

# THE STEEPLE

Church of the Nativity

May 2019





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We are excited to welcome the **Rev.**

**Worth Stuart** as our new Priest

Associate Monday. May 20, 2019!

## **AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY**

A member of the clergy is *always* on call. If you need assistance from a priest outside office hours, the number to call *In Case of an Emergency Only* is 256-533-7007. All other calls including church or building and grounds issues should be directed to the main phone 256-533-2455. Leave a message for a priest to respond.

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**The deadline for the next issue is**

**Monday, May 27, 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.*



Having fun at the EYC Lock-Out!



Stations of the Cross service during Holy Week



Palm Sunday Procession

# **THE STEEPLE**

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## **On the cover...**

Sally Ann Culver and Father Michael celebrating with smiles on Easter morning.

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).

# Celebrating Our Future

Sunday, May 10 during the 10:00 am service, we will celebrate the members of our church family who will soon graduate from high school and begin the next part of their journey. Senior acolytes will be presented with a cross, and we will hear from Sarah Hutchens and Park Ellis, who will offer the homily. These young adults have served as acolytes, sung in the choir, had fun in EYC, heard stories in Sunday School and grown up in this communion of saints. Now it is time that we send them on their way, to blaze a new path and carry what they have learned with them. May they go in peace to love and serve the Lord!



*Nativity is more than just a church to me, it is a family. It is the place where I grew up, and made friends that mean so much to me. I learned so many things, not just about the Bible, but also about myself.*

Betsy Bryant

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*Next year I plan on studying interior design at Auburn University. I'm so excited to meet new people, and move on to the next chapter in my life. To me church means a place where I am as comfortable as I am at home.*

Elizabeth Evans

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*I will be attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the fall, and I am planning on double-majoring in journalism and political science. I am so grateful for the wonderful experiences I have shared at Nativity.*

Margaret Foster

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*This fall I am excited to be attending The University of Alabama for my undergraduate studies! I am so grateful for the community of people I have been surrounded by during my time at Nativity who have helped me become the person I am today, and I cannot wait to see where the next few years take me.*

Sarah Whelden Hall

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*I'm graduating from Randolph in May and plan to study engineering at Duke University next year.*

*Nativity is a great community and I've made a lot of good friends here. I've enjoyed being an acolyte, and the acolyte masters were awesome!*

Sam Hartley

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*This summer I will be coaching swim team for the Monte Sano Makos. I will be attending Auburn University in the Fall. I plan to major in Marine Resource Management.*

*I love Nativity's friendly atmosphere and how it feels so welcoming. Our Sunday School group has been really nice because we have relaxed discussions without things being too serious. One of my favorite things about growing up at Nativity has been Parish Weekends at Camp McDowell.*

Joshua Huskey



*I will be attending the University of Cincinnati in the fall. I have been involved as a youth at Nativity since elementary school and am immensely grateful to have been blessed with such a nurturing and welcoming home parish. My favorite memories include finding the golden egg in 2008, playing with candle wax at the Easter Vigil services and every Pajama Sunday since the invention of this fantastic tradition.*

Sara Hutchens

*I plan on attending Auburn University after graduation. I have grown up in the Church of Nativity and am very grateful for what I have learned and the experiences I've had.*

Riley Kamelchuk



*After graduation, I plan to spend the summer with my family and friends, working as a babysitter, and helping Audrey in the nursery on Sundays. In the fall, I will be attending The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, majoring in nursing then pursuing a graduate degree. I have always enjoyed caring for infants and would like to be a nurse practitioner in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.*

*Being a cradle Episcopalian, having been baptized at Nativity, and having grown up in this church, I feel this church and the parishioners are a part of my family. Everyone has been so supportive of my mom, my brother, and me over the years and have shown us so much love. I give thanks to God for each and every one of you. I have learned so much at Nativity, and through God's grace and my strong faith, I am ready to take the next step in my life.*

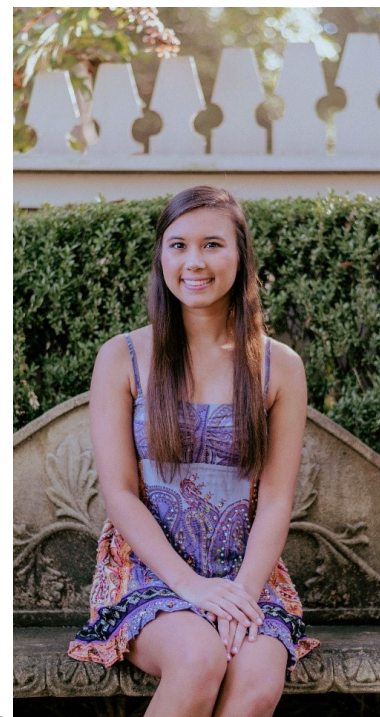
Thanks be to God,

Cameron Pinson



*I am planning to attend Huntingdon College to continue my academic and athletic careers. I am going to play basketball there and I can't wait! Nativity has meant so much to me, and I am so grateful for everyone here and the influence they had on me!*

Tucker McClung







*I am going to Santa Monica College next year, and I plan on transferring to and graduating from University of California in Los Angeles. I would like to travel the world and learn many languages in the future. To me, Nativity has been a place of family for my whole life.*

Parker Sanders



Jack Benton Stockton will attend  
Texas Christian University.

Seniors not pictured include:

Luke Alison who will attend Washington & Lee University

Dylan Chenoweth who will attend Southern Union State Community College

Park Ellis who will attend The University of Alabama

Britt Webber who will attend the University of Alabama

Mark Scheidker who will attend University of Alabama Huntsville



## *The Creed for Kids*

### *One room schoolhouse series*

For ages 3 years old through 6th grade

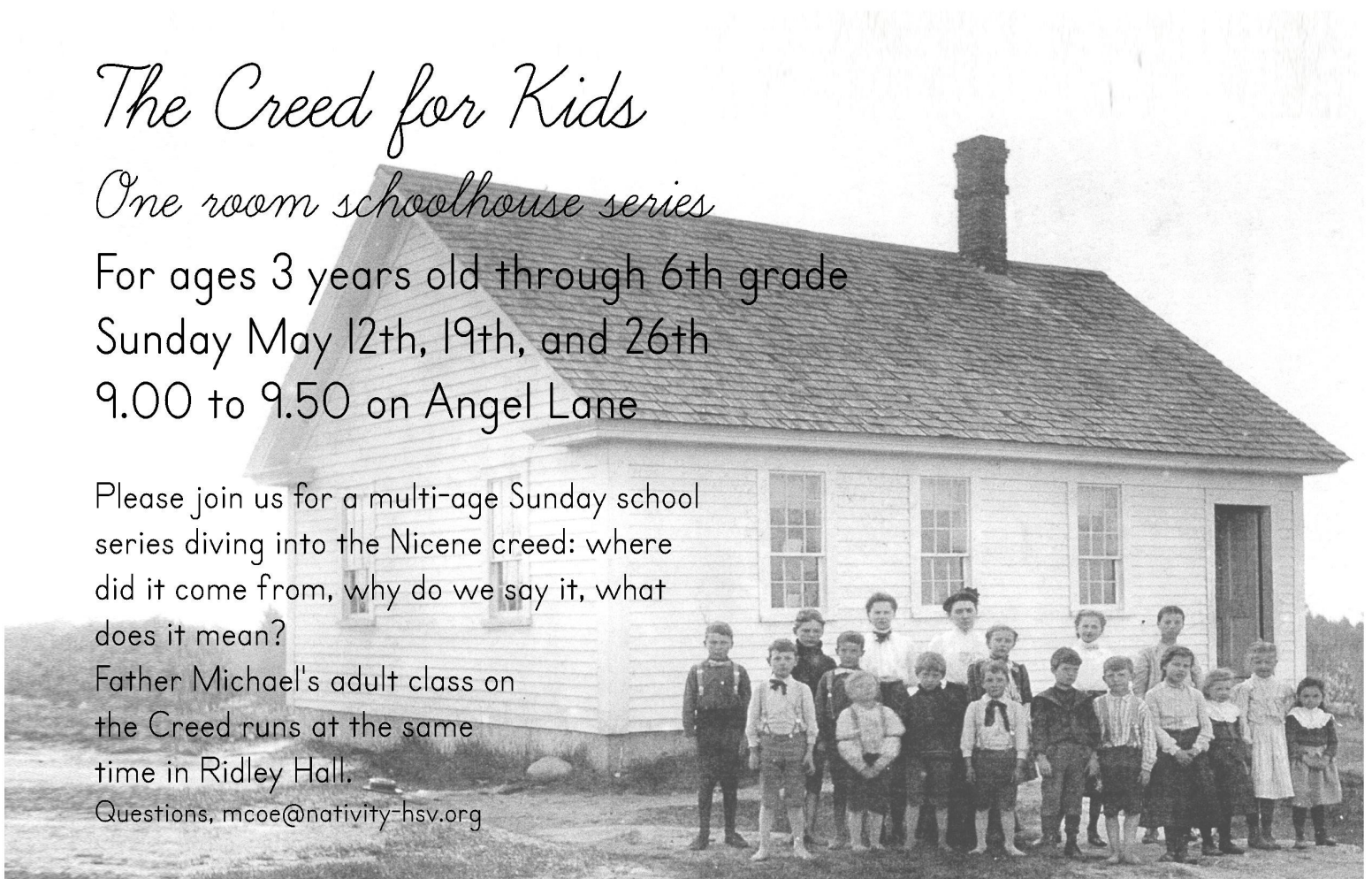
Sunday May 12th, 19th, and 26th

9.00 to 9.50 on Angel Lane

Please join us for a multi-age Sunday school series diving into the Nicene creed: where did it come from, why do we say it, what does it mean?

Father Michael's adult class on the Creed runs at the same time in Ridley Hall.

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





# Heifer International and the Annual Heifer Market

By Lee Ann Bryant

**H**eifer International is a 75-year-old charity that works in communities around the world to end hunger and poverty while at the same time promoting care for the Earth. Heifer is active in 27 countries, including the United States!

The core of Heifer's model is called "Passing on the Gift," which means families share the training they receive, and pass on the first female offspring of their livestock to another family. This extends the impact of the original gift, allowing a once impoverished family to become donors and full participants in improving their communities. The goal of every Heifer Project is to help families achieve self-reliance by providing them the tools needed to sustain themselves. It's thanks to the generosity of donors like us that this is able to happen!

Nativity supports Heifer International via our yearly Heifer Market, a living gift market charity where parishioners have the opportunity to financially support Heifer through donations, as well as by purchasing art made by the children of Nativity. Our Heifer Market was started by Lane Tutt, in the early 1980's, when she was Director of Children's Christian Education. Her goal was to make the church's support of Heifer International a more concrete experience for the children and youth of the parish. It has evolved over the years. Many people will remember beloved parishioner and local veterinarian, Dr. Louis McCurdy, who brought animals from his farm to the churchyard in order for the people to experience the animals that would be donated to families in the Heifer program.



Pictured above: Lane Tutt who started the Annual Heifer Market at Nativity in the early 1980's.

This year's Heifer Market will be held in the church Courtyard on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> between the 8:45 am and



Fun times in the Courtyard at the 2018 Heifer Market !



10:00 am services. There will be animals galore (chickens, bunnies, a goat, a pig and a pony!) and you will have the opportunity to support this wonderful organization through your donations. Join the fun and purchase some lovely animal themed children's art or a share of a farm animal!

For more information on Heifer International visit their [website](http://www.heifer.org) at [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org)





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# Heifer Market

## May 5th

### 10.00 am

#### in the courtyard

# Heifer Market

## May 5th 10.00 am in the courtyard

### What is Heifer ?

Heifer International's mission is to end hunger and poverty while caring for the Earth. For the past 75 years, Heifer has helped more than 34 million families break the cycle of poverty and lift themselves to self reliance.

By providing farm animals, tools and education, Heifer helps small-scale farmers feed their families and achieve living incomes, ensuring they have adequate food, housing and other essential resources to lead decent and dignified lives.

Heifer International enables farming communities to build successful businesses, thriving networks and resilient livelihoods. They help communities become the drivers of their own change.

Learn more at [Heifer.org](http://Heifer.org).

### What can I do?

Attend Nativity's Heifer Market fundraiser on May 5th. All ages are invited for fun in the courtyard while we support Heifer.

Visit with Peggy Piggy, Oliver the Mini-Horse and other animal friends, purchase artwork made by our children and learn more about Heifer's mission.

Make a donation of any amount towards our goal of donating an entire ark (\$5,000): two water buffalos, two cows, two sheep and two goats, bees, chicks, rabbits and more.

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



# ENSURING NATIVITY’S LEGACY:

## TWO GREAT WAYS OF SUPPORTING NATIVITY THROUGH PLANNED GIVING

By Lou Durnya

One of the ways of ensuring Nativity’s legacy is to include Nativity in your will. Since the first Book of Common Prayer, Episcopalians have been encouraged to make a will to provide for their families and to make bequests for religious and charitable purposes if possible. It is quite noteworthy that the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer includes a specific direction to making a will. Page 445 of the Book of Common Prayer states: *“The Minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses.”*

At the Church of the Nativity, there are two separate, endowed funds for which planned gifts can be designated. These endowment funds are the Nativity Trust and the Nativity Historic Preservation Foundation.

### Two Significant Ways to Remember Nativity in Your Will

**Designation in Your Will for Nativity**

Primarily OUTREACH

Nativity Trust

Historic PRESERVATION

Nativity Historic Preservation Foundation

These are both **endowments**. Endowments are investment vehicles that allow the **principal to grow** while yielding annual income for further investment and/or designated expenditures. **It is a gift that keeps on giving.**

The Nativity Trust is a way you can help Nativity’s mission expand, reaching out to others in creative ways above and beyond what is funded through annual pledges. Trust and Foundation money is never used for the daily operating costs of our parish, including salaries, routine maintenance and utilities. Per the Covenant with the Alabama Episcopal Foundation, not less than 75 percent of annual distributions from the Nativity Trust must be used for expenses outside the normal operations of the parish with particular concern for new outreach initiatives. The remaining portion of the annual distribution is used primarily for major maintenance and capital improvements.

The Nativity Historic Preservation Foundation was established as an additional program to ensure we could build appropriate funds for historic preservation of our beautiful campus. The foundation was formed to provide capital improvements and/or maintain the historic buildings and grounds of this holy place- a National Historic Landmark- so that it may continue to invoke the



spirit of the past and inspire future generations. (It should be noted that it is necessary for you to be specific if you want your gift to go to Nativity Historic Preservation Foundation. If you put just “Nativity” in your will, it will go to the Nativity Trust according to Nativity’s Covenant with the Alabama Episcopal Foundation.)

So, if your passion is OUTREACH, designate your gift to the **Nativity Trust**, which provides financial support primarily for new outreach programs and special capital needs of the parish.

If your passion is for HISTORIC PRESERVATION, designate your planned gift to the **Nativity Historic Preservation Foundation**.

As you enjoy God’s blessings through Nativity, may your gratitude for these good gifts inspire you to do the same for others through your planned giving. Please pray for how God is calling you to help expand the Kingdom’s impact and growth through Nativity’s mission and ministries.

## Lunch and Learn: GIFTS THAT ENSURE NATIVITY’S FUTURE

Sunday, May 5 (after the 11 a.m. service)

Please join us in Ridley Hall on Sunday, May 5th after the 11 o’clock service for a complimentary lunch and short presentation. You will learn about two major ways to ensure Nativity’s future, the Nativity Historic Preservation Foundation and the Nativity Trust.

You will find out how each endowment works in order to better understand why these funds are so important to the future of Nativity.

You will also learn how these two funds are different, how they are invested, how they are utilized, and other important information to help you make an informed decision when deciding on a gift or for estate planning.

Please kindly RSVP by Wed., May 1st, to the church office at (256) 533-2455 or online at <http://tinyurl.com/nativityhsvendowments>. Your response will allow us to plan for lunch.



Support Outreach



Support Historic Preservation



# Vacation Bible School

By Mary Coe

**H**ave fun in your PJ's! Please join us for The Great (un)Slumber Party VBS: God Has A Dream For You. VBS will be June 24-26 from 1 to 4 in the afternoon. All children age 4 years through rising 6th grade are invited for three afternoons of exploring: the night sky, night animals, night workers. We'll also hear Bible stories about God's dream for each us, play games, make crafts and have fun being together. Fifth and sixth graders will have their own mission-based program meeting in the LOFT. The night before VBS starts (June 23), we'll kick off with PJ's and movie. Pajamas welcome but not required all week! VBS is easy and fun with lots of help. Adults and youth 7th grade and up are welcome to sign up.

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

Can't wait for VBS!

**[Register Here](#)**

To volunteer: parents, sign up during registration; other adults and youth, **[Sign-up Here](#)**

**THE  
GREAT  
(UN)SLUMBER  
PARTY  
VBS** ★

*God has a dream for you*

**Dates:**  
June 24-26  
1.00 to 4.00 pm

**Register:**  
[tinyurl.com/  
2019NativityVBS](http://tinyurl.com/2019NativityVBS)

Three  
afternoons  
of sleepover fun.  
PJ's welcome!

We love  
help! Parents,  
sign up during  
registration.

Teens  
and other  
adults, volunteer  
at [tinyurl.com/  
2019VBSvolunteer](http://tinyurl.com/2019VBSvolunteer)

VBS is free  
for all children  
ages 4 years through  
rising 6th grade

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



# Greene Street Market

By Marilyn Evans

The 9th year of the Greene Street Market at Nativity opens Thursday, May 2 at 4:00 pm. Greene Street Market at Nativity is downtown Huntsville's producer-only, open-air market for fresh, locally-grown vegetables, fruits, meat, cheeses, and flowers. It's where you go to meet farmers with gorgeous local produce, grass fed beef and pork, free range chickens and eggs; pick up freshly-prepared meals, gourmet popsicles, traditionally-made relishes, cheeses, preserves and breads. And, it's where local artisans offer their works.

It's a great place to meet your friends (or make new friends), enjoy your family, hear wonderful music, do your shopping, and eat dinner- all in downtown Huntsville.

The outdoor market (located at the corner of Greene Street and Eustis Avenue in downtown Huntsville) is open every Thursday from the first Thursday in May through the last Thursday in October. The hours are 4 pm - dark May through August, 4 pm - dark in September, and 3 pm - dark in October.

All of the proceeds from the market help fund outreach programs of Nativity. In 2018, Greene Street gave \$20,000 to Nativity's Outreach. Become a locavore - support our local farmers, chefs and artisans. Invest in our community!



the  
**Greene  
Street  
Market**  
at Nativity



Pictured clockwise from bottom left: Victoria Jones is one of the many musical guests to appear each week at the Terrame Music Tent.

Lora Arnold, volunteer & customer enjoying fresh flowers from Brosemer Farms.

Fresh Strawberries are a must have at the first market of the season!

For years, Nativity parishioners have supported the market generously with their time and talents. If you would like to volunteer at the outdoor market or the store, please email us at [greenestreetmarket@gmail.com](mailto:greenestreetmarket@gmail.com), we would love for you to join us!

For more information about the market or to sign up for weekly communications about the market vendors please visit [greenestreetmarket.com](http://greenestreetmarket.com) or check us out on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

See you at the market!



# What's New This Summer at Nativity

## **THE CREED—A SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL MINI-SERIES**

Please join us Sundays, May 12, 19 and 26 at 9:00 am for a multi-age Sunday school series diving into the Nicene creed: where did it come from, why do we say it, what does it mean?

Children ages 3 years old—6th grade meet in Angel Lane for a one room schoolhouse style class.

Youth 7th-12th grades and adults will meet in Ridley Hall for a discussion led by Father Michael Goldsmith.

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

## **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **Sundays**

7:45 am Holy Eucharist, Bibb Chapel

10:00 am Holy Eucharist\*

### **Wednesdays**

12:00 pm Holy Eucharist with Healing, Bibb Chapel

### **Thursdays**

6:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Bibb Chapel

## **JUNE & JULY ONLY**

### **Sundays**

9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Bibb Chapel

## **WRITING YOUR FINAL CHAPTER**

Franklin Corley will present the final session of this series on getting your wills and legal documents in order. We will meet Sunday, June 2 at 9:00 am in Ridley Hall.

Questions, contact Lane Tutt or

# all-ages summer service

**Bibb Chapel  
Sundays at 9:00 am  
June 2--August 11**

All-ages liturgy that follows the order of Holy Eucharist from the Book of Common Prayer while using language accessible to everyone.

All ages welcome, really. Nursery not available.

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

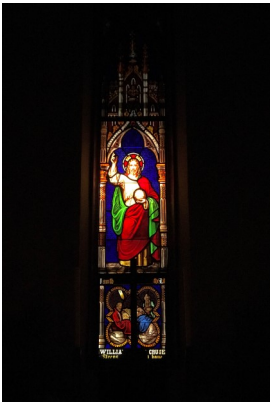


# What is Compline?

Reflection and Pictures By Carol Foret

**L**ent is now over, and Easter is still fresh in my heart and mind. The walk to the cross with Jesus was felt, and it was experienced more meaningfully by attending a precious experience called compline.

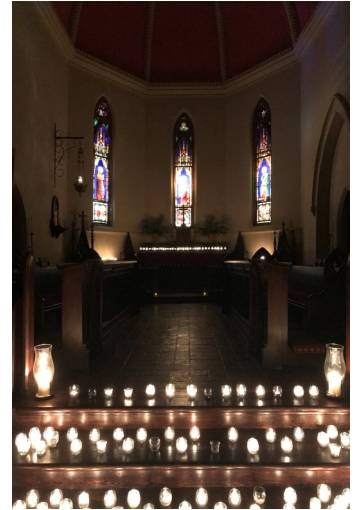
What IS compline? I know it as the most peaceful and beautiful harmonic sounds given Sundays at 8pm in the beautiful nave of the Church of the Nativity. I simply showed up to the service of music, with nothing required of me.



Arriving, I walk along the brick path lined with luminaries that guided me to the entrance. When I opened the door, I was immediately greeted with wafts of incense. Looking around, the beauty is stunning! Only candles light the nave very dimly—just enough to help me find a spot in a pew. Recognizing others is difficult, probably by design. We have all come to immerse ourselves into a beautiful half hour of peace. Grace. And what a gift of grace it is—the architecture, the scents, the flickering flames of so many candles that light the steps to the chancel. Then, as the distant sound of church bells chime the 8 o'clock hour, the small choir made of 8 or 10 very talented vocalists walk in silently. They settle in. And then the gift itself resounds—voices meshing together in the most magnificent, angelic harmony. They sound out prayers and pleas, moans and praises. These are sounds of nightly prayers one might hear echoing through the chambers of a monastery. “Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace...”

According to wikipedia, compline is a liturgical tradition found in some Christian denominations, known as nightly prayer at the end of the day. The word was first used in this sense about the beginning of the 6th century by St. Benedict.

Since I was a child, I appreciated some music as being grace-filled—music that stirs the soul and nourishes the spirit. Compline is that to me. I'm grateful that during some of the liturgical seasons, that Nativity offers the experience of compline. My hope would be that others would experience and find it to be the gift of peace and grace that it is.



## Upcoming Music Events at Nativity...

### **FRIENDS OF MUSIC CONCERT FRIDAY, MAY 24TH AT 7:00 PM**

New Haven based tenor, Gene Stenger will present a solo vocal recital. The repertoire will include music of the Baroque, German leieder, and music of the 20th and 21st centuries. This is a Friends of Music sponsored event and will be open to the public.

### **NATIVITY CHOIR ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND AT 5:00 PM**

The choir will be joined by organist Elizabeth LaJeunesse, and will present music of Palestrina, Ola Gjelio, Judith Weir, and others. The choir will also be singing movements from Jonathan Dove's Missa Brevis as well as his ethereal Seek him that maketh the seven stars. Organ selections will be from Louis Vierne's 3rd Organ Symphony.

These events sponsored by Friends of Music and are open to the public. Contact Christian Crocker for more information, [ccrocker@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:ccrocker@nativity-hsv.org) or 256-533-2455.



# Stewardship of Creation

By Freya Neely

We continue coverage of the 188th Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, with notes from the Keynote speaker's interesting and informative address.

The theme of the convention was "The earth is the Lord's for he made it: come let us adore him." The convention was invited to consider how we are called to be stewards of God's creation.



## McClintock Keynote Address

Bishop Sloan introduced the keynote speaker, Dr. James B. McClintock, the Endowed Professor of Polar and Marine Biology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Dr. McClintock shared his research and experiences to describe the effects of climate change on the environment in Antarctica.

And, in answering the question of "what can **I** do [about climate change]?" Dr. McClintock listed twelve ways to impact climate change:

- Vote; call, write, talk to your elected officials;
- Invest in companies with sustainable practices;
- Insulate your business or house;
- Turn off power;
- Smart consumption (avoid items heavily packaged);
- Adjust the temperature of your thermostat;
- Change driving habits;
- Plant a tree;
- Conserve water;
- Recycle;
- Change a light bulb; and
- Educate your friends and family.



He also invited folks to learn more about The Nature Conservancy's "We Need to Talk" Pledge.

**"Tell your friends:** Seven in 10 Americans believe climate change is happening and 6 in 10 are worried about it. Yet more than half of Americans rarely—if ever—talk about climate change with their friends and families. You can help change that.

"Talking about climate change doesn't have to be scary or divisive. Let those close to you know that we have climate solutions that could address global warming, avoid the worst impacts of climate change, and provide economic opportunities. **Sign the pledge to start one conversation this week, and do your best to find more opportunities to talk climate. One by one, we can help get our communities talking, and build support for climate solutions.**"

Go to The Nature Conservancy site to learn more!



# CAMP MCDOWELL

## 2019 SUMMER CAMP & RETREATS



Camp McDowell is a ministry of the  
Episcopal Churches in the Diocese of Alabama.

**CAMPMCDOWELL.COM**

205.387.1806



### WINTER WEEKEND

7th - 8th graders

JAN 18 - JAN 21

### OUR TIME

6th - 12th graders and their adult caregiver

MAR 2 - MAR 4

### AWAKENINGS

7th - 8th graders

MAR 15 - MAR 17

### MOTHER DAUGHTER RETREAT

All mother/daughter combinations, 1st graders & up

APR 5 - APR 7

### PRIMARY I

Rising 1st - 3rd graders with adult

MAY 24 - MAY 26

### ELEMENTARY II

Rising 4th - 5th graders

MAY 29 - JUN 2

### CAMPER BUDDY FOR

BETHANY'S KIDS

Rising 10th graders - high school graduates

JUN 5 - JUN 9

### BETHANY'S KIDS CAMPERS

Rising 4th - 8th graders with AND without disabilities

JUN 6 - JUN 9

### MIDDLER CAMP

Rising 5th - 6th graders

JUN 5 - JUN 10

### SOPHOMORE CAMP

Rising 8th - 9th graders

JUN 14 - JUN 22

### JUNIOR HIGH I

Rising 6th - 7th graders

JUN 25 - JUL 1

### SENIOR CAMP

Rising 10th - 12th graders

JUL 6 - JUL 15

### JUNIOR HIGH II

Rising 7th - 8th graders

JUL 19 - JUL 26

### ELEMENTARY I

Rising 3rd - 4th graders

JUL 28 - JUL 31

### YOUTH FOLK CAMP

Rising 5th - 12th graders

JUL 28 - JUL 31

### PRIMARY II

Rising 1st - 3rd graders with adult

AUG 2 - AUG 4

### FATHER SON RETREAT

All father/son combinations, 1st graders & up

SEP 6 - SEP 8

### WOMEN'S RETREAT

All adult women

OCT 11 - OCT 13

### FALL FLING

5th - 6th graders

OCT 25 - OCT 27

### FAMILY FARM TO TABLE

All ages

NOV 15 - NOV 17



# Upcoming Events

## HAP (Huntsville Assistance Pantry)

**SUNDAY, MAY 5** Items needed include canned fruit, rice, soup, dried beans, mixed vegetables, canned carrots, potatoes, English peas and coffee. Place items in HAP bins located in Ridley Hall and the breezeway. Thank you!



## YAMS (Young Adults Married & Single)

**MONDAY, MAY 6** 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!

**MONDAY, MAY 13** What if Church was a dinner party? Join us May 13 at Yellow Hammer, 6:00 pm for a fellowship meal then we will close with Compline following the meal. All are welcome! Please let Rose Veal know if you are planning to attend so we have enough table space.

[rosieveal76@gmail.com](mailto:rosieveal76@gmail.com)

## MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST

**TUESDAY, MAY 14** Join us at 7:00 am in Ridley Hall for breakfast and a presentation. Members of Nativity who have served in the Armed Forces will talk about their service and their faith and how the two impact one another. Simple Eucharist at 6:30 in Bibb Chapel.

## RETIREMENT RECEPTION

**SUNDAY, MAY 19TH** Join us following the 10:00 service in Ridley Hall for a reception honoring Finance Manager, Beverly Franklin. Beverly has served the church for 13 years, and will retire to spend more time with family on Friday, May 31st. Please come help us wish her well as she begins this new chapter.

## THE MISSION GUILD

**MONDAY MAY 20** Join us at 10:00 in Joffrion Library for our White Elephant Sale and meeting. We will bring salads to share and a few desserts. Our wonderful Auctioneer will be Jimmy Lou Horton. Please bring Bingo prizes for the Aquarius Club. We extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join us. Hope to see all of you! Questions, contact Joan East [joaneast@knology.net](mailto:joaneast@knology.net).



## DOK (DAUGHTERS OF THE KING)

**TUESDAY MAY 21** Ridley Hall at 11:30 am. Lunch served, there will be a call for lunch closer to the meeting. Hope to see every one soon! If you have questions please call Joan East 804-731-3429 or [joaneast@knology.net](mailto:joaneast@knology.net).

## WELCOME RECEPTION FOR REV. WORTH STUART

Join us Sunday, May 26th following the 10:00 service in Ridley Hall and help us welcome our new Priest Associate, The Rev. Worth Stuart!

## TOILETRY DRIVE

The Breakfast Club is sponsoring a toiletry drive to benefit families with the Huntsville Inner City Learning Center. Items needed: toilet tissue, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, body lotion, sun screen and laundry detergent. Please place items in the blue bin in Ridley Hall marked "Huntsville Inner City Learning Center". Many thanks for helping families in our community with these necessities. For additional information, contact Jill Chadwick or Emily Rodgers.



Members of the YAMS group having a little board game fun after their Lenten Stations of the Cross program.

# Acolyte Schedule

## SUNDAY MAY 5

### 8:45 A/M Putt

C Britt Webber, Ella Jane Duncan

T Jacks McClung, Phoebe Duncan

T Ellie Webber, Drew Dodgen

S Ella Jane Duncan AS Alton Hudson

### 11:00 A/M Sherrill

C Betsy Bryant, Emery Windham

T Catherine Hendricks, ME Alison

T Madelyn Alison, Evans Bryant

S Mary Maddox Creech AS Carter Watson

## \* Saturday, May 11 Diocesan Acolyte Conference in Birmingham

Let us know by May 6 if you are able to travel down with us! 8 am-5 pm

## SUNDAY MAY 12

\*\*SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS\*\*

7:45 C Clay Walker

### 10:00 A/M Nutt, Sherrill, Ward, Putt

#### SENIOR CROSS PRESENTATION

C Josh Huskey, Cameron Pinson

T Parker Sanders, JB Stockton

T Margaret Foster, Sarah Whelden Hall

S Sam Hartley AS Riley Kamelchuk

Banners: Eliz Evans, Dylan Chenoweth

## SUNDAY MAY 19

7:45 C Cooper Gunter

### 10:00 A/M Ward

C Patrick Ahearn, Thomas Aldag

T Caroline Hornsby, Alana Boyce

T Daniel Starnes, Vivian Hinton

S Sarah Coleman Hornsby AS Alex Ahearn

## SUNDAY MAY 26

7:45 C Sadie Anglin

### 10:00 A/M Nutt

C Tess Lambert, Alice Malone

T Caroline Ayres, Caroline Brooks

T Clara Keener, Anna Mullins

S Anna Katherine Ayres AS Thea Sommer

This month we will change to our summer schedule on the 2nd Sunday, which will include the Senior Acolyte Cross Presentation. Those of you who have let me know you will not be able to attend—we will make sure you get your cross! Since we only use one acolyte for the 8:00 services, some of you may not appear on this month's schedule—but I'll do my best to get you on the schedule right away next month!

Clay, Dorrie, Mike & Nina

Acolyte Masters

# Financial Report

## Parish Financial Report: Period Ending 03/31/2019

	CURRENT MONTH	BUDGET for PERIOD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
<b>Pledges Received</b>	\$ 112,500.01	\$ 97,509.83	\$ 353,222.63	\$ 292,529.53
<b>Plate</b>	\$ 13,693.50	\$ 9,746.37	\$ 32,702.35	\$ 29,239.03
<b>Other Revenues</b>	\$ 4,537.77	\$ 8,791.63	\$ 8,787.83	\$ 26,374.97
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 130,731.28	\$ 116,047.83	\$ 394,712.81	\$ 348,143.53
<b>Diocesan, School of Theology, &amp; Outreach</b>	\$ 23,017.81	\$ 22,255.58	\$ 65,432.95	\$ 66,766.78
<b>Personnel</b>	\$ 61,251.02	\$ 68,223.37	\$ 187,886.01	\$ 204,670.17
<b>Other Expenses</b>	\$ 23,782.82	\$ 25,568.75	\$ 76,525.27	\$ 76,706.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 108,051.65	\$ 116,047.70	\$ 329,844.23	\$ 348,143.20
<b>NET</b>	\$ 22,679.63	\$ 0.13	\$ 64,868.58	\$ 0.33



# Prayer Requests & Parish News

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

Kevin Cassidy  
Leigh Wahl  
Laura Ragland  
Phil Dotts  
Bill Ponds  
Gideon Hargraves  
Caroline Bevel  
Nancy Haile  
Asta von Tiesenhausen  
Roger Brown  
Gaye McCoy  
Fred Stucky  
Ed Litkenhous  
Maureen Cooper  
Rose Anne Shearer  
Betty Gerlach  
Ashley Lindley  
Prentice White  
Ron Cook  
Margaret Lichty  
Jody Mowrer  
Ted Bledsoe

## FOR THE DEPARTED:

Alleda Coons  
Nigel Shelby  
Lucy Waesche

## WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:

Lyla Caroline Brown, daughter of  
Abby and Hunter Brown

Ezra James Spencer and Elias  
Cade Spencer, sons of Abigail and  
Trent Spencer

## WE CELEBRATE THE NEWLY MARRIED:

Justin Eby and Rose Veal, married  
Saturday, April 27 in Key West, FL

## WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Caroline and Mike Lyon  
1405 Wind River Drive  
Huntsville, AL 35802

Kerry Doran  
6 Cruse Alley  
Huntsville, Al 35801

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

Sarah Blank	5/1
Stella Allbritton	5/3
Christopher Laney	5/7
Ellie DeFiore	5/10
Owen Proud	5/11
Julia Cote	5/11
Anna-Claire Stevens	5/12
Harriet Davis	5/14
Laura Green Nelson	5/14
Zoe Maddox	5/14
Liam Stafford	5/15
Gertrude Aboudonia	5/18
Cornelius Allen, III	5/19
Anna Katherine Ayres	5/19
Evelyn Warren	5/19
Evelyn Jones	5/20
Anthony Landers	5/20
Stewart Jane Davis	5/23

Juneau Farrell	5/24
Lochlan Connelly	5/24
Kate Hudson	5/26
Kelly Hay	5/26
Alana Boyce	5/27
Ivy McCurry	5/28
Britt Webber	5/31

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We are currently working on updating the 2020 Guide Book. Please contact Emily Rodgers, [erodgers@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:erodgers@nativity-hsv.org), if you have any changes in address, phone number or email that need to be made. Thank you!

The remaining available dates in 2019 to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism at Nativity are Sunday, June 9 (Pentecost) and November 3 (All Saints). Please contact a member of the clergy to schedule a Baptism.

We welcome the newly Baptized!  
Pictured right: Ezra and Elias with their parents Abigail and Trent Spencer.  
Pictured below: Lyla Caroline Brown with Rev. Michael Goldsmith.





# May Worship Schedule

WEDNESDAY, May 1 <sup>st</sup>					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12 noon	Sloan		Cheryl Watts		
THURSDAY, May 2 <sup>nd</sup>					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
6:00 pm	Sloan	Sloan	Lewie Bates		
SUNDAY, May 5 <sup>th</sup> The Third Sunday of Easter					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Goldsmith	Goldsmith	John Hendricks	John Hendricks	John Hendricks
8:45 am	Sloan	Goldsmith	Lee Hicklen, Susan Brown, Lane Mickle	Mary Johnson, Polly Blalock	Aubrey Tycer
11:00 am	Sloan	Goldsmith	Pat Sampson, Laura Pierce, Sally Ann Culver	John Nelson, Liza Q. Wirtz	Clay Sherrill
WEDNESDAY, May 8 <sup>th</sup>					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12 noon	Goldsmith		Mary Hendricks		
THURSDAY, May 9 <sup>th</sup>					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
6:00 pm	Sloan		Sally Ann Culver		
SUNDAY, May 12 <sup>th</sup> - The Fourth Sunday of Easter "Summer Schedule Begins"					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Sloan	Sloan	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett
10:00 am	Sloan	Youth	Richard Spera, Polly Blalock, Mike Ward	Caroline Brooks, Sarah Coleman Hornsby	TBD-Youth
WEDNESDAY, May 15 <sup>th</sup>					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12 noon	Sloan		Susan Brown		
THURSDAY, May 16 <sup>th</sup>					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
6:00 pm	Goldsmith		Lewie Bates		
SUNDAY, May 19 <sup>th</sup> - The Fifth Sunday of Easter					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Goldsmith		Don Lambert	Don Lambert	Don Lambert
10:00 am	Sloan /	Goldsmith	Virginia Kobler, Hanns Billmayer, Tom Devenish	Michael Innes, Sandy Brown	Ronnie Rogers
WEDNESDAY, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	Assisting Clergy		
12 noon	Goldsmith		Stuart		
THURSDAY, May 23 <sup>rd</sup>					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	Assisting Clergy		
6:00 pm	Goldsmith		Stuart		
SUNDAY, May 26 <sup>th</sup> - The Sixth Sunday of Easter					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Sloan		Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson
10:00 am	O: Goldsmith, C: Stuart, P: Sloan		Lewie Bates, Linda Watts, Peter Cobun	Marcia Cobun, John Conover	Martha Joffrion
WEDNESDAY, May 29 <sup>th</sup>					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12 noon	Stuart		Joan East		
THURSDAY, May 30 <sup>th</sup>					
Service	Celebrant / Preacher		LEM		
6:00 pm	Stuart		Lewie Bates		
USHERS					
7:45/8:45am	Peter Barber, Bill Starnes, Allen Daniels, Randy Dill, Chad Hinton, Pat Sampson, Clay Sherrill				
10/11:00am	Hanns Billmayer, Ernie Thomas, Susan Thomas				
ALTAR GUILD					
5 <sup>th</sup>	Judy Heacock, Alice Lanier, Jewell Reynolds, Sophia Rowe, Linda Watts, Rosalie Smith				
12 <sup>th</sup>	Beth Pugh, Judy Vann, Peggy Serio, Rebecca Brothers, Heather Stroud				
19 <sup>th</sup>	Wanda Cobb, Debbie Joyner, Caffey Litkenhous, Mary Johnson				
26 <sup>th</sup>	Anne Carter, Sophia Rowe, Melva Ochoa, Sara Little				
CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE					
April 29 <sup>th</sup> -May 5 <sup>th</sup>		May 6 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	May 13 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup>	May 20 <sup>th</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup>	May 27 <sup>th</sup> - June 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Goldsmith		Goldsmith	Sloan	Serio	Goldsmith
VESTRY Member Of The Day					
May 5 <sup>th</sup>		May 12 <sup>th</sup>	May 19 <sup>th</sup>	May 26 <sup>th</sup>	
Margaret Gleason		No 7:45 am Vestry Member	of the Day during	Summer Schedule	
Darren Malone		Jeff Johnson	Virginia Kobler	Don Lambert	
VERGER SCHEDULE					
May 5 <sup>th</sup>		May 12 <sup>th</sup>	May 19 <sup>th</sup>	May 26 <sup>th</sup>	
Terry Clevenger					
Terry Clevenger		Don Lambert	Hud Heaton	Lea Ann Barnett	



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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



From Left: Spencer Anglin and Vestry member  
Elizabeth Foster having fun chaperoning the  
EYC Lock-Out

**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