The Episcopal Church of the Nativity

Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 5, 2020

Important Information for Annual Parish Meeting

- 7:30am worship service in Bibb Chapel
- 9:00am Biscuits and coffee in Ridley Hall
- 10:00am worship service in the Nave.
- 9:30am-1:00pm Nursery open. Please bring extra snacks and supplies for your children in the nursery.
- Children 3 and older process out of the 10:00am service into Ridley Hall for food and activities during the annual meeting.
- Youth 16 years and older are encouraged to attend the meeting.
- In an effort to create less waste, this packet has been sent electronically to parishioners. There will be NO paper copies at the meeting. Please bring your device to access this information during the meeting. (cell phone, iPad, laptop, etc.)
- Please plan to stay after the meeting to have your photograph taken for Shelby Next. A photographer and aide will be by the Christmas tree in the church.
Dear Parish Family,

I look forward to being with you all on January 5 for our Annual Parish Meeting. It will be a time for our church family to regroup after the beautiful chaos of Christmas, to give thanks for the amazing year we have had, and to turn our focus to a new year of serving God.

It is hard to believe my family and I have been in ministry with you for almost a year! We are grateful to God for calling us here, and I am excited to serve as your Rector for many more years. In many ways, it feels like we have been here for years. Blessed assurance we have been led to where God wants us to be.

Being in a parish filled with an abundance of love and grace allows us to focus on “the work [God has] given us to do.” (BCP 366) This is what our 2020 VISION process has been all about; how to best do God’s work. Over and over, you made it clear you want Nativity to be a place where all are welcome. A place where the light of our faith will cast away the darkness of fear and hatred. A place where “faith holds wide the door.” (“O, Little Town of Bethlehem”)

Through our 2020 VISION discussions, we were able to identify our core values, our compass points that keep us heading in the right direction. We identified Worship, Christian Formation, Care of Creation, Accessibility, and Community Outreach as our points of focus. As we move into the new year, we will be able to make decisions with our 2020 VISION as our guide.

Like the star of Bethlehem guiding weary travelers to Christ, Nativity is a beacon of love in our Huntsville community. It is a place where peace and joy are found, and a place from where Jesus is made known to the world. God is guiding us, and our faith holds wide our doors.

God’s Peace,

The Rev. T. Michael Goldsmith
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Opening Prayer and Call to Order

I Senior Warden Report Grant Thomson
   A. The nominating committee places in nomination these six persons: Terry Clevenger, Holly Ellis, Jerry Nutt, Laura Pierce, Andrea Rosler and Eric Wood.
   C. State of Nativity

II Treasurer's Report Jason Angelichio
   A. Stewardship Report
   B. Present 2020 Budget

III Deacon’s Report The Rev. Bob Serio
   A. Transportation Ministry

III Rector’s Report The Rev. Michael Goldsmith
   A. Recognize outgoing vestry members: Paul Bonner, Don Evans, Margaret Gleason, Don Lambert, Teresa Pinson and Grant Thomson
   B. Vision 2020

IV Junior Warden Report Wendy Wilson
   A. Building and Grounds update

Adjourn with the Lord’s Prayer
Greetings to all of you as we wind down 2019 and prepare for the new year in 2020. As I write this, I look back almost one year to December 20th 2018. That evening, your vestry, new vestry-elecet, and your search committee met in a hastily called meeting to hear a report from the search committee and vote on their recommendation for the twelfth Rector of The Church of the Nativity. Of the 18 vestry members and 6 vestry-elect, all 24 were present and the 2018 vestry excitedly cast a unanimous vote in favor of Michael Goldsmith as our new Rector.

Things have been busy ever since that meeting. Father Michael and his family joined us in February. Later that month, we had Bishop Sloan visit us for the Celebration of Father Michael’s New Ministry. Nativity has been buzzing with activity ever since Father Goldsmith assumed his new position. The vestry recognized that our focus in 2019 would be to support Michael and his family and to do everything we could to help connect him to the parish and the broader Huntsville community. We formed a hospitality committee to assist with the transition and housing decisions. The response from all of you has been overwhelmingly supportive and positive.

Michael quickly established himself as an effective leader. He met with every committee and group to understand all of the work that goes on here. He also formed new groups where needed to address long overdue items such as meeting the accessibility needs of every parishioner. That committee has met numerous times and you will be hearing more from them very soon. He also held numerous listening sessions to help define how we as a parish see ourselves in 2020 and beyond.

From a pastoral standpoint, Michael had to make sure we had the right clergy in place for the needs of the parish. That meant keeping The Rev. Susan Sloan and The Rev. Bob Serio in their roles, and inviting The Rev. Worth Stuart to become part of the Nativity family. We are also fortunate to have seminarian Rose Veal Eby working with us as she completes her studies at Sewanee.

Our church office is staffed with wonderful employees that love taking care of all of us. This year, we were fortunate to have Austin Cook join us as our Finance Manager. We have also had to make adjustments in staffing for our youth programs as this area continues to grow at record levels.

Financially, Nativity is on a sound footing. We continue to be debt-free and we have an adequate reserve fund for unexpected emergencies. We rely almost entirely on your pledges to establish our budget. Increases in our pledged income this year have allowed us to put additional resources where we need them the most. I’d like to thank each of you who submit a pledge each year.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve on the vestry for these past three years. There are exciting things happening here at Nativity and I believe we have the right leadership in place to lead us onward to greater work in serving the spiritual needs of this community.

God’s Peace,
Grant Thomson, Senior Warden
THE 2020 VESTRY NOMINEES

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the list of nominees for the 2020 Vestry Slate. The members will be voted on at the Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, January 5th following the 10:00 service.

**Terry Clevenger**  My past experiences with theology included attending the Evangelical United Brethren church in Shelby, Ohio as I was growing up on a dairy farm; Immanuel Lutheran Church, Oceanside, Ca in the 70s where the kids were baptized when I was in the military; Simi Valley Presbyterian, Simi Valley, Ca where I was baptized since I didn't recall being baptized previously; attending numerous Evangelista Comunidad churches in LA with my second wife (a Brazilian) and a number of charismatic churches along the way.

God's plan was for me to come to Huntsville in 1999 and meet Keith who introduced me to Nativity. Upon my first visit to Nativity, I felt its spirituality speaking to me and awakening an empty spot in my life that I had. From that point forward, I have felt I found the right place for me to develop spiritually and define my theology. From that first experience I have been confirmed, attended Cursillo, and completed EfM. I have served as an usher, blue apron coordinator, trustee for the legacy society, verger, and recently became a new member of Stewardship of Creation. I feel honored to be considered for the Vestry and look forward to the opportunities and challenges associated with it.

**Holly Ellis**, is a cradle Episcopalian, baptized at Church of Nativity, her Mother’s home parish, and raised at St. Paul’s in Greensboro, Alabama. She moved to Huntsville in 1998 and joined Nativity. She has 2 children, Park (19), a freshman at The University of Alabama, and Lucy (17), a junior at Huntsville High. They have both been involved in “all things Episcopalian” including Camp McDowell, Sawyerville Day Camp and Happening.

Holly graduated from The University of Alabama with a degree in Public Relations and will be fulfilling a lifelong dream by starting a new job with NASA as a Communications Specialist in the near future. She has Nativity and the Diocese of Alabama to thank for this new opportunity due to all of the experience and friendships she has acquired through serving in numerous roles over the past 21 years. These roles include the recent Rector Search Committee; Vestry Nominating Committee; Youth Department Renovation Team; Capital Campaign; Long Range Planning Committee; Spiritual Development Committee; Delegate to State Convention; Stewardship Committee and Chair; Parish Weekend Chair; Sunday School Teacher; Nativity Bazaar Arts & Crafts Chair and Take Out Chair; Sawyerville Day Camp Art Program Director; Nativity Cursillo Lay Rector; Cursillo Diocesan Application Coordinator; Cursillo Lay Rector #193…the Best Cursillo Ever! and Camp McDowell Board. Hobbies include spending quality time with family and friends, Alabama Football Tailgating, visiting her hometown of Greensboro, reading good books, binge-watching and listening to good music.

**Laura Pierce** is originally from Atlanta, GA. She and her husband, Steve, have lived in Huntsville since 1983. They have two sons and three grandsons. Laura has been a member of Nativity since 2012. She attended Cursillo #203 and has sponsored other pilgrims for Cursillo. She was a housewife for many years then became a cake decorator for Publix for ten years. In 2015, she earned a nursing degree from Calhoun Community College and is currently working for the Tennessee Valley OB/GYN group. She regularly attends church and the Breakfast Club Sunday
school. She is currently a Lay Episcopal Minister having helped to serve the eucharist for the past 2 years and is a Stephen Minister. She and Steve’s favorite hobby is to travel around North Alabama and Tennessee in their Miata convertible. They also love to travel across the US and internationally.

**Jerry Nutt** began attending Nativity shortly after moving to Huntsville with his wife, Dorrie, in 1981. Dorrie is a lifelong Episcopalian; Jerry was raised Baptist and was confirmed at Nativity. He has undergraduate degrees in Music Education and Electrical Engineering and is retired from a career in technology sales. He has been active in the Nativity Choir for over 20 years. He graduated EfM and is active with the Greene Street Market. Outside of church, Jerry spends time woodworking, working with the Humane Society and various music organizations in town. Dorrie and Jerry have two married sons, and one new grandson.

**Andrea Pritchett Rosler**, President Human Resources, HH Health System

I am originally from Meridian, MS and began my career in health care in 1987 during and after graduating from Millsaps College in Jackson, MS. I went to graduate school at UAB in Health care Administration, receiving a Masters in Health administration and a Masters in Business Administration. I completed my administrative residency for the healthcare masters at Huntsville Hospital and have worked there since 1991. My mom moved to Huntsville from Meridian in 1995 after retiring as a librarian and raising me as a single mother. I am now married to my high school sweetheart, Ken Ortlepp and am the mother of two very active and remarkable children, Edward born 1998 and Amelia born 2001 and two step-children Daniel born 1999 and Sarah born 2002. I have wonderful friends and family in Huntsville.

I grew up in the Baptist church in Meridian and attended a Methodist faith based college. During graduate school in 1989, one of my closest friends, Alan, was diagnosed with AIDS. I spent a lot of time caring for him and was introduced to the program Positive Attitudes, and Father Ron Delbane, an Episcopal priest. During the time I spent caring for Alan, I decided I was very interested in the church. After Alan died in April 1991, I moved to Huntsville, attended St. Thomas church and was baptized and confirmed by Father Henry Hudson. I attended St. Thomas while Father Kee Sloan was the rector. Since then, I moved to Nativity.

Outside of work I play flute, attend symphonies where my husband is a professional French horn player and professor. I serve on several community boards: Huntsville Symphony Orchestra, United Way, and North Alabama AHEC.

**Eric Wood** joined Nativity in 2013 with his wife Deirdre. He has a J.D. from Cumberland School of Law and is a practicing attorney. Eric has been active sponsoring new members in the Nativity Seekers class and served on the rector search committee. He and Deirdre's daughter Cecilia was baptized at Nativity in 2018. Eric enjoys traveling, college football, fly fishing and spending time with his family.
TREASURER’S REPORT

Highlights from the Stewardship Campaign submitted by Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee was formed early in the year and our first meeting was March 14 at the home of David Hardy. At this meeting we strove to communicate that Nativity operates only because members pledge their financial support for the parish’s annual operating budget. Every pledge matters, no matter how big or small. We strove to have more financial transparency so everyone can see how their money benefits us all. We wanted to communicate the many ways to pledge: pledge cards, online, and with the Shelby Giving app.

On a personal note, I was overwhelmed during the preparation for the Ministry Fair on August 11 when we compiled all the different outreaches Nativity supports. Greg Whitehead manned our booth in Ridley Hall. The energy in the room was electric and I walked away with a more passionate view of our family at Nativity.

The Stewardship Campaign ran from October 6th through December 4th. Letters were sent out to the parish describing the “2020 Vision: Supporting the Vision” campaign. Early in October members of the Vestry and Stewardship Committee started talking to members of the parish to make sure they received their letters and to ask if they had any questions. The “Thanks for Giving” dinner took place on December 4.

Our pledge numbers for this year are very encouraging! As of 12.6.19 we had a total of 307 people reporting their pledges (up 10% from the same time last year). The accounting runs through January each year and this number is more than our total from January 31, 2019. The totals are up as well with a 13% increase year to date and already a 5% increase from our end numbers from last year!

The Stewardship Committee wanted to say thank you to the Parish for all your giving! Please remember how much your pledge means to Nativity! Thank you again!

PLEDGE SUMMARY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019

321 Pledges
Total: $1,256,567.60
Average pledge: $3,914.54
54 New pledges
109 Increased pledges
### Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 1 - January, Church of the Nativity

**Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2020   General Fund / General Operating**

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**TOTAL NET INC/(EXP)**: $0.26
2019 @ Nativity A Year in Review
(This list is NOT in a specific order.)

- Began the year with 2nd Interim Rector, The Rev. Paul Elliott
- Bid farewell to the Elliotts at the end of January.
- Welcomed The Rev. Michael Goldsmith (and his family) as the 12th Rector of Nativity on February 1st.
- “Help Nativity Shine”. 60 volunteers spent two days deep cleaning the sacred spaces of our parish.
- Celebrated the New Ministry of Michael Goldsmith on February 17, 2019
- Opened access to handicap accessible office bathroom on Sundays.
- Removed key card, freeing access to the office from Ridley Hall during business hours.
- Created Accessibility Committee. Charged with studying ways to improve access for all parishioners and visitors to all facilities.
- Beverly Franklin, Bookkeeper retired
- Austin Cook joined staff as bookkeeper
- Welcomed the Rev. Worth Stuart, Assistant Priest
- Audrey Clayton, Nursery Director, retired.
- Upgraded church management software from Shelby V.5 to Shelby Next.
- Removed dedicated parking spaces in the circle and made them available for folks with ambulatory issues.
- Hosted a Bishop Listening Session.
- Cleaned out the library of dated material.
- Celebrated the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11 Mission. Dr. Margrit Von Braun spoke at a special service on July 20, 2019.
- Hosted a liturgy workshop with The Rev. Canon James Turrell.
- Hosted a ministry fair with 43 ministries participating.
- Vision 2020-How can we better fulfill our mission with our programs, ministries and facilities?
- Installed remote door from the Memorial Garden
- Reignited fellowship ministry with senior adults-Lunch Bunch
- Designated space in Angel Lane for “Chat and Chew”. Area for parents of young children.
- Opened Bibb Chapel to the public during office hours. A sacred space for prayer and respite for our neighbors.
- Partnered with seminarian Rose Eby to minister to people in the tent camp communities in Huntsville.
- Hosted Happening #75. 73 staff and youth participated in the weekend. Over 50 volunteers provided their homes for showers and breakfast, provided meals, and helped with special events during the weekend.
- Updated the Rectors office with a new sofa, fresh fabric and fresh paint. The furniture was last updated over 24 years ago.
- Provided a meal to the Sawyerville staff.
- Provided bathing suits and beach towels to Sawyerville campers.
- Welcomed 38 new folks who transferred their letter to Nativity.
- Celebrated 15 baptisms
- Celebrated 6 weddings
- Installed a bathroom in the nursery.
- Began re-roofing Joffrion Hall.
- Used paper take-out boxes for the Bazaar.
- Eliminated single use plastic cups.
- Offered a Wednesday night study for men.
- Worship services in 2019: 159 on Sunday, 116 on Weekdays.
- Offered a family friendly 9:00am service in the Chapel during the summer months.
- Eucharistic Visitors celebrated communion with homebound parishioners 315 times in 2019.
- The Rev. Dr. Bayse Holland-Shuey retired
- Thankful for 12 office volunteers.
- Added two interns for youth formation.
- Re-pointed and re-painted office building exterior.
- Parish Weekend 2019
- Veterans Day parade—provided food and hospitality for our veteran friends.
- Donated gifts to 35 FOCAL children.
- Donated 96 pajamas and books to children in the Huntsville Inner City Learning Center Program.
- Offered 23 parish meals
- Served biscuits on 34 Sunday mornings.
- Expanded home visits by the clergy.
- Due to increase in number of children: moved Children’s Chapel from Angel Lane to Bibb Chapel and added a Sunday school class in Angel Lane.
- 90 Children attended Vacation Bible School “Great Un-Slumber Party”
- Children’s Christian Formation hosted the Heifer Market.
- YAMS hosted Halloween Party for everyone.
- Pub Night Fundraiser hosted by the Choir
- Greene Street Market completes their 10th season with more than 60 volunteers and 2 successful holiday markets, and plans to give $20,000 to the Outreach committee
COMMITTEE REPORTS

Adult Formation submitted by Lane Tutt
Month of September – Bible Study with Michael Goldsmith and Susan Sloan
Sunday School Classes -
New Class – (Beginning in January), Lenten Bible Challenge with Justin and Rose Veal Eby.
Bible Studies For Men-
Men’s Wednesday Morning Bible Study and Charles Morley’s Wednesday Night Bible Study
Bible Studies for Women-
New Classes for Women-- Beginning in January, Connections Book Club, Monday nights and Holy Envy by Barbara Brown Taylor on Wednesday nights.
Dave Ramsey Course: Beginning in January on Monday nights for 9 weeks.
Confirmation classes – offered the month of March.
Lunch Bunch – Meets once a month on fourth Tuesdays at 12:00.
8th Year for Nativity Women’s Retreat – February 21st/22nd, Camp McDowell, The Rev. Monna Mayhall, St. Paul’s, Franklin, TN.

Special Events Ministry submitted by Virginia Caruso, Vestry Liaison
MEN’S MINISTRIES
Men’s Monthly Breakfasts were held in Ridley Hall the 2nd Tuesday morning of most months this year. Some of the featured speakers at these gatherings included Loch Neely with a presentation about our church buildings and the efforts to preserve them, members discussing how their military service and their faith impact one another, seminarian Rose Veal Eby discussing her journey, the Rev. Worth Stuart, and Grant Thomson with a presentation about the Rotary Club’s STRIVE program which mentors junior and senior high school students. A Men’s Retreat was held at Camp McDowell on March 9-10, 2019 with 35-40 men attending and enjoying fun, fellowship, and participation in cutting down a large tree for the camp as well as helping evaluating the thermal heating/cooling system of Camp McDowell.

RECEPTIONS
A number of Receptions were held this year to acknowledge the departure or arrival of significant people to Nativity:
January 27 – Farewell to Interim Rector, The Rev. Paul Elliott & his wife Maria
February 3 – Welcome to The Rev. Michael Goldsmith & the Goldsmith family on his 1st Sunday
February 17 – Installation of our New Rector – The Rev. Michael Goldsmith
May 19 – Retirement Reception for Beverly Franklin – Finance Manager
May 26 – Welcome to our New Associate – The Rev. Worth Stuart
Nov. 17 – Retirement of The Rev. Dr. Basye Holland-Shuey

PARISH RETREAT
The “Who is Incredible?” Parish Retreat was held at Camp McDowell on September 21-22 with many parishioners attending. The time together was billed as “fun for Superheroes of All Ages” and featured hiking, kickball, canoeing, porch sitting, singing, laughing, a variety show, and work on the 2020 vision.

BAZAAR
The 2019 Nativity Bazaar, chaired by Betty Hornsby with help from Tabby Ragland, Brooke Ray, and Catherine Courtney, took place on Thursday, Nov. 21 with a Holiday Luncheon in Ridley Hall with 2 seatings at 11:15 am & 12:30 pm, a Bake Sale in Joffrion Hall, a Local Artist Show/Sale and Christmas Bow Sale in Bibb Chapel, and a Greenery Sale with pre-orders for wreaths. Tickets were sold in advance. The recipient of the proceeds this year was First Stop.

TASTE OF NATIVITY
Associated with the Bazaar and held the week before, the 7th Annual Taste of Nativity took place on Thursday night, November 14, at the home of Xan & Tim Curran. A spirited evening of sweet & savory treats prepared by Nativity cooks & famous chefs raised funds for the benefit of Children & Youth Programs at Nativity and in the larger community. Tickets were sold in advance.

Youth and Children’s Formation submitted by Amy Brooks, Lee Ann Bryant and Mary Coe
2019 Highlights A year of growth, excitement and renewed energy: Click Here for full presentation
January, Epiphany Folk Mass & Pot Luck Supper
May, Heifer Market
June, The Great Un-Slumber Party VBS
June & July, All ages Summer service in Bibb Chapel
August, Divided into three youth groups (JYC, Junior High EYC, Senior High EYC) with the addition of Wednesday evening.
August, Added two youth interns.
September, Nativity hosted District Days for the northern district.
September, Added Junior and Senior Friday morning breakfasts once a month.
September, Children’s formation Sunday school is added to accommodate growth in attendance
October, Took over 40 people to Lyon Family Farms for our annual Corn Maze outing.
October, Children’s Chapel is moved to Bibb Chapel to make room for all our new friends
November, Hosted Happening with over 75 in attendance for 3 days.
December, Planned our first youth event with the adult choir for dinner, tree decorating, and compline.
A fun look back at 2019...