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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.

THE STEEPLE

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY



SUNDAY FUNDAY



GOOD TIMES AT THE GREENE
STREET MARKET



CAKE, WIND & FIRE FUN ON
PENTECOST



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New Look for the Steeple

Notice anything different? The Steeple has a fresh new look, and I hope that you will find the articles inside to be informative, inspiring and fun. My goal is to keep you up to date on what is happening, and help you learn more about your Nativity family. Feedback is always welcome! You can email me at vhinton@nativity-hsv.org or call me at 256-533-2455.

Vicky Hinton

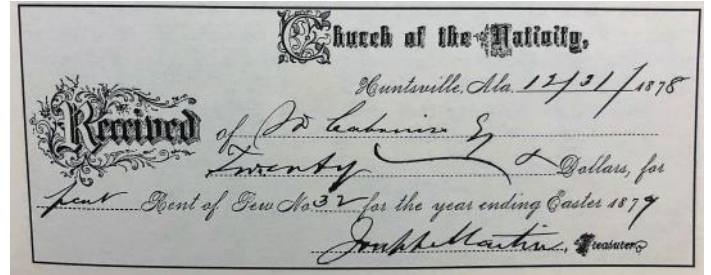
Communications Director

Celebrating 175 years

In 1903 one of the methods used by the women of the church to raise money to pay off the “floating debt” was to collect at least one dollar from each member. This money was to be earned by the contributor and handed in to the treasurer accompanied by an appropriate poem. At age fifteen, Miss Frances Thomas Jones, who was later to become one of the matriarchs of Sunday school, sent in the following lines of poetry, but did not include the dollar.

The Lamentation of Episcopalians

I made my dollar, and its hard to give away,
But the Church is in debt, so they all say,
On the typewriter I have to work by the hour,
Say pleasant things, and never look sour.
The women have gone mad on the “Improvement Society”
The Chorister no longer have a fund,
And Mrs. Owen Wilson is out of “mon.”
It is a horrible state of affairs,—
The organ plays all during prayers,—
The flues are out of order, we nearly freeze,
O’ you should hear the good folks sneeze.
The gas is poor, the lights are dim,
Old Mr. Coxe should repent his sins.
Half the Guild won’t go to the meetings,
And Mrs. Lucie Matthews does all the preaching,
On Sunday, the collection is so very small,
Dr. Banister don’t pass the waiter at all,
The cushions are shabby, the door hinges rusted,
I tell you the church is nearly busted.



Receipt for \$20 for six months pew rent in 1878

All that shines, is the brand new cross,
The men carry it, but the women they boss.
If we had a more favorable Cruse,
He might have collected the rent from the pews,
They say we’ve a vestry, but its out of sight,
Or else they do their work at night.
This is all I have to tell,
‘Tis from a friend who knows so well.

Although the teenage poet was a rather keen observer of some conditions existing in the church family, there were positive activities taking place in several organized groups.

This story was taken from the *Sesquicentennial History of Church of the Nativity, Episcopal* by Frances C. Roberts.



Thank you to our dedicated archive volunteers who have been instrumental in preparing for our 175th anniversary celebration. (LtoR): Bobbie Graham, Jim Payne and Lora Arnold.

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 & KICK OFF CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH & 16TH, 12:00 NOON FAMILY-STYLE SUNDAY LUNCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 5:30 PM JIVE HIVE DINNER DANCE PARTY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 5:00 PM CHORAL EVENSONG & CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION

GUEST PREACHER EACH SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER



A Church Called Nativity

By Rebecca Brothers, Confirmation Class of 2018

In August 2015, I ran a Google search that would change my life. I googled "Episcopal church Huntsville" and clicked on the first result, a church called Nativity. The church had a functional website, showing that it wasn't a dead church, so I dropped by one Sunday for a service. The people were welcoming, and the bulletin was user-friendly.

Perhaps most importantly, unlike the megachurch I'd visited the week before, nobody made me stand up and wait for a TV camera to get a clear shot of my sweaty face.

So I filled out a visitor's card with my name and address, and in the space for comments, I wrote, "What does it mean to be an Episcopalian?"

A few weeks later, I got an envelope in the mail with a personal letter of welcome and a booklet about the church's beliefs. Then I took Nativity 101, which taught me about the three-legged stool of Episcopal theological authority, a concept I immediately loved. Then I started volunteering behind the scenes. And that was that — Nativity has been an important part of my life ever since.

Two and a half years later, after a variety of factors were resolved, I decided to make my membership official and take the Seekers' Class in preparation for joining Nativity. It was an interesting experience, jam-packed full of new information about the

sacraments and baptism and every other element of life in the church. As a prospective member, I felt challenged to become more deeply involved in the various ministries of Nativity, in order to help make it an even more nurturing environment where other prospective and current members can grow in their faith.



Front row (left-right) Mary Ellis Alison, Madelyn Alison, Katie Garth Kelly, Tess Lambert and Vivian Brouse **Second row**— Evans Bryant, John Hutchens, Grant Howell and Thomas Aldag
Third row— Bishop McKee Sloan



Front row (left-right)—John Nelson, Allison Proud, Laura Lively Charlton and Rene Manley **Second row**— Alicia Taylor, James Ochoa, Dawn Nelson **Third row**— Peggy Gattis, Melva Ochoa, Donald Porch, Emily Cantrell, Rebecca Brothers and Hud Heaton **Fourth row**— Katherine Brennan, Bishop McKee Sloan, Derek Cantrell and Steven David McCurry



Mary Ellis & Madelyn Alison with Bishop McKee Sloan

My Confirmation

By Tess Lambert

My name is Tess Lambert, and I was confirmed on May 13, 2018. So, what does Confirmation mean? Confirmation is a sacrament, an outward and visual sign of receiving God's grace. Confirmation is important to me because it allows me to deepen my connection with God. My sponsor for Confirmation was Bayse Holland-Shuey, and she meant a lot to me. She guided and helped me understand more about God and Christianity. However, she couldn't attend the Confirmation service due to an out of country trip. Therefore, my father stepped in which also meant a lot to me. The Confirmation process was very exciting and interesting. During the process, I made new friends while strengthening my relationship and connection with God. Also, I've learned more about Christianity, scripture, the Lord, and the church. By learning more information about our religion and taking on responsibilities as an adult in the church, I feel more connected to God.



Tess Lambert (middle) with her parents Don and Rose

Confirmation photos courtesy of Donald Christian

Nativity Choir goes to England

By Christian Crocker

The choir is excited to announce they have been invited to sing residencies at Ely Cathedral and Westminster Abbey with the choirs from St. John's Tallahassee in July 2020. This trip will serve as a culmination of a partnership between the two choirs after three years of joint services. The choirs will sing services of choral evensong everyday as well as choral matins and Eucharist on Sunday.

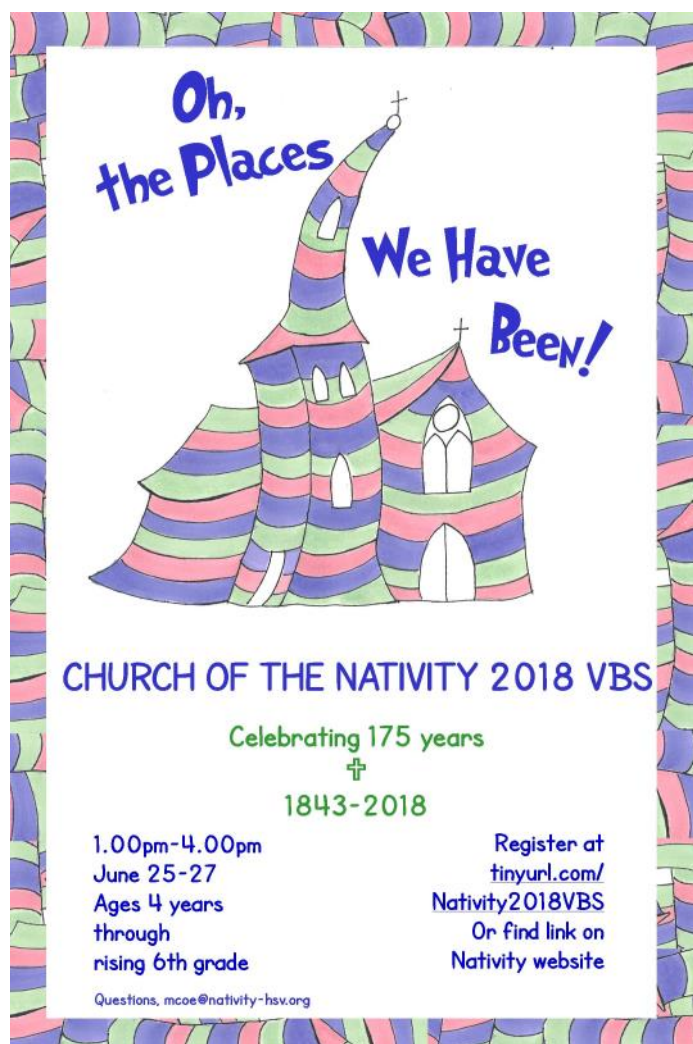
This trip will be a community building experience for all and also serves as global mission work for the Church. Please keep the choir in your prayers as they begin preparing for what is to be an unforgettable experience.



Pictured above: Westminster Abbey

Pictured left: Ely Cathedral

Summertime on Angel Lane



JOIN US FOR VBS JUNE 25-27

1:00 TO 4:00PM

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

Registration <https://tinyurl.com/Nativity2018VBS> for children age 4 (by 9/1/18) through rising 6th grade. Please register by June 10th to reserve a t-shirt for your child. Questions, mcoe@nativity-hsv.org.

CLUB 56@VBS

All rising 5th and 6th graders are welcome to join us for *Oh the Places We Have Been* VBS "Club 56 style". We'll be doing outreach projects and going on some fun excursions! Please register by June 10th to reserve a t-shirt. <https://tinyurl.com/Nativity2018VBS>

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

We are in summer mode, going to the playground for a story and playtime. All the supplies and instructions are provided for you; we just need some willing friends to spend a few minutes with our children. A few spots remain open for June and August chapel helpers during the 10:00 service. 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:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ca8a62ca2fc1-2018>.

Email questions to mcoe@nativity-hsv.org.



Oh the places you will go!

Nativity would like to wish our graduating seniors all the best! You will be in our prayers as you head off on your new adventure!

O Lord God, who has called us Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden and through perils unknown: Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us. Amen. -Nolden Village



Alec Bonner - Appalachian State University
Margaret Bryant - University of Alabama
Bankston Creech - Bryn Mawr
David DiFranco - U.S. Army
Cole Greco - Auburn University
Harrison Hall - University of North Alabama
Katherine Hunter - Southern Methodist University
Ellie Walker - Auburn University
Molly Ward - Middle Tennessee State University

Ireland Braudaway - University of Alabama
Meredith Casimes - Texas Christian University
Tim Curran - University of Denver
Van Dodgen - Texas Christian University
Sidney Gunter - The University of Mississippi
Chase Howell - University of Alabama
Huston Moring - Auburn University
Evan Ward - University of Alabama in Huntsville
Sims Windham - University of Alabama

**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

THE LOFT
LIVING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

All rising 6th-12th graders are welcome to join us for JYC/EYC on Thursdays this summer!

JYC & EYC POOL DAY

JUNE 7
3:00PM - 5:30PM
GREENWYCHE POOL

Rising 6th-12th graders
Bring \$5 for entrance
Pizza will be provided

RIISING 6TH-12TH GRADERS ARE INVITED TO THE

**TENNESSEE
AQUARIUM OUTING**

June 21, 12noon-6pm

Youth will need money for snacks & cost of entrance:
\$29.95 + tax for 13 years or older
\$18.95 + tax for 12 or younger
Scholarships Always Available

Register Here by June 14:
<https://tinyurl.com/TNAquarium2018>

June 7th Greenwyche Pool
3:00-5:30. Bring \$5 for entry.
Pizza and drinks provided.

June 14th Little Rosie's 5:30-6:30.
Bring money for dinner.

June 21st Tennessee Aquarium
12:00-6:00 pm. Contact Amy Brooks for details 256-509-7783.

June 28th Children's Corner at Greene Street Market 4:00 pm-6:00 pm.

This Month at the Market

By Marilyn Evans

The 8th season of the Greene Street Market at Nativity is off to a flying start! We have many of our same wonderful farmers and vendors and lots of new wonderful ones, too. Come and check them out.



The Children's Corner is back! The youth departments of Nativity and First Presbyterian are getting together to sponsor two fun filled afternoons in the courtyard this market season – June 28 and July 26, from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. There will be lots of fun things for your children to do.

Another addition to the market this season is Arts on Eustis. From May 17 – July 26, Eustis Avenue will be closed to traffic on Thursdays during Greene Street hours. Arts Huntsville has arranged for several fantastic artists to display their works. Manic Organic and Betty Jo's Gourmet food trucks will be on Eustis with lots

for you to eat, and Green Bus Brewing will have music out in front of their brewery- lots to enjoy !

More big news-This year Christian Crocker and Nativity's Friends of Music program are working with the market to provide three Concerts in the Courtyard. After you do your shopping at the market, grab some dinner from one of our vendors, a beer from Green Bus Brewery (or bring your own picnic) and enjoy great music in the Nativity courtyard – blankets and chairs are welcome. May 31 – Black Market Haggis, June 28 – our own Microwave Dave, and July 19 – 45 Surprise. Each concert will start at 7:30 pm and last until ... they quit playing (probably 8:30).

Local markets help create community – come and enjoy yours at Greene Street.

Remember that Greene Street profits go back to our community through Nativity's Outreach Committee. Thanks for supporting our Greene Street Market and for buying local!

**CONCERTS
IN THE
COURTYARD**

THURSDAY, MAY 31	THURSDAY, JUNE 28	THURSDAY, JULY 19
7:30 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM
BLACK MARKET HAGGIS	MICROWAVE DAVE	45 SURPRISE

LAWN CHAIRS & BLANKETS WELCOME

PRESENTED BY: FRIENDS OF MUSIC
AT NATIVITY

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The Greene Street Market

Making a Difference

Boys and Girls Club Spotlight

By Madeline Mullins

Recently, a few members of the outreach committee visited two of the local Boys and Girls Clubs serving children in neighborhoods near downtown Huntsville. While there, we delivered a donation from Nativity that will be used to help fund supplies and equipment for a new STEM lab.

Boys & Girls Clubs give children a safe place to learn, play and grow. We were able to see this in action as we met some of the most selfless people serving the youth of our community. We came in as the children were being dropped off for their after school program. The place was buzzing with activity and very happy children. Beth Morring, director of development for Boys and Girls Clubs of North Alabama, is so passionate about the program that she works to support and that attitude was present in every employee and volunteer we encountered.



From left: Madeline Mullins, Beth Morring and Michael Shipley

The children of Huntsville are being impacted by the work done at the clubs in Huntsville. Most of these children would be going home to an empty home each afternoon, if it weren't for the

clubs. The clubs require the children to have good behavior and their parents to pay what they can afford. This accountability is a key factor to the success of the program. The work of the clubs has a direct effect on our public schools. The children that attend the clubs tend to have better behavior and are more prepared for school each day. There have been many success stories and these will continue to multiply as multiple generations are touched by the club.

The club serves children ages 5-18 after school everyday and all day during the summer. A majority of the programs are staffed by unpaid volunteers. Please consider supporting the clubs through volunteering your time, giving your resources or helping them with special projects throughout the year. Check out their website for more information www.bgcna.com. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact our fellow parishioner, Beth Morring at bmorring@knology.net.

Out in the Community

Blossomwood Snack Packs

Volunteers Ken Kelly, Dot Millirons, Lane Mickle & Louise Applegate finish up another school year at Blossomwood Elementary passing out Friday snack packs. Contact Lee Anne Bryant leeannebryant@gmail.com for more information about how you can help.



Habitat for Humanity

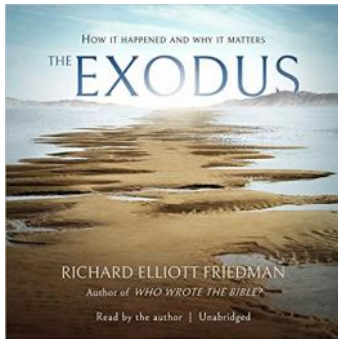
We have a roof! Work continues this week and volunteers are always needed. [CLICK HERE](#) for the updated build schedule. Contact Bill Giardini giardiniw@bellsouth.net for more information about how you can help.



What are you Reading?

By Nancy Colin

The The EXODUS How it Happened and Why it Matters Richard Elliott Friedman



This author is one of the premier Bible scholars in the country. His works are exceptionally reader friendly and thoroughly enlightening. I think his insight makes a sometimes complicated event make sense from the first page to the last.

To quote the jacket of the book - "Friedman cuts through the noise - the serious studies and the wild theories - merging new findings with new insight. From a spectrum of disciplines, state of the art archaeological breakthroughs, and fresh discoveries within scripture, he brings real evidence of a historical

basis for the exodus - the history behind the story. The biblical account of millions fleeing Egypt may be an exaggeration, but the exodus itself is not a myth."

Friedman succeeds in capturing the reader with fresh ideas of the importance of the exodus and how it has formed who we are today. These ideas include concepts such as monotheism and loving our neighbor. If you are interested in how this event has had a tremendous impact on our world and your life, please do yourself a favor and find this book .

Spirituality



at Nativity

Would you like more information about Spiritual growth opportunities? [Click here](#) for the Spiritual Development newsletter, where you will find information about local and regional retreats, classes and conferences designed to enhance your Spiritual Journey.

Centering prayer at Nativity presents

The annual Summer of...

CENTERING PRAYER, DINNER & A MOVIE

Meet at 5:30 pm Ridley Hall for Centering Prayer sit, followed by dinner and movie.
After the movie we will have a brief discussion.



TUESDAY, JUNE 19

Come Sunday 2018 TV-14

In this compelling drama, evangelist Carlton Pearson incites controversy among his peers and thousands of adherents when he shares his personal epiphany that there is no hell and that every person on Earth has already been saved.

Cast: Chiwetel Ejiofor, Martin Sheen, Danny Glover



TUESDAY, JULY 24

A Wrinkle In Time 2018 PG

From visionary director Ava DuVernay comes Disney's A Wrinkle In Time. Based on the timeless classic and filled with spectacle, warmth and heart, this celebrated film follows an ordinary girl's epic adventure and brave journey home, with the ultimate triumph of love.

Cast: Oprah Winfrey, Reese Witherspoon, Mindy Kaling.



TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

Chocolate 2000 Rated PG-13

A single mother and her young daughter move into a peaceful French village and open a chocolate shop during the height of Lent. At first, the shop's rich, sensuous desserts scandalize the town. But the villagers soon learn to savor the sweetness.

Cast: Juliette Binoche, Lena Olin, Johnny Depp.

Please bring a dish to share and join us for an evening of spiritual connection and sharing!

Please contact Benda Chynoweth if you have any questions: 256-464-9457 or brendacc@knology.net.

Stewardship of Creation: How to Gain 500 New Pets in a Day

By Rebecca Brothers



Two months ago, I received an email from my apartment complex's front office. "You have a package waiting for you," it said. I knew what it was, but I was sure glad the front office didn't know

what was sitting in their back room ... because it was a box of 500 Red Wigglers, a special kind of worm that's beloved among composters.

Red Wigglers are among the easiest pets to maintain. All they need is a few minutes of care once a week, as you fluff up their bedding and feed them your kitchen scraps. They're picky eaters — they don't like onions, garlic, citrus, meat, greasy foods, dairy products, or animal waste — but they'll happily consume all the eggshells, coffee grounds, tea bags, fruit and veggie peels and trimmings, and grass clippings you can give them.

For their environment, there's no need to shell out for a special multi-tier "worm house" or "worm bedding" made out of coconut husks or peat moss. My Red Wigglers live in a lidded plastic storage bin, which I bought at Target and drilled some ventilation holes into. For bedding, just give them wet leaves and damp shredded cardboard and paper, and they'll be happy.

Three or four months after you get them, the bin will be partially filled with dark worm castings, which the University of Nebraska–Lincoln reports as containing "five times more nitrogen, seven times more phosphorus, and 11 times more potassium" than regular soil. These worm castings can be worked into your garden soil like regular compost, with no danger of burning plant roots.

You may be wondering three things: "Why would I choose vermicomposting over regular composting?", "Doesn't it smell bad?", and "Why can't I just catch some earthworms and use them?" First, again according to the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, vermicomposting produces composted material faster than any other

method. It can also be a fun, educational addition to a classroom or household with young kids. Second, it might smell a little earthy as the worms work their way through your kitchen scraps, but if you keep the lid on and store the bin in your garage, the smell won't be an issue. Third, regular earthworms need cool temperatures and "an extensive tunneling system" in order to survive, neither of which they can get in a compost bin. Red Wigglers are specially suited to compost bins, and aren't as expensive as you might think — I bought my 500 worms from Uncle Jim's Worm Farm for \$20, plus shipping.

Finally, vermicomposting also helps the environment. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, 31% of the United States' food supply is thrown away every year. That's 133 billion pounds of food going into landfills, where it "contributes to the 18% of total U.S. methane emissions that come from landfills." If we can divert more of that food away from landfills and into home composting initiatives, the earth will be healthier for it.



Sources

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Camp McDowell Summer Camp

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

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



Upcoming Events



HAP Sunday is June 3rd

(Huntsville Assistance Program)

Items needed this month include:

Spaghetti sauce, mac and cheese, cereal, canned fruit, boxed potatoes, canned vegetables (carrots, potatoes, mixed) canned meat and canned soup. Place items in HAP bins located in Ridley Hall and the breezeway.



Garden Guild Workday Thursday, June 7th 9:00 am. Wear gardening gloves, a sun hat and bring your shears!



Daughters of the King June 19 at 11:30 am in Ridley Hall. We hope you will join us for a surprise guest speaker and luncheon. Reservations for lunch or questions contact Joan

East joaneast@knology.net or 804-731-03429.

Centering Prayer, Dinner and a Movie. Ridley Hall at 5:30pm Tuesdays, June 19, July 24 and August 28. We begin with a Centering Prayer sit, followed by dinner and movie. After the movie, we have a brief discussion. Please bring a dish to share! Questions, Brenda Chynoweth brendacc@knology.net or (256)464-9457. (More information page 10)



Stephen Ministry Commissioning

Sunday, June 24 during the 10:00 service we will recognize our new Stephen Minister graduates Lea Ann Barnett, Lisa Hardy, Hanns Billmayer,

Laura Pierce, Lee Hicklen, Bob Serio and their instructors. Stephen Ministers are a team of trained Nativity parishioners that provides one-to-one Christian care to people facing personal crises, such as: death of a loved one, divorce, terminal illness, unemployment, the birth of a child, loneliness, hospitalization or a spiritual crisis.

Vacation Bible School 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!](#) Registration open for children age 4 (by 9/1/18) through rising 6th grade.

Questions, Mary Coe mcoe@nativity-hsv.org. (more information on page 6)

Coming this Summer *The Messy Business of Adulthood is Something to Talk About!*

Young adults are invited to join Carl Gessler, Franklin Corley and Rev. Bob Serio for wine, cheese and a casual discussion series about the messy business of being an adult. We will talk about the physical, legal and spiritual aspects of caring for ourselves while we care for others. More details to follow. Questions, Lane Tutt ltutt@nativity-hsv.org.

2018 Altar Flower Dedications

Your Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Dates Available: August 12, 19, September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct. 21

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



Prayer Requests & Parish News

PRAYERS FOR HEALING IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT:

Dan Lester
Anita Johnson
Eric Olson
Joe East
Madeline Sitzes
Charles Smith
Doris Wesley
Elsie Olsen
Linda Mixon
Betty Fletcher
Georg Von Tiesenhausen
Shirley Cobun
Tom Booth
Dottie Hilchey
Al Elliot
Lois Dreher
Phyllis Beck
Margaret Lichty
Fred Stucky
Anne Boles
Joel Nitz
Jody Mowrer
Suzy Naumann
JoAnn Moorman
Gerry Nitz
Ted Bledsoe
Kevin Wahl
Bill Nettles
Leigh Wahl
Heidi Foreman

FOR THE DEPARTED:

Reginald Colin Skinner, Jr

FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:

Cecilia Grace Wood
Owen Alexander Proud

FOR THE NEWBORN:

4/27 Eliza Jeanne Hendrickson
daughter of Susy & Josh Hendrickson

FOR THE NEWLY MARRIED:

Tate Fredrickson & Tommy Coleman
Donna Joffrion & Kevin Smith

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 JUNE BIRTHDAYS OF OUR CHILDREN:

6/2	Prentiss Miller
6/2	Elise Roche
6/2	Jack Benton Stockton
6/3	Natalia Vela
6/4	John Gleason
6/4	Ellie Gleason
6/4	Alexander Bounds
6/6	William Greyson Cook
6/10	Nyssa Henderson
6/12	Jack Copeland
6/12	Ella Jane Duncan
6/14	Cora Putt
6/14	Colton Boyce
6/14	Abby Amis
6/15	Joshua Huskey
6/15	Ian Atrip
6/16	Alex Hereford
6/20	Lydia Kilpatrick
6/21	Aerin Elizabeth Watts
6/23	Vivienne Shedd
6/23	Chase Howell
6/25	Matilda Smith
6/26	Laura Kamelchuk
6/27	Mhairi Kerr
6/28	Charles Ayres
6/28	Katherine Hunter

Keep us in the know!

Do you have a change in address, email, phone or perhaps major life event? Contact Emily Rodgers at erodgers@nativity-hsv.org or by calling the Church office 256-533-2455 ext.204 and let us know.



Above: The Proud Family on Confirmation/Baptism Day

Next Available date for Baptism

The next available date to receive the Sacrament of Baptism is Sunday, November 4. 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.

Staff Update

Amy Brooks has been hired as the Youth Ministry Coordinator for Nativity, effective Monday, July 16th. Amy's energy and enthusiasm are well-known among youth and their families. Amy, along with Mary Coe, has worked closely with Sarah to create the exciting Youth Program that continues to flourish under the guidance of The Rev. Bonnie McCrickard. This is a positive transition for both Sarah and Amy and we, as a parish, celebrate with them.

We are hiring! Nativity is hiring a part time Children and Youth Ministries Assistant Coordinator. The primary focus of this position will be to maintain an energetic, welcoming and safe space for our 5th-6th graders to grow in their relationships with each other and with God. It is our hope that the Children & Youth Assistant Coordinator will work in collaboration with the Director of Children's Formation and the Youth Ministry Coordinator to provide continuity for the youth as they transition from 5th-6th grade (Club 56) into 7th-12th grade youth group (EYC). All resumes must be received in the Church office, Attn: HR Committee by Monday, June 4. Interviews will be conducted as soon as possible after resumes are received.

Acolyte Schedule June 2018

We will be in our summer schedule all month, so using fewer acolytes each week. If your name does not appear here, I'll try my best to get you on first thing in July! Thank you all for your dedication and duty this past year!

June 3 A/M Mike Ward

8:00

C Sarah Wheldon Hall

10:00

C Margaret Foster, Tess Lambert

T Caroline Hornsby, SC Hornsby

T Caroline Brooks, Thea Sommer

S Thomas Aldag

AS Clay Walker

June 10 A/M Clay Sherrill

8:00

C Cooper Gunter

10:00

C Bankston Creech, MM Creech

T Clara Keener, Alton Hudson

T Vivian Hinton, Riley Jane

Ragland

S Betsy Bryant

AS Evans Bryant

June 17 A/M Nina Putt

8:00

C Sadie Anglin

10:00

C JB Stockton, Josh Huskey

T Ty Voisine, Phoebe Duncan

T Carter Watson, Warren Towry

S Ella Jane Duncan

AS Anna Katherine Ayres

June 24 A/M Dorrie Nutt

8:00

C Sam Hartley

10:00

C Cameron Pinson, Patrick Ahearn

T Will Pinson, Anna Mullins

T Olivia O'Halloran, David Young

S Alice Malone

AS Alex Ahearn



Parish Financial Report

Period Ending 04/30/2018

	CURRENT MONTH	BUDGET for PERIOD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
Pledges Received	\$ 101,259.35	\$ 93,260.12	\$ 407,640.78	\$ 373,040.36
Plate	\$ 7,724.50	\$ 17,083.37	\$ 31,500.02	\$ 68,333.36
Other Revenues	\$ 12,530.00	\$ 9,083.26	\$ 24,398.40	\$ 36,333.28
TOTAL	\$ 121,513.85	\$ 119,426.75	\$ 463,539.20	\$ 477,707.00
Diocesan, School of Theology, & Outreach	\$ 9,143.36	\$ 24,827.26	\$ 66,067.98	\$ 99,308.92
Personnel	\$ 61,400.88	\$ 69,381.08	\$ 230,920.40	\$ 277,524.36
Other Expenses	\$ 14,855.39	\$ 25,218.43	\$ 82,291.28	\$ 100,873.56
TOTAL	\$ 85,399.63	\$ 119,426.77	\$ 379,279.66	\$ 477,706.84
NET	\$ 36,114.22	\$ (0.02)	\$ 84,259.54	\$ 0.16

Worship Schedule

WORSHIP SCHEDULE June 2018 - AEK (updated 5/24/18)

Sunday - June 3 rd 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	Holland-Shuey		Sue Johnson	Allen Daniels	Aubrey Tycer
10:00 am	McCrickard	Holland-Shuey	Lane Mickle, Lee Hicklen, Linda Watts		Ronnie Rogers
Wednesday, June 6 th					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12 noon	Holland-Shuey		Joan East		
Thursday, June 7 th					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
6:00 pm	McCrickard		Don Lambert		
Sunday, June 10 th - 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	McCrickard		John Hendricks	Lea Ann Barnett	Shirley Hale Stuckey
10:00 am	McCrickard	McCrickard	Sarah Watts, Robert Dunn, Kaaren Dunn	Marcia Cobun, Lynn Sparks-Lewis	Adalene Bledsoe
Wednesday, June 13 th					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12 noon	Sloan		Cheryl Watts		
Thursday, June 14 th					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
6:00 pm	Monroe		Charles Morley		
Sunday, June 17 th - 4 th Sunday after Pentecost					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	Monroe		Lea Ann Barnett	John Hendricks	Melissa Kirkindall
10:00 am	Holland-Shuey	Monroe	Laura Pierce, Pat Sampson, Hanns Billmayer	Amy Creech, Bankston Creech	Martha Joffrion
Wednesday, June 20 th					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12 noon	Monroe		Mary Hendricks		
Thursday, June 21 st					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
6:00 pm	Sloan		Sally Ann Culver		
Sunday, June 24 th - 5 th Sunday after Pentecost					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	Foreman	Foreman	Allen Daniels	Ron Hogan	Lee Hicklen
10:00 am	McCrickard	Foreman	Lewie Bates, Tom Devenish, Virginia Kobler	David Collette, Camille Sommer	Fred Beck
Wednesday, June 27 th					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12 noon	McCrickard		Sarah Watts		
Thursday, June 28 th					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
6:00 pm	Monroe / Serio		Don Lambert		
USHERS					
8:00am	Josh Kelly, Jeff Ellis, Tom Ford, Melissa Helton, Bill Joyner, Gripp Luther, Grant Thomson, Peter Barber				
10:00am	Buddy Moon, Pamela Briggs, Ted Briggs, Kylan Laxson, Terry Clevenger				
ALTAR GUILD					
3 rd	Emily Moody, Wanda Cobb, Alice Lanier, Linda Watts				
10 th	Sue Johnson, Nancy Colin, Caffey Litkenhous, Sara Little				
17 th	Beth Pugh, Judy Heacock, Peggy Serio, Debbie Joyner, Anne Carter				
24 th	Rebecca Brothers, Connie Stephenson, Jewell Reynolds, Judy Vann				
CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE					
May 28 th - June 3 rd		June 4 th - 10 th		June 11 th - 17 th	
Serio		McCrickard		Monroe	
June 18 th - 24 th		June 25 th - July 1 st			
McCrickard		Serio			
VESTRY Member Of The Day					Notes:
June 3 rd		June 10 th		June 17 th	
No 8am Vestry Member of the		Day during the Summer Schedule		-----n/a-----	
Michael Shipley		Donald Christian		Dottie Crawford	
VERGER SCHEDULE					
June 3 rd		June 10 th		June 17 th	
Prentice White		Prentice White		Prentice White	
Terry Clevenger		Don Lambert		Hud Heaton	

2018 VESTRY

WARDENS' COUNCIL

Senior Warden-Donald Christian
Junior Warden-Grant Thomson
Treasurer-Paul Bonner
Assistant Treasurer-Don Evans
Finance Chair-Jason Angelichio
Clerk of the Vestry-Dottie Crawford
Member at Large-Wendy Wilson

VESTRY LIAISONS

Adult Christian Formation & Spiritual Development-
Margaret Gleason
Building & Grounds- Bob Thompson
Children's Christian Formation-Teresa Pinson
Communications and Technology-Shirley Hale Stucky
Hospitality and Welcoming-Jeff Johnson
Ministry of Worship and Music-Dorrie Nutt

Outreach-Don Evans

Parish Entities-Don Lambert

Parish Life-Fisher Hutchens

Pastoral Care-Kim Huskey

Stewardship-Michael Shipley

Trust and Endowments-Wendy Wilson

Youth Christian Formation-Shari Williams

Youth Representative-Sara Hutchens



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