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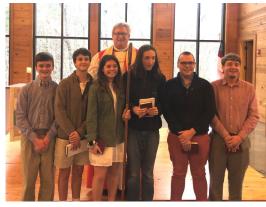
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God's family at the historic Church of the Nativity is joyfully and energetically committed to sharing Christ's love and healing by proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel through worship and service to the world.



Pictured 1st & 2nd from left: Cooper Gunter and David Young were confirmed at the Camp McDowell Confirmation Retreat in January.

Annual Super Bowl Soup Sale

Sunday, February 3rd, 8:30-12:30



\$15 per quart or 2 quarts for \$25

For more information contact Sally Stockton $\underline{sallystockton@knology.n}$

Souper Bowl Soup sale is this Sunday, February 3!



L to R: Alice Mae Hinton and Sloan Dill help pass out candles at the Epiphany Folk Mass

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 <a href="mailto:eventy-nativity-nat

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On the cover...

Our new Rector, The Rev. Michael Goldsmith, 12th Rector of Church of the Nativity.

Send your pictures from Nativity activities and events to: vhinton@nativity-hsv.org.

Dear Parish Family

God is our hope and our confidence. The source of all that is good, all that is right, and all that is loving. The giver of new life and new beginnings. In this season of Epiphany, we give thanks for the ways in which God has been revealed to us in the person of Jesus Christ. In Jesus the characteristics of God are made known. And as God's people, we are called to be imitators of Christ. We are called into community to be strengthened by our love for one another in order to live out our mission of reconciliation in the world. "Love one another," Jesus calls to us, pleads with us, demands of us. Love all our neighbors, even our enemies, love all as Jesus has loved us.

The Nativity in Bethlehem was the beginning of new life for all through Jesus Christ. The cradle of new life for the world. God is continually doing wonderfully new things among us; in this congregation, this community, our city, and our world. Making things new is a revelation of who God is. During times of transition I have found great comfort in this. Although the circumstances of my life may change, God's love for me remains the same. What remains unchanged are all the good, and right, and joyful things that God has revealed to us in Jesus Christ.

The transformation of the world into the Kingdom of God, making it on earth as it is in heaven, is made all the more possible when we gather in worship, fellowship, and ministry. At Church of the Nativity we have the amazing opportunity to not only worship together but also take counsel with one another, the

traditions of our faith, and our holy scriptures. By doing this we are better able to understand our call to serve God.

As we begin a new season in the life of this parish, I am overwhelmed with gratitude. From the very first time I met with the Search Committee, to my time with the Vestry at Camp McDowell, I have shared in your excitement to serve God through Nativity. My family and I have been lovingly welcomed and already feel a part of this parish family. We look forward to many years of serving our Lord together as we seek to grow in our love and knowledge of God.

I am excited to be your pastor and priest. I am filled with hope as we look towards the future of this historic parish. I am confident that through our prayers and ministry the Holy Spirit will lead us to accomplish the will of God. And I am excited to hear the joy-filled, new song we will sing to the Lord.

God's Peace,

Father Michael

"Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love... Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things.

Amen." (BCP 836)



You are cordially invited to the

Celebration of New Ministry

for

The Rev. Thomas Michael Goldsmith

Rector of Church of the Nativity, Huntsville

Sunday, February 17, 2019 6:00 p.m.

Church of the Nativity, Episcopal
208 Eustis Avenue
Huntsville, Alabama

Reception to follow in Ridley Hall

Clergy: White stoles

Ready for 2019

By Grant Thomson, Senior Warden

Greetings from Camp McDowell! I have spent the past few days in the quiet seclusion of Nativity Lodge with our vestry and clergy for our annual retreat. The heavy rains followed by the deep freeze could not dampen our spirits. We had a lively weekend of camaraderie, team building and planning for 2019. I would like to thank The Rev. Paul Elliott, The Rev. Susan Sloan and The Rev. Deacon Bob Serio, MD for their leadership in facilitating this weekend.



From left– Grant Thomson, Susan Sloan & Teresa Pinson

Your vestry is excited about the new year and new leadership at Nativity. We are grateful to all those who have served in so many ways during this interim period.

We would like to acknowledge our profile and discernment committees under the leadership of Bill Starnes, our interim rectors and assisting priests, as well as all of our existing clergy and church staff. Going through this process has made Nativity stronger and better prepared for the future.

The vestry's focus this year will be to support The Rev. Michael Goldsmith and his family as they begin their journey with us. There is so much going on at the Church of the Nativity. Our goal, as vestry members is to help connect our 12th Rector with all of the people and ministries at Nativity, as well as with the broader community. We were able to spend some time with Father Michael during our retreat and we look forward to him meeting

and getting to know each of you.

One of the important tasks that we spend time on at the retreat is setting the budget for 2019. We have to be good stewards of the resources that are given for God's work at Nativity. This year, it looks like our pledged income will increase over the previous year for the first time in several years. This is great news for our church and we would like to thank all of you who have pledged their support. If you haven't yet done so, pledges can still be made by contacting Beverly Franklin in the church office.



Pictured above: (L to R)
Paul Bonner & Don
Evans

Pictured left: Vestry members hard at work planning for 2019.

One area that needed an increase in the 2019 budget is our youth department. We have seen a dramatic increase in the number of youth that participate in activities at Nativity, which is great news for the future of our church.

We also know that we have to take care of our buildings and facilities and make sure they are usable and accessible to every parishioner. We had a lot of discussion about this and we know there is much work ahead of us.

Finally, let me say "Thank You" for the opportunity to serve each of you this year. I am honored to work with the vestry, our clergy and our entire staff. I am optimistic about the future of this parish that has brought all of us together and I look forward to many blessings in 2019!

Learn Pray Play

2018-19 Nativity Sunday School

Looking Ahead....

February 10, 8:45 service First Grade Eucharist class special seating and recognition

February 27, 5:30 pm Spaghetti supper and activities for all ages, Ridley Hall

March 3, 5:30 pm Mardi Gras supper and Krewe d'enfants parade (age 4 and up) Ridley Hall

March 4, 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Children's service (age 5 and up). Drop off in Ridley hall; pick up from Angel Lane

Wednesdays in Lent for Kids

5:30 Dinner, Ridley Hall

6:00 Goodness Gracious (age 4-6th grade), exploring God's grace through story and play, Angel Lane Questions, mcoe@nativity-hsv.org or 256-533-2455.

ASH WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S SERVICE



An active, reflective, kid-friendly

Ash Wednesday service

and introduction to Lent

March 5 at 6:00 pm concurrent with service in church Ages 5 and up Sign in, Ridley Hall Pickup, Angel Lane, downstairs Ridley Hall

Questions, mcoe@nativity-hsv.org
*allergy alert: snack will be served, please let us know
ahead of time about food allergies

krewe d'enfants



All children age 4 and up are invited to be in our Mardi Gra Krewe!

After dinner, kids come downstairs to make masks and prepare for the parade.

Krewe d'enfants will parade through Ridley Hall with beads and moon pies for all!

Questions, mcoe@nativity-hsv.org

Mardi Gras Dinner choir fundraiser, Tuesday, March 5, 5.30 in Ridley Hall. See website for details. Reservations 256.533.2455



February 3rd 3:30-5:00 pm JYC & EYC

February 10th 4:00-5:30 pm JYC

5:00-6:30 pm EYC

February 17th 4:00-5:30 pm JYC

EYC TBD for this week

February 24th 4:00-5:30 pm JYC

5:00-6:30 pm EYC

For more information about upcoming youth activities and events please contact Amy Brooks, abrooks@nativity-hsv.org.



Valentine's Cookie Fundraiser

2 cookies for \$2

1 dozen cookies for \$10



Sunday, February 10th
Stop by the table in the
Foyer of Ridley Hall and
buy some yummy cookies for
Valentine's day!

All proceeds will support our youth programming!

Special Thank You

You all are wonderful! Thank you! Maria & I thank you so much for allowing us to be a part of the circle of this community, known as the Church of the Nativity, Episcopal. We have laughed and we have cried at the memories that have emerged and been brought back to life. What a gift that we shall cherish for the rest of our lives!

Blessings, Peace, Love to you all & Peace to you,

Thank you old friends and new! We will miss you!





(L to R) Grant Thomson presenting Maria & Paul Elliott with a special gift at their reception January 27th.

Diaper Drive Extended

Due to the government furlough, the YAMS Diaper Drive has been extended. We have learned of families who are struggling to purchase diapers. (It's one of those needs that is pretty endless.) Please continue to bring in diapers and/or baby wipes and we will distribute them to those in need. You can deposit them at the nursery or in the bin outside Ridley Hall. Thanks from the YAMS (Young Adults) for your care and concern! Questions, Susan Sloan ssloan@nativity-hsv.org.

Banister Room Display

The Banister Room has been decorated by children of Nativity for the month of February. They have created art and well wishes for our new Rector and his family. Please stop by and take a look at their spirited creativity. There is even a creation station where parishioners are encouraged to create their own welcome message and leave it in the designated box! Questions about Banister Room displays, contact Denise Schiber 256-603-8113.

2019 Altar Flower Dedications	
Your Name:	Phone #:
Dates requested:	
Name(s) for dedication:	
Please choose one: in loving memory ofin thanksgiving for	in celebration ofin honor of
Will you share this dedication?YESNO	Can we list your name in the bulletin? YESNO
Dedications are \$40 each or \$20 if shared. Make check partially Nativity Flower Guild and mail your check along with this Andrea Vandervoort 434 Locust Ave. Huntsville, AL 35 Questions? Call Andrea: 256-539-2673	s form to:

You Are Invited...

By David Collette

The Nativity Cursillo community invites you to learn more about Cursillo! Cursillo is a ministry that has touched many people across the world, throughout the US, and especially in the Diocese of Alabama. Nearly 9,000 Episcopalians have attended Cursillo in our Diocese, including several hundred from Nativity. Cursillo begins with a weekend retreat at Camp McDowell and continues with small group meetings at your parish that focus on your worship and prayer life, study, and action. Maybe you've heard friends talk about how Cursillo has enhanced their spiritual life and



grounded them in a Christian community... or maybe you're just curious about Cursillo in general. If so, we invite to you a no pressure informational dinner to learn more about the Cursillo community at Nativity and in our Diocese:

WHAT: Cursillo Informational Dinner

WHEN: Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 5:30 pm

WHERE: Home of David and Debbie Collette, 708 Cleermont Drive, Huntsville 35801

BRING: Parishioners who may be interested in Cursillo

DINNER: Provided

REPLY: If you will be attending, please reply to <u>david.r.collette@gmail</u> or call 256-527-2560 so

that we may have an accurate count for dinner.

HELP NATIVITY SHINE

What? We are going to have a cleaning party and clean the sanctuary from top to bottom to get it looking its best for our new rector who arrives February 3rd!



Do I have to bring anything? Yes, if you can-please see the list specific to each session.

When? February 1st & 2nd, 4 sessions

Friday, February 1st Session 1 8:00 am-12:00 pm We will start at the top and work our way down-dusting, removing cob webs and polishing the wood. We will also be moving all the pew cushions into the Joffrion Library to be cleaned. Supplies needed: Cob web duster (extension to 20 feet), buckets, rags and Orange Glo for wood..

Session 2 1:00 pm-4:00 pm We will work our way through every single pew vacuuming, dusting, and polishing the wood. Supplies needed: Buckets, vacuums, rags and Orange Glo for wood..

Saturday, February 2nd Session 3 8:00 am-12:00 pm We will finish work on the pews and clean the pew cushions in Ridley Hall. Supplies needed: Buckets, vacuums, rags and Orange Glo for wood..

Session 4 1:00 pm-4:00 pm We will vacuum and mop the floors, then replace the pew cushions.

Supplies needed: Buckets, string mops and vacuums.

Notice: The choir will clean the choir pews and area between the steps and the altar.

Have questions? Contact Emily Rodgers at 256-533-2455 or erodgers@nativity-hsv.org.

Outreach In Action

By Margaret Devenish

The Annual Nativity Bazaar has long passed, but the fruits of our labor our just beginning to be felt in a very special way out in the community. The income raised through the combined lunch ticket sales, art workshops, greenery sale and bake sale totaled \$18,020.30. What an amazing result! A check for the \$18,000 was presented to The Village of Promise's Executive Director Rachel Ballard earlier this month by Nativity parishioner and Village of Promise Advisory Council member Don Wheeler on behalf of the Nativity Bazaar Committee. This money will make a signifigant impact for Village of Promise, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization based in Huntsville, Alabama, that was founded to address the needs of children and families in distressed, high-poverty neighborhoods. Their mission is to break the cycle of poverty, one family at a time.

It would not have been possible to make this donation without the time and energy of so many individuals. The day of the Bazaar, the

church actually buzzed with a sea of volunteer workers and attendees who descended on Nativity. The Bazaar was a wonderful example of Nativity's



Above: Don Wheeler (left) Nativity parishioner and Village of Promise Advisor y Council Member presents Executive Director Rachel Ballard with a check on behalf of the Nativity Bazaar Committee.

hospitality to all in attendance, and every bit, every effort counted! It is hard for me to convey my gratitude to the hundred plus volunteers that gave of their time,

talent and treasure to make this Nativity tradition such a big success.

Just to give you an idea of all the work that goes into this event; more than 30 folks assisted kitchen coordinator Emily Rodgers in food preparation alone.



The luncheon committee started working weeks in advance making garlic pickles and ordering ingredients. They worked for days preparing the delicious meal and stood for hours in the kitchen



preparing plates, packing to go boxes and washing dishes. Waitresses served the meal, prepared dessert plates and carried boxes of to go orders to hungry customers. Marilyn Grundy spent countless hours keeping ticket sales straight for all the different events. Sarah Gessler and her team created a lovely set of donated goods for the prize drawing and sold tickets. Volunteers cleaned and wiped flatware to make the tables

sparkle and created centerpieces, set tables and made Ridley Hall come alive with color. Emily Rodgers, Sally Stockton and LouAnne Thomson sold, packaged and delivered greenery, a new component for the bazaar this year, and a very successful one!

Also, behind the scenes folks called to insure the Bake Sale was highly successful. Parishioners

contributed (and bought) delicious homemade cookies, cakes, casseroles and so much more! Xan recruited community members, Randy Roper and Leslie Lockhart to expand offerings for an art and bow making workshop and the church staff spent hours supporting the committees with a million different tasks before, during and after the event.



I am so grateful to have had the opportunity

to chair this event, and I look forward to seeing the Annual Nativity Bazaar grow and change in the years to come!

Planning for the 2019 Bazaar has already begun, and we would love your help! Anyone interested in being part of this wonderful Nativity tradition should contact Emily Rodgers, erodgers@nativity-hsv.org or the church office 256-533-2455 ext.204.



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.



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 <a href="https://linear.com/line

Nativity 101 (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! 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 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.

The Book Class (Ridley Hall) Sister Wendy's Grand Tour: Discovering Europe's Great Art- Relevant universal themes explored through art and poetry. There is a Facebook page entitled Art and Poetry for Nativity where you can get more information about this class and see the artwork each week. Discussion led by Lynne Vallely and Walter Thames.

Chat and Chew (Children's Library, Angel Lane) A drop in Sunday school class for parer

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.

COMING THIS MARCH...

Writing Your Final Chapter This spring we will explore issues that accompany aging. For more information about this series contact Rev. Bob Serio, bserio@nativity-hsv.org.

March 3 Cardiac Issues/CPR, Carl Gessler

March 10 Coping with Grief, Marilyn Lands

March 17 Legal Prep for End of Life-Wills/POA/Living wills, Franklin Corley

March 24 Planning your funeral, Sarah Chappell

March 31 Ethical Issues/church view surrounding end of life, Mike Caruso and Bob Serio

SAVE THE DATE

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

5:30 PM RIDLEY HALL

Friends of Music Presents

By Christian Crocker

Friends of Music presents, baritone Paul Max

Tipton this month for an evening recital. Paul is a

Boston based freelance artist who sings with many
different ensembles and orchestras around the



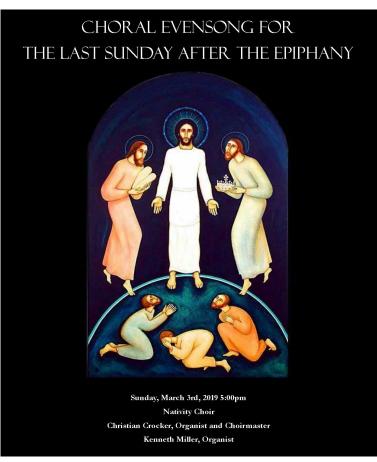
Paul Max Tipton

country. The recital will take place February 15th at 7:00 pm in the Nave, and will include works by Bach, Schubert, and others.

Music has been and continues to be an integral and vital part of our ministry at the Church of the Nativity. We are blessed to provide musical offerings

through worship and recitals to the Huntsville community that we believe enrich our lives as a parish and major city in Alabama. All events are free to the public thanks to the generosity of Friends of Music at Nativity. Most recitals will be on Friday evenings at 7:00pm, and special choral services will be on Sunday evenings at 5:00pm. Compline will be offered on designated Sunday evenings at 8:00pm.

For more information about Friends of Music and our concert series check our contact Christian Crocker at 256-533-2455 or ccrocker@nativity-hsv.org.





WEEKEND at NATIVITY

with

THE REV. ED BACON

FEBRUARY 22-24, 2019

Rethinking Christianity: Following Jesus's Way of Love and Oneness, not Fear and Separateness

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22 - LOVE OVER FEAR

6:00 PM GATHER (NO DINNER SERVED)

6:30-8:00 PM PRESENTATION FOLLOWED BY Q & A

Jesus consistently lived in what Henri Nouwen called, "The House of Love." His life, ministry, and relationships were an invitation for us to leave our "houses of fear" to join his path of living a love-based life.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

MORNING SESSION - ONENESS VERSUS SEPARATENESS

9:30 AM GATHER

10:00 AM-12:00 PM PRESENTATION FOLLOWED BY Q & A

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Thomas Merton had at the center of their writings and living the conviction that the universe is constructed as an interdependent whole. "We are one though we imagine that we are not," said Merton.

LUNCH 12:00 PM - COST \$7

Please make reservations by calling the Church Office 256-533-2455 or online at <u>nativity-hsv.org</u>.

AFTERNOON SESSION- CHRISTIANITY OR CHURCH-IANITY? 1:00-3:00 PM PRESENTATION FOLLOWED BY Q & A

If the path of Jesus is about Love and Oneness, not fear and separateness, then what does that mean about our daily living, our life of prayer, and our responsibility to seek first the "Kingdom of God," or my current translation of that concept, "the Civilization of God."

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 – WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A PERSON OF PRAYER?

10:00 AM – 10:50 AM – RIDLEY HALL

What happens to our heart, our brain, and our relationships when we pray?

The Rev. Bacon will preach at both the 8:45 am and 11:00 am service Sunday morning.

The Rev. Ed Bacon is a retired Episcopal priest living in Birmingham, AL. He is the Former Rector of All Saints Church in Pasadena, CA, and frequent guest on Oprah's Soul Series. Ed is the author of 8 Habits of Love.

JOIN US FOR ONE OR ALL OF THESE PRESENTATIONS!

Church of the Nativity ~ 208 Eustis Ave. ~ Huntsville, AL 35801



Stewardship of Creation: The Trash Trip

By Kim Huskey

EARTHSCOPE, the Environmental Education

Department for Huntsville City Schools has taken 1,500 to 2,000 5th graders on the "Trash Trip" each year for the past 30+ years. The Trash Trip is one of 15 field experiences offered by the EARTHSCOPE program. Kids (and chaperones) participate in some fabulous adventures like hiking, caving, canoeing, fossil hunting, and bird watching, just to name a few. Chaperones that have been on many of these trips **LOVE the Trash Trip** and many even say it's their favorite! Huh? A trip about garbage or canoeing and a hike? I mean I agree the subject matter is important, but what do they love so much about the Trash Trip?

You have probably heard of the trifecta of trash reduction known as "The 3 Rs": Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. It is a catchy slogan, but unless we act, they are only words. On the Trash Trip students and chaperones follow the flow of trash. They learn where it goes and what happens to it after it leaves their homes. They are usually not surprised to hear that U.S. citizens are trashy people producing 4.4 pounds of trash per person a day which is almost 2X the global average. Most importantly, they learn that they can make a difference by practicing the 3 Rs.

First stop is at The Huntsville Recyclery. Not all communities offer recycling much less the curbside pickup offered to Huntsvillians. Most are surprised to learn that their fleece jackets and the carpet they are walking on are made of recycled #1 plastic. The paper they put in their bin may have been made into insulation, and steel cans are turned into rebar used for construction. They learn what they should put in their recycle bin depends on a buyer that will turn their recyclables into something new. Although it takes more effort than just throwing something away, we hope they leave believing it is worth the effort to recycle and save our natural resources for future generations.

Next stop, Covanta Energy, one of about 85 waste to energy facilities in the United States and the only one in Alabama. Of the 3 Rs, Reduce is what they do best. All the garbage in Madison County is incinerated at this plant reducing the volume by 90% and remaining ash is trucked to the landfill. The fire heats water forming steam and Redstone Arsenal uses it to heat and cool their buildings. Ferrous and non-ferrous metals are recovered from the ash and recycled. Huntsville's landfill would have been closed years ago if Covanta Energy had not come to town.

Incineration of waste does raise concerns of pollution so Covanta adheres to stringent guidelines, and we must make sure these standards are not degraded. Preventing pollution from burning waste is expensive and is one of the reasons more cities don't have a waste to energy facility.

Finally, a bus ride through the Landfill opens the eyes of students and chaperones as they see mountains of buried trash and methane wells rising from the swells of Earth. Methane is the most potent of the greenhouse gases and is a by-product of decomposing garbage. In the new monofil, only ash goes in so there is no methane production. The new monofil is designed with safeguards in place to prevent the pollution of our groundwater.

At the end of the day, students and chaperones have seen how their community incorporates the "3 Rs" in municipal waste management. Hopefully, they will use what they have learned and take actions to NOT MAKE SO MUCH TRASH IN THE FIRST PLACE!!

TIPS for SUCCESS

- S Don't forget your reusable bags
- \$\ Use a reusable water bottle & coffee mug
- Buy bulk (you save \$\$\$ & make less trash)
- S Carry a cloth napkin & reusable straw with you
- Pack lunch in reusable containers
- § Use cloth rags instead of paper towels
- NOID plastic whenever you can!
- Compost food waste
- S Cancel junk mail & go paperless wherever you can
- \$\ Buy Local *The Green Street Market*

So, what is it that people seem to love about the "Trash Trip"? I think that they are proud to see the city they live in taking steps to **Reduce** the amount of waste going to the landfill, **Reuse** garbage we throw out by turning it into steam energy and provide **Recycling** to save natural resources. I believe that they feel empowered after the experience. They have gained knowledge to make changes and be a part of a solution. It is daunting when you hear people say, "Save the Planet!". We must take steps now so future generations can enjoy it and thank God for its beauty and abundance. People leave the Trash Trip knowing they can make a difference.

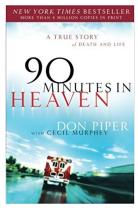
Stay up to date on our municipal waste management at: www.swdahsv.org and choose to make a difference.

What Are You Reading?

By Sharon Darty

90 Minutes in Heaven by Don Piper with Cecil Murphey

I picked-up this book at one of those whole house estate sales where you wander around the house viewing items that are no longer wanted. The title drew me in especially since it was described as "A True Story of Death and Life" And it was marked for \$1. By Chapter 2 you are plunged into the life of Don Piper and his account of what he experienced when he went to heaven following a fatal accident with his Ford and an eighteen-wheeler. In Chapter 3 Don explains, in great detail, what he



saw and heard during his time in heaven. What makes this story different from others is Don did not begin sharing his story until more than three years after the accident where he had been pronounced dead. He only shared his story, and reluctantly, with people who were enduring some of the horrible injuries or emotional trauma he suffered, or church members who were at the end of life.

In Chapter 4 we meet Dick, a minister who was stopped in the traffic created by the accident. He felt the clear prompting by the Holy Spirit to pray for Don, even though the EMTs said Don died instantly from his injuries. Later in the book, Don and Dick compare their experiences which reveals something that can only be described as holy.

Each chapter begins with a Bible verse relevant to the contents of the chapter. 90 Minutes in Heaven is very readable and brings comfort and assurance to those of us who have lost loved ones. Right or wrong, it clears-up for me how soon we go to be with the Lord when we or someone we love, dies.

Upcoming Events

HAP Sunday is February 3



Items needed include canned fruit, canned tuna, boxed dinners,

spaghetti noodles and sauce, canned vegetables. Place items in HAP bins located in Ridley Hall and the breezeway. Thank you!

YAMS February 4th 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 February 18, in Joffrion Hall at 10:00 am.

We will have a speaker. Please bring a bingo prize to donate for the Huntsville Aquarius Club. Questions, contact Joan East, 804-731-3429 or

joaneast@knology.net.

Men's Monthly Breakfast



Tuesday, February 12th at 7:00 am in Ridley Hall. Simple Eucharist

at 6:30 in Bibb Chapel.

Daughters of the King



The DOK will meet
Tuesday, February 19
at 11:30 am, in Ridley

Hall. We will begin our review of *The Spiritual Guide*. We will begin with the first 3 chapters. Joan East will call for a lunch count, closer to our meeting date.

Trip to Montgomery

Save the date! Wednesday, April 24th the SDC will take a charter bus to Montgomery to visit the Legacy Museum and National Memorial for Peace and Justice. Price will be \$65 per person. More information about how you can sign up coming soon!

Acolyte Schedule

Sunday, February 3 8:45 A/M Putt

C P Ahearn, A Malone

T D Dodgen, E Windham

T David Young, Alex Ahearn

S Alex Ahearn

AS E Windham

11:00 A/M Nutt

C Britt Webber

T Ellie Webber, MM Creech

S MM Creech

AS Ellie Webber

Sunday, February 10 8:45 A/M Ward

C SW Hall, Sam Hartley

T Macy Baker, Phoebe Duncan

T EJ Duncan, Alana Boyce

S Cooper Gunter

AS Clay Walker

11:00 A/M Nutt

C Betsy Bryant, D Chenoweth

T C Hornsby, SC Hornsby

S SC Hornsby

AS Evans Bryant

Sunday, Febrary 17 8:45 A/M Putt

C J Huskey, Elizabeth Evans

T Alex Huskey, Caroline Ayers

S AK Ayers

AS Clara Keener

11:00 A/M Sherrill

C M Foster, L Alison

T Madelyn Alison, Mary Ellis Alison

S Margaret Foster

AS Catherine Hendricks

Sunday, February 17 6:00 PM Installation of Fr Goldsmith

**arrive no later than 5:40 pm!!

A/M Putt, Ward

Thurifer: Tess Lambert

S Sadie Anglin

C Park Ellis, Parker Sanders

AS Olivia O'Halloran

T Thea Sommer, Caroline Brooks

Banners: L Ellis, V Hinton, A Hudson

T Anna Mullins, Daniel Starnes

Sunday, February 24 8:45 A/M Nutt

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S Thomas Aldag

AS W Pinson

11:00 A/M Sherrill

C JB Stockton, R Kamelchuk

T L Kamelchuk, Carter Watson

S Carter Watson

AS Laura Kamelchuk

This month has one extra special service: that of the Installation of our new Rector, Father Michael Goldsmith. The Bishop will be here, and we're pulling out all the stops! If you are scheduled for that evening service and cannot attend, please let us know right away so we can get the slot filled. Thank you all for your gracious cooperation in this important ministry at Nativity!

Clay, Dorrie, Mike & Nina

Acolyte Masters

Financial Report

Parish Financial Report Period Ending 12/31/2018

		CURRENT MONTH		BUDGET for PERIOD		ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD	
Pledges Received	\$	178,618.42	\$	93,260.12	\$	1,132,621.73	\$ 1,119,121.00	
Plate	\$	32,458.97	\$	17,083.37	\$	130,237.03	\$ 205,000.00	
Other Revenues	\$	14,285.42	\$	9,083.26	\$	138,834.14	\$ 109,000.00	
TOTAL	\$	225,362.81	\$	119,426.75	\$	1,401,692.90	\$ 1,433,121.00	
Diocesan, School of Theology, & Outreach	\$	54,767.82	\$	24,827.26	\$	289,946.51	\$ 297,927.00	
Personnel	\$	71,442.38	\$	69,381.08	\$	698,353.23	\$ 832,573.00	
Other Expenses	\$	39,977.44	\$	25,218.43	\$	306,793.96	\$ 302,621.00	
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Prayer Requests & Parish News

PRAYERS FOR HEALING IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT:

Roger Brown

Gaye McCoy

Maureen Cooper

Cety Gerlach

Malcolm Petty

Cassie Hamer

Robert Guynes

Ray Owens

Carol Grace Duff

Mary Caylor Hollis

Bill Propst, Sr.

Pat Westbrook

Donna Delisle

Ashley Lindley

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 OUT:

Dr. Matthew McCrickard to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, PA

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS OF OUR

CHILDREN:

- 2/3 John Bohan
- 2/4 Alice Malone
- 2/5 Lily Slaton
- 2/6 Cameron Pinson
- 2/8 Clara Keener
- 2/9 Annsley Cook
- 2/11 Cooper Gunter
- 2/11 Andrew Rawson
- 2/12 Eno Farrell
- 2/12 Caden Jackson
- 2/13 Alex McCarty
- 2/16 Harris Whitfield
- 2/16 Mem Mullins
- 2/20 John Hutchens
- 2/21 Margot Doss
- 2/23 Olivia O'Halloran
- 2/23 Betsy Bryant
- 2/24 Jordan Copeland
- 2/25 Clayton Donovan
- 2/28 Tabytha Hartland

WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:

Charles Jared Cassidy

Louise Stuart Corley

Annabelle Grace Eby

Charlotte Elizabeth Wells

Margaret Eames Whitfield

PARISHIONER UPDATES:

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with cash or check contributions are
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information.

February Worship Schedule

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				Thursday, Fe	ebruary 7th				
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM						
5:00 pm	Slo	an	Charles Morl	ey					
		S	unday, Februa	ry 10th (The Fiftl	n Sunday After th	ie Epiphany)			
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM			Lector		Intercessor	
7:45am	Slo	an	John Hendrid	cks		John Hendricks		John Hendricks	
8:45am	Goldsmith	Sloan	Polly Blalock	, Susan Brown, Jo	an East	Darlene Ehinger		Shirley Hale Stucky	
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From left: Jason Angeichio and Michael Shipley preparing dinner at the Vestry retreat.

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