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The deadline for the next issue is
Monday, September 23, 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.



From left: Cheryl Watts & Sara Little having fun at the 1st monthly Lunch Bunch.



More than 40 groups and ministries took part in the Ministry Fair hosted by the Vestry on Sunday, August 11th.



A group from the Nativity Cursillo Community serving breakfast at First Stop.

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Elias Spencer enjoying a quiet moment in the courtyard at the Rally Day picnic.

Send your pictures from Nativity activities and events to: 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.

Back in the Swing of Things

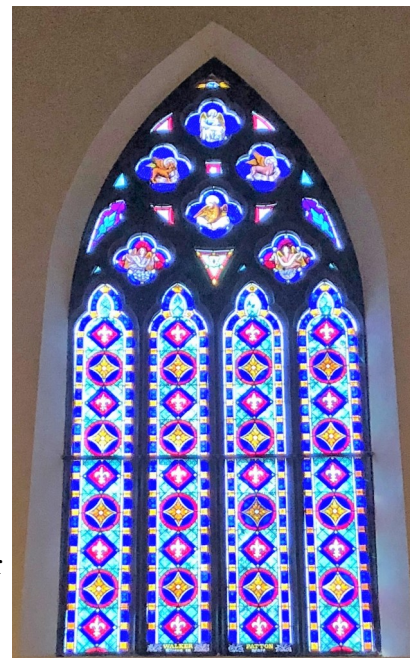
Rally Day has come and gone, and Labor Day has passed, which means it is time to get back in the swing of our regular schedule here at Nativity. We will begin our regular schedule on Sunday, September 8th. We hope you will join us!

7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I in Bibb Chapel (no music at this service)

8:45 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II* with Children's Chapel (Children ages 4 through 4th grade are led out of church just before the Gospel and return at the exchange of the Peace. During this special time, children have a chance to worship and learn about the gospel for the day.)

10:00-10:50 am Sunday School* (classes are offered for children age 3 through 12th grade and adults). Stop by Ridley Hall on your way to class for biscuits & coffee! \$1 donation for biscuits is appreciated.

11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II* *Indicates Nursery is available.



Children & Youth Christian Formation

Regular schedule means Sunday School is back! Check out what is happening for kids on Sunday mornings at Nativity!

Godly Play (Downstairs Ridley Hall, Angel Lane) Children 3 years old through 3rd grade.

Based on Montessori principles and developed by an Episcopal priest, Godly Play helps children explore their faith through story, gain religious language and enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play.

WHIRL Lectionary (Downstairs Ridley Hall, Angel Lane) 4th grade

A lectionary based curriculum where children will **Hear** – Watch the Whirl characters learn about the Bible, **Respond** – Apply the message using their lesson leaflets, and **Launch** – Participate in Scripture-based activities, both inside the classroom and at home with their families.

Club 56 (2nd floor Ridley Hall) 5th and 6th grades

We will use Connect by Sparkhouse, a curriculum that engages tweens in God's big story with quirky videos, hands-on activities, and Bible exploration that follows a three-part sequence: • See by starting lessons with an animated video that exposes a key biblical theme. • Explore by using the Connect Bibles to read, highlight, and sketch as they search for passages that relate to the lesson theme. • Create associations between biblical themes and their own lives with activities and projects in the learner materials that get them creating, collaborating, and connecting.

Led by: Ashley Hudson, Kim Huskey, Allison Proud and Adam Proud.

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Junior High (2nd floor Ridley Hall) 7th-8th grades

Fall semester: Finding God's Best. Through a multi-media and bible based curriculum, we will learn to use the bible to tackle tough questions about God, others, and ourselves. Spring semester: Help is on the Way. In this series, we will work on our understanding of the death and resurrection of Jesus, preparing for temptations, and navigating relationships with others.

Led by: Amanda Goeke, Tracy Ocampo, Denise Schiber and David Towry.

High School (the LOFT third floor of Joffrion) 9th-12th grades

Making It Real and Relevant. Lectionary based, multi-media enhanced Bible study for youth. Each Sunday will include media, discussion, and activity components based on the lectionary.

Led by: Spencer Anglin, Mem Bryant, Andrew Hyche and Tabby Ragland.

learn pray play

2019-20 Church of the Nativity Children's Formation

[Click here to register
for Sunday School!](#)

Adult Christian Formation

Nativity has something for EVERYONE! Take a look at all the wonderful Sunday morning and weekly offerings for Christian Formation this Fall!

Rector's Bible Study (Ridley Hall)

All adult classes will meet together Sundays, September 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th for a Bible Study led by The Rev. Michael Goldsmith (The Rev. Susan Sloan will teach on the 22nd).

REGULAR CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

YAMS on Sunday Mornings (Joffrion Hall, 2nd floor)

This fall we will discuss *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. Come enjoy discussion around this book, and the opportunity to grow our faith in our community.

Led by Rosie Veal Eby and Trent Spencer.

The Breakfast Club (Joffrion Hall, 2nd floor west)

Relax in a comfy setting with a cup of coffee as we delve into the Bible, strengthen friendships, and experience helping others.

Led by Amy Creech and Emily Rodgers.

The Social Justice Class (Banister Room)

The Social Justice class is focused on looking at today's events through the principles of our faith: using the service lessons each Sunday to guide attention, advocacy and action as we engage with the world.

Led by Jennifer Dill, Jackie Sheldon, and Bill Starnes and coordinated by Freya Neely.

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The Book Class (Ridley Hall)

Please join us for interesting commentary and discussion.

Led by Ted Briggs, Darlene Ehinger, Walter Thames, Rick Wilhoite and Lynne Vallely.

The Zimmerman Bible Study Class (Joffrion Hall Library)

We will study the predictions of Christ in the Old Testament and contrasts in genealogy for Christ in the New Testament.

Led by The Rev. Basye Holland-Shuey, The Rev. Deacon Bob Serio and Elise Taylor.

Chat and Chew (Children's Library on Angel Lane)

A drop in Sunday school class for parents of young children. We will discuss an article or idea on parenting, faith in families or modern struggles. Bring your own topic to the table!

Coordinated by Iana Ham.

Questions about one of these classes? Please contact Lane Tutt ltutt@nativity-hsv.org or 256-533-2455.

Weekday offerings

The Good Book Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, September 4th in Joffrion Library from 1:00 until 2:30 pm. We will study John: *The Gospel of Light and Life* by author Adam Hamilton. Those interested in the class can order their books from Amazon, Cokesbury, Barnes & Noble or any other outlet for Christian books. Questions, contact Carole Sue Goodwin wgood35801@aol.com.

Leaders: Pattie Cline, Susan Morley, Jeannie Robison and Susan Sloan.

Reflections Bible Study

Thursday, September 5th we will begin meeting weekly from 9:30 to 11:00 on the second floor of Ridley Hall in Club 56. This year we will use the book *God of Creation: A Study of Genesis 1-11* by author Jen Wilkin. Led by: Lisa Caprio, Debbie Collette, Kim Hartley, Connie Stephenson and Shelley Whitney.

Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Come for coffee, fellowship and great discussions! Wednesdays at 7:15 September through May in Joffrion Hall Library. For more information contact John Hendricks at 256-539-4915.

Men's Wednesday Night Bible Study

Wednesday, September 11, 18 and 25th at 6:00 pm in Joffrion Library. Instructor, Charles Morley.

Education for Ministry (EfM)

EfM, Education for Ministry, is a four year program of theological education designed for the laity of the church, covering the Old Testament, New Testament, Church history, and theology. The class meets weekly on Monday night, September - May as a seminar group comprised of 6 to 12 students, guided by Mentors. More information at <http://efm.sewanee.edu/about-efm/about-efm>. If this is of interest to you, please consider registering for a Fall EFM class. For further information and registration, contact Ted Briggs ted.l.briggs@gmail.com.

Lunch Bunch Is A Hit!

By Susan Sloan

What a lively crowd we had at the first Lunch Bunch gathering! The atmosphere was crackling with enthusiasm! The food was superb and the conversation delightful! It was so good to share a meal with friends old and new.

After a trip down memory lane led by Bob Serio (Who knew Elvis's first hit was Heartbreak Hotel?!) the floor was opened for ideas and plans for what we might enjoy for future programs and other opportunities. Ideas for topics ranged from things past- histories of the church, architecture in Huntsville, Civil war and Civil Rights to the present- staying in shape, eating right, elder law- and to the future- how to use our technology better and how to understand generational differences. Additional offerings might include hikes, a walk around group or a service project.

The next time we meet, we will start slowly with Nativity's app and some simple ways to use ShelbyNext. Bring your phone (or a notepad) and our wonderful, kind and understanding staff will walk us through step by step. They will also be open to questions about using our phones, computers or iPads.

IF that doesn't interest you, there will be a continuing trivia challenge. Who knows? Next time you might get to "eat a cupcake!" See you all September 24- same time, same place- and bring a friend!

Thanks for a great time,

Bob, Lane and Susan

[CLICK HERE](#) to register online for September 24, or call the church office 256-533-2455. Questions? Contact Amy Kennedy, akennedy@nativity-hsv.org.

lunch bunch
Feed your soul



8th Nativity Women's Retreat

at Camp McDowell

February 21 & 22, 2020

Unnamed Women of the Bible

With special guest

The Rev. Monna Mayhall

Associate Rector, St. Paul's Franklin, TN

Register today at nativity-hsv.org or call the church office 256-533-2455.

Single Room \$145 Shared Room \$95

Financial assistance is available.

Questions? Contact Lane Tutt, ltutt@nativity-hsv.org

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION

THE JOURNEY
A Day on Addiction and Recovery

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14
ST. STEPHEN'S BIRMINGHAM
Featuring Alabama artist Lila Graves

Confirmation 2020

All 9th-12th graders are invited to attend the Nativity Confirmation Retreat at Camp McDowell February 21st-23rd. This retreat will be led by Father Michael, and will serve as confirmation preparation for the Bishop's visit on Sunday, May 10, 2020.

Those who have already been confirmed are invited and encouraged to attend as well.

All high school students will attend their regular Sunday school class in the Loft during the school year.

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

Looking for a way to help with the youth program at Nativity? We can help!

Volunteers are needed to provide meals each week for JYC & EYC. Please click on the links below and sign up today!

<https://tinyurl.com/JYCdinner2019>

<https://tinyurl.com/EYCdinner2019>



YOUTH GROUP MEETING TIMES

JYC : 5th-6th grades Wednesdays 5:30-7pm in THE LOFT

EYC: 7th-8th grades Sundays 5-6:30pm in THE LOFT

Senior EYC: 9th-12th grades Sundays 6-7:30pm in THE LOFT

The **LOFT** is located on the 3rd floor of Joffrion Hall.
Questions? Contact Amy Brooks, abrooks@nativity-hsv.org.

YPPB Reflection

Hello my name is Clara Keener and I went on the 2019 Young People Paint Birmingham trip this summer. This trip was an excellent way to meet new people, help others, and give back to the people in our community. Each day we went to a house and painted it from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. This was such a fun way of helping others in need. Painting houses was an excellent way to work on team building skills. The St. Stephen's Episcopal Church family welcomed us after a hard days work! They provided food, air conditioning, and a great place to sleep!



EYC Breakfast Club

11th and 12th graders are welcome to meet at Little Rosie's (7:30am) on the 3rd Friday of each month for fellowship and a brief devotional.

September 20th

October 18th

November 22nd

December 20th

January 17th

February 21st

March 20th

April 17th

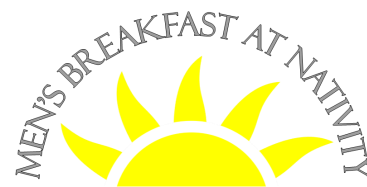
May 15th

Men's Breakfast Is Back

By Bob Serio

Join the Men's Ministry Team for our first Men's Breakfast of the season! We will meet Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 am in Ridley Hall for one of Sally Stockton's delicious breakfasts, and a presentation from our seminarian Rose Veal Eby. Rose will speak about her journey and her goals after ordination. Morning Prayer is offered in Bibb Chapel at 6:30 for anyone who would like to attend. We will continue to meet the second Tuesday of each month through May.

Questions? Please contact Allen Daniels, Robert Mullins or Bill Starnes.



What Are You Reading

By Mary Johnson

My short story study group read a very interesting story, *The Five Forty Eight* by John Cheever. On the first reading, this was a great revenge story of a woman who, with her pistol, pursues the man who slept with her (his secretary) and then abruptly fired her with no explanation. A feel-good woman-power story, for in the end she has him groveling in the dirt.

On the second and third readings, there are water images and there are light images. The man has built a hardened shell around himself as protection from guilt for his actions with his family, his neighbors and his co-workers. The pursuit is a journey through rainy streets and underground train. Rain pours down his back from his tipped hat. A baptism of sorts? He is not sure what her name was; was it Miss Dent, or Beth or Lent? There are images of things in the process of reconstruction in conjunction with light shining through the breaks or dents. Is this a journey through purgatory, that place of punishment and purification? Can this hardness of heart be bent by this descent into Lent? Along the way, he does begin to see differently. He is left with no energy or hope for self-deception. Miss Dent, who has wanted to kill him (or that false ego perhaps?) also says she wants to help him and at the end has him KNEEL down and put his face in the dust and dirt. Then she "washes her hands" of him and walks off.

The best short stories are like poetry with images and metaphors that reach places inside the reader that can't easily be spoken of. This story can be found and deliberated over in the 1954 New Yorker, issue 10.

Church of the Nativity PRESENTS

WHO IS INCREDIBLE?

YOU ARE AT PARISH WEEKEND 2019

HIKING KICKBALL CANOEING

PORCH SITTING SINGING LAUGHING

VARIETY SHOW

2020 VISION

SEPTEMBER 21 & 22 @ CAMP MCDOWELL

FUN FOR SUPERHEROS OF ALL AGES!

REGISTER TODAY AT NATIVITY-HSV.ORG OR BY CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE

THIS WEEKEND IS RECOMMENDED FOR ALL AGES AND HAS BEEN RATED **GF** FOR "GREAT FUN"

QUESTIONS? CONTACT EMILY RODGERS ERODGERS@NATIVITY-HSV.ORG

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE. PLEASE CONTACT MICHAEL GOLDSMITH FOR MORE INFORMATION.

The Mission Guild: Who We Are

By Ann Moses

The Mission Guild is a diverse group at Nativity. It is the oldest guild in continuous service at our parish. Come and Join us! We meet September through May at 10:00 a on the third Monday of the month in Joffrion Library. Occasionally, a meeting date is changed due to holidays, and in December we have a luncheon off campus.

Our programs mainly consist of a speaker telling about the organization he or she represents and the people they help. A monetary gift is presented to the speakers' organization. We try to find organizations that may not be very well known though we do not ignore well know groups. We try to have one program featuring the most recent recipient of the Nativity Bazaar profits.

Our members sign up to help furnish refreshments at our meetings. The church furnishes water and coffee. An ongoing project for years has been members bringing inexpensive items, both cute and practical, to be used for bingo prizes for the Aquarius Club, an organization for challenged adults who meets weekly at Central Presbyterian Church.

A basket is passed for contributions at each meeting. Recently, the Outreach Committee has furnished us with \$1000 yearly. 100% of this is being passed on by us to our outreach contacts. Within the past year, we have given donations to Blount Hospitality House, New Futures, Harris Homes, Second Mile, Alzheimer's Day Care at Trinity Methodist, Holy Nativity at Panama City, Village of Promise, Community Free Dental Clinic and William Hampton for early Huntsville History.

In Lent 2019, we republished a devotional booklet written by Emma Mason, a deceased member. Profits from the booklet were given to our seminarians: Rose Veal Eby, Emily Linton and Sarah Watts. Thanks to anyone reading this that bought one of the booklets!

At our May meeting, everyone brings a salad or dessert to share and a wrapped "white elephant" item which is auctioned off during the meeting for a year end money making scheme! This tradition has gone on for many decades.

We invite anyone who would like to join us for our next meeting on Monday, September 16 at 10:00 am in Joffrion Library. Seminarian Rose Veal Eby will be our speaker.

If you have questions, please contact Joan East at 804-731-3429.



**Did you miss the chance to attend one of our listening sessions?
We still want to know your Vision for Nativity!**

[CLICK HERE](#)

to submit your answers today!

How can our ministries and programs better fulfill our mission?

How can our facilities better fulfill our mission?

Thank you for helping us Discern God's Will for Nativity!

Nativity Outreach in Action

By Rose Veal Eby

I was 15 years old and was walking back to the homeless community I was currently living in late one night. I was between tall government buildings in downtown Roanoke, VA, coming back from a punk show, as I passed by a few people piled up trying to stay warm, backpacks and other belongings secured around them. I kept my head down and tried to creep pass them as to not disturb their slumber. No such luck. One man called out my name. “Hey, Rosie!”

Like a teenager caught sneaking out of the house, I knew I was busted. I was a regular in my homeless community soup kitchen as well as other food banks. I was on a first man basis with a lot of the homeless population. They were my community. If we saw each other in the library, we gave each other the head’s up on who was serving the best meals and where that day. I replied. “Yes?”

“What are you doing out here so late?”, asked Jim.

“The show ran late, so I am just walking back now. I’m fine.”

Well, Jim gave me a stern talking about being out too late and the dangers of being on the street by myself. Then, Jim told his buddies to watch his stuff and that he was going to walk me back to the shelter to make sure I got there safe.

Today, I was reminded of my friend Jim when I went with the team from First Stop. We went to the tent communities here in Huntsville. Many of the people asked for another tarp, because theirs had been stolen. Some asked for two hygiene bags because their partner was back at the tent watching their stuff.

One couple asked for shoes because theirs had been ruined when rain came into their tent and we had none to give. Layla, pictured below, was very excited about finding a purple shirt that matched her hair in the clothing we were giving away.

Currently, there are some very specific needs that the outreach team is asking for assistance in filling. When the weather grows colder more tarps will be needed as well as tents. There is also a need for men's underwear and boxer shorts, size M as well as women's underwear size 8.

I think about Jim saying to his friend, “watch my stuff” then walking me home. That was community and looking out for our neighbors in my world all those years ago and it has stuck with me today. How can we, as followers of Christ, walk someone home?

GET INVOLVED

First Stop is in need of:

Volunteers provide meals and help clients with paperwork. Paperwork paves the path to independence and takes time. Our clients have many forms to fill out as they seek jobs, assistance and housing.

In-Kind Contributions Men's underwear and boxer shorts, size M as well as women's underwear size 8.

Want to know more? Contact us at admin@firststop.org to find out how you can get involved or call us at 256.536.3391.

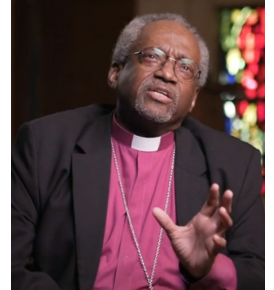


Stewardship of Creation:

Reflect and commit to a loving and life-giving relationship with God's Creation

By David Chadwick

While doing some research for a Stewardship of Creation article, I came across this wonderful resource <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/creation-care>. I recommend you visit this website and listen to the inspiring words of Bishop Michael Curry. I am embarrassed to say as a fairly recent transferee from the Church of England to the Episcopal Church, I did not immediately recognize him as the presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, but he did seem familiar. Isn't this the same person who gave such an inspiring sermon at the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markel last year? A little more research and of course he is that very man!



“God loves this world and God created this world” is a key part of the message passed on by Bishop Michael. He asks the question: What if we would all take a pledge to love God's creation just as God loves the world? What would that mean? Bishop Michael invites us to “do some things to love the world” with the following simple but direct calls to action:

- We will share stories of concern for the earth and connect with others who care
- We will change our habits to live more simply, humbly and gently on the earth
- We will stand with those most vulnerable to environmental degradation and climate change

There are simple things we can do to reduce our impact on the environment. The simple mantra “reduce, reuse, recycle” is something we can follow every day. The applications are extensive, and I think we can all come up with our own ideas of what we can do. The Rev. Worth Stuart said in a recent sermon, “We all have too much stuff. How many T-shirts does an individual need?”

When we next purchase a car, can we purchase one with a smaller engine? A car that does what we need but will consume significantly less fossil fuel and emit less pollution during its life? Can we reuse these plastic bags from a recent shopping trip? Yes, this large one fits the kitchen garbage can perfectly, the smaller ones can have a second use as a poop bag for the dog. Very quickly we have reduced our consumption of plastic bags by half. Reusable storage, sandwich, and snack bags are now available and work quite well, so we no longer buy single use sandwich bags. We try to recycle, but this seems to be getting harder; the new Huntsville City recycling system will apparently not service multi-tenant buildings like the town homes where we live. There are creative solutions to every problem. We have an idea to get a can crusher, collect our discarded cans and take them to a recycling company.

As Bishop Michael concludes, “Know God, love God's world.”



Thoughts on Why I Give

By Fred Beck

Years ago, I had a great summer job at the beach in my hometown. I loved it! As the season ended, I realized there was something nagging at me. I needed to do but hadn't done. I hadn't tithed my income. I had saved a good amount of what I had earned. So I estimated what the tithe would be for the whole summer of earnings, wrote a check and dropped it in my Sunday school class offering plate that week. I was following Scripture, although I didn't realize it at the time.

Why I did it In my family, we were raised that tithing was something that serious Christians did because it was a way of honoring God. And it was also a way of receiving God's blessings.

What is a tithe? And what about this Malachi person? A tithe means a tenth, or 10 percent. The idea is to give 10 percent of your income off the top to God, as an offering to him. Probably one of the most quoted passages in the Bible about this topic can be found in the book of Malachi. "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." Here is an astonishing statement from God that comes with a challenge. And a promise.

Does it work? Why should I tithe? I have tithed for a large part of my life. In my experience, I have received great blessings: material, relational and spiritual. Are these a result of tithing? I don't know for sure, but I would like to believe that God honors me because I choose to honor Him in this way. But it goes a lot deeper than that. Our outward actions represent our inward condition. In Malachi, God was displeased because His people had lost their love for Him and were showing contempt towards Him and His ways. But after expressing His displeasure for their disobedience, God offered what He always offers to those who wish to receive it: reconciliation. And hope: "Return to me, and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty. An outward demonstration of returning to God was keeping the things He told His people to do. Part of that involved tithing.

The Bigger Picture The real lesson for me is when my heart is right with God, my love for Him will be reflected in my behavior. A few years back, after being distant from God I attended a Cursillo weekend. When I came back from the weekend, I was both reconciled and restored to my first love. My initial response was to give of myself and my resources, to include my time and my money. The amount I have given has not increased, but my attitude towards it has. I now give because I really want to. And that's the point. God doesn't want our money. He doesn't need food or drink! But He does desire fellowship with us. As a demonstration of our devotion to Him, tithing is a way to partner in ministry with God Almighty to spread the Good News to those who need it. It is also a way to share in the blessings of being His children. But most of all, it can be a sign of reconciliation and restoration. When my heart is right, I will do the right things because I want to do them. Back to my summer job, maybe my approach at the time wasn't 100% spot on. But it made an impression on my fellow classmates. And myself as well. Thanks be to God.

Your pledge in action at Nativity...

More than 8,500 bags
of food were sent
home with local
students through
Blossomwood Snack
Pack Ministry during
the 2018/2019 school
year!



September Acolyte Schedule

Sunday September 1 10:00 am

A/M Clay Sherrill, Mike Ward

C Sadie Anglin

S Anna Mullins AS Alec Huskey*

T Vivian Hinton, Maggie Sanders

Sunday September 8

8:45 am A/M Putt

C AK Ayres, Alice Malone*

T Vanessa Vela, Drew Dodgen*

T Sam Rice, Daniel Starnes*

S RJ Ragland, AS Caroline Ayers

11:00 am A/M Nutt

C Carter Watson, Clara Keener

T Anne Limbo, William Keener

S Clara Keener, AS Anne Limbo

Sunday September 15

8:45 am A/M Sherrill

C Clay Walker, Tess Lambert*

T Finola O'Halloran, Phoebe Duncan

T Eamon O'Halloran, EJ Duncan

S Olivia O'Halloran, AS Elle Webber

11:00 am A/M Ward

C Thomas Aldag, Evans Bryant

T Erin Hannah, Laura Kamelchuk

S Laura Kamelchuk, AS Evans Bryant

Sunday September 22

8:45 am A/M Putt

C Evelyn Warren, Patrick Ahearn

T Lillian Retzke, Macy Baker

T Luke Ham, Alton Hudson

S Alex Ahearn, AS Thea Sommer

11:00 am A/M Nutt

C Cooper Gunter, MM Creech

T Rowan Gafford, Catherine Hendricks

T Morgan Gafford, Maggie Sanders

S Catherine Hendricks, AS Cooper Gunter

Sunday September 29

8:45 am A/M M Ward

C Clay Walker, David Young

T Colton Boyce, Jacks McClung

T Raz Aboudonia, Drew Dodgen*

S Alana Boyce, AS Alec Husky*

11:00 am A/M Nutt

C Will Pinson, Caroline Hornsby

T Madelyn Alison, Mary Ellis Alison

S Sarah Coleman Hornsby, AS Caroline Hornsby

Sunday, September 29 Choral Evensong 5:00 pm

C Alice Malone

T Daniel Starnes*, Thea Sommer*

Thurifer Tess Lambert*

We had a great response to our Acolyte Training! We have 13 new acolytes, and lots of new procedures for everyone to learn. I've tried to pair each new acolyte with an experienced person this month so they can follow along. We will be going over all the procedures for everyone before each service, so make sure you arrive **AT LEAST** 15 minutes before your service. In addition, because there are 5 Sundays this month, a couple of you* are scheduled more than once; some of you have more than one position on a Sunday. Check the schedule carefully!

SAVE THE DATE

November 21, 2019

Nativity Bake Sale

Everybody be ready to bake
and bring your

BEST!!!

Parish News

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS OF OUR CHILDREN:

Emma Angelichio
Ashley Ortel
Courtney Ortel
Patrick Ahearn, Jr.
Tate Dollman
Rhett FitzGerald
Mary Ceil McClung
Samantha Rowe
James Mauldin
Micah Watts
Lillian Retzke
Grace Twitty
Reed Peters
Jefferson Retzke
Sarah Cote
Molly Manning
Oliver FitzGerald
Emily Rowe
Lillian Ritchie

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

**Amanda, Bryan, Jessica and
Jon Kiep**

107 Turnbrook Drive, SW
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**Jay, Rachel, Laurel, Julius and
Sage Plucker**

5828 Jones Valley Drive
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CURSILLO #219

Please pray for our Nativity pilgrims and staff members who will attend Cursillo #219 at Camp McDowell September 12-15. Pilgrims, David & Jill Chadwick (sponsor Laura Pierce) and Kay Tate (sponsor Gina McGee). Staff members, Fred Beck and Will & Erin Elliott.

VESTRY NOMINATING PROCESS

2020 vestry nominations will be accepted September 15th through November 1st. Interested individuals should complete the applicant questionnaire. Questionnaires will be available in the church office and in the entryway of Ridley Hall. An electronic version will be available on the church website. The questionnaire describes the responsibilities of serving on the vestry. Questionnaires treated confidentially by the nominating committee. Please contact our current senior warden, Grant Thomson (256-468-8611), Committee Chair, Bill Starnes (256-656-1189) or committee member, Margaret Devenish (256-683-1028) for additional information.

Upcoming Events

HAP (Huntsville Assistance Pantry)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 Items needed

include cereal, box potatoes, mac & cheese, 1 pound bags of rice, soup, vegetables, peas, carrots, mixed vegetables, and toilet paper. Place items in HAP bins located in Ridley Hall and the breezeway. Thank you!



YAMS (Young Adults Married & Single)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 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! Questions?

Contact Rose Veal Eby, rosieveal76@gmail.com.

LEM-LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER & LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR TRAINING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH following the 11:00 am service. Make-Up Training Sunday, September 29th following the 11:00 am service.

Chalice Bearers assist the clergy in the celebration of the Eucharist by serving the chalice to those taking communion. Eucharist is the central act of worship in the Episcopal tradition in which we receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. You must be a confirmed Episcopalian and at least 16 years of age to serve as a Chalice Bearer.

To register for the training, please contact Amy Kennedy at akennedy@nativity-hsv.org or 256-533-2455 ext. 203.

September Worship Schedule

September 1 st - The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Stuart		Lee Hicklen	Lee Hicklen	Lee Hicklen
10:00 am	Goldsmith	Stuart	Darlene Ehinger, Deborah Baker	Robbie Shafer, Elaine Hamner	Clay Sherrill
Wednesday, September 4 th					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12 noon	Stuart		Cheryl Watts		
Thursday, September 5 th					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
6:00 pm	Sloan		Lewie Bates		
Sunday, September 8 th - The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lectors	Intercessor
7:45 am	Goldsmith		Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett
8:45 am	Stuart	Goldsmith	Allen Daniels, Mike Ward	Jennifer Dill, Camille Sommer	Joan East
11:00 am	Sloan	Goldsmith	Laura Pierce, Peter Cobun	Martha Joffrion, Marcia Cobun	Melissa Kirkindall
Wednesday, September 11 th					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12 noon	Goldsmith		Joan East		
Thursday, September 12 th					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
6:00 pm	Stuart		Sally Ann Culver		
Sunday, September 15 th - The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lectors	Intercessor
7:45 am	Rose Veal-Eby (Seminarian)		Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett
8:45 am	Goldsmith	Veal-Eby	Linda Watts, Tom Devenish	Lynn Sparks-Lewis, Lane Mickle	Shirley Hale Stuckey
11:00 am	Goldsmith	Veal-Eby	Sally Ann Culver, Hanns Billmayer	John Conover, Mike Innes	Rhonwyn Watson
Wednesday, September 18 th					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12 noon	Sloan		Mary Hendricks		
Thursday, September 19 th					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
6:00 pm	Goldsmith		Lewie Bates		
Sunday, September 22 nd - The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Parish Family Weekend - Camp McDowell)					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lectors	Intercessor
7:45am	Sloan	Serio	John Hendricks	John Hendricks	John Hendricks
8:45am	Sloan	Serio	Polly Blalock, Joan East	Caroline Brooks, TBD	Susan Brown
11:00am	Sloan	Serio	Patrick Quirk, Margaret Bibb	Michael Brown, Sandy Brown	Ronnie Rogers
Wednesday, September 25 th					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12 noon	Stuart		Susan Brown		
Thursday, September 26 th					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
6:00 pm	Sloan		Sally Ann Culver		
Sunday, September 29 th - The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lectors	Intercessor
7:45am	Goldsmith		Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson
8:45am	Sloan	Goldsmith	Lewie Bates, Charles Warren	Allen Daniels, Ron Hogan	Lane Mickle
11:00am	Stuart	Goldsmith	Pat Sampson, Ralph Shuey	Sally Ann Culver, John Nelson	Adalene Bledsoe
USHERS					
7:45am	Peter Barber				
8:45am	Melissa Helton, Josh Kelly, Grant Thompson, Chris Rodgers				
11:00am	Jim Douthit, Bobbie Graham, Cheryl Watts, Jerry Ellis, Fred Beck, Dawn Nelson, Caryl Lester				
ALTAR GUILD					
1 st	Beth Pugh, Wanda Cobb, Emily Moody, Rebecca Brothers, Heather Stroud				
8 th	Debbie Joyner, Sara Little, Melva Ochoa, Linda Watts, Rosalie Smith				
15 th	Judy Heacock, Judy Vann, Laura Innes, Jewell Reynolds, Gail Brown				
22 nd	Wanda Cobb, Sophia Rowe, Caffey Litkenhous, Mary Johnson, Rebecca Brothers, Heather Stroud				
29 th	Anne Carter, Nancy Colin, Alice Lanier, Emily Moody, Linda Watts, Rosalie Smith				
CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE					
September 2 nd - 8 th		Sept. 9 th - 15 th		Sept. 16 th - 22 nd	
Goldsmith		Sloan		Serio	
				Stuart	
				Goldsmith	
VESTRY Member Of The Day					
September 1 st		September 8 th		September 15 th	
		Virginia Kobler		September 22 nd	
Jeff Johnson		Darren Malone		Teresa Pinson	
		Nick Pate		September 29 th	
				Michael Shipley	
VERGER SCHEDULE					
September 1 st		September 8 th		September 15 th	
		Don Lambert		September 22 nd	
		Terry Clevenger		Don Lambert	
Terry Clevenger		Lea Ann Barnett		September 29 th	
		Hud Heaton		Lea Ann Barnett	
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2019 VESTRY

WARDENS' COUNCIL

Senior Warden-Grant Thomson

Junior Warden-Wendy Wilson

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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

Pictured from left:
Marcia Jones with
Vestry Member Shari
Williams working the
Blue Apron Hospitality
Ministry booth during
the Ministry Fair.



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

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PLEASE STOP BY AND SEE IF YOU HAVE LEFT ANYTHING BEHIND.