



the NATIVITY *Scene*

Holy Nativity Episcopal Church • Panama City, Florida

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Coming Attractions!

Vacation Bible Camp Under the Big Top

July 11-15

Registration begins soon!!!

Youth and Children's Sunday - May 15th

Help us celebrate the end of the school year as we honor our graduates, children's choir, and children's Sunday School program at the 10:30 service.

Summer Sunday Series

The Eucharist

Facilitated by Jane Burkett

The Lord's Supper, Communion, the Eucharist - there are many names for this sacrament, but even more theories as to what's actually going on and what its significance is. What Jesus meant when he said "This is my body" has been a point of speculation and contention among Christians for nearly 2,000 years. In this class we'll explore what the Bible has to say, early Christian belief and practice, the major theories in play during the Reformation, and what our Book of Common Prayer says (and doesn't say!) about this sacrament which is so central to our worship.

Begins Sunday, June 12 at 9:15 a.m.
in the Poole Library

4 Corners

A diocesan Youth event
for High Schoolers

May 21-22 here at Holy
Nativity!



Easter Sunday!



Palm Sunday!



Carol Bonham's Wedding Shower



To make donations toward Tornados Relief in the Southeast, Bishop Duncan suggests these options within the Episcopal Church.

1) To ERD - www.er-d.org (to donate online) or P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058 (to mail checks)

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**You can also go to
www.ua.edu/tornadorelief
to help donate to different
organizations, including The
University of Alabama Acts of
Kindness Fund, The American
Red Cross, United Way, and
others.**



Holy Nativity Episcopal Church
English Tea and Fashion Show
June 11, 2011, 2:00 pm in Battin Hall

Tickets are on sale for \$12 in Battin Hall every Sunday morning
or in the church office during the week.

**Holy Nativity parishioners are encouraged to buy their tickets
early!**

There is limited seating and this event has grown to be very popular with the community!
(We already have people calling to purchase tickets!)

All proceeds go toward local charities.

Ladies, if you would like to.....be a model....host a table (you get to decorate it!)
....make sandwiches and cakes....call Suzanne Grossman at 819-1516.

YOUTH NEWS!

By Judy Dickey

Attention all youth and parents!

It has come to my attention that I am hopelessly mired in the 90s, trying to communicate with all of you through email. The school year is quickly coming to a close, which also means the end of Sunday School and Wednesday night. I need to be able to let all of you know about our summer events, though. We will be having another lake party at the Bonham's, and will be attending Rock the Universe again, and I don't want anyone to miss out!

I have established a FaceBook group called Holy Nativity Youth Group. Please join it now! I promise

not to post random thoughts or observations about my day - just notifications about upcoming events and activities. I am going to use the FaceBook group as my primary means of telling all of you about what is coming up, but I will send the same messages through email as a back-up.

I hope this works. If you have any suggestions for me about better ways to get the word out, please tell me!

Our last "regular" EYC for this school year is Wednesday, May 18th at 6:00 pm! Don't miss it!

Judy 248-6624



This one is for all high-schoolers in the diocese, including those of you who will be in high school next year.

The Commission on Youth Ministries is preparing for our next "4 Corners" event. May 21-22, 2011 we will hold our 2nd "4 Corners" weekend at Holy Nativity in Panama City, FL.

This is a one night event, similar to a lock-in. "4 Corners" is an amazing opportunity to have youth from this diocese meet one another through fellowship, games, meals, programs, and worship. Included in this email is a flyer for the event and a registration form; remember all first time registrants must also fill out the mandatory participant forms (Information and Permission, Health History, and Covenant) found on the diocesan website. The concept of this program is to bring together youth from all corners of the Diocese and essentially, all corners of life, to create and build relationships.

For more information, please call Judy!

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

The Missions and Outreach Committee meets the second Sunday of the month at 9:15 a.m. between services.

We are planning the year's activities and would love your input.

We're looking for new and exciting projects locally to invest time and talent and resources.

Please join us on May 8 and bring ideas with you!

If you are part of a local organization in the community that is in need of assistance in some way, this is the place for you!

Children's Ministry May 2011

May	Children's Chapel 9:15	WoRM 10:30	Godly Play 10:30	Nursery 10:15
1	Tom Hairston 884-6319 Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	Beginning New Testament Study: Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	Ashley Easton 769-8533	Carolyn Cramer 769-6789
8	Tom Hairston 884-6319 Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	Mother's Day: Judy Bennett 215-1579 Tom Hairston 884-6319	Mother's Day Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	Nancy Reeder 596-9538
15 Children singing Books of the Bible at 10:30 service	Tom Hairston 884-6319 Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	New Testament Study: The Call of the Disciples and The Rooftop Miracle Joy Thompson 277-0190 Candace Leebrick 522-9240	Jesus the the Twelve - Part I Lenka Doran 874-1048 Amy Russell 784-0096	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
22	Summer Schedule	New Testament Study- Jesus Calms The Storm and Feeds 5000 Judy Bennett 215-1579 Tom Hairston 884-6319	Jesus the the Twelve - Part II Ashley Easton 769-8533 Amy Russell 784-0096	Nancy Reeder 596-9538
29	Summer Schedule	The Books of the Bible Anji Dunlap 763-0875 Kathy Brust 265-3172	The Good Shepherd and World Communion Kathy Dick 913-0339	Pat Spangler 215-5279

A Note from Beverly McDaniel

Many thanks go to all of you who helped to make Easter Sunday at Holy Nativity so very nice for our children... and for all of us. Jo Bruhn brought us the centerpiece flowers for the Easter Brunch tables and also the extra cut flowers for flowering the cross. Carolyn Cramer arranged the tables and planted the courtyard flowers. Judy Dickey and the youth group stayed on Wednesday evening after Stations of the Cross to fix the eggs and candy that many of you so generously donated...and then they hid them on Sunday morning. We appreciate them as well as you who fearlessly patrolled the hunts and guided the flowering of the cross. Thank you for making Easter an even more special day for our children.

We believe that we are ready! Last fall, Fr. Steve taught us to sing the books of the New Testament. After Christmas, we began studying Old Testament books and stories. Now we can sing the names of ALL the books in the Bible, and Fr. Steve has said that we may sing them in church for everyone at the 10:30 service on May 15th. Parents, please have your children here by 10:00 so that we can practice a few more times. I think that you will be proud of them. I know that I am.



By Marqua Brunette, Director of Choirs

The Rite One Choir

Our 'early bird' choir continues to grow musically as well as in numbers, and is very proud to be called The Rite One Choir. Their rehearsal schedule will vary somewhat during the summer months to accommodate everyone's travel plans, but don't let that deter you from joining us. They will be singing again on May 15th as well as Pentecost on June 12th. In late April, we all gathered to celebrate our one year anniversary by going out for dinner after rehearsal. They continue to gain confidence and are most willing to accept musical challenges along the way. Regular rehearsals are Wednesdays from 5:30 – 6:30 PM and all are welcome. Our times together are filled with music, laughter, fellowship, and prayer and spiritual connection. Music ministry is not just singing. It has been very exciting to see a group that began with three voices grow to a full choir in barely a year. We continue to need a tenor voice, so please think about it if this ministry calls to you.

The Chancel Choir

Alleluia! The Lord is Risen! Make no mistake about it, the glorious musical sounds of Resurrection morning are still echoing through the sanctuary at Holy Nativity. I would like to thank the entire Chancel Choir for their hard work in order to offer music for Holy Week that was so meaningful. We are blessed to have some wonderful solo voices willing to sing a solo when it appears in the music, and I thank all who shared their gifts. The numerous rehearsals and hard work paid off and I hope that their musical offerings brought God's message to you as you sang or listened. Once again, we had outstanding instrumentalists who played during Holy Week and Easter and their participation was most welcomed. Thank you, John Durgan, for your hard practicing and learning all of your music plus our anthem accompaniment. The piece was a challenge for the choir but they were very interested in learning it and doing it well. It never ceases to amaze me how in the midst of rehearsals we all come up with ideas for 'next' season or 'next month' and do our best to put them into our plans. During the summer months, many members will be on vacations and weekends away during summer. We are always looking for new voices to join us. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 6:30 – 8:30 PM in the church and Sunday mornings at 9:30. During summer we will take some rehearsals nights 'off' so feel free to contact me or the church office to make sure there is rehearsal that night if you want to come. We would love it if you would

share your voice with us! If you hurry, you'll be in time to join us for an upcoming choir party. Details are coming soon!

Children's Choir

This Children's Choir is completing another successful season, making this the six year I have lead them. Their musical gift was beautifully offered on Palm Sunday. I am always so proud of them, their dedication, and their never ending enthusiasm and energy. Their final musical offering this school year will be on Mother's Day, May 8th. The children have learned two very special songs. One song is their musical gift to all mothers and the other is a song of assurance to each of us. This second selection also involves the children singing in duets or trios. They LOVE that part and have consistently been eager to rehearse it and volunteer for those smaller ensembles.

On Mother's Day, each child will receive their certificates for participation in Children's Choir. Those who sing the entire choir season will also have their choir pins recognizing their years of participation which will be worn with great pride on May 8th. It is our pleasure to honor 18 children this year for their service in Children's Choir. Those who receive their first year pins are Mia Carroll, Ella Cole, Grace Cole, Camryn Commander, Addy Davis, Alden Davis, Kristina Dick, Beka Leebrick, and Kate Leebrick. Second year pins go to Shelby Roberson, Stevens Roberson and Sydney Syfrett. Ginny Leebrick receives her pin for three years in the choir and James and Joseph Thompson get special accolades for five years of singing with us. We also thank Sarah Dick, Chloe Khan and Chappell Syfrett for their participation for part of this past season.

The participation of these fine children in the music ministry would not be possible without the commitment from their parents and a special thank-you goes to all of them. They are on summer break after May 8th & will resume rehearsals in September. We will continue to rehearse on Wednesdays from 4:00 – 5:00. All children in grades first through eighth are welcome. Please consider your child's participation in this wonderful opportunity for sharing in the worship services and music ministry at Holy Nativity.

May Birthdays



May 1	Marqua Brunette, Lou Churchill, Katie Marie Hutt, Jessica Nash, Tim Pride
May 2	Bonnie Kell
May 3	Beth Keetch, Cayla McLawhorn
May 4	Barbara Knowles, Susan Messer
May 6	Pat Clemons, Brandi Kelley, Ina Joy Wicker
May 7	Louise Weller, Amy Zinszer
May 10	Bobbie Cook
May 11	Mary Ellen Reedie
May 12	Lyman Barger, Natasha Lithway
May 14	Jason Dunn, Ella Ennis, Betty Heminway
May 15	Camryn Commander, John Wambo
May 16	Emily Smith
May 18	Con Davidenko, David Hurst, Buster Niquet, Glenda Patterson
May 19	Doug Smith
May 20	Mary Jane Doll, Anna Walrond
May 21	Bill Bradford, Alice Kinney, Scott Wattenbarger
May 22	Ashley Shores
May 23	Christina Cotton, Philip Cotton, John Sarno
May 24	Kevin Healey, Tommy McRae, , Lynn Sarno
May 26	Drew Davis, Reed Kinney, Virginia Scarpine
May 27	Malcolm Fisher
May 29	Kelly Roberson
May 30	Tim Phillips

May Anniversaries



May 4	Robert and Sharon Carroll
May 5	Rich and Lenka Doran
May 11	Foster and Helen Jenings
May 12	Denis and Lora Healey
May 13	Todd and Victoria Williams
May 15	Jason and Rachael Dunn
May 17	Michael and Deana Gailfoil
May 19	Tim and Monica Phillips
May 24	Patrick and Brandi Kelley
May 25	Bertram and Marla Churchill
May 28	Glenn and Sue Eddleman
May 30	Jon and Michele Hahn
May 31	Bryant and Kate Bewick

Honoring our High School Graduates!

10:30 am Service

Sunday, May 15, 2011

Jim Dickey	Carol Ann Osborne
Kristen Kelly	Griffin Russell
John Kob	Allison Yessman
Jase Ledman	



If you know of a graduate who has been inadvertently left off this list, please contact the church office.



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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
Chapel*

*10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite II***

**Nursery Provided*

***Children's CE and Nursery Provided*