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the NATIVITY *Scene*

Holy Nativity Episcopal Church • Panama City, Florida



Shell Island Sunday

Sunday, June 23, 2013 at 11:00 am

Join us for a time of worship, Eucharist,
and Fellowship on Shell Island!

Picnic on the island following
worship. Bring a dish to share!

*Bring your own boat or make reservations on
the St. Andrews Ferry (\$10/person). The ferry
is now located at Bay Point Marina
and will leave at 10:00 am.*

Sign up sheets for the ferry, to buy a T-Shirt,
and directions are in Battin Hall or call the
church office to reserve your spot. There is a
basket to prepay. If you have signed up and
not paid, please place your payment in the
basket.

*Regular services will also be held
at the Church.*

English Tea and Fashion Show



June 22, 2013

at 2 pm

in Battin Hall

**THE TICKETS ARE \$15 AND ALL
PROCEEDS GO TO LOCAL
CHARITIES. PLEASE VISIT THE
TABLE IN THE FOYER TO SIGN
UP TO BRING CAKES OR
SANDWICHES OR TO DECORATE/
HOST A TABLE.**

**WE HAVE
LIMITED SPACE, SO INVITE YOUR
FRIENDS AND BUY YOUR TICKETS
EARLY!!**

Are You Interested in a Cursillo Weekend?

Cursillo is a three-day weekend that introduces people to simple methods for nurturing and growing their relationships with Christ. It provides an experience of living in a Christian community centered in worship, prayer, study of scripture and interaction with other Christians. Its mission is to build up our parish churches by encouraging and empowering its members to prepare for doing the work of the church- the spreading of the Gospel. Father Steve and Lori will be serving on the Cursillo staff, September 12 – 15. Cursillo is truly a wonderful gift in our diocese. If you are interested in learning more, contact Fr. Steve or Lori.

Hey there, youth, bet you thought you had the summer off! It's true, we won't have any more Wednesday night meetings or Sunday School until school starts back up in August, but you are going to have some super opportunities to earn you way to attend Rock The Universe FREE! That's right. If that sounds good to you, read on.



First, the ladies of the English Tea have asked for our help bussing tables. That means helping out by clearing off empty dishes and bringing out full ones from the kitchen, as well as setting up tables and putting things away afterwards. They have offered to make a cash donation to our Rock The Universe fund, to be divided up by whichever of you show up to help them out. The Tea is on Saturday the 22nd, and will be a fun and easy way to start your personal account rolling along. You can probably also get some tasty leftover goodies during clean-up.

Second, we are well on our way to the largest Youth Group Garage Sale ever. Okay, it's only our second one, but it is already huge. In July, I will need your help setting up, cleaning things up, putting on price stickers, and actually helping sell stuff on Saturday, July 20th. I will organize lots of work days leading up to the actual sale date, so that you all have a chance to earn some RTU money, even if the sale itself falls during your family vacation. Family member participation will count towards your account, too, to bring a crowd!

I will be unavailable from June 6th through June 28th. I will miss you all terribly, and know that you will miss me too (ha ha ha). Have a terrific summer, and see you all in July!

Judy
judydickey@gmail.com



The Biggest Youth Group Garage Sale EVER!

(At least compared to last year)

All I can say is "Wow!" The Holy Nat family has come through in an amazing way, and the Youth Group Garage Sale is on track to be huge. The Darrahs are letting us use their store on Beach Drive, across from Tarpon Docks seafood, for the sale. Donations of items to sell have been a flood, not a trickle, and we have some real treasures already. I have been shuttling items over several times a week, and still can't keep up. It's so wonderful that I am overwhelmed, and I mean that literally. I need a little help, and here is specifically what I would love:

- 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?
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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.

Mike and I will be unavailable from June 6th through the 28th. Please keep bringing in your donations; I will arrange for a spill-over collection area if necessary. Don Hodges will have my key to the Darrahs' building, if you have some really big stuff you would like to drop off there. I'm excited about our prospects, can you tell?

Judy judydickey@gmail.com 248-6624



A Letter from Wilmer Hall Children's Home

Dear Clergy, Delegates and Parishioners,

I am appealing to you on behalf of the children and young adults who live at Wilmer Hall. We need your help to continue and sustain this very special ministry by making a direct pledge to help us bridge the financial gap caused by reduced funding from the diocese. Those of you who attended the 2013 Diocesan Convention know that the diocesan funding to Wilmer Hall was reduced by \$25,000 during the final business session. I feel confident that our diocesan funding will be restored in next year's budget so this will be a one-time request to our parishes.

As we rejoice in the good news of the Risen Christ during this Easter Season, we should not forget those who have been rejected, neglected and abandoned. Let us take time to reflect on our spiritual journey together in carrying out the ministry of Christ by reaching out and touching the lives of children and young adults in need. Together we can make a dramatic difference in the lives of those who have known abandonment and rejection. Please take this opportunity to witness our faith through your parish's support of Wilmer Hall. With thanksgiving for your continued generosity and support, I remain,
Faithfully yours,

Sally Green, Executive Director

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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.

Children's Ministry June 2013

June	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.
2	"Growing In God's Garden" Jenny Collier 215-6554 Floencia Periera 248-4202	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
9	"Under His Wings" Lenka Doran 832-2768 Brandi Kelley 785-1139	Kaew Sumpton 872-3782
16	"Call On God" Cassie and Charlie Commander 265-4400	Pat Spangler 215-5247
23 Shell Island Sunday	"You Are There" Judy Bennett 215-1579	Beverly McDaniel 913-3471
30	"Let The Son Shine Through" Kathy Brust 814-8014 Casey Cole 215-3727	Theresa Durgan 913-3471

For this summer, our topics for Children's Church will be drawn from the Psalms, and we plan to continue with whole group lessons. Multi-age group lessons have worked well for us for several reasons. First, Judy Bennett creates excellent lesson plans and crafts that accommodate varying developmental stages of learning. The group that we have now is particularly suited for social interaction as the older children enjoy mentoring ("setting good examples"), the younger ones seem to bond and enjoy the attention from the big kids, and we have some great middle school and high school helpers. We also have wonderful volunteer teachers who are scheduled to teach about once a month or at least often enough that they get to know the children and the children get to know them. I believe that this is an important facet of Children's Ministry. We are giving them a sense of having a "Church Family" and a sense of ownership. I love when the children say, "They go to MY church". That sense of belonging was especially significant to me when my children were young and, as a Navy family, we moved from place to place. Now we can share our church memories along with our family memories, neighborhood memories, and school memories. Please consider volunteering to work with our children in the nursery (Callie Mills is there to help you,) or in Children's Church (Judy Bennett's lesson plans make it easy), and you are not required to have a child in the class. Ask Trey Hutt or Amy Russell or Mr. Tom Hairston (We are missing him as he recovers.), or any of the nursery volunteers on the schedule. It isn't always that doing something as important as strengthening our church family relationships can be this much fun. Call me to get to come and play with us.

Beverly McDaniel

The Rite One Choir & The Chancel Choir

Both of our adult choirs are enjoying a slightly more relaxed summer schedule due to everyone's travel and vacation plans. The past eight months were very busy for us so we are spending some time re-charging our batteries while still offering our musical gifts for Sunday worship. If anyone is interested in joining the choir, this is a good time to give it a try because there is much less pressure. Be sure to check with the church office or with me to find out which weeks we have rehearsals. Our weekly rehearsals will resume in September.

The Children's Choir

The Children's Choir has completed another very successful school year. Their anthems on Mother's Day were just beautiful and I was so proud of them. We are building and growing choirs for the future of Holy Nativity and I am honored to be able to be a part of that process. Special thanks must go to each parent for always being so willing to assist and help out in so many ways. I couldn't do this without you! Have a great summer!!

Why People Are Afraid to Join the Choir

I recently asked a choir member if they had heard any nice 'voices' singing in the congregation as they processed in or out of a service. I was told that they did, in fact, hear some. When the choir member spoke with the person they were quick to say that they 'could never do that because' they were afraid, or nervous, or shy or some variation of that.

OKAY – first of all – I make every effort to teach all of our

choirs that we are NOT performing – we are singing for God and praising God. Singing in the choir can be intimidating for many people because of so many fears. I promise you – only a very few people are able to read music. If you can read words and keep a melody going you can sing with us. And if you have trouble keeping the melody going we can help you with that! Many of our seasoned choir members are a little shy and like to hide next to the wall or out of view. We have been blessed to have some wonderful 'solo voices' singing with us, but the majority of people are just good 'choral' singers. That means they sing much better as a group than by themselves. Sound familiar?? Isn't it always easier to sing when the people around you are singing?

Choir rehearsals are not all work – we have fun and laughs too, and the more you do it the better you get. We also always have time for prayer and common concerns. I truly think of the choirs as my 'family' and they are with me in good times and bad. And if that is not enough to help you out of your shell, trust me – the majority of the congregation cannot really tell the faces of each choir member. Some of us have aging eyes and we all dress alike – so it's hard to see who is who sometimes. PLEASE speak with me about your 'stage fright' – I know I can help you. Besides, God gave you a voice – it's time to use it!

Adult Christian Education: Father Tom

Summer without Sunday School and midweek Bible study feels like time in the wilderness. And in a way it is that, at least for me, especially this year, because I am working through what might be the best use this time of my life! At our closing session for the spring, members of the adult Sunday school class asked for a study of Genesis during the fall. Genesis being one of my three favorite books of the Bible, I look forward to that, though it does mean study through summer for refreshing approaches to this wonderful book.

*When on high the heaven had not been named,
Firm ground below had not been called by name,
Naught but primordial ocean ...*

Make plans to be with us Sunday mornings starting in September after Labor Day. Our table seats sixteen, usually full, but the Mary Stuart Poole Library is a big room and we'll add tables and chairs.

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Scheduled for three different five-day retreats, one in June, another in July and a third in August, this is my summer of exploration to figure out, discover, realize (the spiritual word is *discern*) what might be waiting for me in this next chapter of God's call on my life. Unsure, I am open to both daytime things and evening things, and I'll be listening. As in

*Abba, Father, send your Spirit, glory Jesus Christ.
and If you listen you will hear me, glory Jesus Christ.*

My most common experience of God being that God speaks through his people, your thoughts, suggestions, ideas are invited and always welcome.

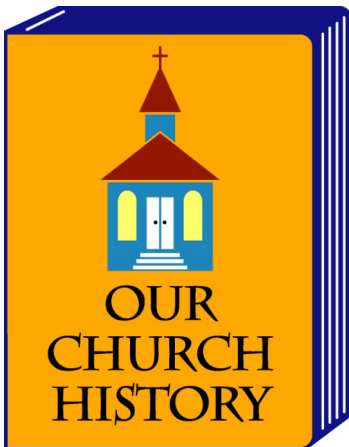
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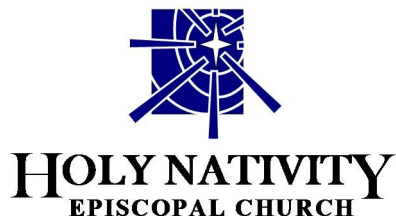
June 2	Alexandra Dye
June 3	Cody Johnson
June 4	Missie Coley, Michele Hahn, Bruce Josten, Margie Mahalak
June 5	Madeline Reeder
June 6	Garrett Healey
June 8	Dan Johnson
June 9	Katie Fisher, Pat Nease
June 10	Jillian Jones
June 11	Margot Gall, Michael Lovchuk, Ethan Messer
June 12	Hannon Bishop, Lisa McLendon
June 13	Sarah Eaton
June 14	Charlie Commander and Don Hodges
June 16	Harry Cooper, Bill Mormile, Griffin Russell, Rick Stuart
June 17	Dorbre McMullen
June 18	Mary Ellen Harding, Conner Healey, Deborah Pack
June 19	George Fontaine
June 20	Esther Laughter
June 23	Taylor Bradley
June 26	Sue Eddleman
June 28	Torri Bishop, Susan Frazier, Arthur Reedie
June 29	Tim Madden, Katherine Pride



June 2	Arthur and Michelle Kraut
June 6	Tom and Dana Ledman
June 7	Charles and Mary Bonham
June 9	Anthony and Jenny Collier
June 10	Phillip and Deborah Pack
June 11	Parker and Connie McClellan
June 12	David and Michele Dawe
June 12	Jeremy and Amanda Wilkins
June 12	Al and Judy Lawrence
June 13	Arthur and Mary Ellen Reedie
June 13	Dick and Nancy Hebert
June 13	Benny and Ann Watts
June 14	George and Anna Walrond
June 15	Drew and Kathy Davis
June 16	John and Teresa Durgan
June 16	Charles and Cassandra Commander
June 16	Don and Dianne Hodges
June 18	George and Boopie McInnis
June 19	Earnest and Evelyn Jordan
June 20	John and Joy Thompson
June 23	Nelson and Lee Scott
June 24	Gordon and Patti Akst
June 27	Mark and Nina Godwin
June 27	Jan and Stacy Herring
June 30	Scott and Pat Clemons



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@mmjtv.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
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2 The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	3	4 12:00 pm –Mary Martha Circle	5 Last Day of School	6 5:30 pm - Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7	8
9 The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Baptism UTO INGATHERING 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	10	11	12	13 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm Supper at Grace volunteer work 5:30 pm - Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal	14	15
16 The 4th Sunday after Pentecost FATHERS DAY 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	17	18	19	20	21	22 2:00 pm- <i>ENGLISH TEA AND FASHION SHOW</i>
23 The 5th Sunday after Pentecost SHELL ISLAND SUNDAY 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel 11:00 am-Shell Island Service	24 Book Club 5:30 pm Panera Bread 6:30 Parish House	25	26	27	28	29
30 The 5th Sunday after Pentecost Baptism 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	A decorative graphic spanning the bottom of the calendar page. It shows a bright yellow sun rising over a blue ocean with white waves. In the foreground, there is a sandy beach. Several seagulls are flying in the sky above the ocean.					

Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for June 2013

June 2, 2013	June 9, 2013	June 16, 2013	June 23, 2013	June 30, 2013
Altar Guild: Phyllis McLawhorn, Inge Churchill, Kaew Sumpton	Altar Guild: Nancy Breland, Victoria Williams, Rhonda Miller	Altar Guild: Mary Bonham, Lisa McLendon, Marla Churchill	Altar Guild: Amy Russell, Joe Ciccarella, Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Monica Phillips, Mary Mittiga, David Burris
Greeters 8:00 am: Betty Heminway 10:30 am: Joe and Peggy Ferrante	Greeters 8:00 am: Dawn Johnson 10:30 am: Lenka Doran	Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Mike and Amy Zinszer	Greeters 8:00 am: Dorbre McMullen 10:30 am: Charlie and Cassie Commander	Greeters 8:00 am: Joy Conrad 10:30 am: Sandy Ciccarella and Lauren Jones
Ushers 8:00 am: Terry Jangula and Tim Pride 10:30 am: Bret and Katie Fisher	Ushers 8:00 am: Susan Nelson and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Charles and Mary Bonham	Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Jim Hixson 10:30 am: Steve Dick and Bill Bradford	Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Max and Joyce Dannecker	Ushers 8:00 am: Terry Jangula and Tim Pride 10:30 am: John Thompson and Chris Mills
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Suzanne Grossman and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Mike Dickey and Joe Ciccarella	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Karen Tucker and Byron Matthews 10:30 am: Edyth Brown and Stewart Sumpton	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Lou and Inge Churchill 10:30 am: Todd Williams and Scott Clemons	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gayle Ahrens and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: Brian Leebrick and Edyth Brown	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Suzanne Grossman and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Joe Ciccarella and Mike Dickey
Acolytes 8:00 am: Wes McClellan and Ginny Leebrick 10:30 am: Kyle Fisher, Claire Fisher, Stevens Roberson, Shelby Roberson, Drew Dickey	Acolytes 8:00 am: Eric Stewart and Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Jack Thompson, Justin Rahn, Paul Brust, Michael Watts, Ben Bradford	Acolytes 8:00 am: Wes McClellan and Madelyn Reeder 10:30 am: Trevor Madden, Katie Marie Hutt, James Thompson, Joseph Thompson	Acolytes 8:00 am: Eric Stewart and Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Morgan Williams and Ashytn Williams	Acolytes 8:00 am: Wes McClellan and Ginny Leebrick 10:30 am: Drew Dickey, Sean Dickey, Camryn Commander, Paul Brust
Lector at 10:30 am: Brianna Fisher	Lector at 10:30 am: Donna Hairston	Lector at 10:30 am: Don Hodges	Lector at 10:30 am: None	Lector at 10:30 am: Bonnie Kell
Tablecloth Ministry: Teresa Durgan	Tablecloth Ministry: Barbara Knowles	Tablecloth Ministry: Dawn Johnson	Tablecloth Ministry: Natasha Lithway	Tablecloth Ministry: Edyth Brown

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

