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Contact Austin Cook

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acook@nativity-hsv.org.

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On the cover... from left: Richard Hamner, Elaine Hamner, Michael Goldsmith, Heather Stroud and Justin Stroud in the belltower during the service for the transition of ministry of the bell keepers.

Send your pictures from Nativity activities and events to:
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Holy Week at Nativity

For centuries, Christians have observed the week before Easter as a time of special devotion. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. Services provide a liturgical experience of the last days of Jesus' earthly life and resurrection. Holy Week culminates in the Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and The Great Vigil of Easter. the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Great Vigil of Easter is the first service of Easter and is celebrated anytime between sundown on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter morning. We look forward to seeing you at Nativity as we observe Holy Week and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Schedule of Services

Palm Sunday, April 10

7:30 am, Bibb Chapel

8:45 am service begins in the Courtyard*

11:00 am service begins in the Courtyard*

Palm Sunday is celebrated the Sunday before Easter and introduces Holy Week. The distinctive ceremonies of the day are the blessing of the palms, and the procession, which represents the Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem a week before the Resurrection.



Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday during Holy Week

12:00 pm

The Holy Eucharist, Bibb Chapel

Maundy Thursday, April 14

6:00 pm

The Triduum, a period of three days, begins at sundown on Maundy Thursday, and extends until sunrise Sunday. The Maundy Thursday liturgy is a celebration of the supper Jesus ate with his friends the night before he was crucified. According to the Gospel of John, on the same night Jesus ate bread and drank wine with the apostles, he washed their feet. This was, for Jesus, a sign of his servanthood. To be a full minister in Christ is to be a servant leader. Through this ritual we learn that serving others, and being

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served by others are central to Christian discipleship. The Maundy Thursday service ends with the stripping of the altar. This solemn ritual invites us into Jesus' experience of emptiness and loneliness. "Maundy" is derived from the latin "mandatum," meaning commandment. Jesus commanded the disciples to love one another. "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35

Good Friday, April 15

12:00 pm

5:00 pm Stations of the Cross, Nativity Courtyard

6:00 pm

Good Friday services invite us to witness Jesus' final hours and his death. We walk through the final steps of Jesus' life as we follow the Stations of the Cross. It is fitting that on Good Friday we focus not only on our own grief or sense of loss at the death of Jesus, but reach out to embrace the world, praying that God's love may be known to all.

The Veneration of the Cross is a ceremony of the early church in Jerusalem where a wooden cross is brought into the church and placed in the sight of the people. The Eucharist is not celebrated on Good Friday and the service ends in silence.



Holy Saturday, April 16, The Great Vigil of Easter

7:00 pm (incense is used during this service)

Reception following in Ridley Hall

The Great Vigil of Easter is one of the oldest liturgies of the church, and is intended to be the first and primary service of the Easter Celebration. It is an active, rich, and dramatic liturgy, encompassing darkness and light, solemnity and joy as participants move through the actual passing of Christ from death into life. Stories are told of God's saving acts in history, beginning with Creation and moving through stories such as Noah and the Flood, the Passover, the Exodus, and the Valley of the Dry Bones. Then comes the gospel story of the Resurrection of Jesus. Finally, the sanctuary is illuminated and the Easter celebration begins with the words: "Alleuia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed."



Easter Day, Sunday, April 17th

7:30 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite I, Bibb Chapel

8:45 am The Holy Eucharist Rite II*

with Children's Chapel

11:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

(incense used during 11:00 service)

*indicates nursery is available



Easter morning for Nativity's children

We look forward to celebrating Easter with your family!

- Flowering of the cross: the cross will be in front of the church. Plan to bring some cut flowers with you Easter morning. Children are invited to add their flowers to the cross on the way into church.
- Children's chapel will be during the 8:45 service for children age 4 through 4th grade. Children should leave their Easter baskets in the pews.
- Easter Egg Hunt: our great Easter tradition returns! The hunt will follow the 8:45 service in the courtyard. Children collect empty eggs (like the tomb) then trade them for an Easter treat. Children under four have their own hunting area. Kids can search for golden eggs containing special prizes. Remember to bring your Easter baskets! Light refreshments will be served.

If you have any questions, contact Mary Coe, mcoe@nativity-hsv.org.

EASTER EGG HUNT

EASTER SUNDAY

@ FOLLOWING 8.45 SERVICE IN THE COURTYARD

@ BRING YOUR BASKET TO CHURCH

@ COLLECT EMPTY EGGS AND TRADE THEM FOR
AN EASTER TREAT!

@ FIND THE GOLDEN EGG FOR A SPECIAL PRIZE!

QUESTIONS, CONTACT MARY COE, MCOE@NATIVITY-HSV.ORG OR 256.533.2455



EYC (7th-12th) Monthly Calendar

Here is a look ahead to EYC in the next month! **START IN RIDLEY AT 5PM**

April 3rd– EYC 5-6:30pm in the Loft— dinner provided

April 10th– EYC 5-6:30pm in the Loft— dinner provided

April 17th– No EYC—HAPPY EASTER!

April 24th– EYC 5-6:30pm in the Loft—dinner provided

JYC (5th-6th) Monthly Calendar

Here is a look ahead to EYC in the next month! **START IN RIDLEY AT 5PM**

April 3rd– JYC 4-5:30pm in Ridley Hall— dinner provided

April 10th– JYC 4-5:30pm in Ridley Hall— dinner provided

April 17th– No JYC—HAPPY EASTER!

April 24th– JYC 4-5:30pm in Ridley Hall—dinner provided



EYC (7TH-12TH GRADE)

COFFEE WITH ALLIE AND MARY MADDOX

WEDNESDAYS, 4-6PM DROP IN, COME AND GO

HONEST COFFEE



Volunteers Needed!

Are you willing to provide a meal for youth group?

Sign up [here](#).

Road Trip VBS coming June 13-15

By Mary Coe

We're hitting the road this summer for VBS!

Pack your necessities and join us for a curious adventure with God as your passenger. Where will God take you?

VBS will be held in-person at Nativity on June 13-15 from 1 to 4 in the afternoon. All children ages 4 years through rising 6th grade are invited to spend the afternoon learning about how God leads and supports us on life's "road trip." The crafts and lessons will be plentiful, and we'll spend time listening to lessons from the Bible that speak directly to God's influence along our life journey. Fifth and sixth grade participants will have their own road trip in the LOFT as well!

VBS is a great opportunity to get involved at Nativity, with youth (rising 7th grade and older) and adult volunteer opportunities being fun and easy. Volunteer sign up tinyurl.com/RoadTripVBSvol

Ready to take the road trip with us? Register for VBS at tinyurl.com/RoadTripVBS



Children & Youth in Worship

By Vicky Hinton

Worship is central to everything we do at Nativity and making sure our children and youth are an active part of that worship is important. Participating in the worship service keeps our young people engaged, and can foster a love for lay ministry they will carry with them into adulthood. There are many ways children and youth can participate in worship here at Nativity!

Acolytes are assistants to the clergy during the service and positions include servers, torchbearers, crucifers, thurifers, and banner-bearers. All youth in 5th through 12th grades are welcome to serve. There will be an Acolyte Training & Refresher Course Sunday, April 3 for one hour immediately following the 11:00 am Service. Contact Clay Sherrill with questions. Clay Sherrill Clay.Sherrill@Jacobs.com (256) 679-2097.



Lector & Intercessors read our readings, psalms and prayers aloud during the service. A Lector reads the Old Testament reading, Psalm (unless sung by choir) and New Testament readings. The Intercessor reads the Prayers of the People. All youth who are interested in serving as a Lector or Intercessor should contact Amy Kennedy akennedy@nativity-hsv.org or 256-533-2455.

Choir is open to children in kindergarten through 12th grades. What a wonderful gift to share your voice with your parish family! Practice schedules and information about our different children's choir programs can be found at nativity-hsv.org/music. For more information please contact Christian Crocker ccrocker@nativity-hsv.org or 256-533-2455.

Opportunities for parents, grandparents and guardians to serve with their youth:

In addition to the opportunities mentioned above, children and youth are invited to serve alongside an adult in their life by assisting with any of the following ministries. If you are interested in learning more about areas where you can work alongside your child, grandchild or custodian please consider one of the following:

Usher For children of any age serving alongside a parent, grandparent or guardian who is an Usher is a wonderful way to teach them about being welcoming and engaged. They can help welcome church goers, pass out bulletins and take up the offering. For more information about becoming an usher, please contact Amy Kennedy, akennedy@nativity-hsv.org or 256-533-2455.

Altar Guild For middle and high school aged youth who are particularly interested in learning even more about the liturgy and traditions of the church, working alongside a trained altar guild member offers wonderful insight and experience in preparing for worship. For more information about serving on the Altar Guild please contact Peggy Serio, mbserio49@gmail.com.

Flower Guild Children who enjoy being creative might like serving with a trained flower guild member to create beautiful arrangements for the altar each week. These beautiful arrangements honor and celebrate the beauty of God's creation. For more information about serving on the flower guild please contact Andrea Vandervoort, 256-655-3119.

Transfer of the Nativity Bell Tower Ministry

By Heather Stroud

The start of both of our interest in the Nativity Bell Tower was after Justin heard Loch Neeley talk about the "bulge" in the outer structure at a men's breakfast several years ago. We both knew without question when Fr. Michael asked us about taking on the ministry that we were all-in, without even having to ask each other.

Being part of such a historic piece of our church is a great blessing that we will continue to serve and preserve with honor. We have some big shoes to fill. The Hamners love of God, our church, and our community is like no other. They have poured their hearts into preserving the bell tower and its history. We pray to serve this ministry and honor the legacy they have built.

"...And when we hear our bell ring, help us all to be mindful of our charge to carry out the mission of your son Jesus. Amen." – Prayer during the transfer of the Bell Tower Ministry



Above: Pictures from inside the bell tower.

Right: Dear friends of the Hamners came to pray at the bottom of the steps while the service was taking place up in the bell tower.



New Adult Sunday School Class in May

By The Rev. Worth Stuart

We are excited to bring to you a new Sunday School Class in May! This class will be called Seek and Serve and will be facilitated by your clergy. This class will be for any and all who would like to talk about the foundations of our Episcopal faith. Designed for everyone from newcomers to cradle life-long Episcopalians, Seek and Serve will cover the past, present and future of The Episcopal Church and what makes us who we are! Join us in Ridley Hall during the Sunday School hour on the first three Sundays in May (1st, 8th, and 15th) and invite a friend! See you there!

Launch of the New Nativity Cookbook Project

By Lea Ann Barnett

During the March Intergenerational Sunday school class, the core cookbook committee (Co-Chairs Lea Ann Barnett/Sherry Boyer, and Janet Robbins, Marketing Chair) prepared and served breakfast. While the class was enjoying sausage/egg/cheese breakfast casserole, biscuits with jelly, fruit, and coffee cakes, Lea Ann gave a brief overview of this exciting new project, and shared ideas the committee has formulated thus far. The class was also requested to answer a questionnaire in order to provide the committee feedback on the content and structure of the new cookbook as well as any other suggestions or ideas.



Nativity friends
enjoying some of the
treats prepared by
the cookbook
committee at Second
Sunday



The responses of this class and all previous focus groups have been overwhelmingly enthusiastic!!!

Currently, the committee is seeking feedback from you, the congregation, on the feasibility of publishing this new cookbook. Our last cookbook was published almost 30 years ago (in 1993) during the 150 Forward Campaign. The core committee plans to visit all adult Sunday school classes in the coming weeks to ask everyone to complete a hard copy questionnaire and return it to the church office or place it in a drop box located on the table by the water fountain. As an alternative, a digital link to an online questionnaire is available at the end of this article. We will also be publishing the digital link in the weekly email, “This Week at Nativity.” We want to hear from you – your ideas, suggestions, opinions, etc. are ALL important as we move this project forward.

Below are a few ideas developed by the core committee for your thoughtful consideration:

- The cookbook will be in the “coffee table style,” bound (hard cover) and in color, and consist of approximately 324 pages.
- The cookbook will be intergenerational (just like our Sunday school class) and contain recipes from children, teenagers, working Moms/Dads, empty nesters, singles, and our seniors. We want to honor those old “tried-and-true” recipes passed down in our families as well as those wonderful Nativity cooks who are no longer with us.
- In addition to recipes, we want to include artwork from our Nativity artists, blessings or graces that may be said or sung, and personal stories or comments.
- Instead of the traditional cookbook section titles (i.e., appetizers, beverages, meats, etc.) the sections of our new cookbook will reflect the many events at Nativity where we come together and share food. Some examples are:

Sally’s Kitchen (Wednesday Night Suppers, Lunch Bunch menus, etc.)

Nativity Bazaar (recipes for baked goods, casseroles, pickles, etc.)

Nativity Thanksgiving Luncheon

Farm to Table (recipes from Greene Street Market vendors)

Heritage Recipes

Nativity Receptions

We have chosen the theme - “Gathering Around Our Table” – for the new cookbook. It is around the table that we discover each other and share who we are....be it at our own dinner table, the Lord’s table during the Eucharist, or in Ridley Hall where we all come together to nourish our hearts and souls. Nativity is a family; we are a community; our story is unique. We want to tell our story through all of our food events and the fellowship that we share within these walls. And that’s what we want our cookbook to reflect – our love for each other!!

We are in the process of forming other committees such as recipe gatherers/selectors, recipe testers, artist/artwork committee, editors, writers, etc. There is a place at the bottom of the questionnaire for you to indicate your interest. We hope you say “Yes!”

Based on early feedback, we believe this project will be successful and generously supported by the congregation. All of the proceeds from the sale of the new Nativity cookbook will be donated to the One Body Accessibility Campaign. Please feel free to contact any of the core cookbook committee chairs if you have any questions or comments or would like to participate on a committee.

Stay tuned for future announcements to include: a Cookbook Naming Contest (winner will receive a gift card); a light lunch to be served after the last Sunday morning service with focus groups to follow; and other tastings of submitted recipes, perhaps in the courtyard!!

To take the online survey, [click here Cookbook Survey](#)

Remembering our Homebound

By The Rev. Susan Sloan

As the world opens up to us after the “Big Stay At Home” we have experienced, it is so good to be back at church and see folks again! Relating face to face makes us feel a part of this church family! But what about our members who cannot go out again?

There are those in our church family who are confined to being a homebody fulltime. Now that we are streaming our services, they are able to participate in worship online, but unable to stay connected through other activities. Nativity has a team of lay persons who send notes to them monthly to let them know we are with them in spirit and prayer. Daughters of the King does this as well. We have lay eucharistic visitors who bring communion and home visitors who drop by for chats. The clergy make personal calls by phone or in person as well.

These two important questions are always on our minds:

Are there folks we are missing? Do you know of a member who has not been receiving ministry from Nativity?

Are you interested in joining the ministry to our “stay at home” family?

If “yes” is the answer to either question, please contact The Reverend Susan Sloan at ssloan@nativity-hsv.org

Checking in with Buildings & Grounds

By Emily Rodgers

By the time you read this article, Joffrion Hall will be very close to being open for groups and meetings. As you know, there are three nice sized meeting spaces on the second floor of Joffrion Hall and the library on the first floor. If you need a place to host a meeting, please contact Vicky Hinton and she will help you.

Guess how many boxwoods are at Nativity? 57, 88, or 90? Nope, try 99! From January through the first of March, the Garden Guild worked tirelessly pruning the boxwoods. Unlike other ornamental evergreen shrubs, boxwoods must be hand pruned to provide light inside the shrub and promote growth. In short, it takes a lot of time and attention to detail to make the boxwoods look beautiful.

Coleman Landscaping has taken care of Nativity's grounds for many years. We have developed a plan which hopefully will extend the beauty of our turf well into the fall months.

This past month, the Building and Grounds Committee toured our facilities with the focus on areas in need of improvement. In addition to the facilities, they group also assessed our grounds, including sides walks. By taking these tours, the Building and Grounds Committee will be better suited to budget for future needs.

I am continually amazed at the power of evangelism taking place at the new playground. Since the weather has turned pleasant, I often see parishioners and their friends enjoying the space. What a joyful sound to hear children having fun!



Left: Walter and Wells Walker on the swings

Above: Quince in bloom in the Nativity gardens

Outreach Missioner

By The Rev. Rosie Veal Eby

I stay pretty busy. Folks often ask me where am I when and that is a tough question to answer. Monday and Thursday I am at First Stop until around two. Tuesdays I am at Nativity and Wednesdays I am at St. Timothy's. I preach two to three Sundays at Saint Timothy's in Athens. In an effort to try to make more connections and get people plugged in for outreach and community engagement opportunities I am going to try to stop moving for a bit during the week. I will be at Gold Sprint Coffee Shop April 5 and 19 from 4:30-6:30. I encourage you to come by for a chat about outreach ministry, or as I call it #thinkingoutsidethepews. Bring a friend, I look forward to talking and seeing where the spirit leads us!

rvealeby@nativity-hsv.org.

Greene Street Market Opens May 5

By Marilyn Evans

Our Greene Street Market at Nativity opens for its 12th season on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 4:00pm. There will be lots of returning farmers and vendors and lots of new ones, too.

When you do your shopping at Greene Street you get fresh, healthy, delicious food. You also support our local farmers and our community. Greene Street makes money by charging fees for spaces at the market. This money is returned to those in need in our community through the Nativity Outreach committee.

All (and that's a lot) of the market workers are volunteers. If you would like to help us on market days we would LOVE to have you, please contact Marilyn Evans 256 682 4429.

Come shop with us; let your grocery money make you healthier and our community stronger.

Thursdays May – October. Plus 2 Holiday markets – one in November, one in December



Outreach by an Eagle Scout: Daniel Starnes Gives Back

By The Rev. Rosie Veal Eby

Nativity youth Daniel Starnes made good use of his final Eagle Scout project for Boy Scouts by building a 3-D printing station complete with desks, shelves and storage for printing supplies.

Middle schoolers have been making personalized ornaments, pictures frames as well as other cool stuff. Thank you Daniel for thinking of The Learning Center! Many of our students have been inspired by this awesome technology.



Above: Nativity EYC friends stopped by to celebrate Daniel at his Eagle Scout Ceremony.

Right: a picture of the 3D stations built as part of Daniel's project at HICLC.



Stewardship of Creation and Lent:

What's the Connection?

Submitted for publication by Freya Neely

As Lent continues for two more weeks, we are called to continue the examination of our actions and what is in our hearts.

One important aspect of our lives is “our responsibility to safeguard our earth for future generations, and how our faith calls us to respond with bold and just solutions. Our faith traditions call us into a holy covenant of Sacred Trust to care for one another... One way we care for one another is to care for our Earth, our common home ... so that future generations may thrive... An ancient Iroquois philosophy tells us that we should consider how today's decisions impact those seven generations from now.” Let's stop and really think about that.

“Our children have a sacred right to a livable future; to air they can breathe, water they can drink, land they can grow food on, and a stable climate. This future is being threatened by our climate crisis... with more extreme floods, droughts, storms, and wildfires... our air, water, and land becomes more polluted, less resilient, and less capable of sustaining life. It is our responsibility to respond to the call of our faiths and ensure a healthy environment for those who come after us.” quotes from Interfaith Power and Light

In the *Book of Common Prayer* Litany of Penitence, we pray:

“For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, Accept our repentance, Lord.”

Here are some facts to help us think about what is happening to our Earth, to God's creation:

“Summer 2021 was the hottest in 126 years of records for the United States, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The number of natural disasters driven by climate change, such as floods and hear waves, have increased by a factor of five over the last 50 years, killing over 2 million people and causing \$3.64 trillion in total losses worldwide (World Meteorological Organization).” Information gathered from Interfaith Power and Light

It will take all of us to heal our climate, but people of faith must lead the way. Here are a few specific suggestions for actions that can make a difference in our impact on God's creation:

- **Commit to low or no waste grocery shopping** – Choose to buy unpackaged fresh fruits and vegetables, bring your own container to a bulk food store, invest in produce bags to transport fresh foods, avoid prepared foods, bring your own grocery bags.
- **Eat those leftovers!** – A great way to be a good steward of the Earth is to consume all of your food. Did you know that Americans throw away 25% of the food they buy?!!! Not only is this a waste of money, it is harmful to the environment. Producing food takes land, water, and heavy machinery. By eating your leftovers, you are not only saving money but preventing energy waste from food production
- **Wait to run the dishwasher until it is full** – Consider only doing dishes when you have a full dishwasher

load or full sink. If you do dishes by hand, use a basin to conserve dish-washing water, and don't run the faucet continually to rinse. This reduces your water use and saves you money on your water bill.

- **Check your car's tire pressure** – Properly inflated tires improve a car's gas mileage. This will not only decrease your carbon emission, but will also save you money.
- **Reuse! You don't have to use an item just once** – What disposable items in your life can you replace with a reusable option? Do you use cloth or paper napkins? Do you have a reusable water bottle or use disposable ones? Do you use cleaning wipes or cloths? Do you pack your lunch in plastic bags or in reusable containers?
- **Eat plant-based meals; shop for ingredients from local farms-** Remember that the Greene Street Market, with all the wonderful local farmers and other vendors, will be starting the first Thursday in May. An easy and fun way to support our local farmers.

The above ideas are adapted from Creation Justice Ministries

Additional ideas:

- **Properly dispose of hazardous waste-** Huntsville's Household Hazardous Waste Facility is open Monday – Friday from 7 am until 5 pm. The facility is located at 1055 A Cleaner Way, Huntsville, AL 35805. This is a drive-through facility, open rain or shine. Items accepted include:

Electronics – TVs, laptops, cellphones, etc,

Automotive products – oil, gasoline, antifreeze

Household cleaners and chemicals

Pool chemicals

Paints and solvents

Insect and weed killers

Household and car batteries

Expired medicines

Used sharps – i.e. needles

Fluorescent bulbs

For more information, check the [Solid Waste Disposal Authority website](#) or call 256-882-0155.

- **Join in the Stewardship of Creation efforts at Nativity-** People of faith are answering the moral call to care for the climate in their congregations and their own homes. Do your part, and inspire others to reduce their carbon footprint and to work for climate justice.
- **Speak up**– It is especially important to speak to elected officials, from local to federal levels, to support policies to bring about a clean energy future. It is crucial that we contact our elected officials to respond to climate change.

Dear God,

Thank you for all that is good, for our creation and our humanity,

for the stewardship you have given us of this planet earth,

for the gifts of life and of one another,

for your love which is unbounded and eternal.

Be our companion, our guide upon the way,

Spirit of God, dwell in us,

That we may love and praise you in deed and in truth.

Amen

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

OF OUR CHILDREN:

Brayden Durnya
Maggie Jones
Sarah Fleming
Harry Cantey
Sarah Catherine Miller
Trey Schiber III
Ralph Hornsby III
Caroline Steigner
Raleigh Ramirez
Sadie Anglin
Sam Rice
Luke Ham
Abby Ham
Jack Ham
Austill Baker
Foster Fleming
Ava Cowart Allen
Hill Angelichio
Alex Ahearn

Bradford Hall
Fenway Goeke
Lily Cantey
Emme Roderick
Clara Williams
Kylie Meyer
Eliza Hendrickson
Ari Gunnar
Brooks Whitehead

DEATHS:

Ernie Meinecke
Mary Lynn Carlton

PARISHIONER UPDATES:

Med & Marvin Shaw have transferred to
St. John's Decatur.

HAP SUNDAY APRIL 3

Items needed this month are spaghetti sauce and noodles, mac and cheese, canned fruit and meat, boxed dinners. (HAP Sunday is the first Sunday of every month.)

[CLICK HERE FOR
THE FEBRUARY
VESTRY MINUTES](#)

Visit nativity-hsv.org/vestry to view current Vestry minutes or call Austin Cook 256-533-2455.

NATIONAL
Day of Prayer
Thursday — May 5th
10AM—12Noon

Eagles' Nest Cathedral International • 6831 Hollow Road
Email: ENCI.contact@gmail.com • PH: 256.651.0832
Bishop Daniel J. Richardson, ENCI Senior Pastor

•To Register, Email or Call the contacts above
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JOHN 17:20-23

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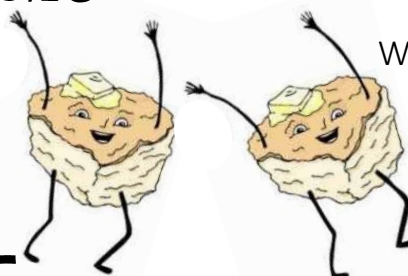
	<u>Budget for Period</u>	<u>Actual for Period</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>
Pledges Received	\$113,421.90	\$106,528.43	\$226,843.84	\$295,506.00
Plate	\$10,416.67	\$9,494.22	\$20,833.30	\$20,899.67
Other Revenues	\$9,432.34	\$5,228.31	\$18,864.60	\$10,457.05
Total Income	\$133,270.91	\$121,250.96	\$266,541.74	\$326,862.72
Diocese & Missions	\$14,860.67	\$13,922.71	\$29,721.30	\$37,599.19
Outreach	\$12,383.89	\$20,302.00	\$24,767.10	\$53,329.00
Personnel	\$73,658.11	\$69,672.54	\$147,315.85	\$138,383.68
Other Expenses	\$32,368.68	\$33,645.25	\$64,733.20	\$53,674.22
Total Expenses	\$133,271.35	\$137,542.50	\$266,537.45	\$282,986.09
Net	-\$0.40	-\$16,291.54	\$4.29	\$43,876.63

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SERVING FREE BISCUITS & COFFEE

EVERY SUNDAY MORNING

BETWEEN SERVICES IN RIDLEY HALL



Looking for a way to get involved?

We would LOVE to welcome YOU

to our team of cooks!

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April 2022 - WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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SUNDAY April 3rd

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:30 am	Stuart	Stuart	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett
8:45 am	Goldsmith	Stuart	Don Lambert, Linda Watts	Mary Johnson, Lynn Sparks-Lewis	Alice Mae Hinton
11:00 am	Goldsmith	Stuart	Peter Cobun, Hanns Billmeyer	Marcia Cobun, Elaine Hamner	Fred Beck

WEDNESDAY, April 6th

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM/ Lector / Intercessor
12 noon	Sloan		Mary Hendricks

THURSDAY April 7th

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM/ Lector / Intercessor
6:00 pm	Goldsmith		Sally Ann Culver

SUNDAY, April 10th – Palm Sunday

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:30 am	Sloan	Serio	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson, Steve Johnson	Sue Johnson
8:45 am	Goldsmith	Serio		Amy Creech, Jennifer Dill	Lee Hicklen
11:00 am	Goldsmith	Serio		Mike Innes, Mickey Ellis	Melissa Kirkindall

MONDAY, April 11th – Holy Week

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM/ Lector / Intercessor
12 noon	Stuart		Sally Ann Culver

TUESDAY, April 12th – Holy Week

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM/ Lector / Intercessor
12 noon	Veal Eby		Lee Hicklen

WEDNESDAY, April 13th – Holy Week

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM/ Lector / Intercessor
12 noon	Sloan		Walter Thames

THURSDAY, April 14th – Maundy Thursday

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	Lector / Intercessor
6:00 pm	Stuart	Goldsmith	Camille Sommer

FRIDAY, April 15th – Good Friday

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	Lector / Intercessor
12 noon	Goldsmith	Sloan	Lynn Sparks-Lewis, Melissa Kirkindall, John Nelson (<i>Passion Reading</i>)
6:00 pm	Goldsmith	Sloan	Mary Johnson, Mike Innes, Walter Thames (<i>Passion Reading</i>)

SATURDAY, April 16th – Easter Vigil

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	Lectors	Verger
7:30 pm	Goldsmith	Stuart	1. Liza Q. Wirtz 2. Lee Hicklen 3. Mickey Ellis 4. Fred Beck 5. Marcia Cobun	Terry Clevenger

SUNDAY April 17th – Easter Day

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:30 am	Serio	Goldsmith	John Hendricks	John Hendricks	John Hendricks
8:45 am	Stuart	Goldsmith	Lewie Bates, Laura Pierce	Carter Proud, Allison Proud	Adam Proud
11:00 am	Sloan	Goldsmith		Sally Ann Culver, Liza Q. Wirtz	Pamela Briggs

WEDNESDAY, April 20th

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM/ Lector / Intercessor
12 noon			Walter Thames

THURSDAY, April 21st

Service	Celebrant / Preacher	LEM/ Lector / Intercessor
6:00 pm		OPEN

SUNDAY, April 24th

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:30 am	Stuart		Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett
8:45 am	Goldsmith	Stuart		Terry Clevenger, Walter Thames	Shirley Hale Stucky
11:00 am	Goldsmith	Stuart		John Nelson, Melissa Kirkindall	Rhonwyn Watson

WEDNESDAY, April 27th

Service	Celebrant / Preacher	LEM/ Lector / Intercessor
12 noon	Stuart	OPEN

THURSDAY, April 28th

Service	Celebrant / Preacher	LEM/ Lector / Intercessor
6:00pm	Sloan	Sally Ann Culver

FLOWER GUILD				
B = Bibb C = Church		B: Jeanette McCullar, Deborah Baker C: Kay Wheeler, Lori Webber		
ALTAR GUILD				
April 3 rd	Amanda Kiep, Sophia Samogray, Beth Pugh, Mary Johnson, Judy Heacock			
April 10 th – Holy Week	Linda Watts, Alice Lanier, Sue Johnson, Nancy Colin, Emily Moody			
April 17 th – Easter	Peggy Serio, Gail Brown, Natalie Rushing, Debbie Joyner, Caffey Litkenbous			
April 24 th	Mary Johnson, Judy Vann, Wanda Cobb, Judy Heacock, Sophia Samogray			
CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE				
March 28 th – April 3 rd	April 4 th – 10 th	April 11 th – 17 th	April 18 th – 24 th	April 25 th – May 1 st
The Rev. Susan Sloan	The Rev. Worth Stuart	The Rev. Dr. Bob Serio	The Rev. Susan Sloan	The Rev. Michael Goldsmith
VESTRY Member of The Day				
	April 3 rd	April 10 th - Palm Sunday	April 17 th – Easter Day	April 24 th
8:45 am	Walt Bradford	Chris Singer	Eric Wood	Heather Stroud
11:00 am	Alicia Taylor	Michael Brown	Patrick Robbins	Debbie Collette
VERGER SCHEDULE				
	April 3 rd	April 10 th	April 17 th	April 24 th
8:45 am	Terry Clevenger	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett	Don Lambert
11:00 am	Lea Ann Barnett	Don Lambert	Don Lambert	Lea Ann Barnett
USHER SCHEDULE				
	April 3 rd	April 10 th	April 17 th	April 24 th
7:30 am	Peter Barber	Peter Barber	Peter Barber	Peter Barber
8:45 am	Randy Dill, Pat Goodson, Larry Gunter	Randy Dill, Pat Goodson	Randy Dill, Pat Goodson	Randy Dill, Pat Goodson
11:00 am	Elizabeth Foster, Lee Foster, Wendy Wilson, Curt Benzle	Tom Lydon, Michael Shipley, Lloyd Newman, Sandy Brown, Mike Brown, Wendy Wilson, Curt Benzle,	Tom Lydon, Michael Shipley, Lloyd Newman	Lloyd Newman, Russ McDonald
ACOLYTE LEADER & ACOLYTE SCHEDULE				
	Sunday, April 3 rd			
8:45 am	Clay Sherrill: Luke Ham, Abby Ham, Jack Ham, Diana Sommer, Cooper Gunter			
11:00 am	Shari Williams: Macy Baker			
	Sunday, April 10 th – Palm Sunday			
8:45 am	Clay Sherrill: Macy Baker, Austill Baker, Greer Baker, Carter Proud			
11:00 am	Shari Williams: Morgan Gafford, Rowan Gafford			
	Thursday, April 14 th - Maundy Thursday			
6:00 pm	Clay Sherrill: Diana Sommer			
	Friday, April 15 th – Stations of the Cross			
5:00 pm	Mike Ward:			
	Saturday, April 16 th – Easter Vigil			
7:00 pm	Nina Putt: Cooper Gunter			
	Sunday, April 17 th – Easter Sunday			
8:45 am	Nina Putt: Luke Ham, Abby Ham, Jack Ham, Cooper Gunter, Drew Dodgen			
11:00 am	Mike Ward: Alton Hudson, Alex Ahearn			
	Sunday, April 24 th			
8:45 am	Nina Putt: Anna Bradford, Diana Sommer			
11:00 am	Clay Sherrill: Morgan Gafford, Rowan Gafford			



2022 Easter Flower Dedications

Easter dedications are \$20 each

Your name as it is to be listed in the order of worship: _____

Phone #: _____

Name for dedication: _____

Please choose one:

___ in loving memory of... ___in thanksgiving for... ___in celebration of... ___in honor of...

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION. Please complete this form in full with your check made payable to:

Nativity Flower Guild and mail to:

Andrea Vandervoort, 434 Locust Ave. Huntsville, AL 35801

If you have questions you may call Andrea: 256-539-2673. The dedication deadline is Friday, April 3.



2022 Altar Flower Dedications

Your Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Dates requested: _____ (available dates coming up...May 15 & 29, June 26 and July 3 & 31)

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

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