

# THE STEEPLE

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## KEEP US IN THE KNOW!

Do you have a change of address, email, phone or perhaps major life event?

Contact Emily Rodgers

256-533-2455 ext.204 or

[erodgers@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:erodgers@nativity-hsv.org).

*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...

From left: The Rev. Michael Goldsmith and Andy Cowan checking out the demolition and ground preparation for the new playground. Full article on page 4.

Send your pictures from Nativity activities and events to: [vhinton@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:vhinton@nativity-hsv.org).

# WE ARE ONE BODY

Dear Nativity Parishioners,

I am relatively new here at Nativity as I've been a member here for only 4 years; however, it did not take very long to find out that some areas of the church are difficult (if not impossible) to get to if one is confined to a wheelchair, using a walker or cane, or temporarily incapacitated due to accident or surgery.

Then I found out that a study had been made in 1982 to install an elevator but was never followed through. In May of 2019, Father Michael named me to a committee called the One Body Campaign, to make another study and come up with a plan to make our church accessible to all who wish to worship with us. We spent many hours meeting, in person and on Zoom, discussing what was needed and what was wanted. I believe the plan we came up with is very good. Among other things, it will have an elevator to serve all floors of our buildings and restrooms will be expanded, remodeled, and made more handicapped friendly.

One thing that is not part of the Accessibility Project, but truly impacts me in one area of accessibility is the new audio/visual system. It can be paired with an app through your smart phone with hearing aids equipped with blue tooth technology. As I am a severely hearing-impaired person, this has been a tremendous help to me and I'm sure it would be to other parishioners who use hearing aids.

With these changes, I know our church can truly be a living example of respecting the dignity of every human being.

I truly believe in this campaign and have made my pledge. As of August 17, 125 units been pledged to the One Body Campaign. If you have not yet made a pledge to the One Body Campaign, PLEASE prayerfully consider it so we can make this dream come true. We are in the 21st century, it is time to bring our church buildings into it!

Lloyd Newman



Lloyd Newman

## TO MAKE YOUR PLEDGE OR GIFT TO THE WE ARE ONE BODY CAMPAIGN PLEASE USE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

- Complete the form on the back page of this Steeple, place in envelope and return by mail or place in the collection plate during any service.
- Visit [nativity-hsv.org/weareonebody](http://nativity-hsv.org/weareonebody) and click on MAKE MY GIFT
- Scan the QR code and complete the online giving form.



# PLAYGROUND REFRESH NEARING COMPLETION

By Allison Proud

In early 2021, Father Michael tasked a small group of eager parishioners with reimagining what our children's play space could look like. With inclusivity, accessibility, and engagement in mind, our group set off with a list of requirements for the perfect playground provider. After a thorough request for proposal process and meaningful discussion with the Vestry to secure the necessary funds, the group identified Struthers Recreation (formerly GameTime) to partner with on the project and site prep began in June.

The playground will be an exciting space for children of all ages – even some of you big kids at heart! A main play structure, complete with climbers, a slide, rock wall, and monkey bars will sit in proximity to a bank of swings and merry-go-all. In addition, a set of flower chimes and toddler climber and crawl tube, along with shade structures will round out this inclusive space. Thanks to the generosity of parishioner donations and rollover funding from 2020, we were able to secure high value equipment that will endure frequent play, the elements, and time.

Our new playground will provide a comfortable environment for caregivers to watch over children as they play, and act as a multipurpose space in support of parishioners. Picnic tables, bench seating, and shading will compliment the play pieces and turf surfacing, along with several shrubs, trees, grassy areas, and plants which keep us true to our Nativity look and feel.

Ahead of equipment delivery, our team has been busy removing the old equipment, relocating shrubs and plants, and reworking the gate system to accommodate our modernized safety and access needs. Andy Cowan has generously taken the lead with site prep and has connected us to integral resources to ensure Struthers can deliver equipment and complete installation with ease. The project is set to be completed in September.

We look forward to opening the space for play and can't wait to see the smiles on the faces of our most precious constituents, our Nativity children!

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER A  
NATIVITYFEST T-SHIRT](#)

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN-UP FOR  
NATIVITYFEST](#)



SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

LET'S PACK THE PARK WITH NATIVITY FAMILY!

PLAYGROUND\*HIKING\*MILLTOWNE\* DISC GOLF\* JAPANESE TEA  
GARDEN\* YARD GAMES\* MICROWAVE DAVE\*  
WORSHIP TOGETHER\* PLAY TOGETHER\* SCAVENGER HUNT\*

YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING A LAWN CHAIR, BLANKETS AND  
YOUR OWN BEVERAGES.

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THIS FREE EVENT ONLINE OR CALL THE  
CHURCH OFFICE TO REGISTER 256-533-2455.

# learn, pray, play

**Take note:** Updated schedule for children's Sunday school



In an abundance of caution regarding the current COVID situation, the start of children's Sunday school is delayed one month. Classes will start **October 10<sup>th</sup>** with the Second Sunday all ages class in Ridley Hall. Traditional age level classes meeting in Angel Lane, Club 56 and Joffrion Hall will start **October 17<sup>th</sup>**.

Church services will continue at 7.30am and 10.00am. Starting October 10<sup>th</sup>, Sunday school will meet from 9.00 to 9.50. Children's chapel will be during the 10.00 service. Get ready for Sunday school by registering children age 4 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade is at [tinyurl.com/2021SundaySchool](https://tinyurl.com/2021SundaySchool) or scan the QR code.



## FALL SCHEDULE

Please be patient with us as we navigate our way through the current pandemic season. The September schedule is a little bumpy. When children's Sunday school resumes October 10, the schedule should, God willing, become more regular.

September 5	9.45 am nursery opens	10.00 am service, NO Children's Chapel
September 12	9.45 am nursery opens	10.00 am service with Children's Chapel
September 19	8:45 am nursery opens for adult Sunday school	
	10.00 am service with Children's Chapel	
September 26	Nativityfest on Monte Sano	
	9.45 am nursery opens	10 am Morning Prayer at church, no Children's Chapel
	11.00 Holy Eucharist at Nativityfest	
October 3	8:45 am nursery opens for adult Sunday school	10.00 am service with Children's Chapel
<b>October 10</b>	<b>Children's Sunday school resumes</b>	
	9.00 am Second Sunday all ages together Sunday school in Ridley Hall	
	10.00 am service with Children's Chapel	
October 17	8.45 am nursery opens	9.00 am age level Sunday school classes
	10.00 a service with Children's Chapel	



# Nativity Nursery



The nursery is open and ready to welcome your child on Sunday mornings. Our nursery provides a safe and loving environment for our youngest church members. It is run by our trained, paid staff who are fully vaccinated and wear masks. Nursery care is available for children from 6 weeks through 4 years old. Per CDC guidelines all children 2 years of age and older are required to wear a mask.

Please register your nursery-aged child at [tinyurl.com/2021Nursery](https://tinyurl.com/2021Nursery), scan the QR code, or in person at the nursery.



## children's chapel

All children age 4 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to chapel during the 10.00 am service. In chapel, we pray, sing, play and hear God's story together. It is a great time of spiritual growth and community for our children. Children follow the cross out of church during the sequence hymn and return at the Peace.

If you have chapel-aged children or feel called to help, please [sign up](#) to help with the fall rotation. Folks without chapel-aged children are especially invited to help, allowing parents of young children to have a few minutes of "grown-up" church while the kiddos are in chapel.

Two leaders are required each week; leaders sign up to help one Sunday a month during the school year. Sign up to help at [tinyurl.com/2021chapel](https://tinyurl.com/2021chapel).



## CHILDREN'S CHAPEL: A CHURCH-WIDE MINISTRY

To paraphrase Scott Galloway in the Algebra of Happiness, the fastest path to a better world is to become irrationally passionate about the well-being of a child who isn't our own. And when we uplift children, we are lifted right up along with them.

Children's chapel is a vital ministry to our children and to their families and all the adults in our church. During chapel, children pray, sing, play and hear God's story together. It is a great time of spiritual growth and community for our children and their chapel leaders. The loving adults who lead chapel are rewarded with the joy of spreading God's love and the friendship of our younger fellow parishioners. Chapel is also important for the parents of young children; those 20 minutes when the children are in chapel can be the most spiritual 20 minutes of a parent's week!



Folks without children at home are especially invited to help lead chapel: grandparents, empty nesters, young adults, and other adults who feel called. We'll make sure you have all the tools you need to successfully lead and promise you will enjoy being with your new friends in chapel. When we serve children, we serve Christ himself!

Matthew 25:40: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me!"

Questions, [mcoe@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:mcoe@nativity-hsv.org) or sign up at [tinyurl.com/2021chapel](https://tinyurl.com/2021chapel).



Youth Ocoee White Water Rafting Trip 7th-12th grade

September 24th-September 25th

Cost per person \$70. Includes lodging, meals, and rafting!

\*Scholarships Available\*

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) or scan the QR Code



## YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

In an abundance of caution regarding the current

COVID situation, the start of youth Sunday school is delayed one month.

Classes will start **October 10<sup>th</sup>** with the Second Sunday all ages class in Ridley Hall. Traditional age level classes meeting in Angel Lane, Club 56 and Joffrion Hall will start **October 17<sup>th</sup>**.

Church services will continue at 7.30am and 10.00am.

Starting October 10th, Sunday school will meet from 9.00 to 9.50.

Click below to access the Sunday School and event schedule for youth and children!

<https://tinyurl.com/RefrigeratorCard>



## EYC and JYC Kickoff

September 12th!

JYC 4:00-5:00pm

(Start in Ridley Hall, pickup at 5pm in Greene Street Parking lot)



EYC (7th-12th) 4:30-6:00pm

(Meet in Ridley Hall)

\*\*Regular schedules will be JYC with Amy(4-5pm),

7th and 8th with Josh (4-5pm), High School with Josh (5-6pm)

# STEADY FOR LIFE

By Pat Sampson

After a year and a half of quarantine and staying home, many of us have turned into couch potatoes. We've lost our stamina, our balance and have a need to be with others who understand. Steady For Life is offering a Balance Class for us, helping us with Balance, Strength, and Flexibility. It will be taught by Lead Instructor Paula Williams (she is very good). The classes will be Monday and Friday from 10:30-11:30 in Ridley Hall starting September 10 at \$24.00 a month. I have taken a number of classes at Steady For Life and found all of their instructors knowledgeable, friendly and supportive.

For more information, please call or text Pat Sampson at 256-651-9491. I have the application forms and can get them to you.

# THE TRAVELERS ALTAR

By The Rev. Rosie Veal Eby

When we baptize our children we promise as parents, Godparents and a community who witness these vows to do all in our power to support them in their life in Christ, our answer is "We will". The Episcopal Diocese of Alabama will celebrate recovery on Sunday, September 19 (more information on page 9). Recovery Sunday should be a reminder to us of that vow we took to walk alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ who are in drug and alcohol recovery programs. It should be a reminder that we are called to stop treating addiction like it is a phase someone is going through and treat it like the disease it is. We are called to hold up our community around us. Oftentimes it is easy to identify those who look worn and tired, drinking in public, my friends from the streets who have no homes to go to to drink; yet, we forget about those who are struggling in the pew next to us.

I love being the Outreach Missioner, coming up with new ways to serve with creative projects. It is wonderful to spend time at the afterschool centers with the childrens. Holding worship services at First Stop is always spirit filled. Talking to people about their iv drug use, hep C status, liver failure, DUI arrest and detox meds is really hard. But we will with God's help. Recovery Sunday is saying the church recognizes it has a part to play in people's recovery.

I hope you will join me for the walk Saturday morning September 18, 2021 10 am -12pm. Celebrating recovery, discovering treatment and support resources and honoring loved-ones lost to the disease of addiction are just a few of the reasons that this event is so meaningful to our entire community.

The 4th Annual End Addiction HSV Walk (formerly End Heroin HSV) begins at 10 a.m. at Big Spring Park, downtown Huntsville. This free community event is an opportunity to connect with each other again. You don't want to miss the Circle of Hope Recovery Countdown and much more Saturday 10 - 12.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE WALK AT BIG SPRING PARK SEPTEMBER 18](#)





# THE JOURNEY

A SERIES ON ADDICTION & RECOVERY

**Friday, September 17, 2021**

**6:30 pm**

**DINNER WITH A BEAUTIFUL BOY**



Nic Sheff, subject of the bestselling book and major motion picture *Beautiful Boy: A Father's Journey Through His Son's Addiction*, is keynote speaker of Friday night's event at the Merrimack Hall, 3320 Triana Blvd. SW in Huntsville.

Dinner provided by Urban Cookhouse begins at 6 p.m., followed by keynote speaker and author of the bestselling memoir *Tweak: Growing Up on Meth-amphetamines*. A book signing will close out the event Friday night.

Nic's story of substance abuse deeply rooted in mental illness and his recovery since 2011 is an unglamorized, authentic and heart-touching message for all. Seating is limited so reserve your ticket for \$20 at:

[EveningWithNicSheff.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/evening-with-nic-sheff-tickets-14888888888)

**RECOVERY MINISTRIES**  
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ALABAMA

[dioalaministries.org/recovery](https://dioalaministries.org/recovery)

**Saturday, September 18, 2021**

**9 am - 12 pm**



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[NotOneMoreAlabama.org](https://NotOneMoreAlabama.org)

**September 23 - October 21, 2021**

## **Continuing Education for Families and Professionals**

**Sept 23** - Substance Uses Disorder and the Disease Model by Bronwyn McInturff, LICSW.

**Sept 30** - Substance Use Disorder and Stages of Change by Ginny H. Mills, MAEd, LCMHC-S, LCAS, CCS; CEO and Lead Parent Facilitator, Parenting Through Addiction Organization.

**Oct 7** - Harm Reduction: Person-First Support for Communities and Individuals by Jack Sykstus, LMFT, with the Partnership to End Addiction.

**Oct 14** - Substance Use Disorder and the Family - presented by Erin Hinz, LPC-S and Sara Lovelady, LICSW with Lifeline Creative Solutions for Living.

**Oct 21** - Substance Use and Adolescents: Prevention and Treatment presented by Rebecca Savage, M.D., MPH, Assistant Professor, Division of Adolescent Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, Children's of Alabama.



**Addiction  
Prevention  
Coalition**

[apcbham.org](https://apcbham.org)

# STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION: BIODIVERSITY AND RELIGION - AND HOW ARE THEY RELATED TO YOUR WORLD?

By Freya Neeley

We in Alabama are lucky to live in one of the most biologically diverse places in our country. In Alabama, the wide variety of outdoor activities we can enjoy - and the gorgeous native plants that grow here, the water we drink and the air we breathe! - are made possible because of the wide variety of life that surrounds us, called biodiversity.

Because we have been so gifted, it follows, as Jesus tells us in Luke 12, “Great gifts mean great responsibilities; greater gifts, greater responsibilities.”



At this time when our world is experiencing so many environmental problems and issues, it is important for us to educate ourselves about our role in protecting God’s gift to us, this amazing planet and all of its wonders. These efforts will enable us to make better decisions about the way we live our lives, the products we purchase, the sources of the foods we feed ourselves and our families, and the companies we choose to do business with.

To help us, there are many sources of Stewardship of Creation information available. Some of those sources are wonderful faith-based groups. Here is information about two valuable organizations:

## INTERFAITH POWER AND LIGHT

**Vision:** Interfaith Power & Light envisions a stable climate where humans live in right and just relationship, interconnected with a healthy, thriving, natural world.

Interfaith Power & Light 672 13th Street, Suite 100 Oakland, CA 94612 510-444-4891 (nat’l org.)

Alabama IPL e-mail: [AlabamaIPL.org](mailto:AlabamaIPL.org) Phone: (678) 913-7477 (Alabama state organization)

Values: What we hold most sacred

- Because we embrace faith and spirituality, we are grounded in the interconnectedness of the sacred, the natural world, and one another.
- Because we embrace justice, we act with inclusion and respect, working in solidarity with vulnerable and marginalized communities.
- Because we embrace hope, we are empowered to live into our vision for the world for present and future generations.

## The Center for Religion and Environment

Based in Tennessee at the University of the South/Sewanee, The Center for Religion and Environment’s goal is to serve as a cultivator of faithful Christian living in our time of alienation and ecological crisis.

The Center for Religion and Environment hosts a series of free monthly webinars.

All of them take place on Thursdays at 6:30pm Central /7:30pm Eastern.

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- September 16: [Envisioning a Transfigured Creation, ft. John Gatta](#)
- October 21: Creating a Grassroots Movement to Implement Laudato Si', ft. Susan M. Varlamoff and Brian J. Savoie
- November 18: Notes of Rest for Earth, ft. [Julian Reid](#)

For more information, contact [cre@sewanee.edu](mailto:cre@sewanee.edu) There are additional offerings and courses, some for academic credit, with fees. I hope you will benefit from the information and the support these organizations can provide.



## COMMON GROUND YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

### **YOUNG ADULT PUB THEOLOGY AT MELLOW MUSHROOM SEPTEMBER 13TH.**

Pub Theology is hosted by The Episcopal Diocese of Alabama and is open to anyone in the North Alabama area and all are welcome regardless of belief, background, or tradition! Please join us at 6:00 pm on Monday, September 13th, on the porch at Mellow Mushroom on Cecil Ashburn Drive for good food, drink, and discussion as we delve into how our theology shapes how we view current events and issues. For more information please contact Jessie Lackey at [lackey.jessie@gmail.com](mailto:lackey.jessie@gmail.com) or the clergy liaison, The Rev. Raine Neislar, at [curate@stthomashuntsville.org](mailto:curate@stthomashuntsville.org).

**NEXT COMMON GROUND MEETING SEPTEMBER 6TH.** Common Ground meets the first Monday of the month at 5:30 pm in the Nativity Courtyard, or inside Green Bus if it's raining. Common Ground is an eclectic group of young adults, couples, parents, singles, etc., who come together for fellowship and for church & community engagement opportunities. For more information contact Jessie Lackey at [lackey.jessie@gmail.com](mailto:lackey.jessie@gmail.com).

## VESTRY NOMINATIONS

The vestry nomination process is underway and will be completed by November 1st. The committee appreciates the thoughtful responses from Church of the Nativity parishioners who are offering their time and talents to serve our parish. Because we must propose a slate of six parishioners to the parish, we are asking that you, too, consider joining this wonderful group of individuals who are representative of our loving and diverse parish.

The nomination period will end November 1st, 2021. If you would like to be considered for the 2022 slate of vestry nominees please read and complete the questionnaire, which you can download in [PDF format HERE](#) or pick up a paper copy at the office Monday-Friday from 9:00 am until noon. You may also fill out the application online by [clicking here](#).

All nominees who have already submitted a questionnaire should have received acknowledgements for their submitted forms. Please contact Donald Christian (256-508-0143) if you have not received an acknowledgement or have any questions or concerns.



# ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION FALL 2021

We have lots going on this fall at Nativity for Adult Christian Formation! Please contact Lane Tutt, [ltutt@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:ltutt@nativity-hsv.org) if you have any questions about the programs and classes listed below:

## SUNDAY CLASS SCHEDULE (ALL CLASSES MEET AT 9:00 AM)

**The Book Class** – begins September 19th on Zoom & in Ridley

**The Breakfast Club** – begins September 19th – Bibb Chapel

**Zimmerman Bible Study** – begins September 19th – Joffrion Hall Library

**The Christian Mystics and the Inner Journey to God** begins October 3rd and lasts 4 weeks, Banister Room

**Chat and Chew** – begins October 17th – Children's Library, Downstairs Ridley Hall

## CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

**The Book Class** We will use *Living The Questions, The Wisdom of Progressive Christianity* by David M. Felten and Jeff Procter-Murphy. *Living the Questions* is the most comprehensive, indeed the only survey of progressive Christianity in existence today. It includes commentary from such bestselling authors as Diana Butler Bass, John Shelby Spong, Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan, Brian McLaren and others. Because it is a survey, it provides an opportunity to broadly and systematically explore the tenants of our faith. Not everyone will agree with everything presented – it is there to challenge you, to ask the questions, because as the book points out, it is all about living the questions. To join by ZOOM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82307785013> Meeting ID: 823 0778 5013

**The Breakfast Club** will dive into *The Book of Joy* by Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu and Douglas Abrams. Leaders Jane Brocato, Amy Creech, Justin Eby, Beth Moring, Emily Rodgers and Kay Wheeler will guide the group through obstacles to joy and pillars of joy. The Breakfast Club is an unconventional Sunday school class for thought provoking conversation and fellowship. No homework! For additional information, please contact Emily Rodgers, [erodgers@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:erodgers@nativity-hsv.org)

**Zimmerman Bible Study** The oldest continuous adult Sunday school class, we will be exploring the Gospel of Matthew featuring the ESV Study Bible, and other resources to discuss the Gospel then and how it applies to life now. Our first class will begin on Sunday, September 19th at 9:00am.

**The Christian Mystics and the Inner Journey to God** Four weeks – Sunday October 3rd, 17th, 24th and 31st in the Banister Room in Ridley Hall at 9:00AM. This short informative class presents an overview of Christian Mysticism and introduces you to some of the greatest Christian mystics. The class provides an accessible introduction to these great spiritual teachers, who are “living sacraments” and are outward signs who point the way to that mysterious ineffable grace which is Emmanuel (God with US). There are no materials or books required for the class. Feel free to bring a notebook. Everything else will be provided. If you have any questions or would like to join us, please contact Natalie Rushing at 256-808- 4508 or email: [rushingpianostudy@gmail.com](mailto:rushingpianostudy@gmail.com).

**Chat and Chew** If you're a parent of one of Nativity's children or youth, please join us for Chat and Chew! We meet weekly beginning October 17th for a relaxed, discussion based class where we chat about topics

relevant to the parenting stage of life while sipping on coffee and chewing on snacks. There is no ongoing curriculum and topics change week to week, so pop in and chat whenever you can join us! This group is lead by Iana Ham, Heather Stroud, Danielle Roderick, and Brynnan Reddy. For more information, please contact Iana at [ianaham@yahoo.com](mailto:ianaham@yahoo.com).

### **WEEKDAY OFFERINGS:**

#### **The Good Book Women's Bible Study**

Wednesdays 1:00 – 2:30 pm in the Joffrion Hall Library

The Study for the Fall Session is: *The Call, The Life and Messages of the Apostle Paul* by Adam Hamilton

You can purchase the book on Amazon.

The first session starts on Wednesday, September 8th, with Susan Morley, Pattie Cline, Deacon Jeannie Robison, The Rev. Susan Sloan

For more information or to have your email added to the class roster, please contact: Carole Sue Goodwin [wgood35801@aol.com](mailto:wgood35801@aol.com) or 256-541-0004

#### **Reflections Women's Bible Study**

Thursdays 9:30 am in the courtyard, Sanctuary during bad weather.

We will read *God of Deliverance "A story of Exodus 1-8"* by Jen Wilkin. Begins September 9th.

#### **Men's Bible study**

Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the Joffrion Library.

We are currently studying Romans. For more information on this relaxed discussion-based Bible Study, please contact Father Worth at [wstuart@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:wstuart@nativity-hsv.org).

### **2021 Altar Flower Dedications**

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

Dates requested: \_\_\_\_\_ (dates available: Sept. 12, 19, 26 Oct. 17, 24 Nov. 14, 21, 28 Dec. 5, 12, 26)

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:

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

Questions? Call Andrea: 256-539-2673

# September Worship Schedule

(P) Preacher / (C) Celebrant / (U) Ushers / (V) Verger

Updated: 08/25/21-AEK

## Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

12:00pm - Rite II Noonday Prayer w/ Healing  
(P) Susan Sloan

Reader: Mary Hendricks

## Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

6:00pm - Rite II  
(P) Worth Stuart

Reader: Sally Ann Culver

## Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

7:30am - Rite I  
(P) Susan Sloan  
(U) Peter Barber

10:00am - Rite II  
(P) Susan Sloan (C) Michael Goldsmith (V) Terry Clevenger

Reader: Lea Ann Barnett

6pm Courtyard Service: Worth Stuart

Readers: 1<sup>st</sup>- Mickey Ellis

2<sup>nd</sup>- Pamela Briggs

Intercessor: Lee Hicklen

Crucifer: Alton Hudson

Acolyte Master: Nina Putt

## Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

12:00pm - Rite II Noonday Prayer w/ Healing  
(P) Susan Sloan

Reader: Joan East

## Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

6:00pm - Rite II  
(P) Worth Stuart

Reader: Charles Morley

## Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

7:30am - Rite I  
(P) Michael Goldsmith  
(U) Peter Barber

10:00am - Rite II  
(P) Michael Goldsmith (C) Rosie Veal Eby (V) Don Lambert

Reader: Steve Johnson

6pm Courtyard Service: Susan Sloan

Readers: 1<sup>st</sup>- Sally Ann Culver

2<sup>nd</sup>- Natalie Rushing

Intercessor: Shirley Hale Stucky

Crucifer: Cooper Gunter

Acolyte Master: Clay Sherrill

## Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

12:00pm - Rite II Noonday Prayer w/ Healing  
(P) Worth Stuart

Reader: Lea Ann Barnett

## Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

6:00pm - Rite II  
(P) Susan Sloan

Reader: Sally Ann Culver

## Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

7:30am - Rite I  
(P) Worth Stuart  
(U) Peter Barber

10:00am - Rite II  
(P) Worth Stuart (C) Michael Goldsmith (V) Lea Ann Barnett

Reader: Sue Johnson

6pm Courtyard Service: Rosie Veal Eby

Readers: 1<sup>st</sup>- Jennifer Dill

2<sup>nd</sup>- Walter Thames

Intercessor: Clay Sherrill

Crucifer: Phoebe Duncan

Acolyte Master: Mike Ward

## Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

12:00pm - Rite II Noonday Prayer w/ Healing  
(P) Susan Sloan

Reader: Mary Hendricks

## Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

6:00pm - Rite II  
(P) Worth Stuart

Reader: Charles Morley

## Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

7:30am - Rite I  
(P) Ashley Simpson  
(U) Peter Barber

10:00am - Rite II  
(P) Ashley Simpson (C) Bob Serio (V) Terry Clevenger

Reader: John Hendricks

6pm Courtyard Service:

NO Courtyard Service

Readers: 1<sup>st</sup>- Elaine Hamner

2<sup>nd</sup>- Lynn Sparks-Lewis

Intercessor: Camille Sommer

Crucifer: Carter Watson

Acolyte Master: Shari Williams

## 11am: Nativity Fest @ Monte Sano

(P) Susan Sloan (C) Rosie Veal Eby (D) Bob Serio (A) Ashley Simpson (Musicians) Michael Goldsmith & Worth Stuart

## Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

12:00pm - Rite II Noonday Prayer w/ Healing  
(P) Worth Stuart

Reader: Joan East

## Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

6:00pm - Rite II  
(P) Susan Sloan

Reader: Sally Ann Culver



# Parish News

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### OF OUR CHILDREN:

Emma Angelichio  
Ashley Ortel  
Courtney Ortel  
Tate Dollman  
Rhett FitzGerald  
Mary Ceil McClung  
Samatha Rowe  
James Mauldin  
Micah Watts  
Lillian Retzke  
Grace Twitty  
Reed Peters  
Jefferson Retzke  
Sarah Cote  
William Rice McCurry  
Molly Manning  
Emily Rowe  
Oliver FitzGerald  
Anna Abney

## PARISHIONER UPDATES

### Helen and Ed Vaughn

3032 Hillcreek Drive  
Augusta, GA 30909

**Julia Perry** transferred to St. Francis  
Episcopal Church, Houston TX

### DEATHS:

Steve Denney

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEMORIAL CELEBRATION FOR EVELYN "EVIE" SPEARMAN

The family of the late Evie Spearman  
invites you to a celebration of her life  
on Saturday, September 18, from  
2:00-4:00 pm in Ridley Hall.

### UPCOMING BAPTISM DATES:

Sunday, September 12  
Sunday, November 7

## SAVE THE DATE!

2022 Women's Retreat at Camp  
McDowell February 11th and 12th  
Guest Speaker The Rev. Sarah Watts.

## HAP SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5

The bins for HAP Food Pantry are  
empty and in need of the following:

Dry Beans      Peanut butter  
Rice              Dry pasta  
Diapers          Spaghetti Sauce  
Wipes            Canned meats  
Canned vegetables  
Boxed dinner kits

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE SURVEY

As we enter October and stewardship  
season, please help by filling out a  
quick survey. We look forward to  
sharing results soon. All responses  
are anonymous. [CLICK HERE FOR  
SURVEY](#) or pick up a paper copy at  
the church office.

# Parish Financial Report August 2021

	<u>Budget for Period</u>	<u>Actual for Period</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>
Pledges Received	\$109,597.10	\$135,114.00	\$657,582.50	\$724,607.62
Plate	\$6,666.67	\$10,391.21	\$39,999.98	\$48,417.72
Other Revenues	\$9,379.84	\$5,117.29	\$56,279.00	\$38,499.98
Total Income	\$125,643.61	\$150,623.17	\$753,861.48	\$811,525.32
Diocese & Missions	\$13,951.67	\$17,460.62	\$83,709.98	\$92,799.66
Outreach	\$11,626.46	\$6,405.09	\$69,758.24	\$89,575.09
Personnel	\$69,390.31	\$67,966.39	\$416,341.50	\$410,443.13
Other Expenses	\$30,673.76	\$32,309.43	\$184,038.04	\$155,607.70
Total Expenses	\$125,642.20	\$124,141.53	\$753,847.76	\$748,425.58
Net	\$1.41	\$26,481.64	\$13.72	\$63,099.74



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[VESTRY MINUTES](#)

Visit [nativity-hsv.org/vestry](http://nativity-hsv.org/vestry) to view current Vestry minutes  
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