



the NATIVITY *Scene*

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 **FALL KICKOFF!**
EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING!

September 8th, Tuesday

10:00 am: Fr. Tom's Bible Seminar

Everyone begins to gather around 9:30 am in the Mary Stuart Poole Library.

September 9th, Wednesday

4:00 pm: Children Choir Rehearsal

5:30 pm: Our *five-thirty* service, supper, and programs.

We will cookout hamburgers and hotdogs!

Donations will be accepted.

6:30 pm: Choir Kick off! This is for all choir members and anyone interested in joining the choir! Here's your chance to ask your questions about what to expect.

SEPTEMBER 13TH, SUNDAY

9:15 AM: SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES START BACK UP
FOR THE FALL!

October 7th, Wednesday

5:30 pm: St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of the Animals followed with supper.
Bring your pets for their annual blessing in the church!

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



In my opinion, our BackPack and Rally Day Sunday this year was the best ever, and it gets better and better every year, which means 2016 will be even more fun than 2015. But here we are!

Adult Sunday School class meets 9:15 to 10:15 every Sunday morning, between services, in the Mary Stuart Poole Library — which is through the double doors down to the other end of the brick road to the next double doors. You don't have to register or sign up or let anyone know you are coming, all are invited and welcome. Instead of devotional style, it's more an intellec-

tual approach to Bible study like our clergy experience in our years of theological seminary. Nothing is too hallowed or sacred to be asked, discussed, or challenged. For the most part we talk about the lectionary readings for the instant Sunday; but now and then it will be something about the Book of Common Prayer, or the Episcopal Church, or the season of the church year; and we never hesitate to wander off the path when folks have questions. "Lectionary & Liturgy" is sort of the theme. Bring your coffee and a cookie or slice of cake from Battin Hall and come join us. Stragglers welcome, don't worry about arriving late, come on in!

Our Tuesday morning Bible Seminar begins again for the Fall 2015 on September 8th, the day after Labor Day. Mary Stuart Poole Library, folks park on 3rd Street and come in the end door, gather between 9:30 and ten o'clock for visit, coffee, a cookie. We sit down at 10:00, five more minutes of chat, and convene with prayer at 10:05. Then we go to town with intensive study and discussion of our chosen Bible book. Study Bibles are provided (NRSV), but bring your own if you prefer. And for the particular lesson of the day, we generally have a printed handout in extra large print. It's the most fun weekly event of any small group in the parish. There are no rules, come when you can, though most people come every week unless they're on vacation or family commitment or such. We send out an email reminder every Sunday afternoon or Monday. Everyone's welcome, parishioner or not, Christian or not, Episcopalian or not.

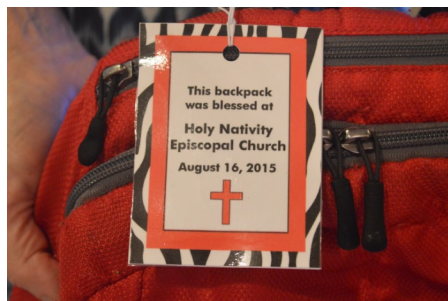
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The Order of the Daughters of the King Inquirers' Meeting 9:15-10:15 am, Sunday 9/13/2015 in Battin Hall.

Three monthly meetings for women interested in discovering what it means to become a member of the Lay Order of the DOK will be held between services on the second Sundays of September, October, and November. An overview of the Lay Order of the DOK will be presented, along with the two rules of Life (prayer/service), and the preparatory study process women participate in as they consider becoming a member. If you are interested in attending or have questions, please contact Jackie Rahn, HNEC DOK Chapter President at (850) 896-7897 or jackie1099@gmail.com for His sake +



RALLY DAY AND BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS FUN!





Youth at Holy Nativity are going to change the community!

In Youth Ministry we are using the FIVE MARKS OF MISSION, simple guidelines to live a better life through actions and service.

Join us starting September 9th for Wednesday night programs and for special events through out the year.

Sunday School begins at 9:15 am September 13th!

If you or your youth wants to be part of this change or resources for offer, please contact AJ Jeffery at aussie_aj@holy-nativity.org

Stay tuned for a social media updates coming soon!!

A.J. Jeffery
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Fall Choir Kick Off! **Wednesday, September 9th** **6:30 pm**

Are your interested in joining the choir but perhaps a little timid? Are you not sure about what is expected of the choir members: Come to our first Fall Choir Kick Off! They will continue to have rehearsals on Wednesday at the same time. Music reading skills are wonderful, but certainly not required.

Join the Book/Kindle Club!

Book Discussion: On the 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 at the Parish House.

Supper Before Meeting: At 5:30 am at Panera's Bread on 23rd Street. Supper participation not required.

September Book: Desperate Fortune by Susannah Kearsley

October Book: Wolf Hal by Hillary Mantel

November Book: All the Light We Cannot by Anthony Doerr

December: Each of us will talk briefly about one's favorite book read during 2015, not restricted to Book club selections.

Info: Contact Joyce Dannecker at 763-2683

Children's Ministry September *by Beverly McDaniel*

Sept.	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 8:00-11:30 Younger children enjoy being in the nursery with Catherine Churchill, Emily Brock, and our faithful nursery Volunteers.
6	Not Yet... Next Week!	Creation: Day 3 (part 1) Land and Oceans Judy Bennett 215-1579 Tiffany Ennis 319-4268	Sandy Cicarelli 265-9276
13 Sunday School Resumes	"Ask Father Steve" Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	Creation: Day 3 (part 2) Plants and Seeds Holly Melzer 896-0428 Laura King 625-0705	Kaew Sumpton 872-9113
20	Beverly McDaniel	Creation: Day 4 Sun, Moon, and Stars Casey Cole 319-4376 Liz Ward 864-420-5855	Kathy Brust 814-8014
27	Beverly McDaniel	Creation: Day 5 Sea Creatures Florescia Pereira 319-4870 Lindsey Crelling 319-6226	Teresa Durgan 913-3471

Many thanks go to all of you who helped make Rally Day so much fun for our children...and all of us. Katy Bradford designed and Judy Bennett created the tags for the backpacks, and Lynn Ferren at HNES laminated them for us. A.J. Jeffery and Laura and Steve McClain brought over the school's snow cone machine. Thank you so much.

The Sunday after Labor Day is Back to Sunday School at 9:15 in our church room in the two-story building. We have invited Fr. Steve to come for an interview. Remind your children to be thinking and write down good questions for our rector. We'll put them in our "Ask Father Steve" box there. Parents are invited to attend Fr. Tom's 9:15 class in the library next door, or to have coffee and visit in Battin Hall, or even to stay with us.

Wednesday evening services will resume on September 9 with a Holy Eucharist service at 5:30 followed by dinner. These evenings offer fellowship and fun with programs and play designed to both teach and entertain. Let me know your children's feedback and wishes. Please call me (265-8033) with your thoughts and ideas. Your input is important.



Beverly McDaniel



Sept. 1 John Durgan
 Sept. 3 Jo Bruhn, Julia McLane
 Sept. 4 Liam Cramer
 Sept. 6 Kaityn Kelley, Al Lawrence, Stevens Roberson, Shelby Roberson
 Sept. 7 Pat Spangler
 Sept. 8 Casey Cole
 Sept. 9 Harvey David
 Sept. 10 Bill Ethridge, John Wicker, Gene Wicker
 Sept. 11 Emma Crelling, J.R. Williams
 Sept. 12 John McClellan
 Sept. 14 Charley King, Tom Weller
 Sept. 17 James Cosper
 Sept. 18 Richard Bruhn, Jennifer Gailfoil, Jackie Rahn, Victoria Williams
 Sept. 19 Rob Doll, Laura King
 Sept. 20 Anne Harris
 Sept. 21 Judy Dickey, Ron Yessman
 Sept. 22 Alex King
 Sept. 25 Donna Jangula, Eric Stewart
 Sept. 26 Olivia Clemons, David Smith
 Sept. 28 Chuck Coley
 Sept. 29 Mia Carroll, Denis Healey, Oliver Pettis, Carson Shores
 Sept. 30 Judi Lawrence



Sept. 1 Tommy and Torri Bishop
 Sept. 2 Bob and Judy Hughes
 Sept. 8 William and Monica Cramer
 Sept. 12 Doug and Susan Messer
 Sept. 14 Lou and Inge Churchill
 Sept. 16 Aaron and Karen Shores
 Sept. 17 Greg and Amy Russell
 Sept. 18 Ron and Ann Yessman
 Sept. 27 Henry and Nancy Breland
 Sept. 29 Doug and Caroline Smith
 Sept. 30 Terry and Donna Jangula

Attention all EfM Graduates!



Holy Nativity's EfM
(Education for Ministry)

Alumni Dinner and Program will start again for the Fall Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 6:00 pm and continue the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

Please let us know if you can attend.
 Contact: Nancy Breland at 785-2610/
jsherrel@aol.com or Madge Smith at
 774-6474/madge@holy-nativity.org.



Everyone had fun at the Baby Shower for
 Frank and Carla Cole!

Frank and Carla don't know if the baby is a boy or girl but
 someone was hoping for a girl!

Will you be 1 of one hundred? Backpack Buddies needs you!

For a one-time tax-deductible gift of \$250 you can become one of a hundred buddies who ensure our Backpack Buddies ministry continues at current levels for the coming year. Each Friday during the school year, a student at a neighboring school receives a backpack loaded with food for the weekend. These are students who typically receives breakfast and lunch at the school, but may not have much in the way of food over the weekend. The backpacks include two breakfast items, lunches and dinners as well as four snacks and six juice drinks. Contributions may be made by check, cash, or credit card to Holy Nativity Church (note: Backpack Buddies).



We are in the registration period for the Education for Ministry program, which will begin in September. EfM is a program administered by the School of Theology at the University of the South (Fr. Steve's alma mater), and provides a four-year program of learning and spiritual growth for a group of 6-12 folks who spend a couple hours together on Wednesday evenings learning and laughing and forming the sort of deep friendships that last a lifetime. We study the Bible, church history and theology, and wrestle together with two recurrent questions about developing and applying a personal theology in our daily life: Where is God in all of this, and what am I going to do about it? The program corresponds to the school calendar, so when your kids or grandkids are on break, you will be too. It is a lot of fun, and a life-changing experience for those looking to dig a little deeper in their faith. The tuition is \$350 a year, but scholarships are available. Interested? Contact Mike Dickey at mdickey@barronredding.com or 867.2550.

St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of the Animals!



**October 7, 2015
5:30 pm in the Church
Followed with Supper**

**All are invited to bring your pet for
their annual blessing!**



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DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST

*The Rt. Rev. Russell Kendrick - 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 - Stacey Holliday
Church Organist - John Durgan
Church Bookkeeper – Kathy Mills
Sexton - James Rahn
Nursery Attendants - Catherine Churchill and Emily Brock*

THE VESTRY

*Fr. Steve Bates - Rector
Gayle Ahrens 15-18
Henry Breland 13-16
Beth Brock 15-18
Joe Ciccarelli 13-16 Jr. Warden
Mike Dickey 15-18
Mark Godwin - Treasurer
Mike Harding 13-16 Sr. Warden*

Jim Hixson 15-18

Brian Leebrick 14-17

Chris Mills 13-16

Hercules Pettis 14-17

Madge Smith - Clerk

Stewart Sumpton 14-17

Todd Williams 14-17

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

*Sunday 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**
Wednesday 5:30 pm - five-thirty Eucharist *
and programs*

**Nursery Provided*

***Children's Church and Nursery Provided*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 The 15th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am-Adult Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	7 Labor Day! Office Closed!	8 9:30 am-Bible Seminar 6:00 pm-EfM Alumni Dinner and Program	9 4:00 pm-Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm-five-thirty service, supper, and programs 6:30 pm: Fall Choir Kick Off!	10 2:00 pm-Volunteer time at Summer at Grace	11	12
13 The 16th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am-Sunday School for all ages begins 9:15 am: D of K Inquirer's Meeting 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	14	15 9:30 am-Bible Seminar	16 4:00 pm-Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm-five-thirty service, supper, and programs 6:30 pm: Choir Rehearsal	17	18	19
20 The 17th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am-Sunday School 9:15 am-Vestry Meeting 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	21	22 9:30 am-Bible Seminar	23 4:00 pm-Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm-five-thirty service, supper, and programs 6:30 pm: Choir Rehearsal	24	25	26
27 The 18th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am-Sunday School 9:15 am -Vestry Meeting 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	28 5:30 pm-Book Club Panera Bread 6:30 pm-Book Club Parish House	29 9:30 am-Bible Seminar	30 4:00 pm-Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm-five-thirty service, supper, and programs 6:30 pm: Choir Rehearsal			

Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for September 2015

Sept. 6, 2015	Sept. 13, 2015	Sept. 20, 2015	Sept. 27, 2015
Altar Guild: Tim and Monica Phillips, Mary Mittiga, David Burris	Altar Guild: Nancy Hebert and Inge Churchill	Altar Guild: Max and Joyce Dannecker, Gene and Kathleen Wicker	Altar Guild: Kaew Sumpton, Nancy Dingus, Inge Churchill
Greeters 8:00 am: Monica and Alex Phillips 10:30 am: Tony and Jenny Collier	Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Sandy Ciccarelli, Joe Ferrante, Charlie Commander	Greeters 8:00 am: Dorbre McMullen 10:30 am: Sue White and Mary Ellen Harding	Greeters 8:00 am: Larry and Kay Young 10:30 am: Charles and Mary Bonham
Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Dawn Johnson 10:30 am: Max and Joyce Dannecker	Ushers 8:00 am: Jim Hixson and Parker McClellan 10:30 am: John Thompson and Chris Mills	Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Hercules and Mary Ellen Pettis	Ushers 8:00 am: Susan Nelson and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Russell and Beth Brock
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gayle Ahrens and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Brian Leebrick and Mike Dickey	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Suzanne Grossman and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: Nancy Breland and Todd Williams	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Lou and Inge Churchill 10:30 am: George McInnis and Joyce Dannecker	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Karen Tucker and Byron Matthews 10:30 am: Joe Ciccarelli and Scott Clemons
Acolytes 8:00 am: Wes McClellan and Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Jack Thompson, Jacob Brock, Grace Ennis, Mia Carroll, James Thompson	Acolytes 8:00 am: Madelyn Reeder and Wes McClellan 10:30 am: Morgan Williams, Shelby Roberson, Michael Watts, Ashtyn Williams, Stevens Roberson	Acolytes 8:00 am: Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Drew Dickey, Camryn Commander, Kate Leebrick, Bekah Leebrick, Sean Dickey, Andrew Collier	Acolytes 8:00 am: Madelyn Reeder 10:30 am: Ben Bradford, Paul Brust, Hannah Hickman, Chappell Syfrett, Joseph Thompson
Lector at 10:30 am Rich Doran	Lector at 10:30 am Don Hodges	Lector at 10:30 am Michael Lovchuk	Lector at 10:30 am Daniel Melzer
Tablecloth Ministry: Barbara Knowles	Tablecloth Ministry: Natasha Lithway	Tablecloth Ministry: Nancy Hebert	Tablecloth Ministry: Candace Leebrick



*Worship
Leaders*

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

Tablecloth Ministry: Madge Smith - 588-8320