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Holy Nativity Episcopal Church • Panama City, Florida

RALLY DAY **&** **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS** AUGUST 13, 2017

8:00 am: Holy Eucharist Rite One

9:15 am: Lay Ministry Fair

10:30 am: Holy Eucharist Rite Two with Backpack Blessing

11:45: Lay Ministry Fair and Parish Luncheon

Please bring a side-dish to share!

Live Entertainment!



Kid's, don't forget to
bring your backpacks
and your swimsuit for
the waterslide!



Choir News

by John R. Durgan, Director of Music

Rite One Choir

The Rite One Choir begins its new season on Sunday September 10th. Our rehearsals start at around 9:00 A.M., right after the 8:00 Service. The Rite One Choir sings at the early service about once every four weeks. The rehearsals last about thirty minutes.

If you like to sing and like the Rite One Service we invite you to join us. Reading Music is not required. You will find us a lively group.

There will be a sign up sheet on the Music Ministry table on Rally Day. Please consider joining and participating in this worthwhile and fulfilling ministry.

Chancel Choir

We will begin our new choir season starting on Wednesday the 6th of September. Our rehearsals run from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., and start on time and end on time. Reading music is not essential. We are in need of all voice ranges, soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. If you like to sing, please consider joining us in making a joyful noise.

This is a very important ministry, and the old saying that many hands make for light work is particularly true. If you would like to try the choir for a time we would welcome you. The sign up sheet will be on the Music Ministry table on Rally Day.

Children's Choir

Our Children's choir program begins on Wednesday, September 6th. We meet from 4:00 to 5:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary. All children are invited to participate.

The Children's Choir will sing from time to time at the 10:30 Service. The program involves learning a variety of songs, and this year will also include preparing two very nice choral works for Children to be presented as part of the Lessons and Carols Service in December.

If your children like to sing, and participate with other children in a fun and rewarding ministry we invite them to join us.

Remember, we meet on Wednesday at 4:00 P.M. We look forward to having a very good children's choir this year, so please consider registering for the choir. The signup sheet is on the table.

Lessons and Carols

Lessons and Carols is the high point in the musical year at Holy Nativity. The choir for this service is made up of the Chancel Choir and volunteers who like to sing and are willing to work with us preparing for the Carol Service. Rehearsals for this group will start on Wednesday evenings September 6th, and will run from 6:30 to 7:15 in the Sanctuary. This is not a long-term commitment. I would like to have 24 or more singers spread over the four vocal ranges, soprano, alto, tenor, and bass.

If you enjoy singing, and would like to participate please use the signup sheet on the Music Ministry table on Rally Day. Remember, reading music is not required. All we need is the willingness to work on learning the music and be regular in attendance at rehearsals.

I have all new music for this year, and we will be performing two very fine major works. Please consider contributing your voice to make this Choral undertaking the best yet.

If there are any questions about any of this information please feel free to email me at jrdurgan@gmail.com

Let us all delight in making a joyful noise.

Who else is ready for routine, school, work and YOUTH GROUP?



I think I had a summer, thank-you to all who thought, wished or said a prayer for my family with the loss of my Dad. So lucky to have so many great memories and skills from him.

Rally Day & Blessing of the Backpacks is coming up on August 13th and Wednesday night youth group starts September 6th at 5:30pm-7:30pm.

This year we will be covering themes of the Episcopal Church, faith, service and ministry; as well as life skills and experiences with a good amount of fun.

Would you like to work with our youth? Let me know your passion!

A.J. Jeffery, your youth director
319-2953 or aussie_aj@holy-nativity.org

Wednesday Nights!

SummerTime at 6:00 pm

August 2nd: We will cook Shepherd's Pie! Please bring cooked meat and canned peas or carrots. Please bring enough for your family and some to share.

Our last SummerTime event will be Aug. 9th! Our service will be A Service of Light! (Incense will be used.) It will be Spaghetti Night! Please bring Cooked meat and Spaghetti sauce enough for your family and some to share. Pasta, Salad, and Banana Pudding will be provided.

Wonderful Wednesdays!

Mark your calendars for our Wonderful Wednesdays in resume on September 6th at 5:30 pm!

4:00 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal

5:30 pm: five-thirty service followed by supper and programs for all ages

6:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal

Adult Christian Education - Fr. Tom

Adult Sunday School class has been going along all summer, and continues so. This is a great time for it, as our lectionary features good old time Sunday School Bible stories from the old days of Israel and the Israelites with Moses, chortling over old family stories around the campfire after each hard day's trek in the wilderness. Come one, come all, we've been averaging about a dozen or so folks from Sunday to Sunday. Class gathers as folks arrive with their coffee between services, 9:15 to about 10:15 in the Mary Stuart Poole Library at the east end of the brick road. Folks trickle in at their convenience and join the conversation. It's all good, and it's all fun!

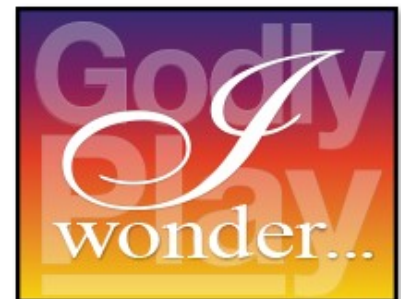
Children's Ministry August 2017 *by Beverly McDaniel*

Aug.	Children's Church 10:30 In Kids' Kingdom after the children's sermon at the beginning of the worship service. They return to "big church" for communion.	Nursery 10:15 Younger children enjoy being in the nursery with Catherine Churchill or Emily Brock and our faithful nursery Volunteers.
6	Sharon Carroll 960-5510 Elizabeth Moore 814-6629	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
13 Rally Day & Blessing of the Backpacks	Anna Eberhard 404-405-8188 Lindsey Crelling 319-6226 Florenca Pereira 319-4870 Laura King 625-0705 Tiffany Enns 319-4870 Jennifer Ethridge 960-6050	Kaew Sumpton 872-3782
20	Tricia Berry 407-456-0232 Holly Melzer 896-0428	Pat Spangler 215-5247
27	Alex and Laura King 625-0705 Ben and Shani Lee 265-5312	Teresa Durgan 913-3471

Because of publication deadlines, let me begin by thanking in advance all who will present and will attend our Godly Play Orientation lunch on July 30th. Judging by those who have already signed up, I am certain that we will be well on our way to realizing our Godly Play goals for our children ... and also that a good time will have been had by all.

In Bay County and most of Florida, August is back-to-school month. At Holy Nativity Episcopal Church, back-to-school is the time for the Blessing of the Backpacks and Rally Day to celebrate the resumption of fall ministry programs. We want you and our visitors to know about the many programs that are in place at HNEC...and there will be many visitors that day. We hope that you will invite your neighbors and friends to join us at Holy Nativity on Sunday, August 13 for worship, backpack blessings, food, and fun for everyone. I am asking all of you who work with the children, or who know our children and are known to them, to come out and play. Help us welcome our guests, maintain safety and order, and make sure the children have fun. The families who have served in Children's Ministry this year are wonderful teachers and role models for our children, and therefore have earned the opportunity to be Rally Day Volunteers.

Many thanks also go to our nursery volunteers, Sandy Ciccarelli, Kaew Sumpton, Pat Spangler, Teresa Durgan, and fifth Sunday substitutes, Katy Bradford and Kathy Brust. I, along with the parents of the children that you serve, sincerely appreciate you so much.





Aug. 1 Katy Brust
 Aug. 3 Ian Crelling, Sunny Pettis,
 Mary Ellen Pettis
 Aug. 4 Gregory Faison, Johnny Moore,
 Benny Watts
 Aug. 5 Joyce Dannecker, Holly Melzer,
 Joan Morrow
 Aug. 6 Penny Hutt
 Aug. 7 Steve Bates
 Aug. 8 Ivan Pereira, Nancy Reeder
 Aug. 9 Lily Bradford, Judy Hughes, Laura
 McClain, Hunter Smith
 Aug. 10 Rita Boston
 Aug. 11 Max Dannecker
 Aug. 12 Emily Eberhard, Earnest Jordan,
 Elizabeth Moore, Ashlee Phillips
 Aug. 13 Mary Sittman
 Aug. 15 Grace Cole, Bruce McLawhorn,
 Cecile Scoon
 Aug. 16 Gordon Akst, Lori Bates
 Aug. 19 Robert Hickman
 Aug. 20 Seth Patterson, Caroline Smith
 Aug. 21 Michael Gailfoil, Philip Stewart,
 George Walrond
 Aug. 22 Maggie Smith
 Aug. 23 Brian McClain
 Aug. 24 Kathy Dick
 Aug. 25 Samantha Eaton
 Aug. 26 Anji Dunlap
 Aug. 27 Anthony Collier, John Hutt, Chuck
 Knowles, Aaron Shores
 Aug. 28 Lee Scott
 Aug. 29 Phyllis McLawhorn, James
 Oenbrink, Jonah Reeder
 Aug. 30 Georgia Dake
 Aug. 31 Gregory Miller



Aug. 1 Richard and Jo Bruhn
 Aug. 3 Brian and Candace Leebrick
 Aug. 4 Wayne and Gail Lindsey
 Aug. 7 Allen and Pat Nease
 Aug. 10 Gregory and Marie Presser
 Aug. 12 David and Suzanne Grossman
 Aug. 17 Robert and Carrie Hickman
 Aug. 21 Ted and Anda Gagnet
 Chris and Elizabeth Stamps
 Aug. 22 Jim and Ursula Hixson
 Aug. 23 Bill and Carolyn Cramer
 Aug. 24 Tim and Nancy Pride
 Aug. 31 Bryan and April Dick

English Tea and Fashion Show Update

Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket and helped with our wonderful event this year in June!

From our proceeds we donated \$569.00 each to the Council on Aging, Bethel Village, and Anchorage Children's Home.

*Rally Day Children's Rehearsal
August 9th at 4:30 pm*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6:00 pm: SummerTime 6:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal	3	4	5
6 The Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Adult Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	7	8	9 4:30 pm: Children's Rehearsal for Rally Day 6:00 pm: Last SummerTime 6:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal	11 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm Supper at Grace volunteer work	11	12
13 The 10th Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 14 RALLY DAY AND BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS! 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Lay Ministry Fair 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel /Blessing of the Backpacks 11:30 am-Parish Luncheon	14	15	16 6:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal	17 School Starts!	18	19
20 The 11th Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 15 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Adult Sunday School 9:15 am: Vestry Meeting 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	21	22	23 6:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal	24	25	26
27 The 12th Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 16 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Adult Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	28 Book Club 5:30 pm-Panera Bread 6:30 pm-Parish House	29	30 6:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal	31		



Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for August 2017

August 6	August 13 Rally Day	August 20	August 27
Altar Guild: Inge Churchill and Nancy Hebert	Altar Guild: Max and Joyce Dannecker, Gene and Kathleen Wicker	Altar Guild: Kaew Sumpton, Nancy Dingus, Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Nancy Breland, Victoria Williams, Rhonda Miller
Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Bert Churchill 10:30 am: Steve Dick and Bill Bradford	Ushers 8:00 am: Jim Hixson and Parker McClellan 10:30 am: Dick and Nancy Hebert	Ushers 8:00 am: Lou Churchill and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Max and Joyce Dannecker	Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: John Thompson and Chris Mills
Greeters 8:00 am: Monica and Alex Phillips 10:30 am: Tom Hairston and Ian Crelling	Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Charles and Mary Bonham	Greeters 8:00 am: Larry and Kay Young 10:30 am: Tony and Jenny Collier	Greeters 8:00 am: Dawn Johnson 10:30 am: Kate Watson and Kacey McEwen
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gayle Ahrens and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: Edyth Brown and George McInnis	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Suzanne Grossman and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Joe Ciccarelli and Nancy Breland	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Inge Churchill and Gayle Ahrens 10:30 am: Todd Williams and Scott Clemons	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Karen Tucker and Byron Matthews 10:30 am: Kelly Roberson and Joyce Dannecker
Acolytes 10:30 am: Joseph Thompson, James Thompson, Bailey Melzer, Emi Hickman, Kristina Dick, Hannah Hickman	Acolytes 8:00 am: Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Jack Thompson, Ginny Leebrick, Kate Smith, Grace Ennis, Michael Watts, Tyler Shores, James Thompson, Andrew Collier, Bekah Leebrick, Kate Leebrick	Acolytes 10:30 am: Morgan Williams, Ashtyn Williams, John Moore, Grady Oenbrink, Ashley Doran, Milly Eberhard, Mia Carroll	Acolytes 8:00 am: Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Jacob Brock, Paul Brust, Linda Taylor King, Nicolas Pereira, Samantha Smith, Kristina Dick, Madelyn Reeder, Shelby Roberson, Stevens Roberson
Lector at 10:30 am Michael Lovchuk	Lector at 10:30 am Rich Doran	Lector at 10:30 am TBA	Lector at 10:30 am Carolyn Cramer
Tablecloth Ministry: Barbara Knowles	Tablecloth Ministry: Ian Crelling	Tablecloth Ministry: Nancy Hebert	Tablecloth Ministry: Candace Leebrick

Acolytes for the Service of Light
August 9th at 6:00 pm
Jack Thompson, Ginny Leebrick, Morgan Williams, and Jacob Brock



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DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST

The Rt. Rev. Russell Kendrick - Bishop
The Rev. Steven B. Bates - Rector
The Rev. Tom Weller, Associate

CHURCH STAFF

Youth Director - Andrew Jeffery
Director of Music - John Durgan
Administrative Assistant - Madge Smith
Children's CE Director - Beverly McDaniel
Church Bookkeeper - Kathy Mills
Nursery Attendants - Catherine Churchill, Emily Brock,
Kimberly Gailfoil

THE VESTRY

Fr. Steve Bates - Rector
Gayle Ahrens 15-18
Peggy Bowen 16-19
Beth Brock 15-18 Sr. Warden
Tiffany Ennis 16-19
Mark Godwin - Treasurer
Tom Hairston 16-19
Mike Harding 17-20

Jim Hixson 15-18
Tom Ledman 17-20 Jr. Warden
George McInnis 17-20
Madge Smith - Clerk
Hercules Pettis 17-18
Kelly Roberson 17-20
Joy Thompson 16-19
Todd Williams 14-17

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

*Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite I **
9:15 a.m. - Adult and Youth CE, Children's
Sunday School (Sept. - May)
*10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite II***
*Wednesday 5:30 pm - five-thirty Eucharist **
and programs

**Nursery Provided*

***Children's Church and Nursery Provided*
