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Holy Nativity Episcopal Church • Panama City, Florida

BLESSING OF THE
BRCKPRCKS
August 19, 2012
At the 10:30 am service

Kids...bring your filled backpacks to church for a special blessing before school begins!





Help Us stock the New Church Kitchen!
August 26, 2012

The church is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond.

To make sure we receive what we actually need, please follow the list at the store. Please place your items in the basket in the back of the church on August 26th!

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Wow, school starts this month, and that means that youth group does, too! Our first Wednesday night meeting will be on August 22nd. Youth Group is open to all 6th through 12th grade kids, and we meet from 6pm to 8pm in the "upstairs room". If you aren't sure where that is, come into Kids Kingdom and we will show you. It's usually either messy or ridiculous, so come and join the fun. Parents, just like last year, I would love to have you sign up to bring us dinner every so often.

Sunday School also starts back up in September, and our first meeting will be September 16th. We meet at 9:15am, in the upstairs room, of course. Youth Sunday School follows the Old and New Testament lessons in the bulletin each week. We talk about what we think they mean, and then see if Father Steve or Father Tom agree with us during the sermon. There are always interesting viewpoints that get shared, and sometimes debated!

Additionally, we are planning our annual trip to Orlando for Rock The Universe. I have included a flyer with information about the event, and a registration form. The cost has gone up again this year, both because of ticket prices and the price of gasoline. There are always a few kids and would-be chaperones who would love to attend but can't quite fit it into their budgets. If you would like to sponsor a part of somebody's expenses, please talk to me.

I can't wait to see you all in the upstairs room! Judy 248-6624 judydickey@gmail.com



Rally Day Bring a Friend Sunday

September 9, 2012

Join us for this

special annual event of

Holy Nativity Episcopal Church!

Parish Luncheon (bring a dish to share!) after the 10:30 am service in our new renovated space!

Jumpy/Waterslide for the kids! Bring your swimsuit!

Displays will be setup about all our new Fall Christian Education classes and information on all our ministries!

We will welcome Fr. Steve back!

From Fr. Tom. Summer Priest

Hardly possible, hard to believe, but June and July have passed on into wherever it is the months and years go, and it's August again. The buildings are looking wonderful, not finished, but looking good. By the time this newsletter is out, the two-story building will have been blasted and may be painted already, the perfect color of the church, so that our buildings match. My time as your Summer Priest seems to be going well so far, at least it isn't quite wearing me out. For our "summer eucharist" we are singing regular hymns from *The Hymnal 1982* in the pew racks, but trying out the 1993 Eucharistic Prayers instead of the 1979 prayers, just to find out what's going on across the Church.

General Convention 2012 is in session in Indianapolis, Indiana as I write this. Lots of humdrum quite frankly; but imagination is showing forth in at least a couple of places. For one, there's a proposal to change General Convention's structure from bicameral (House of Bishops and House of Deputies) to a unicameral body with everybody in one room; and to cut in half the number of representatives from each diocese. it's a reasonable economy measure that makes lots of sense to me; but who knows what kind of protective self-interests may come to play before that settles.

Another proposal before General Convention is to revise the canon (rule) that specifies what translations of the Bible may be used in our worship, adding a couple -- The Message and the Common English Bible are proposed for authorization. I'm in favor of adding the CEB. But The Message is a paraphrase not a translation of the Hebrew and Greek, a scholarly paraphrase, mind you, but nevertheless,

and has no place in the liturgical worship of our Church -- although it is proving really great for Bible Study; and often intriguing, even entertaining.

Our summertime Youth Lector program is still going well, and I'm thinking of how to continue that right on into the fall and permanently, if the Rector and youth want to. Youth who are interested in serving in the liturgical ministry should tell me twellerpc@gmail.com, or tell Mrs. Dickey, Youth Group coordinator.

School resumes Monday, August 20th, and looking toward that, we will have our annual fantasticalistic Backpack Sunday the day before, on Sunday, August 19th. Sunday School resumes September 16, including my Adult Sunday School in the Mary Stuart Poole Library. Bible Seminars will resume for the fall season with a study of the Letter of James, tentatively first session Tuesday morning, September 2nd, the day after Labor Day, ten a.m. to eleven fifteen. To accommodate folks, drivers who are coming in from the west end of the beaches and even from Walton County, we will try for a month, a second seminar, same coverage, meeting at a beach location right after lunch on Wednesday afternoons, details to follow.

Finally for now, for the rest of the summer our New Testament lesson will be from Ephesians, moving to James in September.

Tom Weller+

Holy Nativity August 2012 Calendar

- Aug. 2 5:30 pm- Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal Aug. 5 Sunday Services at 8:00 and 10:30 Aug. 6 10:00 am- Staff Meeting Aug. 7 12:00 pm Mary Martha Circle
- Aug. 9 2:00 pm -7:30 pm Volunteer time at Supper at Grace
- Aug. 12 Sunday Services at 8:00 and 10:30 9:15 am- Missions and Outreach Meeting 9:15 am-Daughters of the King Meeting
- Aug. 16 5:30 pm- Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Aug. 19 Sunday Services at 8:00 and 10:30 BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS!
- Aug. 22 6:00 pm-Wednesday Night Youth Aug. 26 Sunday Services at 8:00 and 10:30 Kitchen Shower!
- Aug. 27 Book Club

5:30 pm Panera Bread 6:30 pm Parish House

Aug. 29 5:45 pm-EfM begins

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Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for August 2012

August 5, 2012	August 12, 2012	August 19, 2012	August 26, 2012
Altar Guild: Nancy Breland, Victoria Williams, and Rhonda Miller	Altar Guild: Mary Bonham, Lisa McLendon, and Marla Churchill	Altar Guild: Joyce Howard and Amy Russell	Altar Guild: Gayle Ahrens, Joe Ciccarelli, and Alice Allen
Greeters 8:00 am: Betty Heminway 10:30 am: Lenka Doran	Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Mike and Amy Zinszer	Greeters 8:00 am: Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Charlie and Cassie Commander	Greeters 8:00 am: Dawn Johnson 10:30 am: Sandy Ciccarelli
Ushers 8:00 am: Susan Nelson and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Max and Joyce Dannecker	Ushers 8:00 am: Herb Arlt and Jim Hixson 10:30 am: John Thompson and Chris Mills	Ushers 8:00 am: Dan Johnson and Tim Phillips 10:30 am: Mark and Nina Godwin	Ushers 8:00 am: Terry Jangula and Tim Pride 10:30 am: Dick and Nancy Hebert
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Lou and Inge Churchill 10:30 am: Joe Ciccarelli and Scott Clemons	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Karen Tucker and Byron Matthews 10:30 am: Mike Dickey and Brian Leebrick	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gayle Ahrens and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: Stewart Sumpton and Todd Williams	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Suzanne Grossman and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Edyth Brown and Joe Ciccarelli
Acolytes 8:00 am: Wesley McClellan and Madelyn Reeder 10:30 am: Drew Dickey, Sean Dickey, James Thomp- son, Joseph Thompson	Acolytes 10:30 am: Ben Bradford, Jack Thompson, Jusin Rahn, Sean Dickey	Acolytes 8:00 am: Wesley McClellan and Madelyn Reeder 10:30 am: Elizabeth Zinszer, Caroline Zinszer, James Thompson, Katie Marie Hutt	Acolytes 10:30 am: Kyle Fisher, Claire Fisher, Morgan Williams, Ashtyn Williams, Trevor Madder
Lector at 10:30 am: John Darrah	Lector at 10:30 am Rich Doran	Lector at 10:30 am Brianna Fisher	Lector at 10:30 am Don Hodges

Only if you are unable to find a replacement for the day you are scheduled, please call your lay ministry leader.

Acolytes: Mike Harding - 747-0601 Altar Guild: Inge Churchill - 265-6744

Chalice Bearers/Lectors: 8 a.m. Gayle Ahrens 235-4265

10:30 a.m. Edyth Brown - 265-4009 Greeters/Ushers: Terry Jangula - 874-2382 Sunday Sweets: Edyth Brown - 265-4009 August 2012 Page 5

Children's Ministry August 2012

August	Children's Church 10:30	Nursery 10:15
	In Kids' Kingdom after the children's sermon at the beginning of the worship service. They return to "big church" for communion.	Younger children enjoy being in the nursery with Megan or Molly Thomp- son and our wonderfully faithful nursery volunteers.
5	"Tabitha and Dorcas"	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
	Judy Bennett 215-1579 Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	203 92/0
	Beverry WicDarrier 203-6035	
12	"Philip and Cornelius"	Nancy Reeder 596-9538
	Ashley Eaton 769-8533	
	Candace Leebrick 522-9240	
19 Blessing of the	Jenny Collier 215-6554	Kaew Sumpton
Backpacks!	Karen Shores 867-1084 Sharon Carroll 784-6961	872-3782
	Kathy Brust 265-3172	
26	"Peter in Jail"	Pat Spangler 215-5247
	Charlie Commander 265-4400 Trey Hutt 814-7934	



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The Rite One and The Chancel Choirs

The adult choirs have enjoyed some free Thursday evenings due to summer schedules but we resume regular weekly practices after Labor Day. While vacations may cease for some, football season beckons many a fan from our choir. We have been blessed with some wonderful voices in our choirs but we are continually searching for additional members to join. Rumor has it; some of those new voices are sitting out in the congregation but have not made it to rehearsals yet. We encourage you to join us any Thursday evening. The Rite One Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 5:30 – 6:30 and we usually sing once a month. The Chancel Choir sings weekly at the 10:30 service and rehearses on Thursdays from 6:30 – 8:30 and Sunday mornings at 9:30 before church.

Our choirs are not only opportunities for musical growth but a time for prayer and spiritual sharing. Thanks are always offered for each member for sharing their musical gifts with our choirs and Holy Nativity. Each voice help to make all of us better! God bless each of our choir members!

We would love for more people to join us. Music for Advent, Lessons and Carols, and Christmas will soon find its way into all of our music folders and additional voices would be a blessing to our choirs as well as to our church. We look forward to welcoming you to our choirs. If anyone has any questions, please ask me or any choir member. Do not be afraid if you cannot read music, most choir members do not read music, but they all learn enough to follow their part and share their gift of music. If God has given you a voice, please come and share it.



Children's Choir has been on summer vacation from rehearsals but we resume Wednesday practices on <u>September 12th</u>. All children in grades one through eight are welcome to sing in Children's Choir. Weekly rehearsals are held on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00-5:00 in the Choir Office, located in the Kids' Kingdom Building.

The Children's Choir sings several times throughout the school year at the 10:30 services and for the Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve. This is an excellent opportunity for your child to grow musically and spiritually and learn

what it means to give back to the church by serving and sharing their gifts. We look forward to having your child join us. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact me at 769-9034.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN'S CHOIR MEMBERS – PAST AND PRESENT



The Children's Choir will sing during our annual *Blessing of the Backpacks* on Sunday, August 19th, during the 10:30 service. We are singing music that we ALL know really well and will plan to process in wearing our red robes and backpacks! Please speak with Director, Marqua Brunette at church to coordinate the details. I am hoping to make this a one-time rehearsal event the morning of the 19th. Just make sure you are in the church in your red robe at 10:00 AM and bring your backpacks!

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- Aug. 1 Katy Brust, Ashlyn Pack
- Aug. 3 Joanne Mallary, Mary Ellen Pettis, Sunny Pettis, Caroline Zinszer
- Aug. 4 Benny Watts
- Aug. 5 Joyce Dannecker, Holly Melzer, Joan Morrow
- Aug. 6 Penny Hutt
- Aug. 7 Steve Bates
- Aug. 8 Nancy Reeder
- Aug. 9 Lily Bradford, Glenn Eddleman, Laura McClain, Robert Sale, Hunter Smith
- Aug. 10 Rita Boston
- Aug. 11 Max Dannecker
- Aug. 12 Earnest Jordan, Ashlee Phillips
- Aug. 13 Mary Sittman
- Aug. 15 Gracie Cole, Bruce McLawhorn
- Aug. 16 Gordon Akst, Lori Bates
- Aug. 20 Seth Patterson, Caroline Smith
- Aug. 21 Michael Gailfoil, Mark Hawley, Ed Richards, George Walrond
- Aug. 22 Jenna Rahn
- Aug. 23 Brian McClain
- Aug. 24 Kathy Dick
- Aug. 25 Samantha Eaton, Donna Hairston
- Aug. 26 Anji Dunlap, Peggy Ferrante, Connor Kellev
- Aug. 27 Anthony Collier, John Hutt, Chuck Knowles, Aaron Shores
- Aug. 28 Lee Scott
- Aug. 29 Phyllis McLawhorn, Jonah Reeder
- Aug. 31 Gregory Miller





- Aug. 1 Richard and Jo Bruhn
- Aug. 3 Brian and Candace Leebrick
- Aug. 6 Rick and Kathy Stuart
- Aug. 7 Allen and Pat Nease
- Aug. 12 David and Suzanne Grossman
- Aug. 14 Joe and Peggy Ferrante
- Aug. 21 Ted and Anda Gagnet
- Aug. 22 Jim and Ursula Hixson
- Aug. 23 Bill and Carolyn Cramer Michael and Judy Dickey
- Aug. 24 Tim and Nancy Pride
- Aug. 29 John and Mary Frances Hutt



Join the Book/Kindle Club this month!

They will meet August 27th. 5:30 pm at Panera Bread Restaurant 6:30 pm at the Parish House

They will be reading "Israel, My Beloved" by Kay Arthur

Upcoming months will be:
September -- "Sea Change" by Karen White
October -- "Mama Makes Up Her Mind"
by Bailey White



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SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite I * 9:15 a.m. - Adult and Youth CE, Children's Sunday School (Aug. - May) 10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite II**

*Nursery Provided

**Children's Church and Nursery Provided