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the NATIVITY *Scene*

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Holy Nativity Episcopal Church
Presents

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Wednesday, December 3rd
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.

Choral Evensong

Wednesday Evening

November 5th at 5:30 pm

Evensong is a service of Evening Prayer set to music. "Evensong ... is a very tiny fragment of something else: it is a fragment of the worship which is offered to God by Christian people every hour in every part of the world. When you come to Evensong, it will be as if you were dropping in on a conversation already in progress — a conversation between God and people which began long before you were born and will go on long after you are dead."

In Choral Evensong the choir sings on "behalf of" the congregation. The settings of the Canticles of Mary (Magnificat) and Simeon (Nunc Dimittis) are always sung by the choir alone. The Suffrages (prayers) and the Responses between the Officiant and People can also be sung between the Officiant and Choir on behalf of the people. This allows the congregation time to meditate and enter into deeper prayer through words and music.

The Choral Evensong will include a processional, responses, chanted psalm, readings, sung Magnificat and Nunc dimittis by the choir, Apostle's Creed, prayers, choral anthem, closing prayers and hymn. Evensong offers to us the opportunity to gather and spend time in prayer while listening and participating in music that is especially selected to bring us into deeper understanding of the mysteries of our faith. Our prayer is that you will find this so as you experience this at Holy Nativity.



Operation Christmas Child

Pick up your boxes and packing information in the foyer. 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 Monday, November 17th.**

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

The Diocesan Transition Committee announces times, dates to meet bishop nominees

The slate of nominees for the Fourth Bishop of the Central Gulf Coast will be announced by the Standing Committee in early December. Please mark your calendar for January 2015 to meet the nominees. These meetings are open to all members of Episcopal parishes or missions in the Diocese.

The schedule is:

Monday, January 19

Lunch* - 11:00 am to 12:45 pm at St. Francis of Assisi, Gulf Breeze

Walkabout** - 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Nativity, Dothan

Tuesday, January 20

Lunch* - 11:00 am to 1:15 pm at St. Mary's, Andalusia

Walkabout** - 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at St. John's, Monroeville

Wednesday, January 21

Walkabout** - 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at St. Paul's, Daphne

*Lunch meetings will be open to all members of the Diocese. The process for making lunch reservations will be announced by the Transition Committee as the time gets closer. Lunches will be informal times to meet the nominees. There will be no formal programs at these events.

**There will be three "walkabout" sessions held as all nominees travel around the Diocese together. At each location *anyone*, not only the lay convention delegates and clergy who will vote at the election convention, can gather to hear from and question the nominees as part of the discernment and calling of a new bishop. Again, the process for reservations and the exact agenda for these events will be announced later.



Acolyte Rededication

November 16, 2014
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.

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 20th at 5:30 pm. Everyone will meet in the food pantry room, and bring your favorite bottle of wine. We will fill 98 backpacks and afterwards everyone will go to a local restaurant for dinner. Questions? Contact Jackie Rahn 277-1099 or jackie5863@comcast.net.

Adult Christian Education: Fr. Tom

We have two really happy programs at Holy Nativity, our Adult Sunday School Class and our Tuesday Morning Bible Seminar.

In Adult Sunday School we have read and discussed Old Testament bible stories, and recently have been into a couple of Paul's letters, Philippians and 1st Thessalonians. From a modern bible study point of view. We meet between services, 9:15 to 10:15 in the library at the east end of the brick pathway. Our table seats about twenty, is usually almost full, and there is just room enough for you and whoever you bring as your guest! Bring your coffee and a cookie and join us!

Tuesday Morning Bible Seminar, we meet in my office, "Through the Garage" across the street at 1011 E. 3rd Street. Ten o'clock Tuesday mornings, but come early for coffee, tea, hot chocolate and a biscotti and to visit. We have done the Gospel according to Thomas. At the moment, having started with the writing called "Secret Mark," we are reading through and discussing Mark's gospel, chapter by chapter, fascinating stuff, the first and oldest gospel in our New Testament canon. We adjourn promptly at 11:15. The table is nearly always full, and there's always room for two more, so come and bring a friend.

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Backpacks News!

The backpack ministry is off and running, now six weeks into our routine of delivering 100 bags of food a week to help most of the kids at St. Andrews School through what otherwise would be a lean weekend. This year we've done something different and built teams by week, so everyone has the chance to participate once a month. If you'd like to become part of a team, contact Mike Dickey at 867.2550 or mdickey@barronredding.com for more details.

It's hard to believe we've been at this for three years now, and every year we fill a few more backpacks than the year before (the first list we received contained only 48 names, less than half our current load). It's an expensive undertaking, so your contributions of food and funds are vital to making this happen. If you haven't contributed yet, and want to do it the easy way, check out our credit card payment option on the parish's web page (Missions and Outreach tab). This is what we're called to do as a parish, and it is a blessing to shoulder this oar together.

A NOTE ABOUT STEWARDSHIP

Dear Fellow Parishioners,
Stewardship time is upon us once again. This is the time of year to consider our annual pledges, and Sandy and I always approach this prayerfully. It is a time to reflect on the past and think of the many blessings God has bestowed on our lives. Stewardship, to me, means taking care of the things we're given, and making sure that those things are there for those who come after us. In the case of Holy Nativity, Sandy and I have always felt blessed that God led us to come here; I remember thinking on the first Sunday we came to worship back in 1986, that we had found our Church Home. That feeling has never left all these years later. The relationships we've formed through the years have sustained us both emotionally, but more importantly, spiritually. Given that, we've always made sure to make a pledge every year. Not out of obligation, but because we want to share our blessings with others. At first we didn't tithe, because we felt money was tight, but each year we increased it as much as possible, always aiming for that 10% goal. Over time, what we gave became second nature, and we found that in spite of our giving (or maybe because of it) we never lacked for anything. It seems like God takes care of His stewards.

We give to the Church because we feel it is the best way to give thanks to God for his many blessings in our lives. I am reminded of a scene in *Fiddler on the Roof* where Tevye, a poor dairyman, meets Perchik, a poor traveller, at the public gathering spot in the town of Anatevka. Tevye, gives Perchik a piece of cheese to eat, and Perchik doesn't want to accept the freely given gift. Tevye responds simply, "It's a blessing for me to give." I always try to approach giving

from that wonderful perspective. Giving to Holy Nativity helps make sure that we can keep adding all of the wonderful programs that Father Steve has instituted. Giving to the Church monetarily is only one facet of giving. We also give by serving our fellow parishioners by volunteering to the various ministries that are available to us. Each one of us has gifts and talents that can be put to use to enrich the worship experience of those who attend our services; not just regulars, but newcomers and visitors as well. Over the years, it has been my pleasure (and a blessing) to serve our parish as a Lay Chalice Bearer, a Choir member, and as a vestry member. This has been my third time to serve you as a vestry member, and this year as your Junior Warden. Holy Nativity is our home, and I want to help in any way I can to take care of it. No one person can do everything, and we all have something to offer. Whether it is leading worship as a lay member, or volunteering to bring cookies for coffee time on Sunday morning, we can all work together to create a Church that is Christ-centered, loving, and welcoming to all who enter our doors.

Yours in Christ,
Joe Ciccarelli, Junior Warden



Church Member, Jessica Barloga, Bay High School Homecoming Queen, Shares Her Crown!



When it was announced that Jessica won homecoming queen, I never saw her look more beautiful! She was emanating sheer radiance and joy. One of Jessica's friends thought it would be a nice gesture that whoever won homecoming queen that night, should give the tiara to Emily Kasproicz. Emily has Asperger's syndrome and had made it to the top ten of the homecoming court with the support of the student body and teachers. The girls in the top five all agreed that Emily should have the tiara. After the crowning ceremony was over, Emily congratulated Jessica on her win and Jessica said to her, "You have more school spirit than anyone at Bay High and this tiara really belongs to you!" She then removed it from her own head and placed it on Emily's. I was happy for Jessica that night and incredibly proud of her, the girls on the homecoming court, the students and the parents of Bay High!

Laura Barloga



Nov. 1	David Dawe, Karen Shores
Nov. 2	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	Abigail Dingus
Nov. 8	Evelyn Jordan, Ginny Morrow
Nov. 9	Patrick Kelley
Nov. 10	M. Terry Ullmann
Nov. 11	Robert Carroll, Ann Marie Shores
Nov. 12	Catherine Shores
Nov. 15	Bob Hughes
Nov. 16	Mary Bonham
Nov. 18	Hodge McCloy
Nov. 19	Joe Ferrante, Stewart Sumpton
Nov. 21	Patti Askt
Nov. 22	Judy Bennett, Dawn Johnson, Charles Miller
Nov. 24	Amy Russell, Rusty Smith
Nov. 25	Florencia Pereira
Nov. 26	Samantha Bates, Sean Dickey
Nov. 28	Herb Arlt, Joy Thompson
Nov. 29	Kate Watson



Nov. 1	Matthew and Shana Duncan
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
	Max and Kirsten McCord
Nov. 29	David Burris and Mary Mittiga

Advent and Christmas will be here soon!

Dec. 3	A Festival of Lessons and Carols!
Dec. 7	A Morning with St. Nicholas!
Dec. 14	Pajama Party Sunday!
Dec. 24	4:00 pm Christmas Eve service with Children's Christmas Pageant! 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Service!

Please Join Us on
Wednesday Nights!

five-thirty Casual Eucharist,
Dinner and Programs for all
ages!

November 5, 12, and 19

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.



🎵 Music Notes 🎵

by Marqua Brunette
Director of Choirs

The Rite One & The Chancel Choirs

At this time of year, everything points to Lessons and Carols. The choirs are rehearsing jointly, in addition to their individual rehearsal times, with many evenings lasting longer than we'd planned. There is so much to be done to prepare for this special event in the life of Holy Nativity. As in the past few years, we will have a wonderful string quartet, led by Mary Ellen Reddie, joining us, plus Stephanie Pettis on flute.

Lessons and Carols is scheduled for Wednesday evening, December 3rd at 6:30 PM, so mark your calendars now. Dinner is served at 5:30 PM and dessert following the service. We are also busily rehearsing for all of Advent and Christmas Eve. It is rarely dull in the world of a church musician and these special seasons offer a wealth of great music to experience.

Children's Choir

The 2014-2015 Children's Choir made their official 'debut' at the Blessing of the Animals and they had a wonderful time. All of the children sang in duets or trios and they embraced this opportunity boldly. Since our last newsletter we added an additional October offering by The Children's Choir. This year they will once again be singing during the service of Lessons and Carols on December 3rd. They will also be singing for Christ The King Sunday on Nov. 23 in a special anthem with the Chancel Choir – another first! While we have already begun working on Advent 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 – 5:10 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 great 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! Holy Nativity is a very generous congregation and we are fortunate to be a part of it.



It is great to see the strong turn-out for youth group on Wednesday nights.

Just a reminder to bring in your emergency contact forms and please sign-in when you arrive.

As a group we have started a calendar of events, which will be published shortly so watch this space.

Thanks, Coach AJ

McDaniel Hall!

On October 22, 2014, Beverly McDaniel received a birthday blessing during the Holy Nativity Episcopal School Chapel and a very special surprise! The Holy Nativity Episcopal School Auditorium will now be known as "McDaniel Hall."

Congratulations Beverly!



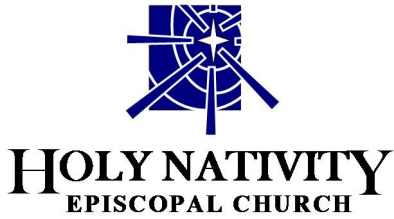
Children's Ministry November 2014

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 Abby Dingus and our faithful nursery Volunteers.
2 End DST/All Saints' Procession	Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	"Elijah and the Widow" Casey Cole 319-4376 Candace Leebrick 522-9240	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
9	Beverly McDaniel	"Elijah on Mt. Carmel" Karen Shores 867-1084 Flo Pereira 319-4870	Kaew Sumpton 624-1290
16	Beverly McDaniel	"Elijah and the Still Soft Voice" Trey Hutt 814-7934 Tiffany Ennis 319-4268	Pat Spangler 215-5247
23	Beverly McDaniel	"Harvest Time—Isaiah 30:23" Holly Melzer 896-0609 Judy Bennett 215-1579	Teresa Durgan 913-3471
30	Beverly McDaniel	"Giving thanks All Around" Tony and Jenny Collier 896-0679	Nancy Dingus 814-4436

This Sunday, November 2nd, 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 gather in the southwest corner of the church (by the entrance from the parking lot) to process to the front and stay there for the children's sermon before leaving for Children's Church.

During the rest of November, we will get to know Elijah and then focus on thankfulness. We hope that for 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 9:15 on December 7, the Pajama Party at church on the 14th, 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 up in Battin Hall 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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Change your clocks
Sunday, November
2nd at 2:00 am!
Don't miss church!

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The deadline for announcements and articles is the 15th each month prior to publication .*

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 - Andrew Jeffery
Children's CE Director - Beverly McDaniel
Administrative Assistant - Madge Smith
Director of Choirs - Marqua Brunette
Church Organist - John Durgan
Church Bookkeeper - Kathy Mills
Sexton - James Rahn
Nursery Attendants - Brynn Ledman, Emily Brock,
Abigail Dingus*

THE VESTRY

<i>Fr. Steve Bates - Rector</i>	<i>Mike Harding 13-16</i>
<i>Henry Breland 13-16</i>	<i>Betty Grammer 12-15</i>
<i>Edyth Brown 12-15</i>	<i>Brian Leebrick 14-17</i>
<i>Joe Ciccarelli 13-16 Jr. Warden</i>	<i>Chris Mills 13-16</i>
<i>Carolyn Cramer 12-15</i>	<i>Hercules Pettis 14-17</i>
<i>Mark Godwin - Treasurer</i>	<i>Madge Smith - Clerk</i>
<i>Michele Hahn 12-15 Sr. Warden</i>	<i>Stewart Sumpton 14-17</i>
	<i>Todd Williams 14-17</i>

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES


<i>Sunday</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite I *</i>
	<i>9:15 a.m. - Adult and Youth CE, Children's Sunday School (Sept. - May)</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite II**</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>5:30 pm - five-thirty Eucharist * and programs</i>

**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 21st Sunday after Pentecost/All Saints Sunday FALL BACK! 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Christian Education for all ages 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	3	4 10:00 am-Bible Seminar	5 4:00 pm-Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm-EfM 5:30 pm-EVENSONG AND DINNER 5:30 pm-Youth Group	6 6:00 pm - Rehearsal for both Choirs	7	8
9 The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Christian Education for all ages 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	10	11 VETERAN'S DAY! OFFICE CLOSED! 6:00 pm-EfM Alumni Dinner and program	12 4:00 pm-Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm-EfM 5:30 pm-five-thirty service and dinner 5:30 pm-Youth Group	13 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm Supper at Grace volunteer work 6:00 pm - Rehearsal for both Choirs	14	15
16 The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Christian Education for all ages 9:15 am - Vestry Meeting 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel ACOLYTE DEDICATION	17	18 10:00 am-Bible Seminar	19 4:00 pm-Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm-EfM 5:30 pm-five-thirty service and dinner 5:30 pm-Youth Group	20 5:30 pm - Wine Women and Back-packs! 6:00 pm - Rehearsal for both Choirs	21	22
23 The Last Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Christian Education for all ages 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	24 Book Club 5:30 pm-Book Club at Panera Bread 6:30 pm-Book Club at the Parish House	25	26	27 	28	29
<div>Thanksgiving School Break!</div>						
30 The 1st Sunday of Advent 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Christian Education for all ages 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel						

Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for November 2014

Nov. 2, 2014	Nov. 9, 2014	Nov. 16, 2014	Nov. 23, 2014	Nov. 30, 2014
Altar Guild: Mary Bonham, Lisa McLendon, Marla Churchill	Altar Guild: Amy Russell, Barbara Knowles, Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Monica Phillips, Mary Mittiga, David Burris	Altar Guild: Nancy Hebert and Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Max and Joyce Dannecker, Gene and Kathleen Wicker
Greeters 8:00 am: Betty Heminway 10:30 am: Sandy Ciccarelli	Greeters 8:00 am: Monica and Alex Phillips 10:30 am: Tony and Jenny Collier	Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Sue White and Mary Ellen Harding	Greeters 8:00 am: Dorbre McMullen 10:30 am: Charlie and Cassie Commander	Greeters 8:00 am: Larry and Kay Young 10:30 am: Sandy Ciccarelli
Ushers 8:00 am: Sue Nelson and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Max and Joyce Dannecker	Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Dawn Johnson 10:30 am: John Thompson and Chris Mills	Ushers 8:00 am: Jim Hixson and Parker McClellan 10:30 am: Russell and Beth Brock	Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Mark and Nina Godwin	Ushers 8:00 am: Terry Jangula and Tim Pride 10:30 am: Dick and Nancy Hebert
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gayle Ahrens and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Brian Leebrick and Joyce Dannecker	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Suzanne Grossman and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: Scott Clemons and Edyth Brown	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Karen Tucker and Byron Matthews 10:30 am: Nancy Breland and Joe Ciccarelli	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Lou and Inge Churchill 10:30 am: Mike Dickey and Todd Williams	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gayle Ahrens and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: Brian Leebrick and Scott Clemons
Acolytes 8:00 am: Wes McClellan, Madelyn Reeder 10:30 am: Jack Thompson, Jacob Brock, Michael Watts, Paul Brust, Shelby and Stevens Roberson, Sean Dickey	Acolytes 8:00 am: Lauren Stewart, Wes McClellan 10:30 am: Drew Dickey, Morgan and Ashtyn Williams, Andrew Collier, Hannah Hickman	Acolytes 8:00 am: Wes McClellan, Madelyn Reeder 10:30 am: All Acolytes for Acolyte Dedication	Acolytes 8:00 am: Lauren Stewart, Wes McClellan 10:30 am: Sean Dickey, Ginny Leebrick, Chappell Syfrett, Kate Leebrick, Beka Leebrick	Acolytes 8:00 am: Wes McClellan, Madelyn Reeder 10:30 am: Ben Bradford, Joseph Thompson, Camryn Commander, Grace Ennis, James Thompson
Lector at 10:30 am Mary Ellen Pettis	Lector at 10:30 am John Darrah	Lector at 10:30 am Judy Dickey	Lector at 10:30 am Tom Hairston	Lector at 10:30 am Don Hodges
Tablecloth Ministry: Madge Smith	Tablecloth Ministry: Candace Leebrick	Tablecloth Ministry: Mary Bonham	Tablecloth Ministry: Mary Frances Hutt	Tablecloth Ministry: Teresa Durgan