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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.

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.

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On the cover...

Mike Ward presenting Nativity's first verger Prentice White with a gift on Sunday, June 6th during the "Prentice White Day" celebration honoring his ministry at Nativity.

Send your pictures from Nativity activities and events to:
vhinton@nativity-hsv.org.

MINISTRY SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

We all know and appreciate our dedicated and talented team of clergy. While their collar signifies their role as clergy, it does not protect them from the normal needs of average human beings, such as rest, sleep, recreation, which is why, Nativity employs support ministries!

Please consider using your gifts in one or more of the following ministries:

- **Home visitors**

Visit parishioners in their homes and take celebrate eucharist with them.

Contact: Connie Stephenson 256-270-5458 firstmom21@aol.com

- **Lector**

Read the Old Testament and New Testament and lead the Psalm during the services.

Contact: Amy Kennedy 256-533-2455 akennedy@nativity-hsv.org

- **Lay Eucharistic Ministers**

Administer the cup during Holy Eucharist.

Contact: Amy Kennedy 256-533-2455 akennedy@nativity-hsv.org

- **Stream Team**

Join Vicky Hinton and Father Worth Stuart as a member of the Stream Team. This past spring Nativity upgraded the audio visual equipment and is now capable of live streaming all services.

Contact: Vicky Hinton 256-479-8282 vhinton@nativity-hsv.org or

Worth Stuart 256-533-2455 wstuart@nativity-hsv.org

- **Ushers**

Greet visitors and parishioners for services, pass the alms basin (collection plate), assist at the chancel steps and tidy pews after services.

Contact: Randy Dill rld4@comcast.net 256-426-3849 or

Michael Shipley 256-520-8741 michaellshipley@aol.com

If you would like more information about additional ministries at the church, please contact Emily Rodgers, erodgers@nativity-hsv.org and she will be happy to help you find what you are looking for.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in our community.



Father Worth working
the new AV System

HONORING OUR NATIVITY SENIORS

Please join us in celebrating our Nativity Seniors at the 6:00 pm outdoor service on June 13th. All seniors will be recognized and senior acolytes will receive their crosses. Questions? Contact Amy Brooks

abrooks@nativity-hsv.org.

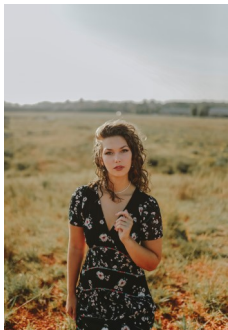


Thomas Aldag I graduated from Huntsville High School in May and will attend Samford University in the fall. The Church of the Nativity has provided me with a wonderful place to worship. I like the formal structure of the services and I am very thankful for the opportunity to have been a part of it as an acolyte.



Riley Alexander I am graduating high school from St. John Paul II Catholic High School. Next year, I will be a freshman at UAB as a Pre-Nursing major.

For me, Nativity has been a place and community I have grown up in and where I have been able to learn and understand new ways of love, faith, and support.



Katie Banish Katie grew up as an active member of the Church of Nativity. She enjoyed singing in the choir where she helped develop an art and music complementary program with Suzanne Purtee, her first choir master. Katie will head to Boston University to major in biomedical engineering. She has a passion for science, singing and helping those in need. She chose the north to experience cities, new peoples and four seasons. Nativity's choirs provided a safe haven for meditative joyful song. Coming from a small family, wrangling the many young children brought Katie great laughter and joy.



Vivian Brouse I just graduated from Sparkman High School. In the fall, I will be attending Birmingham-Southern College where I will be majoring in Music with an emphasis in Flute and Classical Voice. Nativity has meant a lot to me throughout the years, from my Baptism to Confirmation but especially being a part of the choir. Choir has exposed me to different kinds of interesting music where I have been challenged to be a better musician. I have also enjoyed working with the children and being a leader in worship. It has meant a lot to me that my church family have always supported me on this journey.



Evans Bryant I am heading to Auburn University in the Fall. The Church of the Nativity has been one thing I can always count on. With my mom being a Sunday School teacher and being involved in church, it has given me more opportunities to expand my knowledge of God and to grow closer to Him. Since I grew up in the church, from a young age I would help set up tables for Wednesday night meals. I would go to church and Sunday School, and acolyte. I learned so much through these activities and it also gave me the opportunity to meet members and talk about their experiences. After being with the church so long, I can only pray that when I go to college and off to wherever I end up living that I can find another church that molded me into who I am today.



Mary Maddox Creech I went to Randolph School and will take a gap year, then go to the University of Alabama. Nativity has been a place that felt like home for my whole life. Many of my members from when I was little were at the church and I'm so thankful for the family I have gotten to be a part of there.



Lucy Ellis I am going to start out by saying that I don't think I can put into words how much Nativity means to me. It has always felt like my home. Nativity has shown me love that I can't even comprehend. We, as Nativity, have so much love to offer the world and I am so lucky that I am a part of that. Like, it's so cool! We are the coolest Church. You never have a bad day when you're at Nativity. With that being said, I am so sad that I missed out on all the fun things that Nativity would have brought me last year. Our church is surrounded by so many fun things to do in the summer. From Camp McDowell to Sawyerville. 2020 summer was a sad one to say the least. I found so much joy through those two things and I thank Nativity for that. There are too many good memories to count from both of those places. All I ever feel in those places is God's love and that's what it's all about. This past Sunday was the first service in over a year where we didn't have to wear masks. I can't even explain how much I missed it. Getting to roam around Ridley Hall again, going into the kitchen to get a cup of ice, the hot biscuits they make in the morning, and even going to the bathroom. I missed it all... every bit of it. But what I missed most were the people. Nativity is my family and will always be my family. Thank you to everyone who has helped me on this long journey. I love you all endlessly. Now, it's time to graduate!

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Paul Gustav Goldsmith “Gus” Gus graduated from Huntsville High School and will attend the University of the South, Sewanee to pursue a major in music.

“I have had the opportunity to live in some really fantastic places. Not because of the location of the towns but because of the people I have met along the way. Huntsville has truly been one of those places. Moving here in the middle of my 10th grade year was a challenge, but Nativity and Huntsville High School, especially the theatre department, were there to support me and by the summer of that year, I felt like I was home.”



Tess Lambert I graduated from Huntsville High School and will attend Auburn University in the Fall. I will be majoring in Rehabilitation and Disability studies. The Episcopal Church of the Nativity has helped me strengthen my connection with God. I have made some amazing friends through the church and have served in the church with some incredible people.



Kurt Scheidker I graduated from James Clemens High School. I will attend UAH next year to major in accounting and minor in music. Nativity has been a welcoming place for me to find a church home after my family moved to Alabama three and a half years ago. I have made many new friends and have enjoyed the opportunity to sing in the choir each Sunday. Working with Christian and the choir has made me decide to participate in the college choir at UAH and minor in music. I plan to stay active at Nativity in the music ministry as I continue my education.



Hunter Wilson I graduated from Huntsville High School and will attend West Point in the Fall. Nativity has meant a lot to me and most importantly, it started me on my spiritual path that I hope to continue the rest of my life.

O Lord God, who has called us Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden and through perils unknown: give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us. Amen.

A PASTORAL RESPONSE FOR OUR LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

By The Rev. Rosie Veal Eby

I have had several conversations lately with parents at Nativity whose children have come out to them as Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, or Queer (LGBTQ+). In response to this, I feel it would be beneficial to hold a safe space of support and love here at our church. Parents, grandparents, godparents, and guardians of LGBTQ+ children (youth and adult) are invited to meet on June 15th on the second floor of Ridley Hall in the Club 56 Room at 5:30. I believe that love and acceptance by families and communities helps to guide all children into being more confident in their being. I also know from personal experience that parents also need that confidence and support.



When my eldest child was around 16 they asked me what I would have named them if they would have been born a boy, I told them Henry. That is when my child began to call himself Henry. It took me a while longer to call him that name. It took me a while to stop yelling upstairs for my girls to come down to supper. I had to learn how to talk about Molly's older brother. I lived in a small south Georgia town that was less than affirming to transgender youth or really anyone in the LGBTQ+ community and I was terrified for my child. I remember going with my children to Atlanta to the art museum and watching as my son went to use the men's bathroom. I thought, this is my son, he is wonderfully and fearfully made in the image of God and I accept every single cell and hair on his head but I was terrified as he walked into that bathroom. This was in the height of the North Carolina "bathroom laws" that were so politicized and popularized in the news.

My son is now 24, I cannot imagine calling him as anyone else other than my son. He was meant to be my Henry. I am vocal about being an ally in the LGBTQ+ community and a mother of a trans child. I am thankful my son trusts me to share our journey with others, because it was not an easy one. But because of this continuing spiritual journey, I know I am now better able to respect the dignity of every human being.

Lastly, I ask for your prayers. This month is Pride Month, many people will be coming out to their families. Please pray for those people and their families.

If you have questions or comments please contact The Rev. Rosie Veal Eby at

rvealeby@nativity-hsv.org or call 404-579-8738.



We invite everyone to join us to learn more about the One Body campaign!

Sunday, June 13 at 9:00 am in Ridley Hall

Hear from the clergy, accessibility committee, builder and architect, and find out more about how we plan to make Nativity accessible for all people! We will also share exciting news about our Nativity playground and see the new AV system in action!

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.

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The Episcopal Church of the
Nativity accessible to all people!**

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- 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.

VBS KICK OFF
SUNDAY, JUNE 13
ON MONTE SANO
4:00-5:30
ALL ARE INVITED!



Get Out! VBS is kicking off this Sunday with a kid-friendly hike and a bring your own picnic. We'll meet at the large pavilion in Monte Sano State Park at 4.00. At 5.30, we'll journey down the mountain and attend the 6.00 service at church together.

The park is free all day for all Nativity parishioners. Join us for the kick off or do your own thing. Let the gate attendant know you are with Nativity for free admission. Come enjoy God's creation!

Questions, mcoe@nativity-hsv.org.

all-ages summer service

Eustis & Greene
Courtyard
6pm Sundays
June - August

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

All ages welcome. Come as you are with your lawn chair or blanket.

WONDERFUL CAMP MCDOWELL

Please pray for our Nativity kids and youth heading off to Camp McDowell this summer:

Sam Reddy	Freddie Fortner
Caroline Brooks	Jude Plucker
Catherine Hendricks	Jack Powers
Sarah Coleman Hornsby	Clara Williams
Clara Keener	John Gleason
Olivia O'Halloran	Via Christopherson
Ashley Ortel	Sloan Dill
Courtney Ortel	Mary Ceil McClung
Thea Sommer	Waring Cantey
Harry Foster	Laurel Plucker
Mem Mullins	Matilda Smith
Finola O'Halloran	Natalia Vela
Piper Smith	Vanessa Vela



**Join the Garden Guild
the first Thursday of
every month to work in
the garden!**

All are welcome!

**Contact Lane Tutt for
more information.**



***FREE Bike Tuneups and Repairs**

Where?

**Huntsville Inner City Learning
Center**

2450 Brahan Avenue

When?

June 19th starting at 9am

Organized by : The Church of the Nativity

Contact Rev. Rosie Veal Eby for info

rvealeby@nativity-hsv.org

HONORING PRENTICE WHITE

By Emily Rodgers

On Sunday, June 6, Nativity celebrated Prentice White, first verger at Nativity. During the 10:00 service, Mike Ward read a resolution establishing June 2, 2021 as “Prentice White Day” at Nativity. Prentice was gifted a stuffed bear outfitted with a vergers robe and virge.

A reception followed in Ridley Hall. Parishioners enjoyed finger sandwiches, punch and fresh strawberries as they visited with each other and congratulated Prentice. Please see the Resolution below, in addition to an article about Prentice from 1996.

RESOLUTION HONORING PRENTICE P. WHITE

WHEREAS Prentice White, in answer to his questions upon arriving in Huntsville, “Where is the Episcopal Church?” indeed followed the directions and found the church connected to the tall steeple,

WHEREAS Prentice White was named the first verger at Nativity in 1990 and, according to the May 19, 1992 Vestry minutes, was named Head Verger,



Mike Ward presenting Prentice White with “Teddy Bear Verger” on Sunday, June 6.



Prentice wearing his celebratory bishop's miter from The Rev. Paul Elliot.

WHEREAS Prentice White, responsible for all aspects of worship services at Nativity for thirty years, received training at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. and Westminster Abbey in London England

WHEREAS Prentice White has played a vital role in all baptisms, confirmations, weddings and funerals, touching generations of Nativity's peoples,

WHEREAS Prentice White has introduced colorful phrases into our lexicon such as “Early Christians”, “I’ll see ya when I see ya”, “Rite 1 was intended by God”, “Just leave it where Jesus flung it” and “All in God’s good time.”

WHEREAS Prentice White endeared many people with his custom monikers: His Excellency, My Boy My Boy, The Canon, The Little Monk, His Eminence, Mother Superior, Liberace, Mother Magnolia, The Rodfather and Sister Justine.

WHEREAS Prentice White earned four star reviews for his starring role in the award winning play, “King Solomon and A Few Fine Women in the Bible”.

WHEREAS Prentice White’s faithful, though occasionally fussy, service has enriched the lives of the people of Nativity for 30 years.

NOW THEREFORE, we the people of Nativity, proclaim that from this day hereafter, June 6, 2021 will forever be known as “Prentice White Day” at the Episcopal Church of the Nativity.

Signed by Bishop Glenda Curry, The Rev. Michael Goldsmith and Senior Warden Virginia Caruso.

Precious Prentice Stories

- When Prentice was preparing for his trip to Westminster Abbey in London, he realized he needed luggage and shared that need with Randy “De” Roper. Randy generously offered the Louis Vuitton luggage set gifted to him by his aunt. Upon returning home, Prentice told Randy he felt like a movie star, with people staring at him and his fancy luggage.

- Thirteen years ago, on Christmas morning, Prentice and Mother Mary Ann Akin served together for the service in the Chapel. Mother Mary Ann preached on Jesus the infant, in need of swaddling clothes, to provide comfort, security, tightness in being held. Mother Mary Ann demonstrated how to swaddle an infant using a stuffed teddy bear and a small baby blanket. After the sermon, she set the swaddled stuffed teddy bear on a pew, and continued with the rest of the service. Listen to Mother Mary Ann’s words: “I came down the steps and turned to face the congregation for the recessional. All eyes were fixed on Prentice exiting the center aisle. In his verger robe, with verge in hand, he had the little bear in the swaddling blanket held in the crook of his arm, nestled close to his heart. It was a moment of spontaneous, utter tenderness.”



From the October 20, 1996 Order of Worship Commissioning of the Verger Prentice P. White:

The history of the verger dates back all the way to the Middle Ages when the Verger was the Protector of the Procession. He would lead the way, making room for the procession to enter the church from the town square, and his Virge (Mace) would literally clear the way if necessary. Today the Verger has the ceremonially duty of leading the procession down the aisle, and verging (leading) individuals to and fro, when necessary. Many vergers in this country currently are appointed as Ceremonial Vergers only. Other who hold full-time positions in churches and cathedrals have many varied duties, including, but not limited to, building maintenance and repairs, master of ceremonies, church security, sacristan, etc.

Vergers can be found in small missions up to the biggest cathedrals in this county today. The positions include any combination of the following: full-time, part-time, volunteer, paid, ceremonial, and/or working. In many churches and cathedrals, the ministry of the verger is a front-line ministry. The verger is the first person many people encounter as they enter the church. The verger can be an historian, a tour guide, a pastor, an evangelist, an administrator, when and where necessary.



Prentice leading the procession on June 6.

We are very pleased to name Mr. Prentice P. White as the first official Verger of this parish.

STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

By David Chadwick

Running through Big Spring Park early one morning this Memorial Day weekend, we noticed the swallows swooping low over the lake and surrounding grass. North America is blessed to have several species of swallow, and that morning we saw Barn Swallows, Cliff Swallows and Rough-Winged Swallows busy catching insects for their offspring. Barn Swallows are the “classic” swallow and are one of the few birds that have an almost global distribution. In summer, they are found throughout the northern hemisphere, across the USA and Canada, and across Europe and Asia.

Swallows are one of a few species of bird specifically mentioned in the Bible, and Psalms 84 refers to their habit of nesting on human-built structures like houses and barns.

Psalm 84:3

*Even the sparrow has found a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may have her young – a place near your altar,
O Lord Almighty, my King and my God.
Blessed are those who live in your house;
They are ever praising you.*



I like to think that the Psalmist is welcoming the swallows to a safe place alongside everyday human life, just like God welcomes his children to him. I hope we can extend the Psalmist’s welcome to our own local wildlife. It seems common practice today to try and control mosquitos by spraying insecticides that also kill many beneficial insects like bees, butterflies, dragonflies and ladybugs. There are many other ways to control mosquitos without resorting to pesticides. For example, we throw out the water in our bird bath and refresh it every couple of days, preventing mosquitos from breeding there. And If swallows chose to nest on your house, you have been blessed; they can eat up to 1,000 mosquitos a day!



the
**Greene
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at Nativity

Every Thursday May– October
4:00 pm

FRESH PRODUCE~LOCAL FOOD~LIVE MUSIC~GOOD FUN

CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION INTERNS

By Rosie Veal Eby

Once again I am thrilled to have Sewanee students with me at First Stop earning their hours for their clinical pastoral education training, aka CPE. Traditionally students earn their hours at hospitals and nursing homes; however last summer, due to covid, horizons were expanded. The experience was so meaningful to those who served with me that the site was approved again this summer for students to come back and earn their hours again. I am appreciative for their help and presence and know that they will take with them much knowledge and experience as they continue their journey into ordained ministry.



Gabriel Perkins-Lawrence

Gabriel is a Candidate for Holy Orders from the Diocese of Georgia and a rising senior at the School of Theology at Sewanee. He is back at First Stop again working with Mtr. Rosie this summer on another half unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). In addition to completing CPE requirements, Gabriel is also using his time at First Stop to discern a particular priestly call to minister with folks experiencing homelessness. He is grateful for Church of the Nativity and First Stop as this partnership between the two continues answering Christ's call to care for the least, lost, and left out in our midst.



Kelton Riley

Hailing from the small town of Ardmore, Alabama, Riley is a country mouse from the parish of St. Timothy's, Athens. Like any good country boy, Riley loves Jesus, his mama, and his border collie Harper Lee. He studied German at Samford University, and English, History, and Religion at Athens State University. He has just completed his first year at Sewanee. This summer he is completing his Clinical Pastoral Education under the supervision of Mother Rosie at First Stop. After seminary, Riley aspires to serve a small rural parish and continue his studies. He also has an uncanny ability to converse with goats, a talent of which he is inexplicably proud.



Riley and Gabriel are spending time at the Inner City Learning Center as well as First Stop this summer.

CENTERING PRAYER AT 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.



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

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NATIVITY

The Reddy Family
with Father
Michael on May
23 at the Baptism
of their youngest,
Pierce.



Students at the
Huntsville Inner
City Learning
Center enjoying
an art class with
Kana Goldsmith

Send us your photos Nativity!
We want to share all the fun
things happening in and
around the church.

Send jpeg images to
vhinton@nativity-hsv.org
along with a brief description
of the photo and who is in it.

Parish Financial Report May 2021

	<u>Budget for Period</u>	<u>Actual for Period</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>
Pledges Received	\$109,597.10	\$115,756.31	\$547,985.40	\$589,699.12
Plate	\$6,666.67	\$11,707.00	\$33,333.31	\$38,126.51
Other Revenues	\$9,379.84	\$5,117.29	\$46,899.16	\$33,382.02
Total Income	\$125,643.61	\$132,580.60	\$628,217.87	\$661,207.65
Diocese & Missions	\$13,951.67	\$15,295.59	\$69,758.31	\$75,339.04
Outreach	\$11,626.46	\$10,840.00	\$58,131.78	\$83,170.00
Personnel	\$69,390.31	\$67,526.83	\$346,951.19	\$342,476.74
Other Expenses	\$30,673.76	\$26,594.42	\$153,364.28	\$123,298.27
Total Expenses	\$125,642.20	\$120,256.84	\$628,205.56	\$624,284.05
Net	\$1.41	\$12,323.76	\$12.31	\$36,923.60

Dates Available for flower dedications:	<u>July</u> 25 th	<u>August</u> 8 th 15 th 29 th	<u>September</u> 5 th 12 th	19 th 26 th
<u>June</u> 27 th				

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:

Parish News

BIRTHDAYS

OF OUR CHILDREN:

Elise Roche
Prentiss Miller
Natalia Vela
Alexander Bounds
Ellie Gleason
John Gleason
Vanessa Vela
Jack Copeland
Colton Boyce
Cora Putt
Alex Hereford
Lydia Kilpatrick
Aerin Watts
Vivienne Shedd
Camille Kilpatrick
Matilda Smith
Charles Ayres
Ivy McCurry

DEATHS:

Will Kelly

BIRTHS:

Carl John and Jessica Gessler
welcomed daughter Lily Catherine on
May 3.

Kristen and George Twitty, and big
sisters Beatrice and Grace, welcomed
son George Bradley Twitty, III on
May 28.

PARISHIONER UPDATES

Laura and Ed Ragland

4310 Willow Bend Lane
Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763

Catherine Boykin

6403 Midtown Lane
Huntsville, AL 35806

Bobbie Graham

3933 Doral Drive
Maryville, TN 37801
256-682-2147

Foster & Virginia McDonald

709 Randolph Avenue, Huntsville,
AL 35801

Mem Bryant

membryant22@gmail.com

Stephanie Sherman

1114 Beirne Avenue
Huntsville, Al 35801

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prentice White Day @ Nativity

Sunday, June 6, 2021

Church of the Nativity, Episcopal
208 Eustis Avenue SE Huntsville, AL 35801
256.533.2455 Fax: 256.533.2374
nativity-hsv.org



Pierce Reddy listening to Father Michael's instruction on Baptism. Pierce was baptized on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021,