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Contact Austin Cook

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Evelyn & Deacon Jordan pictured with Father Michael following their recent Baptism.



On the cover... The 9:00 am Sunday service usually draws quite a crowd at the altar when Father Michael invites the children to come and be part of the Eucharistic Prayers.

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

Joy in the Service of the Lord

By The Rev. Michael Goldsmith

Our Fall Ministry Preview will be after the 10:00 am service on Sunday, August 14. You will be able to see the many and wonderful opportunities Nativity offers in the service of God. If you are not currently a part of a parish ministry, I encourage you to find where your gifts and talents can be used in the service of God's church. If you are already actively involved in one of our ministries, I hope you will seek out and invite others into that ministry. There is great joy in serving the Lord, it is essential to invite others into that joy. Our committees and ministries are open to all and we trust the Holy Spirit to work through us to grow and continue those ministries.

God's Peace -
Father Michael

Fall Ministry Preview & Open House

On Sunday, August 14th following the 10:00 service you are invited to come and see all that Nativity has to offer! This is an opportunity to walk around the campus, visit with old friends and meet some new ones. This is also a wonderful time to learn more about the various ministries and committees that make our church the welcoming and thriving place that it is. You will have an opportunity to talk with the lay leadership for these groups, ask questions and hear about what they have planned in the near future. Before you come on the 14th, we wanted to give you a preview of the committees and ministries that will be present and where they will be located in the building. We have also included the contact person for each group so you can reach out for more information if you are unable to join us for the Ministry Preview.

Committees at Nativity

Accessibility Committee

The Accessibility Committee works to improve the accessibility of the church buildings, including overseeing the project of adding an elevator and bathrooms.

The Accessibility Committee usually meets once a month, but may meet more often depending on the stage of the project. For more information about the Accessibility Committee, please contact Sherry Vemmer at sherryvemmer@gmail.com. The Accessibility Committee table will be located in Ridley Hall.

Building & Grounds Committee

The Building and Grounds Committee is responsible for maintenance, repair and upkeep of parish buildings, grounds, and installed equipment, including safety and fire prevention. The committee works to develop an operating budget which includes preventative maintenance. If you have an interest in historic buildings and a background in a related field, please contact Sherry Vemmer, chair of Building and Grounds, for more information, sherryvemmer@gmail.com. The Buildings and Grounds Committee table will be located in Ridley Hall.

Children's Council

Children's Council is a group who focuses on our children ages 4 years old to 6th grade. The Council provides feedback on how we can serve the children and their families in a way that fits the needs of our congregation. This group is intended to assist with the planning and implementation of children's events such as VBS, Christmas Pageant, Easter Egg Hunt, etc.

Children's Council meets monthly, typically on a Wednesday evening at 5pm. For more information about Children's Council, please contact Mary Coe at mcoe@nativity-hsv.org. The Children's Council table will be located on Angel Lane which is on the basement level of Ridley Hall.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee works with other committees within Nativity to create an annual budget that is financially sound. The committee reviews the detailed financials on a monthly basis and makes financial recommendations throughout the year. The Finance Committee also works to create long range goals for Nativity and makes recommendations on any surplus funds.

Finance Committee is made up of 9 to 11 people and meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm for about an hour. For more information about Finance Committee, please contact Alicia Taylor at alitay40143@gmail.com.

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee manages the parish's 10% commitment to outreach by selecting and vetting organizations that carry out Nativity's mission to respect the dignity of every human being, and specifically those who are hungry, sick, impoverished, imprisoned, or who are strangers. The Committee accepts applications for funds, reviews financial reports, and selects organizations for funding who exhibit financial need and fiscal responsibility.

The Outreach Committee also organizes opportunities to serve within our community, specifically with the organizations that receive funding from Nativity. For more information about Outreach at Nativity, please contact Rev. Rose Veal Eby at rvealeby@nativity-hsv.org or Michael Shipley at MichaelLShipley@aol.com

The Outreach Committee table will be in Ridley Hall.

Parish & Community Engagement

The Parish and Community Engagement Committee works to provide meaningful and diverse opportunities to come together for fellowship with our church family, and in our community. The committee encourages our parish to participate in community events that reflect our core values and to be an open and welcoming landmark in downtown Huntsville.

Our committee will meet quarterly, to discuss opportunities, plan events and serve to make those events happen. Time commitment varies based on your interest and availability. For more information about Parish and Community Engagement contact Vicky Hinton, vhinton@nativity-hsv.org. The Parish & Community Engagement Committee table will be in Ridley Hall.

Spiritual Development Committee

The Spiritual Development Committee's vision is "to promote spiritual development, providing opportunities for spiritual/personal growth, meeting people where they are on their spiritual journey." This committee works to promote spiritual awareness, learning, and transformation that augments and deepens the other activities in the church. We try to bring people together to learn, awaken them to new possibilities, or deepen their spiritual lives.

Spiritual Development Committee is made up of 12 members and meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at noon. For more information about Spiritual Development Committee, please contact Ted Briggs at tedlbriggs@gmail.com.

Stewardship Committee

Stewardship is about being grateful, responsible stewards of the gifts we receive from God. The tradition of giving back to God and to the church comes from the Biblical practice of "tithing," which means to give back a tenth of our earnings to God (Numbers 18:26). The Episcopal Church sees stewardship as both contributing financially and giving our time and talents for ministry and mission. The Stewardship Committee works to provide education and programming on stewardship. For more information on joining the Stewardship Committee, please contact Patrick Robbins at patrick.robbins@yahoo.com.

The Stewardship Committee table will be in Ridley Hall.

Stewardship of Creation

Stewardship of Creation works to practice our love of God through our stewardship of God's creation. Caring for the earth is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. We demonstrate our love of God's creation within the Church of the Nativity, in our local communities in Huntsville, in the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, and in all of God's creation.

Stewardship of Creation currently has four members and is actively seeking new members to join this committee. This committee will meet every month, tentatively on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 5pm. For more information, please contact Dave Chadwick at drchadwi@yahoo.com.

Ministry Groups at Nativity

Acolytes

Acolytes serve as crucifers, servers, torchbearers, lighters of candles and banner-bearers during Sunday and special services. They lead the procession and assist with the service in various roles. 5th – 12th graders are invited to serve as acolytes.

Acolytes serve at one service about once a month. For more information, contact Clay Sherrill at clay.sherrill@jacobs.com. Members of the acolyte leadership team will be located in the hallway by the Banister Room. There will also be an Acolyte training session on Sunday, August 21 following the 11:00 service in the Nave.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is a behind the scenes ministry serving God in everything we do. It is a gift of time and talent,

serving God's in his house. It is an honor and a privilege to serve God in this way.

Altar Guild members prepare all things necessary for the celebration of Eucharist and any other sacraments of the church. It involves cleaning, polishing and setting up the Altar on Saturday. It also involves working a shift during one of the church services, either on Sunday or during the week. For more information contact Peggy Serio, mbserio49@gmail.com Time Required: 2-3 hours a month. The Altar Guild will give a brief informational talk directly after the 10:00 service in the Nave for those who want to learn more. They will also have a table set up in the Banister Room.

Choir

We have musical offerings for all ages and all levels of experience. Our choirs provide music for weekly Sunday liturgies as well as several evensongs, a service of Lessons and Carols, and a spring concert throughout the main choir season. In addition to our choral offerings, we have a concert series funded by our Friends of Music that invites artists from around the country to perform recitals and concerts.

All rehearsals are on Wednesday in the Nave.

Novice Choir 4:45-5:30 pm, Kindergarten through 2nd grade

Junior and Senior Choristers 4:00-5:15pm, 3rd through 12th grade

Adult Choir 7:00-9:00 pm

The Choir will give a brief informational talk directly after the 10:00 service in the Nave for those who want to learn more. They will also have a table set up in Ridley Hall. Contact Christian Crocker for more information, ccrocker@nativity-hsv.org.

Flower Guild

The Flower Guild arranges flowers for the church and chapel each Sunday and for special services such as Christmas and Easter. Members of the Flower Guild serve one Sunday a month every month and all members help with Christmas and Easter. Typically, arranging flowers takes 2 – 3 hours each time you are scheduled. For more information about the Flower Guild, please contact Andrea Vandervoort at 256-655-3119. The Flower Guild will give a brief informational talk after the 10:00 service in the Nave for those who want to learn more. They will also have a table set up in the Banister Room.

Home Visitation

Home Visitation Ministry provides caring, friendly, monthly visits to parishioners who are unable to take part in the activities at Nativity. Through this ministry, members at Nativity continue to feel connected to the parish community. Parish Visitors visit at least one member once a month for about 30 – 45 minutes. Visitors bring the church bulletin and other news of Nativity. For more information about serving as a Parish Visitor, please contact Connie Stephenson at stephenson526@gmail.com.

Intercessors/Lectors

Intercessors read the Prayers of the People during Sunday services. Intercessors usually serve once a month during one service.

Lectors read the lessons and psalms during Sunday and weekly services. Lectors typically serve at one service a

month. For more information on how to serve in either of these ministries, please contact Amy Kennedy at akennedy@nativity-hsv.org. There will be a brief informational talk after the 10:00 service in the Nave for those who want to learn more about being an Intercessor or Lector. There will be an information table set up in the Banister Room.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs)

Eucharistic Ministers serve at the Altar during Holy Eucharist by administering the chalice. Training and instruction will be provided by the clergy for new Eucharistic Ministers prior to the first time they serve.

LEMs serve at one service once a month. For more information on how to serve in this ministry, please contact Deacon Bob Serio at bserio@nativity-hsv.org.

Ushers

Ushers are the first people parishioners and guests encounter when they attend a service at the Church of the Nativity. The ushers prepare the Church prior to the service and assist the worshippers as they enter, worship, and depart the Church. The ushers also function as First Responders per the Emergency Plan. Ushers are responsible for counting the number of people present for each service, ensuring the elements are brought to the altar during communion, passing the plate during the service, and counting the offering after each service.

Ushers serve at one service once a month. For more information on how to serve in this ministry, please contact Amy Kennedy at akennedy@nativity-hsv.org. There will be a brief informational talk after the 10:00 service in the Nave for those who want to learn more about being an Usher. There will be an information table set up in the Banister Room. Usher Training will take place on Sunday, August 21 in Bibb Chapel following the 10:00 service.

Blue Apron

Blue Apron Ministry welcomes parishioners and visitors and assists in helping people find their way around the church (to Sunday School classrooms, nursery, restrooms, etc.). Members are stationed in high traffic areas of Ridley and wear blue aprons to identify themselves. Members of the Blue Apron Ministry, “Shepherds,” also provide light refreshments after the 8:45am and 11am services on Sunday. For more information on Blue Apron Ministry, please contact Austin Cook at acook@nativity-hsv.org. Look for the Blue Aprons at the Newcomers table.

Brotherhood of the Biscuits

Brotherhood of the Biscuits is a men’s ministry that prepares and serves biscuits on Sunday morning. Men serve in teams of 3-4 and work to have biscuits ready by the end of the 7:30am service on Sunday mornings. Time required for this ministry is one Sunday a month from 6:30am – 9am.

For more information, please contact Amy Kennedy at akennedy@nativity-hsv.org. Brotherhood of the Biscuits will have an information table in Ridley Hall.

Funeral Hospitality Ministry

The Funeral Visitation Hospitality Ministry provides hospitality and support to families during visitations at

Nativity and also extends hospitality to friends who come to offer their support and sympathy to the family.

Ministry Volunteers at the visitations wear a name tag identifying them so family and friends know who to ask for help for directions to restrooms, to give help with identifying family members, point out the guest book, give directions to the funeral service location, answer other questions or help in any way we can.

Time required for those serving in this ministry varies based on funerals. Typically, 3 – 4 people assist with a funeral at one time. For more information on this ministry, please contact Freya Neely at wln719@hiwaay.net.

Receptions

Receptions Ministry is responsible for providing, setting up, and cleaning up all food and decorations for special receptions at Nativity. Volunteers prepare food, set up trays, table cloths, arrange flowers and other decorations and assist in hosting the reception. Receptions are usually planned 3 -4 weeks in advance and vary based on need. For more information about helping with receptions, please contact Sally Stockton at 256-426-4291.

Archives

Archives works to preserve the history of the Church of the Nativity by cataloging old and current documents, photos, Vestry minutes, etc. The Archives is creating a database of baptisms, marriages, and burials that took place at Nativity. Members of the Archives provide research on request to various groups and display that information as needed.

Volunteers research through old records for various groups and file documents in the Archives as they come in. Volunteers would need to be interested in the detailed history of Nativity and be very organized. Time require for this ministry varies based on need. For more information on serving with the Archives, please contact Lora Arnold at larnold1607@gmail.com. The Archives Committee will have an informational table set up in Ridley Hall.

Garden Guild

The Garden Guild cares for all the different gardens at Nativity. Members prune, plant flowers, water, weed, trim bushes, rake, and clean up. As a member of the Garden Guild, you have an opportunity to learn a lot about gardening, so no experience required. The Garden Guild meets on the first Thursday of each month for a few hours. Each member is also scheduled once a month to water from May to October. For more information about joining the Garden Guild, please contact Lane Tutt at ltutt@nativity-hsv.org. Members of the Garden Guild will be in the Memorial Garden with more information.

Children's Formation Ministries

All Children's formation ministries will have information available in Angel Lane, downstairs in Ridley Hall.

Children's chapel helper

Pray, sing, play and share God's story with children using the chapel order of service during Children's Chapel. Our children are led out of church during the sequence hymn and return at the peace. Chapel is a special time of spiritual growth and community for our children. All materials needed are supplied and set up in Ridley Hall. Chapel is co-led by two helpers.

Time commitment: help with chapel once every 4 to 6 weeks during the church service. No prep time is required.

Children's Sunday school teacher

Show God's love to children and help them deepen their faith through storytelling, play and relationship. Teachers build relationships with the children in their care and ensure children know they are important members of our church family. An age-appropriate curriculum and supplies are provided for each class. Classes are led by two teams of two teachers who alternate weeks.

Time commitment: Lead Sunday school twice a month; prep time varies from minimal to about an hour depending on your role in the classroom.

Chairpersons for children's formation events

Special events like Vacation Bible School, Christmas pageant, Easter Egg hunt, Heifer Market and others are key components in the faith formation of our children. These are times of great fellowship and growth for everyone involved. The chairperson for an event coordinates with formation staff in early planning and visioning, engaging key helpers, and managing details and activities of events. A chair person has the opportunity to bring people together to work as a group to make meaningful experiences for our children and families.

Time commitment: varies with each event.

Special Ministries

Cursillo

A new Christian community is formed as Episcopalians from all across the Diocese come together to learn, worship, and experience Christian joy together at Camp McDowell. Cursillo weekends are a time of spiritual renewal and feature a series of talks by lay staff members as well as meditations and daily Eucharist celebrated by clergy. Cursillo weekends are funded by donations from those who have gone through a previous weekend, so there is no cost to attend.

Contact David Collette (256-527-2560) or Debbie Collette (256-527-5050).

Daughters of the King

The Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK) is a spiritual sisterhood of women dedicated to a life of prayer, service and evangelism. We have made a commitment to Jesus as our Savior, and we follow Him as the Lord of our lives. We are an Order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with it, or churches in the Historic Episcopate. Today our membership includes women in the Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran (ELCA) and Roman Catholic churches. We meet the second Tuesday of every month August through May at 10:30 for prayer, program and lunch. For more information contact Kana Goldsmith, kanagoldsmith@gmail.com. The Daughters of the King will have an information table in Bibb Chapel.

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer is a contemplative prayer practice in which the mind and heart are open to God's presence

and action within. Centering Prayer sessions are held in Bibb Chapel 3 days a week and on the first Saturday of the month. All are welcome. For more information contact Jim Payne, jhpayne05@gmail.com or Lora Arnold, larnold1607@gmail.com. Centering Prayer will have an information table set up in Bibb Chapel.

Fall Adult Christian Formation Offerings

This fall we will offer something for everyone! Sunday classes begin on September 11th and run through December 18th. There will be no formal class in Ridley Hall this year, but anyone is welcome to enjoy the space for coffee biscuits and fellowship if there is not a class that is the right fit for you. For more information about any of our Sunday or weekday offerings please contact Vicky Hinton, vhinton@nativity-hsv.org. The Adult Formation teachers will be located in Joffrion Library during the ministry preview.

Sunday offerings starting in September:

The Zimmerman Class- This Sunday morning bible study has been a Nativity staple since it was formed by Mrs. Anna Zimmerman in 1947. Featuring various teachers from clergy and class members, this fall will continue their study of the Gospel of Matthew. This class will be covering chapters 18 – 28; and then continue with the Gospel of John. We will meet in the Banister Room. For questions contact Elise Taylor, Taylor536@comcast.net.

The Book Class- *The Good Life Method: Reasoning Through the Big Questions of Happiness, Faith, and Meaning* by Meghan Sullivan and Paul Blaschko ‘What is a good human life, and how do I live it?’ Meghan Sullivan and Paul Blaschko have crafted a fascinating class, ‘God and the Good Life,’ which has engaged and inspired students at Notre Dame about that question. They now offer observations and insights from that course to readers of this book.” Sullivan and Blaschko do the timeless work of philosophy using real-world case studies that explore love, finance, truth, and more. In so doing, they push us to escape our own caves, ask stronger questions, explain our deepest goals, and wrestle with suffering, the nature of death, and the existence of God. We will meet in Joffrion Library. Questions? Contact Ted Briggs, tedlbriggs@gmail.com

The Breakfast Club- We will meet in Bibb Chapel. More info coming soon!

Questions? Contact Vicky Hinton, vhinton@nativity-hsv.org.

Common Ground- Do you have ears to hear your neighbor? Ever felt the need to overturn tables? There are serious issues and injustices all around us that demand our attention and action. Common Ground is a group dedicated to being part of our collective society through engaged dialog and intentional action. This fall we are bringing it to Sunday mornings. Common Ground @Nativity is a place to engage and wrestle with pressing issues for the purpose of helping to make a difference in our world. We will meet on the second floor of Joffrion Hall in J2E. Questions? Contact Derek Koehl, derekkoehl@protonmail.com.

20s & 30s Bible Study- This will be a relaxed, discussion-based study of Mark for those in their 20’s and 30’s. Whether you know a lot about Mark or nothing at all, you are welcome here. No prep and no homework. Led by Father Worth Stuart. Questions? Contact Father Worth wstuart@nativity-hsv.org

Weekday offerings coming in September:

Education For Ministry (EFM)

Monday evenings at 6:00 in Joffrion Library

The Good Book Women's Bible Study

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

Reflections Women's Bible Study

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

Men's Bible study

Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the Joffrion Library

Sacred Ground

Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. 10-15 week commitment that involves both independent reading and film study followed by group discussion. New groups beginning in September

Men's Breakfast Group

2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 am in Ridley Hall. We will begin meeting regularly in September. Kick-off event at Green Bus Brewery on Sunday, August 21st from 5:00-7:00 pm. Dinner provided.

Additional weekday offerings coming soon!

LET'S GO
OUT
TO THE
BALLGAME
NATIVITY



Sunday, September 18
2:35 pm @ Toyota Field

Trash Pandas vs Birmingham Barons
Tickets are \$17.50 per person
(children 2 & under are free)

Financial assistance is always available, contact Austin Cook acook@nativity-bay.org

- Each ticket will have a \$2 loaded value that can be used at participating vendors in the park the day of the event.
- Link to purchase discounted parking will be provided.

**[CLICK HERE TO
BUY YOUR TICKETS ONLINE](#)**

Or call the church office, 256-533-2455

Questions?

Contact Vicky Hinton, vhinton@nativity-bay.org or 256-533-2455

Lunch Bunch is Back

By the Rev. Susan Sloan

I remember when... that is an opening line for many of the folks I know. They (we) are of an age when it's good to share our stories so they won't be forgotten--- by us or anyone who might care!

lunch bunch
Feed your soul



Nativity's Lunch Bunch will enjoy a story swap at our gathering on August 30. For those of you who have not gotten in on the fun, Lunch Bunch meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month for lunch, conversation and a program or project. It is designed to provide food for thought and body. The group is aimed at those who are blessed with an AARP card or at least qualify for one. If you or someone you know would like to join this auspicious group, please let us know!

Or bring them along for our meeting in August. The lunch is \$7 and the time together is priceless! Make reservations at the church office akennedy@nativity-hsv.org or 256-533-2455.

Susan Sloan (ssloan@nativity-hsv.org) or Bob Serio (bserio@nativity-hsv.org) are the organizers. You can contact them for more information.

Heads UP! That just might be a fly ball you are looking at! The Lunch Bunch, as part of our Nativity community, will be going out to the ballgame on September 18. The Trash Pandas are facing down the Birmingham Barons at 2:35 that day, and the tickets are practically free. \$17.44 per person plus a discount on parking * and a two dollar voucher- such a deal! [Purchase your tickets here](#) or call the church office, 256-533-2455. We hope you will join the fun.

* If you want transportation on our van, let the driver Bob Serio know. First come, first serve!



the
Greene
Street
Market
at Nativity

Every Thursday at 4:00 pm

See you there!

NATIVITYFEST

Sunday, August 28

@

The Episcopal Church of the Nativity

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

followed by

Picnic lunch, ice cream,
yard games & live music
from Milltowne

Dress casual, bring your lawn chairs or
blankets and be ready for a day of fun
with your Nativity family!

Want to volunteer [CLICK HERE](#) or contact Vicky Hinton
vhinton@nativity-hsv.org



Getting Ready...

Sunday school for all ages starts September 11th from 10:00 to 10:50. More details to come. Register children age 3 years through 6th grade [here](#).

For more information contact Mary Coe, mcoe@nativity-hsv.org.



Back to School Blessings

If you missed getting a backpack tag and sticker on the blessing of the backpacks, look for the basket in Ridley Hall to pick one up.





THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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Do you know a child who enjoys singing?

Our chorister program is a wonderful way for children to share their talents to the glory of God and also learn music theory and vocal technique, gain liturgical knowledge, and grow as leaders in the Church.

Chorister training begins at third grade.

Junior and Senior Choristers (3rd grade-12th grade)

led by Mr. Christian Crocker

Wednesdays beginning September 7th 4:00pm-5:15pm

Location: Church

To register for choir, please scan the QR code below or contact Christian Crocker at ccrocker@nativity-hsv.org



Welcome our New Youth Minister

By The Rev. Worth Stuart

It is with great joy that I announce the hiring of our new Youth Minister, Madeline Bell-Colpack! Madi comes to us from Birmingham, where she has been serving as the youth minister at First Presbyterian Church since July 2021 and Oakmont Chapel Presbyterian Church before that. With several years of experience working with youth and children in several different capacities (including Sawyerville and Camp McDowell), we are thrilled that Madi will be able to hit the ground running when she begins her ministry here on Monday, August 8! Maddie's enthusiasm for working with youth and her desire to build community with the Love of Jesus at its center stood out during the interview process. We can't wait for you to meet her! Welcome, Madi!



As we welcome Madi, we owe many thanks to Allie Starnes and Mary Maddox Creech. Allie and Mary Maddox have kept the wheels turning since the end of last Spring, graciously giving us their time and energy to make sure that the youth still met on Sunday evenings, for coffee on Wednesdays, and many other times as well. We are so thankful for both of them and the work they have done during this interim period. Allie will still be around and helping out with the youth this year, while we wish Mary Maddox well as she begins at Birmingham-Southern College this Fall.

It is an exciting time for our Youth program here at Church of the Nativity! Be on the lookout for important dates and announcements about everything going on with the Youth this Fall and beyond!

Thanks and Peace,

Father Worth+



SAVE THE DATE!

Youth Ocoee White Water Rafting Trip

Ages 7th-12th grade

September 16th-September 17th

Cost per person \$80. Includes lodging, meals, and rafting!

Financial assistance available.

Contact Amy Brooks abrooks@nativity-hsv.org



Youth Group Fall Kickoff

August 14th

JYC (5th & 6th grade)

4:00–5:30pm (in the Loft)

EYC (7th–12th grade)

5:00–6:30 (in the Loft)

***Dinner Provided**

****Drop off and pickup in the traffic circle**



Youth Ministry Opportunities

Provide Dinner on a Sunday Evening ***OR*** Sign up to bring doughnuts on Sunday morning

Dinner Helpers:

- ♦ Sign up on the signup genius (provided soon) for a date that works for you.
- ♦ You can find a friend or group to help you provide a meal.
- ♦ The numbers range from 20–30 youth.
- ♦ If you need help thinking of something to make/order, we can help!
- ♦ Dinner is brought at 4:45 pm. Bonus points if you stay and eat with the youth...they love it!
- ♦ Dinners can be very simple!

Doughnut Helpers:

- ♦ Sign up on the signup genius for a date that works for you.
- ♦ Purchase 3 dozen doughnuts and deliver to the kitchen before the Sunday School hour.
- ♦ Doughnuts are a huge hit every Sunday!

For more information about helping with Youth Ministries contact Amy Brooks, abrooks@nativity-hsv.org.

Stewardship of Creation:

Glass recycling in Huntsville

By Dave Chadwick

Services for recycling in Huntsville are improving slowly, but we are still a long way behind the leading countries and communities in this area. Right now we are traveling in England and Ireland, and there are many opportunities to recycle different materials including glass, paper, cardboard, plastics, and even organic matter.

Glass is one material that is not included on our “blue box” recycling in Huntsville. But there is a service available: www.phoenixglassrecycling.com. There is a payment of \$11/month for this service that I recognize may be a deterrent to taking up this service. You are provided with a bin (one time \$15 charge) and then a monthly pickup that we have found to be very reliable. You will also be supporting a young, environmentally concerned and local entrepreneur.

According to Phoenix Recycling, the glass we typically use and send to a land fill usually contains 35% recycled material, but this could be as high as 95%. When glass manufacturers use crushed up recycled glass they save raw materials, reduce energy consumption, and cut CO2 emissions. Signing up for this service is one step you can take to reduce your environmental impact and improve the opportunities for our children and grandchildren.

From the Traveler's Altar

By The Rev. Rosie Veal Eby

As I look at the calendar of events at Nativity in the coming month I feel like we have a lot of opportunities to become engaged and involved. However I would be remiss to recognize how involved many of you are already in outreach opportunities here at Nativity. Just the past two months many of you worked together to serve breakfast at First Stop. You answered the call, text and email to help move furniture for the newly housed clients from the homeless community. You reached out to me with donations of sofas, kitchen items and bedding. You donated backpacks and diapers for Huntsville Helping Hands. You continue to drop off food in the Little Free Pantry and bring contributions on HAP Sundays. You show up, set up and breakdown on Thursdays at Green Street Market. You helped out at the Inner City Learning Center Summer Camp and taught the children the art of making pickles and flower arranging. You are the hands and feet of Christ, going forth loving and serving the Lord. As you learn new ways to be involved and grow I look forward to meeting you and helping you become engaged with the church and beyond.

Greene Street Market Grant awarded to The Boys and Girls Club

By Michael Shipley

The recipient of the 2022 Greene Street Market Grant for \$20,000 is The Boys & Girls Clubs Doors to the Future Capital Campaign. The Boys & Girls Clubs of North Alabama have a rich tradition of offering hope and opportunity to thousands of children and families in the communities we serve. Since 1938 our organization has offered programs that nurture and enrich young lives, over time expanding to serve children in Madison, Limestone, Morgan, and Jackson County with 15 sites strategically located to serve our most underserved youth.

The commercial kitchen at North Huntsville location needs to be renovated in order to meet health code requirements. Once renovated, it will provide a kitchen to prepare nutritious meals and snacks every day after school and during the summer. We will feed the children who attend this facility, and we will deliver to all of the other children at facilities across North Alabama. We are currently serving over 1,300 meals and snacks daily through a USDA food program that are shelf stable foods. This kitchen will provide for fresher and cooked options for so many children who need good nourishment. Additionally, this facility would give our teens the opportunity to learn skills in catering, food preparation, and food service, which would be incorporated through our Workforce Readiness Program.



Buildings and Grounds Committee Update

By Sherry Vemmer, Chair of Building and Grounds

If I were to look, I would probably find that the Building and Grounds committee has been around about as long as the Church Buildings - Nave in particular.

The upkeep and maintenance of our Buildings is a responsibility that we take seriously. To do that we have a team of parishioners joining together to work to ensure every system in our facilities is working according to plan. We also study our spaces future growth and the best way to utilize them.

Many of us have joined simply because we love Nativity and want to preserve the structures for future use. I invite you to become a member of the Building and Grounds Committee.

The Committee oversees all aspects of our facilities, mechanical, electrical, technology. The committee is charged with being good stewards of the money allocated for the upkeep of our structures and building systems.

We have recently taken tours of the existing buildings to familiarize ourselves with the spaces and to note the condition of said spaces.

Another aspect of the tour was to identify wear and tear of building materials over the years, as well as updating systems or adjusting to current needs. These items were also considered for the safety of the people. While keeping in mind Nativity's core values: Community Outreach, Christian Formation, Care of Creation, Accessibility and Worship. Offering a safe space and being welcoming to all is our goal.

Who would have guessed that technology would have affected our lives as it has? Keeping up with it requires a specialized effort that we are just catching up to. Along with that the audio visual has been updated. Don't know how we would have gotten through covid without it.

You can see that we have many "hats to wear" on our committee. If you're interested, please join us. We meet on the first Monday of each month at noon in Joffrion Library. Check the calendar on Shelby next for the correct day. I hope you will consider being a part of this essential ministry of the Church.

Checking in with Buildings & Grounds

By Emily Rodgers

Charles Thomas and Steve Jones, Masonry, Inc. are here repairing the mortar on the Bell Tower. Because they needed a lift to reach the area on the Bell Tower, we removed three sections of fence along Greene Street. Once the work is completed, the fence sections will be replaced. If you see these artisans at work, please thank them.



Huntsville Utilities and TVA partner together to help their customers better understand their energy usage. This past month, TVA did a load profile on two areas of our facilities: 1) Joffrion Hall and 2) everything else except the office complex. As you would guess, Joffrion Hall uses very little energy. The 'everything else' category is a different story. The lowest reading, 334 kWh, occurred on a Saturday. The highest, 1,012 kWh, occurred on a Sunday. (kWh refers to kilowatt-hour and is a way to measure energy usage.) We have compared the data with events at our facilities in order to better understand how we can be better steward of our facilities.



One of the prettiest spots at Nativity is the Memorial Garden and the beautiful iron fountain. This past week, the fountain was cleaned and a new pump installed. Please know the fountain is on a timer.

We are getting very close to opening our new Welcome Center on Eustis Avenue! Within the next two weeks, the new glass doors will be installed. In addition to providing a street front presence for Nativity, the Welcome Center will serve as a greeting spot for people to tour the nave.

During June, we saved 170 plastic water bottles by using the new water filling station. This past month, we have saved 220 plastic water bottles! Mother Earth thanks you!



Parish News

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

OF OUR CHILDREN:

Caroline Brooks
 Caroline Cooper
 Evan McCarty
 Drew Dodgen
 Henry Keener
 Hunter Ray
 Moss Fleming
 James FitzGerald
 Charlotte Anne Dingess
 Brendan Proud
 Charlotte Klos
 Read Klos II
 Warren Towry
 Frances Fortner
 Wren Guffey

Eleanor Elizabeth Nicely
 Ford Whitfield IV
 Nathaniel Swillie II
 Atkins Ramelle Connelly
 John Cowan
 Margaret Fortune
 Anna Abney

BAPTISMS:

Evelyn Ruth Jordan
 Deacon Randall Jordan
 Owen Schaefer Hartley

DEATHS:

Asta von Tiesenhausen

WEDDINGS

Ariel Camille Reid &
 Alexander David Knapp
 Catherine White Kelly &
 James Snow Griffin, III

Ashley LeAnn Kilpatrick &
 Phillip Michael Bitzer

PARISHIONER UPDATES:

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 Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763
 Alyce Smith & Sarah Smith
 709 Adams Street
 Huntsville, AL 35801

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

Financial Update

	<u>Budget for Period</u>	<u>Actual for Period</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>
Pledges Received	\$113,421.90	\$78,137.87	\$680,531.60	\$698,784.73
Plate	\$10,416.67	\$8,132.07	\$62,499.98	\$64,727.54
Other Revenues	\$9,432.34	\$5,224.32	\$56,593.96	\$39,514.27
Total Income	\$133,270.91	\$91,494.26	\$799,625.54	\$803,026.54
Diocese & Missions	\$14,860.67	\$10,351.70	\$89,163.98	\$91,233.24
Outreach	\$12,383.89	\$5,242.03	\$74,302.66	\$100,127.03
Personnel	\$73,658.11	\$71,422.00	\$441,948.29	\$416,647.57
Other Expenses	\$32,368.68	\$27,110.17	\$194,207.92	\$167,321.41
Total Expenses	\$133,271.35	\$114,125.90	\$799,622.85	\$775,329.25
Net	-.40	-\$22,631.64	\$2.69	\$27,697.29

August 2022 - WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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WEDNESDAY, August 3rd

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

THURSDAY, August 4th

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM/ Lector / Intercessor
6:00 pm	Stuart	Paul	n/a

SUNDAY, August 7th

Backpack Blessing & Sawyerville Sunday

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:30 am		Goldsmith	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson
10:00 am	Stuart	Goldsmith	n/a	Mike Ward, Amy Creech	Deborah Baker

WEDNESDAY, August 10th

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

THURSDAY, August 11th

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

SUNDAY, August 14th

Fall Ministry Preview

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:30 am		Stuart	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett
10:00 am	Goldsmith	Stuart	n/a	Lee Hicklen, Melissa Kirkindall	Rhonwyn Watson

WEDNESDAY, August 17th

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

THURSDAY, August 18th

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

SUNDAY, August 21st

Acolyte Training & Children/Youth Teacher Training

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:30 am		Sloan	Don Lambert	Don Lambert	Don Lambert
10:00 am	Goldsmith	Sloan	Peter Cobun, Laura Pierce	Allison Proud, Carter Proud	Adam Proud

WEDNESDAY, August 24th

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

THURSDAY, August 25th

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

SUNDAY, August 28th

NativityFest

Service	Celebrant / Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:30 am	Goldsmith	John Hendricks	John Hendricks	John Hendricks
10:00 am	Sloan Goldsmith	n/a	John Nelson, Elaine Hamner	Shirley Hale Stucky

WEDNESDAY, August 31st

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

FLOWER GUILD

B = Bibb C = Church B: Jane Brocato, Missy Walker C: Mark Brubaker, Joe Whitaker

ALTAR GUILD

7 th	Wanda Cobb, Sue Johnson, Debbie Joyner, Judy Heacock, Beth Pugh
14 th	Amanda Kiep, Linda Watts, Gail Brown, Judy Vann, Emily Moody
21 st	Natalie Rushing, Sophia Samogray, Alice Lanier, Mary Johnson, Jewell Reynolds
28 th	Peggy Serio, Caffey Litkenhous, Beth Pugh, Heather Stroud, Sue Johnson

CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE

August 1 st – 7 th	August 8 th – 14 th	August 15 th – 21 st	August 22 nd – 28 th	August 29 th – September 4 th
The Rev. Bob Serio	The Rev. Worth Stuart	The Rev. Susan Sloan	The Rev. Michael Goldsmith	The Rev. Bob Serio

VESTRY Member of The Day

August 7 th	August 14 th	August 21 st	August 28 th
<i>Any Vestry Member Available</i>	<i>Any Vestry Member Available</i>	<i>Any Vestry Member Available</i>	<i>Any Vestry Member Available</i>

VERGER SCHEDULE

August 7 th	August 14 th	August 21 st	August 28 th
Don Lambert	Terry Clevenger	Lea Ann Barnett	Don Lambert

USHER SCHEDULE

August 7 th	August 14 th	August 21 st	August 28 th
Peter Barber	Peter Barber	Peter Barber	Peter Barber
Robert Mullins, Ray Moring, Chad Ayres, Brandon Smith	Robert Mullins, Chad Ayres, Read Windham, Brandon Smith	Ray Moring, Brandon Smith, Greg Whitehead, Read Windham	Robert Mullins, Chad Ayres, Greg Whitehead

ACOLYTE LEADER & ACOLYTE SCHEDULE *subject to additions/changes*

August 7 th
10:00 am Clay Sherrill / Diana Sommer, Luke Ham, Abby Ham, Jack Ham, Alex Hereford
August 14 th
10:00 am Shari Williams / Morgan Gafford, Rowan Gafford, Sloan Dill, Finola O'Halloran, Clara Williams
August 21 st
10:00 am Nina Putt / Diana Sommer, Sloan Dill, Finola O'Halloran
August 28 th
10:00 am Mike Ward / Luke Ham, Abby Ham, Jack Ham, Rowan Gafford, Morgan Gafford



2022 Altar Flower Dedications

Your Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Dates requested: _____ (available dates listed below)

- September 4, 18, 25
October 2, 9, 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