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Contact Austin Cook

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THE STEEPLE

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On the cover... All smiles from the Nativity parents and kids who attended Primary Camp at Camp McDowell Memorial Day weekend.

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

Recognizing Nativity's Class of 2022

By Amy Brooks

Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Psalm 25:4-5



Peter Alexander Ahearn

Graduate of Randolph School

Headed to the University of Alabama

I felt very at home at Nativity. I most enjoyed being a part of the services as an acolyte. It gave me a greater sense of the church community and what a difference it made in peoples lives. I look forward to being part of the Church of the Nativity as I continue on my faith journey.



Sadie Anglin

Sadie graduated from Huntsville High school and will be attending Sewanee in the fall. I am so thankful to have grown up at Nativity and for all the friendships I have made. I loved participating in EYC, Sunday school and being an acolyte. Nativity has helped shape me into who I am today.



Anna Katherine Ayres will be attending UAB in the fall. She will be majoring in Biomedical Sciences in hopes of pursuing a career in Orthodontics.



Phoebe Duncan

I am going to Auburn University in the fall.

I love the Church of the Nativity because as I made friends and talked about their churches I knew this one was for me. Everyone in the Nativity family has been there for me and I can't be more grateful.



Cooper Gunter is attending The University of Mississippi pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Cooper was accepted into The Haley Barbour Center for Manufacturing Excellence program at Ole Miss. He will always remember going to Camp McDowell and being confirmed there by Bishop Sloan. He loved being a part of services at Nativity as an acolyte and a thurifer at Easter and Christmas.



Catherine Hendricks just graduated from Huntsville High School, and is excited to attend Auburn University in the fall. She's attended the Church of Nativity since she was born, and has learned so much about her faith from the numerous events paired with the Camp McDowell, EYC, Episcopal Diocese events, church readings, and much more. From these experiences, she's learned how to find God and faith in any situation and how to treat all people with unconditional love. She is so thankful for everything she's learned though the Episcopal Church, and can't wait to continue her faith journey.



Alton Hudson

I will be attending the University of Alabama this fall and will be a member of the Million Dollar band. One of my favorite things about Nativity has been the fun Sunday nights with my friends at Youth group. So many great memories were made.



Kate Hudson

Kate will be attending Auburn University in the Fall. Kate enjoyed her time in EYC and in Sunday School.



Braxton Johnson

I will be attending the University of Montevallo to study Mass Communications. I appreciate Nativity for being a welcoming place to me and my family as we moved here from Hawaii.



Ashley Grace Ortel

I will be going to Auburn University. I will be in the Honors College majoring in chemistry, and marching with the Auburn Band. Nativity is such a great church and I am so grateful to have grown up with it. It feels reverent and holy while also being warm and welcoming. It's a place where I feel at home and at peace.



Courtney Caroline Ortel

I will be attending Auburn University and I hope to be in the Auburn Marching Band. I'm studying in the Honors College as a Wildlife Sciences major on a Pre-Vet track. I hope to make the most out of my freshmen year college experience. Nativity has kept me connected to my faith and provided support for me all throughout high school, especially Mrs. Brooks and Father Michael. I am grateful to be part of the Nativity community.

William Thomas Pinson

I graduated from Huntsville High School on May 27th. After graduation, I plan to spend the summer with my family and friends and continue to train for cross country and track. In the fall, I will be attending The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, majoring in business finance and running for Bama's cross country and track teams.

Being a cradle Episcopalian, having been baptized at Nativity, and having grown up in this church, I feel that this church and the parishioners are a part of my family. Everyone has been so supportive of my mom, my sister, and me over the years and have shown us so much love. I give thanks to God for each and every one of you. I have learned so much at Nativity, and through God's grace and my strong faith, I am ready to take the next step in my life.



Carter Watson is a native of Huntsville, and is a cradle Episcopalian, having been baptized at Nativity. He's has also served as a acolyte for many years, learning much from the Acolyte Leaders who taught him.

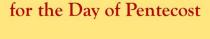
Carter is a graduate of Huntsville High School and has been recognized as an Eagle Scout, and for his study of welding in the Technical Careers Program. Carter will attend Calhoun Community College in the fall, to further his studies in welding.



David Young

After graduating from Randolph, David will be heading to Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. David enjoyed participating as an acolyte during the services at Nativity, especially when he got to carry the thurible for the first time.

FESTAL EVENSONG





Herbert Howells | Gloucester Evening Service

Christian Crocker, Director of Music

Sunday, June 5, 2022 5:30pm Sung by the Nativity Choir Dr. Patrick A. Scott, organ

Richard Ayleward | Preces and Responses

Roland Martin | Whitsunday

So Excited for Road Trip VBS!

By Mary Coe

Can't wait to see all our Nativity friends for three afternoons of fun and fellowship June 13-15. We're packing our bags and hitting the road to learn where God leads on life's road trip!

If you missed the registration deadline, email <u>mcoe@nativity-hsv.org</u> for late registration.

Youth and Adult helpers needed! Sign up to help at <u>tinyurl.com/RoadTripVBSvol</u>



Summer Worship for Children & Families

Remember that great service from way back in summer 2019 when we sang songs from Alleluia III, the liturgy was accessible to all ages and children gathered around the altar during Eucharist? The All-Ages service returns this summer at 9:00 in Bibb Chapel.





The Holy Eucharist Service in the nave moves to 10:00 am through Labor Day. Children's chapel will be during this 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.

Youth Minister Search Committee Formed

By The Rev. Worth Stuart

As of the end of April, and after conversations with youth and parents of youth at Nativity, a search committee for our next Director of Youth Ministries has been formed. The Committee includes myself, Adam Proud, Juliet Wells, and Anne Elizabeth Cowan.

This is a great group! I have the utmost confidence that we will find the right candidate for this job and that that candidate will be able to help Nativity's youth program grow stronger and thrive in the years to come.

Adam Proud is the Vestry liaison to Youth Ministry and has three kids who will be coming up through the

The Episcopal Church of the Nativity Huntsville is hiring a

Director of Youth Miristry

Are you

RELATABLE, COMMITTED, AND WILLING TO
CULTIVATE A PLACE OF WELCOME AND ACCEPTANCE
as you lead youth on their
journey with Christ?

Please send a resume and
letter of interest to
wstuart@nativity-hsv.org

youth program over the next few years. Juliet Wells has two kids in the youth program, as well. And Anne Elizabeth Cowan is the former youth minister here at Nativity and has two kids who will come up in the program in the next several years. As a former youth minister, myself, I believe that this group's combined perspective in this search will help us find the right candidate!

We will continue to work together through the summer, reviewing applications and vetting candidates. Please pray for the Search Committee for our new Youth Minister and please pray for those candidates who have applied and will apply.

Peace,

Worth+

Serving God's Church

By The Rev. Michael Goldsmith

ane Tutt is answering a call to serve the Church of Nativity in a new and exciting way. Starting August 1, 2022, Lane will be our Head Garden Keeper. Her service to this parish began in 1990 as she coordinated Nursery and Children's ministries until 2002. After a brief five-year





retirement, she became Coordinator for Adult Christian Formation in 2007. For the past 15 years Lane has empowered and encouraged parishioners to teach and lead classes. She has worked to provide a welcoming environment for dialogue, fellowship, and Christian education to all of our members. Lane will pass her insight and inspiration as Adult Christian Formation Coordinator to Vicky Hinton, who is excited to carry on Lane's legacy of serving the Church of the Nativity. Vicky will continue her current position as Director of Communication & Engagement as she assumes these new responsibilities.



This past Spring, Lane began to feel the seeds of discernment sprouting out of another ministry that she has been chairing since 2003. As Head of the Garden Guild, she has snipped, hedged, planted, and watered the grounds of our church while teaching and encouraging parishioners to care for our green spaces. Every person that walks into, or by, or around our campus has had their heart gladdened by the amazing beauty that Lane and her team offer to the Glory of God, to our church family, and to our community. Each week our courtyard welcomes hundreds of people from throughout our city. There are folks taking pictures, parents sitting on the benches while their children play in the grass, people taking their lunch break under the Dogwood trees or reading quietly in the Memorial Garden, and children enjoying our playground. Maintaining these beautiful spaces requires hours and hours of hard work.

As Head Garden Keeper, Lane will be able to give her time more fully to her garden ministry so that we can all continue to enjoy and give thanks for this particular part of God's creation that Lane stewards. I am so grateful for Lane's continuing love for her church and for choosing to use her gifts in the service of God.

God's Peace,

Father Michael

Checking in with Buildings & Grounds

By Emily Rodgers

ne of our core values at Nativity is care of creation. We care for our creation by recycling paper products, cans and glass bottles. Please help us care for our creation by turning off lights when you leave a room, and be mindful of propping open doors while the air conditioner is running. I can still hear my dad admonishing me to "Turn off the Lights!" Many of you have noticed and use the new water fountain outside the Banister Room. It measures the number of plastic bottles saved, and as of today, we have saved 481 plastic bottles (pictured right). That is amazing!

Please visit the new playground soon and see the



perennial plantings in the bed beside Gates Avenue. Much thought has gone into the selection of the plant material to provide beautiful blooms and serve as pollinators. As is true of most gardens, they are never complete and always a work in progress-much like us humans.

Every
Thursday
4:00 pm
See you there!



Outreach: The Manna House Blossomwood

Backpack program needs your help!

By Lee Anne Bryant

esus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all

J your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

~ Matthew 22:37-40 NRSV

For quite a few years, Nativity, in partnership with Manna House, has been packing and delivering food packs during the school year to Blossomwood K-6, our neighborhood public school. This weekly, school year only program provides snacks and ready-to-eat foods to the approximately 100-150



elementary school children at Blossomwood who lack adequate food supplies over the weekends. Most recently this outreach program was headed by Lee Anne Bryant for 4 years and Vicky Hinton for the 3 years previous, but this important Nativity outreach program program will not be able to continue next year without a new coordinator (or two or three)! Considering so many of our congregants live in the Blossomwood neighborhood, there aren't many better ways of demonstrating the second greatest commandment of loving they neighbor than by assisting in this vital effort for some of the children right here in our very own neighborhood school!

Please contact Outreach Missioner, The Rev. Rosie Veal Eby or parishioner Lee Anne Bryant for more information.

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Summer Seminarians

By The Rev. Rose Veal Eby

Hello, I'm Karen Davidson, a Deaconess student at the Lutheran Diaconal Association. I am a clinical pastoral education (CPE) student at First Stop and Mother Rosie is my site supervisor. I am deeply grateful for the many and varied opportunities afforded me to grow in my understanding of pastoral care while at the same time serve the staff and guests of First Stop.



Mike is a seminary student at Sewanee and is working as a chaplaincy intern with Mother Rosie. He and his wife, Karen, are from Fort Worth, Texas and have three grown children. Prior to pursuit of becoming a priest, Mike worked in investments and served in music ministry in Baptist churches for over twenty years. He is a life member of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada. Mike enjoys woodworking (building harps and sundials), aviation, electronics, astronomy, and Evensong.



Stewardship of Creation

A prayer for God's creation

By David Chadwick

od our Father, You never cease the work you have begun. We pray for your blessing on all human endeavor. Help us to be good neighbors to those who share our world today, and those who will inherit our world in generations to come. Make us wise and faithful stewards of your creation, living lightly on the Earth so that it can blossom and flourish now and in the future. In the name of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

Climate change looms over all countries, promising severe droughts, supercharged storms, and blistering heat waves. But these consequences are unevenly felt around the world. Above all, they threaten the most vulnerable



A subsistence farmer in Guatemala surveys land damaged by erratic climate cycles.

populations. In Central America for example, climate change isn't a phrase that many would use to describe why they feel the need to leave their home countries. Migrants speak about the problems they are experiencing in other ways: worsening and unpredictable weather conditions, more crop failures, more flooding, longer droughts, widespread malnutrition, and poverty.

Guatemala ranks second in the world on the Global Climate Risk Index, which indicates the level of exposure and vulnerability to extreme weather events. Both commercial agricultural production and subsistence farming have declined, and subsistence farmers find it more difficult to find work as day laborers when their own harvests fail. Half of Guatemala's workforce is in the agricultural sector. Poor crop yields due to climate change have been identified as a major factor in migration to the United States.

In richer countries we can feel immune to the impact of climate change. We feel we will always have food on the table. We can access insurance funds and government aid programs when disaster strikes. I pray we act now to reduce our consumption, turn back the tide on environmental destruction, and play our part in restoring God's creation for the benefit of all of God's children.

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7:30 am	Sloan	Sloan	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson
10:00 am	Goldsmith	Sloan	Lewie Bates	Mickey Ellis, Fred Beck	
5:30 pm	Choral Evensong	: Verger: Lea	Ann Barnett Crucifer: Don Lambert Thur	ifer: Tess Lambert Lectors: Sally Ann Culve	er, John Nelson Ushers: Hanns & Veneta Billmayer
		U		SDAY, June 8 th	
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM/ Lector / Intercessor	.,	
12 noon	Golds	mith	OPEN		
			THURS	DAY, June 9 th	
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM/ Lector / Intercessor		
6:00 pm	Rosie Ve	eal Eby	Sally Ann Culver		
			SUND	AY, June 12 th	
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:30 am	Goldsmith	Goldsmith	Don Lambert	Don Lambert	Don Lambert
10:00 am	Sloan	Goldsmith		Carter Proud, Adam Proud	Allison Proud
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Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM/ Lector / Intercessor		
12 noon	Stua	ırt	OPEN		
			THURS	DAY, June 16 th	
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6:00 pm	Sloa	nn	Charles Morley		
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May 3	0th – June 5th	Iune 6th – 12th	June 13th – 19th	June 20th – 26th	June 27th – July 3rd	
	v. Susan Sloan	The Rev. Michael Goldsmith	The Rev. Worth Stuart	The Rev. Dr. Bob Serio	The Rev. Susan Sloan	
	VESTRY Member of The Day					
June 5th		June 12th	June 19th	June 26th		
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ACOLYTE LEADER & ACOLYTE SCHEDULE						
Sunday, June 5th – Pentecost / Baptisms						
10:00 am	10:00 am Nina Putt / Morgan Gafford, Rowan Gafford, Bradford Hall					
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Thank you to the Nativity friends who came put to support the Huntsville Inner City Learning Center Give Back Track 5K this last month!

Parish News

JUNE BIRTHDAYS OF OUR CHILDREN:

Elise Roche

Prentiss Miller

Natalia Vela

Alexander Bounds

Ellie Gleason

John Gleason

Vanessa Vela

Jack Copeland

Colton Boyce

Cora Putt

Alex Hereford

Lydia Kilpatrick

Aerin Watts

Vivienne Shedd

Camille Kilpatrick

Matilda Smith

Rowan Harper Brown

Charles Ayres

Beatrice Twitty

DEATHS:

Charlie Warren

Ruth Von Saurma

WEDDINGS

Abbie Rodgers & Nat Thompson Madeline Sharp & Jonah Carter Lydia Sandy & Matthew Robson

PARISHIONER UPDATES:

New members:

Jim & Ted Spratt-Hall

Bill & Ginny Love

Peyton, Caleb, Evie, & Deacon

Jordan

HAP SUNDAY JUNE 5

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.)

COMMUNITY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Branches of the Vine, "Celebrating Healing; Celebrating Friends; Living Life" will be Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 5:30-9:00 PM on Baron Bluff, Burritt on the Mountain, The Vine's annual fundraiser. Join us inperson for an evening filled with wonderful fellowship, live music, tapas, wine tasting and a live auction. Guest of Honor will be Gary C. Huckaby, Jr., PHD. Please RSVP by Monday, June 6, 2022 online at our website or call the office, 256-270-7399. There will also be a virtual Auction June 4, 8:00 AM-June 9, 7:30 PM at www.vinepcc.com.

Parish Financial Report for April 2022

Pledges Received	Budget for Period \$113,421.90	Actual for Period \$128,650.46	Budget YTD \$453,687.72	Actual YTD \$518,634.46
Plate	\$10,416.67	\$14,923.68	\$41,666.64	\$45,461.91
Other Revenues	\$9,432.34	\$12,966.11	\$37,729.28	\$29,061.21
Total Income	\$133,270.91	\$156,540.25	\$533,083.64	\$593,157.58
Diocese & Missions	\$14,860.67	\$17,228.89	\$59,442.64	\$67,304.04
Outreach	\$12,383.89	\$25,852.00	\$49,534.88	\$89,533.00
Personnel	\$73,658.11	\$68,800.76	\$294,632.07	\$276,719.00
Other Expenses	\$32,368.68	\$32,949.94	\$129,470.56	\$115,551.97
Total Expenses	\$133,271.35	\$144,831.59	\$533,080.15	\$549,108.01
Net	\$0.40	\$11,708.66	\$3.49	\$44,049.57

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