



the NATIVITY Scene

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*September 5, 2018
Wonderful Wednesdays resume!*



- 4:45 pm - Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 pm - *Five-thirty* service with supper
(Menu: Hamburgers and Hotdogs!)
- 6:30 pm - "Godly Play" for the younger children
"Club 45" for Children 4th and 5th Grade
Youth Group
Adult Choir Rehearsal (starting Lessons and Carols rehearsal)

English Tea and Fashion Show!
All proceeds will go to Anchorage Children's Home, Bethel Village,
and The Council on Aging.
More photos on Holy Nativity's Facebook page!



Here we go again!

Wednesday night programs are back! Please join the youth ministry if you are in 6th grade and up for worship, fellowship over a meal and crazy fun (at times) while we make an impact and a whole lot of noise.



This year we will be raising funds for a service (and fun) trip to support the work of the Shepherd Center, Atlanta. The Shepherd Center is a private, not-for-profit hospital specializing in medical treatment, research and rehabilitation for people with spinal cord injury and brain injury.

There are some wonderful opportunities for our youth to support and have fun while raising awareness and gaining a life experience with this organization.

Adult support will be required and more details will be published once youth have give input.

Other programs include for this year include,

Spare-a-prayer - anonymous prayer requests

Wednesday Night Meal Prep - plan and cook "Wednesday Night Program" meal

Back-Pack Buddies - Pack the weeks delivery

Confirmation Classes - Learn and understand what the Episcopal faith is from and is now.

Love Thy Neighbor - Annual program supporting Anchorage Children's Home SOAR program for at risk youth on our streets.

If you have anyone questions, queries or advice please contact me,

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To Our Holy Nativity Family,

Our family would like to thank you for all that you've done to help and support us through this last year with Tim's cancer diagnosis. Your thoughts and prayers have meant more than you'll ever know. Most recently, we'd like to thank you for the kindness that you've shown us through your gifts of a beautifully manicured lawn, the g.Foley's gift card, and the welcome back reception that was held in Tim's honor. Our lives have been truly changed from this entire experience. God has a way of showing you who is boss! We have been blessed with wonderful doctors and extraordinary health care facilities. New friends and old friends alike have helped us make it through this trying time. We know that these are all gifts from God above. We thank Him everyday for leading us in the right direction and trust that He knows what's best for us in all situations. Tim got a wonderful report from his latest appointment in Jacksonville. The doctor said he hasn't seen anyone heal as well as he has in the last several years. He will have his first post-radiation scan at the end of October. We expect to hear the same wonderful news then.

Again, thank you for all that you've done for us. We are thankful for such a wonderful church family. God bless you all.

Love,

The Phillips Family

Tim, Monica, Alex, Ashlee, and Cody

SAVE THESE OCTOBER DATES!

October 3rd: 5:30 pm—St. Francis of
Assisi Blessing of the Animals followed by supper

All pets are welcome to receive their yearly blessing! If your pet has other plans for the evening, you can bring a photo!

October 14th at 5:00 pm—Supper Club Mixer! (NOTE DATE CHANGE!)

It's time to form new Supper Club groups! Join us on Oct. 14th for a potluck dinner (everyone bring a dish) and everyone will be put into groups. If you can't attend the mixer but would like to be in a group, please contact Mary Ellen Pettis at 628-4700 or trespisces522@gmail.com. Look for the sign up sheet for the mixer in the foyer.

October 28th: Sunday at 5:00 pm

Pig Roast for Beckwith

Sign-up forms will be available Sept. 30th

Join us as we have a great evening eating wonderful food and supporting our Diocesan Camp and Conference Center in Fairhope, AL!

Acolyte Training

Sunday Sept. 9th at 9:15 am

or Wednesday, Sept. 12th after dinner.

There will also be a short meeting for the acolyte parents.

You can choose which day you would like to attend!



EfM Alumni
Dinner and Program
September 11, 2018
6:00 pm at Holy
Nativity



All Education for Ministry Alumni are invited to attend this once a month Gathering where they enjoy dinner and a program.

Please contact the church office at 747-4000 or madge@holy-nativity.org for more information.



- Sept. 1 John Durgan
 Sept. 3 Jo Bruhn, Julia McLane
 Sept. 4 Liam Cramer
 Sept. 6 Stevens Roberson, Shelby Roberson
 Sept. 7 Pat Spangler
 Sept. 8 Casey Cole, Susan Young
 Sept. 10 Bill Ethridge, John Wicker, Gene Wicker
 Sept. 11 Emma Crelling, J.R. Williams
 Sept. 12 Syndey Fuller, John McLendon
 Sept. 13 Grady Oenbrink
 Sept. 14 Charley King, Tom Weller
 Sept. 17 James Cospers
 Sept. 18 Richard Bruhn, Jennifer Gailfoil, Victoria Williams
 Sept. 19 Rob Doll, Laura King
 Sept. 20 Lucy Dozar, Anne Harris
 Sept. 21 Ron Yessman
 Sept. 22 Eric Berry, Alex King
 Sept. 23 Powell Ennis
 Sept. 25 Eric Stewart
 Sept. 26 Olivia Clemons, David Smith
 Sept. 28 John Barnett, Charles Coley
 Sept. 29 Mia Carroll, Denis Healey, Oliver Pettis, Carson Shores
 Sept. 30 Judi Lawrence



- Sept. 8 William and Monica Cramer
 Sept. 11 Andrew and Emma Jeffery
 Sept. 12 John and Nell Barnett
 John and Susan Messer
 Sept. 14 Lou and Inge Churchill
 Sept. 16 Aaron and Karen Shores
 Sept. 17 Greg and Amy Russell
 Sept. 18 Ron and Ann Yessman
 Sept. 27 Henry and Nancy Breland
 Sept. 29 Doug and Caroline Smith
 Sept. 30 Terry and Donna Jangula

Adult Christian Education: Father Tom

Fall Season begins for Adult Sunday School as we make it just a little more formal and sure than our relaxed Summer Gatherings. Early on, folks will be invited to suggest anything they would especially like to explore, a Bible book, goings on in the Episcopal Church, anything about the Book of Common Prayer or hymns or other liturgical resources, a social issue - - I'm good, and up for it.

Our usual non-routine will continue to be our assault on the Bible readings from the lectionary for each Sunday. In addition, Bishop Russell Kendrick is sponsoring something about our collects and prayers: I've not yet looked into that, but it's meant to start on September 9th, so I'll check it out for fitting into our scheme. Already and for years, we usually pick apart the Collect for the Day each Sunday to discern its theology and the nature of its petition; we'll continue that, and I'm thinking the bishop's program will enrich that part of our weekly curriculum.

Remember, Adult SS is open for everyone, college age through the end of Time. All are invited and welcome. 0915 to 1115 every Sunday morning (except occasionally as announced), Mary Stuart Poole Library, down the yellowing brick road past the pavilion and through the double doors. Come early for chat, come on time, or come late as most do, it's all good.



September 2018 Children's Ministry

by Beverly McDaniel

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

Godly Play Storytellers and Doorkeepers

Nursery Volunteer for 2nd Sunday 10:30 Worship Service

Club 45 Volunteers

Looking back over the summer, the children of Holy Nativity and I have experienced both highs and lows. Through the lows, we have learned more about fervent prayer. The children who serve as acolytes are aware of the absence of their Acolyte Master, Mike Harding, and have been able to express their concern for him with prayers, homemade cards, and funny pictures for him.

The Thompson Boys (Jack, James, and Joseph) are known to all the children as they help us in classes, on the playground, and with any special event, so we all have been really worried about Joseph after the lightning struck him. What could we do to help him? This was a true lesson for us in trusting God and the power of prayer. And probably the best event of the summer was the welcome celebration in the pavilion for Joseph's return to health and home. Thanks be to God.

Another good time was Rally Day and the Blessing of the Backpacks. Many thanks go to all of you who helped make it such fun for the children and our guests. The dinner was delicious, the weather was great, and the children were well-behaved as they enjoyed the water slide. God is good.

As we look ahead, we are always trying to plan the best programs possible for our children. This fall we are excited to be changing spaces and places, moving Godly Play into the larger Theology Theatre and giving an opening for a new club for fourth and fifth graders. We have outgrown the current Godly Play room and need the extra space that the Theology Theatre room affords for wondering and works. The vacated GP room, with its closet to accommodate materials, is just right for something new for our pre-teens on Wednesday evenings. Fr. Steve has researched and offered **Club 45** as a special time on Wednesday evenings for them to engage in service projects, outreach, and thoughtful Christian approaches to issues that affect their age group. He has provided great curriculum suggestions, and Holly Melzer has agreed to lead the program. We will be calling on many of you to contribute time, talent, and innovative ideas for advancing this special time for our fourth and fifth graders on Wonderful Wednesday Evenings from 6:30-7:30. Children's Church on Sundays will continue meeting in Kids' Kingdom for the time being.

Please notice the openings for volunteers mentioned above. I believe that you will be blessed indeed to work with our Holy Nativity children...and their parents. As always, your questions, comments, and suggestions are welcome by phone (265-8033), cell/text (850-832-8324), or email (bmcDaniel00@aol.com).



Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for September 2018

Sept. 2	Sept. 9	Sept. 16	Sept. 23	Sept. 30
Altar Guild: Max and Joyce Dannecker, Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Kaew Sumpton, Nancy Dinius, Gene and Kathleen Wicker	Altar Guild: Nancy Breland, Victoria Williams, Rhonda Miller	Altar Guild: Mary Bonham, Lisa McLendon, Marla Churchill	Altar Guild: Amy Russell, Barbara Knowles, Byron Matthews, Karen Tucker
Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Alan and Jeannette Tremaine	Ushers 8:00 am: Terry Jangula and Tim Pride 10:30 am: Max and Joyce Dannecker	Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Dawn Johnson 10:30 am: John Thompson and Chris Mills	Ushers 8:00 am: Jim Hixson and Parker McClellan 10:30 am: Russell and Beth Brock	Ushers 8:00 am: Bert Churchill and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Dick and Nancy Hebert
Greeters 8:00 am: Larry and Kay Young 10:30 am: Ken and Hannah Davis	Greeters 8:00 am: Donna Jangula 10:30 am: D.W. and Jani Smith	Greeters 8:00 am: Monica Phillips 10:30 am: Charles and Mary Bonham	Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Tony and Jenny Collier	Greeters 8:00 am: Marla Churchill 10:30 am: Charlie Commander and Mary Ellen Pettis
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Inge Churchill and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Brian Leebrick and Scott Clemons	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Karen Tucker and Byron Matthews 10:30 am: Nancy Breland and Todd Williams	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gayle Ahrens and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: Kelly Roberson and Joyce Dannecker	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Inge and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Joe Ciccarelli and George McInnis	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Karen Tucker and Byron Matthews 10:30 am: Edyth Brown and Scott Clemons
Acolytes 10:30 am: Madelyn Reeder, Bekah Leebrick, Emma Crelling, Nicolas Pereira, Milly Eberhard, Jack Thompson	Acolytes 10:30 am: Jack Thompson, Tyler Shores, Kate Leebrick, Bailey Melzer, Will Melzer	Acolytes 10:30 am: Ginny Leebrick, James Thompson, Linda Taylor King, Lauren Berry, Nicolas Pereira	Acolytes 10:30 am: Morgan and Ashtyn Williams, Jackson Lee, Grady Oenbrink, Grace Ennis	Acolytes 10:30 am: Jacob Brock, Joseph Thompson, John Moore, Michael Watts, Bekah Leebrick
Lector at 10:30 am Tom Ledman	Lector at 10:30 am Lisa McLendon	Lector at 10:30 am Daniel Melzer	Lector at 10:30 am Holly Melzer	Lector at 10:30 am Beverly McDaniel
Tablecloth Ministry: Candace Leebrick	Tablecloth Ministry: Mary Bonham	Tablecloth Ministry: Mary Ellen Pet-	Tablecloth Ministry: Teresa Durgan	Tablecloth Ministry: Chris Stamps

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 The 15th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Adult Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	3 Labor Day Holiday Office Closed	4	5 4:45 pm-Children's Choir rehearsal 5:30 pm- five-thirty service followed by programs 6:30 pm-Adult Choir rehearsal	6	7	8
9 The 16th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages 9:15 am-Acolyte Training 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	10	11 6:00 pm-EfM Alumni dinner and program	12 4:45 pm-Children's Choir rehearsal 5:30 pm- five-thirty service followed by programs 6:30 pm-Adult Choir rehearsal 6:30 pm-Acolyte Training	13 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm Supper at Grace volunteer work	14	15
16 The 17th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	17	18	19 4:45 pm-Children's Choir rehearsal 5:30 pm- five-thirty service followed by programs 6:30 pm-Adult Choir rehearsal	20	21	22
23 The 18th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	24 Book Club 5:30 pm-Panera Bread 6:30 pm-Parish House	25	26 4:45 pm-Children's Choir rehearsal 5:30 pm- five-thirty service followed by programs 6:30 pm-Adult Choir rehearsal	27	28	29
30 The 19th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel						



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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 - Kimberly Gailfoil, Catherine
Churchill, and Kaew Sumpton*

THE VESTRY

*Fr. Steve Bates - Rector
Tricia Berry - 18-21
Beth Brock- 16-19
Ian Crelling 16-19
Tiffany Ennis 16-19
Mark Godwin - Treasurer
Mike Harding 17-20
Tom Ledman 17-20 Jr. Warden*

*Brian Leebrick 18-21
George McInnis 17-20 Sr. Warden
Ivan Pereira 18-21
Mary Ellen Pettis-18-21
Kelly Roberson 17-20
Madge Smith - Clerk
Joy Thompson 16-19*

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*
