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Holy Nativity Episcopal Church • Panama City, Florida

**HONORING OUR GRADUATES!
MAY 19TH AT THE
10:30 AM SERVICE**



If you are
graduating from High School or Col-
lege, please contact the church of-
fice at 747-4000 or madge@holy-nativity.org
or judydickey@gmail.com.

We will have laundry baskets out in
the foyer for each graduate and you
can make donations for their dorm
life or independent living!

**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!!**

**THIS YEARLY EVENT IS ALWAYS POPULAR
WITH EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY!
HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO PUT ON YOUR
SUMMER DRESS AND HAT AND ENJOY
YOURSELF!**

SAVE THE DATE!

Shell Island Sunday is June 23, 2013

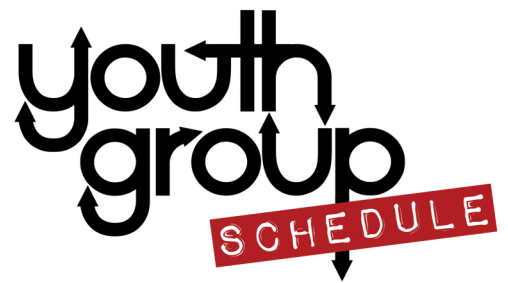
Everyone is invited to attend this
wonderful annual event!
Look for more information soon!



Happy May, Youth Group!

Wow, this will be our last full month of meetings before summer! We will kick off May with another try at Foot Night, and then look for Mother-May-I, Youth Group Birthday Party, Negative Night, and another campfire.

If you have not seen the draft design for our youth group tee shirt, you really ought to! I have a copy in the upstairs room. It's built around a youth group meme that your kids should be able to explain to you. Comic book artist Jayson Kretzer is drawing it for us, and it is going to be gorgeous! I hope to have a final version of the artwork available to stick to the refrigerator this month, so keep an eye out for it.



We are honoring those youth who are graduating from our ranks this year on May 19th. If you are a senior, please drop me an email so I don't leave you out. We are putting together baskets full of goodies, and I know you want to get some of that.

Finally, with summer just around the corner, we are making plans for our summer yard sale. I would like to have it in July, and not on Independence Day weekend. All of you youth who would like to earn a little money towards Rock The Universe, please let me know now when you would be available to help out, and which weekend would allow you to be there.

I can't wait to see you guys in the upstairs room!

Judy

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It's time to start planning for the Youth Group Yard Sale!

Have you started your Spring Cleaning?

Don't throw that away, donate it to your youth group!

We are now taking donations for our summer yard sale, to raise money for our annual Rock The Universe trip. The sale not until July, but we have two ENORMOUS closets that we can use to store your stuff. So please clean out those closets, organize the garage, empty the storage locker – and give it to us!

You can leave your items in the Kids' Kingdom foyer where there is a sign!



Many of you recall that at this year's Diocesan Convention, Holy Nativity sponsored a Stop Hunger Now meal packing event. That Friday afternoon we packed 40,066 meals. It was a wonderful event that included lay people, clergy, school children and Bishops. We are delighted to announce that the meals from our meal packaging event have been shipped in a container totaling 285,120 meals from our Orlando warehouse. The meals will be received by Salesian Missions in Haiti.

Our meals will support the holistic work of Salesian Missions in Haiti. The Salesian work "Lakay/Lakou" is a three step program in Cite Soleil, Haiti, to socially and economically rehabilitate street children. Cite Soleil is one of the most dangerous neighborhoods in Haiti, and armed gangs are in control of most of the area behind the Salesian complex. During the first stage of the program, the Salesians get to know the youth who live on the streets, especially the young women who are working in prostitution. Between 200-300 students come to the second stage house, "Lakou," every day, because it is a safe place where they can get what is usually their only cooked meal of the day. Students at Lakou participate in workshops to learn trades, and are also invited to stay over one night per week. The third stage, "Lakay," consists of dormitories, classrooms, and workshops where the Salesians house and care for 150 students: educating them, teaching them a trade, feeding them three meals a day, and taking steps to reconcile the students with their families. www.salesianmissions.org



STOP HUNGER NOW

Many thanks to all who helped make this event possible.

Food Bank

Your Food Bank contributions continue to feed families all over our community. We have established an informal line of communication with Family Services, and every few weeks their van stops by the church and cleans us out. As we head down the stretch with the backpack ministry, please consider bringing, or continue to bring, food items to church. Your ministry is answering God's call to feed the hungry every week.

Questions or suggestions? Email Mike Dickey at mpdickey64@yahoo.com.

Backpack Ministry

We are in the home stretch this school year, but still have room for anyone who would like to help. Based on what the church bookkeeper is telling me, we could use your help more as a shopper, packer or delivery person than as a check writer over the next few weeks, so opportunities for hands on ministry abound. If you feel the call (maybe this blurb is your call!?), email Mike Dickey at mpdickey64@yahoo.com. Thanks.

The Order of Daughters of the King is having a Bake Sale
on Sunday, May 12, 2013!

Please stop by their table before or after your worship service.
All proceeds will go toward funding the Food Bank!



IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT REGISTRATION FOR THE EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY PROGRAM IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER. THE EfM PROGRAM, ADMINISTERED THROUGH SEWANEE'S SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, IS A FOUR YEAR COURSE OF STUDY AND DISCERNMENT OF YOUR MINISTRY. WE COVER OLD TESTAMENT, NEW TESTAMENT, CHURCH HISTORY, AND THEOLOGY DURING OUR TIME TOGETHER, AND LEARN TO DEVELOP OUR OWN MINISTRY. OH, AND WE EAT A LOT AND DEVELOP DEEP FRIENDSHIPS DURING OUR TIME TOGETHER SHARING, LAUGHING AND CAJOLING ONE ANOTHER EACH WEEK.

THIS PROGRAM IS UNLIKE OTHERS IN THE CHURCH IN THAT PARTICIPANTS PAY TUITION OF \$350 FOR THE YEAR, AND THEY GET FAIRLY EXTENSIVE WRITTEN MATERIALS (INCLUDING THE NOTORIOUS "BIG OLE BOOK" OF EfM). WE DO HAVE LIMITED FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES AVAILABLE.

ANY OF THE FOLKS WHO'VE BEEN THROUGH IT WILL TELL YOU EfM IS A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE. IF YOU'D LIKE TO LEARN MORE, PLEASE CONTACT MIKE DICKEY AT MPDICKEY64@YAHOO.COM OR 867.2550.



Children's Ministry May 2013

| May | Sunday School 9:15 In our Chapel Room in the two-story building | 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. |
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| 5 | Beverly McDaniel 265-8033 | "Moses is Born" Jenny Collier 215-6554 Karen Shores 867-1084 | Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276 |
| 12 Mother's Day | Beverly McDaniel 265-8033 | "The Burning Bush" Trey Hutt 814-7934 Casey Cole 319-4376 | Kathy Brust 265-3172 |
| 19 Honor our Graduates | Beverly McDaniel 265-8033 Last Day of Sunday School | "The Ten Plagues" Judy Bennett 215-1579 Holly Melzer 896-0428 | Pat Spangler 215-5247 |
| 26 Memorial Day | Beverly McDaniel 265-8033 Summer Schedule | "Leaving Egypt: The Exodus" Kathy Brust 814-8014 Beverly McDaniel 265-8033 | Theresa Durgan 913-3471 |

It is surprising to me that we are already reaching the end of another school year. For our first semester of Children's Church, our lessons were from the New Testament. During second semester, we have learned about Old Testament stories from Adam and Eve to Noah to Abraham and Sarah to Isaac and Rebekah to their twins Jacob and Esau, then to Jacob's son, Joseph, and his brothers and how they got to Egypt. We are finishing this journey with Moses and the Exodus from Egypt. Ask your children about the timelines and genealogy. We hope that we are laying foundations for understanding some of the historical perspectives of the Bible. This summer we will be drawing lessons from the Psalms. Judy Bennett is a genius at finding just the right approach for our children to participate and to create as they learn, and the children so enjoy getting to know the different teachers. We really appreciate our volunteers.

We continue to pray for Mr. Tom Hairston as he is recovering from his motorcycle accident injuries. We made a picture card for him to have while he is still in the hospital, and we hope that he will be back with us soon.

Beverly McDaniel

♪ Music Notes ♪ by Marqua Brunette
Director of Choirs

The Chancel and Rite One Choirs

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. Chancel Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays from 6:30 – 8:30 PM in the church and Sunday mornings at 9:30. The Rite One Choir also practices on Thursdays from 5:30 – 6:30 PM. During summer months 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. Stay tuned for future rehearsal schedules. We would love it if you would share your voice with us!

Children’s Choir

This Children’s Choir is completing one of our most successful seasons yet, making this the eighth year I have lead them. 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 12th. The children have learned two very special songs, one song being a special song about a mother’s love and the other a lovely 2-part anthem which they dearly love singing. That morning they will be wearing their new choir pins recognizing the number of years they have been singing with the choir and Fr. Steve will present the choir members with their certificates. This is always a special time for these beautiful children and their families.

On May 1st, there will be a choir party during the last-half of our rehearsal time. The children are really looking forward to this because they also plan to sing “Happy Birthday” for ‘Miss Marqua’ that day. I assure you, birthday cake will be top on the list!

On May 8th, at the end of our final rehearsal for the school year, each child will receive their choir pins for participation in Children’s Choir. It is our pleasure to honor 11 children this year for their service in Children’s Choir. Those who receive their second year pins are Grace Ennis and Ashtyn Williams. Addy Davis (two years) sang with the choir until a few weeks ago when her family moved to Houston so we will be mailing her pin and certificate. Those receiving third year pins are Mia Carroll, Beka Leebrick, and Kate Leebrick. Fourth year pins go to Shelby Roberson, Stevens Roberson, Chappell Syfrett and Sydney Syfrett. Ginny Leebrick will receive her pin for five years in the choir!

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 sixth are welcome. Please consider your child’s participation in this wonderful opportunity for sharing in the worship services and music ministry at Holy Nativity.



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| May 1 | Marqua Brunette, Lou Churchill, Kyle Fisher, Katie Marie Hutt, Lauren Jones, Tim Pride, Larry Young |
| May 2 | Bonnie Kell |
| May 3 | Cayla McLawhorn |
| May 4 | Barbara Knowles, Susan Messer |
| May 6 | Pat Clemons, Brandi Kelley, Ina Joy Wicker |
| May 7 | Amy Zinszer |
| May 10 | Bobbie Cook |
| May 11 | Mary Elle 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, 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, Lynn Sarno |
| May 26 | Drew Davis |
| May 27 | Malcolm Fisher |
| May 29 | Kelly Roberson |
| May 30 | Tim Phillips |

Wine, Women, and Backpacks!

Ladies, join us at 5 pm on the last Thursday of the month, May 30th for Wine, Women, and Backpacks!

We will meet in the food pantry room and don't forget to bring your favorite bottle of wine! We will fill 93 backpacks for hungry kids and afterwards, we'll go to a local restaurant for dinner.

If you have any questions, contact me.

Judy Dickey

248-6624 or judydickey@gmail.com



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| May 4 | Robert and Sharon Carroll |
| May 5 | Rich and Lenka Doran |
| May 11 | Foster and Helen Jenings Scott and Lauren Jones |
| May 12 | Denis and Lora Healey |
| May 13 | Todd and Victoria Williams Larry and Kay Young |
| May 15 | Jason and Rachael Dunn |
| May 17 | Michael and Deana Gailfoil |
| May 19 | Chad and Margot Gall Tim and Monica Phillips |
| May 24 | Patrick and Brandi Kelley |
| May 25 | Bertram and Marla Churchill |
| May 28 | Glenn and Sue Eddleman Ivan and Florenica Pereira Kevin and Maggie Wattenbarger |

Adult Christian Education Fr. Tom

At this writing we have four meetings left! Four gatherings of Sunday School, concluding May 19th, and four Bible Seminar meetings, our last two being Tuesday morning, May 21 here in town and Wednesday afternoon, May 22 at the beach. During these sessions we will conclude our reading and enjoyment of the Revelation to John, which many consider to be the scariest book in the Bible. The gatherings are fun and everyone is invited and welcome.

Maybe new and different events and programs this fall, watch for developments over the summer.

Fr. Tom+



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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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| | | | 1 4:00 pm –Children’s Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm-Financial Peace University 5:30 pm -EfM 6:00 pm-EYC | 2 5:30 pm - Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 3 | 4 |
| 5 The 6th Sunday of Easter 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am –Christian Education 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children’s Chapel | 6 10:00 am-Staff Meeting | 7 9:45 am-Bible Seminar 12:00 pm –Mary Martha Circle | 8 4:00 pm –Last Children’s Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm-FPU 5:30 pm -EfM 6:00 pm-EYC | 9 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm Supper at Grace volunteer work 5:30 pm - Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 10 | 11 |
| 12 The 7th Sunday of Easter Happy Mother’s Day! 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am –Christian Education 9:15 am-Missions and Outreach Meeting 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children’s Chapel | 13 10:00 am –Staff Meeting | 14 9:45 am-Bible Seminar | 15 5:30 pm-FPU 5:30 pm -EfM 6:00 pm-EYC | 16 5:30 pm - Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 17 | 18 |
| 19 The Day of Pentecost Honoring our Graduates! 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am –Christian Education (Last One) 9:15 am-Vestry Meeting 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children’s Chapel | 20 | 21 9:45 am-Last Bible Seminar | 22 5:30 pm-FPU 5:30 pm –Last EfM 6:00 pm-EYC | 23 5:30 pm - Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 24 | 25 |
| 26 The 1st Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children’s Chapel | 27 Memorial Day! Church Office Closed! Book Club 5:30 pm Panera Bread 6:30 Parish House | 28 | 29 5:30 pm-Last FPU 6:00 pm-EYC | 30 5:00 pm - Wine , Women, Backpacks 5:30 pm - Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 31 | |



Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for May 2013

| May 5, 2013 | May 12, 2013 | May 19, 2013 | May 26, 2013 |
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| Altar Guild: Amy Russell, Joe Ciccarelli, and Inge Churchill | Altar Guild: Mary Bonham, Lisa McLendon, Marla Churchill | Altar Guild: Nancy Hebert and Inge Churchill | Altar Guild: Max and Joyce Danneckerm Gene and Kathleen Wicker |
| Greeters 8:00 am: Dawn Johnson 10:30 am: Lenka Doran | Greeters 8:00 am: Joy Conrad 10:30 am: Mike and Amy Zinszer | Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Charlie and Cassie Commander | Greeters 8:00 am: Dobre McMullen 10:30 am: Sandy Ciccarelli and Lauren Jones |
| Ushers 8:00 am: Terry Jangula and Tim Pride 10:30 am: Bill Bradford and Chris Mills | Ushers 8:00 am: Susan Nelson and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Mark and Nina Godwin | Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Jim Hixson 10:30 am: Max and Joyce Dannecker | Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Joe and Peggy Ferrante |
| Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Suzanne Grossman and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Mike Dickey and Joe Ciccarelli | Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Inge and Lou Churchill 10:30 am: Stewart Sump-ton and Edyth Brown | Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Karen Tucker and Byron Matthews 10:30 am: Scott Clemons and Todd Williams | Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gayle Ahrens and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: Brian Leebrick and Mike Dickey |
| Acolytes 8:00 am: Eric Stewart and Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Kyle Fisher, Claire Fisher, Stevens Roberson and Shelby Roberson | Acolytes 8:00 am: Wes McClellan and Madelyn Reeder 10:30 am: Jack Thompson, Morgan Williams, Ashytn Williams, Paul Brust | Acolytes 8:00 am: Eric Stewart and Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Trevor Madden, Katie Marie Hutt, James Thompson, Joseph Thompson, Ben Bradford, Justin Rahn | Acolytes 8:00 am: Wes McClellan and Madelyn Reeder 10:30 am: Drew Dickey, Ginny Leebrick, Camryn Commander, Michael Watts, Sean Dickey |
| Lector at 10:30 am: Joyce Dannecker | Lector at 10:30 am: John Darrah | Lector at 10:30 am Youth Lector | Lector at 10:30 am Rich Doran |
| Tablecloth Ministry: Candace Leebrick | Tablecloth Ministry: Judy Bennett | Tablecloth Ministry: Mary Bonham | Tablecloth Ministry: Mary Frances Hutt |



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