

THE STEEPLE

Church of the Nativity

January 2019



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EYC preparing FOCAL gifts to deliver



From left: Robert Rodgers, Paul Elliott and Paul Bonner at the Vestry Christmas Party.



Members of the Novice Choir sang Christmas carols at Brookdale Assisted Living.

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.

On the cover...

Finn O'Halloran leading the way as St. Lucia during Children's Chapel.

Send your pictures from Nativity activities and events to:

vhinton@nativity-hsv.org.

Christmas at Nativity...



A New Chapter Begins

I hope each of you have recovered from a joyful and Merry Christmas, and are enjoying the Christmastide season. It is with great excitement I share the good news that your Vestry has called The Reverend Michael Goldsmith as the 12th Rector of the Church of the Nativity, Episcopal. (Many of you may know Michael is the son of The Reverend Rusty Goldsmith who served as Curate during the years of Reverend Emile Joffrion.)

The Discernment and Profile Committees worked prayerfully for hundreds of hours and presented Reverend Goldsmith as their candidate. This occurred at a specially called Vestry meeting, wherein all eighteen members of the 2018 Vestry unanimously accepted Reverend Goldsmith as our new Rector.

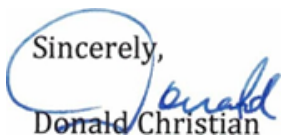
We are excited and overjoyed to welcome Father Michael, his wife Kana, and their three children to Nativity and to Huntsville. Reverend Goldsmith plans to officially begin his duties as Rector on Friday, February 1, 2019. I hope everyone will plan to attend services on Sunday, February 3, 2019 to hear Father Michael's homily and to welcome the Goldsmith family to Nativity.

Please pray for Father Michael and his family as they start this next chapter in their lives. Please also remember to pray for Reverend Goldsmith's parish in Rainbow City, Alabama during this time of transition.

Special thanks to The Reverend Paul Elliott and his wife Maria for their willingness to serve during this brief, but important, transition period, and also to The Rev. Dr. Virginia Monroe for her calming presence during the interim period. Thanks also to The Rev. Susan Sloan, Deacon Bob Serio, the lay leadership, and everyone on the staff who have worked tirelessly during our transition period.

We are truly blessed and have much to be thankful for during this Christmastide season.

Peace be with you all,

Sincerely,

Donald Christian

Senior Warden

Church of the Nativity, Episcopal

Meet Nativity's 12th Rector

The Rev. T. Michael Goldsmith has been serving in the Diocese of Alabama since he was a child. As the son of an Episcopal Priest, Michael came to Nativity in 1981 and began to learn what it meant to serve God through parish ministry. As a youth, he served as president of the Youth Department, and a Camp McDowell counselor. Before being called to seminary, he worked as a construction superintendent, professional musician, youth minister, and Director of Program and Development at Camp McDowell.

In 2013, Michael graduated from The School of Theology at The University of the South, Sewanee. Since then, he has served as Rector of the Church of the Resurrection in Rainbow City, AL. Preaching the Gospel and respecting the dignity of every human being is at the core of who Michael is. He believes the liturgy and traditions of the Episcopal Church are meant to point us all towards

a greater love for God and all of our neighbors. Michael is dedicated to transforming the world through the love of Christ. "We are called to live in community and humbly accept the gifts of others and share our abundance as we are able. This is the heart of ministry. Joyfully giving and receiving without the burdens of guilt, unworthiness, or the fear of scarcity." Since being ordained, Michael has continued to be involved in Diocesan ministries. He has been a Summer Camp Session Director at Camp McDowell, served on staff at Sawyerville Day Camp, and has been Spiritual Director at Cursillo.

Michael and Kana have been married for 22 years and have three children; Thomas (19), Gus (16), and Sara (13). They are all excited to share in the future of Nativity as we all work together to grow in our love and knowledge of God.



The Rev. T. Michael Goldsmith



Pictured above: Kana & Michael

Pictured right (L to R): Gus, Thomas, Sarah, Kana and Michael. Goldsmith



Learn Pray Play

2018-19 Nativity Sunday School



EUCHARIST INSTRUCTION CLASS

During this class, first graders will be introduced to the Eucharist in a fun, engaging way, and learn about why we do things in church the way we do. The class helps children better

understand church services, and participate in them more fully. Classes begin on January 13 and continue January 20, 27 and February 3rd. On February 10th, during children and youth Sunday, first grade families will have special seating at the 8:45 service.

Class meets in the Children's Chapel during Sunday school, 10:00 to 10:50, no reservation is required. We ask that each child bring a parent with them to class, as we talk about family and traditions. This class is designed for 1st grade students, however if you have an older child who would like to be part of the class please contact Mary Coe. Questions, mcoe@nativity-hsv.org or 256-533-2455.



EYC Dinner &
a Movie
Pajama Party
Thursday, January 3rd
6-9pm in the LOFT

JYC Dinner &
a Movie
Pajama Party
Friday, January 4th
6-9pm in the LOFT

**** Chaperones needed!**

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

Epiphany Folk Mass & Potluck Dinner

Sunday, January 6
5.30 pm

All-ages, camp-style folk mass with Cur-sillo Band and children's liturgy in Bibb Chapel.

Potluck directly after in Ridley Hall.

Bring a main, side or dessert to share.
Paper goods and drinks provided.



Special Thank You

Over the last two years LeaAnn Barnett, Margaret Devenish and Dottie Crawford have spent countless hours creating beautiful new costumes for our annual Christmas Pageant. Mary, Joseph, angels, barn animals, kings and shepherds by the dozen. These costumes help to make our pageant a colorful and lovely sight to see, and give the children a sense of pride as they walk down the aisle to take their spot in the scene celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are so grateful for the time, love and artful skill they have so graciously given to this project.



(L to R) LeaAnn Barnett, Dottie Crawford & Margaret Devenish



Centering Prayer Presents An Evening with Sister Mary McGehee

Church of the Nativity
Tuesday, January 15, 2019
5:30pm
Ridley Hall

Please join the Centering Prayer group at Church of the Nativity Episcopal for the annual evening with Sister Mary McGehee. Sister Mary is a nun in residence at Sacred Heart Convent in Cullman. Her topic of discussion will be "Hildegard of Bingen's Visions of the Mystery of God" - Sister McGehee will show slides of Hildegard's Visions that she wrote about and illuminated. This set of slides, with commentary, will focus on Hildegard's own growth in her understanding of the Mystery of God. Hopefully they will invite the viewer to explore their own ideas about God and help one to search more the depth, the breadth, the height and the fullness of the Holy One. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. in Ridley Hall, with a twenty minute Centering Prayer sit, then dinner. After dinner, Sister Mary will present her topic.

If you would like to have dinner, please call the church office 256-533-2455 and make a reservation. The cost of the meal is \$7.00.

If there are any questions, please contact Brenda Chynoweth at brendacc@knology.net or (256) 464-9457.

Spirituality



at Nativity

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





THE REV. STEVE BATES, RECTOR
THE REV. TOM WELLER, ASSOCIATE

The Rev. Paul Elliott
Church of the Nativity, Episcopal
208 Eustis Street, SE
Huntsville, AL 35801

Dear Paul:

December 10, 2018

Words can't express my thanks to you and my home parish for your help in this difficult time. Your gift of financial support has made all the difference in the world. We know we still have a long road ahead of us, but your assistance and the help of those like you, gives us hope. Because of contributions like yours, we were able to spend almost a month distributing supplies from the church. We were able to serve hot meals every day for over three weeks to anyone who needed one. We began winding down our supply center when we saw most of the demand had been met and as we prepared for our school to move onto the church campus. The school will not be able to be back on their campus until next school year. Currently almost 300 kids are having school in every nook, cranny and creative space they can find at the church. It's glorious chaos, but worth it. Who gets to come to work every day and get 300 hugs? They have leased 15 portable classrooms which will be located on the Church campus and they will be moving into them over the holidays.

We're still in the maze of insurance, estimators and trying to get in line for contractors. Once the school moves out, we'll be able to start on our facilities. While progress is daily, the enormity of this can sometimes be overwhelming. The largest of our two hospitals has been closed since the storm and announced last week that they would only be opening back up with 75 beds. That resulted in over 800 layoffs. Also, last week the only in-town mall closed permanently resulting in another 500 layoffs.

Over half of our parish are not able to live in their homes (including my wife and me) and are scattered everywhere from beach condos to Destin and Fort Walton. Our military members have either been re-deployed or are in limbo waiting to hear orders. It was announced last week that 80% of all buildings were either destroyed or heavily damaged. About half of the public schools are uninhabitable. Schools are sharing space, with high schoolers attending in the mornings and elementary students in the afternoon/evening. The school system estimates they have 3800 homeless students. The county, published a report last week that said 75% of all trees were lost in the storm. Only one nursing home remains and parishioners who lived in nursing homes have been scattered far and wide.

While all this sounds bleak (and it is), this has been a time where we've also seen the very best in people; not only with those like you who have been assisting but with the community as a whole. As a parish we've thought it important to maintain a sense of normalcy (I refuse to use the term new normal, as there is nothing normal about this) as best we can. Our new motto is "blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be broken. We've gone ahead with pre-planned events like our Pig Roast for Camp Beckwith, our Lessons and Carols service, Morning with St. Nicholas, Advent pajama party and rehearsals have begun for the Christmas pageant. Most all of our church programs and outreach ministries have resumed. We've had weddings and funerals despite floors missing and school supplies scattered everywhere. Folks are graciously adapting. Our annual Advent outreach will be able to help a number of families this year in need. With the help of a grant we're going to be able to make sure all of our backpack buddies have some sort of Christmas this year. And one of my favorite things about this season has been that we've decided to skip Advent (don't alert the Advent police). As a community we've had more than our share of waiting, anticipation and talk of end times. So, this year, the tree's already in the church and we're singing Christmas carols to the top of our lungs every Sunday and pretty much ignoring John the Baptist. It's been very meaningful and healing.

Thank you for generosity. Please thank your parish. Continue to hold us in your prayers. I am grateful for you all and take comfort in the knowledge that we are not in this alone.

With much love and gratitude,

Steve+

Outreach In Action

By Michael Shipley

Two of Santa's elves took deodorant, tooth paste, shampoo, razors, and treats, to the indigent prisoners at Limestone Prison. The state of Alabama gives



Above: Lee Hicklen & Michael Shipley deliver items to Limestone Correctional Facility.

them very little, and if they don't have anyone on the outside to put money on their books, they do not receive personal hygiene products like deodorant. So while we may take those items for granted, they are very happy to get toiletries. We buy supplies for 350 indigent

men, and we are very fortunate that our church, along with many others, are able to help provide these men with daily necessities. Please keep the 2500 men at Limestone Correctional Facility in your prayers.

Continuing Missions in Haiti

WE'RE CELEBRATING 15 YEARS!

Congratulations to our friends at Lepswa Timon "Hope for Children" Clinic on 15 years of serving children in Haiti through their Nutrition Program! Back in 2003, 10 years before the clinic's permanent location opened, Carmel Valdema set out on a mission to eradicate child mortality with a mobile Nutrition Program that served 760 malnourished Haitian children in its first year. Now, 15 years later, the Nutrition Program has grown exponentially and is now serving around 400 children a month! In the past year alone, 10,967 children from infants to five-year-olds were screened by clinic staff, and 4,795 were admitted into the Nutrition Program, where they received life saving nutrition and medical care. For more information about the Lepswa Timon Hope for Children Clinic that Nativity supports visit:

<http://us13.forward-to-friend.com/forward/show?u=f32182517a1fe62910598c21a&id=c2e9a60897> or contact Rev. Bob Serio, bserio@nativity-hsv.org.

Happy New Year, Baby!

Each year the New Year's baby parades across our view- the familiar hat, sash and of course- diaper! For some parents providing these essentials is a huge, constant and unaffordable burden on their budgets. Help us help them!

It is simple- bring diapers to Nativity during the month of January. You can deposit them at the nursery or in the bin outside Ridley Hall. The diapers will go to the Huntsville Hospital Foundation and packaged for distribution initially for families of infant and pediatric patients. There will be more distribution points in the future.

The Young Adults want to help--- won't you join them?



Adult Sunday School

Winter 2019

By Lane Tutt

We have several wonderful classes for you to choose from on Sunday mornings this winter! If you would like more information about any of these classes, please contact Lane Tutt ltutt@nativity-hsv.org or 256-533-2455.

SEEKERS CLASS (Bibb Chapel) We all have questions about the way this group of Christians thinks, acts, worships and prays so why not come to the class in January and find out more? If you are new to the Episcopal Church or to Nativity or if you've just been itching to learn the language, please join the clergy and staff members who will guide us gently toward some answers. The class is open to all and there is no commitment attached to listening, learning and exploring. January 15-February 24.

Social Justice Class (Banister Room) The Social Justice class is focused on looking at today's events through the principles of our faith: seeking for the service lessons each Sunday to guide attention, advocacy and action as we engage with the world. In Parker Palmer's *Healing the Heart of Democracy*, we will be examining today's politics from the perspective "better to be in right relationship than to be right." Led by Jennifer Dill, Jackie Sheldon, and Bill Starnes and coordinated by Freya Neely.

Zimmerman Bible Study (Joffrion Hall Library) This year we will study Romans 12 -16 and Philippians 1 & 2. Led by Elise Taylor, The Rev. Basye Holland-Shuey and The Rev. Deacon Bob Serio.

The Book Class (Ridley Hall) Sister Wendy's *Grand Tour: Discovering Europe's Great Art-Relevant universal themes explored through art and poetry*. Please buy the book before the class

begins. Discussion led by Lynne Vallely and Walter Thames.

The Breakfast Club – (Joffrion Hall, 2nd floor west) This class will use the book *The Eight Habits Of Love* by Ed Bacon, as their guide for casual discussion each Sunday morning. Led by Emily Rodgers and Amy Creech.

Chat and Chew (Children's Library, Angel Lane) A drop in Sunday school class for parents of younger children, located right on Angel Lane. Chat and Chew has no ongoing curriculum, but each week an article or idea on parenting, faith in families or modern struggles will be presented for discussion, or bring your own topic to the table! Coordinated by Iana Ham.

SAVE THE DATE!

FEBRUARY 22-24

WEEKEND WORKSHOP WITH

THE REV. ED BACON AT CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

MORE INFORMATION

COMING SOON!

NATIVITY-HSV.ORG

Men's Wednesday Bible Study

We will meet for three one-hour sessions in January on Wednesday nights (9th, 16th, and 23rd) 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



Nativity Men's Retreat

March 9 & 10 at Camp McDowell

Projects, Fellowship, Food & FUN!

\$85 for a shared room, \$135 for a single room

(Limited availability for single rooms, payment is required to secure a single room reservation)

Register today!

Register online at Nativity-hsv.org/Connect or call the church office 256-533-2455.

Questions, contact Bill Starnes abcstarnes@comcast.net.



Stewardship of Creation: What Resolutions Would Jesus Make

By Freya Neely

As we begin what is the gift of another year, let's take a look at a new and startling way to think about changes and improvements for the new year. What Resolutions Would Jesus Make? Adapted from an article for the Stewardship of Life Institute by Rob Blezard, and a posting by Sojourners, an organization which promotes "a future in which Christians put their faith into action in the passionate pursuit of social justice, peace, and environmental stewardship..."

Rob says, "Lose weight, exercise regularly, read more books, quit smoking, drink less, blah, blah blah. Ever notice how New Year's resolutions sound the same every year? I should know, because these are the kind of New Year's resolutions I've made over the years.

Now there's nothing wrong with setting goals that will lead to positive changes in our lives, but I've noticed how self-centered my resolutions tended to be. I resolve mostly to do things that will enrich MY life, firm up MY finances, improve MY health and promote MY happiness.

Narcissistic resolutions are perfect for people of our me-first age, but me thinks not so much for followers of the one who counseled, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 16:24-25). Or, at least, not if those self-centered resolutions are the ONLY ones I make. This year I'm going to pair every resolution that improves MY life with a resolution that improves someone else's life." A GREAT plan!! And a good way to do this: plan your New Year's resolutions

around caring for God's creation. Here are some suggestions, from Rob and from Sojourners:

- As I resolve to eat less food, I will give regularly-say, one bag of groceries a week— to the Food Bank of North Alabama, or make a donation to Food for the World or Heifer International or similar charity.
- Do a creation care devotional. All good practices start with prayer and study, and Sojourners has a great resource, *Christians and the Environment*. This can strengthen your understanding of the profound relation between God and the environment— from the importance of Sabbath in Genesis to Christ's work in reconciling all creation to God.
- Watch an eco-focused documentary to learn more about environmental issues. Netflix has quite a few to choose from, like *Chasing Ice*, which follows a National Geographic photographer as he battles weather and climate to take time lapse photos of the glaciers before they're gone.
- Give away one of your Christmas presents. One of the easiest ways to live simpler is to keep less stuff; give away a gift you don't need and you'll lighten your impact and brighten someone else's day.
- Put on a sweater. If you add an extra layer while you're around the house — cozy up under a blanket, put on your slippers — and lower the thermostat one degree, you'll save energy. Our electricity use accounts for 40 percent of America's climate change pollution, so every sweater counts!

- Join the Meatless Mondays craze. Meat production is another major source of climate pollution. One-fifth of the problem, to be exact. Cutting out meat just once a week lowers your carbon footprint, plus it's healthier, cheaper, and a good excuse to try out new recipes.
- Bring a bag. Plastic bags are made from fossil fuels, and they create more trash. By bringing your own bag with you you'll use fewer resources and make a statement, and reduce local litter as well as the trash that ends up in the ocean.
- Swap your lights. LED lights are far more efficient than traditional incandescent ones, plus they will save you money. They're different from standard light bulbs in that once they are on, it takes very little energy to keep them that way. So be sure to use LEDs especially in places where you leave the lights on, such as entryways or church restrooms.
- Keep up to date. Be sure to take advantage of all the great resources to keep up with creation care news and opportunities to take action. There are many valuable sources of important information — take the time and make the effort to understand the things that are going on that will affect the health of your family, your neighbors, and our environment!

I resolve to choose some of these resolutions, even if I end up not doing all of them. Which ones work for you? Happy New Year! May your resolutions for 2019 improve not only your life, but also those around you.

"The second great commandment, love your neighbor as yourself." Matt. 22:39

Upcoming Events

HAP Sunday is January 6



Items needed include rice (2 lbs), dried beans (2 lbs.), canned fruit, mixed vegetables, cereal, coffee, packaged potatoes, packaged dinners. Place items in HAP bins located in Ridley Hall and the breezeway. Thank you!

YAMS January 7th 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



We will meet on Monday, January 28 in the Library at 10:00 am. Our speaker

will be William Hampton from Huntsville Preservation Association. Everyone is invited. Questions, contact Joan East, 804-731-3429 or joaneast@knology.net.

Men's Monthly Breakfast



Tuesday, January 8th at 7:00 am in Ridley Hall. Simple Eucharist at 6:30 in Bibb Chapel.

Daughters of the King



The DOK will meet January 22, 2018 in Ridley at 11:30 A.M.

Joan will call for a lunch count later

Reception for Interim Rector

Join us Sunday, January 27 in Ridley Hall following the 11:00 service for a reception honoring The Rev. Paul and Maria Elliott. Questions, contact Sally Stockton.

Financial Report

Parish Financial Report Period Ending 11/30/2018

	CURRENT MONTH	BUDGET for PERIOD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
Pledges Received	\$ 86,010.88	\$ 93,260.12	\$ 954,003.31	\$ 1,025,860.92
Plate	\$ 11,340.02	\$ 17,083.37	\$ 97,778.06	\$ 187,916.67
Other Revenues	\$ 3,183.49	\$ 9,083.26	\$ 124,548.72	\$ 99,916.66
TOTAL	\$ 100,534.39	\$ 119,426.75	\$ 1,176,330.09	\$ 1,313,694.25
Diocesan, School of Theology, & Outreach	\$ 22,300.87	\$ 24,827.26	\$ 235,178.69	\$ 273,099.74
Personnel	\$ 58,516.77	\$ 69,381.08	\$ 626,910.85	\$ 763,191.92
Other Expenses	\$ 32,550.86	\$ 25,218.43	\$ 266,816.52	\$ 277,402.57
TOTAL	\$ 113,368.50	\$ 119,426.77	\$ 1,128,906.06	\$ 1,313,694.23
NET	\$ (12,834.11)	\$ (0.02)	\$ 47,424.03	\$ 0.02

Prayer Requests & Parish News

PRAYERS FOR HEALING IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT:

James Ochoa
Bill Propst, Sr.
Pat Westbrook
Donna Delisle
William Ponds
Hannah Fowler
Ashley Lindley
Mary Flynn
Dwayne Kidd
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:

David Keniston
Robert Macon Phillips, Sr.
Tom Booth

TRANSFERS IN:

Corey Watson, Carey Robert, Janet
Watson-Roberts and Annabelle Watson
-Roberts

1/10 Zelaney Hartland
1/11 Matthew Brown
1/11 David Young
1/13 Sarah Echols Spragins
1/13 Oliver Dibble
1/13 Anne Limbo
1/14 Parker Sanders
1/18 William Courtney
1/18 Webb Finn
1/18 Jackson Allen
1/19 Riley Jane Ragland
1/20 Aiden Copeland
1/22 Florence Pate
1/22 James Gullion
1/29 Evelyn Roche
1/30 Drake Allen
1/31 Mary Virginia Cowan
1/31 Emery Windham

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WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE JANUARY BIRTHDAYS OF OUR CHILDREN:

1/1 Diana Sommer
1/2 Annabelle Eby
1/2 Clover Farrell
1/3 Liz Mauldin
1/6 Madison Ritchie
1/6 Hardin Jones
1/8 Harry Foster

Giving @ Nativity

Our giving tools provide the ability to donate on our website, through a mobile app, or even with a quick text message!

- ♦ **ONLINE** To create your online account, visit nativity-hsv.org and click on our GIVING button.
- ♦ **GET THE APP!** Visit your app store and download the **ShelbyNEXT Giving** app to your iPhone or Android device. Open the app, search "Church of the Nativity" and follow prompts to get set up. It's that simple!
- ♦ **TEXT YOUR GIFT** Text the amount you would like to give to the number **256-530-7373**. First time text-giving donors will be prompted to visit a secure URL to register your credit or debit card information.
- ♦ **SCAN THE CODE** Use this QR Code and begin online giving today!



- ♦ **PLEDGE ENVELOPES** to use with cash or check contributions are available. Please contact Beverly Franklin at 256-533-2455 or bfranklin@nativity-hsv.org for more information.

January Worship Schedule

WORSHIP SCHEDULE January 2019 - updated 12/31/18 *AEK*

WEDNESDAY, January 2 nd					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12 noon	Sloan		Cheryl Watts		
THURSDAY, January 3 rd					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
6:00 pm	Elliott	Elliott	Sally Ann Culver		
SUNDAY, January 6 th The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Elliott	Elliott	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson
8:45 am	Sloan	Elliott	Allen Daniels, Lewie Bates, Charlie Warren	Camille Sommer	Fred Beck
11:00 am	Sloan	Elliott	Deborah Baker, Virginia Kobler, Lee Hicklen	Sally Ann Culver, Mike Innes	Rhonwyn Watson
WEDNESDAY, January 9 th					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12 noon	Elliott		Mary Hendricks		
THURSDAY, January 10 th					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
6:00 pm	Sloan/Serio		Charles Morley		
SUNDAY, January 13 th - 1 st Sunday after Epiphany					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Sloan	Sloan	John Hendricks	John Hendricks	John Hendricks
8:45 am	Elliott	Sloan	Robert Dunn, Kaaren Dunn, Darlene Ehinger	Jennifer Dill	Shirley Hale Stucky
11:00 am	Elliott	Sloan	Peter Cobun, Hanns Billmeyer, Walter Thames	Rosalie Smith, Liza Q. Wirtz	Ronnie Rogers
WEDNESDAY, January 16 th					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12 noon	Sloan		Joan East		
THURSDAY, January 17 th					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
6:00 pm	Sloan		Sally Ann Culver		
SUNDAY, January 20 th - 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany (<i>Vestry Retreat</i>)					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Serio		Don Lambert	Don Lambert	Don Lambert
8:45 am	Serio		Mike Ward, Lane Mickle, Joan East	Darlene Ehinger	Aubrey Tycer
11:00 am	Serio		Laura Pierce, Pat Sampson, Richard Spera	Mary Johnson, John Nelson	Martha Joffrion
WEDNESDAY, January 23 rd					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12 noon	Elliott		Mary Hendricks		
THURSDAY, January 24 th					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
6:00 pm	Elliott		Lewie Bates		
SUNDAY, January 27 th - 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Elliott		Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett
8:45 am	Sloan/Elliott		Lee Hicklen, Margaret Bibb, Pat Quirk	Allen Daniels	Clay Sherrill
11:00 am	Sloan/Elliott		Sally Ann Culver, Peter Cobun, Virginia Kobler	John Conover, Marcia Cobun	Buddy Moon
WEDNESDAY, January 30 th					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12 noon	Sloan		Joan East		
THURSDAY, January 31 st					
Service	Celebrant / Preacher		LEM		
6:00 pm	Sloan		Sally Ann Culver		
USHERS					
7:45am	Peter Barber				
8:45am	Steve Creech, Lewie Bates, Jennie Coe, Sparks Ford, Russ McDonald, Robert Rodgers				
11:00am	Gail Rogers, Mike Brown, Sandy Brown, Margaret Devenish, Tom Devenish, Tip Hulser-Hoover, Chris Hulser-Hoover				
ALTAR GUILD					
6 th	Sophia Rowe, Debbie Joyner, Alice Lanier, Caffey Litkenhous, Jewell Reynolds				
13 th	Mary Johnson, Sara Little, Kaaren Dunn, Rebecca Brothers, Emily Moody, Melva Ochoa				
20 th	Peggy Serio, Judy Vann, Anne Carter, Linda Watts, Gail Brown				
27 th	Jewell Reynolds, Judy Heacock, Nancy Colin, Sophia Rowe, Beth Pugh				
CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE					
December 31 st - January 6 th		January 7 th - 13 th		January 14 th - 20 th	
Serio		Elliott		Serio	
VESTRY Member Of The Day					
January 6 th		January 13 th		January 20 th	
Jason Angelichio		Jeff Johnson		Teresa Pinson	
Wendy Wilson		Dorrie Nutt		Michael Shipley	
VERGER SCHEDULE					
January 6 th		January 13 th		January 20 th	
Robert Dunn		Don Lambert		Lea Ann Barnett	
Lea Ann Barnett		Terry Clevenger		Hud Heaton	
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From left: Wendy Wilson, Virginia Kobler,
Michael Shipley and Curt Benzle at the annual
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