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Holy Nativity Episcopal Church • Panama City, Florida

Please Join Us for our Annual **Rally Day** Blessing & Of the Backpacks



SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH

Join us as we kick off a new school year and learn about new programs and ministries for the fall!

Services at
8 and 10:30

(Blessing of the Backpacks will be at the 10:30 service)

Picnic to follow. Bring a side dish to share.

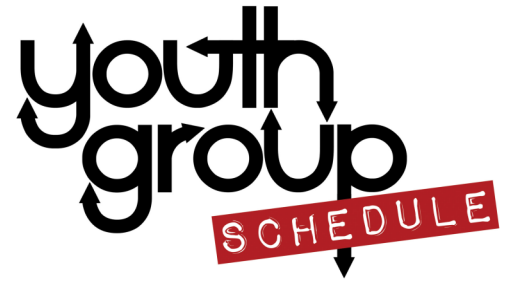


Kids, be sure to bring your backpacks and a swimsuit for the water slide!

Everyone
bring a Friend!!

Welcome Back Youth!

To start this year off right, we are having a **Youth Rally Party** at the Scotts' on Saturday, August 17th from 11am to 4pm. Wear a swimsuit and bring a towel! If you are going to be in middle- or high-school this year, you definitely want to come join us. Watch your bulletins and What's Happening for details.



The fabulous new custom-designed **Youth Group T-Shirts** are here! We have sizes from adult small to XXL, and they are only \$10 each. You don't have to be a youth to wear one, either.

School starts on Tuesday, August 20th, so **Wednesday Nights** are back in full swing beginning August 21st. We have so much fun in the upstairs room from 6pm to 8pm, and learn a little, too. If you are a teenager, or in middle- or high-school, we would love to see you there.

Finally, **Rock The Universe** is right around the corner. This is two nights of Christian rock bands performing live at Universal Studios Orlando, Friday and Saturday, September 6th and 7th. Between listening to the bands, you can enjoy all of the other rides and attractions at the Universal Studios theme parks. Holy Nativity middle- and high-schoolers will be attending as a group. We will provide transportation, a house (or two) to sleep in, and breakfast each morning. Parents are more than welcome to come along as chaperones. The cost per person is estimated to be \$225 for youth and \$104 for chaperones, which includes transportation, lodging, breakfasts, and tickets to the park. I need to reserve a place to sleep and purchase group tickets, so I am looking for a head count soon. If you would like to attend, please fill out a registration form and turn it in with a \$50 deposit by Friday, August 30.

A registration form is on the church's website (www.holy-nativity.org), in the What's Happening weekly email, or in the back of the church!

I'll see you in the upstairs room!
Judy Dickey



Summer is vacation time, and while our acolytes have not taken the entire summer off, we have scheduled one Sunday's vacation for them on Aug. 11th. Filling in will be Alumni



Acolytes—anyone who has been an acolyte in their youth! You know who you are, so please volunteer to serve this one Sunday. It'll be lots of fun! It's the Sunday before Backpack Sunday/Rally Day when the regulars take over again. There's a short training session at 9:45. Please email Mike Harding

(mharding@mmitv.com)

your participation. A pool party at the Harding home will follow the 10:30 service for all acolytes, their parents, and the participating alumni acolytes.



Backpack Social

August 11, 2013 at 5:00 pm!

Interested in taking part in this year's Backpack Ministry? Want to meet some of the folks who put it together each week?

We'll have our Backpack Buddies Barbeque on Sunday, August 11, 2013 at 5 pm at the Parish House.

We'll have fun, food, Episcopal beverages, and a brief discussion of the program and opportunities for you to help. No one will try to sell you anything, and it's a fun group so a good time will be had by all.

If you know you will attend, please contact Mike Dickey at 867.2550 or mdickey@barronredding.com so we have a head count. Thanks.

August Calendar 2013

Aug. 1: 5:30 pm-Rite One Choir Practice

6:30 pm-Chancel Choir Practice

Aug. 4: 8:00 am-HE/Rite One

10:30 am-HE/Rite Two

Aug. 6: 12:00 pm-Mary Martha Circle

Aug. 8: 5:30 pm-Rite One Choir Practice

6:30 pm-Chancel Choir Practice

Aug. 11: 8:00 am-HE/Rite One

10:30 am-HE/Rite Two

12:00 pm-Acolyte Pool Party!

5:00 pm-Backpack Buddies Barbeque

Aug. 15: 5:30 pm-Rite One Choir Practice

6:30 pm-Chancel Choir Practice

Aug. 17: 11:00 am-Youth Rally Party

Aug. 18: **RALLY DAY AND BACKPACK SUNDAY!**

8:00 am-HE/Rite One

9:15 am-Lay Ministry Fair

10:30 am-HE/Rite Two

11:45 am-Parish Luncheon

Lay Ministry Fair continues

Aug. 20: School begins

Aug. 21: 6:00 pm-Youth Group

Aug. 25: 8:00 am-HE/Rite One

10:30 am-HE/Rite Two

Aug. 26: 5:30 pm-Book Club at Panera Bread

6:30 pm-Book Club at Parish House

Aug. 28: 6:00 pm-Youth Group

Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for August 2013

August 4, 2013	August 11, 2013	August 18, 2013	August 25, 2013
Altar Guild: Mary Bonham, Lisa McLendon, Marla Churchill	Altar Guild: Amy Russell, Joe Ciccarelli, Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Monica Phillips, Mary Mittiga, David Burris	Altar Guild: Nancy Hebert, Inge Churchill
Greeters 8:00 am: Betty Heminway 10:30 am: Sandy Ciccarelli	Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Lauren Jones	Greeters 8:00 am: Dorbre McMullen 10:30 am: Joe and Peggy Ferrante	Greeters 8:00 am: Dawn Johnson 10:30 am: Charlie and Cassie Commander
Ushers 8:00 am: Susan Nelson and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: John Thompson and Chris Mills	Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Jim Hixson 10:30 am: Mark and Nina Godwin	Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Dick and Nancy Hebert	Ushers 8:00 am: Terry Jangula and Tim Pride 10:30 am: Bret and Katie Fisher
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Lou and Inge Churchill 10:30 am: Scott Clemons and Mike Dickey	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Karen Tucker and Byron Matthews 10:30 am: Edyth Brown and Brian Leebrick	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gayle Ahrens and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: Todd Williams and Stewart Sumpton	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Suzanne Grossman and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Scott Clemons and Edyth Brown
Acolytes 8:00 am: Eric Stewart and Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Jack Thompson, James Thompson, Joseph Thompson, Jacob Brock	Acolytes 8:00 am: Wes McClellan and Madelyn Reeder 10:30 am: Alumni Acolytes	Acolytes 8:00 am: Eric Stewart and Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Trevor Madden, Morgan Williams, Ashytn Williams, Camryn Commander, Ben Bradford, Drew Dickey, Sean Dickey	Acolytes 8:00 am: Wes McClellan and Ginny Leebrick 10:30 am: Kyle Fisher, Claire Fisher, Paul Brust, Michael Watts
Lector at 10:30 am: Holly Melzer	Lector at 10:30 am: Beverly McDaniel	Lector at 10:30 am Mary Ellen Pettis	Lector at 10:30 am Jackie Rahn
Tablecloth Ministry: Mary Frances Hutt	Tablecloth Ministry: Teresa Durgan	Tablecloth Ministry: Barbara Knowles	Tablecloth Ministry: Natasha Lithway



Aug. 1	Katy Brust, Ashlyn Pack
Aug. 3	Ian Crelling, Sunny Pettis, Mary Ellen 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	Ivan Pereira, Nancy Reeder
Aug. 9	Lily Bradford, Glenn Eddleman, Laura McClain, 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. 19	Robert Hickman
Aug. 20	Seth Patterson, Caroline Smith
Aug. 21	Michael Gailfoil, Mark Hawley, Philip Stewart, George Walrond
Aug. 22	Scott Jones, Jenna Rahn
Aug. 23	Brian McClain
Aug. 24	Kathy Dick
Aug. 25	Samantha Eaton, Donna Hairston
Aug. 26	Anji Dunlap, Peggy Ferrante, Conner Kelly
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. 7	Allen and Pat Nease
Aug. 12	David and Suzanne Grossman
Aug. 14	Joe and Peggy Ferrante
Aug. 17	Robert and Carrie Hickman
Aug. 21	Edward and Leanda Gagnet
Aug. 22	Jim and Ursula Hixson
Aug. 23	Bill and Carolyn Cramer Mike and Judy Dickey
Aug. 24	Tim and Nancy Pride
Aug. 29	John and Mary Frances Hutt

EfM is a four year program of study and reflection administered by the School of Theology at Sewanee. Every Wednesday, participants gather in a small group of 6-12 people to learn, debate, eat, cajole, and add a breadth and depth to their faith that is available nowhere else. Nativity's EfM group will begin its 2013-14 term on September 4th, and wrap up in May. Although Sewanee insists that we register everyone at the same time, we can find a spot for you if the start date forces you to come on board a week or two into the course. The cost is \$350 for the year, which includes 34 weeks of sessions (\$10.30 a week, or thereabouts!), books and materials. Financial aid is available, so if you feel called to this, don't talk yourself out of it over the tuition. If you'd like to learn more, contact Mike Dickey at 867.2550 or mdickey@barronredding.com.



Disaster Plan

We're halfway through hurricane season, so it must be time to update the Parish Disaster Plan. Okay, maybe "create" is more accurate. One goal of the plan is to provide information to the church staff regarding parishioners who may need or appreciate having someone check on them after the Big One hits. If you know of anyone who fits that description, let us know and we will make sure our plan includes reaching out to them. Questions? Contact Mike Dickey at 867.2550 or mdickey@barronredding.com.

♪ Music Notes ♪ by Marqua Brunette
Director of Choirs

CALLING ALL CHILDREN'S CHOIR MEMBERS

The Children's Choir will sing during our annual *Blessing of the Backpacks* on Sunday, August 18th, during the 10:30 service. We are singing music that we ALL know really well from last season 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 18th. Just make sure you are in the church in your red robe at 10:00 AM and bring your backpacks!

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. Both of our choirs are in need of additional members. I realize it is a great commitment but it is so very rewarding PLUS you get the best seats in the house for all special services like Easter and Christmas Eve!! We have been blessed with some wonderful voices in our choirs but we are continually searching for additional members to join. It takes all kinds of voices to make a choir – believe it or not, for years I considered myself just a decent ‘choral’ voice. But with regular practice and vocal maturity (yes, your voice continues to mature and grow) I am now a much stronger singer and not afraid of a solo. You don't have to be a ‘soloist’ to join; we need your sound to blend with the others in the choir. 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 helps to make all of us better! God bless each of our choir members!

bers!

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

Children's Choir has been on summer vacation from rehearsals but we resume Wednesday practices on September 11th. 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.

Once again Holy Nativity's English Tea and Fashion Show was an outstanding success, with a total ticket sell out. This success was only possible due to the unfailing support of our parishioners. Thank you for buying and selling tickets. A special thank you must be extended to those of you who decorated the tables, made scones, sandwiches, tea, in addition to serving and cleaning up.

Due to your efforts we were able to provide our three charities, Anchorage Children's Home, The Rescue Mission and The Council on Aging with a sum of \$600.00 each, for a total of \$1,800.00. An outstanding effort for a one day event. Once again it is with grateful thanks to all of you who gave of their time and effort to make this event a God blessed event.

Suzanne Grossman

Children's Ministry August 2013

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 Callie Mills and our wonderfully faithful nursery Volunteer.
4	"The Heavens Declare" Jenny Collier 215-6554 Brandi Kelly 785-1139	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
11	"Soul Food" Karen Shores 867-1084 Kelly Roberson 615-2709	Kaew Sumpton 872-3782
18 RALLY DAY	BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS Judy Bennett, Katy Bradford, Kathy Brust, Sharon Carroll, Casey Cole, Jenny Collier, 2Commanders, Lenka Doran, Brandi Kelley, Holly Melzer	Pat Spangler 215-5247
25	"Seeds of Faith" Trey Hutt 814-7934 Amy Russell 784-0096 Lenka Doran 874-1048	Teresa Durgan 913-3471
SEPTEMBER 1	"x Ray Fish" Judy Bennett 215-1579 Amy Russell 784-0096 Lenka Doran 874-1048	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276

Children's Church in August will continue with lessons from the Psalms (our nickname). Many of our Psalms stories have been happy and filled with praise and thanksgiving, but some have taught us about calling upon God when we are worried or afraid or sad. Judy Bennett has designed crafts for the children to reinforce the messages and the memory verses that we believe are important tools for all of us throughout our lives. After church, ask your children if they learned a memory verse in Children's Church that Sunday. We don't have one every Sunday, but we hope that we are always giving our children building blocks of faith that they can use forever.

Beverly McDaniel



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The Rev. Tom Weller, Associate*

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Children's CE Director - Beverly McDaniel
Administrative Assistant - Madge Smith
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Church Bookkeeper - Kathy Mills
Sexton - Lawrence Long
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Nursery Attendant - Callie Mills and Callie Pettis*

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Edyth Brown 12-15
Joe Ciccarelli 13-16
Carolyn Cramer 12-15
Mike Dickey 11-14
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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 (Sept. - May)
10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite II***

**Nursery Provided*

***Children's Church and Nursery Provided*