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Do you have a change of address, email, phone or perhaps major life event?

Contact Austin Cook
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acook@nativity-hsv.org.



On the cover... Easter with Deacon Bob and Mother Susan

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

Parish Conversation

Please join your church family for a parish conversation this **Sunday, May 7th, at 5:30pm in Ridley Hall**. We will discuss the termite damage at Nativity. Before coming to the conversation, you are encouraged to watch the videos provided by The Campbell Law firm [here](#). Childcare will be provided.

From Father Michael

05/01/2023

Dear Parish Family,

Our church buildings and grounds are where we come together for worship and fellowship, to celebrate and to mourn, to offer comfort and to find strength. I am grateful for your continuing commitment to being good stewards of our beautiful and sacred spaces. It is important for me to let you know that we have discovered significant termite damage in the Nave, Bibb Chapel, and the church office.

Nativity has been under contract with Terminix for termite prevention since the 1930's. That contract has failed us. Therefore, we have secured the legal counsel of Tom Campbell of [Campbell Law](#) PC in Birmingham and have filed a lawsuit against Terminix. I have been and will continue to be in close contact with both our bishop, The Rt. Rev. Glenda Curry, and with the Chancellor for the Diocese of Alabama.

Under the direction of Campbell Law, and in order to prevent further damage, we have contracted with another pest control company which has completed a full termite treatment of all of our buildings. Two contractors and two structural engineers have looked at the termite damage. None of them have recommended that we stop using our facilities. Therefore, we will continue all church activities at Nativity as usual until we begin the restoration process of the damaged areas. Mr. Campbell's team has created a Nativity Information Hub at www.termitetom.com/nativity. There you will find a copy of this letter, the press release from Campbell Law, a link to the legal filing of our complaint against Terminix, and a "Frequently Asked Questions" section. Patience will be required of us all as this process unfolds.

Campbell Law has also advised us that this issue may possibly make the news in Huntsville. Please rely only on information coming from the Vestry and Clergy. We will keep you informed through *The Steeple* and Campbell Law will regularly update the link referenced above.

On **May 7 at 5:30**, we will have a Parish Conversation in Ridley Hall to answer your questions. A member of the Tom Campbell Law team will be there.

I have every confidence that in the midst of this disruption, we will continue to shine the light of Christ as we serve one another and the greater Huntsville community. We will remain a welcoming, worshiping, and loving congregation "Where Faith Holds Wide the Door."

God's Peace,



The Rev. T. Michael Goldsmith

Eagle Scout Project at Nativity

By Emily Rodgers



Macy Baker



Emily Rodgers, Macy Baker and Michelle Colson

Huntsville High School Junior Macy Baker has selected The Greene Street Market property as her Eagle Scout project. Macy worked with her Eagle Project Coach, Tim Davis of Troop 7071 to develop a plan to remove plant material, edge beds with a shovel cut and spread pine straw mulch around the boxwoods and ‘Teddy Bear’ magnolias. Macy, her Scout Master, Michelle Colson, and her crew of volunteers began work on April 23rd and hope to have it completed by the end of May.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

By Bob Serio

All children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. In Alabama and across the U.S., too many boys and girls go without a bed – or even a pillow – to sleep on. These children end up sleeping on couches, blankets, and even floors. This can affect their happiness and health.

That's where Sleep in Heavenly Peace comes in. They are group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need. The organization has grown steadily over time, and the Huntsville Chapter has been active for the past year supplying beds to our community. Their motto is: **NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!®**.

Nativity has partnered with the local chapter to schedule a bed build for July 29th in the Green Street Market space. You do not need special skills, all you need is a willingness to help. More information about this will be forthcoming. Also look for our booth at the Green St. Market in the next few weeks.

If you have questions, e-mail Deacon Bob or Mother Rosie or go to the website <https://shpbeds.org/>.



Happy recipients of new beds!

Confirmation Reception

Calling all helpers! We will host a reception for the parish following Confirmation on Sunday, May 28 in Ridley Hall. Volunteers and food are needed to the event. If you would like to sign up to bring refreshments, or help with set-up and clean-up please use the link below or call Sally Stockton, 256-426-4291. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E49ADAA2DA5F49-confirmation>



Men's Breakfast

Tuesday, May 9th

at 7:00 am

in Ridley Hall.

We will begin with a short devotion followed by breakfast and guest speaker Jen Manning who works with Special Session at Camp McDowell.

We will also have a visit from LeaAnne Barnett who will share some information about the New Nativity Cookbook.

Invite a friend!

Questions? Contact The Rev. Bob Serio bserio@nativity-hsv.org

Checking in with Building and Grounds

May, 2023

By Emily Rodgers

Lane Tutt, Nativity's Head Gardener, has been very busy this past month. Like many of you experienced in your own gardens, the deep freeze and bitter wind in late December 2022 caused damage to plant material which until now has remained hidden. After the freeze, gardeners were told be patient and wait. With spring finally here, Lane has been able to do an assessment of what plant material survived and what did not.



Notably, the boxwoods in front and on the side of the church were damaged. With a chain saw, a cup of sweet tea and her ever present smile, Lane pruned out the dead limbs. She also cut back the hydrangeas and removed the dead rosemary and lavender. Sadly, the espalier pyracantha on the office wall had to be removed. To her credit, Lane was not dismayed but delighted at the opportunity to add more plants to Nativity's gardens.



By the breezeway between Joffrion and Ridley Hall, notice the new gumbo azaleas, hydrangeas and cherry laurels

In the Memorial Garden, she removed the boxwoods around the fountain. "They are ugly," she said. In their place, she planted 'guacamole' hosta. When asked about her approach to gardening, Lane replied "It's like decorating your yard."

Building and Grounds, cont....



In thinking about Lane and her approach to maintaining the gardens at Nativity, I could not help but think of her work as evangelizing for Nativity. After all, Nativity is located in busy downtown Huntsville and is an important historic structure. Despite being busy with garden work, Lane stops what she is doing to chat with curious visitors.

The quote attributed to St. Francis aptly applies to Nativity's head gardener, Lane Tutt.

"Preach the gospel at all times and use words if necessary."

Being Good Stewards of our Space

As our parish family and community grow, so grows the number of people and groups using our buildings. Here are a few common courtesy reminders for anyone and everyone using the space:

- Let us know you are coming! We have many ministry groups, committees and community groups who use our building on a regular basis. We are happy to accommodate those who want to be here for a meeting or gathering, but we do need to know you are coming so we don't run into scheduling conflicts. If you would like to reserve a meeting space or classroom [please fill out this form](#) or call the church office, 256-533-2455. If you would like to use the space for a non-church related event [please fill out this form](#).
- Please remember to clean up after yourself. Take any trash to the kitchen and place in the large trash bins.
- Please do not leave food or beverages in any classrooms or meeting spaces.
- Please turn off all lights as you are leaving.
- Please do not prop open any doors to the outside. This causes unnecessary strain on our heating and cooling systems.
- Please alert a staff member if the temperature of your room needs to be adjusted.

Sawyerville Day Camp Supply Drive



Want more information about
Sawyerville?

Visit <https://www.sawyerville.org>



Summer Sundays

Something NEW this Summer

The Adult, Children and Youth Formation Ministry groups are introducing something new at Nativity this summer! Following the 10:00 service during June and July we will invite everyone to join us for a free meal and an intergenerational conversation and activity about how we pray. Nursery will be offered for children 4 and under.

We have asked different ministry groups within the church to help with the weekly programming. This will provide ministry groups the opportunity to share their mission and function here at Nativity, and help us think about ways we can pray for the work they do. Think of it as summer Sunday school with lunch! Weekly meals will be prepared by either Sally Stockton, or members of the cookbook committee who will be testing out recipes for the cookbook so the food is sure to be delicious. If you would like to know more about this new series, or sign up to be a lunch helper please let us know.

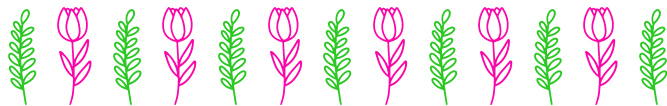
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Sunday School Teacher Recognition



Thank You 2022-23

Christian Formation Teachers!

Thank you for sharing your time to teach, listen, engage, form, and love all Nativity parishioners, young to old, on Sunday mornings.

Ashley Ayres	Lauren Fitzgerald	Caroline Mauldin	Susan Sloan	Shari Williams
Leslie Bradford	Elizabeth Fleming	Tracy Ocampo	Megan Smith	
Ted Briggs	Susie Fortner	Allison Proud	Camille Sommer	
Derek Cantrell	Michael Goldsmith	Adam Proud	Glenn Sommer	
Emily Cantrell	Susy Hendrickson	Brynnan Reddy	Worth Stuart	
Dave Chadwick	Ashley Hudson	Danielle Roderick	Elise Taylor	
Meade Davis	Kelly Hudson	Ryan Roderick	Walter Thames	
Justin Eby	Elizabeth Jones	Bob Serio	Lynne Vallely	
Rose Veal Eby	Derek Koehl	Denise Schiber	Juliet Wells	
Erin Elliott	Madeline Mullins	Clarissa Sharp	Elizabeth Whitehead	

Stewardship

By Patrick Robbins

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matthew 6:21

WHERE IS YOUR HEART?

Jim Hutchison grew up at Grace Episcopal Church in Cullman where he was active in leading the youth group. After he and his wife Anita were married, work took their family to Virginia and eventually back home to north Alabama. After looking around a bit for a church, they settled on Nativity approximately 18 years ago. As Jim's mothers' health declined, he retired to help care for her. After his mom died, he looked for some new ways to fill his days. During a visit to the Greene Street Market store, which was housed at the time in the church, Marilyn Evans invited Jim to help with the market. As they say, the rest is history. Jim has been a stalwart volunteer for over eight years now.



A typical Thursday from May to October will find Jim setting up tents, welcoming and guiding vendors to their spots, and assisting with the overall operation of the Greene Street Market. He says it can be a bit physically demanding at times, especially during our hot, humid Alabama summers, but “everyone watches out for each other and helps out wherever needed.” Jim has grown to value the close friendships and teamwork that exists among everyone involved with the Market. He says that it is a happy place where everyone has a good time. He adds that “smiling makes everything run more smoothly.”

Jim says that the Greene Street Market is a great way to meet new people and to take our Nativity values out to the world. Anyone who goes to the market for fresh, locally grown produce, cheese, baked goods and other artisanal products would surely agree that it is a celebration of our community and the role our church plays in it. It is truly special.

For more information about the Greene Street Market, please contact Marilyn Evans at marilynhevans@gmail.com.



the
Greene
Street
Market
at Nativity

Outreach

By Rose Veal Eby

Some mornings I drop Annabelle off at school around 7:30 then come straight to the office. My walk through the garden of the Church and then into the building is a thin space. It is still and quiet, no one to say hello to except the birds and stained glass windows. As I sit down at my desk and drink my coffee the thought runs through my head, I am so grateful to work here, I can't believe that God called me to do this?

This morning as I reflect on this blessing I am reminded of all the parishioners who helped at First Stop with the shoe washing, all of the folks that helped in the planning and execution of the Holy Week services, from acolytes to Altar guild and ushers. God called you to do this, God called you into whatever place you serve and you are beloved.

(Hebrews 13:16)

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

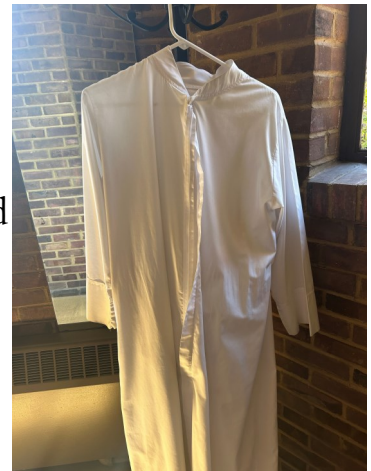
It feels good in our soul when we serve, when we share and when we love others. Not in a bragging boastful, reciprocal way but rather in the way that we become closer to God. God wants us to be in a relationship with Him. God wants us to be in relationship with God's community. This is the message of Easter, God wanted to be in relationship with us and gave us His only son so that we might see that service and giving of love modeled. May we continue to answer the call to serve and be in relationship and may it fill our hearts and mind with the peace that comes from God.

Acolyte Robes

Our acolyte robes need your attention!

We are looking for volunteers to take a few robes and gloves home at a time to help us clean and refresh them! All robes need to be washed and ironed, with some needing to be mended as well. Gloves will need to be washed. Please contact our youth director, Madi Bell-Colpack if you can help!

mbellcolpack@nativity-hsv.org 205-704-7403



Youth Ministry

Upcoming Youth Events

May 13 Sat

Bias Exhibit @Downtown Library @12:30-2pm

End of year JYC & EYC Party

May 21 Sun

May 28 Sun

Confirmation



Children's Formation



ALL CREATURES GREAT & SMALL VBS

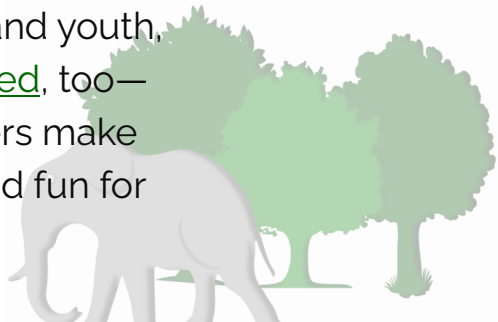
CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION

JUNE 12-14 1.00-4.00pm

It's all about fins, furs and feathers at All Creatures Great and Small VBS. How can we love and care for God's creatures and preserve their habitats? We'll find out as we have fun at VBS.

- Children 4 years-4th grade [registration](#)
- 5/6th grade junior counselor [registration](#)
- 7th-adult volunteer [sign up](#)

Grown ups and youth, you are [invited](#), too—lots of helpers make VBS easy and fun for everyone.

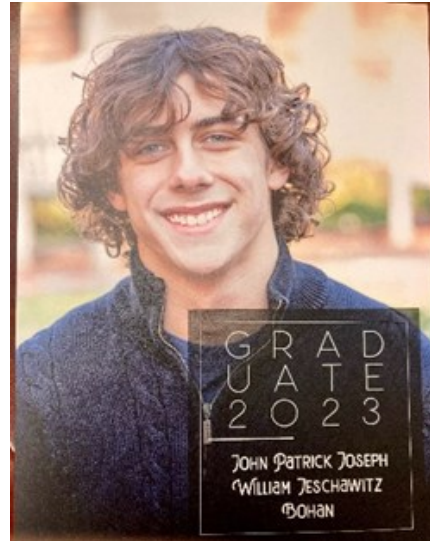


Seniors 2023

John Bohan

John will be attending Auburn University in the fall!

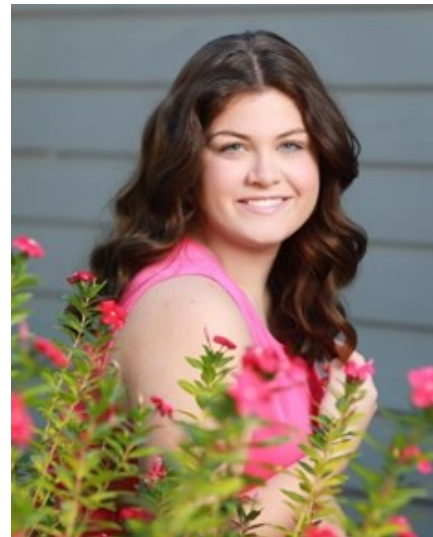
Some of his favorite memories at Nativity include participating in VBS!



Caroline Brooks

Caroline will be attending Auburn University and plans to major in Early Childhood Education and hopefully a double minor in theatre and dance!

Her favorite Nativity memory is the EYC lock-in!



Evan Brown

After graduating, Evan will be majoring in mechanical engineering at Saint Louis University!

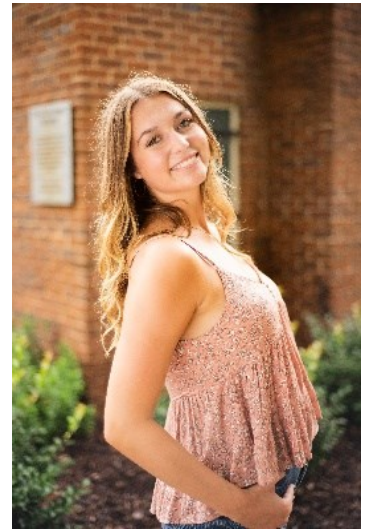
One of Evan's favorite memories from Nativity is when he helped to deliver fresh food to older members of the parish. One time in middle school, they took food to an older man who had recently lost his wife, and Evan says "he was ready for us!" The man had snacks ready and shared pictures of rockets he had worked on. He says they sat and talked to him for around two hours!



Norah Connell

After graduation, Norah will be attending the University of Alabama in the fall!

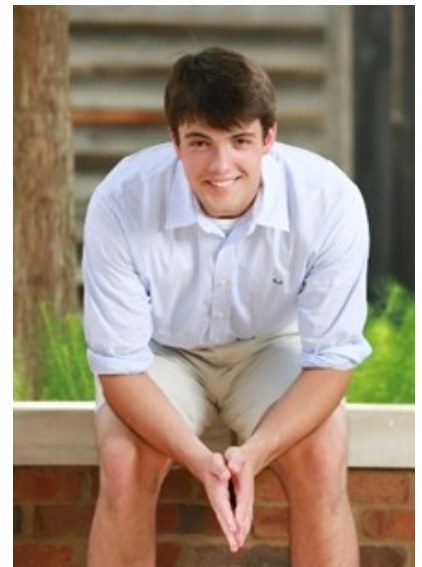
One of her favorite memories during her time at Nativity is hanging out at Honest Coffee on Wednesdays!



Harry Foster

Harry is headed to Montana State in Bozeman after graduation!

His favorite Nativity memory is during the Lord's Prayer, hearing his friend always say "deliver us from eagles!"



Morgan Gafford

After graduation, Morgan plans to attend Auburn University to major in genetics on a pre-med track! She plans to become a doctor with medical research in genetics.

Her favorite memory at Nativity is playing Grog with the youth group!



Sara Margaret Goldsmith

After graduation, Sara will be working at Sawyerville Day Camp during the month of June. She will then be heading to Samford in the fall, with plans to study psychology. She wants to work as a children's therapist!

Her favorite part of being involved at Nativity is working in the nursery. She loves to see all God's children grow each Sunday!



Erin Hannah

Erin will be graduating from New Century Technology High school and attending the University of Alabama in the fall with plans to study neuroscience! She will be working this summer at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center as a camp services specialist.

When Erin is able to make it to a service, she is always on the lookout for one of her favorite people, "Father" Susan Sloan!



Vivian Hinton

After graduation, Vivian will be attending the University of South Alabama!

Her favorite Nativity memory is all of the coffee hangouts on Wednesdays with Madi. She says, "It's such a fun time to take a break from the busy school week and hang out with friends you might not see every day. We have lots of good laughs!"



Sarah Coleman Hornsby

Sarah Coleman will be spending her summer at Sawyerville as the Lower Camp E² Coordinator. She will be attending Sewanee in the fall!

Her favorite Nativity memory is running around the church playing grog with all her church friends!



Olivia O'Halloran

Olivia will be attending the University of South Alabama and pursuing an Early Childhood Education degree!

Her favorite memory of Nativity is going on the EYC rafting trip. EYC on Sundays is the favorite part of her week!



Lydia Smith

Lydia plans to attend the University of Alabama to study communicative disorders!

She says her favorite Nativity memory is all of them! Lydia says, "After joining this church, I have been met with nothing but unconditional love and acceptance. I am forever grateful to this church and the youth group for that. It truly changed my life!"



Thea Sommer

Thea will be attending the University of North Alabama, and plans to major in History! She will also be a part of the Honors College!

Thea says, “Nativity is an extremely important and supportive community. Since attending, I’ve grown so much, both spiritually and as a person!”



Warren Towry

Warren will be taking a medical deferment and attending Auburn University in 2024!

A couple of Warren’s favorite Nativity memories include a middle school lock-in with all of his friends and the Christmas Pageant dressed as angels and animals!



Elle Webber

Elle is going to Centre College in Kentucky to play on the golf team!

Her favorite Nativity memories include dancing to Microwave Dave at the parish retreat at Camp McDowell and going through Confirmation with all her friends!



Not pictured: Anna Crawford Mullins, Caroline Hornsby ,Clara Keener, Anne Limbo, Grace Molloy, Riley Jane Ragland, Maggie Sanders

Stewardship of Creation March 2023

Clarissa Sharp

The heavens are the heavens of the Lord, but the earth He has given to the sons of men, Psalm 115:16

The chatter, the noise, the lamentations are monopolized by the demise of the earth, the wrongdoings of humans, and the urgency of necessary change. For me, that train of thought or focus of energy is debilitating and paralyzing. Goodness is always happening around us, discoveries are being made, and our God-given brains are working to make things better. Recently, a few of these enlightening and encouraging efforts have been illuminated.

Firstly, Revive & Restore, a wildlife conservation organization which promotes the use of biotechnologies to enhance genetic diversity, to build disease resistance, and to facilitate adaptation - tools that are not readily available to most conservationists. They act as the pseudo recruiters to get introductions, funding, and collaborations moving along as well as being involved with many projects to promote the genetic rescue of endangered and extinct species. On reviverestore.org they state: “Our goal is to revive biodiversity and restore ecosystems for millennia to come.”

Fantastic Fungi, a documentary on Netflix that explores the underground Mycelium network, teaches us about scientists around the world who are studying how 'mycelium can help heal and save our planet' through the unique properties of this life form. It is beautiful film, loaded with information about the wonder and magic there is to discover about Earth. Everyone can learn something from the film, and our planet is glorified throughout!

Duke University scientists are studying how Peat Bogs can neutralize carbon. Pocosin, a type of bog called ‘a swamp on a hill’ because they are found on rises, are located in the coastal Southeast. When the trees and shrubs die in these bogs, they build up as peat instead of decomposing. This peat has the potential to be a natural system to remove Carbon from the ecosystem. If the pocosin dries up or is drained, then the carbon that was stored leaks back out into the air. In North Carolina, there are over 10,000 miles of canals built for farm drainage. They could potentially be re-wet, therefore enabling them to grow into peat bogs that can store carbon.

Published in 2022, the Book “Water Quality Impacts of the Water Energy Nexus” educates about the water footprint within our energy practices. Our water is polluted from Coal Ash and natural gas fracking and is used in cooling towers and hydroelectric generation. Solar Power, however, has the potential to cut emissions and to save water. A very informative paper by Scientist Erika Weinthal can be found in the January 2023 issue of Science of the Total Environment.

Nativity Cookbook Update

By Lea Ann Barnett

The Nativity Cookbook Committee is thrilled to report that our new church cookbook is beginning to take shape. This time last year we sent out a call to all our fabulous cooks to submit their favorite recipes. We are happy to report that we received over 400 recipes. If you are still thinking about submitting a recipe, it is not too late.....we are always happy to hear from you!!

Since January we have been typing, sorting, selecting, and organizing the recipes into sections that reflect our life at Nativity. The challenge of doing this has been comparable to working a giant jigsaw puzzle that is finally coming into focus. Following are the cookbook sections that Janet Mason Robbins has created for those recipes selected for inclusion in the cookbook:

The Family Table – quick and easy recipes for week-night suppers or busy-day breakfasts.

Farm to Table – recipes from our Green Street Market vendors and recipes that utilize the bounty of fresh fruits and vegetables available from the market

“What Can I Bring?” – whether it be a friend home from the hospital, a family with a new baby, or a covered dish supper, Episcopalians are quick to ask, “What can I bring?” These dishes travel well and can sometimes be frozen.

Blessed Are the Children – recipes that children love or those they like to prepare

Heritage – iconic recipes from Nativity’s icons!

Company’s Coming!! – dishes for dinner parties, cocktail parties, bridge club, book club, football parties, lake weekends, and barbecues....special recipes for entertaining at home.

Let’s Celebrate!! – Recipes, complete with menus, that are perfect for holidays and Nativity events....Baptismal Brunch, Christmas Morning, Christmas Eve Supper, Easter Lunch, Confirmation Lunch, the Bishop’s Reception, All Hallow’s Eve Supper, and Shrove Tuesday Celebration to name a few!!

Sally’s Kitchen – recipes from and in honor of our beloved Sally Stockton

Nativity Thanksgiving Bazaar and Bake Sale – recipes that we have served at the Bazaar Luncheon and delicious pies, breads, cookies, and cakes that we have sold at our famous Bake Sale

Our next phase, Recipe Testing, will occur during the summer months of June and July. We plan to assist Sally Stockton in serving lunch after the 10 am Sunday services during June and July by supplementing her menu with appetizers, sides, or desserts, or being responsible for the entire meal! We are excited about this opportunity to showcase our cookbook, prepare food for our church family, and create a “gather around the table” atmosphere which is the theme of our new cookbook! So far, I have 10 to 15 volunteers who have offered their culinary skills in preparing the recipes selected for publication. If you are interested in being a recipe tester for these tasting events, please call or text Lea Ann Barnett at 256-797-5158 or email her at leabarn@comcast.net.

And let’s not forget about our artists and the artwork that will be included in our new cookbook. Sherry Boyer is spearheading this effort and she will be in contact with each artist regarding inclusion of their artwork!! What a feast for the eyes to behold!!

We will also be including blessings and graces in our cookbook! If you have a favorite grace or blessing you would like to share, please email it to Lea Ann Barnett at leabarn@comcast.net.

A Note From Kris Paul, Seminarian

Hello! Between my second and third years of seminary, I will be engaging in a cross-cultural immersion program in Auckland, New Zealand. I want to be clear--this is neither a vacation nor a mission trip. I am not going there to convert anyone to my faith. Rather, this is an opportunity for me to learn more about the effect of colonization on indigenous persons and to understand more deeply how the people of New Zealand, the Māori, and the whites, were able to bring cultures together into Anglican worship.

I have very specific goals: with the Women's Ministry Network, I will engage with a variety of local community settings within Tikanga Māori.

i. I will learn about the Māori culture ('te ao Māori' - the Māori worldview) through pastoral work in community life, learning something of their history, and spending time shadowing Māori clergy and lay leaders and listening to their personal stories. Māori theology will be a rich resource for learning and reflection; for example, their understanding of identity is much more collective and relational than our Western (more individualistic) ways of being and is much more connected to the land (whenua). This indigenous wisdom has much to offer the wider church in relation to the climate crisis.

ii. I will also begin the process of enculturating the New Zealand Anglican liturgy into my prayer practice, with immersion in Māori liturgical worship and hopefully opportunities to serve in a local church from time to time.

I hope to understand how the Māori people have enculturated the Anglican faith, how they are navigating the impacts of colonization and decolonization, and how they have developed their theologies contextually - especially in relation to indigenous notions of self/identity and the land (whenua), and how I may be able to share those understandings in my own culture. I hope to find ways to be helpful in a pastoral way and, short of that, I hope to learn about a people I have very little experience with or knowledge of and to let that knowledge shape me into a more culturally sensitive person and future clergy.

If you would like to follow along on my journey, you can subscribe to my YouTube channel here:

<https://www.youtube.com/@kristenpaul5040>

Financial Update

Parish Financial Report March 2023

	<u>Budget for Period</u>	<u>Actual for Period</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>
Pledges Received	\$120,049.48	\$126,454.30	\$360,148.44	\$409,673.17
Plate	\$14,583.34	\$23,649.57	\$43,749.94	\$54,758.05
Other Revenues	\$8,835.51	\$5,911.90	\$26,506.41	\$17,627.53
Total Income	\$143,468.33	\$156,015.77	\$430,404.79	\$482,058.75
Diocese & Missions	\$16,155.93	\$18,010.07	\$48,467.63	\$55,609.36
Outreach	\$13,463.33	\$23,569.99	\$40,389.03	\$49,319.79
Personnel	\$80,843.51	\$79,504.60	\$242,530.25	\$233,543.99
Other Expenses	\$33,005.88	\$30,836.86	\$99,014.08	\$85,919.55
Total Expenses	\$143,468.65	\$151,921.52	\$430,400.99	\$424,392.69
Net	-0.32	\$4,094.25	\$3.80	\$57,666.06

Parish News

May Youth Birthdays:

- Sarah Blank
- Stella Allbritton
- John Epps
- Ella Ragdale
- Lilly Gessler
- Ellie Defiore
- Julia Cote
- Owen Proud
- Anna-Claire Stevens
- Harriet Davis
- Liam Stafford
- Anna Katherine Ayres
- Cornelius Allen
- Anthony Landers
- Evelyn Jones

New Members since January 2023

- The Hatcher Family
- The Hale Family
- Jennifer Manning
- Guy McClure
- The Todd Family
- Debbie Clendenny
- Anne Yates

Easter 2023



Dinner Church

By Rose Veal Eby

Please join us for Dinner Church Sunday May 16 at 6pm in Ridley Hall.

Dinner Church is a monthly gathering of people, where all the most important things happen at the table. Our worship and sermon conversation will all happen at the table, during the meal. It will be something like a great potluck with a twist to include our spiritual growth and sharing. Please bring a dish to share as you are able. Contact Rose Veal Eby rvealeby@nativity-hsv.org or 256-533-2455 with questions.



May 2023 - WORSHIP SCHEDULE						updated 5/2/23 – AEK
			WEDNESDAY, May 3 rd			
Service	Celebrant		LEM/ Lector / Intercessor			
12 noon	Veal Eby		Walter Thames			
THURSDAY, May 4 th						
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	Lector / Intercessor			
7:00 pm	Stuart		Sally Ann Culver			
SUNDAY May 7 th						
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor	
7:30 am	Stuart		Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	
8:45 am	Goldsmith	Stuart		Deborah Alexander, Lynn Sparks-Lewis	Emma Mauldin	
11:00 am	Goldsmith	Stuart		John Nelson, Lee Hicklen	Elaine Hamner	
WEDNESDAY, May 10 th						
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM/ Lector / Intercessor			
12 noon	Goldsmith		Natalie Rushing			
THURSDAY, May 11 th						
Service	Celebrant / Preacher		LEM/ Lector / Intercessor			
6:00 pm	Sloan		Charles Morley			
SUNDAY, May 14 th • Mother's Day						
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor	
7:30 am	Veal Eby		Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	
8:45 am	Stuart	Senior's		Allison Proud, Carter Proud	Adam Proud	
11:00 am	Stuart	Senior's		Marcia Cobun, Mickey Ellis	Sally Ann Culver	
WEDNESDAY, May 17 th						
Service	Celebrant / Preacher		LEM/ Lector / Intercessor			
12 noon	Stuart		Rebecca Brothers			
THURSDAY, May 18 th						
Service	Celebrant / Preacher		LEM/ Lector / Intercessor			
6:00pm	Veal Eby		Sally Ann Culver			
SUNDAY, May 21 st						
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor	
7:30 am	Sloan		Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett	
8:45 am	Goldsmith	Sloan		Mary Johnson, Alana Putt	Deborah Alexander	
11:00 am	Goldsmith	Sloan		Mike Innes, Walter Thames	Deborah Baker	
WEDNESDAY, May 24 th						
Service	Celebrant / Preacher		LEM/ Lector / Intercessor			
12 noon	Veal Eby		Natalie Rushing			
THURSDAY, May 25 th						
Service	Celebrant / Preacher		LEM/ Lector / Intercessor			
6:00pm	Stuart		Charles Morley			
SUNDAY, May 28 th						
Bishop's Visit - Confirmation – Summer Schedule Begins						
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor	
7:30 am	Goldsmith		Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett	
10:00 am	The Rt. Rev. Glenda S. Curry			Natalie Rushing, Q. Wirtz		
WEDNESDAY, May 31 st						
Service	Celebrant / Preacher		LEM/ Lector / Intercessor			
12 noon	Sloan		Walter Thames			
FLOWER GUILD						
B = Bibb C = Church B: Jane Brocato, Missy Walker C: Kelli Markwalter, Kelly Towry						
ALTAR GUILD						
May 7 th			Mary Johnson, Peggy Serio, Beth Pugh, Sue Johnson, Margaret Lotz			
May 14 th - Mother's Day			Amanda Kiep, Linda Watts, Debbie Joyner, Mary Johnson, Judy Vann			
May 21 st			Heather Stroud, Anne Chelekis, Nancy Colin, Jewell Reynolds, Gail Brown			
May 28 th - Bishop Visit - Confirmation			Natalie Rushing, Wanda Cobb, Sophia Samogray, Caffey Litkenhous, Peggy Serio			
CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE						
May 1 st -7 th		May 8 th – 14 th		May 15 th – 21 st	May 22 nd – 28 th	May 29 th – June 4 th
The Rev. Susan Sloan		The Rev. Rosie Veal Eby		The Rev. Michael Goldsmith	The Rev. Susan Sloan	The Rev. Worth Stuart
VESTRY Member of The Day						
	May 7 th		May 14 th		May 21 st	May 28 th – Bishop's Visit
8:45 am	Chris Singer		Charles Ray		Tommy Cantey	Gary Anglin (10am)
11:00 am	Mary Coral Murphree		Debbie Collette		Mike Ward	Michael Brown (10am)
VERGER SCHEDULE						
	May 7 th		May 14 th		May 21 st	May 28 th
8:45 am	Don Lambert		Terry Clevenger		Lea Ann Barnett	
11:00 am	Lea Ann Barnett		Don Lambert		Terry Clevenger	Don Lambert & Lea Ann Barnett
USHER SCHEDULE						
	May 7 th		May 14 th		May 21 st	May 28 th
7:30 am	Peter Barber		Peter Barber		Peter Barber	Peter Barber
8:45 am	TBD		TBD		TBD	10am: TBD
11:00 am	Eric Scheidker, Mark Scheidker, Justin Eby, Anna Warren		Eric Scheidker, Mark Scheidker Justin Eby		Eric Scheidker, Mark Scheidker Anna Warren	Eric Scheidker, Mark Scheidker Justin Eby
ACOLYTE LEADER & ACOLYTE SCHEDULE						
	May 7 th					
8:45 am	TBD					
11:00 am	TBD					
May 14 th – Mother's Day						
8:45 am	TBD					
11:00 am	TBD					
May 21 st						
8:45 am	TBD					
11:00 am	TBD					
May 28th – Bishops Visit - Confirmation						
8:45 am	TBD					
11:00 am	TBD					



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2023 Altar Flower Dedications

Your Name:_____ Phone#:_____

Dates requested: _____ (available dates listed below)

December 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.

or

Fill out the online form by clicking [here](#).

Questions? Call Andrea: 256-539-2673 or Amy Kennedy akennedy@nativity-hsv.org