



the NATIVITY *Scene*

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**Blessing of the Animals
October 5, 2011
Parish House Backyard
5:30 pm Blessing
Cookout to Follow**

**If your pet is unable to attend, you
can bring a photo!**

**The Children's Choir will perform!
Donations for the cost of the cookout will be
greatly appreciated.**



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**The fall Supper Club Mixer
is coming.....
It's a HARVEST HOE-DOWN!!
Sunday, October 30, 2011 in the
courtyard.**



Refreshments start at 5:00 and Vittles at 6!
Bring your best country cookin' dish to share.
We'll have music & dancin' & fiddlin' around.

Come in your finest boots & jeans and show off your
2-step or learn how to line-dance.

Be sure to sign up in Battin Hall soon and Be ready for
a wonderful evening of food, fellowship & fun.

You do not have to be an active member of HNEC or
even be a member at all. And you are welcome to join
us for the Hoe-down without committing to a season of
Supper Club.

Just come on and have a good time!



Operation Christmas Child is right
around the corner.

We will be distributing boxes on October 16th after
both church services.

A list of suggested items, as well as a bookmark,
will be included with each box.
Look for additional information in your church bul-
letin later in the month.

We will need them returned to church or the church
office no later than November 11th.

Mary-Martha Circle

Adult Christian Education - Father Tom

Bible study is fun, exciting and interesting, partly because God is there, partly because there are always more questions than answers. Our midweek Bible seminar meets every Tuesday morning, 9:45 to 11:15. Fall 2010 we had our nose in Genesis. For Fall 2011 we are taking on Saint Paul. We have finished discussing his letter to the Philippians and currently are into First Thessalonians, the oldest document in the New Testament. Next? Maybe Galatians or Philemon! Everyone is welcome and invited. There's coffee and a light morning snack like a biscotti or donut hole. Tuesday mornings in my office conference room in the Parish House Church Office building. twellerpc@gmail.com

Sunday School is underway. We meet 9:15 to 10:15 Sunday mornings in the Mary Stuart Poole Library. For the Fall 2011 season we will be discussing Philippians, Moses stories in Exodus and other Old Testament stories, and First Thessalonians. As time permits we will learn something about the new Eucharistic Prayers that General Convention has authorized, and the slightly revised version of the Nicene Creed. Come!

EfM (Education for Ministry). Our EfM seminar here at Holy Nativity is Wednesday evenings, but we also have an afternoon group, which meets 3:30 to 5:45 Wednesday afternoons in the Library at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Ray Wishart is mentor. The group is just getting started and has vacancies. Sometimes a day-time group is best for folks, especially those who don't like to go out at night. If you think you might be interested, please contact either Fr. Tom (twellerpc@gmail.com) or Ray Wishart (revraymondw@gmail.com).

THE 'OTHER SUPPER CLUB' A LITTLE BIT WILDER, A LITTLE BIT LOUDER

Friday, October 7th at 6:30 pm

We will have our second party across the street at the Parish House.

A nursery will be provided.

It is a Spring into Fall Barbeque with burgers and dogs on the grill!

Bring a side dish to share along with any adult beverages you would like to bring.

Come as a couple, single or bring a friend (21+)

Call, email, or Facebook Brianna Fisher for details, questions, and RSVP's.

See y'all there! Phone: 832-5171, email: bjf1989@yahoo.com, FB: Brianna Jane Fisher

....From the Food Bank

Thank you, my Holy Nativity family, for giving me the most gratifying and wonderful morning I have had in a very long time.

I just spent a little over an hour in our food bank, helping two gentlemen from Catholic Charities load their pickup truck. Twice. When they came into the room, they asked "How much are we allowed to have?" When I told them to take all of it, they were quite literally stunned. They called it a godsend, a life-saver, a gift from heaven. They couldn't stop smiling and thanking me, and stopped to spontaneously hug me more than once. I swear I actually saw tears in their eyes. Their donation pantry was empty, and they will not have money to purchase more until the end of the month. The families don't stop coming, though. They told me about the single-person boxes they make up, and how they are different from the family boxes. They told me how appreciative moms are of dessert mixes, so they can give their kids something "homemade". They told me about packaging chili with no beans together with two cans of beans, to make it go farther. Dry milk goes with boxes of cereal, because fresh milk is a luxury. Their clients love tomato soup because it can be made into so many other things. They just went on and on, joyfully filling me in on all the terrific things they were going to be able to do with our donations. I have all of you to thank that I got to be there and share their joy.

I also left with tears in my eyes, though, because of the picture they built of the people that come to them for help. Imagine your kids coming home from school this Friday and asking "What's for dinner?" You know that all you have behind that cabinet door is a few cans of corn and green beans. What do you wish you had to give them? And what about when they are hungry at breakfast tomorrow? and lunch? Imagine feeding your family for an entire weekend out of one box of non-perishable food. What would you want to find in it? What would you put in it if you had a choice? That is what we need to restock our shelves, so that is what you should bring with you to Church on Sunday.

Most of us are blessed with enough. We may not be rich, but we are comfortable. This gives us the opportunity to do so much for others, who truly need it. An additional blessing is the fact that we now have lots of space for more donations!

Judy Dickey

Post script:

Well, I gave that food to Catholic Charities on Tuesday and wrote the article on Wednesday. Thursday morning, I opened Face Book, and there was a post from the Rescue Mission. It was a public request for the only thing we had not completely given away - canned vegetables. I called them and arranged to transport everything left in the food bank room to them later that morning. Once again, I found myself basking in the gratitude of people who were tickled (their word) to be given the opportunity to continue feeding honestly hungry people. Selfishly, I enjoyed looking into those smiling faces very much. This leaves us in a fabulous situation - every bit of the food you donated is now actually out there feeding somebody. The shelves are empty, so we have plenty of room to stock back up. Additionally, I have realized that it actually is a bit selfish of me to give it out by myself. Are there any of you who would like to see where it goes and meet the people who are so happy to get it? You are welcome to join us when we load a truck or make a delivery. Please talk to Mike Dickey or to me, and I will give you a call the next time we distribute our abundance. It's nice to have enough, and it's even nicer to be able to share.

Judy

Hello again, youth!

The Blessing of the Animals on October 5th at 5:30 pm! Please join us for that, even if you don't have a pet. There will be a cookout following! So remember youth group on October 5th begins at 5:30 pm at the Parish House, not 6:00 pm in the youth room!

October 12th - Girls Only. Middle-school and high-school girls meet in the Parish House at 6 pm for some female-only fun. We will fix ourselves dinner, paint each others' toenails, and I'll teach you how to make a French braid, if you don't already know how. We will also play some cut-throat competitive games and have a loud good time.

October 19th - Boys Only. Middle-school and high-school boys meet behind the two-story building at 6 pm for guys-only activities. We will cook our dinner over a campfire, and play some games that ensure that everybody goes home exhausted and filthy.

October 26th - All Youth Carpentry Group. Everyone is welcome to meet in the courtyard at 6pm. We will start working on the cross-shaped case for Lenten offering boxes that we are going to build for the Easter service. If you want to saw, sand, hammer, glue, stain, finish, or just help plan, be sure to join us on this Wednesday. We will have at least one more carpentry meeting to follow.

Please join the Holy Nativity Youth Group page on Face Book by friending me: Judy Dickey of Lynn Haven (picture of a sailboat). I will add you to the page, where I will send out reminders and updates for these events and the ones that follow. I can't wait to see you all!

Judy/248-6624/judydickey@gmail.com



Building a *Legacy*

Our Phase II Building Program

Join us for any **ONE** of the
following presentations on **Sundays**
at 9:15 a.m. (Sunday School hour)
in Battin Hall.

October 16

October 23

Highlights Include:

- Addition of a permanent columbarium
- Demolition of existing school cafeteria building
- Addition of a north entrance
- Renovation and addition of public restrooms
- Enclosure of narthex and colonnades
- Complete renovation and construction of new kitchen
- Renovation and seating expansion of Battin Hall
- Additional parking!

Children's Ministry October 2011

October	Sunday School 9:15	Children's Church 10:30	Nursery 10:15
2	"The Apostles" Tom Hairston 884-6319 Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	"The Miracles of Jesus" Ashley Eaton 769-8533 Trey Hutt 814-7934	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
9	"The Apostles" Tom Hairston 884-6319 Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	"The Miracles of Jesus" Amy Russell 784-0096 Sharon Carroll 784-6961	Nancy Reeder 596-9538
16	"The Apostles" Tom Hairston 884-6319 Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	"The Miracles of Jesus" Trey Hutt 814-7934 Cassie Commander 265-4400	Kaew Sumpton 872-3782
23	"The Apostles" Tom Hairston 884-6319 Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	"Who are the Saints?" Candace Leebrick 522-9240 Katy Bradford 234-7004	Pat Spangler 215-5247
30	"All Saint's Day" Tom Hairston 884-6319 Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	"What is All Saints' Day?" Judy Bennett 215-1579 Amy Russell 784-0096	Nancy Reeder 596-9538

This fall our children are exploring themes from the New Testament in both Sunday School and Children's Church. For Sunday School, Tom Hairston has planned series of lessons to help the children get to know the apostles of Jesus. We are seeing what the requirements for the "job" were and how these apply to our serving Jesus. All of us (including Mr. Tom and me) are learning so many things about what Jesus taught and about his followers. We meet every Sunday morning at 9:15 in our special room in the two-story building. Parents, we would love to have your children join us, and you would love attending Fr. Tom's Sunday School for adults during the same time in the Mary Stewart Poole Library right next door to us.

During the 10:30 worship service, Fr. Steve dismisses the children three years old through fifth graders for Children's Church. ("Who is going to carry the cross this morning?") Continuing our New Testament theme, Judy Bennett has expanded our study of the miracles of Jesus with lessons that include crafts to help us remember each story. On the 23rd, we will examine "Who are the Saints of God?" as we make our saints streamers that will be part of the All Saints' service the next Sunday.

We are grateful to all of you who work to make children's ministry meaningful and memorable for our children at Holy Nativity. Please join me in thanking those whose names are included in our schedules each month. We also thank our middle school and high school youth who are always willing to help...and we thank Ms. Marqua for finding great music for us to sing. We are really looking forward to singing "All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir" at the Blessing of the Animals service. Everyone is invited to meet the pets and hear us sing.

Beverly McDaniel



By Marqua Brunette, Director of Choirs

The Chancel Choir

It's time once again to begin rehearsing for Advent and Christmas Eve services, as well as Lessons and Carols. If you come and join the choir now you are certain to get in the Christmas spirit early! As always, several people within our congregation enjoy singing with the choir for these special seasonal services. We will begin rehearsing some of this music in October so if you want to sing with us for Lessons and Carols and Christmas Eve services, please speak with me so I can keep you posted on exact rehearsal times for our Thursdays. If you let me know ahead of time I can have folders ready for you. This is also a great opportunity to 'try' choir and see how well it works in your life and your service to the Church. Regular Thursday Chancel Choir rehearsals begin at 6:30 and we welcome all newcomers. Sunday mornings we rehearse again at 9:30. Every rehearsal includes music, fun, fellowship, laughter and a time for prayer. What more could you ask for?

Rite One Choir

If you attend the 8:00 Rite 1 service and wish to sing with our choir, the Rite One Choir is just for you! Currently we sing about once a month. Our rehearsals are in the church on Thursdays from 5:30 - 6:30. This more relaxed schedule works well in some people's lives – what about yours? Come and join us!

It's a busy time of year for our music ministry, but so rewarding to each of us. Please feel free to talk with me if you have an interest in serving God with your voice.

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir began rehearsing September 7th and from all indications, we are off to a great start!! Most of the children returned from last season and new voices have been added. The children continue to be enthusiastic and are already singing well together. They will make their official 2011-2012 debut on Wednesday, October 5th when we have the annual St. Francis Blessing of the Animals at the Parish House. We have chosen a delightful 'animal' song and everyone is excited about making their special animal sounds during the song. They will probably be singing in church soon so there is a lot to plan, not to mention the Christmas Pageant music!

It is not too late for your child to come and sing with 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. Rehearsals are held in the choir office in the Kids' Kingdom Building. 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!

Large Print Hymnals for Children Too!!!

Our new large print hymnals are perfect for ANYONE who would benefit from a larger font size.....even children! Parents are welcome to use one of these hymnals with your child. Not every hymn is printed but most of the more commonly used hymns are in the hymnal. Look for them on the back table in the church. Encourage your child's reading by helping them to sing along during the hymns.

October Birthdays

Oct. 1	P. J. Saluto
Oct. 2	Ina Joy Conrad, Michele Dawe
Oct. 3	Dylan Cazalas, Jillian Dingus, Elizabeth Zinszer
Oct. 5	William Batteiger, Trevor Madden
Oct. 8	Heinz Camenzind, Ursula Hixson, Lydia San Juan
Oct. 9	Kalynn Pressly, Anna Smith
Oct. 10	Sherry Davis
Oct. 11	Mike Cazalas, Chris Mills, Edward San Juan, Julian Scott, Diane Wishart
Oct. 13	Carol Bonham, Kathy Davis, Lance Sheffield, Michael Watts
Oct. 14	Candace Leebrick, Carol Osborne
Oct. 16	Katy Bradford, Gigi Carroll, Bobbie Hunt
Oct. 18	Beverly McDaniel, Zach Messer, Wayland Patterson, Mike Zinszer
Oct. 20	Edwina McLane
Oct. 21	Matthew Bruhn
Oct. 22	Alice Allen, Sharon Carroll
Oct. 23	Remy Godwin
Oct. 24	Tom Hairston, Helen Hill
Oct. 25	Ben Bradford, Gerry Clemons, Jennifer Josten
Oct. 27	Tyler Shores
Oct. 28	Betty Grammer, Mike Harding, Abigail Russell
Oct. 29	Russell Knowles, Katy McClain, Theresa Townsend
Oct. 30	Mark Godwin, Charles Knowles
Oct. 31	William Bradley McLawhorn



Wednesday afternoon Efm space available! Our Efm course here at Holy Nativity is Wednesday evenings, but we also have an afternoon group, which meets 3:30 to 5:45 Wednesday afternoons in the Library at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Ray Wishart is mentor. The group is just getting started and has a couple of vacancies. Sometimes a daytime group is best for folks, especially those who don't like to go out at night. If you think you might be interested, please contact either Fr. Tom (twellerpc@gmail.com) or Ray Wishart (revraymondw@gmail.com).

October Anniversaries

Oct. 3	Greg and Beth Keetch
Oct. 7	Bill and Ashley Eaton Bob and Marilyn Hauser
Oct. 10	John and Lynn Sarno Tommy and Patty McRae
Oct. 13	Matt and Casey Cole
Oct. 15	Bill and Katy Bradford Tim and Renee Madden
Oct. 16	Bo and Amber FitzSimons
Oct. 18	Aaron and Holly Kuster
Oct. 19	Alva Davis and Allison Swann-Davis
Oct. 24	Carl and Anne Harris
Oct. 25	Conway and Nancy Reeder

Episcopal Church Women Meeting

October 3, 2011 at 6:00 pm in the Parish House

All women of the church are invited to attend!

They will make Chrismons!

WHAT'S A CHRISMON?

Chrismons are a type of Christmas Tree decoration used in many churches and often in the homes of Christians. The symbols used represent a variety of biblical and theological concepts that are well known among most believers. Often, if the ornaments on a Christmas tree are comprised mostly of Christian symbols, the tree is known as a "Chrismon Tree." Chrismons are white with gold decorations of beads, ribbon, glitter, etc. It is common, however, to see these ancient Christian designs in other colors than white and gold. These would not be Chrismons, however, but simply Christian symbols -- and there's nothing wrong with that!





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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 (Aug. - May)*

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

**Nursery Provided*

***Children's CE and Nursery Provided*