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the NATIVITY *Scene*

Holy Nativity Episcopal Church • Panama City, Florida

Holy Nativity Episcopal Church
Presents

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Wednesday, December 4th

6:30 PM



Please join us for this beautiful service of scripture and music for the season presented by soloists, string quartet, organ, piano and The Chancel, Children's, and Rite One Choirs of Holy Nativity Episcopal Church.

All are welcome for a Christmas Potluck Dinner served at 5:30 pm. Turkey will be provided so please bring a holiday side-dish to share.

Coffee and dessert will be served after the service. Donations accepted and nursery provided.

Please Join Us on Wednesdays!

11:30 am
Healing, Eucharist, Lunch,
and Bible Study!

5:30 pm
Casual Eucharist, Dinner
and Program!

Don't miss our program on
December 11 and 18, 2013!
For Advent our program will be
"Lord Teaches Us To Pray"

youth group

SCHEDULE

This month looks pretty quiet for us, so enjoy it while you can - December is right around the corner!

We will continue with our Wednesday night program in the upstairs room from 6:30 to 7:30 each week. The exception is November 27th, which is the day before Thanksgiving. We will not have anything on that Wednesday night, so you can hang out with your family and enjoy your time off.

Don't forget about Sunday school, either! We meet every Sunday morning at 9:15. Hope to see you there.

Judy
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Operation Christmas Child

Pick up your boxes and packing information in Battin Hall. This project of Samaritan's Purse touches the heart of a needy child with a gift-filled shoe box and the Good News of Jesus Christ. **The deadline to return your filled box is Sunday, November 17th.**

For more information on Operation Christmas Child and Samaritan's Purse at www.samaritanspurse.org.



Adult Christian Education: Father Tom

Adult Sunday School has been great, if you've been missing it, my condolences! We started our fall term with Genesis, the creation stories, Adam & Eve naked in the Garden with Nachash the serpent causing trouble between them and for them, not to mention all the buck-passing; Cain murdering Abel because he thought God liked him best; separating the blended J and E stories of the Great Flood, and people finally getting divine permission to eat meat.

Now as we go into November we are working on the Creeds of the church, the Nicene or Nicaea-Constantinopolitan Creed; the *Quinque vult* unpopularly known as the Athanasian Creed, or the Creed of Saint Athanasius who didn't actually write it; and the Baptismal Covenant commonly called the Apostles Creed. We say the Nicene Creed nearly every Sunday in our Eucharist liturgy, and it's full of ancient theological assertions: we can stand and blithely recite it and go on to the Prayers of the People, or we can get together in Sunday School and find out what the heck we're asked to stand and say we believe.

After the Creeds, what? It'll be up to the group.

Our midweek thrust at Adult Christian Education is Wednesday Noon. We begin with Eucharist in the sanctuary at 11:30, with the Altar rail open as an option for anyone who wants to come up and receive the Laying On of Hands with Prayer for Healing; then we go into Battin Hall for a delightful lunch and a Bible study while we lunch together. It's all good and it's all free, and the Bible study has been interesting, focusing on one of the readings in the lectionary for the upcoming Sunday. Need a daytime midweek pick-me-up? This is it! And if you can come at Prime Time too, it's 5:30 Wednesday evenings with Eucharist and supper!

Tom+

A Note from the Panama City Rescue Mission

God is blessing the Mission, but it has been through some mighty struggles in the last couple of years. We are desperately in need of the help of this great community which has always been supportive of Panama City Rescue Mission. We have spent over four decades upholding the Biblical mandate to seek the least, the last and the lost in our local community. Now we are the ones in peril and we are asking for your help. The Mission is experiencing a time of unprecedented economic hardship. We are asking you, as fellow members of the local community of faith, to help us fulfill the mission God has laid on our hearts and help serve people struggling with homelessness and hopelessness.



Please consider a gift to meet the financial need of Panama City Rescue Mission. Please share this request with your club, Sunday School Class or Small Group. Ask for their help. Put the Word into action by supporting the ministries of Panama City Rescue Mission.

To find out more about donating to the Mission and to attend a scheduled tour of Pathways Ministries or a Bethel Village Brunch and Tour, please go to pcrmission.org.

Wine, Women, and Backpacks!

All women are invited to attend this fun event that happens every month on the last Thursday of the month. In November the date is different because of Thanksgiving, November 21st at 5:00 pm. Everyone will meet in the food pantry room, and bring your favorite bottle of wine. We will fill 90 backpacks and afterwards everyone will go to a local restaurant for dinner. Questions? Contact Judy Dickey/248-6624/judydickey@gmail.com



Acolyte Rededication

November 17, 2013

10:30 am worship service

Don't miss this wonderful Sunday where all our acolytes rededicate themselves to their ministry!

All acolytes will need to be at the church at 10:00 am.

Food Bank News!

Please don't forget the Food Bank on your weekly trips to the grocery store. With the holidays right around the corner, we expect a surge in demand for food from the local charitable agencies. Your personal ministry of providing food to the needy families of Bay County is the key to meeting this demand. Questions? Contact Mike Dickey at mdickey@barronredding.com.

Backpacks News!

With the addition of four more kids, we are up to a record 94 backpack buddies this school year. Your contributions have helped feed well over half of the families whose children attend St. Andrews School, and we have even been able to retire a few of the more well-worn and stinky backpacks that have served us since the program began nearly two years ago. Please keep the kids in mind when you are at the grocery store, and drop a box of juice pouches, some cans of soup, or a box of instant oatmeal into the shopping cart on your way into church this week. As always, thanks for your personal role in making this ministry come alive at Holy Nativity, and in improving the lives of our neighbors here in Bay County. Questions? Contact Mike Dickey at mdickey@barronredding.com.





Nov. 1	David Dawe, Karen Shores
Nov. 2	Blair Bates, Kaew Sumpton
Nov. 3	Mary Richardson, Elizabeth Stewart, Mona Ullmann
Nov. 4	Max McCord
Nov. 5	Sandy Ciccarelli, Betsy McLendon
Nov. 6	Chantal Camenzind, Renee Madden, Ann Rist
Nov. 7	Grey Davis, Abigail Dingus
Nov. 8	Evelyn Jordan, Ginny Morrow
Nov. 9	Patrick Kelley
Nov. 10	M. Terry Ullmann
Nov. 11	Robert Carroll, Ann Shores
Nov. 12	Catherine Shores
Nov. 15	Dru Epps
Nov. 16	Mary Bonham
Nov. 18	Rachael Dunn, Devin Dunn, Hodge McCloy
Nov. 19	Joe Ferrante, Stewart Sumpton
Nov. 21	Patti Askt
Nov. 22	Judy Bennett, Dawn Johnson
Nov. 24	Jane Burkett, Amy Russell, Rusty Smith
Nov. 25	Florencia Pereira, Billy Wicker
Nov. 26	Samantha Bates, Sean Dickey
Nov. 28	Herb Arlt, Joy Thompson
Nov. 29	Kate Watson



Nov. 4	Daniel and Holly Melzer
Nov. 5	Christopher and Michelle Holmes
Nov. 6	Frank and Carla Cole
Nov. 11	Jeffery and Susan Frazier
Nov. 14	John and Mary Darrah
Nov. 17	Ian and Lindsey Crelling
Nov. 29	David Burris and Mary Mittiga

Advent and Christmas will be here soon!

Dec. 4th	A Festival of Lessons and Carols!
Dec. 8th	A Morning with St. Nicholas!
Dec. 11th & 18th	Wednesday Night Advent Program!
Dec. 15th	Pajama Party Sunday and Pageant Practice!
Dec. 18th	Pageant Practice!
Dec. 24th	4:00 pm Christmas Eve service with Children's Christmas Pageant! 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Service!

Change your clocks Sunday,
November 3rd at 2:00 am!
Don't miss church!



♪ Music Notes ♪ by Marqua Brunette Director of Choirs

The Rite One Choir

Once again, The Rite One Choir is extending their Thursday rehearsal time by an hour in order to sing with The Chancel Choir for Lessons and Carols. This was an exciting experience last year for all of them and they are looking forward to another great opportunity to sing with more voices and participate in this special Advent service. They also plan to sing for the early services on November 10th and December 8th.

The Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir has begun rehearsing for our fast approaching 'busy' season of Advent and Christmas. Any and all interested adults and qualified high school students are always welcome to come and sing with us, even if you only want to sing for a month or two. Regular rehearsals are held every Thursday evening from 6:30 – 8:30 and Sunday mornings at 9:30. **Lessons and Carols is scheduled for Wednesday evening, December 4th at 6:30 PM, so mark your calendars now.** We would welcome your participation during the coming special seasons so consider joining our song!

Children's Choir

The 2013-2014 Children's Choir made their official 'debut' at the Blessing of the Animals and they had a wonderful time. This year is extra special because they will be singing during the service of Lessons and Carols on December 4th. This will mark the first time the children's choir has sung for Lessons and Carols and everyone involved is quite excited. While we have already begun working on Advent songs and our Christmas Pageant songs, it is not too late to join us. All children in grades one through six are invited and welcomed to join us for a fun-filled hour each Wednesday afternoon from 4:00 – 5:00 PM. Every rehearsal begins with prayer time and warming up of our voices and minds. Please contact Marqua Brunette with any questions that you might have. The Children's Choir is a very special opportunity for children at Holy Nativity to grow musically and spiritually and to learn about serving in the church. We look forward to having your child join us!

The Children's Choir Says, "THANK YOU!!"

Our 'annual' service project, "Food for Furry Friends" was a huge success, thanks to all of you who donated pet food and wish list items for the Humane Society of Bay County. The Children's Choir loved helping to feed pets in need and have embraced this annual event!

Music and Stewardship – Worth Repeating

Several years ago, I wrote the following for our newsletter. I thought it was worth repeating. The message has not changed.

There is a wonderful Native American saying: "We have not inherited the earth from our fathers, we are borrowing it from our children." The idea being that our world here on earth isn't just a gift TO us, we also need to tend to it to save it for the next generation so that they may do the same.

We have been "gifted" a great deal here at Holy Nativity – we only have to look around to see it. Multiple generations of families worship here and we are grateful for those who came before us and served as good stewards for this wonderful church. Now it is up to us to be the good stewards, who realize the importance of maintenance not only in our buildings and property, but also in the continuation of the programs and outreach that come FROM the church.

The Chancel and Rite One Choirs provide an opportunity for voices to join in song and praise to God. Our Children's Choir is one of the first places where a child can GIVE something back which helps to secure future choirs for Holy Nativity. All of these voices weekly give of their time and talents and they patiently wait for their next opportunity to serve. As their director, I hope I am teaching them to be good stewards of their time and talents and gifts, because, after all, we have not inherited Holy Nativity Church from our fathers, we are borrowing it from our children.

Children's Ministry November 2013

NOV.	Sun. 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.
3	Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	"Fruits of the Spirit: Self-Control" Kathy Brust 814-8014 Karen Shores 867-1084	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
10	Beverly McDaniel	"Thankfulness: The Healing of Ten Lepers" Beverly McDaniel 265-8033 Trey Hutt 814-7934	Kaew Sumpton 872-3782
17	Beverly McDaniel	"Thankfulness: Jesus Gives Thanks" Jenny Collier 896-0679 Flo Pereira 319-4870	Pat Spangler 215-5247
24	Beverly McDaniel	"Thankfulness: The Horn of Plenty" Lenka Doran 874-1048 Brandi Kelley 785-1139	Teresa Durgan 913-3471

This Sunday, November 3rd, our children can celebrate All Saints' Day by being a part of the opening procession into church as we present the ribbon streamers on which we have noted the names of some people who, we believe, qualify for sainthood. We will line up before church in Kids' Kingdom. In Children's Church, we will be completing our study of the Fruits of the Spirit with the final fruit being self-control. How appropriate for All Saints' ...and for all of us anytime!

For the rest of November, we will focus on thankfulness. We hope that by Thanksgiving Day, we will be able to identify and appreciate many more of our blessings. What a smooth and natural transition to December's themes of giving and sharing! We will talk about the kindness and generosity of St. Nicholas, we will bring pajamas to give to others, and through the pageant on Christmas Eve, we will tell the story of the greatest gift of all. We are preparing for "A Morning with Saint Nicholas" at 9:30 on December 8, the Pajama Party at church on the 15th, and the 4:30 Children's Christmas Pageant at the Christmas Eve service. Unless there is opposition from you, the pageant will be similar to last year's and will require only one or two practices and costume fittings. We will learn our songs during Sunday School and Children's Church. The sign-up board will go out at Thanksgiving. If there are multiple requests for a single role, we will draw names. Please call me with your opinions and suggestions. Parents, if you or your children have special requests, questions, or recommendations, please let me hear those too.

Again, thank you so much for your help in making our church a wonderful place for our children.

Beverly McDaniel



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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*

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*

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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*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 The 24th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	4	5 12:00 pm - Mary Martha Circle	6 11:30 am - Healing, Eucharist, Lunch, Bible Study 5:30 pm - EfM 5:30 pm - Youth Group 5:30 pm - Wed. Programs	7 5:30 pm - Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal	8	9
10 The 25th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	11 No School and the Church Office is closed! 	12	13 11:30 am - Healing, Eucharist, Lunch, Bible Study 4:00 pm - Children's Choir 5:30 pm - EfM 5:30 pm - Youth Group 5:30 pm - Wed. Programs	14 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm Supper at Grace volunteer work 5:30 pm - Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal	15	16
17 The 26th Sunday after Pentecost DEADLINE FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD! ACOLYTE REDEDICATION SUNDAY! 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages 9:15 am - Vestry Meeting 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	18	19	20 11:30 am - Healing, Eucharist, Lunch, Bible Study 4:00 pm - Children's Choir 5:30 pm - EfM 5:30 pm - Youth Group 5:30 pm - Wed. Programs	21 5:00 pm - Wine, Women and Backpacks 5:30 pm - Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal	22	23
24 The Last Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	25 SCHOOL IS OUT ALL WEEK! Book Club 5:30 pm - Panera Bread 6:30 pm - Parish House	26	27	28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING! 	29	30

Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for November 2013

Nov. 3, 2013	Nov. 10, 2013	Nov. 17, 2013	Nov. 24, 2013
Altar Guild: Mary Bonham, Marla Churchill, and Lisa McLendon	Altar Guild: Nancy Breland, Victoria Williams, and Rhonda Miller	Altar Guild: Amy Russell, Joe Ciccarelli, and Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Monica Phillips, Mary Mittiga, and David Burris
Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Sandy Ciccarelli and John Hutt	Greeters 8:00 am: Dorbre McMullen and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Tom and Donna Hairston	Greeters 8:00 am: Dawn Johnson 10:30 am: Sue White	Greeters 8:00 am: Betty Heminway 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 Johnson and Parker McClellan 10:30 am: Joe and Peggy Ferrante	Ushers 8:00 am: Terry Jangula and Tim Pride 10:30 am: Steve Dick and Bill Bradford	Ushers 8:00 am: Susan Nelson and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Max and Joyce Dannecker
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Karen Tucker and Byron Matthews 10:30 am: Edyth Brown and Scott Clemons	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gayle Ahrens and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: Jane Burkett and Stewart Sumpton	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Suzanne Grossman and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Todd Williams and Brian Leebrick	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Lou and Inge Churchill 10:30 am: Joe Ciccarelli and Mike Dickey
Acolytes 8:00 am: Wes McClellan and Madelyn Reeder 10:30 am: Drew Dickey, Katie Marie Hutt, Beka Leebrick, Kate Leebrick, Ben Bradford, Ryan Nelson, Grace Cole	Acolytes 8:00 am: Eric Stewart and Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Jack Thompson, James Thompson, Michael Watts, Hannah Hickman, Jacob Brock, Joseph Thompson	Acolytes 8:00 am: Wes McClellan and Madelyn Reeder 10:30 am: Kyle Fisher, Claire Fisher, Shelby Roberson, Stevens Roberson, Ginny Leebrick ALL ACOLYTES SERVE FOR ACOLYTE REDEDICATION SUNDAY	Acolytes 8:00 am: Eric Stewart and Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Trever Madden, Morgan Williams, Ashytn Williams, Camryn Commander, Sean Dickey, Paul Brust
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 Daniel Melzer
Tablecloth Ministry: Edyth Brown	Tablecloth Ministry: Kalynn Pressly	Tablecloth Ministry: Candace Leebrick	Tablecloth Ministry: Judy Bennett



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