

# THE STEEPLE

Church of the Nativity

March 2019





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The deadline for the next issue is

**Monday, March 25, 2019**

*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 from left: Regina Milton & John Buyse getting ready for the Installation service.



From left: Mike Caruso, Ed Bacon and Virginia Caruso during Rev. Bacon's workshop .



L to R: Diana Somer, Finn O'Halloran and Alice Mae Hinton presenting Father Michael with a gift at the Installation service.

# **THE STEEPLE**

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Tess Lambert serving as Thurifer during the Installation service.

Send your pictures from Nativity activities and events to: [vhinton@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:vhinton@nativity-hsv.org).

## **Keep us in the know!**

Do you have a change of address, email, phone or perhaps major life event?

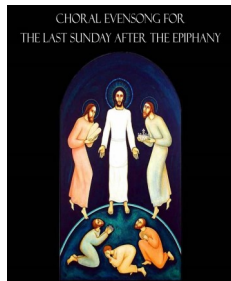
Contact Emily Rodgers 256-533-2455 ext.204 or [erodgers@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:erodgers@nativity-hsv.org).

# Friends of Music Presents

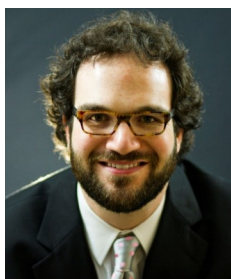
By Christian Crocker

Nativity Choir and the Friends of Music have several special events coming up that you won't want to miss!

*Choral Evensong* March 3rd at 5:00 pm in the Nave. The choir will offer music of Harold Friedell, Philip Radcliffe, and Malcolm Boyle. Let us worship in the beauty of holiness as we round out the season of Epiphany.



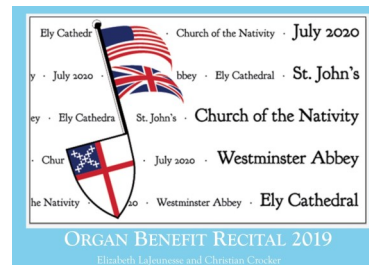
*Tate Addis, Organ Music at Nativity* March 8th, 2019 7:00 pm in the Nave. Music of Howells, Sowerby, Dupré and others. This is a Friends of Music at Nativity event.



*Organ Benefit Recital 2019* March 15th, 2019 7:00pm- Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, AL

March 22nd, 2019 7:00pm-St. John's Episcopal

Church, Tallahassee, FL. A benefit recital to help raise money for the choirs of Nativity and St. John's to travel to England for



residencies at Ely Cathedral and Westminster Abbey. Elizabeth LaJeunesse and Christian Crocker will present an evening of music for four hands and four feet. Open to the public, Suggested donation of \$10 per person.

For more information about Friends of Music, choir and our concert series contact Christian Crocker at [ccrocker@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:ccrocker@nativity-hsv.org) or 256-533-2455.

*"Laissez les bon temp roulez!"*

**Mardi Gras Dinner & Choir Fundraiser**

**WHEN:** TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH 5:30PM      **WHERE:** RIDLEY HALL

**MENU:** JAMBALAYA, SALAD, BREAD, KING CAKE & BREAD PUDDING

RED BEANS & RICE OPTION & VEGETARIAN      PIZZA AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN

TEA, WATER, COFFEE

WINE AVAILABLE (DONATIONS ACCEPTED)

**TICKETS:** \$12 PER PERSON \$5 CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT [NATIVITY.DIOALA.ORG](http://NATIVITY.DIOALA.ORG) OR CALL 256-533-2455

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, EPISCOPAL ~ 208 EUSTIS AVENUE ~ HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA 35801 ~ 256-533-2455

**krewe d'enfants**

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

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

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

Questions: [mcoe@nativity-hsv.org](mailto: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



# The Season of Lent at Nativity

The season of Lent is one of solemn observance and preparation for the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Fasting, giving up something we enjoy and quiet reflection are often practices that people take part in during their Lenten journey. However you choose to observe Lent, Nativity has a variety of offerings that will help guide you on your journey. In the following pages you will find helpful information about Tuesday Lenten lunches and Wednesday evening dinners with special guest preachers, Sunday night Compline, special programs for both children and youth, and a Lenten Folk Mass followed by a soup supper. There is also a Lenten Meditation booklet available that contains meditations for Wednesdays and Sundays in Lent. Booklets are available in the church office, for [download](#) on the church website or you can sign up to receive them by email.

If you have questions about any of our Lenten activities please contact Vicky Hinton at 256-533-2455 or [vhinton@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:vhinton@nativity-hsv.org).

ASH WEDNESDAY

AT NATIVITY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

7:00 am Ash Wednesday service, Holy Eucharist, Rite II in Bibb Chapel

12:00 pm Ash Wednesday service, Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Nave.

Soup lunch served in Ridley Hall following the service for \$5.

6:00 pm Ash Wednesday service, Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Nave.

\*Nursery will be available during the 6:00 pm service.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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ASH WEDNESDAY

CHILDREN'S  
SERVICE



An active, reflective, kid-friendly Ash Wednesday service and introduction to Lent for children ages 5 and up. Concurrent with 6:00 pm service in church. Sign in, Ridley Hall. Pickup, Angel Lane (downstairs Ridley Hall)

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

\*allergy alert: snack will be served, please let us know ahead of time about food allergies

# COMPLINE



EVERY SUNDAY FROM MARCH 10TH-APRIL 14TH AT 8:00 PM

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.

THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, EPISCOPAL – 208 EUSTIS AVENUE – HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA 35801



# Lenten Folk Mass & Soup Supper Sunday, March 24 5.00 pm

All-ages, camp-style folk mass with Cursillo Band  
and children's liturgy in Bibb Chapel.  
Soup supper provided directly after in Ridley Hall.



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

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT FOR KIDS

## Goodness Gracious

Discovering God's grace through story and play

Children 4 years old through 6th grade, please join us  
Wednesday evenings in Lent as we unravel what grace  
means using books, art, legos, games and more.

5:30 supper in Ridley hall

6:00 children's program on Angel Lane

Dinner reservations requested; 256.533.2455 or [nativity-dioala.org](http://nativity-dioala.org)





# TUESDAYS AT NOON

## LENT 2019

The Church of the Nativity, Episcopal

### ***“LENT– a season of Spiritual Growth”***

*30 minute service of Noonday Prayer – Sermons by visiting clergy*

## SERIES PREACHERS

**March 12**

**The Rev. Wren Clanton**

Senior Pastor, Valley United Methodist Church, Huntsville, AL

**March 19**

**The Rev. Robert Fowler**

Rector, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Jacksonville, AL

**March 26**

**Polly Robb**

3rd Year Seminarian, University of the South School of Theology, Sewanee, TN

**April 2**

**The Rev. Katherine Harper**

Curate, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Huntsville, AL

**April 9**

**The Rev. Tom Crittenden**

Interim Rector, St. John's Episcopal Church, Decatur, AL



Box Lunches (\$7.00 each) will be available in Ridley Hall following the services. Reservations for the lunches are requested by Monday noon, (256)533-2455 or you may register online at [nativity-hsv.org](http://nativity-hsv.org).



# WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN LENT

*Grace strikes us when we are in great pain...Sometimes at that moment a wave of light breaks into our darkness, and it is as though a voice were saying, You are accepted.*

-Paul Tillich

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5:30 pm Dinner  
6:00 pm Presentation  
Ridley Hall

## March 13th

The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger  
Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, AL

## March 20th

The Rev. John B. Burruss  
Rector, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Birmingham, AL

## March 27th

The Ven. Marti Holmes  
Archdeacon, Episcopal Church of the Holy Apostles, Birmingham, AL

## April 3rd

The Rev. T. Michael Goldsmith  
Rector, Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, AL

## April 10th

The Rev. Geoffrey Evans  
Rector, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Auburn, AL



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Dinner reservations requested, nursery reservations required by noon on Tuesday. Reservations can be made by calling the Church office, 256-533-2455 or online at [nativity-hsv.org](http://nativity-hsv.org)



# Learn Pray Play

2018-19 Nativity Sunday School

## First Grade Eucharist

Children in first grade were given the opportunity to participate in a First Grade Eucharist instruction class earlier this year. The children talked about the Sacraments, church and family. They toured the building and learned about Nativity's history, met with clergy and asked questions, and made bread together that was used during their first Eucharist. On Sunday, February 10th they sat together at the front of the church and took their first Communion together. Allison and Adam Proud attended the classes with their sons Carter and Brendan, and offered these reflections following the experience:

"I really liked learning about how the service works and making bread was a lot of fun!" ~Carter

"I wish we could eat that bread every Sunday! It was really cool all the way up in the front and you could see everything too!" ~Brendan.

"We really enjoyed going through this with the boys. You guys are amazing, and as their mom I so appreciate the thoughtful approach to such an important element of their church experience." ~Allison Proud

If you would like more information about this class, or other Children's offerings please contact Mary Coe, [mcoe@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:mcoe@nativity-hsv.org) or 256-533-2455.

**Pictured right:** Making bread for their first Eucharist.

**Pictured below:** Looking around Father Michael's office during a tour of the building.



**Pictured above & to right:** Gail Brown giving a tour of the Nave and Sacristy.



## VBS SAVE THE DATE!



We are excited to announce VBS for this year will be **June 24-26 from 1 to 4 in the afternoon**. Chairperson Amanda Goeke and the youth and children's team are already busy planning three afternoons of fun and learning. All children age 4 through rising 6 grade are welcome. Older youth are invited to help. Watch for registration announcement coming soon.

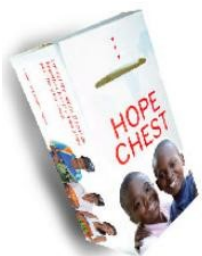
Would you like to be on the planning team? Email [mcoe@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:mcoe@nativity-hsv.org).

Can't wait for VBS!



# Mite Boxes for Easter

Mite boxes were inspired by the story in Mark 12:41-13 of the poor widow who gave only two copper coins to the offering and Jesus recognized that she had given all her wealth. The word mite originally meant a small coin of little value. Our modern mite boxes date to the 1870's when small cardboard boxes were given to families to encourage daily giving of change in the home.



Our long tradition of mite box coin-collecting during Lent and flowering the cross on Easter morning continues this year.

+ Mite boxes and coin collecting calendars can be picked up in children's Sunday school rooms.

+ Money collected in mite boxes will be donated to Episcopal Relief and Development.

## Mark your calendar

### March 6, 6:00

Ash Wednesday children's service. Drop off Ridley Hall, pick up Angel Lane (downstairs Ridley), concurrent with service in the church. Children 5 years old through 6<sup>th</sup> grade

### March 13, 27, April 3, 10; 5:30 & 6:00

Wednesdays in Lent. 5:30 Supper in Ridley hall. 6:00 Lent programs for all ages. Children's program for 4 year olds through 6<sup>th</sup> grade on Angel Lane (downstairs Ridley)

### March 17

Spring Break, no children's chapel or children's Sunday school

### March 24

Children's chapel and children's Sunday school resume

### March 24, 5:00

Lenten Folk Mass in the chapel and soup supper in Ridley Hall

### April 21, Easter

8:45, Holy Eucharist and Flowering of the cross with Mite Boxes

10:00 Easter Egg hunt in the courtyard

### June 24-26, 1:00-4:00pm

Vacation Bible School for 4 year olds through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration coming soon!



Getting ready for Children's Chapel!





## Mark your calendar!!

- March 3<sup>rd</sup> 3:30-5:00 pm JYC & EYC  
March 10<sup>th</sup> 4:00-5:30 pm JYC  
5:00-6:30 pm EYC  
March 24<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm Folk Mass & Soup Supper  
March 29<sup>th</sup> EYC Lock Out! More info coming soon!  
March 31<sup>st</sup> 4:00-5:30 pm JYC

For more information about upcoming youth activities and events please contact Amy Brooks, [abrooks@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:abrooks@nativity-hsv.org).



## Senior Brunch Series

**March 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:15**  
**Jason's Deli Whitesburg**

**April 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:15**  
**Panera Bread Whitesburg**

**May-Senior Celebration TBD**

## *Wednesdays in Lent Youth Study*

### *The Creed: What Christians Believe and Why?*

Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, April 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

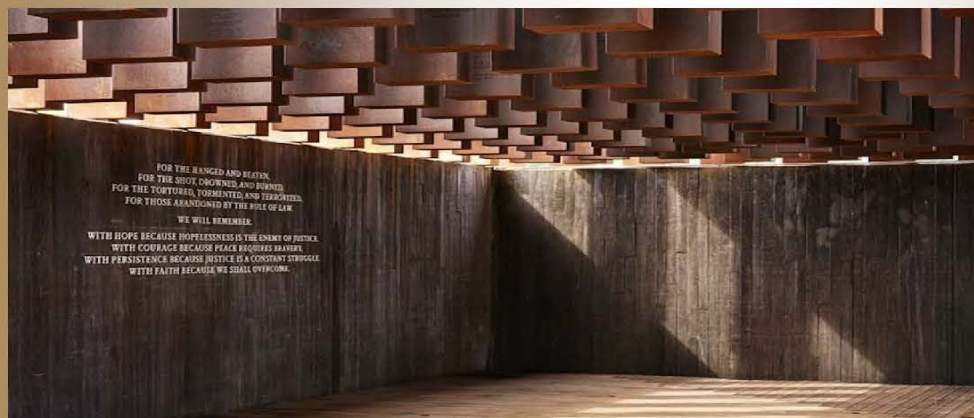
(we will not meet the week of Spring Break)

5:30 pm in the LOFT

Join us to explore and discover why we say the same thing every week, what it means and how we are called to live out the words we say.

Questions, Amy Brooks [abrooks@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:abrooks@nativity-hsv.org) 256-533-2455





# NATIVITY TRIP TO THE LEGACY MUSEUM &

## NATIONAL MEMORIAL FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019

\$65 PER PERSON

The Spiritual Development Committee at Nativity invites you to Montgomery, AL to visit The Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice. We will depart from Nativity at 8:00 am by charter bus and return to Huntsville by 8:00 pm. Cost of the trip includes bus transportation, entry into the museum, and snacks on the bus. Attendees will be responsible for purchasing their own lunch at one of the restaurants located near the museum.

Register online at [nativity-hsv.org](http://nativity-hsv.org) or call the church office 256-533-2455.

Questions: [thomasflydon@aol.com](mailto:thomasflydon@aol.com)

*The Legacy Museum: From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration* opened to the public on April 26, 2018, in Montgomery, Alabama. The 11,000-square-foot museum is built on the site of a former warehouse where enslaved black people were imprisoned, and is located midway between an historic slave market and the main river dock and train station where tens of thousands of enslaved people were trafficked during the height of the domestic slave trade. Montgomery's proximity to the fertile Black Belt region, where slave-owners amassed large enslaved populations to work the rich soil, elevated Montgomery's prominence in domestic trafficking, and by 1860, Montgomery was the capital of the domestic slave trade in Alabama, one of the two largest slave-owning states in America.

Visitors encounter a powerful sense of place when they enter the museum and confront slave pen replicas, where you can see, hear, and get close to what it was like to be imprisoned awaiting sale at the nearby auction block. First-person accounts from enslaved people narrate the sights and sounds of the domestic slave trade. Extensive research and videography helps visitors understand the racial terrorism of lynching, and the humiliation of the Jim Crow South. Compelling visuals and data-rich exhibits give visitors the opportunity to investigate America's history of racial injustice and its legacy, drawing dynamic connections across generations of Americans impacted by the narrative of racial difference.

The National Memorial for Peace and Justice, which opened to the public on April 26, 2018, is the nation's first memorial dedicated to the legacy of enslaved black people, people terrorized by lynching, African Americans humiliated by racial segregation and Jim Crow, and people of color burdened with contemporary presumptions of guilt and police violence.

The Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) is committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States, to challenging racial and economic injustice, and to protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society.

Founded in 1989 by Bryan Stevenson, a widely acclaimed public interest lawyer and best-selling author of *Just Mercy*, EJI is a private, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. We work with communities that have been marginalized by poverty and discouraged by unequal treatment, and we are committed to changing the narrative about race in America.

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EJI is dedicated to helping the poor, the incarcerated, and the condemned. We provide legal assistance to innocent death row prisoners, confront abuse of the incarcerated and the mentally ill, and aid children prosecuted as adults. More information is available at [museumandmemorial.eji.org](http://museumandmemorial.eji.org).



# 40 Years of Flowers

For forty years, the Flower Guild at Nativity has been providing beautiful arrangements for the altar every Sunday morning, decorating the church for Easter, Christmas and a many other special occasions and gatherings. This dedicated group of volunteers give of their time and talents and help to make our church a beautiful and welcoming space for everyone who walks in the door.

Flower dedications can be made in memory of loved ones, in celebration of a joyous occasion or in thanksgiving of a special blessing for \$40. The money

goes into the Flower Guild Fund and is used to purchase additional flowers needed during the year, including special arrangements for Palm Sunday, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Whenever possible, garden blooms and greenery are used by the talented Flower Guild members, but florist flowers are used as well, adding to the beauty of garden flowers, or replacing them when not available. A natural look is emphasized.

2019 Flower dedication forms and 2019 Easter Flower Dedication forms can be found below. If you have any questions, or would like more information about the Flower Guild please contact Andrea Vandervoort at 256-539-2673.

Examples of the flower guilds work and members of the Guild pictured below.



## The Steeple

### THE RECTOR'S CORNER ALTAR FLOWERS

For a \$40 donation, you may have the privilege of dedicating the Altar decorations in memory of loved ones, in celebration of a joyous event, or in thanksgiving for a special blessing. The \$40 goes into the Flower Guild Fund and is used to purchase additional flowers needed during the year, including special arrangements for Palm Sunday, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas, for which the Flower Guild is in charge.

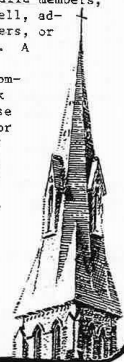
Complete the application form (found elsewhere in the Steeple) and mail with your check as soon as you determine the date of your dedication. Dates are filled in the order of their arrival, and may be shared with each family paying \$20. The dedications, for which there is a limit of two per Sunday, will appear in the bulletin and will be included in the Prayers of the People. Please indicate if you are willing to share.

Whenever possible, garden blooms and leaves are used by the talented Flower Guild members, but florist flowers are used as well, adding to the beauty of garden flowers, or replacing them when not available. A natural look is emphasized.

The Flower Guild strives to accommodate every request and will work out any special problems that arise as the flower chart is arranged for next year. A copy of the flower schedule will be mailed to all who elect to place flowers on the Altar.

Nancy Davis and  
Andrea Vandervoort  
Chairperson

of Nativity



This article is from a copy of the Steeple published in 1989. Notice that the price of the flower dedications is still only \$40!

## 2019 Altar Flower Dedications

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates requested: \_\_\_\_\_ (Available dates March 31, April 7, May 19, June 9, 16, 23)

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



# From the Archives

By Bobbie Graham, Lora Arnold, and Jim Payne

The Archives Committee

reports that the Filing Room on the second floor of the office is so packed with memorabilia,



pictures, old directories, bulletins, correspondence, announcements, unidentifiable photos, etc., that we are having to cull items that are duplicates, and items not currently of primary interest, to give space for newer materials. On Sunday, March 3, a collection of items will be available in the foyer of Ridley Hall for the taking.

Maybe you will see a picture of your great-grandmother, neighbor, or friend that delights you, a leaflet about a special event in the past, a poster, or other items that bring back memories. We welcome you to come by the table and see what gems you might want to take home.

The Committee will announce this give-away periodically as we reorganize and make room for current materials.

# Super Soup Seller

Special thanks to Raz Aboudonia who volunteered to help with the 2019 Souper Bowl Soup Sale and sold every single quart! Raz collected over \$1300 for the Parish Life Fund! Thank you Raz, you rock!



# Help Nativity Shine

By Pat Goodson & Emily Rodgers

On February 1 & 2, sixty-two volunteers deep cleaned the Nave, Lady Chapel, Chancel, Bell Tower, Banister Room, Chapel and water fountain hallway. Thirteen bottles of Orange Glo were used to clean every surface of wood. Hardwood floors were scrubbed with Murphy's Oil Soap. All eighty-nine pew cushions were vacuumed on both sides, Cleaning music was graciously provided by Marilyn a& Don Evans. Many thanks to the cleaning crew for their elbow grease and great attitudes!

## 2019 Easter Flower Dedications

Easter dedications are \$20 each

Your name as it is to be listed in the service leaflet: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name for dedication: \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose one:

\_\_\_ in loving memory of... \_\_\_ in thanksgiving for... \_\_\_ in celebration of... \_\_\_ in hon

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION. Please complete this form in full with your check r

*Nativity Flower Guild* and mail :

Andrea Vandervoort, 434 Locust Ave. Huntsville, AL 35801

If you have questions you may call Andrea: 256-539-2673. The dedication deadline is Friday, April 12.





# Stewardship of Creation: The Trash Trip

By David Chadwick

Some days it seems like our world has lost its direction. My home country, the United Kingdom, gets closer every day to a “no-deal” exit from the European Union, with potentially disastrous consequences for the economy. Some recent words from the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, on this issue try and address the current political chaos and uncertainty in the United Kingdom:

“It is time to bring grace and generosity back to our national life. At the heart of the Christian message is Jesus’ command to love our neighbor. This includes those with whom we agree and disagree – at home, in Europe, and further afield. We urge everyone – our political leaders and all of us – to bring magnanimity, respect and reconciliation to our national debate. There is now an urgent need for the United Kingdom to recover a shared vision and identity to help us find a way through the immediate challenges.”

You may agree that we could substitute “the Americas” for Europe, and “USA” for “United Kingdom” and this message would also be appropriate for many issues on this side of the Atlantic.

One of the Archbishop’s chief messages is how the impact of disruptions like Brexit, and climate change, are borne so often by the poorest, and that the burden should instead be carried by those with the broadest shoulders. Wealthy nations have the ability both to move speedily to reduce their impact on climate change, and to react to changes that are already occurring. My mother lives in an apartment next to a tidal river in south-west England. With documented increases in sea levels, the local government is taking action to strengthen the flood defenses in her town to reduce the risk of flooding. If you are a subsistence farmer in Bangladesh, living and working in the low-lying delta region, you may have fewer resources available to combat the effect

of climate change on your family and your environment.

Individuals can feel powerless in the face of governments and corporations that often seem to be focused on short term greed instead of long term sustainability. When faced with this feeling of powerlessness I often recall a lyric from the 1981 U2 hit Rattle and Rejoice: “I can’t change the world, but I can change the world in me. So rejoice.” Bono was just 21 when he wrote those lyrics.

One small step we took recently was to try and improve our family’s recycling ability. The economics of recycling is seeing some huge changes right now, so it is increasingly important to follow the guidelines from our local recycling services. You can follow @SWDAHuntsville on Facebook (not very glamorous I know, but they publish some great tips), and you can also print this guide for “What and how to recycle”. My wife Jill pinned this up in our kitchen recently, and hopefully we are doing better in supporting our local recycling service.

## WHAT & HOW To Recycle

### Paper Products

**NO**

- Plastic Wrap
- Plastic Bags
- Film
- Styrofoam
- Pizza Boxes
- Bulk Cardboard or moving boxes

**YES**

- Newspapers & Inserts
- Magazines & Catalogs
- Junk Mail & Stationery
- Computer & Printer Paper
- School & Office Paper
- Paperback Books & Phone Books
- Paper Bags
- Cereal & Pasta Boxes
- Tissue Boxes & Beverage Cartons
- Cardboard (must fit in bin) smaller than 2' x 2' flattened

Place papers in your bin so they will not blow. On rainy days, save your newspapers for a sunnier day!

### Cans

Aluminum and steel cans including EMPTY aerosol cans are acceptable. Please rinse all cans. EMPTY aerosol cans that have contained household products such as shaving cream, hair spray or air freshener are acceptable. Please remove the lids before placing them in your recycling bin.

**Not Acceptable:** Empty aerosol cans or cans that have contained poison or paint. Do not recycle scrap metal, paint cans, auto products, aluminum foil, or disposable aluminum pie plates.

### Plastic

Please recycle all narrow-neck bottles that have a #1 or #2 on the bottom, such as milk jugs, soft drink bottles, laundry products and shampoo. Rinse and remove lids and pumps. Containers may be crushed to conserve space.

**Not Acceptable:** Motor oil containers, poison containers, plastic wrap, plastic bags, wide-mouth plastic containers such as yogurt and margarine tubs.

### Household Dry-Cell Batteries

Place used batteries in a clear plastic bag beside your bin. Please recycle all household dry-cell batteries used in cameras, watches, toys, flashlights, smoke detectors, etc.

**Not Acceptable:** Lead-acid batteries, such as those used in automobiles, motorcycles, lawn mowers or boats. Call 882-0155 for further information about these batteries.

### Used Motor Oil

Recycle engine oil from your vehicles and lawn mowers. Put used oil in a CLEAN, CLEAR PLASTIC container, such as a one-gallon milk jug or a soft drink bottle, and fasten the lid securely. Place the container beside your bin. We will empty it and return it to you for your next oil change.

**Your oil must be in a CLEAR PLASTIC CONTAINER or it will not be picked up.** Do not recycle any oil that has been mixed with other things. Do not recycle antifreeze, transmission fluid or brake fluid. Call 882-0155 for further information about the disposal of other automotive fluids.

**Glass is Not Acceptable**

# What Are You Reading?

By Marci Wingo

*Why Religion?* Elaine Pagels

Raised an intellectual in a secular Palo Alto family, Pagels narrates the incredible course of her life defined by her honest, grounded search for the human truths in religion. Although known as an academic and a historian at Princeton, she stakes a different and a more personal tone in *Why Religion?*

She artfully whisks the reader back to a Billy Graham revival, where she went as a 15 year-old. Swept in by Graham and his revelations, she said “That day opened up vast spaces of imagination.” When she told her academically inclined parents, they were horrified to discover the evangelical underpinnings of her new beliefs. Ultimately, she concludes of the revival, “it changed my life, as the preacher promised it would-although not entirely as he intended.”

After an adolescence that opened her mind beyond the teachings of evangelism, and exposure to acquaintances like Jerry Garcia, she attended Stanford for undergrad. Afterwards, she moved to New York city to study dance under Martha Graham. Unable to advance meaningfully, she decided to apply to graduate schools, and found herself at Harvard Divinity School. There, she became an expert on a cache of Egyptian Documents discovered in 1945. She staked her academic career on those documents and wrote *The Gnostic Gospels*.

Elaine married physicist Heinz Pagels and they had one son, Mark. In her first taste with tragedy, Mark was born with a heart defect and died at the age of six due to complications. A year later her husband Heinz fell to his death in a hiking accident. By then, Heinz and Elaine had adopted two more children. It was perhaps the only force to drive her forward.

Elaine’s search for truth in religion only intensified with the loss of Mark and Heinz. She was not a traditional believer, and her dissonance with belief showed in her writing; still yet, she wrote about her relationship with religion.

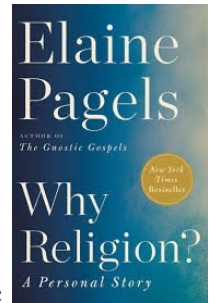
“Working hard to stay steady, or seem to, I could no longer afford to look through a lens that heaps guilt upon grief.”

“I didn’t take such stories literally, somehow their premises had shaped my unconscious assumptions. Now I had to divest myself of the illusion that we deserved what had happened; believing it would have crushed us.”

“Whether we believe them or not, they are transmitted in our cultural DNA, powerfully shaping our attitudes toward work, gender, sexuality, and death.”

Studying not only one form of religion, but many, mutually conflicting orthodoxies, she saw past the dogma of any one religion, and found a common thread of humanity spread across them all. Through this thread she was able to comprehend and mend her grief. Elaine Pagels determined this as grace.

I hope you enjoy this book!



**SEEING THE FACE OF GOD IN EACH OTHER**  
**ANTI-RACISM TRAINING**  
March 16, 8 am - 5 pm  
Huntsville, AL  
<https://bit.ly/2GauFrg>

This interactive workshop provides an insightful look into the causes and effects of racism. It provides practical ways to combat unconscious bias and ways to work to see the face of God in each other, regardless of race, creed or color.

For all ordained persons, professional staff, those elected or appointed to positions of leadership on vestries, committees, commissions and boards, and for all who seek to build bridges of racial reconciliation. This training is offered in the spirit of hope and offers a positive vision of the unity that can be achieved through Christ.

Church of the Nativity, Ridley Hall  
208 Eustis Avenue, Huntsville, AL

This event is free of charge, but we ask that you please register online at [bit.ly/2GauFrg](https://bit.ly/2GauFrg)

Contact: The Rev. Dn. Tom Osborne [trosborne@una.edu](mailto:trosborne@una.edu) or  
The Rev. Deacon Jeanie Robinson [jrobin1@comcast.net](mailto:jrobin1@comcast.net)



# Upcoming Events & Announcements

## HAP Sunday is March 3



Items needed include rice, soup, cereal, mixed vegetables, peanut butter, fruit and boxed potatoes. Place items in HAP bins located in Ridley Hall and the breezeway. Thank you!

## YAMS Monday, March 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!

## Men's Monthly Breakfast



Tuesday, February 12th at 7:00 am in Ridley Hall. Simple Eucharist at 6:30 in Bibb Chapel.

## The Mission Guild



We will meet on Monday March 18, 2019, in Joffrion Hall at 10:00 am. Our speaker and visitor will be Father Michael. We are so excited for his visit! Marion Conover and Karen Scriven will provide refreshments. Please bring a bingo prize to donate for the Huntsville Aquarius Club. Questions, contact Joan East, 804-731-3429 or [joaneast@knology.net](mailto:joaneast@knology.net).

## Daughters of the King



The DOK will meet Tuesday, March 19, in Joffrion Library for a business meeting at 11:00. We will then go together to the noon service and lunch in Ridley Hall. We will resume our current study of spiritual life in April. Please make your lunch reservations directly with the church. Hope to see everyone this month!

## Writing Your Final Chapter

This spring we will explore issues that accompany aging. We will meet on Sunday mornings during the Sunday school hour in Bibb Chapel. For more information about this series contact Rev. Bob Serio,

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

**March 3** Cardiac Issues/CPR, Carl Gessler (this class only we will meet in Ridley Hall)

**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

## The Book Class (Ridley Hall)

*The Last Week* by Marcus J. Borg and John Sominic Crossan is a day by day accounting of the last week of Jesus life on Earth, according to Mark, set against the background of Jewish life and Roman Imperial Control. Please join us for interesting commentary and discussion Sunday mornings at 10:00 am in Ridley Hall. Class meets through April 28th. (meet in Bibb Chapel on March 3rd only).

Questions, Ted Briggs  
[tedlbriggs@gmail.com](mailto:tedlbriggs@gmail.com).

## A Note from the Kitchen

THANK YOU Nativity for an always quick response, and your beautifully prepared food for our receptions. We've been busy the past few months and are so appreciative for all the help we receive!

If you have brought food to the church on dishes or trays that have gotten left here, please stop by the kitchen and pick them up. Feel free to contact Sally Stockton with any questions, 256-426-4291.

# Acolyte Schedule

## Sunday March 3

8:45 A/M Putt

C Patrick Ahearn, MM Creech

T Alana Boyce & Jacks McClung

S MM Creech

AS Alex Ahearn

11:00 A/M Nutt

C Emery Windham

T Sarah Coleman & Caroline Hornsby

S Carter Watson

AS Caroline Hornsby

## Sunday March 3 5:00 EVENSONG

arrive by 4:45 for instruction

Thurifer: Alice Malone

C Parker Sanders

T Maggie Sanders, Drew Dodgen\*

## Sunday March 10

8:45 A/M Putt

C Joshua Huskey, Clay Walker

T Macy Baker & Alec Huskey

S Clay Walker

AS Alton Hudson

11:00 A/M Nutt

C Luke Alison

T Madelyn Alison & Mary Ellis Alison

S Luke Alison

AS Madelyn Alison

## Sunday March 17

8:45 A/M Ward

C Cameron Pinson, T Aldag

T Vivian Hinton

T Anna Mullins, Daniel Starnes

S Cooper Gunter

AS Will Pinson

11:00 A/M Nutt

C Dylan Chenoweth

T Anne Limbo & Catherine Hendricks

S Dylan Chenoweth

AS Catherine Hendricks

## Sunday, March 24

8:45 A/M Ward

C Elizabeth Evans, Evelyn Warren

T Caroline Brooks, Clara Keener

T Drew Dodgen, Caroline Ayers

S Charles Warren

AS Anna Katherine Ayers

11:00 A/M Nutt

C JB Stockton

T SC Hornsby & C Hornsby

S C Hornsby

AS SC Hornsby

## Sunday March 31

8:45 A/M Putt

C Sam Hartley, Tess Lambert

T Olivia O'Halloran, Sadie Anglin

T Phoebe Duncan, Thea Sommer

S Ella Jane Duncan

AS Sadie Anglin

11:00 A/M Nutt

C Betsy Bryant, Riley Kamelchuk

T Evans Bryant & Laura Kamelchuk

S Margaret Foster

AS Laura Kamelchuk

\*scheduled twice this month

Many of you have lots of activities and trips this month that contains Spring Break—but hopefully I've managed to honor all your requests. If you find yourselves unable to serve as scheduled, please let us know and try to find a sub—then let us know who that will be. Head's up: those who are interested can travel down with us to Birmingham on Saturday May 11th for the Alabama Diocese Acolyte Festival! Lots of fun and details to follow!

Clay, Dorrie, Mike & Nina  
Acolyte Masters

# Financial Report

## Parish Financial Report Period Ending 01/31/2019

	CURRENT MONTH	BUDGET for PERIOD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
<b>Pledges Received</b>	<b>\$ 146,056.03</b>	<b>\$ 97,509.87</b>	<b>\$ 146,056.03</b>	<b>\$ 97,509.87</b>
<b>Plate</b>	<b>\$ 8,081.25</b>	<b>\$ 9,746.37</b>	<b>\$ 8,081.25</b>	<b>\$ 9,746.37</b>
<b>Other Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 1,655.69</b>	<b>\$ 8,791.63</b>	<b>\$ 1,655.69</b>	<b>\$ 8,791.63</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 155,792.97</b>	<b>\$ 116,047.87</b>	<b>\$ 155,792.97</b>	<b>\$ 116,047.87</b>
<b>Diocesan, School of Theology, &amp; Outreach</b>	<b>\$ 18,951.76</b>	<b>\$ 22,255.62</b>	<b>\$ 18,951.76</b>	<b>\$ 22,255.62</b>
<b>Personnel</b>	<b>\$ 67,082.45</b>	<b>\$ 68,223.43</b>	<b>\$ 67,082.45</b>	<b>\$ 68,223.43</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 25,103.53</b>	<b>\$ 25,568.75</b>	<b>\$ 25,103.53</b>	<b>\$ 25,568.75</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 111,137.74</b>	<b>\$ 116,047.80</b>	<b>\$ 111,137.74</b>	<b>\$ 116,047.80</b>
<b>NET</b>	<b>\$ 44,655.23</b>	<b>\$ 0.07</b>	<b>\$ 44,655.23</b>	<b>\$ 0.07</b>



# Prayer Requests & Parish News

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

Ed Litkenhous  
Dave Phillips  
Nancy Haile  
Ed Rush  
Asta von Tiesenhausen  
Nancy Davis  
Paul Elliott  
Rose Anne Shearer  
Cheryl Carter  
David Collette  
Roger Brown  
Gaye McCoy  
Maureen Cooper  
Betty Gerlach  
Ashley Lindley  
Prentice White  
Bill Nettles  
Leigh Wahl  
Ron Cook  
Beth McCormick  
Margaret Lichty  
Jody Mowrer  
Ted Bledsoe

## FOR THE DEPARTED:

Nannette Yarn

## TRANSFERS OUT:

Jo-Francisca Virginia Dabbs to  
Cathedral of St. Philip  
Atlanta, Georgia

## TRANSFER IN:

Shauna Lynn Gale Shafer  
Schaferz2004@gmail.com

## WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

**Rie Allen Linton**  
13004 Astalot Drive  
Huntsville, AL 35803  
256-457-6048  
[N2pax@yahoo.com](mailto:N2pax@yahoo.com)

## Kay Tate

1914 Colice Road SE  
Huntsville, AL 35801  
423-903-3275 [Kktate554@gmail.com](mailto:Kktate554@gmail.com)

## WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE BIRTH OF:

Jack Ryerson Epps, grandson of  
Donna & Stephen Epps and Ann Epps

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

3/1 Grant Howell  
3/4 Clay Walker, Jr.  
3/5 Lucy Cooper  
3/5 Caroline Abney  
3/7 Mary Maddox Creech  
3/8 Catherine Hendricks  
3/10 Gracie Gore  
3/11 John Steigner  
3/11 Rosie Gullion  
3/11 Janet Watson  
3/12 Riley Kamelchuk  
3/14 Thea Sommer  
3/14 Riley Alexander

3/15 Anna Franklin Stroud  
3/15 Gavin Ray  
3/16 Sarah Neal DePiano  
3/19 Raz Aboudonia  
3/22 Travis McClendon  
3/22 Elizabeth Rainey  
3/22 Lizzie Clute  
3/23 Celia Brocato  
3/24 James Nation, Jr.  
3/24 Alana Putt  
3/24 Emma Mauldin  
3/24 Luke Alison  
3/29 Colin Orr  
3/29 Robert McCoy  
3/31 Wyatt Donovan

## PARISHIONER UPDATES:

### Christopher Johnson

1005 Wells Avenue  
Huntsville, AL 35801  
256-489-4142

### Jared Cassidy

2105 Windover Drive  
Huntsville, AL 35811  
256-337-0077

### Sally Ann Culver

437 Locust Avenue  
Huntsville, AL 35801



## 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](http://Nativity-hsv.org/Connect) or call the church office 256-533-2455.

Questions, contact Bill Starnes [abcstarnes@comcast.net](mailto:abcstarnes@comcast.net).



# March Worship Schedule

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE March 2019 - AEK (updated 2/21/19)

### March 3<sup>rd</sup> - The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Goldsmith		Don Lambert	Don Lambert	Don Lambert
8:45 am	Monroe	Goldsmith	Lewie Bates, Charles Warren, Linda Watts	Sarah Coleman Hornsby, Lynn Sparks-Lewis	Shirley Hale Stucky
11:00 am	Monroe	Goldsmith	Walter Thames, Hanns Billmeyer, Laura Pierce	Martha Joffrion, Mike Innes	Fred Beck

### Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
7:00 am	Goldsmith		~
12 noon	Monroe	Goldsmith	Lea Ann Barnett
6:00 pm	Monroe	Goldsmith	Don Lambert, Hanns Billmeyer

### Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Foreman		Susan Brown

### Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> - The First Sunday in Lent

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lectors	Intercessor
7:45 am	Goldsmith		Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett
8:45 am	Goldsmith	Goldsmith	Kaaren Dunn, Lee Hicklen, Joan East	Camille Sommer, Jennifer Dill	Melissa Kirkindall
11:00 am	Goldsmith	Goldsmith	Peter Cobun, Virginia Kobler, Polly Blalock	Marcia Cobun, Elaine Hamner	Susan Brown

### Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Goldsmith		Joan East

### Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

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

### Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> - The Second Sunday in Lent

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lectors	Intercessor
7:45 am	Sloan		Mary Hendricks	Mary Hendricks	Mary Hendricks
8:45 am	Goldsmith	Sloan	Mike Ward, Tom Devenish, Margaret Bibb	Anna Katherine Ayres, Darlene Ehinger	Clay Sherrill
11:00 am	Goldsmith	Sloan	Deborah Baker, Sally Ann Culver, Susan Brown	Stacy Moon, Mickey Ellis	Buddy Moon

### Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Goldsmith		Cheryl Watts

### Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Goldsmith		Charles Morley

### Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> - The Third Sunday in Lent

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lectors	Intercessor
7:45am		Goldsmith	John Hendricks	John Hendricks	John Hendricks
8:45am	Sloan	Goldsmith	Joan East, Virginia Kobler, Pat Quirk	Lee Hicklen, Lynn Sparks-Lewis	Aubrey Tyner
11:00am	Sloan	Goldsmith	Hanns Billmeyer, Pat Sampson, Laura Pierce	Mike Brown, Sandy Brown	Ronnie Rogers

### Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Sloan		Mary Hendricks

### Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

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

### Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> - The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lectors	Intercessor
7:45am	Sloan	Serio	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett
8:45am	Goldsmith	Serio	Lewie Bates, Lee Hicklen, Charlie Warren	Melissa Kirkindall, Mary Johnson	Joan East
11:00am	Sloan	Serio	Peter Cobun, Deborah Baker, Richard Spera	John Nelson, Liza Q. Wirtz	Martha Joffrion

### USHERS

7:45am	Peter Barber
8:45am	Charlie Warren, Stuart Evans, Bland Warren, Kevin Webber, Don Wheder
11:00am	Jim Douthit, Bobbie Graham, Cheryl Watts, Lee Coggins, Fred Beck

### ALTAR GUILD

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Emily Moody, Jewell Reynolds, Wanda Cobb, Rebecca Brothers, Caffey Litkenhous
10 <sup>th</sup>	Judy Vann, Sara Little, Peggy Serio, Mary Johnson, Anne Carter, Melva Ochoa
17 <sup>th</sup>	Sophia Rowe, Linda Watts, Nancy Colin, Beth Pugh, Gail Brown
24 <sup>th</sup>	Alice Lanier, Rebecca Brothers, Judy Heacock, Debbie Joyner, Jewell Reynolds
31 <sup>st</sup>	Peggy Serio, Wanda Cobb, Caffey Litkenhous, Sara Little, Judy Vann, Melva Ochoa

### CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE

February 25 <sup>th</sup> - March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	March 4 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	March 11 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup>	March 18 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>	March 25 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup>
Goldsmith	Serio	Goldsmith	Sloan	Serio

### VESTRY Member Of The Day

March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	March 10 <sup>th</sup>	March 17 <sup>th</sup>	March 24 <sup>th</sup>	March 31 <sup>st</sup>
Jeff Johnson	Teresa Pinson	Grant Thomson	Greg Whitehead	Shari Williams
Wendy Wilson	Elizabeth Foster	Virginia Kobler	Darren Malone	Nick Pate

### VERGER SCHEDULE

March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	March 10 <sup>th</sup>	March 17 <sup>th</sup>	March 24 <sup>th</sup>	March 31 <sup>st</sup>
Robert Dunn	Lea Ann Barnett	Don Lambert	Lea Ann Barnett	Don Lambert
Hud Heaton	Terry Clevenger	Terry Clevenger	Hud Heaton	Terry Clevenger

### CHORAL EVENSONG - Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm

VERGER	LECTOR	LECTOR
Terry Clevenger	Elaine Hamner	John Conover



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## 2019 VESTRY

### WARDENS' COUNCIL

**Senior Warden**-Grant Thomson

**Junior Warden**-Wendy Wilson

**Treasurer**-Jason Angelichio

**Assistant Treasurer**-Don Evans

**Finance Chair**-Greg Whitehead

**Clerk of the Vestry**-Shari Williams

**Member at Large**-Paul Bonner

### VESTRY LIAISONS

**Adult Christian Formation** -Nick Pate

**Building & Grounds**– Don Evans

**Children's Christian Formation**-Teresa Pinson

**Communications and Technology**-

Shirley Hale Stucky

**Hospitality and Welcoming**-Jeff Johnson

**Ministry of Worship and Music**-Don Lambert

**Outreach**-Virginia Kobler



Nativity Convention delegates and their families at Camp McDowell for 2019 Diocesan Convention.

**Parish Entities**-Michael Shipley

**Special Events Ministry**-Virginia Caruso

**Spirituality & Pastoral Care**-Margaret Gleason

**Stewardship**-Darren Malone

**Trust and Endowments**-Paul Bonner

**Youth Christian Formation**– Elizabeth Foster

**Youth Representative**-Sara Hutchens