

# THE STEEPLE

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Contact Emily Rodgers

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## **THE STEEPLE**

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

The Rev. Sarah Watts with Rev. Michael Goldsmith and Rev. Chase Ackerman. Above, Sarah and clergy friends having fun taking a selfie after her Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons on Tuesday, May 18 at Nativity. Congratulations Sarah! Send your pictures from Nativity activities and events to: [vhinton@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:vhinton@nativity-hsv.org).

# GEARING UP FOR SUMMER AT NATIVITY

Dear Parish Family,

WOW! What an amazing Easter Season we have had! We celebrated marriages, baptisms, confirmations and lives well lived. We continued to worship both in-person and online, and we have just completed our new Audio/Visual system installation. Our playground committee has been working hard and construction will begin soon. In keeping with our Bishop's guidelines, we have lifted most COVID-19 restrictions. We have also re-introduced Children's Chapel, and have launched our "One Body" Accessibility Campaign. This is all to say that your church continues to be the active and growing faith community it has always been. I am so grateful to you for your patience, continued stewardship, and joyful hope during this anxious year.

Worship is the heart of who we are, so I am very excited to let you know about our summer worship schedule which will begin on Sunday, June 6.

Sunday:

- 7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I without music
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with choir and Children's Chapel  
After service in the Courtyard, "Lemonade in the Shade"
- 6:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II with camp-style music in the Courtyard  
If it rains, service will be held in the church.

Weekdays:

- Wednesday at 12:00 pm Holy Eucharist Rite II and Healing Service in the church
- Thursday, June 10 6:00 pm Holy Eucharist Rite II in the church

Having our weekday services in the church will allow us to livestream for those who choose to worship from home. Once we secure the funds to purchase and install a camera and microphone for Bibb Chapel, we will move our Wednesday and Thursday services back into that space.

For now, we will continue to offer bread only at communion, and our nursery will re-open on Rally Day in August. We will also be livestreaming our 10:00 am Sunday service, and all church spaces are open to resume most church activities.

I know this is a lot of information! Please call or email the church office if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to celebrating Pentecost with you this Sunday and I am excited to be baptizing three children at the 9:00 am service! God is good!

God's Peace,



Father Michael



# WE ARE ONE BODY

Forty years ago, Nativity's "150 Forward" Capital Campaign identified the need for an elevator and additional restrooms. More recently, our VISION 2020 conversations named accessibility as a core value of our parish. It is time to make that vision a reality. It is in hopeful expectation that I invite you to make a substantial gift to your church family.

We all come to Nativity seeking a deeper relationship with God and with one another. We come here for worship and for fellowship, for comfort and for strength. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) Your generous financial support will make it possible for people of all ages and abilities to find that rest here at the Church of the Nativity. When all the members of this body are able to be together, we will be made whole; we will be ONE BODY.

In our Baptismal Covenant we are asked, "Will you...respect the dignity of every human being?" And our answer is, "Yes!" We boldly proclaim, "I will with God's help." Right now, your church needs your help so that we can live into that promise. Accessibility is at the heart of respecting a person's dignity. I ask that you make a prayer-full, joy-full, and sacrificial gift to the ONE BODY campaign. In doing so, you will be offering a great gift to all those who seek to worship and serve our Lord on this corner of God's Kingdom.

## FAQS ABOUT THIS PROJECT

### What is the scope of work?

The 2,200 square foot project includes an elevator that will allow access to all floors of both Joffrion Hall and Ridley. There will be a new power assisted entryway where the breezeway between Joffrion and Ridley is currently. New HVAC equipment providing increased outdoor air intake and quality will be installed for all the new spaces. 15 new toilets will be added which includes new restroom facilities for Bibb Chapel. Many of our current restrooms will be renovated. There will be a new Garden Guild work room, new vesting room, additional kitchen storage, additional Joffrion Hall storage, and a renovated choir robing space.

### How much is this going to cost?

The estimated total cost of this project is 2 million dollars.

### Who is the architect that designed the new space?

NewSouth Architects

### Who is the contractor building the space?

Chorba Contracting Corporation

### When will construction begin?

Fall 2021

### How long will this project take?

It is estimated that this project will take 18 months

*Special thanks to the members of the Accessibility Committee who have worked to bring this vision to life:*

*Sherry Vemmer (Project Coordinator) Committee Members: John Cline, Xan Curran, Susie Fortner,*

*Bill Giardini, Miki Heaton, Vicky Hinton (staff liaison), Fisher Hutchens, Elizabeth Jones, Ernie Limbo,*

*Loch Neely, Lloyd Newman, Jerry Nutt, Anne Robinson, Jeannie Robison, Donna Rush, Grant Thomson,*

*Lynne Vallely, and Wendy Wilson.*



CLICK ABOVE TO WATCH THE WE ARE ONE BODY CAMPAIGN VIDEO

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Nativity accessible to all people!**

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- [Click here to make your online gift to the we are one body campaign](#)
- Visit [nativity-hsv.org /weareonebody](http://nativity-hsv.org/weareonebody) and click on MAKE MY GIFT
- Scan the QR code on page 4 and complete the online pledge form.



*A Prayer for Nativity* Lord God, we give you thanks for The Church of the Nativity. We are grateful for the joy, strength, and comfort we receive and share here. Fill our hearts with love for all who enter into this place as we strive to respect the dignity of every person. Enliven us to give generously so that our buildings may be accessible to all who seek and serve you here. Sustain this One Body with the courage to fulfill your vision for your church; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



# Get Out!

## Discover God in Your Backyard

June 14-16

Vacation Bible School, Hybrid Edition

One day at church (1-3.30) & two day at home

Register at [tinyurl.com/GetOutVBS](https://tinyurl.com/GetOutVBS)

Where can you find God? Walk outside and see all the gifts God created...trees and bees, plants and ants, birds of flight and warm sunlight... Let's get out and discover God!

**Get Out! VBS** will be a hybrid of at-home and at-church activities. VBSers attend one afternoon of activities at church and enjoy 2 days of activities at home. Supplies, instructions and video links for at-home days will be delivered.

- VBS is for children age 4 (by 8.30.21) through 6th grade.
- VBS is free, including T-shirt.
- Register at [tinyurl.com/GetOutVBS](https://tinyurl.com/GetOutVBS) or scan the QR code.
- When registering, select a day to attend in-person at church (Mon, Tues, or Wed, 1-3.30.) Monday in-person day is full; seats available on Tuesday & Wednesday.
- Signing up for two at-home days w/o the in-person day is also an option.
- Kick off June 13th on Monte Sano with an afternoon hike and picnic.
- Opportunities to volunteer during registration.



**Can't wait for VBS!**

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

## Youth Volunteer Opportunity



# Get Out!

## Discover God in Your Backyard

[tinyurl.com/2021VBSvols](https://tinyurl.com/2021VBSvols)

Teens! Come join us at GET OUT! VBS as volunteer.

Opportunities to help with activities at church, making deliveries and preparing supplies.

Questions, [mcoe@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:mcoe@nativity-hsv.org); more information and register at [tinyurl.com/2021VBSvols](https://tinyurl.com/2021VBSvols).



# FUN THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT NATIVITY!



EYC Antics with our new Youth Minister Josh Carter



Fun at the Confirmation Retreat on Monte Sano Mountain

## WELCOME THE NEWLY CONFIRMED



Back Row L to R: Harry Foster, Braxton Johnson, Alton Hudson, Will Pinson, Heath Yearick, Drew Dodger

Next Row: Carter Watson, Warren Towry, Alana Boyce, Elle Webber, Thea Sommer, Kurt Scheidker, Mark Scheidker

Next Row: Daniel Starnes, Cornelius Allen, Courtney Ortel, Riley Alexander, Catherine Hendricks, Olivia O'Halloran, Sarah Coleman Hornsby, Macy Baker, Caroline Ayres, Ellie Defiore

Next Row: Evan Brown, Ashley Ortel, Caroline Brooks, Anna Katherine Ayres, Clara Keener, Caroline Hornsby

Next Row: Sadie Anglin, Anna Mullins, Kate Hudson, Maggie Sanders



First row: (L to R) Jessie Lackey, Rebecca Aycock, Andrea Jernigan, Bishop Glenda Curry, Carole Foret, Sandra Reeder-Kahlert, Margaret Anne Whitsett and Katie Shaver

Second row: Chris Thomas, Andrew Hogan, Anette Carnes, Clay Carnes and Jared Cassidy

Third row: The Rev. Worth Stuart, The Rev. Michael Goldsmith, The Rev. Susan Sloan, The Rev. Rosie Eby and The Rev. Bob Serio



# THE ORDER OF DEACONS

By The Rev. Bob Serio

*Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait at tables. Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.' What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. Acts 6:1-6*

Thus began the order of deacons. Deacons were selected to fulfill the worldly needs of the early church; to take care of the widows in the community. The role of the deacon has expanded from these early duties and include being in the world to bring the needs of the world to the church and empower the church to go into the world and serve the needs of the community.

As part of the ordination service for deacons, the ordinand is charged with the following:

As a deacon in the Church, you are to study the Holy Scriptures, to seek nourishment from them, and to model your life upon them. You are to make Christ and his redemptive love known, by your word and example, to those among whom you live, and work, and worship. You are to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world. You are to assist the bishop and priests in public worship and in the ministration of God's Word and Sacraments, and you are to carry out other duties assigned to you from time to time. At all times, your life and teaching are to show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself.

The Book of Common Prayer defines the ministry of the deacon in the catechism. The ministry of a deacon is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as a servant of those in need; and to assist bishops and priests in the proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments.

The role of the deacon in the modern church has included ministry to the homeless, food insecure, aged and elderly, those in prison, the mentally ill, victims of disaster, victims of racial inequality, immigrants and to provide environment consciousness.

Every baptized person is called to the diakonia, to service in the name of God. Deacons are given formal leadership authority to make sure this work is done. Deacons most often lead the efforts to proclaim the gospel's peace and justice in word and deed outside the parish doors.

The deacon's role in the worship service is to mirror those responsibilities in the liturgy.

The deacon reads the Gospel, coming down from the altar to stand among the people so the people can hear the stories of how Christ has commissioned us to be servants in the world. The deacon reads the intercessions (the prayers of the people) to be sure we reflect the needs of the world, not just of our parish. The deacon sets





the Eucharistic table to prepare the food that the people of God need for action in Christ's name and the deacon stands at the door at the end of the service to send the people of God out into the world to love and serve the Lord.

The deacons are not compensated for their ministry. They go through a period of discernment to be sure that God is truly calling them to this service and then through a period of formation (deacon school) to prepare them for the tasks of teaching, preaching and leading. If you feel you are called to this ministry, review the vows deacons make at ordination (pg 543-4 of the Book of Common Prayer) and the description of the ministers of the church (laity, bishops, priests and deacons found in the Outline of Faith (pg. 856 BCP). Please feel free to talk to any of your clergy who will be happy to help guide you through the process.



Jesus tells us *Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.* John 12:26

## CHORAL EVENSONG

Join us virtually for a service of Choral Evensong for Trinity Sunday on May 30th at 5:00pm. The choir will be joined by organist Dr. Patrick Scott from Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Memphis, TN to sing music of Charles Stanford. This service will premiere on Facebook and will be available on Vimeo at 5:00pm.



Every Thursday May– October  
4:00 pm

FRESH PRODUCE~LOCAL FOOD~LIVE MUSIC~GOOD FUN

# RESTORING THE EARTH, WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE: STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

By Terry Clevenger

**R**estoring the earth” was the theme of Earth Day 2021 with a focus on climate change, deforestation, renewable energies, water conservation and recognizing how these factors are interconnected. Establishing a global culture observing “Ecological Sustainability” is critical and change needs to begin now.

Ecological sustainability refers to the quality of not being harmful to the environment or depleting natural resources, and thereby supporting long-term ecological balance. The term “Eco footprint” is used to estimate the amount of resources humans utilize to survive. Biologically productive land and water areas produce the food, water, energy, clothing, and building materials that humans consume. Globally, the equivalent of 1.5 “Earths” are used yearly by the 9.5 billion people today. Earth takes nearly 1 year and 6 months to regenerate these resources. Given these rates and continued population growth, the UN predicts by the 2030s two Earths may be required. Since we only have one Earth, action is needed now.

For instance, re-generating destroyed forests, of which 18 million acres are lost every year, is recognized as a major response in restoring Earth’s equilibrium and mitigating climate change. The benefits of mature forests are of critical ecological importance to the environment as stated by Owen Burney, director New Mexico State University's Forestry Research Center. Forests improve the quality and quantity of drinking water, capture and store atmospheric carbon dioxide, provide habitat for Earth's terrestrial species which, in turn, nurture the forest. Reforestation is the top nature-based climate solution in the U.S., according to Solomon Dobrowski, professor at the University of Montana, with forests playing a "pivotal role" in finding solutions for biodiversity and climate change. Soil, water, and wildlife quality improves as forests become established and expand, as well as our quality of life.

Global water shortages are already upon us. Ample, clean water is vital for human health, industry, agriculture, and energy production. Yet the world’s water systems face formidable threats due to unsustainable management and climate change. As many as 3.5 billion people could experience water scarcity by 2025, with demand projected to grow up to 30% by 2050. Water-related conflicts and political instability are on the rise. Climate change is worsening the problem, intensifying floods, droughts, shifting precipitation patterns, and fueling sea level rise. Already, 90% of natural disasters between 1995-2015 were water- or heat-related.

What can we do to improve our sustainability? As stated in Earth Day articles, “Start in your own back yard”! A few suggestions from Earth Day include:

- 🌱 Plant a tree or native wildflowers, a garden; take advantage of rainwater
- 🌱 Turn it off if you are not using a resource at that moment, like water or electricity
- 🌱 Reuse items like grocery bags, coffee containers, water bottles, utensils
- 🌱 Recycle as much plastic, paper, glass, metal as you can
- 🌱 Shop local. Farmer’s markets and local retailers benefit the environment
- 🌱 Begin educating yourself on environmental issues, discuss with others

Events like Earth Day challenge us to ponder, where is God leading us on or march as global citizens.

Where does the global ecological crisis put us in relation to the “Creation” God has provided us? In Genesis we are given dominion over the earth and its living things; collectively we pray for the just and proper use of his creation. Yet now, we realize that the Creation God gave us is not the same now as that given us.

“We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children” is a popular proverb from David Brower. What will our legacy be to these future generations?



# VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

By Amy Kennedy

Volunteers are the true backbone of Nativity. I am grateful for those who offer up their time, talents & treasures and are true blessings for us all. I am particularly fond of our Front Desk Volunteers who I have the absolute pleasure of working with on a daily basis. Each one of them brings something special to the office and I truly can not be more appreciative of them. As the Church is opening back up to in person services, meetings and bible studies, it's also given us the opportunity to welcome back our Front Desk Volunteers. We have a few new faces at the desk with the addition of Jill Chadwick (Tuesday Mornings), Lea Ann Barnett (Thursday Mornings) and those familiar faces and voices of Jim Douthit (Monday Afternoons & Friday's) Rosalie Smith (Tuesday Afternoons), Donna Rush (Wednesday Mornings), Ed Rush (Wednesday Afternoons) and Sally Ann Culver (Monday Mornings & Thursday Afternoons). As happy as I am to see each and everyone of them face to face, I am also saddened as well. A few have had to step away for various reasons, and we lost two special long standing devoted Front Desk Volunteers who passed away last year; David Phillips who manned the phones on Tuesday Mornings & Friday's, he loved working on his crossword puzzles at the desk, always had a new joke to tell and loved to time himself stuffing the Nativity Notes into the Orders of Worship, and Linda "Lee" Coggins who had the Wednesday morning shift. She loved to work on her drawings at the desk and talk about art with me. I miss starting off our days catching up. I have been at Nativity for 7 years now, and the last 4 I've had the privilege to manage the Front Desk Volunteers. I have forged some very good bonds with them, they truly are near and dear to my heart. So next time you call the Office or are here for a meeting, stop by to say Hi and Welcome Back!!!

We are always looking for Substitutes for the Front Desk so if that is something of interest to you, please do not hesitate to reach out to me by calling the office (256-533-2455) or email me at [akennedy@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:akennedy@nativity-hsv.org). We would love to have you join us!!!

*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.* 1Peter 4:10



*In loving memory of David Phillips and Linda "Lee" Coggins*



# SUMMER OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

By The Rev. Rosie Veal Eby

I am very excited to share with you some outreach opportunities this summer with several after school programs we have partnered with in the community.

In June, we will work with Huntsville Inner City Learning Center's Middle Schools program on Thursdays, which they have designated as their "Green Day" from 10:00-12:00. Scheduled activities include:

- June 3 Art lesson with Kana Goldsmith.
- June 10 trip to Duncan Farms.
- June 17 Making pepper jelly with Rev. Rose with peppers from the garden at First Stop.
- June 24 Visit to the Greene Street Market where students will receive a \$5.00 green buck to spend.
- In July, we will spend time working with Girls Inc. We will host a special activity each Thursday from 1:00-2:00. Activities include:
- July 1 Art lesson with Kana Goldsmith for the 5th & 6th grade students. Bingo with the 7th & 8th grade students.
- July 8 & July 15 Cooking classes. Students will learn how to make salsa and pasta salad. Recipe and ingredients will be provided for them to take home so they can prepare food at home with their family.
- July 22 Art lesson with Kana Goldsmith and the 5th and 6th grade students and a lesson about weaving and working on looms with Q Wirtz and the 7th and 8th grade students.
- July 29 Lesson about weaving and working on looms with Q Wirtz and the 7th and 8th grade students. Bingo game for the 5th and 6th grade students.

If you are interested in assisting with any of the activities, your presence is welcome, or if you are interested in helping with the purchase of the supplies for the activities or prizes for bingo games please contact The Rev. Rosie Veal Eby [rveby@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:rveby@nativity-hsv.org). I know the body of Christ is made up of many parts, all with many abilities. This is how outreach at Nativity works. I can do so much because you make it possible through your talents, time and gifts. I look forward to you sharing those blessings with the children in Huntsville this summer as we go forth and expand our outreach efforts.

## COLLECTION FOR ROSS RECOVERY SERVICES

I am working with ROSS Recovery Services and their Peer Specialist to ensure people have what they need when they are accepted into a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program. Two items that people routinely need are twin size sheets and pajamas. This summer we will be collecting both mens and womens pajamas in all sizes,



# CENTERING PRAYER RETURNS TO NATIVITY

**Are** you looking for a new/old spiritual adventure?

Following Jesus's words, "When you pray, enter into your closet; shut the door and pray to your father who is in secret; and your father, who sees in secret will reward you",

**Centering Prayer** will meet every Monday starting June 7, at 4:00 o'clock in Bibb Chapel.

We gather once a week and sit together in silence, deep inside our inner closets, for

20 minutes, offering ourselves to God in Jesus's name. Then we usually read a chapter or so from a book and discuss it briefly. The book we will start with is Radical Optimism, Practical Spirituality in an Uncertain World, by Beatrice Bruteau. **Lectio Divina** will resume weekly meetings in Bibb Chapel beginning Thursday, June 3. We will meet from 12:00-12:30 and use the gospel for the coming Sunday for our reading. Vaccination is required. Online Lectio will continue as usual with Pat Johnson at MeditationChapel.org in the Thomas Keating Chapel.

**Centering Prayer Mini-Intensives** will resume meeting in Bibb Chapel the second Saturday of every month beginning June 12 at 8:00 am. This group requires some experience of Centering Prayer. Vaccination is required. Come and see. Come and Be....

For additional information contact Jim Payne (941-993-5603) or Lora Arnold (256-653-1152).

## SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

We need your input about spiritual development activities! Please join us Sunday mornings in June for an ongoing discussion about the spiritual development activities that you would like to see offered at Nativity for a post-COVID world. Traditionally, the Spiritual Development Committee has sponsored the following activities:

- Fall Speakers Series (four Wednesday evenings in October)
- Advent Quiet Day with St Thomas
- Pre-Lenten Workshops (Friday/Saturday/Sunday with Amy-Jill Levine, Ed Bacon, Paul Gordon Chandler)
- Lenten Noon Service Preacher Series
- Evening with Sister May with Centering Prayer
- Centering Prayer Group
- Bus trips to exhibits of interest

Opening of the I AM exhibit with Paul Gordon Chandler in Nashville

National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery

- SDC Newsletter
- Book Corner in the Steeple

What would you like to see offered during the year?

We are meeting every Sunday during June at 11:00 in the library or online, contact Ted Briggs for online meeting information 256-457-1188 or [tedlbriggs@gmail.com](mailto:tedlbriggs@gmail.com).



*To promote  
spiritual  
development,  
providing  
opportunities for  
spiritual/personal  
growth, meeting  
people where they  
are on their  
spiritual journey*

# Parish Financial Report April 2021

	<u>Budget for Period</u>	<u>Actual for Period</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>
Pledges Received	\$109,597.10	\$90,424.03	\$438,388.30	\$473,942.81
Plate	\$6,666.67	\$9,670.51	\$26,666.64	\$26,419.51
Other Revenues	\$9,379.84	\$12,624.61	\$37,519.32	\$28,264.73
Total Income	\$125,643.61	\$112,719.15	\$502,574.26	\$528,627.05
Diocese & Missions	\$13,951.67	\$12,011.35	\$55,806.64	\$60,043.45
Outreach	\$11,626.46	\$17,840.00	\$46,505.32	\$72,330.00
Personnel	\$69,390.31	\$67,980.62	\$277,560.88	\$274,949.91
Other Expenses	\$30,673.76	\$28,177.23	\$122,690.52	\$98,921.35
Total Expenses	\$125,642.20	\$126,009.20	\$502,563.36	\$506,244.71
Net	\$1.41	-\$13,290.05	\$10.90	\$22,382.34

## 2021 Altar Flower Dedications

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

Dates requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) for dedication: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please choose one:**

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

Will you share this dedication? \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO Can we list your name in the bulletin? \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

Dedications are \$40 each or \$20 if shared.

Make check payable and mail your check along with this form to: to:

*Nativity Flower Guild* Andrea Vandervoort 434 Locust Ave. Huntsville, AL 35801

Questions? Call Andrea: 256-539-2673



# Parish News

## BIRTHDAYS

### OF OUR CHILDREN:

Sarah Blank  
Stella Allbritton  
Ella Ragsdale  
Eleanor DeFiore  
Julia Cote  
Owen Alexander Proud  
Anna-Claire Stevens  
Harriet Davis  
Liam Stafford  
Anna Katherine Ayres  
Cornelius Allen, III  
Anthony Landers  
Evelyn Jones  
Stewart Davis  
William Harrison Hase  
Juneau Farrell  
Lochlan Connelly  
Kelly Hay  
Kate Hudson  
Erin Hannah  
Alana Boyce  
Laurel Plucker  
Ivy McCurry

### DEATHS:

Henrietta Boykin  
Martha Sue Hutchens

### NEWLY ORDAINED:

Ordination to the Diaconate  
Sarah Elizabeth Watts  
Tuesday, May 18, 2021

### BAPTISMS:

Michael Fitzpatrick Wells, son of  
Charlotte Anne and Walker Wells,  
grandson of Cathy and Andy Kelly

## PARISHIONER UPDATES

### Laura and Ed Ragland

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Prentice White Day @ Nativity

Sunday, June 6, 2021  
10:00am service

Light Refreshments to follow in the  
Courtyard

Let's celebrate the first verger at  
Nativity, Prentice White! Help us  
honor this faithful man. Attending  
the special service on June 6. Write  
Prentice a note or letter and mail it to  
the church office, attention Prentice  
White. Make a contribution to his  
purse. We plan to shower Prentice  
with lots of Nativity love!

For more information, please contact  
Emily Rodgers, [erodgers@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:erodgers@nativity-hsv.org)

Former parishioner Jennifer Hulse  
recently died after a courageous battle  
with breast cancer. Jennifer, her  
husband, Byron and their children,  
Ben and Claire, were active members  
at Nativity. Byron, Claire and Ben  
Hulse may be reached at 48  
Woodberry Station, Woodberry, VA  
22989.

Longtime Nativity member Dorette  
Schlitt died earlier this month. In  
recent years, she was a member of  
Monte Sano UMC because it was  
closer to her home. More  
information about her life and  
services can be found here: [https://  
www.laughlinservice.com/obituaries/  
Dorette-Dorothea-Hertha-Kersten-  
Schlitt?obId=21070749#/  
obituaryInfo](https://www.laughlinservice.com/obituaries/Dorette-Dorothea-Hertha-Kersten-Schlitt?obId=21070749#/obituaryInfo)

Delores Stout Likos, long time  
member of Nativity died this month.  
Although she no longer attended  
Nativity, she told friends that she  
kept up with the happenings at the  
church by reading the Steeple. More  
information about her life and  
services can be found here: [https://  
obits.al.com/obituaries/huntsville/  
obituary.aspx?n=delores-stout-  
likos&pid=198693193&fhid=10433](https://obits.al.com/obituaries/huntsville/obituary.aspx?n=delores-stout-likos&pid=198693193&fhid=10433)

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TOO Cute! Romello Junior Warren  
is happy as can be in his new GSM  
onesie! Thank you Keke Pond for  
sharing this precious picture of  
your beautiful little boy!