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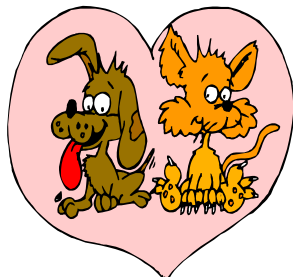
Holy NATIVITY
Episcopal Church
Blessing of the Animals
October 9, 2013
In the Church
5:30 pm-Blessing
Cookout to Follow



If your pet is unable to attend, you can bring a photo!
The Children's Choir will sing!
Please bring your "Food For Furry Friends" Donations!

“FOOD FOR FURRY FRIENDS”

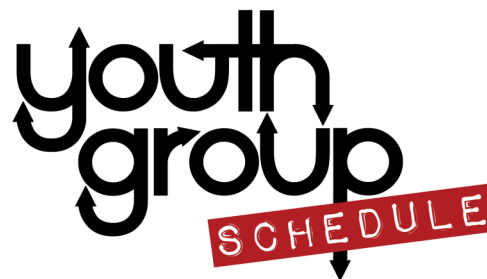
Benefits The Bay County Humane Society



The Holy Nativity Episcopal Church's Children's Choir is asking for your donations to help collect **“Food for Furry Friends”** in conjunction with our annual *St. Francis Blessing of the Animals* on Wednesday, Oct. 9th. The drop-off box will be inside the Kid's Kingdom Building. The Humane Society will pick-up all collected items and the Children's Choir is quite excited about their annual 'service project'. Please bring your donations on or before October 9th.

Listed below is the “Wish List” for the Humane Society. They specifically request PURINA® food products to keep the animals on a consistent diet. While animals await adoption and their new homes, there are other items that they could really use to ensure that the pets have a more comfortable stay in the shelter and assist in offsetting expenses. Thank you for your generosity!!!

PURINA® Dog, Cat, Puppy & Kitten Food, Large Dog Harnesses, Leashes of all size, Peanut Butter, Washcloths, Bath and Hand Towels, Paper Towels & Toilet Paper, Brown Paper & Plastic Shopping Bags, 33-Gallon & Tall Kitchen Trash Bags, Liquid Laundry Soap, Low-Dust Cat Litter



Here comes October!

By now I hope you have noticed that our Wednesday night program is aligned with the Wednesday night worship. Please join us at 5:30 for worship, and we will eat with the rest of the church at 6. The upstairs room portion of the evening is now from 6:30 to 7:30.

We are also back into the swing of things with Sunday School. Come and hang out upstairs at 9:15 on Sunday mornings to get a preview of what Father Steve or Father Tom is going to preach about. Sometimes we figure it out before they do!

See you in the upstairs room.
Judy
judydickey@gmail.com

Please Join Us on Wednesdays!

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

5:30 pm
Casual Eucharist, Dinner
and Program!

Adult Christian Education: Father Tom

Dear friends,

As we concluded our Bible Seminars last Spring 2013, I felt very much called to change the nature of my ministries as a retired priest -- to draw down after having expanded over the last four years, and to "begin again" so to speak. I was not sure what I needed to do, and so devoted last summer entirely to contemplating this, in meditation and prayer as well as the three silent directed retreats that consumed June, July and August. What I came to has been announced in various ways during September, but I want here to make sure that everyone who participated in our Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon Bible seminars knows, in case anyone would like to pick back up with me.

My passion or special enjoyment in retirement seems to be Bible study with other people, and I'm continuing that but in a new midweek format. I had intended to begin on September 4, the Wednesday after Labor Day, but my program is part of our parish program for Wednesdays, which the rector wanted to start on September 11. For scheduling reasons, that slipped to September 18, then to September 25, which is this week. Here's what I'm offering.

Wednesday 11:30 a.m. (actually, I will be in the church by 11:15)

Healing Eucharist in the church, Holy Nativity. The service will last 15 to 20 minutes, followed by adjourning to Battin Hall, our fellowship hall, for Bible Study with Light Lunch. Lunch will be provided, no charge, no reservation, just come.

Linda is helping me, taking charge of lunch arrangements.

We shall see how it goes, how many come, how many to expect.

At first, and until we see what people want for the Bible Study, we will focus on the lectionary readings for each upcoming Sunday, starting with reading the Luke lesson as our Gospel in the Healing Eucharist, and bringing that Gospel into our Lunch Bible Study; but also looking at the OT, psalm, and NT/epistle readings.

Linda thinks I'm nuts, but I have in mind sixty minutes, adjourning at 12:30. If after the first Wednesday or two folks want to make that 12:45, I'm fine with that, but we'll want the starting and ending times to settle out precise and reliable so people can count on it.

This new weekly schedule simplifies my weekday schedule to Wednesdays only. I invite and welcome everyone!

The rest of my schedule is also on Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. at the church, an informal Eucharist, which I will share with the rector. Short Eucharist with music, followed by supper in Battin Hall, then sometimes just fellowship, sometimes a program. This is all coordinated with EfM's schedule and the Youth Group schedule and the choirs' schedules. Everyone is invited and welcome to Wednesday evening also, though most of the folks who had been coming to my mid-day Bible Seminars the past few years were not into coming out at night, so I wanted to be sure and offer the mid-day program described above.

I'm not asking for RSVPs. Still, if anyone wants to email me that you intend to come for the 11:30 Eucharist and Bible Study with Light Lunch, that notice could help Linda know how many to expect for lunch.

Again, all are invited and welcome. And God bless you, dear ones!

Tom+

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 October the date is different because of Halloween, October 24th 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



SHIVER ME TIMBERS, It's time for a Buccaneer Bash!

We'll be havin' the Supper Club Mixer on
Sunday, October 20, 2013
at 6 o'clock in the evenin'!

Make your mark on the list in the Parish Hall
And show up in your old pirate finery.
Eye patches are permitted!
Bring some grub and /or grog
And join in the merriment!



Food Bank News!

After giving the Salvation Army all our food in our Food Bank, we are wiped out! Please remember the poor among us when you go to the grocery store this week, and help us restock the shelves so we can respond to the next call for help. You all are doing God's work each week in feeding the less fortunate, and it is making a big difference in their lives.

Backpacks News!

The backpack program is up and running and we are delivering backpacks full of food to 90 kids who really need it. There is still room on the team to help, so if you were thinking about joining us to help pick up, deliver, pack or shop, please let us know. Also, thanks to all of you for your donations and pledges over the last couple of weeks—those electric green pledge cards seem to have had the desired effect! Your contributions are helping to feed not only needy kids, but likely their entire families. This is what we are all called to do, and it is amazing to see a congregation pull together to make it happen every week.



- Oct. 1 P.J. Saluto, Edwin Stewart
- 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 Marie Smith
- Oct. 10 Sherry Davis
- Oct. 11 Mike Cazalas, Chris Mills, Edward
San Juan, Julian Scott
- Oct. 12 Ann Yessman
- Oct. 13 Kathy Davis, Lance Sheffield,
Jeff Watson, Michael Watts
- Oct. 14 Candace Leebrick, Carol Osborne
- Oct. 16 Katy Bradford, Gigi Carroll
- Oct. 18 Beverly McDaniel, Zach Messer,
Phillip Pack, wayland Patterson,
Mike Zinszer
- Oct. 19 Rileigh Hickman
- Oct. 20 Cameron Johnson, 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. 26 Matheson Crelling
- Oct. 27 Tyler Shores
- Oct. 28 Betty Grammer, Mike Harding,
Abigail Russell
- Oct. 29 Russell Knowles, Katy McClain,
Theresa Townsend
- Oct. 30 Emily Brock, Mark Godwin, Charles
Knowles
- Oct. 31 William Bradley McLawhorn, Jack
Thompson



- Oct. 7 Bill and Ashley Eaton
- Oct. 9 Tommy and Jewell Harding
- Oct. 10 John and Lynn Sarno
- Oct. 13 Matt and Casey Cole
- Oct. 15 Bill and Katy Bradford
Tim and Renee Madden
- Oct. 24 Carl and Anne Harris
- Oct. 25 Conway and Nancy Reeder

ACOLYTE TRIP NEWS!

Eight acolytes, seven chaperones, and Fr. Steve will represent Holy Nativity at the National Acolyte Festival at Washington National Cathedral on Sat., Oct. 12th. The festive service of Holy Eucharist and Acolyte Dedication begins at 9am Panama City time.

You can watch the service live, online at www.nationalcathedral.org. The service begins with a combined procession of crosses, banners, torches, thuribles, flags, and streamers for a festive procession of over 2,000 acolytes, clergy, and vergers. Lunch and workshops follow the service.

A special "Thank You" to those who have made designated contributions to help make this trip possible. Your support is truly appreciated!



🎵 **Music Notes** 🎵 by Marqua Brunette
Director of Choirs

The Chancel Choir

Fall is arriving and weekly choir rehearsals are back on schedule. It's that time of year when we think of the seasons ahead of us. October means we 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! New members are always welcomed and it is a great opportunity to 'try' choir and see how well it works in your life and your service to your Church. Regular Thursday Chancel Choir rehearsals begin at 6:30 and 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 I service and wish to sing with our choir, the Rite One Choir is waiting for you! Currently we sing about once a month but I am delighted to report that all of them are planning to extend their rehearsal time later this month by one hour so they can learn all of the music for the Lessons and Carols Service. Our rehearsals are in the church on Thursdays from 5:30 - 6:30 and will soon extend to 7:30 until December. 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 11th and we are off to a great start!! So far, all but one child returned from last season and new voices have been added. The children continue to be enthusiastic and are already sounding nice together. They are singing consistently much more in-tune and with stronger, more confident voices. They quickly responded to some of our familiar songs for review and we also have tried singing some new ones. This will keep all on their toes. Nearly all are good readers at this point and they are learning songs quickly. The music for the Christmas Pageant will be on the coming horizon!

The Children's Choir will make their official 2013-2014 debut on Wednesday, October 9th for the annual ***St. Francis Blessing of the Animals***. We have chosen some delightful 'animal' songs and everyone is excited about making their special musical animal sounds. The Children's Choir is also sponsoring their 'annual service' project, **"Food for Furry Friends"** to benefit the Humane Society. Look for details in the newsletter.

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 – 5:15 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!

Children's Ministry October 2013

Oct.	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.
6	Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	"Fruits of the Spirit: Kindness" Sharon and Robert Carroll 784-6961	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
13	Beverly McDaniel	"Fruits of the Spirit: Goodness" Beverly McDaniel 265-8033 Judy Bennett 215-1579	Kaew Sumpton 872-3782
20	Beverly McDaniel	"Fruits of the Spirit: Faithfulness" Holly Melzer 896-0428 Casey Cole 215-3727	Pat Spangler 215-5247
27	Sunday School with Ms. Judy Dickey and the Big Kids (in the Youth Room Upstairs)	"Fruits of the Spirit: Gentleness" Lenka Doran 874-1048 Brandi Kelley 785-1139	Teresa Durgan 913-3471

This month in Children's Church, we are continuing with our "Fruits of the Spirit" theme. To help us understand and remember these, Judy Bennett has paired an actual fruit with each spiritual characteristic for our lessons and crafts each Sunday. It is fun to see, feel, or taste the connections.

Let's put love and kindness and goodness into practice by caring for some of God's animal creatures. We all want to help the Children's Choir collect "Food for Furry Friends", so please see the gift suggestions from the Humane Society wish list (elsewhere in this newsletter) or just give money to Miss Marqua and she will get it to the Humane Society. We have collection tubs in Kids' Kingdom so the children can bring their donations when they come to Children's Church after the Children's Sermon. Please bring your pet(s) or a picture to church for the annual St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of the Animals at 5:30 on Wednesday, October 9th. I hope that we will fill the tubs to the brim and running over by then.

I am also hoping that many of you will be participating Wednesday 5:30 programs. We will be adding to our plans according to the children's wishes. I certainly welcome your questions, comments, and suggestions concerning our Children's Ministry at Holy Nativity.

Please call me...265-8033.

Beverly McDaniel





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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*



OCTOBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 12:00 pm - Mary Martha Circle 6:00 pm - EfM Alumni Dinner	2 11:30 am - Healing, Eucharist, Lunch, Bible Study 4:00 pm - Children's Choir Practice 5:30 pm - EfM 5:30 pm - Youth Group 5:30 pm - Wed. Programs	3 5:30 pm - Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal	4	5
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13 The 21st 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	14 Columbus Day! No School!	15	16 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	17 5:30 pm - Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal	18	19
20 The 22th Sunday after Pentecost 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 6:00 pm - Supper Club Mixer	21	22	23 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	24 5:00 pm - Wine, Women and Backpacks 5:30 pm - Rite One Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal	25 HNES Walk-a- Thon and Fall Carnival!	26
27 The 23rd 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	28 Book Club 5:30 pm - Panera Bread 6:30 pm - Parish House	29	30 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	31 		

Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for October 2013

Oct. 6, 2013	Oct. 13, 2013	Oct. 20, 2013	Oct. 27, 2013
Altar Guild: Monica Phillips, Mary Mittiga, and David Burris	Altar Guild: Nancy Hebert and Barbara Knowles	Altar Guild: Max and Joyce Dannecker Gene and Kathleen Wicker	Altar Guild: Phyllis McLawhorn, Inge Churchill, Kaew Sumpton
Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Tom and Donna Hairston	Greeters 8:00 am: Dorbre and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Lauren Jones and Sue White	Greeters 8:00 am: Dawn Johnson 10:30 am: Joe and Peggy Fer-rante	Greeters 8:00 am: Betty Heminway 10:30 am: Charlie and Cassie Commander
Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Jim Hixson 10:30 am: Russell and Beth Brock	Ushers 8:00 am: Dan Johnson and ParkerMcClellan 10:30 am: Mark and Nina Godwin	Ushers 8:00 am: Terry Jangula and Tim Pride 10:30 am: Dick and Nancy Hebert	Ushers 8:00 am: Susan Nelson and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Bret and Katie Fisher
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Karen Tucker and Byron Matthews 10:30 am: Brian Leebrick and Scott Clemons	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gayle Ahrens and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: Edyth Brown and Stewart Sumpton	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Suzanne Grossman and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Joe Ciccarelli and Jane Burkett	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Lou and Inge Churchill 10:30 am: Todd Williams 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, Jacob Brock, Grace Cole	Acolytes 8:00 am: Eric and Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Jack Thompson, James Thompson, Michael Watts, Hannah Hickman, Ryan Nelson, Joseph Thompson	Acolytes 8:00 am: Wes McClellan and Madelyn Reeder 10:30 am: Kyle Fisher, Claire Fisher, Shelby Roberson, Stevens Roberson, Ginny Leebrick	Acolytes 8:00 am: Eric and Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Trevor Madden, Morgan Williams, Ashytn Williams, Camryn Commander, Sean Dickey, Paul Brust
Lector at 10:30 am Rich Doran	Lector at 10:30 am Donna Hairston	Lector at 10:30 am Don Hodges	Lector at 10:30 am Bonnie Kell
Tablecloth Ministry: Mary Frances Hutt	Tablecloth Ministry: Teresa Durgan	Tablecloth Ministry: Barbara Knowles	Tablecloth Ministry: Natasha Lithway



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