

THE STEEPLE

July 2022

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the Nativity *where faith
holds wide the door*



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EMERGENCY CALLS

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. Please 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

acook@nativity-hsv.org.

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On the cover... VBS volunteer Matilda Smith talks with her group in the Nave during VBS. What a wonderful week the kids had on their "Road Trip". Thank you to all of the volunteers who volunteered and attended! More fun VBS pictures on page 5.

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

Outreach: News from the Traveler's Altar

By The Rev. Rosie Veal Eby

During June I went with my CPE interns to Camp so Fresh, So Green, a part of Inner City Learning Center and we made Refrigerator Pickles. I was grateful to Manna House who supplied me with the cucumbers for the project. Before we began we talked about one of the ingredients, mustard seed and the scripture: In Matthew 17:20, Jesus said, "If you have faith as a small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, move from here to there and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." We discussed how important it is to believe in yourself, because God believes in you.

Then my interns, Mike and Karen also went on a field trip with me to Welcome home Chattanooga, a hospice/respite home for the homeless community in Tennessee. It was a amazing experience to see how the Holy Spirit is moving in the community and people are provided a place where they can have peace in their final days.

Also June is Pride Month! I hope you have enjoyed celebrating being who called has called you to be and living out loud in the community. It has been my honor to be a part of the LGBTQ+ community as an Ally and affirming Pastor. Thank you for inviting me into this space and trusting me.

Peace!



Outreach Snapshot: Fun With Flowers

By Lane Tutt

Tuesday, June 21 was such a fun day for Suzy Naumann and me at the Inner City Learning Center! We began by cutting all these wonderful flowers from our own gardens at Nativity – hydrangea, lavender, hosta, daisies, Lenten rose, Jerusalem sage and azalea. About 19 middle school children had more fun smelling and learning about the different flowers. The Rev. Rose Veal Eby, who asked us to visit the center, provided all the containers for the arrangements they made. They did a great job and it was such a delightful day getting to work with these children.



CELEBRATE

SUMMER

Sunday, July 31st

9.00 All Ages Service in Bibb Chapel

Playground meet up following service

Please join us for refreshments and play

Back to School Blessings

**Sunday,
August 7th
during 10.00
service**

Students 🚲 **Educators** 🚲 **Parents**

Start the new school year off right!

🚲 Children and youth are invited to bring backpacks and school bags to church to be blessed during the service.

🚲 Prayers for educators and parents.

SAVE THE DATE

2022 Road Trip VBS. What a great ride! Thanks to all the planners, organizers, leaders and helpers. So much fun to be with all of our Nativity friends!



Stewardship of Creation

By Clarissa Sharp

My Creation Care Bible Challenge book has numerous dog-eared pages! It's a very enlightening read with many thought provoking reflections given by informed, educated, and passionate people. Answering the questions has given me, not only new ways to help Mother Earth, but has also opened my mind, heart, and soul to the beauty of God's Creation. I am thankful for the gift of such gratitude in the climate of today's world, near and far!

I can't help but think it's my responsibility and my privilege to continue to keep the Care of Creation at the front of my mind, to work on changing to earth friendly habits, and to enjoy this beautiful earth we have been blessed to inhabit.

While reading the daily meditations, some ideas have come to mind. These are just one person's ideas, who wishes your own brainstorming comes alive. The hope is that ideas will lead to change, a new understanding, and a rich sense of gratitude for our earth.

Nativity's Stewardship of Creation Committee will always welcome new members, David Chadwick is our Chairman!

IDEAS FOR THOUGHT AND ACTION

- * Stop buying single use water bottles. There are tons of reusable water bottles. The Brita Pitcher or a water filter at home are both easy solutions.
- * Get outside everyday and appreciate the Earth's beauty
- * For summertime picnics, use reusable plates, flatware and containers, reduce trash
- * Start your day with even a few minutes outside listening to the waking earth
- * Do your best to buy local, in season fruits and vegetables
- * Plan your driving trips and errands to reduce gas use
- * Think about buying second hand and about buying less
- * Take some time and consider what you wish for the future of our Mother Earth

May the Peace of the Lord be Always with us!



Checking in with Buildings & Grounds

By Emily Rodgers & Sherry Vemmer

This Spring, Elaine and Richard Hamner have been busy helping take care of a few things around the church. Before Lent began, they designed and constructed a new cross to stand in our church yard. Ever thoughtful of being good stewards of our resources, they identified a place to store the cross inside, thus not exposed to the elements.



Ridley Hall has a new, dedicated area to collect donated supplies thanks to the talented team of Elaine and Richard Hamner. The surround for the bins is portable yet secured to the wall, allowing easy access when it is time to deliver the donated items.

Marlin has been busy taking care of the floors in Angel Lane. Be sure and check out their shine this fall!

Stay cool and hydrated this summer! Emily Rodgers

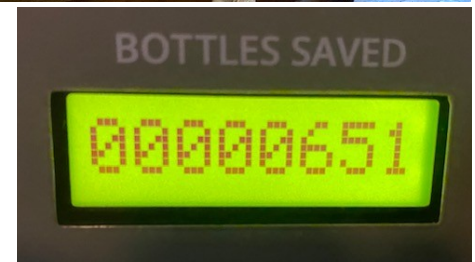
Over the past few months Building and Grounds has become increasingly “proactive” in regards to maintenance and repairs of Church property. With Emily Rodgers as Facilities Manager, we are getting much more accomplished in a timely manner. Our properties require constant attention.

We have conducted tours of the entire Church property. So far, the tours were only attended by B&G Committee members, mainly so that everyone is familiar with all of the areas that we normally discuss in our meetings.

Within these tours we reviewed the spaces as well as their function (what they are typically used for), determined what repairs and /or updates need to happen and checked the conditions of the finish materials, lighting and heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. We have documented all of the information and graded the overall space, prioritizing replacement and / or repairs. You will be seeing things happening all around Nativity! And please know that the safety and security of all of our buildings is always at the top of our minds.

The Building and Grounds Committee remains grateful for the opportunity to serve Nativity by taking care of our Church home.

Respectfully submitted by Sherry Vemmer, Chair of Building and Grounds



Clockwise from left: New cross mounted in the foyer of Ridley Hall.

Elaine & Richard Hamner showing off the new outreach station in Ridley Hall.

Way to go on using the bottle filler water fountain. Since last month, we have saved 170 plastic water bottles.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

OF OUR CHILDREN:

Catherine Fortune
Melody Rose Spencer

Finola O'Halloran

Eamonn O'Halloran

Lyla Ginga

Joseph Cantey

Crosby Smith

Alice FitzGerald

Charles FitzGerald Jr.

Kate Allbritton

Eleanor Fassett

Rebecca Fassett

Daniel Starnes

Alexander Allbee

Kellen Blalock

Harvey Wilson

Evelyn Hendrickson

Alex Elliott

Joanna Jackson

Deacon Jordan

Caroline Ayres

Harper Hudson

Reagen Huskey

Carter Whitehead

Ezra Spencer

Alice Mae Hinton

Ryker Brown

Lily Durnya

Elias Spencer

Anna Crawford Mullins

Tripp Elliott III

Greer Baker

Ellie Roderick

BAPTISMS:

Raleigh Christopher Ramirez

James Ashe Medina

Jennings Lanier Brown

Brady Alexander Wimmer

WEDDINGS

Allie Hergert & Teddy Chewning

PARISHIONER UPDATES:

Rose Anne Shearer

2815 Carl T Jones Dr SE Apt 248

Huntsville, AL 35802

Missy Walker

1412 Randolph Ave

Huntsville, AL 35801

Miki & Hud Heaton have
transferred to Christ Church
Tuscaloosa

HAP SUNDAY JULY 4

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.)



Every Thursday at 4:00 pm

See you there!

CURSILLO!

You are invited to
an informational
dinner to learn
more about
Cursillo is an



incredible spiritual experience that
begins with a three-day retreat at
Camp McDowell. The weekend
focuses on several aspects of your
spiritual life, including prayer/
worship, study, and action.
Nativity has an extremely strong
and active Cursillo community and
we invite you to learn more about
this ministry.

We will be hosting an
informational dinner to introduce
members of our parish to Cursillo
and to answer any questions you
may have. We hope you will join
us and discover why over 8,000
Episcopalians in the Diocese of
Alabama and hundreds of your
fellow Nativity parishioners are
part of the Cursillo community!

DATE:

Sunday, July 24th

TIME:

6:00 pm

PLACE:

Ridley Hall @ Nativity

COST:

Free (just like the Cursillo
weekend!)

CHILDCARE PROVIDED

beginning at 6 pm

RSVP:

david.r.collette@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

Sawyerville Sunday

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

Fall Ministry Preview

Blessing of the Backpacks

Youth Group Kick-off

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Acolyte Training

Sunday School Teacher Training

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

Nativityfest @ Nativity

Opportunities to Serve

Looking for a place to share your time and talent at Nativity this summer? Here are some suggestions!

Become a Nativity Tour Guide

Would you like to help share the history of our beautiful church with others? Here is your chance! We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in serving as docents to lead scheduled tours for the public. There will be a docent training session on Tuesday, July 12 at 5:00 pm in the Nave for anyone interested. The training will last about 1 hour. Questions? Contact Vicky Hinton, vhinton@nativity-hsv.org.

The Greene Street at Nativity Market

Every Thursday, May-October you are invited to support local farmers and makers by shopping at the Greene Street Market! The market opens at 4:00 pm and offers live music, food trucks and fun! You are also invited to share your time as a market volunteer! There are opportunities to set-up, clean-up and everything in between for those who would like to help. Contact Marilyn Evans for more information, greenestreetmarket@gmail.com.

We are One Body

Help make our vision of accessibility for all people at Nativity a reality! The Church of the Nativity is committed to making our facilities more accessible. Opportunities to help with that vision are available for those interested in serving on the committees working on this project. We are looking for people who have experience in communications, public relations, design and finance to help round out existing committees. If you would like more information about how you can be part of this process please contact Sherry Vemmer, sherryvemmer@gmail.com

Garden Guild

Want to help the garden grow? We can always use the help! The Garden Guild meets the first Thursday of event month to weed, plant, water and play in the dirt. No experience required! Just bring your garden gloves and be ready to work and have some fun. If you would like more information please contact Lane Tutt, ltutt@nativity-hsv.org.

Parish & Community Engagement

Do you love to plan events and activities? Looking for a one and done service opportunity? Well we have a place for you! If you would like to offer your time to a leadership role for one of our upcoming parish wide events (think Nativityfest or the Pancake Party etc.) we welcome your enthusiasm to serve! Everything from coordinating the volunteers, to putting out the decorations is important so there is no commitment level too small! Contact Vicky Hinton, vhinton@nativity-hsv.org for more information about how you can serve the Parish & Community Engagement Committee.

July 2022 - WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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SUNDAY, July 3rd – Baptisms

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:30 am	Sloan	Sloan	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett
10:00 am	Goldsmith	Sloan	Lewie Bates	Sandy Brown, Michael Brown	No Intercessor - Baptisms

WEDNESDAY, July 6th

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM/ Lector / Intercessor
12 noon	Goldsmith		Natalie Rushing

THURSDAY, July 7th

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM/ Lector / Intercessor
6:00 pm	Stuart		Charles Morley

SUNDAY, July 10th

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:30 am	Goldsmith	Goldsmith	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson
10:00 am	Sloan	Goldsmith	Hanns Billmeyer	Jennifer Dill, Sloan Dill	Deborah Baker

WEDNESDAY, July 13th

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

THURSDAY, July 14th

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

SUNDAY, July 17th

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:30 am	Stuart	Stuart	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett
10:00 am	Goldsmith	Stuart	Sally Ann Culver	Mike Innes, Marcia Cobun	Natalie Rushing

WEDNESDAY, July 20th

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM/ Lector / Intercessor
12 noon	Sloan	Paul	-

THURSDAY, July 21st

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM/ Lector / Intercessor
6:00 pm	Veal Eby		Charles Morley

SUNDAY, July 24th

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:30 am	Goldsmith	Goldsmith	Don Lambert	Don Lambert	Don Lambert
10:00 am	Sloan	Goldsmith	Linda Watts	Mary Johnson, Camille Sommer	Melissa Kirkindall

WEDNESDAY, July 27th

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM/ Lector / Intercessor
12 noon	Stuart		Natalie Rushing

THURSDAY, July 28th

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

SUNDAY, July 31st

Service	Celebrant / Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:30 am	Veal Eby	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson
10:00 am	Goldsmith Veal Eby	Peter Cobun	Q. Wirtz, Sally Ann Culver	Rhonwyn Watson

FLOWER GUILD

B = Bibb **C** = Church **B**: Kate Noble Purvis **C**: Lea Ann Barnett, Jane Wacaster, Sherry Boyer

ALTAR GUILD

3 rd	Heather Stroud, Linda Watts, Peggy Serio, Nancy Colin
10 th	Beth Pugh, Jewell Reynolds, Wanda Cobb, Sue Johnson, Alice Lanier
17 th	Judy Vann, Gail Brown, Debbie Joyner, Amanda Kiep, Judy Heacock
24 th	Emily Moody, Natalie Rushing, Linda Watts, Sophia Samogray, Mary Johnson
31 st	Caffey Litkenhous, Jewell Reynolds, Peggy Serio, Heather Stroud, Alice Lanier

CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE

June 27 th – July 4 th	July 4 th – 10 th	July 11 th – 17 th	July 18 th – 24 th	July 25 th – 31 st
The Rev. Susan Sloan	The Rev. Michael Goldsmith	The Rev. Susan Sloan	The Rev. Michael Goldsmith	The Rev. Worth Stuart

VESTRY Member of The Day

Any Vestry Member Available	Any Vestry Member Available	Any Vestry Member Available	Any Vestry Member Available	Any Vestry Member Available
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VERGER SCHEDULE

July 3 rd	July 10 th	July 17 th	July 24 th	July 31 st
Lea Ann Barnett	Terry Clevenger	Don Lambert	Lea Ann Barnett	Terry Clevenger

USHER SCHEDULE

July 3 rd	July 10 th	July 17 th	July 24 th	July 31 st
Peter Barber	Peter Barber	Peter Barber	Peter Barber	Peter Barber
Lloyd Newman	Lloyd Newman	Elizabeth Foster	Russ McDonald	Lloyd Newman
Terry Clevenger	Jennifer Dill	Lee Foster	Terry Clevenger	Tom Lydon
Keith Clevenger	Randy Dill	Russ McDonald	Keith Clevenger	Michael Shipley

ACOLYTE LEADER & ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

	July 3 rd
10:00 am	Mike Ward / Morgan Gafford, Rowan Gafford, Luke Ham, Abby Ham, Jack Ham, Diana Sommer
	July 10 th
10:00 am	Shari Williams / Clara Williams, Sloan Dill, Bradford Hall
	July 17 th
10:00 am	Shari Williams / Clara Williams, Waring Cantey
	July 24 th
10:00 am	Clay Sherrill / Luke Ham, Abby Ham, Jack Ham, Diana Sommer, Daniel Starnes
	July 31 st
10:00 am	Nina Putt / Morgan Gafford, Rowan Gafford, Sloan Dill, Drew Dodgen, Daniel Starnes, Waring Cantey



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THE MAY VESTRY
MINUTES](#)

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

2022 Altar Flower Dedications

Your Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Dates requested: _____ (available dates listed below)

- August 7, 14, 28
September 4, 11, 18, 25
October 2, 9, 16, 23
November 6, 13, 20, 27
December 4, 11

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