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the NATIVITY *Scene*

Holy Nativity Episcopal Church • Panama City, Florida

Steak and Bake for Wilmer Hall

Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 5:00 pm



Hot-off-the-grill hand-cut steaks, baked potatoes, and fixin's that you'd expect! Come on out to benefit a great cause, (our Diocese Children's Home, Wilmer Hall), enjoy a great meal, and spend some quality time with your family and friends. This year we will have Karaoke!

Sign up forms are located at the welcome table, in the office during the week, and the deadline for orders is April 30th! \$20 a person

This will be an East Side Diocesan event!
If you would like to volunteer to help, please call
Hercules Pettis at 628-4007.

May 14, 2017

MOTHER'S DAY!

Join us for a special Mother's Day Service at 10:30 am. The children of Holy Nativity will lead us in worship!



Honoring our Graduates!



Is your child graduating from High School this year? Please let us know (church office: 747-4000) so they can be honored on May 14, 2017 at the 10:30 am service!

So far we have: Emily Brock, Garrett Healey, Katie McLain, Ryan Nelson, Noah Patterson, and Carson Shores

Adult Christian Education: Father Tom

We are plugging along between services on Sunday mornings, 9:15 to 10:15 in the Mary Stuart Poole Library at the east end of the yellowing brick road, come one come all. We discuss one, more, or sometimes all of the Bible lessons for the Sunday. It's always fun and interesting, and I inevitably learn more than anyone else.

Across the summer, Adult Sunday School will continue to meet for anyone who would like to come. Maybe a bit even less structured than usual, instead of a prepared and focused seminar we'll be talking about whatever is on anyone's curious mind. As long as I'm here between services anyway, I prefer a challenge to lounging in Battin Hall, so same time same place all summer long.

ANNUAL SHELL ISLAND SUNDAY! JUNE 11, 2017

Service will be at 11:00 am.

You can ride the ferry, take your own boat, or ride with a friend on their boat.



Bring a side dish to the church picnic. Meat will be provided.

Soon there will be a display in Battin Hall to sign up for the ferry (limited space) and to sign up to buy a Shell Island t-shirt plus more information about the day!

Youth Group End of Year Celebration!

Wednesday May 17th at 5:30pm

Following the service and meal,

Come ready for Summer.

Bring something to donate for summer fun! Towel, Toys or Clothing.

Donates will be sent to Wilmer Hall.

Slip n Slide Fun.

Please wear appropriate clothing to Slip n Slide.



Thank-you to all who attended, entertained and supported our youth ministry this year.

A. J. Jeffery, Youth Director



Another summer is just around the corner, and that means another SummerTime at Holy Nativity! Our Wednesday services and meals take on a more casual feel and time. Worship begins at 6:00pm with one of the daily office services from around the Anglican communion. A themed pot-luck dinner follows. The kids have supervised play time outside while the adults enjoy fellowship in the parish hall. We usually wrap up around 9:00pm. Watch the weekly bulletins and What's Happenings for the pot luck theme of the week so you'll know what food item to bring.

The first SummerTime is Wednesday, June 7th, and the dinner is our traditional spaghetti kick-off meal. Bring cooked hamburger meat and spaghetti sauce (Ragu counts!). Noodles, salad, bread, and drinks are provided.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with dinner prep or clean-up, please see Mike Harding.

Save The Date!

The English Tea and Fashion Show

June 24, 2017 at 2:00 pm

Tickets will be on sale soon!

Please sign up to volunteer!



Children's Ministry May 2017 *by Beverly McDaniel*

May	Sunday School 9:15 In Kids' Kingdom Theology Theatre	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.
7	Meet Mrs. McDaniel in Theology Theatre	Florencia Pereira 319-4870 Tiffany Ennis 319-4265	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
14	Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	Mother's Day/Family Day and we all stay in church. Recognition of HNEC's Graduating Seniors	Kaew Sumpton 872-3782 624-1290
21	Last Sunday School Class until August	Krissy Oenbrink 890-4441 Laura King 625-0705	Pat Spangler 215-5247
28		Judy Bennett 215-1579 Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	Teresa Durgan 913-3471

Many thanks go out to all of you who did so much to help make Easter at Holy Nativity a meaningful and memorable occasion for our children. The children seemed to have a wonderful time. With so very many children here, it was especially nice to hear several stories of our children showing kindness and caring for our visitors and sharing with the younger children. If you have suggestions that might make the egg hunt better next year, please let me know now while it is fresh on our minds.

This month brings several events that are special for our children. The Wednesday Evening service on May 3rd will feature a musical presented by our HNEC Children's Choir that all of us and our children will enjoy. Please plan to stay after the service for supper and Godly Play. If you have not seen Liz Ward teach a Godly Play lesson, you have missed a spiritual treat.

On Mother's Day, there will be a special family day service including recognition of our graduating seniors. Children and their parents will serve as greeters, ushers, and lectors, and will assume many responsibilities for conducting the worship service. There are many roles to fill so please call me if your child has a preference. To prepare for our parts and to practice the music we will sing, please bring the children to meet in the church on Wednesday, May 10th at 3:15 or as soon as you can get them here after school pick-up. We want our children to enjoy and to feel comfortable in these roles, and we want to provide experiences that will nurture and encourage a love of church participation and service throughout their entire lives. Contact me if you have requests or questions...265-8033.



"Let the little children come to me..."

Matthew 19:14, NIV



May 1	Marqua Brunette, Lou Churchill, Katie Marie Hutt, Wesley McClellan, Tim Pride, Larry Young
May 3	Louise Byrd
May 4	Peggy Bowen, Barbara Knowles, Susan Messer
May 6	Pat Clemons, Ina Joy Wicker
May 9	Richard Baird
May 11	Mary Ellen Reedie
May 12	Lyman Barger, Natasha Lithway
May 13	Andrew Jeffery, Grayson Williams
May 14	Ella Ennis, Betty Heminway
May 15	Camryn Commander, John Wambo
May 18	Con Davidenko, David Hurst, Glenda Patterson, Marie Presser, Margot Provencher, Christy Smith
May 19	Doug Smith
May 20	Jacob Brock, Anna Walrond
May 21	Bill Bradford, Alice Kinney, Walker Stamps, Scott Wattenbarger
May 22	Ashley Shores
May 23	Philip Cotton, Christina Cotton
May 24	Kevin Healey
May 29	Hannah Hickman, Kelly Roberson
May 30	Tim Phillips

Pavilion Update

The Pavillon needs your support! We're hoping to break ground on the Pavillon construction soon but would like to be further along with the pledge commitments before doing so. If you haven't already made your contribution--either one time or multi-year--to the Pavillon, please take a moment to do so. There are pledge cards at the Welcome Desk and on the table in the back of the church. Just drop your pledge card in the collection plate or mail it to the church office (envelopes are also on the table).

The Pavillon is the final piece of the construction undertaken several years ago to update and renovate our facilities. Thanks for making possible the much-needed construction and renovations so our facilities are ones in which we can take pride. The Pavillon will put the final "wrap" on these upgrades. Please take a moment to complete and return your pledge card today so we can get started.



May 4	Robert and Sharon Carroll
May 5	Rich and Lenka Doran
May 12	Denis and Lora Healey
May 13	Todd and Victoria Williams Larry and Kay Young
May 16	Robert and Lucy Dozar
May 17	Michael and Deana Gailfoil
May 19	Tim and Monica Phillips
May 24	John and Sarah Mason Alan and Jeannette Tremaine
May 25	Bert and Marla Churchill
May 28	Ivan and Florencia Pereira Kevin and Maggie Wattenbarger
May 29	Jason and Christy Smith
May 31	Richard and Donna Baird

Backpack Ministry

The backpack crew continues to serve around sixty kids at our designated backpack school. Over Spring Break, we learned a little about how this ministry inspires others and helps spread the kingdom even beyond our efforts. One day in February the father of a child at the school saw us unloading backpacks, and asked one of the school administrators what we were doing. Hearing about the Backpack Buddies program inspired him to put together a fundraiser, and along with around thirty young men from the Navy Dive School he staged a car wash that raised \$1,700.00. In turn, he used the money to buy food and personally pack two additional bags for each child just before Spring Break, so the kids would have a total of three bags (counting ours) to tide them over during the nine days they would be out of school. He is using the money that remains to bring pizzas for the kids during standardized testing.

The takeaway, it seems, is that your willingness to serve Christ in a visible way, taking care of an incredibly vulnerable group of folks, planted a seed for others to find their ministry in a way we could never anticipate. This outreach has always been bigger than us, and it now is manifestly so.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 4:00 pm-Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm – Children's Musical followed by Supper 6:30 pm: Adult Choir	4	5	6
7 4th Sunday of Easter 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel 5:00 pm-Steak and Bake	8	9 6:00 pm-EfM Alumni Dinner and program	10 4:00 pm: Practice for Mother's Day Service 5:30 pm –five-thirty service followed by Supper and programs 6:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsals	11 12:00 pm: Regional Clergy Meeting 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm Supper at Grace volunteer work	12	13
14 5th Sunday of Easter 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel Mother's Day Service and Honoring our Graduates	15	16	17 LAST FIVETHIRTY SERVICE AND SUPPER 5:30 pm –five-thirty service followed by Supper and programs 6:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsals	18	19	20
21 6th Sunday of Easter 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	22 Book Club 5:30 pm-Panera Bread 6:30 pm-Parish House	23 9:00 am: HNES Kindergarten Graduation	24 9:00 am: HNES 5th Grade Graduation 6:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsals	25 5:30 pm: HNES 8th Grade Graduation	26	27
28 The 7th Sunday of Easter The Sunday after Ascension Day 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	29 Church Office Closed for Memorial Day!	30	31 6:30 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsals			

Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for May 2017

May 7	May 14 Mother's Day and Honoring our Grads	May 21	May 28
Altar Guild: Max and Joyce Dannecker, Gene and Kathleen Wicker	Altar Guild: Kaew Sumpton, Nancy Dingus, Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Nancy Breland, Victoria Williams, and Ronda Miller	Altar Guild: Mary Bonham, Lisa McLendon, Marla Churchill
Ushers 8:00 am: Lou Churchill and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Dick and Nancy Hebert	Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Steve Dick and Bill Bradford	Ushers 8:00 am: Terry Jangula and Tim Pride 10:30 am: Alan and Jeannette Tremaine	Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Bert Churchill 10:30 am: Max and Joyce Dannecker
Greeters 8:00 am: Larry and Kay Young 10:30 am: Charles and Mary Bonham	Greeters 8:00 am: Dawn Johnson 10:30 am: Tony and Jenny Collier	Greeters 8:00 am: Donna Jangula 10:30 am: Kate Watson and Kacey McEwen	Greeters 8:00 am: Monica and Alex Phillips 10:30 am: Sandy Ciccarelli and Joe Ferrante
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Byron Matthews and Karen Tucker 10:30 am: Brian Leebrick and George McInnis	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gayle Ahrens and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: Kelly Roberson and Scott Clemons	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Suzanne Grossman and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Joyce Dannecker and Joe Ciccarelli	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Inge Churchill and Gayle Ahrens 10:30 am: Edyth Brown and Todd Williams
Acolytes 8:00 am: Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Joseph and James Thompson, Stevens and Shelby Roberson, Bailey Melzer, Emi Hickman, Kristina Dick, Mia Carroll, Linda Taylor King	Acolytes 10:30 am: Morgan and Ashtyn Williams, John Moore, Grady Oenbrink, Michael Watts, Milly Eberhard, Tyler Shores, Andrew Collier	Acolytes 8:00 am: Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Ginny, Kate, and Bekah Leebrick, Jack Thompson, Kate Smith, Grace Smith, Chappell Syfrett, Paul Brust, Hannah Hickman	Acolytes 10:30 am: Jacob Brock, Bekah Leebrick, Payton Lam, Nicolas Pereira, Samantha Smith, Kristina Dick, Madelyn Reeder, Ashley Doran
Lector at 10:30 am Carolyn Cramer	Lector at 10:30 am The Children of the Church	Lector at 10:30 am Beverly McDaniel	Lector at 10:30 am Holly Melzer
Tablecloth Ministry: Nancy Hebert	Tablecloth Ministry: Candace Leebrick	Tablecloth Ministry: Mary Bonham	Tablecloth Ministry: Mary Ellen Pettis



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The Rev. Steven B. Bates - Rector
The Rev. Tom Weller, Associate
The Rev. Mike Dickey, Deacon

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 and Emily Brock

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*