil, and the health of your soil depends on the compost you give it. Fortunately, making compost isn't difficult. With very little effort on your part, you can turn throw-away materials into this sweet-smelling, nutrient-rich, no-cost soil conditioner.

### 🌱 So how do you start this easy composting?

There are many approaches to making compost, but the fastest way to get finished compost is to make an active, or hot, compost pile. Gardeners can speed up the composting process by creating the optimal conditions for decomposition, which comes down to making sure your compost pile has the right balance of air, water, carbon and nitrogen. Put those things together, and you'll get compost. By providing a steady supply of water and air to the pile, you'll encourage the micro-organisms that drive the composting process to work faster. (And be aware that the ambient temperature affects compost temperatures and can affect how long it takes to produce useful compost.)

### 🌱 Five key steps for making compost in 30 days:

**1.Shred and Chop**-Shred or chop materials as finely as you can before mixing them into the pile. For example, you can chop fallen leaves by running your lawn mower over them. The same strategy applies to kitchen scraps and the like—"the smaller, the better" is the rule for compost ingredients.

### **2.Mix Dry Browns and Wet Greens-**

The two basic types of ingredients for making compost are those rich in carbon and those rich in nitrogen. Carbon-rich materials—dry browns, or carbonaceous materials—include leaves, hay, and straw. Nitrogen rich materials—wet greens—include kitchen scraps and grass clippings; these work best when mixed in well so they don't mat down. Your goal is to keep a fair mix of these materials throughout the pile. A simple compost recipe is to have a two-to-one ratio of browns to greens.

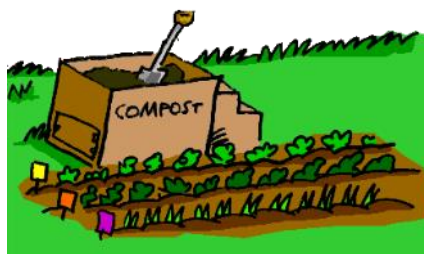


**3.Strive For Size**-Build the pile at least 3 × 3 × 3 (or 4) feet so materials will heat up and decompose quickly. Don't make the pile too much bigger than that, though, or it will be hard to turn. Unless you have this critical mass of materials, your compost pile can't really get cooking. Check the pile a couple of days after it's built up—it should be hot in the middle, a sign that your microbial decomposers are working hard.

**4.Add Water As Needed**-Make sure the pile stays moist but not too wet—it should feel like a damp sponge. You may need to add water occasionally, or, if you live in a very wet climate, you may need to cover the pile with a tarp to keep it from becoming too soggy.

**5.Keep Things Moving**-Compost piles need ventilation. Anaerobic (lacking oxygen) piles smell bad, compost slowly, and produce dense, wet, smelly compost. Aerobic piles with oxygen throughout will produce little or no odor. To aerate the pile, turn the pile with a digging fork or shovel. If you are unable to turn the compost pile, poke it with an aerating device or broom handle to help air flow into it. Mixing the pile once a week by moving the material from the outside to the center will hasten the composting process. A pile that is not mixed may take three to four times longer to produce useful compost but will still eventually produce good compost.

**Composting – a wonderful Lenten discipline to add - and continue into each season of the year!**



Adapted from information from the editors of *Organic Life* and the North Carolina Extension Service

**UPDATE FROM THE PROFILE COMMITTEE** We are actively working to gather input for the Parish Profile. Our initial step in gathering information is a brief questionnaire card. These cards are available in the back of the church, and we are asking all adults and teenagers to fill one out. Please put completed cards 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. If you have questions please reach out to a member of the profile team: Ted Briggs, Jim Douthit, Mickey Ellis, Robert Mullins, Amy Nation, Ruth Rainey and Jennifer Retzke.

**Women's Retreat was a wonderful weekend for all who attended!**

Many thanks to the more than 60 ladies who participated in the 8th Annual Women's Retreat at St. Mary's, Sewanee February 23 and 24. The fellowship and fun shared by us all was contagious! The Rev. Dr. Virginia Monroe led us in holy listening and sharing our stories. It was very meaningful to offer our stories to God during Eucharist on Saturday.

Our 9th Annual Women's Retreat will be held in 2020, the year of perfect vision!



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Sunday 10 am-12 pm.  
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**HAP SUNDAY IS APRIL 8**

Please bring non perishable items, toiletries and paper products to church and place the items in the HAP (Huntsville Assistance Program) bins located in Ridley Hall and the breezeway.

Thank you!



**2018 Altar Flower Dedications**

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

Dates Available: March 25, April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 27, June 17, 24, July 1, August 12, 19

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: *Nativity Flower Guild* and mail your check along with this form to:

Andrea Vandervoort 434 Locust Ave. Huntsville, AL 35801

Questions Call Andrea: 256-539-2673



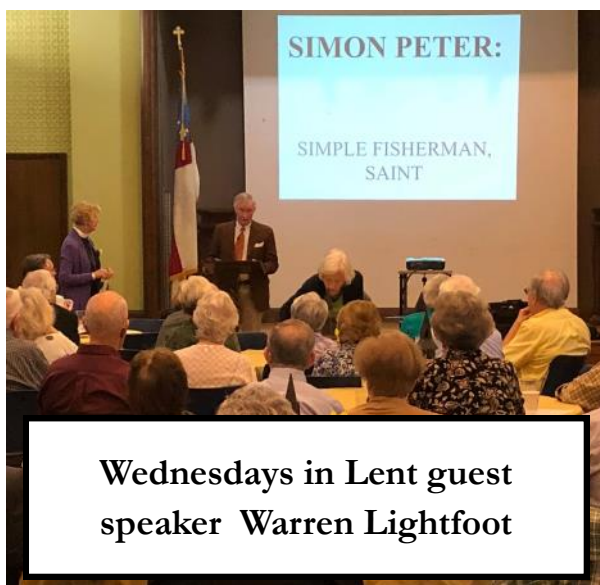
# PARISH LIFE AT NATIVITY



**Paul-Gordon Chandler  
Event**



**Fun at the  
Mardi Gras  
Dinner!**



**Wednesdays in Lent guest  
speaker Warren Lightfoot**



**Children enjoying the Wednesday  
Nights in Lent Building Faith  
Brick by Brick program.**



**Nativity Youth enjoying  
Faith and Harry Potter!**



**Members of  
the Outreach  
Committee  
making  
deliveries**



**Drew Tutt  
helping with  
Blossomwood  
Snack Packs**



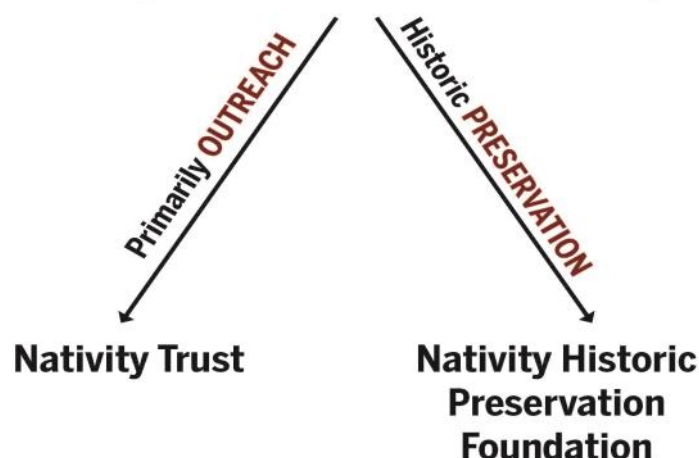
The Legacy Society is a group of parishioners who have already named or want to now name Nativity as a beneficiary in their estate plan. There are

two Nativity endowments (investment vehicles that allow the principal to grow while yielding annual income for further investment and/or designated expenditures): The Nativity Historic Preservation Foundation and The Nativity Trust.

You can contact Lou Durnya (256-683-3023) or Frederick Lanier (256-426-4047) for more information.

## Two Significant Ways to Remember Nativity in Your Will

### Designation in Your Will for Nativity



These are both **endowments**.

Endowments are investment vehicles that allow the **principal to grow** while yielding annual income for further investment and/or designated expenditures. **It is a gift that keeps on giving.**

## To Include The Episcopal Church of the Nativity In Your Will

Non-specific	Specific to Trust		Specific to Historic Preservation
<p>"I give and bequeath X to The Church of the Nativity."</p> <p>Since language is not specific, your gift goes into the Nativity Trust.</p>	<p>"I give and bequeath X to The Church of the Nativity Trust."</p> <p>Your gift goes into the Nativity Trust.</p>		<p>"I give and bequeath X to The Church of the Nativity Historic Preservation Foundation."</p> <p>Your gift goes into the Nativity Historic Preservation Foundation where it will be used to preserve and maintain this holy place, recognized as a National Historic Landmark, one of America's architectural gems.</p>
<p><i>In both cases, your gift goes into the Nativity Trust, which provides financial support for new outreach programs and for special capital needs of the parish.</i></p>			

**\*Note:** Both funds are endowments. Endowments are investment vehicles that allow the principal to grow while yielding annual income for further investment and/or designated expenditures.

### Prayer Requests

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

**for healing:**

Lois Dreher, Phyllis Beck, Susan Brown, Bobbie Lambert, Ralph Shuey, Margaret Lichty, Jimmy Lou Horton, Ashley Lindley, Bob Ward, Fred Stucky, Anne Boles, Joel Nitz, Jody Mowrer, Suzy Naumann, 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:**

Meredith Carlton Yessick, William "Billy" Hunter, Sandra Clements, Aaron Masterson, Bill Martin

**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 March birthdays of our children:**

3/1	Grant Howell	3/3	AJ McNully, Jr.	3/4	Clay Walker, Jr.	3/4	Isabelle Towry
3/5	Lucy Cooper	3/5	Caroline Abney	3/7	Mary Maddox Creech		
3/8	Catherine Hendricks	3/10	Casey Drees	3/10	Gracie Gore		
3/11	John Steigner	3/11	Rosie Gullion	3/12	Riley Kamelchuk	3/14	Thea Sommer
3/14	Riley Alexander	3/15	Anna Franklin Stroud	3/15	Gavin Ray		
3/16	Sarah Neal DePiano	3/19	Edward Aboudonia	3/22	Travis McClendon		
3/22	Elizabeth Rainey	3/22	Lizzie Clute	3/23	Anna Kane	3/23	Winston Kelly
3/24	James Nation, Jr.	3/24	Alana Putt	3/24	Emma Mauldin	3/24	Luke Alison
3/29	Colin Orr	3/29	Robert McCoy	3/31	Wyatt Donovan		

### **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

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE March 2018 - updated 3/1/18 Amy E. Kennedy

THURSDAY, March 1 <sup>st</sup>						
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM			
6:00 pm	Foreman		Sally Ann Culver			
SUNDAY, March 4 <sup>th</sup> - Third Sunday in Lent						
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor	
7:45 am	Monroe		Don Lambert	Don Lambert	Don Lambert	
8:45 am	Holland-Shuey	Monroe	Lee Hicklen, Lane Mickle, Lewie Bates	Allen Daniels	Clay Sherrill	
11:00 am	Foreman	Monroe	Deborah Baker, Pat Sampson, Tom Devenish	Robbie Shafer, Elaine Hamner	Ronnie Rogers	
WEDNESDAY, March 7 <sup>th</sup>						
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM			
12 noon	Monroe		Joan East			
THURSDAY, March 8 <sup>th</sup>						
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM			
6:00 pm	Monroe		Charles Morley			
SUNDAY, March 11 <sup>th</sup> - Fourth Sunday in Lent						
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor	
7:45 am	McCrickard		Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett	
8:45 am	Monroe	McCrickard	Joan East, Laura Pierce, Pat Quirk, Lewie Bates	Jennifer Dill	Shirley Hale-Stucky	
11:00 am	Monroe	McCrickard	Richard Spera, Virginia Kobler, Hanns Billmayer, Walter Thames	Ed Vaughn, Martha Joffrion	Rhonwyn Watson	
WEDNESDAY, March 14 <sup>th</sup>						
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM			
12 noon	McCrickard		Mary Hendricks			
THURSDAY, March 15 <sup>th</sup>						
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM			
6:00 pm	Monroe	Serio	Sally Ann Culver			
SUNDAY, March 18 <sup>th</sup> - Fifth Sunday in Lent						
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor	
7:45 am	Monroe	Serio	John Hendricks	John Hendricks	John Hendricks	
8:45 am	Holland-Shuey	Serio	Mike Ward, Charlie Warren, Margaret Bibb	Amy Creech	Lane Mickle	
11:00 am	McCrickard	Serio	Hanns Billmayer, Lee Hicklen, Peter Cobun	Mike Innes, John Conover	Sally Ann Culver	
WEDNESDAY, March 21 <sup>st</sup>						
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM			
12 noon	Monroe		Lea Ann Barnett			
THURSDAY, March 22 <sup>nd</sup>						
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM			
6:00 pm	Foreman		Shari Williams			
SUNDAY, March 25 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday of the Passion - PALM SUNDAY						
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor	
7:45 am	Monroe		Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	
8:45 am	Monroe		Joan East, Lee Hicklen, Laura Pierce	Joe East	Aubrey Tycer	
11:00 am	McCrickard	McCrickard	Walter Thames, Richard Spera, Tom Devenish	Susan Brown, Polly Blalock	Adalene Bledsoe	
Monday, March 26 <sup>th</sup> - Holy Week						
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM			
12 Noon	McCrickard	McCrickard	Lea Ann Barnett			
Tuesday, March 27 <sup>th</sup> - Holy Week						
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM			
12 Noon	Monroe	Monroe	Mary Hendricks			
Wednesday, March 28 <sup>th</sup> - Holy Week						
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM			
12 Noon	McCrickard	McCrickard	Joan East			
6:00pm	Serio	Serio	Stations of the Cross			
Thursday, March 29 <sup>th</sup> - Maundy Thursday						
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector		
6:00pm	McCrickard	Monroe	Sally Ann Culver, Mike Ward	Stacy Moon, Mickey Ellis		
Friday, March 30 <sup>th</sup> - Good Friday						
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector		
12 Noon	McCrickard	Monroe	Hanns Billmayer, Pat Sampson	Elaine Hamner, Lane Mickle		
Sat., March 31 <sup>st</sup> - Holy Saturday, The Great Vigil of Easter						
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor	
7:30pm	Monroe	McCrickard	Don Lambert, Lea Ann Barnett	Stacy Moon, Ronnie Rogers	Buddy Moon	
SUNDAY, April 1 <sup>st</sup> - Easter Sunday						
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor	
7:45 am	Monroe	Monroe	Don Lambert, John Hendricks	Don Lambert	John Hendricks	
8:45 am	McCrickard	Monroe	Charlie Warren, Mike Ward, Lane Mickle, Lewie Bates	Stacy Moon, Buddy Moon	Clay Sherrill	
11:00 am	McCrickard	Monroe	Sally Ann Culver, Peter Cobun, Virginia Kobler, Pat Sampson, Deborah Baker	Marcia Cobun	Polly Blalock	
				Susan Brown		
USHERS						
7:45am	Peter Barber					
8:45am	Charlie Warren, Steuart Evans Jr., Bland Warren, Kevin Webber, Don Wheeler					
11:00am	Jim Douthit, Bobbie Graham, Cheryl Watts					
ALTAR GUILD						
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jewell Reynolds, Anne Carter, Judy Heacock, Debbie Joyner, Sara Little, Jill Chadwick					
11 <sup>th</sup>	Peggy Serio, Wanda Cobb, Nancy Colin, Sue Johnson, Caffey Litkenhous					
18 <sup>th</sup>	Sophia Rowe, Rebecca Brothers, Mary Johnson, Beth Pugh, Linda Watts					
25 <sup>th</sup>	Alice Lanier, Anne Carter, Kaaren Dunn, Emily Moody, Connie Stephenson, Judy Vann					
CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE						
February 26-March 4		March 5-11		March 12-18		
Monroe*		Monroe		McCrickard		
				Serio		
				McCrickard		
SUNDAY VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY SCHEDULE						
8:45am 11:00am	March 4 <sup>th</sup>		March 11 <sup>th</sup>		March 18 <sup>th</sup>	
	Margaret Gleason		Kim Huskey		Jeff Johnson	
	Wendy Wilson		Dottie Crawford		Fisher Hutchens	
VERGER SCHEDULE						
8:45am - PW 11:00am - TC	March 4 <sup>th</sup>		March 11 <sup>th</sup>		March 18 <sup>th</sup>	
	Lea Ann Barnett		Hud Heaton		Robert Dunn	
	Lea Ann Barnett		Hud Heaton		Terry Clevenger	
				Prentice White		
				Terry Clevenger		

\*McCrickard 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, Serio 4<sup>th</sup>

## Acolyte Schedule March/Easter 2018

*It's a big month for the acolytes! Holy Week falls during Spring Break, so this is a very creative schedule. Your name may appear more than once this month (and I've also included the Apr 1 Easter Sunday), so check through the whole schedule very carefully to see when you're scheduled. I've had tons of requests and tried to honor them all—but I might have made a few mistakes along the way. Hopefully it will all work out! If you are scheduled for a time you cannot serve, please let us know and try to find a sub. As always, we appreciate last minute volunteers—especially during Holy Week!*

### **Sunday Mar 11**

8:45 A/M Putt	11:00 A/M Sherrill
C K Hunter, Van Dodgen	C Margaret Bryant
T Eliz Rainey, Cooper Gunter	T Evans Bryant, Luke Alison
T Ellie Webber, Anna Mullins	T Madelyn, ME Alison
S Britt Webber	S Betsy Bryant
AS Eliz Evans	AS Carter Watson

### **Sunday Mar 18**

8:45 A/M Nutt	11:00 A/M Ward
C Joshua Huskey, Ellie Walker	C Evan Ward, Molly Ward
T RJ Ragland	T Warren Towry
T AK Ayres	T Ty Voisine
S Thomas Aldag	S Catherine Hendricks
AS Clay Walker	AS Evan Ward

### **Sunday Mar 25 PALM SUNDAY\*\*Please arrive 20 min prior to service!!!**

8:45 A/M Ward	11:00 A/M Nutt
C Van Dodgen	C Cameron Pinson
T Thea Sommer	T SC Hornsby
T Clara Keener	T Caroline Hornsby
S Sadie Anglin	S Cameron Pinson
AS David Young	AS Will Pinson

### **Wednesday Mar 28 6 PM Stations of the Cross A/M Nutt**

C Nutt      T Clara Keener      T Ty Voisine

### **Thursday Mar 29 6 PM Maundy Thursday\*\*ARRIVE 20 MIN PRIOR!!**

C Parker Sanders	Thurifer JB Stockton
T Anna Mullins	A/M Putt, Nutt
T Maggie Sanders	
S Alice Malone	
AS Parker Sanders	

### **Saturday, Mar 30 7:30 PM EASTER VIGIL\*\* Arrive 20 min prior to service!!!!**

C Ireland Braudaway	Thurifer Tess Lambert
T Alana Boyce	A/M Nutt, Sherrill
T Vivian Hinton	
S Evelyn Warren	
AS Charles Warren	

### **Sunday, Apr 1 EASTER\*\*Arrive AT LEAST 20 min prior for instruction!!!**

8:45 A/M Putt, Sherrill	11:00 A/M Ward
C Katherine Hunter, Shannon Gunter	C JB Stockton, Molly Ward
T Anna Mullins, Olivia O'Halloran	T Evan Ward
T Maggie Sanders, Clara Keener	T Elizabeth Rainey
S Parker Sanders	S Patrick Ahearn
AS Elizabeth Evans	AS Alex Ahearn
Banners: AK Ayres, Cooper Gunter	Thurifer Sam Hartley
	Banners: Patrick Ahearn, Alex Ahearn

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**Monday, March 26**

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### **AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY**

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