



the NATIVITY Scene

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Please Join Us for our Annual

Rally Day



&

Blessing Of the Backpacks

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH

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!!

DIOCESAN ACOLYTE FESTIVAL

Parent's Meeting Sun., Aug. 7th, 9:30am

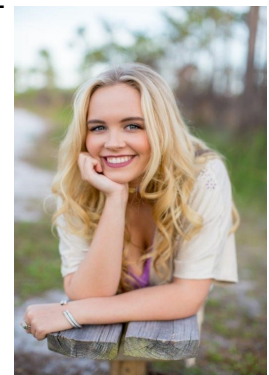
The first-in-a-long-time Diocesan Acolyte Festival is coming soon (Aug. 19th and 20th). We're having a parent's meeting to answer questions and discuss details Sunday morning, Aug. 7th, at 9:30 in the Children's Sunday School classroom (in the two story building). Please plan to attend. Also, so we have a head count to send the diocese, please complete the sign-up sheet in Battin Hall. Questions? Ask Mike Harding, mharding@mmitv.com or call 774-1955.



Voice Recital at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church on August 4th

We are delighted to host Elizabeth Chapman, *mezzo soprano*, in recital on Thursday, August 4th at 7:00 pm. Elizabeth is a graduate of Holy Nativity Episcopal School (Class of 2012) and A. Crawford Mosley High School (Class of 2016). The program will feature Broadway hit music from *Hamilton*, *Cabaret*, *Into the Woods*, *Ragtime*, *Company*, *Funny Girl* and more! She has specifically chosen songs which will showcase her dramatic and comedic talents.

Elizabeth is no stranger to the stage and has appeared in leading roles in numerous productions at her schools and Summerstock productions, most recently as "Ursula" in *The Little Mermaid* and Elle Woods in *Legally Blonde*. Elizabeth has been a private student of former Director of Choirs, Marqua Brunette, for 3 years. Ms. Brunette will also be the accompanist for this program which serves as Elizabeth's Senior Recital. In the Fall, Elizabeth will be studying theatre and music in New York City at The American Academy of Dramatic Arts. Come join us for this delightful offering of Broadway show tunes and catch a glimpse of a young talent who certainly has a very bright future ahead of her. See you there! Free and open to the public!



CLUB

MIXER

It's time to get together to create supper clubs for the fall. The gathering will be Aug 7th at 6:00 pm. Please bring your favorite covered dish to share. If you can't attend the mixer please email Joy Thompson at joythompson72@gmail.com or call or text to 832-4824. to let her know if you want to be in a group. After August 7th it will be hard to place you so please let Joy know prior to the 7th.

August 7, 2016
at 6:00 pm

A NOTE FROM STACEY HOLLIDAY

Director of Choirs

**The Rite One and The Chancel Choir
Rehearsal resume August 10, 2016 from
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm**

**Children's Choir Rehearsals will resume
September 7, 2016 from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm**



**August 25, 2016 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
At the Wash Depot on 11th Street next to the Bay
County Library.**

During this event we will serve anyone that walks in and needs clean clothes. We need you to volunteer! Volunteers will be available to assist with handing out quarters and laundry supplies, talking to people...just helping anyway possible by spreading the love and support.

Would you like to make a donation toward this ministry? Make your checks out to Holy Nativity Episcopal Church and note "Laundry Love". Also, look for the Quarter Donation Jar on the Welcome Table! Thank you!

Look for the Laundry Love Display at Rally Day! For more information please contact David Smith at 774-6475 or david@sandoakdivorcesolutions.com.

Backpack Ministry!

It is hard to believe that this September we will begin our fifth year [of pulling together as a church family to help feed kids in need at St. Andrews School. As in years past, we will need lots of help, not only financial but with shopping, packing, and delivering. It is a huge responsibility, week in and week out over an entire academic year, but the burden is light so long as enough folks step up and make this ministry a part of their lives.

I started doing this because of a strong sense that I needed to do something other than go to church and pray every morning. Jesus never once suggested spotless church attendance records were part of what made a good follower of Christ (although, on behalf of our wonderful clergy and staff, I'll point out that you really should go to church every week), but he was fairly direct about our mandate to feed the poor. Maybe you have heard that message in the Gospels, and felt the tug to respond.

Want to be a part of this fun, active ministry team? Contact Mike Dickey at 867.2550 or mdickey@barronredding.com.

Food Bank

Your weekly food donations are helping to feed families all over Bay County. Over the last year, and as recently as this week, we've donated food to Family Services and Catholic Charities, and I am told that the need is, sadly, as great as ever. The exact message from my friend at Family Services this week was, "We are about out of food. Please send over anything you can spare."

This ministry has operated somewhat under the radar, but it is perhaps the most important, direct answer to Jesus' call and teaching that we have at Holy Nativity. Please keep the food coming, and if you would like to get more involved, please contact Mike Dickey at 867.2550 or mdickey@barronredding.com



English Tea and Fashion Show Update

The English Tea and Fashion Show was held on Saturday afternoon, July 9, with a full house. Keyboard music provided by John Durgan entertained us while we sipped our tea, enjoyed seeing the clothes modeled by our own Holy Nativity ladies, nibbled on our scones and finger sandwiches, and visited with our friends at our beautifully decorated tables. Committed volunteers brought everything together for a huge success at our annual event. Madge Smith lead us in our pursuit of another great tea and show. Individual table decorators, the clothing vendors, Amy Russell and the models, all workers, Nick Barton, Holy Nativity School girls, Kathy Mills, Anna Eberhard, the cleanup men, food contributors, and James Rahn helped with the fundraiser for three worthy charities, the Anchorage Children's Home, the Bay County Council on Aging, and the Panama City Rescue Mission. To top it off all of us and our guests had a good time together at the English Tea and Fashion Show!

Dianne Hodges, Chair
Table Decorators



Children's Ministry August 2016 *by Beverly McDaniel*

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 Catherine Churchill or Emily Brock and our faithful nursery Volunteers.
7	"The Parable of the Good Samaritan" Lindsey Crelling 319-6226 Anna Eberhard 404-405-8188	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
14 Rally Day and Blessing of the Backpacks	All Hands on Deck! Judy Bennett, The Bradfords, Kathy Brust, Sharon Carroll, Laura King, Liz Ward, Flo Pereira, Lindsey Crelling, Holly Melzer, Tricia Berry Tiffany Ennis, Elizabeth Moore, The Leebricks	Kaew Sumpton 624-1290
21	"Slaves for Pharaoh" Floencia Pereira 39-4870 Ashley Koren 386-235-7233	Pat Spangler 215-5247
28	"Moses is Born" Trey Hutt 814-7934 Holly Melzer 896-0609	Teresa Durgan 913-3471

Get ready for Rally Day and The Blessing of the Backpacks. For August in Children's Church, we will conclude our summer lessons on the parables of Jesus. After Rally Day, we will return to the Old Testament to see what happened following the happy ending when Joseph reunited his family in Egypt. Ask your children if they can trace Joseph's genealogy back to Abraham and Sarah, his great-grandparents.

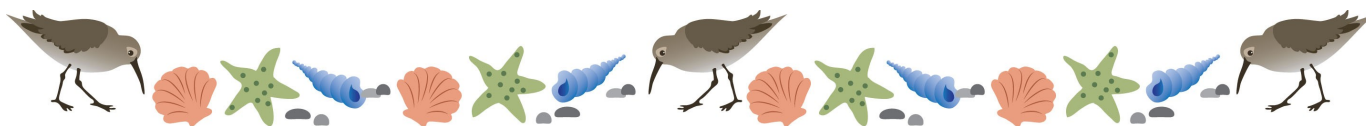
One of the most joyful things about being a part of Holy Nativity is getting to be around people who love and cherish our children. I am so thankful to be working with our priests, the church staff, and our wonderful volunteers in the nursery (see the schedule above) and in Children's Church (especially Judy Bennett, often unseen but always involved). It is uplifting to know that so many parents value and care deeply about their children's spiritual development and Christian education. Many thanks go to Floencia Pereira and Liz Ward (formerly known as Elizabeth Lawrence) for presenting a demonstration of Godly Play for your consideration and understanding. We want to reincorporate Godly Play into HNEC's Christian Education curriculum for our Wednesday Evening programs and also for expansion into Sunday Children's Church when appropriate. I welcome your questions, comments, and suggestions so please feel free to call me (265-8033).



Adult Christian Education: Fr. Tom

Sunday School continues to meet through the summer, in the Mary Stuart Poole Library, 9:15 to about 10:15. Bit more relaxed than usual, and with lighter participation. Generally we work through the readings for the current Sunday and enjoy something about their history, nuances of the original language, and what they may have to say to us.

MidWeek Bible study adjourned the end of May for the Spring Term, and I will be taking a "sabbatical" in the 2016 Fall Term in order to devote those hours to helping our Candidate for Holy Orders with a local approximation of Clinical Pastoral Education. Universally required of seminarians, CPE is an exhaustive experience involving hours of hospital visitations with patients, families and medical team members each week, deathbed ministry and grief counseling as happens, and sometimes planning and participating in funerals; and intensive weekly meetings with a supervisory mentor and guide. Instead of out of town assignment to a supervisor and team at an accredited CPE institution, we have done this locally for Holy Nativity's candidates for holy orders. We may tentatively expect weekly Bible seminars to resume for the Spring 2017 Term.



Sewanee

by Mike Dickey, Candidate for Holy Orders

As most of you know, I am in the middle (well, not quite the middle) of a non-degree theological studies program that will lead, God willing, to ordination as a priest in 2018 and deployment to a small church somewhere in the area. The program, administered by the School of Theology at Sewanee, is meant to provide bi-vocational clergy who will maintain their day jobs and serve a church that might otherwise not be able to afford a full-time priest. Thus, the vision is a day in the not-so-distant future in which I will be not only a priest, but a lawyer and mediator. Lots of hats (or, more accurately, collars).

My program sends me up to Sewanee twice a year, in January and June, for two weeks of classroom time. It is a delightful trip, with class for a couple hours each morning and afternoon, Eucharist at All Saints Chapel at noon, and lunch afterward in the refectory with the other seminarians. Anyone who has been to the Domain knows it is a very special space, truly a "thin place" (or, in seminary speak, "liminal") where you almost cannot help feeling close to God. So far I have completed courses on the Old Testament, the New Testament, and Homiletics (although you might not be able to tell it when I'm in the pulpit), and am in the middle of Moral Theology and Christian Social Witness. I just turned in a paper on Kantian deontological ethics, and have another due next week on various liberation theologies. If you have any pointers, let me know.

I am mindful of the fact that all of this is possible because of all of you. I am the first in the diocese to go through this program, and the bishop would not have taken that leap of faith without the sense that this congregation would provide the formation I would otherwise get from three years at seminary. Thanks to all of you, and I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday night, at Sunday School, or in church.

Mark Your Calendars



Pig Roast

for



Beckwith

Sunday, September 11th
Holy Nativity Episcopal Church
6:00 p.m.

\$20 a plate and all proceeds go to support our Diocesan Camp and Conference Center (Pick up an order form at the Welcome Table or at the Pig Roast Display on Rally Day!)

In addition, our Children and Youth Groups will be delivering Barbecue meals to local fire and police stations to honor first responders on the anniversary of September 11th.



Around the time the kids go back to school, Holy Nativity's Education for Ministry program will begin another year. Every Wednesday during the school year, we meet after supper in the parish house for a time of learning, fellowship and formation that is unlike anything you have experienced. The program has four distinct years of materials: in Year One you will study the Old Testament, in Year Two the New Testament, in Year Three we cover church history from the first Easter morning to the present, and in Year Four we consider basic theology and development of our own ministry as we make our way out of church and into the world. Most of our time together is spent developing an eye and a sense of God working in our daily lives and the lives of others, and finding our personal ministry with the help of the rest of the group. We also laugh a lot, tell stories from our lives, and develop a closeness as a group that you just won't find in Sunday School or the pews.

The Efm program's tuition is \$350 for the year, but scholarships are available so don't let finances hold you back. The church's usual Wednesday night program is going on across the way, so your kids won't be running amok.

Want to learn more? Contact Peggy Bowen or Mike Dickey at 867.2550 or mdickey@barronredding.com.



In September!

Sept. 7th: Wonderful Wednesdays resume!
4:00 pm-Children's Choir
Five-thirty service with supper and programs

Sept. 11th: Sunday School for children and youth resume
again at 9:15 am
5:00 pm—Pig Roast for Camp Beckwith

September 18th: Youth Rafting Trip

*Did you know.....*there are a lot of “behind the scenes” groups at Holy Nativity? Two of them are strictly for the ladies. The Mary-Martha Circle of The Episcopal Community meets once a month and is responsible for the Baptismal Banner, the Baptismal towels and trying to keep some semblance of order in the Library. We also made the bookmarks for church so the children will have something to braid during the service! The motto of the Mary-Martha group is prayer and service. There is another all ladies group which have adopted rules of life for prayer and service as their goal. It is The Order of The Daughters of the King® which also meets once a month, and as part of their service, helps keep the food pantry in order, and has the Wine, Women and Backpacks to help with feeding the chosen children.

Another group of all ladies is the Book Club. The Book Club is really for both genders, but at present only ladies are attending. The Club meets on the 4th Monday for dinner and discussion of the book chosen for that month. The books do not necessarily have a religious theme. Anyone is welcome to join this group and expand his/her love for reading.

Feed My Sheep is exactly what it sounds like. This group meets when necessary to cook casseroles and freeze them to have available for church members who may need some assistance due to an emergency, or just may need a warm pick-me-up. If you like to help prepare meals and join others in the church kitchen, this might be a wonderful service to undertake.

And, we also have the Flower Guild! The members work on flowers and decorations for specific occasions i.e.; the Bishop's visit, Easter, the Greening of the Church etc. This is one group that would allow anyone with some hidden flower arranging talent to put those talents to good use.

Don't forget the Celebration Committee. This group sponsors Baby Showers and Wedding Showers, kind of a “Celebrate Our Families” group. There are approximately 32 members who help set up Battin Hall for a shower or party for a church member who is celebrating a big event in his/her life. They handle the food, champagne fountain, present table, and help church members who attend with where the guest of honor is registered.

This is a short list, and started out to just mention the ladies' groups, but I found out there were a lot more “behind the scenes” groups. I hope this article stirs your interest in being one of the people with special talent helping the church do what it is designed to do Interacting with and helping others. Madge can give you contact information for each group, and there will be a lot more opportunities available on Rally Day.

Laura Johnson



- 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 Emily Eberhard, 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
- Aug. 27 Anthony Collier, John Hutt, Chuck
Knowles, Aaron Shores
- Aug. 28 Lee Scott
- Aug. 29 Phyllis McLawhorn, James Oenbrink,
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
Chris and Elizabeth Stamps
- Aug. 22 Jim and Ursula Hixson
- Aug. 23 Bill and Carolyn Cramer
- Aug. 24 Tim and Nancy Pride
- Aug. 31 Bryan and April Dick

UPCOMING BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS

Holy Nativity's Book Club meets every month on the fourth Monday. 5:30 pm at Panera Bread by Mall for dinner and then at 6:30 pm at the Parish House to discuss the book of the month! For more information please contact Joyce Dannecker at dannecker@comcast.net or 763-2683.

August: Our Man In Charleston by Christopher Dickey

September: The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah



October: The Summer Before the War by Helen Simonson

November: Alexander Hamilton by Ron Chernow

December: Supper and Speak of your favorite book his past year.

January: A Land Remembered (about Florida) by Patrick D. Smith

August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 6:00 pm-SummerTime	4 7:00 pm - Elizabeth Chapman Recital	5	6
7 12 Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Adult Christian Education 9:30 am-Acolyte Parent Meeting 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel 6:00 pm Supper Club Mixer	8	9	10 6:00 pm-SummerTime Last One 6:30: Rite One and Chancel Choir Rehearsal	11 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm Supper at Grace volunteer work	12	13
14 13 Pentecost RALLY DAY AND 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 Lunch	15	16	17 6:30: Rite One and Chancel Choir Rehearsal	18 	19 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Acolyte Festival at Beckwith/Christ Church Cathedral </div>	20
21 14 Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Adult Christian Education 9:15 am - Vestry Meeting 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	22 5:30 pm-Book Club At Panera Bread 6:30 pm-Book Club at the Parish House	23	24 6:30: Rite One and Chancel Choir Rehearsal	25 5:00 pm -Laundry Love Event! 	26	27
28 15 Pentecost Deadline for Pig Fest Signup 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Adult Christian Education 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with	29	30	31 6:30: Rite One and Chancel Choir Rehearsal			

Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for August 2016

August 7, 2016	August 14, 2016 Rally Day!	August 21, 2016	August 28, 2016
Altar Guild: Max and Joyce Dannecker, Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Kaew Sump-ton, Nancy Dingus, Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Nancy Breland, Victoria Williams, Rhonda Miller	Altar Guild: Mary Bonham, Lisa McLendon, Marla Churchill
Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Charles and Mary Bonham	Greeters 8:00 am: Dorbre McMullen 10:30 am: Tony and Jenny Collier	Greeters 8:00 am: Larry and Kay Young 10:30 am: Joe Ferrante and Sandy Ciccarelli	Greeters 8:00 am: Donna Jangula 10:30 am: Kate Watson and Kacey McEwen
Ushers 8:00 am: Jim Hixson and Parker McClellan 10:30 am: Max and Joyce Dannecker	Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: John Thompson and Chris Mills	Ushers 8:00 am: Susan Nelson and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Russell and Beth Brock	Ushers 8:00 am: Terry Jangula and Tim Pride 10:30 am: Bob and Lisa McLendon
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gayle Ahrens and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: Edyth Brown and Todd Williams	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Suzanne Grossman and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Nancy Breland and Joyce Dannecker	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Lou and Inge Churchill 10:30 am: Scott Clemons and Kelly Roberson	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Byron Matthews and Karen Tucker 10:30 am: Mike Dickey and Joe Ciccarelli
Acolytes 10:30 am: Morgan and Ashtyn Williams, Grace Ennis, Linda Taylor King, Michael Watts, Andrew Collier	Acolytes 8:00 am: Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Jack Thompson, Ginny Leebrick, Peyton Lam, Bailey Melzer, Tyler Shores Hannah Hickman, James Thompson, Joseph Thompson	Acolytes 10:30 am: Paul Brust, Madelyn Reeder, Mia Carroll, Milly Eberhard, Shelby and Stevens Roberson	Acolytes 8:00 am: Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Jacob Brock, Bekah Leebrick, Kate Smith, Nicolas Pereira, Clayton Syfrett, Kate Leebrick
Lector at 10:30 am Holly Melzer	Lector at 10:30 am Rich Doran	Lector at 10:30 am Ivan Pereira	Lector at 10:30 am Jackie Rahn
Tablecloth Ministry: Teresa Durgan	Tablecloth Ministry: Barbara Knowles	Tablecloth Ministry: Natasha Lithway	Tablecloth Ministry: Nancy Hebert



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

Tablecloth Ministry: Madge Smith - 588-8320



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Church Bookkeeper - Kathy Mills
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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*
