

THE STEEPLE

September 2022

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

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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.

On the cover... Nativity family and friends enjoying the annual Nativityfest!

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

Vestry Nominations 2023-2025

By Grant Thomson

The vestry nomination process is underway and will be completed by November. The nominating committee is grateful for the thoughtful responses from parishioners who are willing to offer their time and talents to serve this parish. The committee will propose a slate of six candidates to assume the responsibilities of the six who are completing their three-year term and rotating off the vestry at the end of this year. We are looking for active church members who would like to represent our diverse and growing parish and are willing to commit to serve a three-year term.

The nomination period will end in November. The six candidates proposed by the nominating committee will be voted on at the annual parish meeting on January 8, 2023. If you would like to be considered for the 2023 slate of vestry nominees, please read and complete the questionnaire, which you can download here [LINK](#) or pick up a paper copy at the office or in Ridley Hall. The office is open Monday-Friday from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. You may also fill out the application online by [clicking here](#).

All respondents will receive an acknowledgement for their submission. Please contact committee chair Grant Thomson (256-468-8611) if you have any questions or if your response has not been acknowledged.

Fall Adult Christian Formation Offerings

By Vicky Hinton

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. For more information about any of our Sunday or weekday offerings please contact Vicky Hinton, vhinton@nativity-hsv.org.

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

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 in September:

The Good Book Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays 1:00 – 2:30 pm in the Joffrion Hall Library. Good Book Bible Study first meeting on Wednesday, September, 7 from 1 until 2:30 in the Library. The Study is *Love Is The Way* by Bishop Michael Curry. The book is available on Amazon.

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

Men's Breakfast Group

2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 am in Ridley Hall. We will begin meeting regularly in September.

Lunch Bunch

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. Contact Mother Sloan, wsloan@nativity-hsv.org for more information.



Additional weekday offerings coming soon!

Two Upcoming Retreats at the Benedictine Sisters of Cullman

Contributed by Mary Johnson

Introduction to Centering Prayer, September 23-25, 2022 Benedictine Sisters of Cullman

Centering Prayer is a form of Christian prayer rooted in the ancient Christian contemplative tradition. Its purpose is to foster deeper intimacy with Christ through the silence and stillness of contemplative prayer. This time of pandemic has led many to seek to deepen their relationship with God through this wordless prayer of contemplation.

This weekend retreat is designed for those new to Centering Prayer. The participants will keep silence for the weekend, but there will be opportunities for questions and discussion about the practice.

Retreat Directors: Sister Mary McGehee, OSB, and Beverly Brasell

Register using this link: <https://www.shmon.org/evdnt/introduction-to-centering-prayer-weekend-retreat/>

A Quiet Retreat with Charles de Foucauld, Led by Bonnie Thurston October 21 - October 23

St. Charles (canonized by Pope Francis in May 2022) “put out into deep waters” for the love of Jesus. From well-born, wealthy and sybaritic, to army officer, to Cistercian monk, to convent handyman, to desert hermit, St. Charles changed and challenges us to do so that our lives and locations become dwelling places of Jesus. Popular retreat leader Dr. Bonnie Thurston returns to the peaceful setting of Retreat Center to offer a program in which we both learn and experience the spirituality of this extraordinary saint through both presentations and quiet times of reflection.

Retreat leader: Having resigned a Professorship and Chair in New Testament, Bonnie Thurston lives quietly in her home state of West Virginia. A well-known Thomas Merton Scholar, she has written or edited 23 theological and/or spiritual books, most recently *St. Mary of Egypt* (Liturgical Press, 2022), and seven collections of poetry, most recently *Not Sonnets* (Cinnamon Press, 2022). She is an avid reader, walker, gardener, cook, and classical music lover.

Formats: This retreat is available in two formats.

Retreatants on-site at Sacred Heart Monastery have the opportunity to share the prayer life of the Benedictine Sisters and the peaceful monastery grounds while attending the presentations in person at the Retreat Center. Those who are not able to be with us in person can participate live from home via videoconferencing. Presentations will not be recorded for later viewing.

Register using this link:



the
**Greene
Street
Market**
at Nativity

Every Thursday at 4:00 pm
See you there!

plant grow bloom

YOU'RE INVITED! SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES SEPTEMBER 11TH.

Can't wait to see all our friends back at Sunday school this fall! Our theme this year, **PLANT GROW BLOOM**, is all about growing our faith—planting deep roots, growing with God and blooming to share God's love with the world.

Children age 3 through 4th grade use the [Godly Play curriculum](#) in age level classes. Godly Play explores God's presence through storytelling, wondering and play with a Montessori foundation. Godly

Play classes meet on Angel Lane, downstairs Ridley Hall.

Fifth and sixth graders are invited to Club 56, Club 56 uses the [Spar-khouse Connect](#) curriculum.



SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE CHANGES STARTING SEPTEMBER 11:

- 8.30, Nursery opens for care during both church services and Sunday school
- 8.45, Holy Eucharist service with children's chapel
- 10.00-10.50, Sunday school for all ages
- 11.00, Holy Eucharist service followed by lemonade in the shade



nativity nursery

The nursery is open and ready to welcome your child on Sunday mornings. Our nursery provides a safe and loving environment for our youngest church members. It is run by our trained, paid staff. Care is available for children from 6 weeks through 4 years old. Please register your nursery-aged child annually at [ti-nyurl.com/2022Nursery](https://tinyurl.com/2022Nursery), so all of their information is up to date. The nursery opens 15 minutes before the start of church. 1st floor Joffrion Hall.



children's chapel

All children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to chapel during the 8.45 am service (beginning 9/11/22). 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. Children follow the cross out of church during the sequence hymn and return at the Peace.

If you have chapel-aged children or feel called to help, please [sign up](#) to help with the fall rotation. Folks without chapel-aged children are especially invited to help, allowing parents of young children to have a few minutes of "grown-up" church while the kiddos are in chapel. Two helpers are required each week; helpers typically sign up to help once every 4-6 weeks.



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**
**DONUTS FOR YOUTH
SUNDAY SCHOOL**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CONTACT MADI BELL-COLPACK
MBELLCOLPACK@NATIVITY-HSV.ORG**

New Youth Ministry Team Member

By Madi Bell-Colpack

We have a new face helping out with the youth ministry team. Meet Liam Ayres! Liam grew up at St. James Episcopal Church in Fairhope, Alabama. In 2017 he moved to Huntsville, Alabama to pursue a degree in Aerospace Engineering at UAH. During that time he was a summer intern at Sawyerville Summer Camp twice and a member of the Delta Chi Fraternity. Liam graduated in the Spring of 2021, and now works as an engineer in Huntsville. Liam has remained active with the college ministry community post graduation, dedicating time to serve the Canterbury students at UAH as a lay chaplain. He remains active with the Vocare community also, serving as the weekend's staff chaplain. Liam is newly engaged to his loving fiancée Elizabeth Tagg, who he can't wait to spend the rest of his life with! Among other things, Liam enjoys cooking, hiking, classic rock, and anything with a general sense of adventure. He is very excited to work with the Nativity Youth and can't wait to see the youth grow in their individual Christian journeys.



Constant Contact Parent Email list

If you are a parent of a youth at Nativity, we would love to add you to the email list so you can stay up to date on everything going on! [Insert how to get onto CC list, or email mbellcolpack@nativity-hsv.org.



CLICK HERE & REGISTER TODAY!

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 Madi Bell-Colpack mbellcolpack@nativity-hsv.org

Sundays at 6:00 in the Courtyard

This fall enjoy six opportunities for a camp style worship service in the courtyard.

Bring a chair or blanket

September 25th

October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

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 aacook@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

Friends of Music Presents

By Christian Crocker

On Friday, September 30 at 7:00pm, please join Nativity Friends of Music for a recital given by Florida State University saxophonist Dawson Coleman and collaborative pianist Elizabeth LaJeunesse. The primary theme of their program is religion and spirituality, featuring Steven Banks' recent work for tenor saxophone and piano, "Come As You Are," and Libby Larsen's composition for alto saxophone and piano, "Holy Roller."

Steven Banks, a classical musician, viewed the writing of this four-movement work as a way "to bring together different facets of [his] own life experience." He states that, as a Black man from North Carolina, many of the people he grew up with "don't have a true sense of what [he does]as a composer," and he works to allow his musical voice to be "authentically informed by [his] various interests and identities." Banks grew up in the AME church, often playing his saxophone on hymns, and chose to draw from the musical traditions of his upbringing as inspiration for this work. Each movement is based on either a traditional Spiritual or a song from the Black Gospel tradition, and the movements are titled after lyrics from the well known anthem "Total Praise."

Libby Larsen is a Grammy award-winning American composer with a catalog of over 500 works. "Holy Roller" is inspired by classic revival preaching. Of this work Larsen says, "To me, revival sermons are stunning musical masterpieces of rhythm, tempo, and extraordinary tension and release. The music flows directly from the language, cajoling, incanting and repeating, at the same time magnetizing and mesmerizing the listener with its irresistible invocations. The music is the language, the language is the music and the result moves the spirit to other states of being. I love the way the saxophone speaks. Because of its incredible dynamic range and its flexibility a fine performer can make the listener hear words, abstract though they may be. 'Holy Roller' is a revival sermon captured in the sounds of the alto saxophone and piano."

The program will also include works by Waignein, Singelée, and Gotkovsky, as well as a transcription for alto saxophone and organ of Bach's Sinfonia from Cantata 29.



Elizabeth LaJeunesse, piano and organ



Dawson Coleman, saxophone



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF THE
NATIVITY

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



Stewardship of Creation:

God's creation on our doorstep

By Dave Chadwick

In Huntsville we are blessed to have the forests of Chapman Mountain, Monte Sano, and Green Mountain on our eastern boundary. I spend quite a lot of time on Monte Sano hiking, birdwatching, and trail running. I enjoy seeing a variety of people enjoying God's creation: families with young children enjoying the closed section of Bankhead Parkway that provides easy access onto the mountain; trail runners and mountain bikers out on the more remote trails (Goat Trail is my favorite); and birdwatchers at the overlooks searching for migrating birds. In the summer the forests are home to a wide variety of birds including Hooded and Kentucky Warblers. Quiet observation can result in close-up views of these brightly colored birds that like to skulk deep in the undergrowth. Barred Owls can be seen early in the morning, their brown puppy-dog eyes calmly observing visitors to their territory.

We are fortunate that substantial areas of these mountains have so far been protected from development. The Land Trust of North Alabama has played a big part in this, together with generous



Mountain mist trail on Monte Sano living up to its name!

donations from private landowners. The mountains are still under threat, though. Sadly, just this year large parts of the mountain have been stripped of trees and prepared for development. Developers seem unwilling to protect even a few mature trees when they strip the land. Their focus must be on maximizing their short-term profits instead of sustainable development. One plot that has been completely stripped of all nature is owned by a Church. I encourage you to join www.landtrust.org to try and provide a counterbalance to this type of development.

Psalm 24:1-2. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers."

Checking in with Buildings & Grounds

By Emily Rodgers

Brandon and Bob (CSS Renovations LLC) installed the new doors to the welcome center on Eustis Avenue. It is an amazing transformation of the space with so much beautiful light!



Please make plans to see this nice welcoming spot for our parish.

After five months of quarantine, the Bell Tower is now open! Mortar work is complete and we are thankful for Masonry Arts and their dedicated, kind artisans.

The Nave is cooled in the warm months with a chiller system. The chiller system is aided by two compressors, one of which was replaced this month. The chiller is over thirty years old and is in need of replacement. In order to be good stewards of our resources and support one of our core values 'Care of Creation', the Buildings and



Grounds Committee is engaged with a local engineer to help us come up with a better, more energy efficient way of cooling our Nave. While this is not as exciting as new doors, it is necessary for the comfort of our worshippers and the health of the organ.

Many thanks to all who visited the Buildings and Grounds table during the ministry fair. It was great to see you all and we appreciate your interest in maintaining our sacred spaces.

If you are new to Nativity and would like a tour of the facilities, I am happy to help. Please send me an email and we'll schedule a time. erodgers@nativity-hsv.org.

*Please note: The funding for the bell tower repair project was provided by the Nativity Historic Preservation Foundation (NHPF), a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting in the preservation of the historic buildings used by the Episcopal Church of the Nativity. The NHPF was set up as a non-religious foundation, primarily to allow donations from organizations that may be otherwise restricted. The foundation is managed by a five-member board of directors with funds invested through the Diocese of Alabama. For more information about the NHPF or how to donate, please contact Austin Cook acook@nativity-hsv.org.

From the Traveler's Altar: Big News for First Stop

By The Rev. Rosie Veal Eby

First Stop, Inc., a local non-profit with the mission to empower the homeless into independent, sustainable living, is expanding their facility at 206 Stokes Street to better support the growing homeless community of Huntsville. The larger facility, expanding from 3,686 square feet to 9,489 square feet, will not only provide additional space to offer critical services to the homeless, but it will also allow room for partner agencies such as Thrive Alabama, WellStone, R.O.S.S. (Recovery



Organization of Support Specialists) and several veterans' organizations, to provide direct, on-site services to the clients of First Stop. The building rehabilitation project is expected to be completed in Summer 2023.

During the renovation project, First Stop is partnering with other nonprofits, the Livin' Room and ShowerUp, to be able to continue to offer full services to the homeless community. First Stop is leasing space from the Livin' Room (also known as 2820 because it is located at 2820 Governors Dr) for their day center services, providing breakfast, lunch, walk-in case management and showers. First Stop is utilizing the ShowerUp mobile shower unit which is housed at the Livin' Room and available during Day Center hours. First Stop is partnering with Mother Rosie and the Episcopal Church of the Nativity to provide laundry access, as well as CPE intern, Karen Davidson for pastoral care and counseling, to the homeless community. If you would like to help with the laundry program please email me at rvealeby@nativity-hsv.org.

Suds n' Buds – A Cleansing Outreach Ministry

By Karen Davidson, CPE

This past June, First Stop moved to its temporary location while the main building gets renovated. The new location does not have plumbing for washing machine hook up and not wanting to discontinue washing clothes for people without homes, Suds n' Buds laundry service was created. Operating at JJ's Laundry mat in the Kennamer Shopping Center, Suds n' Buds offers laundry service to First Stop clients three days a week. The benefits of clean clothes are numerable, but mostly it provides dignity and self-respect for our homeless friends – this is the suds' part. But more than laundry, it provides a safe space to follow people through pastoral care as they transition to being housed – this is the bud's part. Our First Stop friends continually express appreciation for their clean cloths and send their 'thank you' to everyone who plays a part in this ministry. God bless.



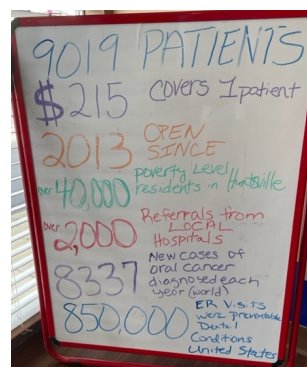
Community Free Dental Receives Nativity Grant

By Michael Schipley

Members of the Outreach Committee made a visit to the Huntsville Community Free Dental Clinic to tour the facility and give Nativity's 2022 donation. The clinic opened in 2013. Thanks to the many volunteer medical professionals, the clinic has been able to help over 9000 patients. Currently they are seeing 60 patients a week. Thanks to the UAB dental students that drive up from Birmingham 3 days a week it has allowed the clinic to service more people in the Madison Co. Area.

We would like to say thank you to Elaine Hamner, Robert Mullins, Lou Durnya, and Bill Love for serving on the clinic's board of directors.

If you would like to volunteer as either a medical or non-medical volunteer please contact Julia Nabors at hsvfreedental@gmail.com or call 256-489-1853.




Breaking Down Barriers

By The Rev. Rosie Veal Eby

Recovery Organization of Support Specialist's presents: Madison County's 1st annual Breaking Down Barriers – a recovery community resource event. The goal of this event is to connect community members to needed resources. September is recovery month, and we want to show Madison County that recovery is possible. There will be all types of community resources available. Bring the whole family down and enjoy music from Microwave Dave and WANDA, Food will be provided by community organizations, kids activities sponsored by NCAC, treatment and recovery resources, as well as on site assessments provided by Family Life Center. We will have Shower Up providing showers and community members offering free haircuts. Items being collected for this event include NEW socks and underwear of all sizes and gift cards for \$10 or more for gas stations or restaurants.

If you would like to contribute your time or talents by volunteering for this event, or donate items listed above, please contact The Rev. Rosie Veal Eby, rvealeby@nativity-hsv.org.


R.O.S.S. and the City of Huntsville presents



BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS
A Recovery Resource Event

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24, 11 AM TO 3 PM
207 Max Luther Drive NW, Huntsville

Free food, music, Naloxone, HIV testing, showers, kids' activities & more!



Community Engagement Opportunities

Saturday, September 25th Breaking Down Barriers Resource Event. See page 15 for more information.

Saturday, October 1st the Nativity Pep-Squad will meet in the Courtyard at 11:00 am to offer smiles, waves and encouragement to those marching in the Vincent Rutherford Equality March Parade. Contact Rev. Rose Veal Eby for more information rvealeby@nativity-hsv.org

Saturday, October 8th Pridefest 2022 at the Orion. Nativity will have a tent at the event where they will hand out information about Nativity and help share the good news. If you would like more information contact The Rev. Rose Veal Eby, rvealeby@nativity-hsv.org. Volunteer sign-up link coming soon.

Sunday, October 9th Blessing of the Animals at Nativity. Service begins at 6:00 pm in the courtyard. We will collect food for the Huntsville Humane Society. All are welcome. If you would like to volunteer for this service contact Vicky Hinton, vhinton@nativity-hsv.org.

More opportunities coming soon!



It's not about the needle.
It's about the need.

One pint of blood saves three lives.

Give local. Save local.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Blood Drive

Sunday, September 11

7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Bloodmobile

[Click here to schedule your lifesaving appointment!](#)

Please eat well and drink plenty of fluids before donating!

All donors will receive a recognition item and a free cholesterol screening. Donors must be 16 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, and show photo I.D. 16-year-olds require written parental permission.

LIFESOUTH
Community Blood Centers

Free Spaghetti Supper

Last Wednesday of the month

5:30 pm

Ridley Hall

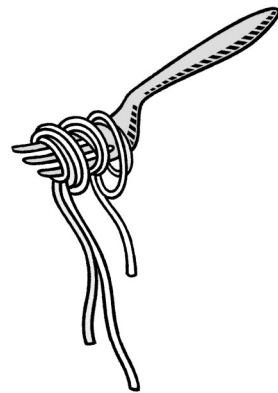
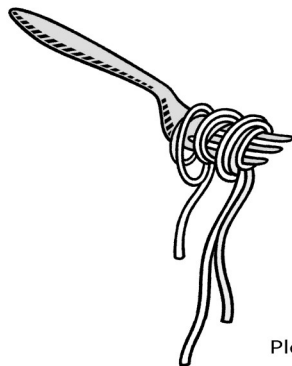
Fall Dates

September 28

October 26

November 30

Please help us prepare enough food by making a reservation each month.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

OCTOBER 9TH



6:00 pm



Nativity

 Courtyard 

All happily leashed or carrier-contained pets are welcome! We will be collecting donations of pet food for the Greater Huntsville Humane Society.



THE EPISCOPAL
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Where Faith Holds Wide the Door

Parish News

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

OF OUR CHILDREN:

Emma Angelichio
Tate Dollman
Rhett FitzGerald
Mary Ceil McClung
Samatha Rowe
James Mauldin
Micah Watts
Lillian Retzke
Grace Twitty
Reed Peters
Jefferson Retzke
Sarah Cote
William Rice McCurry
Molly Manning
Oliver FitzGerald
Emily Rowe
Anna Abney

DEATHS:

Asta von Tiesenhausen

WEDDINGS

Worth & Ranie Stuart

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ariel Reid & Alex Knapp

Jack & Susan Fitzpatrick

Tommy, Margaret, John Collier, &
Sophie Lotz transferred from St.
Stephen's Birmingham

MEMBERS WHO HAVE MOVED

Cindi, Christian, & Caroline
Avoles have transferred to St.
Stephen's Episcopal Church in
Richmond, VA.

Becky Ginn has transferred to
Highland Park United Methodist
Church in Dallas, Tx.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please pray for Nina Putt who will
be attending **Cursillo #224**
Sept 8-11 at Camp McDowell and
for Ron Hogan who will be
serving on staff.

**If you would like to attend the
final Cursillo weekend of 2022
(October 20-23),** the application
deadline is early September.
Contact David Collette at
256-527-2560.

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 | \$137,834.13 | \$793,953.54 | \$836,618.86 |
| Plate | \$10,416.67 | \$12,357.05 | \$72,916.65 | \$77,084.59 |
| Other Revenues | \$9,432.34 | \$5,228.74 | \$66,026.30 | \$44,747.29 |
| Total Income | \$133,270.91 | \$155,419.92 | \$932,896.49 | \$958,450.74 |
| Diocese & Missions | \$14,860.67 | \$18,022.95 | \$104,024.65 | \$109,256.19 |
| Outreach | \$12,383.89 | \$6,852.00 | \$86,686.55 | \$106,979.03 |
| Personnel | \$73,658.11 | \$71,927.97 | \$515,606.40 | \$488,575.54 |
| Other Expenses | \$32,368.68 | \$34,577.46 | \$226,576.60 | \$201,975.26 |
| Total Expenses | \$133,271.35 | \$131,380.38 | \$932,894.20 | \$906,786.02 |
| Net | -0.4 | \$24,039.54 | \$2.29 | \$51,664.72 |

September 2022 - WORSHIP SCHEDULE

updated 09/01/2022 – AEK

| THURSDAY, September 1 st | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Service | Celebrant | Preacher | LEM/ Lector / Intercessor | | |
| 6:00 pm | Sloan | | Charles Morley | | |
| SUNDAY, September 4 th | | | | | |
| Service | Celebrant | Preacher | LEM | Lector | Intercessor |
| 7:30 am | Sloan | Sloan | Ken Barnett | Ken Barnett | Ken Barnett |
| 10:00 am | Veal Eby | Sloan | Peter Cobun, Mike Ward | Lynn Sparks-Lewis, Debbie Collette | Walter Thames |
| WEDNESDAY, September 7 th | | | | | |
| Service | Celebrant | Preacher | LEM/ Lector / Intercessor | | |
| 12 noon | Sloan | | Walter Thames | | |
| THURSDAY, September 8 th | | | | | |
| Service | Celebrant | Preacher | LEM/ Lector / Intercessor | | |
| 6:00 pm | Veal Eby | | Sally Ann Culver | | |
| SUNDAY, September 11 th | | | | | |
| Service | Celebrant | Preacher | LEM | Lector | Intercessor |
| 7:30 am | Stuart | Stuart | Lea Ann Barnett | Lea Ann Barnett | Lea Ann Barnett |
| 8:45 am | Sloan | Stuart | Linda Watts | Jennifer Dill, Mary Johnson | Clay Sherrill |
| 11:00 am | Sloan | Stuart | Walter Thames | Q. Wirtz, Mickey Ellis | Deborah Baker |
| WEDNESDAY, September 14 th | | | | | |
| Service | Celebrant | Preacher | LEM/ Lector / Intercessor | | |
| 12 noon | Goldsmith | | Natalie Rushing | | |
| THURSDAY, September 15 th | | | | | |
| Service | Celebrant | Preacher | LEM/ Lector / Intercessor | | |
| 6:00 pm | Stuart | | Charles Morley | | |
| SUNDAY, September 18 th | | | | | |
| Service | Celebrant | Preacher | LEM | Lector | Intercessor |
| 7:30 am | Goldsmith | Goldsmith | Sue Johnson | Sue Johnson | Sue Johnson |
| 8:45 am | Stuart | Goldsmith | | Camille Sommer, OPEN | Lee Hicklen |
| 11:00 am | Sloan | Goldsmith | | Pamela Briggs, Ted Briggs | Rhonwyn Watson |
| WEDNESDAY, September 21 st | | | | | |
| Service | Celebrant | Preacher | LEM/ Lector / Intercessor | | |
| 12 noon | Stuart | | Walter Thames | | |
| THURSDAY, September 22 nd | | | | | |
| Service | Celebrant | Preacher | LEM/ Lector / Intercessor | | |
| 6:00 pm | Goldsmith | | Sally Ann Culver | | |
| SUNDAY, September 25 th | | | | | |
| Service | Celebrant / Preacher | | LEM | Lector | Intercessor |
| 7:30 am | Veal Eby | | John Hendricks | John Hendricks | John Hendricks |
| 8:45 am | Goldsmith | Veal Eby | | Adam Proud, Allison Proud | Carter Proud |
| 11:00 am | Goldsmith | Veal Eby | | Marcia Cobun, Natalie Rushing | Fred Beck |
| WEDNESDAY, September 28 th | | | | | |
| Service | Celebrant / Preacher | | LEM/ Lector / Intercessor | | |
| 12 noon | Stuart | | Natalie Rushing | | |
| THURSDAY, September 29 th | | | | | |
| Service | Celebrant / Preacher | | LEM/ Lector / Intercessor | | |
| 6:00 pm | Sloan | | Charles Morley | | |
| FLOWER GUILD | | | | | |
| B = Bibb C = Church B: Pattie Cline, Jackie Walker C: Sara Ahearn, Jean Warren | | | | | |
| ALTAR GUILD | | | | | |
| 4 th | Linda Watts, Judy Heacock, Wanda Cobb, Amanda Kiep, Debbie Joyner | | | | |
| 11 th | Mary Johnson, Emily Moody, Alice Lanier, Peggy Serio, Gail Brown | | | | |
| 18 th | Sue Johnson, Jewell Reynolds, Judy Vann, Caffey Litkenhous, Natalie Rushing | | | | |
| 25 th | Sophia Samogray, Nancy Colin, Linda Watts, Heather Stroud, Peggy Serio | | | | |
| CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE | | | | | |
| August 29 th – September 4 th | | September 5 th – 11 th | | September 12 th – 18 th | |
| The Rev. Susan Sloan | | The Rev. Bob Serio | | The Rev. Worth Stuart | |
| | | | | September 19 th – 25 th | |
| | | | | The Rev. Michael Goldsmith | |
| | | | | September 26 th – October 2 nd | |
| | | | | The Rev. Susan Sloan | |
| VESTRY Member of The Day | | | | | |
| September 4 th | | September 11 th | | September 18 th | |
| Any Vestry Member Available | | 845am: Jill Chadwick 11am: Marcia Cobun | | 845am: Heather Stroud 11am: Alicia Taylor | |
| | | | | September 25 th | |
| | | | | 845am: Susie Fortner 11am: Michael Brown | |
| VERGER SCHEDULE | | | | | |
| September 4 th | | September 11 th | | September 18 th | |
| 10am: Lea Ann Barnett | | 845am: Terry Clevenger 11am: Don Lambert | | 845am: Lea Ann Barnett 11am: Terry Clevenger | |
| | | | | September 25 th | |
| | | | | 845am: Don Lambert 11am: Lea Ann Barnett | |
| USHER SCHEDULE | | | | | |
| September 4 th | | September 11 th | | September 18 th | |
| Peter Barber | | Peter Barber | | Peter Barber | |
| | | | | September 25 th | |
| | | | | Peter Barber | |
| Michael & Sandy Brown, Wendy Wilson & Curt Benzle | | Hanns & Veneta Billmayer, Wendy Wilson & Curt Benzle | | Lou Durnya, Michael Shipley, Thomas Lydon, Pamela Briggs | |
| | | | | Michael & Sandy Brown, Natalie Rushing, Lou Durnya | |
| ACOLYTE LEADER & ACOLYTE SCHEDULE <i>subject to additions/changes</i> | | | | | |
| | September 4 th | | | | |
| 10:00 am | SHARI WILLIAMS – Clara Williams, Drew Dodgen, Diana Sommer, Daniel Starnes | | | | |
| | September 11 th | | | | |
| 8:45 am | CLAY SHERRILL – Carter Proud, Brendan Proud, Freddie Fortner, Anna Kate Bradford, Caroline Bradford, Waring Cantey, Lily Cantey, Daniel Starnes | | | | |
| 11:00 am | CLAY SHERRILL – Morgan Gafford, Rowan Gafford | | | | |
| | September 18 th | | | | |
| 8:45 am | NINA PUTT – Bradford Hall, Sloan Dill, Foster Fleming | | | | |
| 11:00 am | MIKE WARD – | | | | |
| | September 25 th | | | | |
| 8:45 am | NINA PUTT – John Collier Lotz, Sophie Lotz, Carter Proud, Brendan Proud, Freddie Fortner, Anna Kate Bradford, Caroline Bradford, Waring Cantey | | | | |
| 11:00 am | MIKE WARD – Morgan Gafford, Rowan Gafford, Drew Dodgen, Diana Sommer, Emma Mauldin | | | | |



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Your Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Dates requested: _____ (available dates listed below)

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

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