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Church of the Nativity

December 2018



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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



Emily & Kimberly Rodgers volunteering at the Nativity Bazaar



Nativity EYC delivering food to HAP from the annual SPAM Hunt



(L to R) Jimmy Murphree, Richard & Elaine Hamner at Virginia Monroe's reception

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## Keep us in the know!

Do you have a change of address, email, phone or perhaps major life event? Contact Emily Rodgers 256-533-2455 ext.204 or [erodgers@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:erodgers@nativity-hsv.org).

## On the cover...

Mickey Ellis & Jane Wacaster volunteering at the Annual Nativity Bazaar..

Send your pictures from Nativity activities and events to:

[vhinton@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:vhinton@nativity-hsv.org).

# Nativity Parish

## Visitors

By Connie Stephenson

**F**or those parishioners who are unable to continue worshipping in our church services, we offer a team of dedicated, compassionate, and caring lay people. They visit once a month bringing smiling faces, listening ears, flowers, treats, and cards. But most of all they bring an acknowledgement that Nativity has not forgotten them just because their situations prevent them from attending.

Many thanks to Sally Fleming, Elise Goodson, Judy Heacock, Gerry Nitz, Jewel Reynolds, Candy Stephenson and Rusty and Connie Stephenson for their dedication to this ministry.

If you know someone who can no longer attend services, please contact Connie Stephenson 256-539-1707.



Pictured from left: Sarah Thiemonge and Sally Fleming

## A SERVICE OF ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS



Sunday, December 9th, 2018

4:30pm –Organ Prelude

5:00pm-Service

Nativity Choir and Choristers

Christian Crocker, Organist and Choir

Michael Gebhart, Organist

Benedictus in C-Charles V. Stanford

Seek him that maketh the seven stars-Jonathan Dove

Adam lay ybounden-Philip Ledger

Advent carol arrangements by Sir David Willcocks and John Rutter

Church of the Nativity

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# CHILDREN & YOUTH

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## **CHRISMONS & COCOA**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**

All 7th~12th grade youth are invited to help us trim the tree! Cocoa and breakfast at 10:30 am in Ridley Hall. Decorating will begin at 11:00 am. Pick up at noon. Questions, Amy Brooks [abrooks@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:abrooks@nativity-hsv.org).

## **ST NICHOLAS DAY CELEBRATION**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9**

During Children's Chapel, we will have a visit from St. Nicholas, then we will have a pajama party during Sunday School! Children will enjoy treats and fun activities during the pajama party. All children and fun adults are invited to wear pj's! We will be collecting gifts for a family we have adopted and the Huntsville Inner City Learning Center. If you would like to sign-up to bring a gift visit: [tinyurl.com/stnicholasday2018](http://tinyurl.com/stnicholasday2018).

## **PAGEANT COSTUME FITTING**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16**

Help us prepare for Christmas eve by getting a costume assignment early. 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade children will gather from 2:00~3:00 pm in Ridley Hall for a pageant costume fitting; younger children will get costumes on Christmas eve. If you can't make the 16<sup>th</sup>, children can get costumes on Christmas Eve at 3:15 pm in Ridley Hall.

## **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & BIRTHDAY PARTY**

**DECEMBER 24, 4:00 PM**

Ridley Hall will open at 3:15 for children to get costumes and pageant instructions. Following the service, there will be a Birthday party for Jesus in Ridley Hall. Stop by for a cupcake and special ornament for each child purchased as a gift by the Alice W Greenway Memorial trust.

\*Please note there will be no Children's chapel or Sunday school on December 23 or December 30.

More information about children's Advent & Christmas activities can be found on page 8.



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&  
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# ADVENT REFLECTIONS

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During Advent, all of our adult Sunday school classes will come together at 10:00 in Ridley Hall to have a hot biscuit and a cup of coffee while enjoying Advent stories and reflections about Nativity from some of our members.

## **DECEMBER 2**

KATHY HILL AND HER DAUGHTERS, HALLIE ANGELICHIO AND AMY NATION

## **DECEMBER 9**

HELEN VAUGHN

## **DECEMBER 16**

WALTER AND BETH THAMES AND THEIR DAUGHTER ELIZABETH THAMES FOSTER

*It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope.*

*~Pope Benedict XVI*

## Advent in a Box

Tools for a meaningful season of preparation.



For children 3 years old through 4th grade.  
Available during spaghetti supper 11/28 and Sunday school 12/2



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# SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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## **1st Sunday of Advent, December 2nd**

7:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite I, Bibb Chapel

8:45 am & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*

8:00 pm Compline

## **2nd Sunday of Advent, December 9th**

7:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite I, Bibb Chapel

8:45 am & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*

4:30 pm Advent Lessons & Carols (with incense)

8:00 pm Compline

## **3rd Sunday of Advent, December 16th**

7:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite I, Bibb Chapel

8:45 am & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*

8:00 pm Compline

## **4th Sunday of Advent, December 23rd**

7:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite I, Bibb Chapel

10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II\*

8:00 pm Compline

## **Wednesdays during Advent**

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

## **Thursdays during Advent**

6:00 pm Sunday on Thursday

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Bibb Chapel

## **Christmas Eve, December 24th**

4:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II,

Children's Christmas Pageant\*

7:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II,

10:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with incense)

## **Christmas Day**

10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I, Bibb Chapel

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

Please note: The Church office will be closed Monday, December 24th through Wednesday, December 26th.

The office will also close at noon on December 31st and be closed January 1st. In the event of a pastoral emergency please call 256-533-7007.

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## **SERVICE OF ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS**

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 4:30 PM**

The Nativity Choir will present an Advent service of Lessons and Carols on December 9th. The service is derived from the original Lessons and Carols established by the Choir of King's College, Cambridge. An organ prelude will begin at 4:30 pm, the service will begin at 5:00 pm. The choir will sing music of Bach, Jonathan Dove, Charles Stanford, and others. For more information about this service, contact Christian Crocker at [ccrocker@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:ccrocker@nativity-hsv.org) or 256-533-2455. \*Incense will be used at this service.

## **CHRISTMAS EVE**

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 4:00, 7:30 & 10:30 PM**

4:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Our annual Christmas Eve pageant with communion is perfect for families with children. Ridley Hall will open at 3:15 for children to get costumes and pageant instructions. Nursery is available for this service.

7:30 pm & 10:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Our traditional Christmas Eve Service with candles, readings and an extraordinary choir.

\*Incense will be used at the 10:30 service.

## **CHRISTMAS DAY**

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 10:00 AM**

Holy Eucharist, Rite II in Bibb Chapel

## **THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 7:45 & 10:00 AM**

7:45 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I, Bibb Chapel

10:00 am Readings & Carols

# COMPLINE



Every Sunday from December 2nd-December 23rd at 8:00pm, join us for this ancient service of night prayer sung by an octet 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.

# Learn Pray Play

2018-19 Nativity Sunday School

## Mark your calendar!

### DECEMBER 2 FOCAL GIFT PRESENTATION

Children will gather in Ridley Hall prior to the 8:45 service to help carry in gifts collected for 35 area foster children. During the 10:00 Sunday school hour children 3 years old through 4th grade will have the chance to create a Nativity scene drawing for the annual drawing competition. Winning drawing will be on the cover of the Christmas Eve 4:00 service bulletin.

### DECEMBER 9 ST NICHOLAS DAY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL PAJAMA PARTY

Children will present gifts collected for a local family and the Huntsville Inner City Learning Center at the 8:45 service as we leave for Children's Chapel. During chapel we will have a special visit from St Nicholas. During the 10:00 Sunday school hour we will have a Pajama party complete with treats and fun activities.

If you would like to sign up to bring a gift please visit: [tinyurl.com/stnicholasday2018](http://tinyurl.com/stnicholasday2018).

## St Nicholas Day & Sunday School Pajama Party



### December 9

Children and fun adults are invited to wear their pj's to church and Sunday school.

Our annual Advent outreach project is a gift collection for Inner City Learning Center and a family in need. For details and to sign up, go to [tinyurl.com/stnicholasday2018](http://tinyurl.com/stnicholasday2018).

#### 8.45 Service Children's Chapel

Visit from St Nicholas. Children bring gifts forward as they leave for chapel.

#### 10.00 Children's Sunday School

Pajama Party with treats and special activities

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

### DECEMBER 16 ST LUCIA CELEBRATION

During the 8:45 service children, carrying flameless candles, will follow Santa Lucia to chapel where they will learn about her and traditions around her feast day.

2:00 pm in Ridley Hall there will be Christmas Eve pageant costume fitting for first through fourth grade children.

2:45 pm All are invited to go Christmas Caroling with Barbara Bonner. Meet Barbara at Brookdale to start caroling at 3:00. Soloists and instrument players welcome! For more information contact Barbara at [barbarabonner919@gmail.com](mailto:barbarabonner919@gmail.com).

## Saint Lucia Celebration



December 16,  
8.45 Service  
during children's chapel

Saint Lucia will lead us out to chapel. Chapel children will receive a flameless candle as they come into church which they can light as they follow Saint Lucia to chapel

During chapel we'll learn about Saint Lucia and the traditions around her day.

Questions, Mary Coe, [mcoc@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:mcoc@nativity-hsv.org).

### DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

4:00 pm service with Christmas Pageant for children 3 years old through 6th grade. Ridley Hall will open at 3:15 for costumes and instructions. Following the 4:00 service, we will have a birthday party for Jesus in Ridley Hall. Stop by immediately following the service for a cupcake and gift for each child, purchased by the Alice W Greenway fund.

RSVP to [mcoc@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:mcoc@nativity-hsv.org) or 256-533-2455.

# All About Christmas Eve for Children

Our traditional **Christmas Pageant** will take place at the 4:00 service on Christmas Eve. This year, we are very excited to debut new costumes (pictured to right) made by our expert seamstresses for the camels, donkeys, sheep and cows played by 3's, 4's and kindergarteners. All children 3 years old through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate in the pageant.

Fourth graders play the major characters, and our fifth and sixth graders serve as readers and candle holders. If your child is in this age group and hasn't been assigned a role yet, please contact [mcoc@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:mcoc@nativity-hsv.org). Fourth through sixth graders will rehearse on December 16 from 3:00 to 4:00. Younger children do not need to rehearse.

First through third graders don't have pre-assigned roles but are encouraged to get costume assignments on December 16 from 2:00-3:00 in Ridley Hall. Children age 3 through kindergarten can get their costumes on Christmas Eve in Ridley Hall starting at 3:15. During the pageant, children age 3 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade sit with their families until their cue to come forward. More detailed instructions will be given on Christmas Eve.

**New this year:** Following the 4:00 service, join us in Ridley Hall to celebrate Jesus' birthday and receive a Nativity ornament purchased by the Alice W. Greenway Fund. This fund was established in 1917 to provide gifts to children of the parish each Christmas.

Please contact [mcoc@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:mcoc@nativity-hsv.org) with any questions. Can't wait for Christmas Eve!



## You are invited to Jesus' Birthday Party!



December 24  
following 4:00 service

Let's remember the reason for the season  
and celebrate Jesus' birthday!

Directly following the 4:00 Christmas Eve  
service, please stop by Ridley Hall for cup-  
cakeS and a gift for each child.

This is the 101st year the Alice W. Green-  
way Trust has purchased gifts for the chil-  
dren of Nativity.

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

## Children's Christmas Pageant 4.00 pm Christmas Eve Service



For all children age 3 through 6th grade.

**Dec. 16, 2:00 pm, Ridley Hall**

Costume fitting for 1st grade—4th grade.

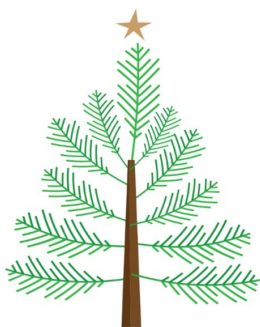
To help Christmas Eve be a little less crazy, 1st—4th  
graders are invited to get a costume assignment on  
the 16th. If you can't make this day, children can get  
costumes on Christmas Eve at 3:15 pm.

**Dec. 24, 3:15 pm, Ridley Hall**

Put on costumes and receive instructions prior  
to 4:00 service.

Children age 3 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade sit with their families  
until their part in the pageant.

Helping hands needed at both events. Please contact  
Mary Coe, [mcoc@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:mcoc@nativity-hsv.org). Thank you!



## CHRISMONS & COCOA

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15TH**

**10:30AM-12:00PM**

ALL 7TH-12TH GRADERS ARE INVITED TO  
HELP US TRIM THE TREE!

COCOA AND BREAKFAST AT 10:30AM, TREE  
DECORATING AT 11AM!

**\*\*MEET IN RIDLEY HALL**



Above: Jr. & Sr. high Sunday school classes helping prepare the FOCAL gift tags.



Above: Nativity EYC 2019 SPAM Hunt.

## UPCOMING DATES

**December 2nd-** FOCAL gift collection.

EYC (7th-12th grade) meet in Ridley at 12:00 pm for pizza and gift sorting.

JYC 4:00/EYC 5:00 night programs at regularly scheduled times in the LOFT.

**December 9th-** JYC (5th-6th grade) will meet for lunch following Sunday School. Drop off at 11:15 at Pane E Vino! Parents welcome.

No Evening programs!

**December 16th-** Christmas Pageant Rehearsal at 3:00 pm. Club 56 readers will need to be present to rehearse.

**December 20th-** All 7th-12th graders are welcome to meet at Honest Coffee at 4:00 pm for some holiday social time!

## Confirmation Retreat at Camp McDowell

**January 11-13th**

The bishop's next visit to Nativity will be May of 2020. If your high school aged child is interested in being confirmed THIS year, there is an opportunity at Camp McDowell. Please contact Amy Brooks for more details about the retreat and preparation, required for all participants.

Questions? Contact Amy Brooks 256-509-7783 or [abrooks@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:abrooks@nativity-hsv.org).

## Men's Wednesday Bible Study

We will meet for three one-hour sessions in January on Wednesday nights (9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>) at 6:00 pm in the Joffrion library at Nativity to discuss several non-controversial issues including: Eternity, Salvation, and the Transfiguration.

Yep. The Transfiguration. Do I hear soft snores and crickets? Somebody nudge Wheeler!

Most writers and historians define Christians as those who believe:

- Jesus Christ was divine and part of a Trinity
- Christ died for the sins of the world
- Faith (belief) in this doctrine is necessary for one to get into Heaven.

Do you know what never defines the term Christian? The Bible. Do you know who never once used the word? Jesus.

Ortberg believes Jesus would roll his eyes at the above definition because it makes no mention of the two things he repeatedly stressed as being crucial to entering the Kingdom of Heaven, which are—

Oops, I'm out time.

Hope to see all interested guys. Merry **Christmas**.

~Charles Morley

## Thank you Bazaar Volunteers!

For over one hundred years, Nativity's annual Bazaar has fed our community with food, fellowship and financial resources. 2018 was no exception.

Heartfelt appreciation to the many cheerful volunteers whose efforts continue the Bazaar tradition in our community!

We look forward to sharing our final report in the January Steeple.

Sincerely,

The Bazaar Committee



Hard working volunteers taking a much deserved break at the Bazaar

### 2019 Altar Flower Dedications

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Dates requested: \_\_\_\_\_

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

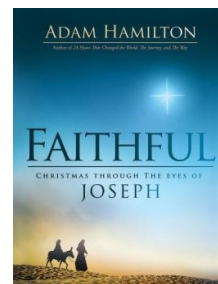


# What are you reading?

By Mem Bryant

*Faithful* by Adam Hamilton

We all know the virgin Mary, mother of Jesus! We all know about her sacrifices and about how she was blessed by being chosen to carry our Savior and about how she was a part of Jesus' life until his death. What we don't know much about is Joseph, father of Jesus. There isn't much written about him in the Bible, but what is devoted to him shows his true character. And because of his role, he is no doubt one of the most important people in the story of our salvation - he was Jesus' earthly daddy! Yes, Mary had to deal with shame and a complete redirection of her life, but let's not forget Joseph and all of the selfless acts that he contributed. *Faithful* by Adam Hamilton, does just that! The author revisits the Christmas story, but this time through Joseph's eyes. He takes us on a journey back in time and allows us to understand the complete male dominated climate and the risks and shame that Joseph took by staying with Mary and raising Jesus! From just these few but immeasurably important actions we already are given a glimpse of the heart of Joseph. Adam Hamilton walks us through some suggestions to fill in the blanks about Joseph's life with Jesus by building on what we already know about this great man! Is it possible that Jesus' lessons of treating each other with kindness and forgiveness were a result of imitating his earthly father?! Is it possible that because Joseph respected Mary and gave her value in a male world that Jesus also learned to value women?! So much of our behaviors and habits, good and bad, come from our home life. We watch our parents and how they deal with life and hardships and how they treat people, why would Jesus have been any different?! (Well, besides the fact that He is Jesus! Ha!)



The author wants us to ask ourselves what can we learn from Joseph? What does his life teach us today? I really loved this book, and Adam Hamilton's other "Christmas book", *The Journey*. I love the feeling of being back in the time of Jesus' life on earth. I love the obvious compassion of Joseph. I love that I can look at the Christmas story in a whole new light! This book is a quick, interesting and thought provoking read!

## 2018 Christmas Flower Dedications

Christmas dedications are \$20 each

Please complete this form with your check made payable to Nativity Flower Guild and return it no later than **Wednesday, December 12th** to:

Andrea Vandervoort, 434 Locust Ave. Huntsville, AL 35801

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION. If you have questions, you may call Andrea at 256.539.2673.

Your Name as it is to be listed in Christmas service leaflet (if you do not wish your name listed, please indicate)

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Name for this dedication: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the box next to the dedication you desire. All dedications read *To the glory of God and....*

☐ In loving memory of...

☐ In thanksgiving for...

☐ In celebration of...



# The Banister Room & Gallery

Did you know that the Banister Room at Nativity is also an art gallery? Thanks to the efforts of volunteers, local artwork is on display in the Banister room for all to enjoy! The featured artist changes every few months, and many of the pieces are available for purchase. This month's featured artist is Denise Riddle Schiber. Denise was born and raised in the Huntsville area and has proudly been a member of the Church of Nativity since she was a child.

Art has been a fascination as far back as she can remember and she always knew that she wanted to be an artist. Fortunately enough to take painting lessons for thirteen years from local artist Chuck Long, bright fresh colors and loose brush strokes are key to her paintings. With a focus on emphasizing light and shadows. The beautiful architecture of the Church of Nativity has been the inspiration for several of her paintings.

For more information about the artists and artwork featured in the Banister Room please contact the church office, 256-533-2455.



Above: *Peace* Acrylic on wood by artist  
Denise Schiber

TRIP TO THE 59<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS  
UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH, SEWANEE  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

LEAVE FROM NATIVITY AT 3:00 PM VIA LUXURY MOTOR COACH  
RECEPTION & DINNER AT ST. MARY'S CONFERENCE CENTER, SERVICE BEGINS AT 7:00  
COST IS \$60 PER PERSON (DUE UPON RESERVATION)  
TO MAKE RESERVATIONS CALL 256-533-2455 OR VISIT [NATIVITY-HSV.ORG](http://NATIVITY-HSV.ORG)

# Stewardship of Creation

## Ways to green your Advent and Christmas

By Freya Neely

Many of us would love to find ways we can do some good during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Here are simple ideas that can help you make meaningful and greener choices for your holiday celebrations:

- ④ Look around your house and count the light bulbs. This would be a great project for the kids to help with! How many of them are LEDs? Transition to using more LED lights this year. LED lights are up to 90 % more efficient than incandescent bulbs. LED lights are also safer because they greatly reduce the amount of heat produced, compared to incandescent lights.
- ④ Be aware of single-use plastics, and “throw-away” items that are used only briefly and then go in the garbage, or become litter. Give up the use of as many of these short-lived items as possible. Think less trash! One example: by using plates, glasses and real flatware for your gatherings, you can greatly reduce the amount of trash your household produces.
- ④ When preparing holiday meals, buy local and buy organic. Support Greene Street Market, local

farmers, businesses, and support the organic farming movement.

- ④ For family and friends, make their gift (or one of their gifts) a “surprise envelope” gift. Here’s how this can be done:



1. Select an organization or address a situation where you’ve been made aware of a need. Then in honor of your family member, give a meaningful gift which will help make a difference in the lives of families or children in our community. Perhaps you can even address some specific need of a family or group. Alternately, instead of choosing the recipient yourself, you could let each family member choose the organization to which they would like the donation sent to. Some examples of local places that offer life-changing help are: Second Mile, Boys and Girls Club, New Beginnings School, 1st Stop, The Community Free Clinic, Camp McDowell Scholarship fund. And there are others you will think of. Your neighborhood school principal or teachers may also know of specific needs that could be addressed.
2. Place an envelope on your Christmas tree with a message describing the gift and its recipient(s) and that

this is the person’s gift from you. This can become a tradition that is looked forward to each year.

As we make choices that will contribute to a better world, we all can rejoice in being good stewards of the Creation Jesus came to teach us to love, and we will be showing respect and regard for each other.

May you have a blessed, peaceful Advent and Christmas!

## Holiday Farmers Market

Sunday, December 16

1 pm – 4 pm

Church of the Nativity, Downtown Huntsville

LOCALLY GROWN PRODUCE

FARM FRESH FOODS

FRESH BAKED GOODS

LOCAL ARTISANS

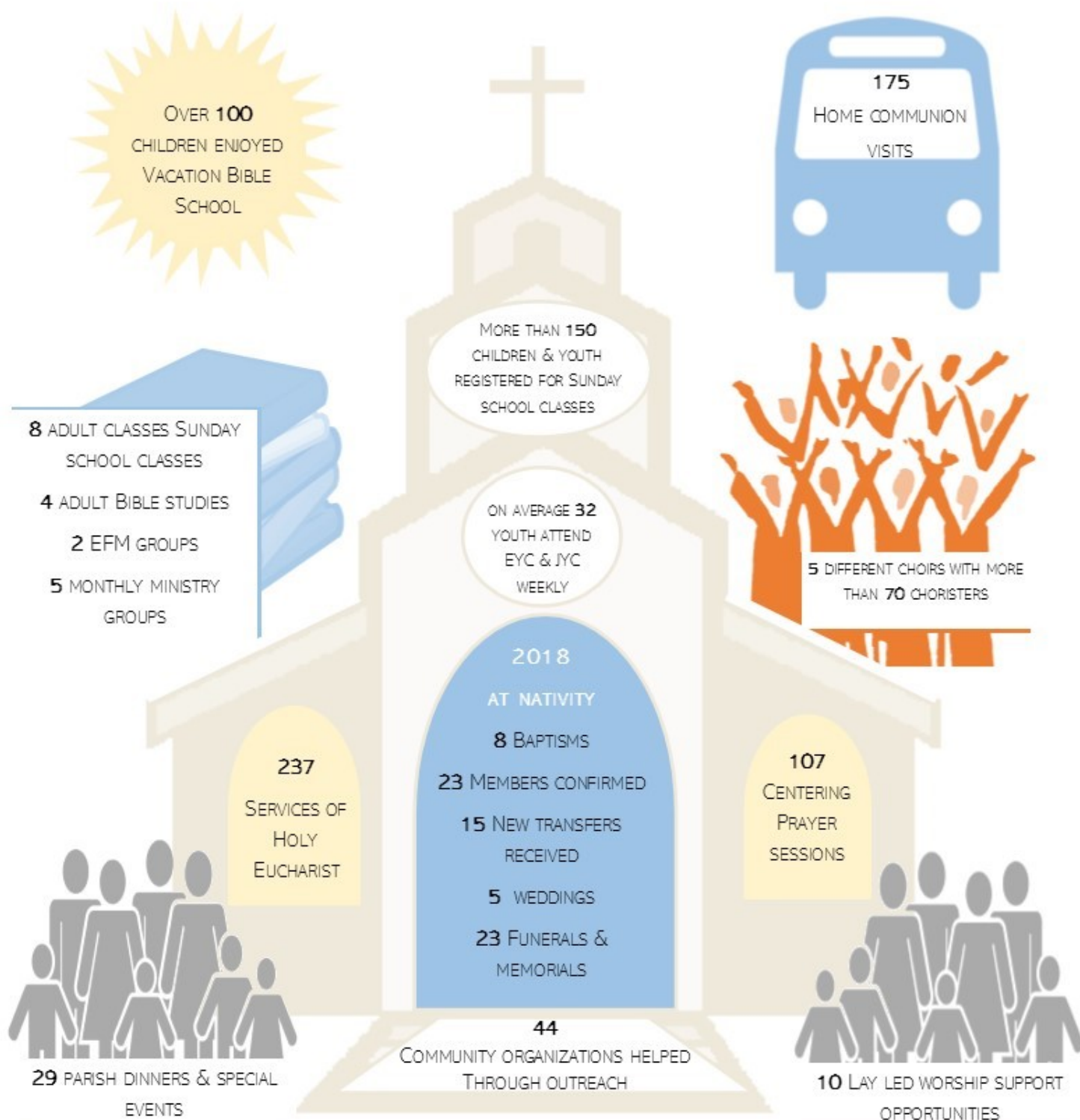
[www.greenestreetmarket.com](http://www.greenestreetmarket.com)



Visit the Greene Street Market Store Monday– Friday from 10-2 or visit Amazon SMILE (<https://smile.amazon.com/>) and click to support the Greene Street Market! All proceeds from the market benefit Nativity Outreach.

# 175 YEARS OF TRANSFORMING GENEROSITY

YOUR PLEDGE MATTERS! HERE ARE A FEW REASONS WHY!



HERE'S HOW YOU CAN GIVE TODAY:

**WRITE:** FILL OUT A PLEDGE CARD

**TEXT:** 256-530-7373

**SCAN:**

**CLICK:** [NATIVITY-HSV.ORG/GIVING](http://NATIVITY-HSV.ORG/GIVING)

**CALL:** 256-533-2455 EXT 219



## Upcoming Events

### HAP Sunday is December 2nd



Items needed include spaghetti sauce (really need), spaghetti noodles, cereal, soup, fruit, boxed potatoes, rice, canned meats and holiday cookies. Place items in HAP bins located in Ridley Hall and the breezeway. Thank you!

**YAMS** This is a busy time of year for all of us whether at school or work or simply anticipating the holidays. Take some time out to chill and chat with friends in the Young Adults group on Monday December 3. We will gather at 5:30 at Green Bus Brewery, next door to Nativity. It's a good time to breathe a little and get centered. See you there, and bring a friend!

### The Mission Guild



Thursday, December 6 at 10:00 am. We will begin our annual Christmas

celebration at the home of Martha Sue Hutchins, then at 11:30 we will move to 1892 East for a holiday luncheon. We hope you will come enjoy this chance to celebrate with friends. Please let Joan East know if you plan to attend, or if you have questions. Joan East, 804-731-3429 or [joaneast@knology.net](mailto:joaneast@knology.net).

**Advent Quiet Day** Daughters of the King and Centering Prayer groups from Nativity and St. Thomas invite you for a day of reflections and renewal with Mary Faulkner to welcome the Advent season. Saturday, December 8, 8:15 am-2:00 pm at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Reservations, 256-880-0247. Lunch \$10.

### Men's Monthly Breakfast



Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 am in Ridley Hall. Simple Eucharist at 6:30 in Bibb Chapel.

### Daughters of the King



Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, December 18, 12:00 pm at Cedarhurst. Please call Virginia Kobler and let her know what dish you would like to bring, 256-881-0854.

## Financial Report

### Parish Financial Report Period Ending 10/30/2018

	CURRENT MONTH	BUDGET for PERIOD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
<b>Pledges Received</b>	\$ 72,433.98	\$ 93,260.12	\$ 867,992.43	\$ 932,600.84
<b>Plate</b>	\$ 11,014.50	\$ 17,083.37	\$ 86,438.04	\$ 170,833.34
<b>Other Revenues</b>	\$ 3,185.56	\$ 9,083.26	\$ 121,299.67	\$ 90,833.32
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 86,634.04	\$ 119,426.75	\$ 1,075,730.14	\$ 1,194,267.50
<b>Diocesan, School of Theology, &amp; Outreach</b>	\$ 23,063.06	\$ 24,827.26	\$ 212,877.82	\$ 248,272.48
<b>Personnel</b>	\$ 59,579.70	\$ 69,381.08	\$ 568,394.08	\$ 693,810.84
<b>Other Expenses</b>	\$ 17,568.63	\$ 25,218.43	\$ 234,590.33	\$ 252,184.14
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 100,211.39	\$ 119,426.77	\$ 1,015,862.23	\$ 1,194,267.46
<b>NET</b>	\$ (13,577.35)	\$ (0.02)	\$ 59,867.91	\$ 0.04

# Prayer Requests & Parish News

## PRAYERS FOR HEALING IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT:

Robbie Baldwin

Mary Flynn

Bev Chase

Dwayne Kidd

Dorthy Goodson Snowden

Dick Wirtz

Prentice White

Bill Nettles

Leigh Wahl

Kevin Wahl

Ron Cook

Beth McCormick

Margaret Lichty

Jody Mowrer

Ted Bledsoe

Heidi Foreman

## FOR THE DEPARTED:

Tom Booth

## FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:

Sarah Collins Blank

Stewart Jane Davis

Eliza Jeanne Hendrickson

William Rice McCurry

Wesley Alexander Pate

## TRANSFERS OUT:

Joan Bennett, St. Stephen's,  
Goldsboro, NC

Claudia & Ronald Evans, St. Thomas,  
Huntsville, AL

## WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS OF OUR CHILDREN:

12/2 Jensen Goeke

12/2 Liam Stevens

12/4 Alec Huskey

12/6 Wells Whitfield

12/7 Sloan Dill

12/8 Margaret Foster

12/9 Jacks McClung

12/10 Patrick Reid

12/10 Vivian Brouse

12/11 Cecelia Grace Wood

12/11 Will Knight

12/14 Hope Howell

12/17 Maggie Sanders

12/18 Chandler Mason

12/18 Alton Hudson

12/18 Hunter Whitworth

12/20 George McCurry

12/20 Jewell West

12/23 Riley White

12/25 Charlie Vowell

12/28 Tess Lambert

12/29 Will Pinson

12/30 Nicholas Ocampo

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Big Cove, AL 35763

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◆TEXT YOUR GIFT Text the amount you would like to give to **256-530-7373**. If you are a first time, text-giving donor you will be prompted to visit a secure URL. Once you click the registration link, you will enter your credit or debit card information and the donation will process. You will see a get a text confirming the donation and registration were successful.

Online giving is just one option. If you would like to receive pledge envelopes to use with cash or check contributions for 2019 please contact Beverly Franklin at 256-533-2455 or [bfranklin@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:bfranklin@nativity-hsv.org).

# Acolyte Schedule December 2018

This month has LOTS of services! Please check the schedule carefully, as you may very well be scheduled for more than one service. If you are on the Lessons and Carols or Christmas Eve services, let us know **immediately** if you cannot serve and find a sub. Thanks for supporting this important ministry at Nativity during one of our most special seasons!

## Sunday December 2

### 8:45 A/M Putt

C S Hartley, Elizabeth Evans  
T Daniel Starnes, Ty Voisine  
T Drew Dodgen, Alana Boyce  
S Alice Malone  
AS Olivia OHalloran  
**11:00 A/M Nutt**  
C Riley Kamelchuk  
T Laura Kamelchuk  
T Caroline Hornsby  
S Carter Watson  
AS SC Hornsby

## Sunday December 9

### 8:45 A/M Ward

C Parker Sanders, SW Hall  
T Phoebe Duncan, Jacks McClung  
T Maggie Sanders, RJ Ragland  
S Ella Jane Duncan  
AS Caroline Brooks  
**11:00 A/M Sherrill**  
C Betsy Bryant  
T Catherine Hendricks  
T Evans Bryant  
S Emery Windham  
AS Evans Bryant

## Sunday December 9

### LESSONS & CAROLS 5:00 pm

**\*\*arrive NO LATER than 4:40**

Thurifer: Tess Lambert

C Alice Malone  
T Alana Boyce, Clara Keener

## Sunday December 16

### 8:45 A/M Sherrill

C Joshua Huskey, Park Ellis  
T Caroline Ayers, Lucy Ellis  
T Alec Huskey, AK Ayers  
S AK Ayers  
AS Thomas Aldag  
**11:00 A/M Nutt**  
C JB Stockton, Dylan Chenoweth  
T Mary Ellis Alison  
T Madelyn Alison  
S JB Stockton  
AS Luke Alison

## Sunday December 23

### 10:00 NOTE DIFFERENT SERVICE TIME A/M Putt

C Margaret Foster, Patrick Ahearn  
T Anna Mullins  
T Alex Ahearn  
S Mary Maddox Creech  
AS Alton Hudson

## Christmas Eve

### Monday, December 24

#### 4:00 pm A/M Putt, Nutt

**\*Arrive NO LATER than 3:40**

C Evelyn Warren, Elizabeth Evans  
T Caroline Ayres, RJ Ragland  
T Clara Keener, Olivia O'Halloran  
S Clay Walker  
AS Charles Warren  
Banners: AK Ayres, Anna Mullins,  
Alana Boyce

## Christmas Eve

### Monday, December 24

#### 7:30 pm A/M Ward, Nutt

**\* Arrive NO LATER than 7:10**

C Britt Webber, Sam Hartley  
T Elizabeth Rainey, David Young  
T Ellie Webber, Thea Sommer  
S Emery Windham  
AS Alton Hudson  
Banners: Jed Rainey, Alton Hudson,  
Emery Windham

## Christmas Eve

### Monday, December 24

#### 10:30 pm A/M Nutt

**\*Arrive NO later than 10:10**

Thurifer Cooper Gunter  
C JB Stockton, Park Ellis  
T Lucy Ellis  
T Carter Watson  
S Tess Lambert  
AS Vivian Hinton  
Banners Alice Malone

## Sunday December 30

### 10:00 NOTE DIFFERENT SERVICE TIME A/M Ward

C Cameron Pinson  
T Macy Baker  
T Will Pinson  
S Will Pinson  
AS Cameron Pinson

# Worship Schedule

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE December, 2018 - AEK (updated 11/20/18)

### SUNDAY, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Sloan	Serio	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson
8:45 am	Sloan	Serio	Lewie Bates, Robert Dunn, Kaaren Dunn	Camille Sommer	Lane Mickle
11:00 am	Elliott	Serio	Pat Sampson, Tom Devenish, Laura Pierce	Marcia Cobun, Debbie Collette	Rhonwyn Watson

### WEDNESDAY, December 5<sup>th</sup>

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Elliott		Cheryl Watts

### THURSDAY, December 6<sup>th</sup>

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

### SUNDAY, December 9<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Sloan		John Hendricks	John Hendricks	John Hendricks
8:45 am	Elliott	Sloan	Mike Ward, Lane Mickle, Charlie Warren	Allen Daniels	Joan East
11:00 am	Elliott	Sloan	Linda Watts, Laura Pierce, Walter Thames	John Nelson, David Collette	Fred Beck

### WEDNESDAY, December 12<sup>th</sup>

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Sloan	Sloan	Mary Hendricks

### THURSDAY, December 13<sup>th</sup>

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Foreman		Charles Morley

### SUNDAY, December 16<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Elliott		Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett
8:45 am	Sloan	Elliott	Lee Hicklen, Joan East, Darlene Ehinger	Meissa Kirkindall	Shirley Hale Stucky
11:00 am	Sloan	Elliott	Peter Cobun, Pat Quirk, Margaret Bibb	Mike Brown, Sandy Brown	Adalene Bledsoe

### WEDNESDAY, December 19<sup>th</sup>

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Elliott		Joan East

### THURSDAY, December 20<sup>th</sup>

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

### SUNDAY, December 23<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Service	Celebrant / Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Sloan	Don Lambert	Don Lambert	Don Lambert
10:00 am	Elliott Sloan	Tom Devenish, Hanns Billmeyer, Virginia Kobler	John Conover, Lynn Sparks Lewis	Sally Ann Culver

### MONDAY, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector
4:00 pm	Elliott		Lee Hicklen, Ralph Shuey, Walter Thames, Linda Watts	The Children
7:30 pm	Sloan	Elliott	Joan East, Mike Ward	Robbie Shafer, Mike Innes
10:30 pm	Sloan	Elliott	Pat Sampson, Virginia Kobler, Peter Cobun, Sally Ann Culver, Sue Johnson	Marcia Cobun, Steve Johnson

### TUESDAY, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Day

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
10:00 am	Elliott		John Hendricks	John Hendricks	John Hendricks

### WEDNESDAY, December 26<sup>th</sup> (NO SERVICE)

### THURSDAY, December 27<sup>th</sup>

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Sloan		Don Lambert

### SUNDAY, December 30<sup>th</sup>, The First Sunday after Christmas Day

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Sloan		John Hendricks	John Hendricks	John Hendricks
10:00 am	Sloan		Lee Hicklen, Lewie Bates, Peter Cobun	Elaine Hamner, Ronnie Rogers	Aubrey Tyer

### USHERS

8:45am	Charlie Warren, Stuart Evans, Bland Warren, Kevin Webber, Don Wheder
11:00am	Buddy Moon, Pamela Briggs, Ted Briggs, Kylan Laxson, Terry Clevenger

### ALTAR GUILD

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kaaren Dunn, Anne Carter, Sara Little, Judy Vann, Gail Brown, Melva Ochoa
9 <sup>th</sup>	Caffey Litkenhous, Wanda Cobb, Nancy Colin, Beth Pugh, Judy Heacock
16 <sup>th</sup>	Alice Lanier, Sophia Rowe, Mary Johnson, Debbie Joyner, Jewell Reynolds
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Linda Watts, Emily Moody, Sara Little, Peggy Serio, Rebecca Brothers, Anne Carter, Judy Vann, Melva Ochoa
30 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Colin, Wanda Cobb, Judy Heacock, Beth Pugh, Gail Brown

### CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE

Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup> - Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup>	Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup>	Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup>
Serio	Sloan	Serio	Sloan	Elliott

### SUNDAY VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY SCHEDULE

December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	December 9 <sup>th</sup>	December 16 <sup>th</sup>	December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	December 30 <sup>th</sup>
Shirley Hale Stucky	Donald Christian	Don Evans	10am Service	10am Service
Dottie Crawford	Kim Huskey	Wendy Wilson	Margaret Gleason	Fisher Hutchens

### VERGER SCHEDULE

December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	December 9 <sup>th</sup>	December 16 <sup>th</sup>	December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	December 30 <sup>th</sup>
Don Lambert	Lea Ann Barnett	Robert Dunn		
Hud Heaton	Terry Clevenger	Don Lambert	Hud Heaton	

### December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve VERGER Schedule:

4pm: Lea Ann Barnett

7:30pm: Terry Clevenger

10:30pm: Terry Clevenger

## 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



From left: Rev. Dr. Virginia Monroe &  
Senior Warden, Donald Christian at  
Virginia's going away reception

**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*