



The STEEPLE

May 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*

“We go to meet Jesus, because Jesus is already there.”

A few weeks ago, I attended the Revolutionary Love Conference at Middle Collegiate Church in NYC. It was a powerful experience, not least because of the other attendees I had a chance to meet. In a conversation over mid-morning snacks, I chatted with two women, Lucita and Linda, who said they were part of an “Ethical Living Society” rather than a church. They do not believe in a deity or a special book, yet they hold each other accountable for acting with kindness and a generous spirit at all times. In our conversation, I learned something from them about finding joy everywhere. Lucita said that she tries to greet everyone she meets with these thoughts, “You are an awesome person!” By keeping this simple concept in mind, she treats people with kindness of heart, and finds that her experiences with even difficult strangers bring her great joy.

A few days later, I attended the Global Episcopal Mission Network conference. I especially enjoy this group and these conferences because they are outward-focused, looking at the possibilities more than the deficits, as is so common in our world these days. Two of the speakers, Monica Vega and Heidi Schmidt, missionaries to Argentina and Brazil, reminded us about the core purpose of mission work at home and abroad: We must trust that we will find Jesus already present everywhere we go. Vega and Schmidt also reminded us of simple spiritual practices, such as taking 5 quiet minutes to sit with God, as a way of connecting with people across language and cultural barriers. When we keep such a message in our hearts, we cannot help but to receive ministry FROM even the poorest communities, which helps us establish a relationship, an exchange, rather than a one-way act of charity.

We have much to learn from people who are different. What would it be like to expect to find Jesus everywhere we go, in every face we see? How might our days be changed if we say “You are an awesome person!” to everyone we meet?

Bonnie McCrickard





CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Same Ideas, New Language
Understandable for Children, Enlightening for Adults

SUNDAY, MAY 6

8:45AM

As we celebrate the end of our program year, we invite you to join us for a our normal Sunday morning service with a special twist.

This Children's Liturgy follows the order of Holy Eucharist, Rite II and uses language and images that are both understandable for children and enlightening for adults. It is our hope that children, youth, and adults will hear this service in a fresh way and walk away with a new understanding of our liturgy.

On Sunday, May 6 we will also:
Recognize our Sunday School Teachers
Recognize our High School Seniors
Have special activities in our children & youth Sunday School classes



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Summer Schedule Begins

Sunday, May 13

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Bibb Chapel

10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Nursery & Children's Chapel during the 10:00 service

Sunday, May 13, 10:00 am, Bishop's Visit & Confirmation
Reception following in Ridley Hall

Sunday, May 20 Pentecost Party on the Lawn. Wear **RED!**



learn, pray, play

Sunday funday may 6

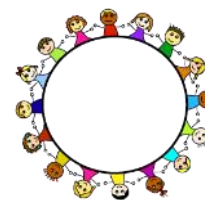
A DAY OF WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

Last meeting of
Sunday school year.

Children's Liturgy
and Teacher Recognition at 8.45 service

Cupcakes in Ridley
Hall after church to
celebrate our
teachers.

Sunday Funday
during the
Sunday school
hour. Meet in
your Sunday
school room,
then head
outside for
popcicles and
play!



Starting May
20, we are going
summer-style
with children's
chapel—
moving out on

the playground during the 10.00
service. We read the Gospel, listen
to a story and have a few minutes
of play. Chapel requires two
helpers each week. All the supplies
and instructions are provided for
you; we just need some willing
friends to spend a few minutes
with our children. Sign up to help
Mary Coe or find a partner and
sign up together. Spouses, friends,
parents and their college-age
children all make great teams. Sign
up [here](#) Email questions to
mcoe@nativity-hsv.org.

Thank you!



Build your own church, meet
the *Little Episcopalian* Mary Ann
Cruse in person, go on a church
scavenger hunt, learn a 1950's Jive
Hive dance! Plus have fun, make
new friends, and learn how the
Church of Nativity has spread
God's love for 175 years.

In honor of our church's 175th
anniversary, VBS will explore our
story, looking back at the
extraordinary people and significant
events that make Nativity a special
place. Register now! Last year's
VBS was over-subscribed.

Registration open for children age 4
(by 9/1/18) through rising 6th
grade.

Questions, mcoe@nativity-hsv.org..

VBS volunteer registration

VBS is fun and easy with lots of helpers! Parents with children can
sign up during registration. Other adults and teens, sign up [here](#)

Teens, rising 7th grade and up you are invited to help, too. It counts as
volunteer hours and the VBS kids think you are rock stars!

Questions, mcoe@nativity-hsv.org

Club 56 and JYC Happenings

Join us on May 6th for a big day!
We will have a Children's Liturgy
for the 8:45 service. This liturgy
follows the order of Holy
Eucharist, Rite II found in the
Book of Common Prayer using
language and images which are
easily understandable for all ages.
We will also recognize our Sunday
School teachers. During the
Sunday School hour we are having
a special bridging of the 4th graders
up to Club 56 and the 6th graders
to 7th and 8th grade. All 4th-8th
graders will play a part in this so
make sure to be there!

JYC on May 6th will be LASER
TAG at Stars and Strikes from 6-
7:30. Drop off and pick up will be
at Stars and Strikes and dinner will
be provided. Please sign up [here](#)
Be on the lookout for our JYC/
EYC summer schedule. This
includes all upcoming 6th-12th
graders!

Questions? Contact Amy Brooks
abrooks@nativity-hsv.org.



EYC ON THURSDAYS

All rising 7th-12th graders are invited to join us on Thursdays in Summer for EYC Gatherings!

MAY 17, 5:30PM-6:30PM
DINNER @ LITTLE ROSIES

JUNE 28, 5:30PM-6:30PM
DINNER @ LITTLE ROSIES

MAY 24, 5:30PM-7PM
GREENE STREET MARKET AND SAM & GREGS

JULY 5, 5:30PM-7PM

GREENE STREET MARKET AND SAM & GREGS

MAY 31, 5:30PM-6:30PM
DINNER @ LITTLE ROSIES

JULY 12, 5:30PM-6:30PM
DINNER @ LITTLE ROSIES

JUNE 7, 3:00PM-5:30PM
GREENWYCHE POOL DAY & PIZZA

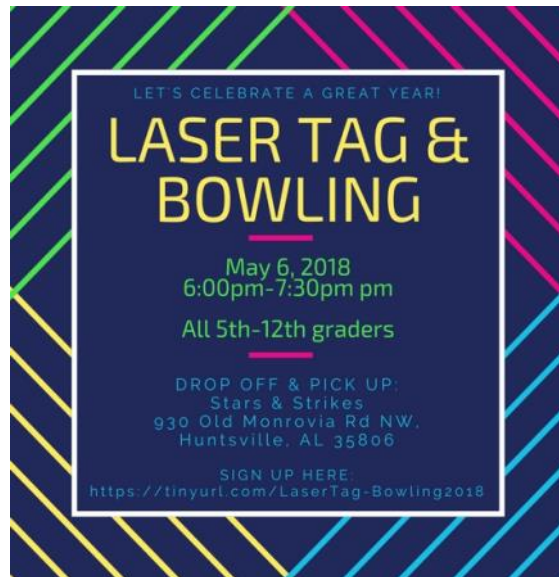
JULY 19, 5:30PM-7PM
GREENE STREET MARKET AND SAM & GREGS

JUNE 14, 5:30PM-6:30PM
DINNER @ LITTLE ROSIES

JULY 26, 5:30PM-6:30PM
DINNER @ LITTLE ROSIES

JUNE 21, 12NOON-6PM
TENNESSEE AQUARIUM ADVENTURE

AUGUST 2, 5:30PM-7PM
GREENE STREET MARKET AND SAM & GREGS



WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE YOUTH ACTIVITY THIS YEAR?

My favorite thing I did this year through the youth was Awakenings! I had a really awesome time learning about God with my friends!

– Olivia O'Halloran

The Lake Day was the best part of this year because we went really crazy on the tubes. – Evan Brown

My favorite thing I did through youth was Winter Weekend! I had so much fun building a better relationship with God and my friends as well as making new ones! – Anna Mullins

My favorite thing we did this year was the SPAM Hunt. It was fun getting to collect food and donate it to a good cause. – Caroline Brooks

Awakenings was so much fun and it was a great opportunity to meet so many new people and grow closer to God. – Sadie Anglin

The Advent Retreat! We learned so much about Advent and God and we got to grow closer with him and enjoy time with our friends. – Vivian Hinton

Awakenings was amazing, because we got to go to camp, which is one of my favorite places ever. And I got to meet a whole bunch of new people and it was just so fun! – Anna Katherine Ayres

Awakenings was so so amazing. With only those few days I grew a much stronger relationship with God. I also met so many new friends. – Sarah Coleman Hornsby

YOUTH RAFTING TRIP

AUGUST 10 - 11

We'll meet at the church after school on Friday for a quick pizza dinner, then head to TN. We'll spend the night at Camp Agape and spend Saturday morning rafting on the Ocoee.

Who: Rising 7th-12th Graders

Cost: \$95
(scholarships available)

Sign up here:
tinyurl.com/NativityRaftingTrip2018

Registration and \$50 non-refundable deposit are due no later than July 20

Outreach Highlights

Christian Women's Job Corps

Contributed by Rebecca Brothers

The Christian Women's Job Corps provides job readiness classes, GED tutoring, business clothes, mentoring, job and resource referrals, college scholarships, a computer donation program, and a car donation program to women in the Huntsville area. Last year, they helped 297 women with these services.

They currently have a list of 37 women who are waiting to get computers. Last year, they were able to give 2 donated computers to program graduates to help them complete schoolwork, practice newly acquired computer skills, and apply for jobs.

CWJC's needs include:

- Donations to upgrade software in their on-site computer lab
- Donated computers and vehicles in good condition
- Women to serve as mentors to new graduates
- New internship locations for graduates
- Donated women's business clothes, especially sizes 18 and up



Habitat for Humanity Update



Will the weather never cooperate again? No work this week and probably next week. Please don't lose patience. We will get there one day! [CLICK HERE](#) for the updated build schedule.

Bill Giardini

Club 56

Senior Visits

Contributed by Finola O'Halloran, 5th grade

Recently, I went on senior visits. We visited Mr. Fred Lackey, Mrs. Dottie Hilchey, and Mrs. Rae Starnes. First we went to Magnolia Trace and visited Mrs. Dottie. We gave her a plant and a card which she was excited to see. She said she wanted to adopt my brother. Next we saw Mrs. Rae. She was eating lunch with her friends. We gave them all cards and plants and got back in the car to go to Mr. Lackey's house. It was really rainy so we rushed into his house where we sat down and visited. He told us stories about his life like when he met his wife while hitchhiking to Tuscaloosa. He also told us about being an engineer. Senior visits are always fun and the people we visit always have great stories to tell.



HAP SUNDAY IS MAY 6

(Huntsville Assistance Program)

Items needed this month include:

Canned mixed vegetables, canned chicken, peanut butter, rice, dried beans, canned fruit, coffee.

Please place the items in the HAP bins located in Ridley Hall and the breezeway.

Thank you!



Mother Bonnie McCrickard and Deacon Judy Quick, representing the Diocese of Alabama, and Padre Angel R. Rivera Rodríguez representing the Diocese of Puerto Rico had some time to catch up at the Global Episcopal Mission Network (GEMN) conference held at Virginia Theological Seminary in early April.

We discussed current efforts through Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) and other projects to help Puerto Ricans for the long term, beyond immediate storm recovery. The conference also included presentations on: micro-enterprise programs in developing countries; the importance of relationship and prayer with others from different cultures when we engage in mission work; and the experience of African Christian faith and practice. Lots of ideas for ways Nativity can continue to take part in the mission of the church in the world! Want to hear more? Contact Mother Bonnie (bmccrickard@nativity-hsv.org).



May 20th, 2018 5:00pm
Church of the Nativity
208 Eustis Avenue Huntsville, AL

The choir and organists Elizabeth LaJeunesse and Christian Crocker will perform the music of Charles Villiers Stanford and Estonian composer, Arvo Pärt.

For lo I raise up

Te Deum in C

Eternal Father

O for a closer walk

Fantasia and Toccata in D minor, Op 57

Bogoróditsye Dyévo

The Beatitudes

Annum per annum

We're Hiring!

Nativity is hiring a full time Youth Ministry Coordinator. Applicants should have the heart of a teacher and a desire to build young adults for the church – present and future. The person should take the Baptismal Covenant and promises seriously, including their own spiritual growth and nurture, and help infuse a youthful Christian atmosphere into all aspects of their work within this parish.

Desired personal qualities/experiences:

- Bachelor's Degree
- Minimum 2-3 years of experience working with youth on a regular basis
- Proven teaching/instructional experience in school, church, camp, or similar
- Excellent communication skills with adults as well as youth, including proficiency in use of social media
- Personal discipline of prayer and attention to spiritual growth
- Basic knowledge of Baptismal Covenant and Book of Common Prayer
- Valid driver's license
- Trained in "Safeguarding God's Children"
- Able to pass a background check
- Available to work weekends/evenings as needed or according to seasonal events

Anyone interested should provide their resume to the church office: ATTN: HR Committee
208 Eustis Avenue , Huntsville, AL 35801
All resumes must be received by Tuesday, May 2.
Interviews will be conducted as soon as possible after resumes are received.

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

May 6 Serving in the Church & in the World Led by The Rev. Deacon Bob Serio

May 9 Wednesday night supper, rehearse for Confirmation, 5:30pm Ridley Hall

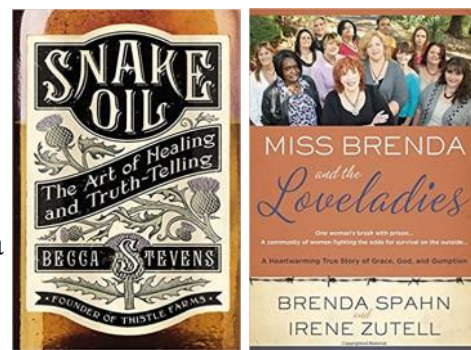
May 13 Bishop's visit, Confirmation & Reception
9:00am gather in Bibb Chapel 10:00am Service

WHAT ARE YOU READING?

Contributed by Emily Rodgers

The Holy Spirit works in wonderful ways!

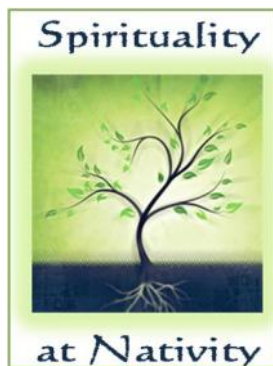
I read two interesting non-fiction books by women: *Snake Oil* by Becca Stevens and *Miss Brenda and the Loveladies* by Brenda Spahn and Irene Zutell. Both authors are red-heads, deeply spiritual, and oddly enough, both women's first name begins with a "B" and both women's last name begins with a "S". One lives in Nashville and the other in Birmingham. Is it a coincidence Huntsville is between these two cities?



Snake Oil is an autobiographical work detailing how Becca came to found "Thistle Farms", a community of hope and healing in Nashville for women who had experienced trafficking, violence, and addiction. The axiom that love heals is woven throughout her personal story and that of the women who live at Thistle Farms. A component of the healing is found in herbal balms and oils which the women of Thistle Farms make and sell. Becca shares a wealth of information in the healing properties of these oils. In *Snake Oil*, she shares how and why she came to say 'yes' to the gentle nudge of the Holy Spirits call to help marginalized women.

Miss Brenda and the Loveladies is also an autobiographical work about a stubborn red headed woman named Brenda Spahn. After a brush with serving time in prison, Brenda became very active in ministries for women at the Tutwiler Prison. She is disturbed the women are released from prison with ten dollars and a bus ticket back to their home town. Half-way houses are not equipped or funded to help the women learn needed skills to re-enter society. Often very funny, Brenda recounts how she decided to open a 'Whole-Way' house. Currently, the Lovelady Center in Birmingham is the largest transitional program in the country.

Both Becca and Brenda illustrate how love, laughter and fellowship (with help from the Holy Spirit) offer a pathway to healing.



We have created a new newsletter to provide readers with opportunities we think might be of interest to you as you continue in your spiritual growth and development (i.e. speakers, workshops, events). Our goal is to include opportunities locally as well as regionally. This is a work in process, and this is only our second one, so if you would like to provide feedback or have suggestions for other resources we have not included, please don't hesitate to let us know. We know there are many more resources than we started with here, so we'd love to hear from you. You can email Christine Starnes at christine.starnes@comcast.net

As you enjoy your spiritual journey, please keep us posted as you come across resources or opportunities we might want to include. [CLICK HERE](#) for the May 2018 edition of the Spiritual Development Newsletter and [SIGN UP HERE](#) today to receive future email publications.

Stewardship of Creation

Earth Day is Every Day

Contributed by Freya Neely

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



April 22 was Earth Day, a time set aside to honor Creation and to learn how we can all be better stewards of the earth and our environment. But actually, Earth Day is Every Day! The theme of this year's Earth Day and the on-going effort for each day is: End Plastic Pollution.

Plastic pollution is poisoning our oceans and land, injuring marine life, and affecting our health! Earth Day Network in 2018 and beyond is dedicated to providing the information and inspiration needed to fundamentally change human attitude and behavior about plastics. Take Personal Responsibility to End Plastic Pollution.

Currently about 300 million tons of plastic are produced each year to make bags, bottles, packages, and other commodities for people all over the world. Unfortunately, only about ten percent of this plastic is properly recycled and reused. The rest ends up as waste in landfills or as litter in our natural environment, where it leaches dangerous chemicals into the nearby soil and water, endangering humans and wildlife alike.

Earth Day Network is asking governments, businesses, and individuals to End Plastic Pollution. Plastic pollution is not only impacting our waters and marine life, but also the food chain and our overall health. The world must perceive plastics not only as the environmental challenge of global proportions but a symbol of the values that need to change to build a more sustainable and just world.



Take a pledge: Think about the impact of your use of plastic, and cut back at every opportunity you can. One easy thing to eliminate is PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES, which have many negative impacts, a few of which are: a) depleting vital aquifers, b) causing pollution in the manufacturing of the bottles, c) leaching dangerous chemicals and d) creating unsightly litter. Much of the water is wasted and many of the bottles go in the garbage or on the side of our roads. Take personal responsibility for the plastic pollution that each one of us generates by choosing to reduce, refuse, reuse, recycle and remove plastics.

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10

Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. I Corinthians 4:2

Garden Guild Workday

Thursday, May 3rd

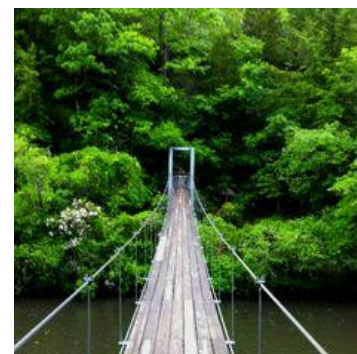
9:00 am

Wear gardening gloves & bring
your shears!

Camp McDowell Summer Camp

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

[CLICK HERE](#) for more
information.





Daughters of the King

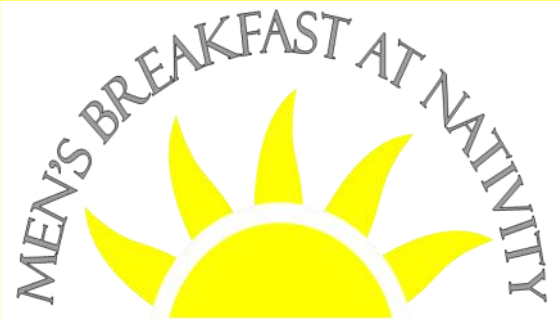
We invite all ladies of Nativity to join us!

Tuesday May 15, 2018

11:30 A.M. in Ridley Hall.

Lunch cost is \$7.00. You will need a lunch Reservation.

Contact Joan East joaneast@knology.net or 804-731-3429 for more information and lunch reservations.



SECOND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

7:00am

TUESDAY, MAY 8

RIDLEY HALL



The Mission Guild cordially invites you to attend our White Elephant Sale & Monthly Meeting

May 21, 2018

10:00 am

Joffrion Library

We will bring salads to share and a few desserts. Our wonderful Auctioneer will be Jimmy Lou Horton. Please bring Bingo prizes for the Aquarius Club. We extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join us. Hope to see all of you!

Questions, Joan East 804-731-3429 or joaneast@knology.net

2018 Altar Flower Dedications

Your Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Dates Available: June 17, 24, July 1, August 12, 19, September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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





Sunday, May 6, 10:00 am, Ridley Hall

Join us during the Sunday school hour for a special presentation

Impacting our community one tomato at a time!

Refreshments, door prizes & fun!

Questions: greenestreetmarket@gmail.com

The outdoor Greene Street Market opens Thursday May 3 , 2018 at 4:00pm. We hope you will come and enjoy the fun - Microwave Dave, fresh produce, meats, cheeses, flowers, popsicles, art, and lots more.

The Greene Street Market Store is open Monday – Friday from 10 – 2 and on Sunday from 10 – 1. We have fresh strawberries, spinach, arugula, spring salad mix and radishes as well as lots of local gift items.

Become a “Friend of Greene Street”. Greene Street is a 501c(3). Any gift is welcome; profits from Greene Street go to the Outreach programs at Nativity. When you give \$100 or more, you will receive half of that donation back in Greene Street “bucks”. Please call Pattie Cline (256 651 6497) or Marilyn Evans (256 6824429) for more information.

COMPLINE



Every Sunday from April 8th-May 20th at 8:00pm, join us for this ancient service of night prayer sung by a quartet from the choir. This 30 minute service will be filled with unaccompanied chant, hymns, and anthems, and will be a respite in the midst of a seemingly chaotic world.

PARISH LIFE AT NATIVITY

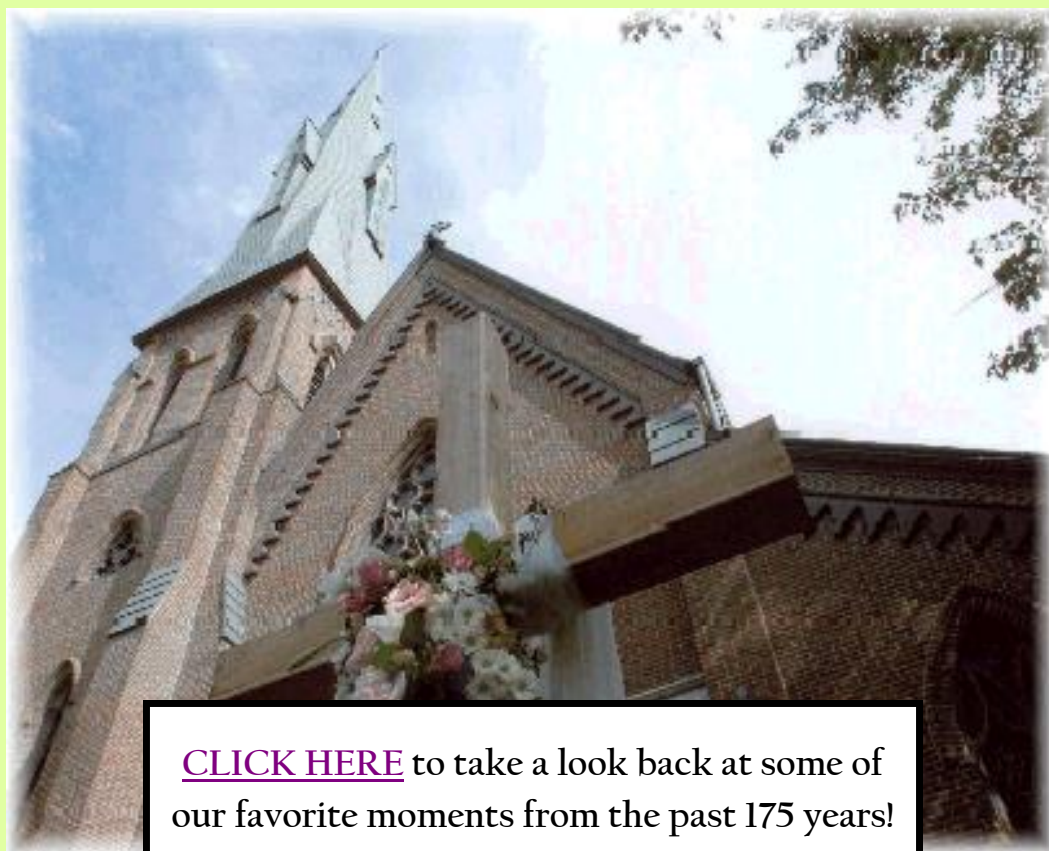


Confirmation Retreat

Beautiful flowers in bloom at Nativity. Thank you Garden Guild for all your hard work!



Nativity Youth at playing putt-putt with First Presbyterian.



[CLICK HERE](#) to take a look back at some of our favorite moments from the past 175 years!

You can also visit the Nativity website for a link to the video.



Henry Champlin Lay

Second Rector (1847-1859)

175th Birthday Fun Facts 1843-1853

- ◇ The Church of the Nativity is the 3rd oldest in the city of Huntsville. First United Methodist Church was founded in 1808 and First Presbyterian Church was founded in 1819.
- ◇ Before building a church, Nativity members held services at the Madison County Courthouse, the Masonic Lodge and First Presbyterian Church.
- ◇ The Church of the Nativity was formally received in to the Diocese of Alabama in 1843.
- ◇ In 1845, the current lot was purchased for \$500.00. The first church was built for a total of \$4,000.00. It was a sixty by thirty-foot brick structure with a small bell tower.
- ◇ Rev. Laird served as our first rector.
- ◇ Rev. Henry C. Lay served as our second rector. Rev. Lay came from Virginia with his wife Elizabeth in 1847. His salary was \$700.00 a year with board at \$300.00 a year. A parishioner wrote of Rev. Lay, "A smooth-faced boy, with sweet gently mind, clean, within and without, with scholarly attainments, zealous as a churchman, earnestly seeking souls, was the way Mr. Lay, the twenty-three-year-old missionary, impressed his little congregation when he first arrived among them. By precept and example, he won respect, reverence and love of the community, regardless of denominational preference."



175th Celebration special events!

June 25-27, Vacation Bible School

"Oh, The Places We Have Been!"

Sunday, July 15, 11:00 am

Centennial Lemonade in the Shade

Sunday, August 26, 11:00am

Rally Day Picnic and 175th Kick Off Celebration

Guest Preacher Each Sunday in September

Sunday, September 9th and 16th, 12:00 noon

Family-Style Sunday Lunch in Ridley Hall

Sunday, September 23, 5:30 pm

Jive Hive Dinner Dance Party

Sunday, September 30, 5:00 pm

Choral Evensong & Champagne reception

For additional information, please contact

Mem Bryant membryant@knology.net

Pattie Cline clinepj@bellsouth.net

175th Celebration Co-Chairwomen

or Emily Rodgers, Staff Support

erodgers@nativity-hsv.org

Prayer Requests

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

Anna Spangler, Madeline Sitzes, Byron Hundley, Lee Coggins, Charles Smith, Doris Wesley, Elsie Olsen, Linda Mixon, Betty Fletcher, George Von Tiesenhausen, Shirley Cobun, Virginia "Ginny" Crump, Tom Booth, Dottie Hilcheey, Al Elliot, Lois Dreher, Phyllis Beck, Margaret Lichty, Fred Stucky, Anne Boles, Joel Nitz, Jody Mowrer, Suzy Naumann, JoAnn Moorman, Tommie Taylor, Gerry Nitz, Ted Bledsoe, Kevin Wahl, Bill Nettles, Leigh Wahl, Heidi Foreman

for the departed:

King Rivenbark, Billy Osby Rivenbark, Carl Schmidt, Mary Ann Peterson, Cecelia Duncan, John Will Taylor, Lawrence Lacy and Danny Wiginton

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 April birthdays of our children:

5/3	Stella Allbritton	5/6	Lettie Cullion	5/7	Christopher Laney	5/10	Ellie DeFiore
5/11	Julia Cote	5/12	Anna Claire Stevens	5/14	Harriet Davis	5/14	Laura Nelson
5/14	Zoe Maddox	5/15	Liam Stafford	5/15	Lucy Baggette		
5/18	Gertrude Aboudonia	5/19	Cornelius Allen, III	5/19	Jackson Morrison	5/19	Evelyn Warren
5/19	Anna Katherine Ayres	5/20	Evelyn Jones	5/20	Anthony Landers	5/24	Juneau Farrell
5/24	Lochlan Connelly	5/25	David DiFranco	5/26	Kate Hudson	5/26	Kelly Hay
5/27	Alana Boyce	5/28	Ivy McCurry	5/30	Alexander Crelier	5/31	Britt Webber

NATIVITY MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Transfers In:

Kimberly and Chris Rodgers

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

Romans 15:7

Parish Financial Report Period Ending 03/31/2018

	CURRENT MONTH	BUDGET for PERIOD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
Pledges Received	\$ 75,443.02	\$ 93,260.12	\$ 306,381.43	\$ 279,780.28
Plate	\$ 6,290.50	\$ 17,083.37	\$ 23,775.52	\$ 51,250.03
Other Revenues	\$ 5,694.28	\$ 9,083.26	\$ 11,868.40	\$ 27,249.94
TOTAL	\$ 87,427.80	\$ 119,426.75	\$ 342,025.35	\$ 358,280.25
Diocesan, School of Theology, & Outreach	\$ 22,156.30	\$ 24,827.26	\$ 56,924.62	\$ 74,481.66
Personnel	\$ 59,374.35	\$ 69,381.08	\$ 169,519.52	\$ 208,143.28
Other Expenses	\$ 35,145.16	\$ 25,218.43	\$ 67,435.89	\$ 75,655.13
TOTAL	\$ 116,675.81	\$ 119,426.77	\$ 293,880.03	\$ 358,280.07
NET	\$ (29,248.01)	\$ (0.02)	\$ 48,145.32	\$ 0.18

Parish Directory Updates

We are working on the 2018-2019 Parish Directory and we need to hear from you! Please take a moment to provide

your updated contact information and help us make sure that we are up to date!

[CLICK HERE](#) to go online and fill out a Parish Directory update card, or contact Emily

Rodgers at erodgers@nativity-hsv.org or

by calling the Church office 256-533-2455 ext.204.

Thank you!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE May 2018 - updated 2/26/18 *AEK*

WEDNESDAY, May 2nd

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Holland-Shuey	Lea Ann Barnett	

THURSDAY, May 3rd

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Monroe	Monroe	Sarah Watts

SUNDAY, May 6th - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Monroe	Monroe	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson
8:45 am	McCrickard	Monroe	Charlie Warren, Lewie Bates, Mike Ward	Youth	Youth
11:00 am	Foreman	Monroe	Peter Cobun, Virginia Kobler, Lee Hicklen	Marcia Cobun, Mickey Ellis	Aubrey Tycer

WEDNESDAY, May 9th

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Monroe	Joan East	

THURSDAY, May 10th

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	McCrickard / Serio	Sarah Watts	

SUNDAY, May 13th - Seventh Sunday of Easter

Bishop's Visit / Confirmation

*** Summer Schedule Begins ***

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	McCrickard	Serio	Lea Ann Barnett	Ken Barnett	Clay Sherrill
10:00 am	Bishop Sloan	Bishop Sloan	Sally Ann Culver, Hanns Billmeyer, Kaaren Dunn	Robbie Shafer, Ed Vaughn	Rhonwyn Watson

WEDNESDAY, May 16th

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	McCrickard	Cheryl Watts	

THURSDAY, May 17th

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Monroe	Charles Morley	

SUNDAY, May 20th - Pentecost

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	Monroe		Joan East	Allen Daniels	Melissa Kirkindall
10:00 am	McCrickard		Lane Mickle, Margaret Bibb, Patrick Quirk	Jennifer Dill, Lynn Sparks Lewis	Ronnie Rogers

WEDNESDAY, May 23rd

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Sloan	Sarah Watts	

THURSDAY, May 24th

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	McCrickard	Sally Ann Culver	

SUNDAY, May 27th - First Sunday after Pentecost

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	McCrickard		Don Lambert	Lee Hicklen	Ken Barnett
10:00 am	Foreman / McCrickard		Ralph Shuey, Peter Cobun, Tom Devenish	Michael & Sandy Brown	Martha Joffrion

WEDNESDAY, May 30th

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Holland-Shuey	Joan East	

THURSDAY, May 31st

Service	Celebrant / Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Foreman	Don Lambert

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7:45am	Peter Barber
8:45am	Bill Starnes, Allen Daniels, Randy Dill, Andy Kelly, Pat Sampson, Clay Sherrill
11:00am	Hanns Billmeyer, Veneta Billmeyer, John Lewis, Ernie Thomas, Susan Thomas

ALTAR GUILD

6 th	Sara Little, Caffey Litkenhous, Wanda Cobb, Sue Johnson, Mary Johnson
13 th	Debbie Joyner, Nancy Colin, Beth Pugh, Emily Moody, Jewell Reynolds
20 th	Judy Heacock, Connie Stephenson, Kaaren Dunn, Judy Vann, Peggy Serio
27 th	Mary Johnson, Sophia Rowe, Jill Chadwick, Rebecca Brothers, Anne Carter

CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE

April 30 th - May 6 th	May 7 th - 13 th	May 14 th - 20 th	May 21 st - 27 th	May 28 th - June 3 rd
Monroe	Serio	Monroe	McCrickard	Serio

VESTRY Member Of The Day

May 6 th	May 13 th	May 20 th	May 27 th	June 3 rd
Paul Bonner	Jason Angelichio	Jeff Johnson	Don Evans	Donald Christian
Margaret Gleason	Wendy Wilson	Dorrie Nutt	Bob Thompson	Michael Shipley

VERGER SCHEDULE

May 6 th	May 13 th	May 20 th	May 27 th	June 3 rd
Robert Dunn	Prentice White	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett	Prentice White
Hud Heaton	Don Lambert	Don Lambert	Hud Heaton	Terry Clevenger

Acolyte Schedule May 2013

This month we will transition to the summer schedule, starting with the May 13th Confirmation and Bishop's visit. The 8:00 service uses only one acolyte, so several names will be left of the list this month. Do not worry, I will get you on the schedule first thing next month!

Sunday May 6

8:45 A/M Nutt

C Ellie Walker, Alice Malone

T Alana Boyce, Clay Walker

T Will Pinson, Clara Keener

S Alice Malone

AS Cam Pinson

11:00 A/M Ward

C Margaret Bryant, Mollie Ward

T Ty Voisine, Madeline Alison

T ME Alison, Evans Bryant

S Betsy Bryant

AS Evan Ward

Sunday May 13 ** CONFIRMATION NOTE CHANGE IN SERVICE TIMES!

8:00

C Evelyn Warren

10:00 A/M Nutt, Putt

C V Dodgen, K Hunter

T Maggie Sanders, V Hinton

T Caroline Brooks, O O'Halloran

S Parker Sanders

AS Alex Ahearn

Thurifer Tess Lambert

Banners: J Huskey, Park Ellis, P Ahearn

Sunday, May 20

8:00

C Sarah Wheldon Hall

10:00 A/M Putt

C Elizabeth Evans, Dylan Chenoweth

T D Young, Carter Watson

T Ellie Webber, Warren Towry

S Thomas Aldag

AS Britt Webber

Sunday May 27

8:00

C Ireland Braudaway

10:00 A/M Sherrill

C JB Stockton, Sims Windham

T SC Hornsby, C Hornsby

T Alton Hudson, Thea Sommer

S Emery Windham

AS AK Ayres

NEXT AVAILABLE DATE FOR BAPTISM

The next opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Baptism will be Sunday, May 20, Pentecost, at the 10:00 am service. 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.

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vhinton@nativity-hsv.org

The deadline for the next issue is

Monday, May 28

CLERGY & STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Virginia Monroe

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The Rev. Bonnie McCrickard

Associate

The Rev. Robert A. Serio, M.D.

Deacon

The Rev. Dr. Basye Holland-Shuey

Spiritual Direction

The Rev. Van Foreman

Assisting Priest

Prentice White

Verger/ Wedding Coordinator

Christian Crocker

Choirmaster and Organist

Lane Tutt

Adult Christian Formation

Sarah Watts

Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Mary Coe

Children's Formation

Amy Brooks

Assistant Children & Youth Ministries
Coordinator

Audrey Clayton

Nursery Coordinator

Beverly Franklin

Finance Manager

Amy Kennedy

Worship & Ministry Assistant

Vicky Hinton

Communications

Emily Rodgers

Administrative Office Assistant

John Buyse

Property Manager

Marlin Wilder

Sexton

Regina Milton

Weekend Sexton

Sally Stockton

Kitchen Coordinator

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

A member of the clergy is *always* on call. If you need assistance from a priest outside office hours, the number to call *In Case of an Emergency Only* is 256.533.7007. All other calls including church or building and grounds issues should be directed to the main phone 256.533.2455 to leave a message for a priest to respond.

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2018 VESTRY

WARDENS' COUNCIL

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