



the NATIVITY Scene

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Shell Island Sunday Photos!
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Happy Summer, Kids!
Happy Summer to the Adults, too -
please keep reading.



I will be back from vacation at the end of June, and on the 1st of July, we need to jump right into things. First, our biggest garage sale ever. On Monday, July 1st, I will be at the building on Beach Drive to begin organizing and stocking shelves. This means that I need some help moving shelves over there in the first place. I have gotten permission from the backpack commissar (Mike) to use the empty shelving from the backpack room for our garage sale. These are large, heavy metal shelving units, and I need a pickup or two with full-size beds, or a trailer to haul them over. I also need some manpower. If you are able and willing on that last weekend of June, Saturday or Sunday, please let me know! Monday will be a mix of bringing over the rest of our donations from the church to the building, then sorting everything into categories: clothing, books, housewares, toys, baby stuff . . .

After the 4th of July weekend, I will have other work days to put price stickers on and finish the organizing and shelf-stocking. Kids and youth group families, each of these days are your chance to get a share of the proceeds if you can't be here on sale day. Please check the "What's Happening" for updates and more opportunities.

And hey, Rock The Universe is right around the corner! This year, it is the 6th and 7th of September. In case you haven't been before, RTU is a three-day Christian rock event held at Universal Studios in Orlando. Every year, we take a group of kids who will be in middle and high-school. We leave first thing Friday morning (yes, you have to miss a day of school), spend Friday night and all day Saturday in the theme parks, and come home late Sunday morning (yes, you have to miss a day of church). The cost of the admission ticket has gone up another \$10, and rental houses have rebounded, making them pricier as well. I think the cost of this year's trip will be \$225, which covers your transportation, park admissions, a place to sleep, and breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. I will need to reserve a rental house or two for us to sleep in, so I need a head count by August 1st. I will publish the registration form and full details in the "What's Happening" starting in July, and will have the same information out in Battin Hall.

In summary:

Weekend of June 29th and 30th: I need volunteers to help transport shelving and donated items to Beach Drive

Monday, July 1st: Youth and adults - show up at the garage sale building to help sort and organize donations

Monday, July 8th, plus: Additional organizing, pricing, and whatever else needs doing

Friday, July 19th: Special Congregation-Only Preview sale, 5-8 pm

Saturday, July 20th: The Biggest Youth Group Garage Sale Ever, 7am to noon

August 1st: Registration forms due for Rock The Universe.

Who told you that the youth group takes the summer off?

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WE NEED YOUR HELP for the Garage Sale!

Can you help with....

- Shelving. Freestanding, wall-mounted, one shelf or multiple, big or small, I need shelves. We have far too many items to display on just tables and the floor. If you have anything I can borrow or have, please get it to me right away.
- Clothing racks or rods. We have boxes and bags full of clothes, and people won't buy it if they can't see it. I'd like to get started hanging it all up.
- Hangers. Please start saving those wire hangers from the dry cleaners, or bring me any other extras you plan to get rid of. Sooner is better.
- Price stickers and little post-it notes. Have any left over from your own garage sale? If you bring them to me, I won't have to buy them.
- Signs. I want some great, big, colorful garage sale signs to put out on that Saturday. Do you have access to materials? Are you creative or artistic? Do you have a large-format printer? Please tell me.
- Advertising. In addition to ads in the newspapers and online, I will have flyers available that you can take and share. Garage sales tend to do best when they are talked about, too.
- Manpower. I will be announcing work days in July to clean up donated items, organize them, put them on the shelves and racks you bring me (hint, hint), price them, and all that fun stuff. During the sale itself, of course, I will need people to help shoppers carry things to their cars, negotiate prices, find things, tidy up messy shelves and racks . . .
- Hand Baskets. People will buy more if they can carry more. It's a longshot, but do you have anything like this that we could use?

Shoppers! Our success depends on it! That said, mark you calendars for:

Congregation-only preview party, Friday July 19th. From 5 to 8 pm, come and get the absolute best items for yourself. Bring your friends and your checkbooks, you will be amazed at the things we have to offer at garage-sale prices. Lots of this stuff is new, still in boxes. Episcopal beverages will be served.

The Big Sale, Saturday July 20th. 7am until noon, tell everybody you know that this is the garage sale they don't want to miss.

Second Chance Sale, Saturday, July 27th. This one is a maybe, depending on how much we have left over, and how many kids are willing to come and help out again. Don't advertise it, since I really want everyone coming on the 20th.

**All sales events will be held at 223 Beach Drive!
(across from Tarpon Dock Seafood at the bridge)**

Questions?

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“Whoa!” ...

... the reaction from one of our acolytes when told about the planned trip this year to the NATIONAL ACOLYTE FESTIVAL at the Washington National Cathedral!

On Saturday, Oct. 12th, acolytes from across the United States will participate in the opening processional and fill the Cathedral nave for a morning service of rededication and Holy Eucharist. Participants attend workshops in the afternoon.

Plus, we have a special “behind the scenes” Congressional tour of the Capitol planned along with other DC sightseeing.

Our acolytes are a dedicated group of 25 youth who are an integral part of our worship service. They’re here every Sunday—both services—double-up to serve at holiday services, are here for the special services, and fill-in for each other as needed. They’re a special group of young people in the life of our parish, and they appreciate your help for the trip.

Please give generously as you are able—money, hotel points (Hilton), frequent flyer miles (Southwest)—to support our acolytes attending, for the first time ever, the National Acolyte Festival at Washington National Cathedral. Please memo checks to “Acolyte Festival.”



If you have questions, please ask Mike Harding or any member of the planning committee: Trey Hutt, Todd Williams, Parker McClellan, and Candace Leebrick. **THANK YOU!**



MACOF

I’ll bet you are wondering what those letters mean. It is the anagram for Marked As Christ’s Own Forever. This is recited during Baptism, and is also used by the ladies of the Mary-Martha Circle in correspondence and is engraved on the Cross which is a symbol of The Episcopal Community. You may see members of the congregation wear the enameled cross placed inside a circle which is representative of the lady belonging to the Mary-Martha Circle.

Due to our affiliation with the motto, the ladies of the Mary-Martha Circle at Holy Nativity have made it their goal to emphasize Baptism, and make it as special as possible. For that reason, each Baptismal candidate receives a Baptismal Certificate printed in calligraphy and framed in white to commemorate the day in which he/she was Marked As Christ’s Own Forever. He or she will also receive an anniversary card celebrating the first year of being a baptized member of Holy Nativity.

If you would like to become involved in a group that believes in prayer and service to the church, and tries to live out the promises made at Baptism, please call Gayle Ahrens, Edyth Brown, Donna Hairston, Anne Harris, Donna Jangula, or Laura Johnson. We are a very flexible, versatile group, and would love to help new members join our fellowship.

Children's Ministry July 2013

July	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.
7	"Your Stuff Is Not Yours" Jenny Collier 215-6554 Holly Melzer 896-0609	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
14	"Seeds Of Faith" Trey Hutt 814-7934 Amy Russell 784--0096	Kaew Sumpton 872-3782
21	"What's In A Name?" Sharon Carroll 784-6961 Casey Cole 319-4376	Pat Spangler 215-5247
28	"Jesus Rescues Me" Karen Shores 867-1084 Kathy Brust 265-3172	Teresa Durgan 913-3471

Children's Church during this summer has developed its own pattern and flow. Judy Bennett has designed a curriculum that offers whole group participation and involvement for students from age three to twelve years old. Sometimes it has the older children reading parts of the lesson while younger children hold the illustrations, or it may be guided discussion with questions that allow for age-appropriate understanding. The lesson usually concludes with an activity or craft that the children can take home with them. At Holy Nativity, our Children's Ministry is blessed with talented volunteers who enjoy the children and who bring their own personalities and styles to the class. I love seeing the interactions of the children with each other and with the teachers as they work together, help each other, and build long-lasting relationships. Of course, the most important relationship that we are building is with God as we learn about Jesus and God's words for us from the Bible. What a wonderful opportunity for service we have with Children's Ministry!

Beverly McDaniel

The Chancel and Rite One Choirs

Holy Nativity's adult choirs are enjoying more relaxed rehearsal schedules this summer but continue to prepare music for our Sunday morning worship services. Many churches give their choirs off the entire summer while others, like ours, utilize more familiar anthems often referred to as 'summer anthems.' That means they are designed to work with a smaller choir and require less rehearsal time.

Looking ahead I wanted you to know that since July 4th falls on a Thursday, the Sunday prior (June 30th) will offer some of a patriotic feel musically. For Rite One, look ahead to July 21st and August 18th when the Rite One Choir will be singing.

Both of our adult choirs are really in need of new and additional members. Please consider joining us. Singing in a church choir is a rewarding experience, but it does require some commitment and dedication. Choir members often have their own 'calling' and give of their time and talents willingly for the ministry of music. I speak to people about joining us all the time and I would have retired by now if I got paid every time someone said, "Oh, you don't want ME singing in the choir!"

Yes – I DO want you. Allow me to let you in on a little secret – most people sound better when they are singing with others. This is proven all the time when we begin to rehearse before everyone has arrived. One by one additional voices enter and our sound builds – not ONLY because of the additional voices but the

collective CONFIDENCE!

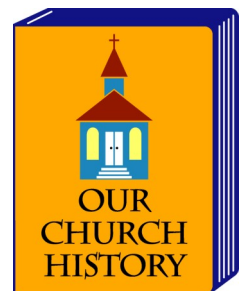
I often request the choir members adjust where they stand to sing. Just the other Sunday, one member remarked at how much better he was able to hear all of the other voices from this new placement! We sing better when we sit close together and sing out. We are reinforced by being in communion with the music. Just like you cannot have a soccer team of one, you cannot have a choir of one. Most choir members are NOT soloists – they are great choir members! I guarantee that any one of you can sound better by singing in a group!

Please listen for the voice calling you and YOUR voice. I am available to speak with anyone regarding joining the choir. I understand you have vacations and other events in your life – all of our choir members do, but they come when they can and together, we make music for church and the glory of God.

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir is on summer vacation, but we will plan to sing on August 18th for the Blessing of the Backpacks and Rally Day. Stay tuned for more details. In the meantime, have a great summer and THANK YOU for your beautiful music this past school year! Fall rehearsals start on Wednesday, September 11th from 4:00 – 5:00 PM. See you then and be sure to bring a friend!

The Parish Program Committee is seeking a volunteer(s) to help catalog the history of Holy Nativity. We have a closet filled with memorabilia gathered over the years which needs to be archived, organized, and available for parish access. We hope part of the process is implementation of a system to keep the documentation of current activities and events orderly so as they become tomorrow's history, they age in an accessible and organized manner. Please see Mike Harding for details (747-0601 or mharding@mmitv.com).





July 3	Malinda Bates, Amanda Wilkins
July 5	Alex Ciccarelli, Candee Lovchuk, Kirsten McCord, John Thompson
July 6	Christian Cole, Miles Godwin, Ed Lockard
July 7	Anne Collins, Trey Hutt, Rebekah Leebrick, Katherine Leebrick
July 9	Tom Ledman
July 10	Paul Brust, Natacha Camenzind, Mary Darrah, Drew Dickey, Logan Gall, Debra Pruitt, Mary Kathryn San Juan, Linda Weller
July 12	Molly Grace Bradford, Francesca Gall, Carrie Hickman
July 13	Cole Davis, Mike Dickey, Boopie McInnis, Megan Morrow
July 14	Morgan Williams
July 15	Florence Fortier, James Miller
July 18	Jenny Collier
July 21	Charles Bonham
July 22	Dick Hebert
July 25	Ginny Leebrick, Kathy Mills
July 26	Dennis Boston, Joe Ciccarelli, Mary Katherine Clemons, Bret Fisher, Jim Hixson
July 29	Laura Johnson
July 31	Kimberly Gailfoil, Maggie Wattenbarger



July 1	Dennis and Rita Bosten
July 3	Steve and Kathy Dick
	Tom and Donna Hairston
July 9	Terry and Mona Ullmann
July 12	Steve and Lori Bates
July 30	Joe and Sandy Ciccarelli

*English Tea and
Fashion Show 2013*
(more photos on Facebook and
www.holy-nativity.org)



Education for Ministry is a four-year program of educational and spiritual development administered by the School of Theology at the Sewanee. Our group at Holy Nativity meets once a week to review materials on the Old and New Testament, church history and applied theology, and to work through group exercises designed to foster a mature faith and ministry outside the walls of the church. Over the course of the year, we develop deep friendships and a sense of camaraderie that grows from being challenged intellectually and spiritually. We also laugh, tell stories, and eat like, well, a group of Episcopalians. Tuition is \$350 for the academic year. Scholarships are available if your means are what is keeping you from this journey. Meetings are once a week from late August through the third week in May, with breaks that coincide with those of the local schools.

Curious? Ask anyone who's been a part of EfM what they got out of the course, or contact Mike Dickey at 867.2550 or mpdickey64@yahoo.com.





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DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST

*The Rt. Rev. Philip M. Duncan II - Bishop
The Rev. Steven B. Bates - Rector
The Rev. Tom Weller, Associate*

CHURCH STAFF

*Youth Director - Judy Dickey
Children's CE Director - Beverly McDaniel
Administrative Assistant - Madge Smith
Director of Choirs - Marqua Brunette
Church Organist - John Durgan
Church Bookkeeper – Kathy Mills
Sexton - Lawrence Long
Weekend Sexton - James Rahn
Nursery Attendant - Callie Mills and Callie Pettis*

THE VESTRY

*Fr. Steve Bates - Rector
Henry Breland 13-16
Edyth Brown 12-15
Joe Ciccarelli 13-16
Carolyn Cramer 12-15
Mike Dickey 11-14
Richard Doran 11-14*

*Mark Godwin - Treasurer
Michele Hahn 12-15
Mike Harding 13-16
Jim Hixson 11-14
Betty Grammer 12-15
Chris Mills 13-16
Mary Ellen Pettis 11-14
Madge Smith - Clerk*

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

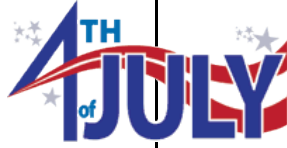

*8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite I *
9:15 a.m. - Adult and Youth CE, Children's
Sunday School (Sept. - May)
10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite II***

**Nursery Provided*

***Children's Church and Nursery Provided*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 12:00 pm –Mary Martha Circle	3	4 Church Office Closed! 	5	6
7 The 7th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	8	9	10	11 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm Supper at Grace volunteer work 5:30 pm - Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal	12	13
14 The 8th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	15	16	17	18 5:30 pm - Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal	19 5:00 pm - Youth Group Garage Sale Pre-Party for church members!	20 7:00 am - Youth Group Garage Sale
21 The 9th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	22 Book Club 5:30 pm Panera Bread 6:30 Parish House	23	24	25	26	27 7:00 am - Youth Group Last Chance Garage Sale
28 The 10th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	29	30	31			

Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for July 2013

July 7, 2013	July 14, 2013	July 21, 2013	July 28, 2013
Altar Guild: Nancy Hebert and Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Max and Joyce Dannecker, Gene and Kathleen Wicker	Altar Guild: Phyllis McLawhorn, Inge Churchill, and Kaew Sumpton	Altar Guild: Nancy Breland, Victoria Williams, Rhonda Miller
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: Joe and Peggy Ferrante	Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Jim Hixson 10:30 am: Charles and Mary Bonham	Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Steve Dick and Bill Bradford	Ushers 8:00 am: Terry Jangula and Tim Pride 10:30 am: Max and Joyce Dannecker
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Lou and Inge Churchill 10:30 am: Scott Clemons and Stewart Sumpton	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Karen Tucker and Byron Matthews 10:30 am: Todd Williams and Scott Clemons	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gayle Ahrens and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: Mike Dickey and Joe Ciccarelli	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Suzanne Grossman and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Todd Williams and Stewart Sumpton
Acolytes 8:00 am: Eric Stewart and Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Drew Dickey, Sean Dickey	Acolytes 8:00 am: Wes McClellan and Madelyn Reeder 10:30 am: Kyle Fisher, Claire Fisher, Paul Brust, Michael Watts	Acolytes 8:00 am: Eric Stewart and Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Trevor Madden, Katie Marie Hutt	Acolytes 8:00 am: Wes McClellan and Ginny Leebrick 10:30 am: Ben Bradford, Morgan Williams, Ashytn Williams, Camryn Commander
Lector at 10:30 am: Tom Ledman	Lector at 10:30 am: Michael Lovchuk	Lector at 10:30 am Lisa McLendon	Lector at 10:30 am Bonnie Kell
Tablecloth Ministry: Kalynn Pressly	Tablecloth Ministry: Candace Leebrick	Tablecloth Ministry: Judy Bennett	Tablecloth Ministry: Mary Bonham

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
 Tablecloth Ministry: Madge Smith—588-8320

