

THE STEEPLE

The Episcopal Church of the Nativity

December 2021



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A member of the clergy is *always* on call. If you need assistance from a priest outside office hours, the number to call *In Case of an Emergency Only* is 256-533-7007. All other calls including church or building and grounds issues should be directed to the main phone 256-533-2455. Leave a message for a priest to respond.

KEEP US IN THE KNOW!

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

Contact Austin Cook

256-533-2455 ext.204 or

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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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ACOLYTE TRAINING JANUARY 2, 2022

All young people in grades 5-12 are invited to attend an acolyte training session on Sunday, January 2 at noon. Meet in Ridley Hall. Questions? Contact Shari Williams shariamail@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

We are in need of a few volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels. The Nativity team delivers meals the third Thursday of every month. this takes about one to one and a half hours beginning at 10:30 am . If anyone is interested please contact team captain Jennie Coe, 828-736-0442 or ronjcoe@yahoo.com



On the cover...

Wyatt Wood "in the font" following his Baptism on All Saints Day. Photo credit Jeff White Photography. Also Baptized that day but not pictured were Eleanor Jane Brown & Rowan Harper Brown. We welcome all the newly Baptized!

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

WE ARE ONE BODY

By Deacon Jeannie Robinson (Retired)

Accessibility problems used to barely be on my radar. But when I began to have trouble with my spine and eventually had surgery, I had to rethink how I traveled throughout Nativity.

Ridley office area: Going up the grand staircase in Ridley to the upstairs offices and meeting rooms is difficult for some people who have problems with their legs, back, heart or lungs. I am grateful for the planned elevator!

Joffrion: Some people have trouble going to the upper floors in Joffrion. I've heard more than a few parishioners who wanted to attend certain exciting classes lament that they are unable to get there because they can't climb the stairs. That's also why the Library on the ground floor is so popular for classes and meetings. And, again, the elevator can fix that problem.

Serving communion: As a deacon, I had a problem at the altar with a cane in my left hand and the chalice in my right hand. Two hands are needed, and I was nervous about spilling the chalice when I took it to each communicant. This is not an accessibility problem unique to Nativity LEMs, and maybe we can come up with a solution that doesn't require structural changes.

Little sets of stairs: It is wonderful to have ushers available to help people who have trouble climbing the stairs on the way to the altar, especially the portions that don't have a handrail at the bottom.

For some lay readers, it's hard to get up the stairs and into the Eagle pulpit. Handrails might make that an easier task. Perhaps through audio technology we could make it possible for someone in a wheelchair to be a lay reader.

Wheelchairs: My nephew Timothy was wheelchair bound, and we were always so grateful to the churches that removed a portion of a pew or two in the back so that we could park him in the wheelchair and let him be part of the service. He was never able to visit Nativity.

I am personally grateful to my fellow parishioners who have pledged their financial support to the project and to all of you who can envision how the planned changes can remedy many difficulties and bring us all together as One.

God bless you



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

- Contact Austin Cook at the church office for a pledge form, 256-533-2455.
- Visit nativity-hsv.org/weareonebody and click on MAKE MY GIFT
- Scan the QR code and complete the online giving form.



NATIVITY FRIENDS OF MUSIC PRESENTS: KINNARA

By Christian Crocker

Kinnara is a choral chamber ensemble based in Atlanta comprised of professional singers from throughout the country. On January 14th at 7:00 pm in the Church of the Nativity, Kinnara will be presenting a concert of American composer David Lang's little match girl passion alongside a commissioned work for solo quartet and percussion by Heather Gilligan comprised of texts from noted Georgia civil rights activists such as MLK Jr., Alice Walker, John Lewis, Jimmy Carter, and Stacey Abrams. Please join us for what promises to be an unforgettable evening of wonderful evocative choral music in our sacred space.

COME ENJOY THIS WINTER HAVEN

In the middle of the January cold, imagine being away from home around a fireplace at wonderful, wonderful Camp McDowell! Nativity folks will gather to refresh our spirits, reconnect with God, and rekindle the warmth of companionship. Take the bite out of winter on January 15-16 with a program of good conversation, fun activities, long walks (or naps) and shared meals. If you qualify for AARP, you should sign up! The cost is \$25 for singles; \$40 for a couple. If you need transportation or financial assistance let us know! Retreat leaders are familiar faces: The Reverend Mary Anne Akin, The Reverend Susan Sloan and The Reverend Deacon Bob Serio.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE 256-533-2455

Preliminary Schedule

Saturday January 15

11 am Arrive at Camp-Bethany Village—get settled in rooms

12 noon Noonday Prayer

12:15-1 pm Lunch at the Doug

1-2:30 Hikes, reading on porch, naps

2:30-5pm Group sessions

- The Message of Epiphany

- Balance for Life
- Healthy Living in the age of pandemic
- Service project

5-6 pm Social Hour

6-7:30 Candlelight dinner

7:30-9 Games/Movie/music

9 pm Compline

Sunday January 16

8:00 am Breakfast at the Doug

9:00 am Pack up

10 am Eucharist

11 am Leave for home

COMPLINE



Every Sunday from November 29-December 19 and January 9-February 27 at 8:00pm, join us for this ancient service of night prayer sung by an octet from the choir. This 30-minute service will be filled with unaccompanied chant, hymns, and anthems, and will be a respite in the midst of a seemingly chaotic world.

NATIVITY COOKBOOK MAKES A COMBACK

In 1993 the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) group at Nativity compiled and published a cookbook as part of the Sesquicentennial Celebration. The cookbook includes several recipes that were used at ECW luncheons and even classic recipes from the Nativity Bazaar in addition to pages of favorites from Nativity parishioners like Miss Sally Ann Culver's turkey dressing casserole, Kathleen Dott's orange rolls, and Prentice White's crab mousse! Recently, Lea Anne Barnett began spearheading an effort to publish a new Nativity cookbook, which will require some seed money. Well, we have a way to help with that seed money! Recently while cleaning out storage closets around the church, an unexpected discovery was made, 5 cases of the 1993 Nativity Cookbook! What better way to raise money for this new project than to sell these antique copies! Books are \$10 each, and can be purchase online, or by visiting the church office. Several copies will also be available (using the honor basket system) in the foyer of Ridley on Sunday morning. These will make a wonderful holiday gift or stocking stuffer to the next generation of Nativity chefs who might not have a copy, friends and family! Get your copy today! [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase online. All online purchases can be picked up in the back hall of the church office on the counter by Ridley Hall.



All money raised from the sale of these books will be used as seed money for the new Nativity cookbook that is in the works!

If you would like more information about how you can help with plans for the NEW Nativity cookbook please contact Lea Anne Barnett at leabarn@comcast.net.

A SERVICE OF ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS



Sunday December 12, 2021

4:30pm Organ Prelude

5:00pm Lessons and Carols

Nativity Choir

Christian Crocker, Director of Music and Organist

Adam Lay y bounden-Frank Boles

Rejoice in the Lord alway-anonymous

People look East-June Nixon

Ave Maria-Nathaniel Dett

Advent carol arrangements by Sir David Willcocks and John Rutter

Church of the Nativity

208 Eustis Ave Huntsville, AL 35801

256-533-2455

NATIVITY WOMENS RETREAT

By Lane Tutt

The Nativity Women's Retreat is back! I am so excited that we will be able to be together at beautiful Camp McDowell this February for fellowship and fun. Our guest speaker will be The Rev. Sarah Watts and she will be fabulous!

Dates: Friday, February 11th & Saturday, February 12th

Place: Camp Mc Dowell

Arrival Time: 5:00 Friday and depart after 12:00 lunch on Saturday

Price: Double Room - \$100.00

Single Room - \$150.00

Lodges - Parsley Commons

[CLICK HERE to register](#) or call the church office 256-533-2455.



Photos from the 2020 Womens Retreat

NEW BOOK ABOUT NATIVITY'S BELL

The history of Nativity's bell is now in print! Richard and Elaine Hamner have brought over 170 years of history into a document that tells the story of Nativity's bells. What happened to the first bell? Why is our current bell so unique and interesting? What happened in 1992 that changed the way the bell is rung? All of these questions are answered in this unique history booklet. Great stocking stuffer! Great gift to children of Nativity to give them a feeling of how our beloved church has made its way from 1850 (when the first bell was rung) to 2021. And 100% of the proceeds from the sale of the booklet will be donated to the One Body Campaign. \$14.95. Books will be available at the December 5th Holiday Market.

SECOND SUNDAYS ALL AGES TOGETHER

DECEMBER 12 9.00AM, RIDLEY HALL

DECEMBER'S MEETING: We'll shine a light on First Stop and the services they offer people without homes. Then we'll put together Christmas gifts for First Stop clients. All materials supplied, just bring your helping hands and giving heart.



Who: All ages—littles to nonagenarians

What: Intergenerational Sunday school

When: Second Sunday of each month, 9.00-9.50 am

Where: Ridley Hall

Why: Formation and fellowship for everyone!

Questions, mcoe@nativity-hsv.org or Ltutt@nativity-hsv.org

NATIVITY HAS A NEW PLAYGROUND

In early January, Father Michael Goldsmith created a Playground Committee. With the deterioration of the wooden play structure, he tasked the committee with seven requirements for the new space: 1) safe and interesting space for children to play, 2) community space for parishioners to connect while their children are busy playing, 3) environmentally friendly and in line with our church values, 4) seating area for parents to relax while children play, 5) retain elements of the current play space, retention of the steeple feature, design that aligns to the look and feel of our church, 6) accessible within the needs of our church community and 7) shading.

The committee set to work immediately in asking for wish list items from parents and children. Armed with the desires of the parish, the committee drafted a request for proposal (RFP). The RFP was sent to playground vendors. Once the committee received all responses, they evaluated each proposal based on a set of criteria: safety, durability, visual appearance, fun appeal, landscaping and site furnishings, sensory activities, accessible equipment, flexibility in equipment choices, cost and overall impression. The committee narrowed the list to include two vendors.

Allison Proud, Chairman of the Playground Committee, presented the findings of the committee to the Vestry at their May meeting. The Vestry voted to go with Game Time/Struthers Recreation as the vendor.

The committee then began the work of identifying people who had the skills and desire to help with dismantling the old wooden playground structure. Many thanks to Andy Cowan and Ralph Vemmer for their help in removing the old structure and preparing the site for the new equipment. Following a key requirement of making the playground accessible to all people, the committee decided to make the surface area one level. This meant soil had to be brought in to level the area.

In August, Game Time/Struthers arrived and erected the new playground equipment, including flooring and shade structures.

Last month, evergreen trees were planted along the rock wall. A butterfly garden will be planted under the Holly tree on Gates Avenue in the spring.

Please join the committee in a Ribbon Cutting ceremony on Sunday, December 5 after the 10:00 service. Mary Virginia Cowan will do the honors and cut the ribbon. Refreshments will be provided.

Sincerely, The Playground Committee

Allison Proud, Chairman

Abigail and Trent Spencer, Lawren and Joe Cooper, Mary Coe, Sherry Vemmer and Emily Rodgers



Dig our Diggin' Crew! Many thanks to (L to R) Jerry Nutt, Chad Hinton, Robert Rodgers, Emily Rodgers, Justin Stroud, Trent Spencer, (not pictured) Andy Kelly and Mike Ward for digging the holes to plant the arborvitaes on the playground. The old adage is true, "Many hands make light work!"

TRAVELERS ALTAR

By The Rev. Rosie Veal Eby

This month, my Men's Group from First Stop and worship space The Travelers Altar will help put together toys for people who need help. We will also be wrapping gifts. Oftentimes, I will adapt my sermons from Sunday for our Eucharist during the week and I find myself talking about giving back. It seems strange to talk about giving back to people who are often on the receiving side. However, my friends in the homeless community have many talents and love to give which is why we came up with this service project. We were actually talking about the time I spent as a single mom and what a hard time I had putting together toys at Christmas. The guys and I decided we felt called to do this service project. If you need help, I hope you will come by and let us be of service to you.

**Do you need help putting together
your child's Christmas toys?**

Let the Parishioners of the Traveling Altar
of First Stop Help you out.

WHEN:
2pm-4:30pm
Tuesday, November 30th
Tuesday, December 7th
Tuesday, December 14th
Tuesday, Dec 21st

WHERE:
The Living Room
2820 Governors Drive
Huntsville, AL 35801

FIRST STOP

the LIVING room
LIVE DRINK SHARE TOGETHER



Friends, Neighbors and Passersby

Merry @ Christmas!

Please share in the joy of the season
with us and help decorate the tree

- ★ Bring your own ornament
- ★ Take a ribbon from the box, say a prayer and tie it on the tree.
- ★ Take a tag from the box, write your wish and hang it on the tree

Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace,
good will toward men
Luke 2:14

Children's Christmas Pageant and Jesus' Birthday Party

4.00 pm
December 19, Ridley Hall

For all children 3 years old through 6th grade

**Note the date change to the Sunday
before Christmas: December 19,
4.00 in Ridley Hall.**

Jesus' birthday party right after the pageant.

All children 3 years old-6th grade are invited to be in the pageant. No sign up is needed for 3 y.o.-3rd grade. There's a costume and a role for everyone.

In lieu of the pageant on Christmas Eve, special roles for children and youth at 4.00 service.

Adults, join the fun and help with the pageant! Sign up [here](#).



Pageant roles

Pre K: donkeys, cows, sheep, your choice.

Kindergarten: camels.

1st-2nd grade: Angels or shepherds, your choice.

3rd grade: Kings and queens.

4th grade: Major roles, selected by drawing. Costume fitting and rehearsal on Dec 12. Signup [here](#)

5-6th grade: Readers and candleholders. Rehearsal on Dec 12; Sign up [here](#).

Pageant dates to remember

Dec 12, 2.00 Costume fitting in Ridley Hall; helpful for 1st-3th grades, but not required. Essential for 4th graders. Younger than 1st grad get costumes on pageant day.

3.00 Rehearsal for 4th, 5th & 6th graders only in Ridley Hall.

Dec 19, 3.30-3.45 All pageant players arrive at Angel Lane Sunday school rooms to put on costumes and get instructions.

4.00 Pageant and party!

CHILDREN'S FORMATION

DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

December 5 Nick and Lucy Day 9.00-9.50. Pajama party and visit from St Nicholas 10.00. Church service. FOCAL gift presentation; visit from Santa Lucia during chapel. Following 10.00 service, playground dedication

December 12 Second Sunday all ages together Sunday school in Ridley Hall

December 19 4:00 Children's Christmas Pageant and Jesus' Birthday Party

December 24 4:00 Holy Eucharist with children's procession of light

December 26 no Sunday School, children's chapel or nursery



Nick & Lucy Day

Saint visits! Pajama Party! treats!



'God loves a cheerful giver.'

St. Nicholas



'The pure in heart shall see God.'

St. Lucy

Sunday, December 5

during Sunday school and chapel

- + Kids and fun adults wear your pj's to church!
- + 9.00 to 9.50, Sunday school pajama party with visit from Saint Nicholas, activities & treats. Grown ups are invited to join in the fun. Ridley Hall
- + FOCAL gift presentation at start of 10.00 church service
- + Visit from Santa Lucia during chapel at 10.00 church service

Questions, mcoe@nativity-hsv.org

Christmas Eve

4.00 Holy Eucharist Service

With children's chapel
and children's procession of light



- ★ Special roles for youth and children.
- ★ Children's chapel from the sequence hymn to the Peace.
- ★ Children's procession of light. As children return from chapel, they will carry lit candles to the altar as a gift in celebration of Jesus' birth.
- ★ Nursery care available.
- ★ The children's Christmas pageant and Jesus' birthday party will be on Dec 19, 4.00 pm, Ridley Hall.
- ★ Questions, mcoe@nativity-hsv.org

C.A.M.P REFLECTION

By Will Knight

Last Sunday, EYC toured First Stop. Rosie and Josh set up a C.A.M.P. (Care, Act, Mercy, Provide) drive to collect camping supplies for Huntsville's homeless community. Tents, tarps, flashlights, and batteries were donated. Before going on this outing, I knew that First Stop provides meals to underserved members of our community. I learned they do so much more. In addition to serving two meals a day, First Stop has showers, toiletries, and laundry facilities that people can use. They have caseworkers that help people find jobs and housing. I now have a better understanding of the ways that First Stop helps some people in our city, and I am glad that my church supports them. I hope that Nativity will continue to work with First Stop in the future.

Will Knight is a member of Nativity and a student at Hampton Cove Middle School.



Nativity youth touring the First Stop facility during their C.A.M.P activity.



EYC (7th-12th grade)

Coffee with Josh

Thursdays, 4-6pm drop in, come and go

Honest Coffee

EYC (7th-12th)

Monthly Calendar

Here is a look ahead to EYC in the next month!

December 5th 7th-8th

FOCAL Gift Sorting @ noon in Ridley (pizza lunch)

High School 5-6 pm

December 12th 7 & 8 4-5 pm

High School 5-6 pm

December 19th– EYC Tree

Decorating and Skating in the Park. Meet in the church after the 10:00 service.

JYC (5th-6th)

Monthly Calendar

Here is a look ahead to JYC in the next month!

***for regular JYC meet in Ridley and pick up in the traffic circle

December 5th FOCAL Gift

Sorting @noon in Ridley (pizza lunch)

December 12th Regular

Programming after Pageant Rehearsal

December 19th Christmas

Pageant @ 4pm Ridley Hall



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

<https://tinyurl.com/RefrigeratorCalendarCard>

STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

Submitted by Freya Neely

As we begin our observance of Advent and the upcoming preparations for Christmas, this seems a good time to think through how we will actually live out our commitment as Christians to be good stewards of all that God has given us. Faced with the pressures of modern life and the constant bombardment of ads and enticements to buy, buy, buy, from a society based on constant consumption, how will we respond to God's call to each of us to care for God's creation? Here are some resources to help us make the daily decisions we are all faced with:



It's always good to start with prayer!

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BCP pg. 231 Proper 10

Last month's Steeple SoC article referenced "A Joint Message for the Protection of Creation" issued by Pope Francis, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, in which these three faith leaders urge EVERYONE to play their part in 'choosing life' for the future of the planet. They call us as individuals to make meaningful sacrifices for the sake of the planet, working together and taking responsibility for how we use our resources. Here are some quick tips to help fulfill their call to responsibly use resources:

1. Fast Fashion: The majority of retailers base their business on getting trendy looks in stores quickly. Their focus is on speed and low prices. Fast Fashion means products do not last long – falling apart due to poor construction or being tossed when trends pass. **Alternative:** Buy from companies and ethical shops that use socially just and environmentally friendly practices and make clothes that are designed to last. **Best option:** Buying clothes secondhand is a great way to minimize your carbon footprint and keep them out of the landfill.



There are a number of good thrift stores in Huntsville, including the St. Vincent De Paul Store, 2140 Jonathan Dr., 35810, ph. (256) 851-8881; open Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 – 4:00; The Neighborhood Store, 2815 University Dr., 35816, ph. (256) 536-1953.

2. Holiday décor: for example, you need a festive serving bowl, or new stocking for your mantle or a box of ornaments. These are also items to look for at thrift stores. Take inventory and make a list of the things you need – at this time of year, the aisles of thrift stores are loaded with gently-used holiday decorations, at a fraction of the regular cost. You'll not only save money, you'll help keep boxes of ornaments and other items from going into the landfill or incinerator.



3. Have a list of "green gifts" ready when someone asks, "What do you want for Christmas?" "Green" your list by suggesting eco-friendly items, or something that can be bought in locally-owned stores, or gifts that come from retailers who use a portion of their profits to support environmental causes. Another option is to ask for a donation to be made in your name to a charity that supports environmental causes or helps feed people who

are experiencing food insecurity. Here are some suggestions:

- Alabama Rivers Alliance, 2014 6th Ave., North, Suite 200, Birmingham, 35203, or on their website. Advocates for clean water, water equality and climate justice, and works to share information about issues related to the use of water for drinking, for industrial usage, for agriculture, and for recreation.
- Green America, P.O. Box 540, Fredericksburg, VA 22404-9965, or on their website. Provides a wealth of information for anyone wanting to make choosing green easier. Special issues of their newsletter give valuable tips to help you go green and help you take positive action for people and the planet.
- Food Bank of North Alabama, P.O. Box 18607, Hsv., 35804, or on their website. Provides food to hungry children, seniors and families in our community.

These are a few suggestions from among the many options related to choices we can make. Let's answer the call to be good stewards of all God has given us!

And a prayer to end with:

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, One God, for ever and ever. Amen

The Book of Common Prayer Pg.259 Collects III. For stewardship of creation

Holiday Farmers Market

Sunday, December 5

1 pm – 4 pm

Church of the Nativity, Downtown Huntsville

LOCALLY GROWN PRODUCE

FARM FRESH FOODS

FRESH BAKED GOODS

LOCAL ARTISANS

www.greenestreetmarket.com



the
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Street
Market
at Nativity

December Worship Schedule

(P) Preacher / (C) Celebrant / (U) Ushers / (V) Verger / (VoD) Vestry of the Day

Updated: 11/30/21-AEK

Wednesday, December 1 st	
12:00pm - Rite II Noonday Prayer w/ Healing (P) Susan Sloan	
Reader: Mary Hendricks	
Thursday, December 2 nd	
6:00pm - Rite II (P) Worth Stuart	
Reader: Walter Thames	
Sunday, December 5 th	
7:30am - Rite I (P) Michael Goldsmith (U) Peter Barber	10:00am - Rite II (P) Michael Goldsmith (C) Susan Sloan (V) Don Lambert (U) Elizabeth Foster, Lee Foster, Ted Briggs, Pamela Briggs (VoD) Walt Bradford, Eric Wood
Reader: John Hendricks	Readers: 1 st - Sally Ann Culver 2 nd - Mickey Ellis
	Intercessor: Lane Mickle Crucifer: Alex Ahearn Acolyte Master: Mike Ward
Wednesday, December 8 th	
12:00pm - Rite II Noonday Prayer w/ Healing (P) Worth Stuart	
Reader: Lee Hicklen	
Thursday, December 9 th	
6:00pm - Rite II (P) Michael Goldsmith	
Reader: Sally Ann Culver	
Sunday, December 12 th	
7:30am - Rite I (P) Susan Sloan (U) Peter Barber	10:00am - Rite II (P) Susan Sloan (C) Michael Goldsmith (V) Terry Clevenger (U) Hanns Billmeyer, Veneta Billmeyer, Lloyd Newman, Don Lambert (VoD) Terry Clevenger, Alicia Taylor
Reader: Lea Ann Barnett	Readers: 1 st - John Nelson 2 nd - Natalie Rushing
	Intercessor: Melissa Kirkindall Crucifer: Drew Dodgen Acolyte Master: Nina Putt
Wednesday, December 15 th	
12:00pm - Rite II Noonday Prayer w/ Healing (P) Susan Sloan	
Reader: Joan East	
Thursday, December 16 th	
6:00pm - Rite II (P) Worth Stuart	
Reader: Charles Morley	
Sunday, December 19 th	
7:30am - Rite I (P) Michael Goldsmith (U) Peter Barber	10:00am - Rite II (P) Michael Goldsmith (C) Worth Stuart (V) Lea Ann Barnett (U) Lloyd Newman, Wendy Wilson, Curt Benzle, Natalie Rushing (VoD) Holly Ellis, Heather Stroud
Reader: Sue Johnson	Readers: 1 st - Lee Hicklen 2 nd - Liza Q. Wirtz
	Intercessor: Walter Thames Crucifer: Cooper Gunter Acolyte Master: Clay Sherrill
Wednesday, December 22 nd	
12:00pm - Rite II Noonday Prayer w/ Healing (P) Michael Goldsmith	
Reader: Mary Hendricks	
Thursday, December 23 rd	
NO SERVICE	
Friday, December 24 th - Christmas Eve	
4:00pm - Rite II (P) Michael Goldsmith (C) Worth Stuart (V) Terry Clevenger (U)	7:30pm - Rite II (P) Michael Goldsmith (C) Rosie Veal Eby (V) Lea Ann Barnett (U)
Readers: 1 st - Mike Innes 2 nd - Elaine Hamner	Readers: 1 st - Camille Sommer 2 nd - Lynn Sparks-Lewis
Intercessor: Fred Beck Acolyte Master: Nina Putt	Intercessor: Pamela Briggs Acolyte Master: Mike Ward
Acolytes: Alana Boyce, Colton Boyce, Drew Dodgen, Finola O'Halloran, Eamonn O'Halloran, Jacks McClung, Anna Katherine Ayres, Caroline Ayres	Acolytes: David Young, Sam Rice, Alton Hudson, Thea Sommer, Vivian Hinton, Sadie Anglin (2 More Volunteers Needed)
10:30pm - Rite II (P) Michael Goldsmith (C) Worth Stuart (V) Don Lambert (U)	
Readers: 1 st - Marcia Cobun 2 nd - Mickey Ellis	
Intercessor: Rhonwyn Watson Acolyte Master: Clay Sherrill	
Acolytes: Carter Watson, Erin Hannah (6 More Volunteers Needed)	
Saturday, December 25 th - Christmas Day	
6:00pm - Rite II (P)	
Reader: John Hendricks	
Sunday, December 26 th	
10:00am - Morning Prayer (O) Bob Serio (V) Terry Clevenger (U) Wendy Wilson, Curt Benzle, Ted Briggs, Pamela Briggs (VoD) Susie Fortner, Natalie Rushing	
Readers: 1 st - Lee Hicklen 2 nd - Walter Thames 3 rd - Natalie Rushing	
Wednesday, December 29 th	
12:00pm - Rite II Noonday Prayer w/ Healing (P) Worth Stuart	
Reader: Mary Hendricks	
Thursday, December 30 th	
6:00pm - Rite II (P) Susan Sloan	
Reader: Charles Morley	

Parish News

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

OF OUR CHILDREN:

Liam Stevens
Alec Huskey
James Plucker
Sloan Dill
Jacks McClung
Patrick Reid
Jensen Goeke
Cecelia Grace Wood
Will Knight
Abigail Duff
Hope Howell
Morgan Gafford
Maggie Sanders
Chandler Mason
Alton Hudson
George McCurry
Riley White
Charlie Vowell
Will Pinson
Caroline Duff
Nicholas Ocampo

DEATHS:

Heidi Foreman
Lois Dreher

MARRIED:

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HAP SUNDAY DECEMBER 5

Non-perishable food items, personal hygiene products and paper goods can be place in the HAP bins outside & inside Ridley Hall.

YOUNG ADULT COMMON GROUND

The next meeting for Common Ground will take place Sunday, December 5th at 5:00 pm at Sam & Greg's Pizza. For more information contact Jessie Lackey-Slaton, jessielackeyslaton@gmail.com.

YOUNG ADULT PUB THEOLOGY

Please join us at 5:30 pm on Monday, December 13th, on the porch at Mellow Mushroom on Cecil Ashburn.

Questions, contact Jessie Lackey at lackey.jessie@gmail.com or The Rev. Raine Neislar, at curate@stthomashuntsville.org.

Parish Financial Report November 2021

	<u>Budget for Period</u>	<u>Actual for Period</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>
Pledges Received	\$109,597.10	\$90,449.51	\$1,095,970.90	\$1,076,680.75
Plate	\$6,666.67	\$15,151.63	\$66,666.66	\$93,565.20
Other Revenues	\$9,379.84	\$5,092.45	\$93,798.36	\$58,945.96
Total Income	\$125,643.61	\$110,693.73	\$1,256,435.92	\$1,229,191.91
Diocese & Missions	\$13,951.67	\$12,672.14	\$139,516.66	\$140,471.54
Outreach	\$11,626.46	\$2,340.00	\$116,264.08	\$117,935.09
Personnel	\$69,390.31	\$80,286.17	\$693,902.74	\$693,963.46
Other Expenses	\$30,673.76	\$25,826.29	\$306,733.08	\$273,951.27
Total Expenses	\$125,642.20	\$121,124.60	\$1,256,416.56	\$1,226,321.36
Net	\$1.41	-\$10,430.87	\$19.36	\$2,870.55

As the holidays and year-end approach please note the following important dates:

The Church Office will be closed December 24th, 27th, and at noon on the 31st

Deadline for 2021 Tax Purposes is December 31st

Please note: Donations hand delivered or postmarked after December 31, 2021 will be posted as a 2022 contribution.

Stock Transfer transactions must be completed by December 31.

If you have questions regarding your contributions, please contact Austin Cook at 256-533-2455.



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view current Vestry minutes or
call Austin Cook 256-533-2455.

2021 Christmas Flower Dedications

Christmas dedications are \$20 each

Please complete this form with your check made payable to Nativity Flower Guild and
return it no later than **Sunday, December 12th** to:

Andrea Vandervoort, 434 Locust Ave. Huntsville, AL 35801

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION. If you have questions, you may call Andrea at 256-539-2673.

Your Name as it is to be listed in Christmas service leaflet (if you do not wish your name listed, please indicate)

Phone #: _____ Name for this dedication: _____

Please check the box next to the dedication you desire. All dedications read *To the glory of God and....*

☐ In loving memory of... ☐ In thanksgiving for... ☐ In celebration of...



2022 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