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



SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH

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!!

50th Annual Jonathan Myrick Daniels Pilgrimage August 15 in Hayneville, Ala.

Any youth and their parents that are interested in attending, please contact A.J. Jeffery at aussie_aj@holy-nativity.org or 319-1953.

Jonathan Myrick Daniels was an Episcopal seminarian and civil rights activist. He was murdered in Hayneville, Alabama in 1965 when he saved a young woman activist while they were working on the Civil Rights Movement in Lowndes County. In 1991, Daniels was designated as a martyr in the Episcopal Church and is recognized annually.



Consecration of Bishop Russell Kendrick!

Participating from Holy Nativity were Kathy Mills (HNES Banner), Mike Harding (HNEC Banner), Mike Dickey (Water), Jack Thompson (Crucifer), and Jenny Leebrick (Reader)



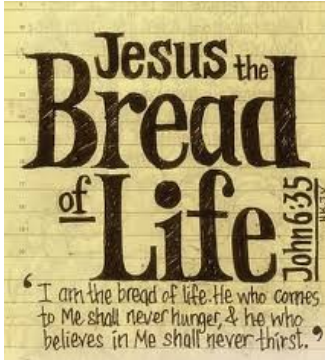
Baby Showers this Month! Men and Women are invited to attend both!

August 1, 2015, For Chad Barton and Sunny Pettis.
Saturday at 2:00 pm in Battin Hall.
They are registered at Target and Amazon.com.

August 23, 2015, For Frank and Carla Cole.
Sunday after the 10:30 am service in Battin Hall.



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Okay, here's what we're doing, it comes round every three summers. The last Sunday of July, our lectionary (Year B) commences John chapter 6, which is Jesus' so-called "Bread of Life discourse," for five Sundays of our gospel reading, four of them in August. It's great stuff and there will be powerful songs and hymns to go along with it. We're also going to look at it in Adult Sunday School class (Sunday mornings 9:15 to 10:15 in the Mary Stuart Poole library at the east end of the brick road that's actually going off sort of yellow thanks to the sprinklers). It's all pretty splendid, and I see two key things that you don't want to miss if you want to understand John's gospel in any depth beyond the shallow end of the kiddie pool.

First, the Gospel according to John reports Jesus doing *signs* that are central to John's gospel proclamation of who Jesus is (the feeding of the five thousand being one such sign). And second, John reports Jesus using, of himself, the words **I AM** that to the pious Judeans around him are stunning unto blasphemy – because they are the unspeakable sacred Name YHWH (I AM) that God used for himself in speaking to Moses from the burning bush (Exodus chapter 3). In the Greek Septuagint, which was the Bible that the evangelists (and also evidently Jesus) used, God names himself in Exodus 3:14 as ἐγώ εἰμι (ego eimi, "I AM"). Jesus saying, "I AM the Bread of Life" and relating himself to the manna that YHWH fed the Israelites in the wilderness, is tantamount to capital blasphemy as he identifies himself with and as YHWH. These are key elements of Gospel John's agenda, not to be overlooked. Come to Sunday School, it's so much fun that we're going right through the summer, every Sunday morning, including through August. We usually have a full table, but there are plenty of extra chairs that we can pull up!

People have asked when we'll resume our Tuesday morning Bible Seminar, and my plan is that our Fall 2015 kickoff session will be September 8, the Tuesday after Labor Day. Last spring before we recessed for the summer, we were working our way through the Gospel according to Mark, which is my favorite NT book, and I thought to resume with Mark. However, I like the Bible Seminar discussions to have a foundation in our Sunday lectionary readings; and although we will indeed be reading through Mark, this Fall we'll also be reading from Proverbs and Job in the Old Testament, and through James and Hebrews in the NT, so I think we may give Mark a break and digress into some of those books for a change. I don't know how many years it has been since we did those books, it will be a good study.

For those who want to put the weekly Bible Seminar on the calendar, resuming Tuesday, September 8, we meet Tuesday mornings in Mary Stuart Poole parish library, park on 3rd Street and come in that end door. We gather for visit, coffee and a cookie or such, between 9:30 and ten o'clock. At 10:00 we sit down, collect our wits, pray together at 10:05, and plow full speed into the Word of the Lord! ALL ARE INVITED AND WELCOME, BRING A FRIEND TOO!

Tom+



youth group

SCHEDULE

Hope you all enjoyed your summer, from visiting family and friends to experiencing some of the regions awesome natural wonders and maybe adventures further afield.

The season for youth group is starting soon. This season we will be exploring the Five Marks of Mission. Not sure what these are? Come join us in the youth group as we discover, grow and impact the local community and the world through the actions guided by the word.

Important dates

15th August- 50th Anniversary of the Haynesville Pilgrimage - See Notice in Church bulletin and in this newsletter.

16th August - Rally Day and Blessing of the Backpacks

28th August - Season Kick-Off "Water & Air SO BE THERE!" 6pm-9pm at the Church

9th September - First Wednesday Night

Information packs with full details and sign-up all youth and their families will be available at the Youth Group display on Rally Day and Blessing of the Backpacks.

If you have require any further information, offers or suggestions; please feel free to contact me. aussie_aj@holy-nativity.org

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By Stacey Holliday,
Director of Choirs

Fall is right around the corner and I am thrilled about my new position as Director of Choirs! Last week, I attended the Mississippi Conference on Church Music. I was surrounded by absolutely amazing musicians! There were three faculty members: a priest and co-founder of an Episcopal school in Tucson, Arizona, a professor of music from Virginia Theological Seminary, and a missionary for liturgy and the arts from the diocese in Chicago. We had thoughtful discussions about music and worship, read through new music, and lead a wonderful Evensong at St. James Episcopal Church in downtown Jackson. I look forward to sharing new songs and ideas with you!

Here is the new rehearsal schedule:

Children's Choir resumes Wednesday, September 9. Rehearsals occur weekly from 4-5 in the choir office, located in the Kid's Kingdom building. They will sing during the 10:30 service several times throughout the year. Additionally, they will be featured in our annual Lessons and Carols Service on December 2 and the Christmas Eve service. This choir is open to all children from grades one through eight. The children will learn the basic elements of music and have an opportunity to share their talents with the church.

Chancel Choir will resume weekly rehearsals Wednesday, August 5. Rehearsals begin at 6:30 and end at 8. This choir sings several times a month during the 10:30 service.

Fall Choir Kick Off!

Are you interested in joining us but perhaps a little timid? Are you not sure about what is expected of the choir members? Come to our first Fall Choir Kick Off on Wednesday, September 2 at 6:30! Then we'll continue the fun at 6:30! Music reading skills are wonderful, but certainly not required.

Music Library Volunteers Needed!

A music director's job does not end Sunday at noon! There is always music to sort and file. Also, I am in the process of creating a music library and catalogue. I could really use some assistance with this. Music reading skills are not necessary! Please contact me if you have a free couple of hours you could spare! I also know that high school students are always on the lookout for community service hours. Please contact me: sholliday@hnes.us 864-525-5095

Children's Ministry August *by Beverly McDaniel*

August	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 8:00-11:30 Younger children enjoy being in the nursery with Catherine Churchill, Emily Brock, and our faithful nursery Volunteers.
2	"Pink Elephants" Philippians 2:15 Sharon Carroll 960-5510 Tiffany Ennis 319-4265	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
9	"Children Obey Your Parents" Kathy Brust 814-8014 Lindsey Crelling 319-6226	Kaew Sumpton 814-8014
16 Rally Day & Blessing of the Backpacks	All Volunteers Alert! Families: Bradford, Brust, Carroll, Cole, Collier, Ennis, King, Melzer, Moore, Pereira, Shores, Smith	Pat Spangler 215-5247
23	"Creation: Day One" Holly Melzer 896-0428 Christy Smith 256-9394	Teresa Durgan 913-3471
30	"Creation: Day Two" Karen Shores 867-1084 Elizabeth Moore 522-0644	Katy Bradford 819-6277

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 17 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 worked 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 substitutes, Katy Bradford, Nancy Dingus, and Mary Bonham. I very sincerely thank you so much.

Sunday School at 9:15 am will resume on September 13th, the Sunday after Labor Day. I would love to hear your ideas about what you would want for your children this year. Please call me with your thoughts and suggestions.

Beverly McDaniel





Aug. 1	Katy Brust, Ashlyn Pack
Aug. 3	Sunny Barton, Ian Crelling, Mary Ellen Pettis, Caroline Zinszer
Aug. 4	Brent Faison, 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, Judy Hughes, 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, 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	Rich Johnson, Jenna Rahn, Maggie Smith
Aug. 23	Brian McClain
Aug. 24	Kathy Dick
Aug. 25	Samantha Eaton, Donna Hairston
Aug. 26	Anji Dunlap, Connor Kelley
Aug. 27	Anthony Collier, John Hutt, Chuck Knowles, Aaron Shores
Aug. 28	Lee Scott
Aug. 29	Phyllis McLawhorn, Jonah Reeder
Aug. 30	Georgia Dake
Aug. 31	Gregory Miller



Aug. 1	Richard and Jo Bruhn
Aug. 3	Brian and Candace Leebrick
Aug. 7	Allen and Pat Nease
Aug. 10	Gregory and Marie Presser
Aug. 12	David and Suzanne Grossman
Aug. 16	Ted and Peggy McLane
Aug. 17	Robert and Carrie Hickman
Aug. 21	Ted and Anda Gagnet
Aug. 22	Jim and Ursula Hixson
Aug. 23	Bill and Carolyn Cramer
Aug. 24	Tim and Nancy Pride
Aug. 31	Bryan and April Dick



Slip Slidin' Away....The lyrics from that golden oldie tells the story of Summer 2015.

Hard to believe, but back to school's just around the corner! BUT Not So Fast!

We still have a few more SummerTime Wednesdays to enjoy! We hope you'll join us every Wednesday night for worship at 6, followed by our famous themed pot-luck and great fellowship. SummerTime runs through August 12th (the Wednesday before school starts).

Check the Sunday bulletin and weekly "What's Happening" email for details on the pot luck of the week and what to bring.

Backpack Buddies

It is hard to believe that school is right around the corner and, with it, the beginning of our fourth year of the Backpack Buddies program. Through your prayer and provision, we as a congregation have fed hundreds of kids over the last few years, and the need is as acute as ever. During these last few days of quiet, please give prayerful consideration to what you can do to help feed the hungry children in our midst. As a stepping off point on this

journey, why not join us for our **Backpack Buddies cookout at 5:30 on Sunday, August 2nd?**

We'll have burgers, snacks, Episcopal beverages, and a great group of folks who can tell you whatever you'd like to know about the ministry and opportunities to help. If you decide to attend, let Mike Dickey know so we can get a good head count: mdickey@barronredding.com or 867.2550. If you decide to join us at the last minute, feel free. We'd love to see you, and tell you a little more about how this ministry addresses an urgent need while those who participate have fun and make new friends.



We are in the registration period for the Education for Ministry program, which will begin in September. EfM is a program administered by the School of Theology at the University of the South (Fr. Steve's alma mater), and provides a four-year program of learning and spiritual growth for a group of 6-12 folks who spend a couple hours together on Wednesday evenings learning and laughing and forming the sort of deep friendships that last a lifetime. We study the Bible, church history and theology, and wrestle together with two recurrent questions about developing and applying a personal theology in our daily life: Where is God in all of this, and what am I going to do about it? The program corresponds to the school calendar, so when your kids or grandkids are on break, you will be too. It is a lot of fun, and a life-changing experience for those looking to dig a little deeper in their faith. The tuition is \$350 a year, but scholarships are available. Interested? Contact Mike Dickey at mdickey@barronredding.com or 867.2550.



September 8th

9:30 am: Fr. Tom's Bible Seminar begins

September 9th

4:00 pm: Children's Choir begins

5:30: *five-thirty* worship followed by supper and programs begin

September 13th

9:15 am: Sunday School begins for all ages

October 7th

5:30 pm: St. Frances of Assisi Blessing of the Animals followed with supper



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The Rev. Tom Weller, Associate

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Sexton - James Rahn
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Brian Leebrick 14-17

Chris Mills 13-16

Hercules Pettis 14-17

Madge Smith - Clerk

Stewart Sumpton 14-17

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*



AUGUST

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 2:00 pm-Barton Baby Shower
2 The 10th 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 5:30 pm-Backpack Cookout	3	4	5 6: 00 pm: SummerTime 7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal	6	7	8
9 The 11th 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	10	11	12 6: 00 pm: SummerTime	13 2:00 pm- Volunteer time at Summer at Grace	14	15
16 The 12th Sunday after Pentecost RALLY DAY/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 11:30 am-Parish Luncheon	17	18 School Starts!	19 7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal	20	21	22
23 The 13th 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 12:00 pm: Cole Baby Shower	24 5:30 pm-Book Club	25	26 7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal	27	28	29
30 The 14th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 19:15 am-Adult Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	31					



Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for August 2015

Aug. 2, 2015	Aug. 9, 2015	Aug. 16, 2015	Aug. 23, 2015	Aug. 30, 2015
Altar Guild: Nancy Hebert and Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Kaew Sumpton, Nancy Dingus, and Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Nancy Breland, Victoria Williams, and Rhonda Miller	Altar Guild: Mary Bonham, Lisa McLendon, and Marla Churchill	Altar Guild: Am Russell, Barbara Knowles, and Inge Churchill
Greeters 8:00 am: Monica and Alex Phillips 10:30 am: Charles and Mary Bonham	Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Sandy Ciccarelli, Joe Ferrante, and Charlie Commander	Greeters 8:00 am: Dorbre McMullen 10:30 am: Tony and Jenny Collier	Greeters 8:00 am: Larry and Kay Young 10:30 am: Sue White and Mary Ellen Harding	Greeters 8:00 am: Donna Jangula 10:30 am: Charles and Mary Bonham
Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Dawn Johnson 10:30 am: Hercules and Mary Ellen Pettis	Ushers 8:00 am: Jim Hixson and Parker McClellan 10:30 am: Russell and Beth Brock	Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Bob and Lisa McLendon	Ushers 8:00 am: Sue Nelson and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Dick and Nancy Hebert	Ushers 8:00 am: Terry Jangula and Tim Pride 10:30 am: Steve Dick and Bill Bradford
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Karen Tucker and Byron Matthews 10:30 am: Mike Dickey and George McInnis	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gayle Ahrens and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: Joyce Dannecker and Todd Williams	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Suzanne Grossman and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Nancy Breland and Mike Dickey	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Lou and Inge Churchill 10:30 am: Scott Clemons and Kelly Roberson	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Karen Tucker and Byron Matthews 10:30 am: Edyth Brown and Joe Ciccarelli
Acolytes 8:00 am: Wesley McClellan, Ginny, Kate and Beka Leebrick 10:30 am: Jack Thompson, Jacob Brock, Grace Ennis, Michael Watts	Acolytes 8:00 am: Lauren Stewart and Madeline Reeder 10:30 am: Drew Dickey, Paul Brust, Chappell Syfrett, Hannah Hickman	Acolytes 8:00 am: TBA 10:30 am: TBA	Acolytes 8:00 am: TBA 10:30 am: TBA	Acolytes 8:00 am: TBA 10:30 am: TBA
Lector at 10:30 am Ivan Pereira	Lector at 10:30 am Don Hodges	Lector at 10:30 am Carolyn Cramer	Lector at 10:30 am Beverly McDaniel	Lector at 10:30 am Jackie Rahn
Tablecloth Ministry: Nancy Hebert	Tablecloth Ministry: Candace Leebrick	Tablecloth Ministry: Mary Bonham	Tablecloth Ministry: Mary Ellen Pettis	Tablecloth Ministry: Teresa Durgan