



the NATIVITY *Scene*

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Pig Roast

for



Beckwith

Sunday, September 11th
Holy Nativity Episcopal Church
5:00 p.m.

\$20 a plate and all proceeds go to support our Diocesan Camp and Conference Center! If you want to attend please call Ivan Pereira at 303-9544 or the church office at 747-4000.

In addition, our Children and Youth Groups will be delivering Barbecue meals to local fire and police stations to honor first responders on the anniversary of September 11th after the 10:30 am service.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sept. 7th: Wonderful Wednesdays resume!
 4:00 pm-Children's Choir
Five-thirty service with supper and programs
 (Menu: Hamburgers and Hotdogs!)

5:30 P.M.

Casual, come as you
 are Eucharist!

Dinner and Programs to Follow



Sept. 11th: 9:15 am-Sunday School for children and youth resume
 (Children and Youth will deliver barbeque to our first responders after the
 10:30 am service!)

5:00 pm—Pig Roast for Camp Beckwith
 September 18th: Youth Rafting Trip

Welcome Mary Sexton!

Within a couple of hours after I sent out the email announcing Stacey's departure, I received a phone call from a choir member telling me about a new person in town that might be who we're looking for as our new Choir Director. Enter Mary Sexton. Mary is a Panama City native who has recently moved back to the area and I'm pleased to announce that she will be joining us as our new Choir Director. Mary has a Bachelor degree from Furman in Church music and a Masters in Choral Conducting and Music Education from FSU. She has 25 years of experience in conducting choirs and teaching music in public high schools. She will also serve as the music teacher at Holy Nativity School! Mary will begin adult choir and children choir rehearsals on September 7th. Her experience in the field will bring a number of new and exciting opportunities for the musical portion of our worship life. Please join me in welcoming Mary!

Fr. Steve

Laundry Love Update

By David Smith

We held our Laundry Love Event on August 25th at the Wash Depot on 11th Street.

Nine individuals and families were assisted over the two hour period and now have clean, fresh clothes to wear! We were able to wash and dry four large bags of clothes from a local school clothes lending closet.

Nine volunteers, including two Rutherford High School students providing community service hours, had smiles on their faces and open hearts when they arrived at Wash Depot to help out.

Thanks to all who supported the Laundry Love Ministry and watch for our next event over the next few months.



Adult Christian Education Father Tom

Our adult Sunday School semester for fall 2016 opens after Labor Day, on Sunday, September 11th! Down the pink brick road to the library, Sunday mornings 9:15 to 10:15. Come as you are, the way you are, no registration, just come and enjoy as we talk about the Bible readings for the day. It's invariably a fun and educational hour. For this semester again, Mike Dickey and I are leading it together. Bring your coffee, don't mind if you walk in late, just come!! Study Bibles are provided!

My usual Tuesday morning Bible Seminar is held in suspense this semester while I work with Mike Dickey on New Testament Greek and on the Clinical Pastoral Education program that all seminarians are required to serve in before being ordained. The bishop and Commission on Ministry are allowing Mike to do his locally, as a chaplain at Bay Medical Center, and I am working with Mike as mentor and CPE supervisor. This semester, I'm using my Bible Seminar time to help Mike. Spring semester 2017, expect to hear about a new Bible Seminar!

On the adult Christian education front, EfM also is cranking back up for the new season. It's a wonderful program in which, over my years as an EfM mentor (I'm retired now) I learned far more about the Bible and love for the Lord than I ever did in seminary. It's a four-year program of Bible and theological education, and personal lay ministry discernment, offered by Seawanee and enjoyed locally around the world. If interested, speak to Mike Dickey.

Blessing of the Animals

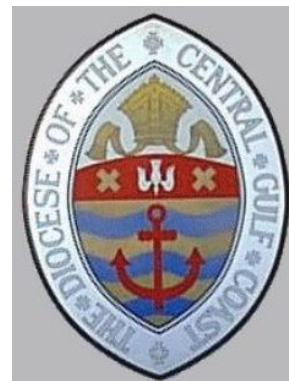


Holy Nativity Episcopal Church
October 5, 2016 at 5:30 pm
Supper afterwards!

Bishop's Visit and Confirmations
December 11, 2016
(more info later)

**Confirmation Classes begin
November 6, 2016 at 9:15 am.**

If you or your youth would like to be confirmed and attend confirmation classes please call the church office at 747-4000 or A. J. Jeffery at 319-1953 or aussie_aj@holy-nativity.org





Welcome back and I hope everyone had an awesome and safe summer. The Youth are going to do some amazing things this year! Our room upstairs has changed and so will some of our events. Stay tuned.

This year we will be using Google for correspondence of events calendar and various cool information to know. There is a group email and if you haven't received it please contact

AJ via email aussie_aj@holy-nativity.org.

September 11th : Delivering food for First Responders to say thanks.

September 18th : 11:30 am-Whitewater Express Trip to Columbus, GA

Confirmation classes begin on Nov. 6th before our annual visit by Bishop Russell Kendrick.

If you have any Children from 6th Grade up please encourage them to come on Wednesday nights (5:30 pm—7:30 pm) it is a great way to grow within the church community.

Looking forward to the fun,
A.J. Jeffery, Youth Director
319-1953 or aussie_aj@holy-nativity.org

Backpack Buddies

The cookout to celebrate the kickoff of our fourth year of Backpack Buddies was a huge success, with a big turnout and lots of food to share. Even if you weren't able to make it, we would love to have you as part of the team. Deliveries to our Backpack Buddy School will likely begin in the next couple weeks, so we will need help with everything from shopping to packing to delivery. If you feel a stirring to do something outside the church that benefits the neediest of our community's kids, this is a great opportunity. Plus, we have evolved into a really fun and diverse group, and the sense of community with those helping to spread God's love to our neighbors is tough to beat. Interested? Contact Mike Dickey at 867.2550 or mdickey@barronredding.com.



Children's Ministry September 2016 *by Beverly McDaniel*

Sept.	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 Catherine Churchill or Emily Brock and our faithful nursery Volunteers.
4	"Moses and the Burning Bush" Judy Bennett 215-1579 Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276
11	"The Ten Plagues of Egypt" Tiffany Ennis 319-4268 Shani and Ben Lee 265-5312	Kaew Sumpton 872-3782
21	"The Red Sea" Casey Cole 319-4376 Liz Ward 864-420-5855	Pat Spangler 215-5247
28	"Manna and Quail" Karen Shores 867-1084 Krissy Oenbrink 890-4441	Teresa Durgan 913-3471

Many thanks go to all of you who helped make Rally Day and The Blessing of the Backpacks so much fun for our children and our many guests. I especially thank Coach Jeffery and the Youth Group for maintaining order on the slide and for assisting Mr. James with clean-up. I believe that is a good indication that our children are being "raised right".

With September 11th falling on Sunday, this is a time to show special appreciation for our first responders. We want to thank them for their service and sacrifices for us to have the safe and secure lives we enjoy in our country. Father Steve is doing some early barbecuing so we will have a pre-taste of the evening's Pig Roast for Beckwith to take for them after the 10:30 Worship Service. Please plan to gather your children and meet in the courtyard (or Battin Hall) to follow Johnny Moore to the Police Headquarters on 15th Street. After delivering dinner and a brief tour, we will proceed to the fire station on Bus. 98. This should be a good experience for the children and reinforce our respect for these dedicated public servants.

Because so many of you were unable to attend the excellent Godly Play presentation by Liz Ward and Florencia Pereira, we will schedule another offering on a Wednesday Evening in September or October. We feel that Wednesday Evenings is a great time to offer Godly Play for our children, but we want your feedback. Please call me (265-8033) with your thoughts and ideas.



NEWCOMERS SOCIAL AND SUPPER!

If you haven't attended a Holy Nativity newcomers social and supper, this is for you!

Please join your new church family on Sunday afternoon, October 2nd! The social hour begins at 5pm, with supper following at 6pm.

This is a chance for you to meet more of the Holy Nativity members (especially those who might attend a service other than the one you attend) and for us to get to know you and your family better!

Good food. Great fellowship. Welcome to Holy Nativity! Sunday, October 2nd, beginning at 5pm.



Stewardship

If you are still reading, after seeing the title, perhaps you are called to help guide this year's stewardship campaign. As is always the case at HNEC, this will be a low-key effort, with an emphasis on discerning through prayer and discussion what God calls us to do as a faith community, and what resources are required to make it happen. We will bring together a small group to help guide that discussion in the next couple weeks, with an eye toward bringing it all together in time for Stewardship Sunday in October.

Part of stewardship is offering time and talent, sometimes in leadership roles, and this call is an opportunity to step up and be a part of something that is foundational to everything we do as a parish. If you are interested, contact Mike Dickey at 867.2550 or mdickey@barronredding.com by September 9th. Thanks.

UPCOMING BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS

Holy Nativity's Book Club meets every month on the fourth Monday. 5:30 pm at Panera Bread by Mall for dinner and then at 6:30 pm at the Parish House to discuss the book of the month! For more information please contact Joyce Dannecker at dannecker@comcast.net or 763-2683.

September: The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

October: The Summer Before the War by Helen Simonson

November: Alexander Hamilton by Ron Chernow

December: Supper and Speak of your favorite book his past year.

January: A Land Remembered (about Florida) by Patrick D. Smith

Food Bank

After another large delivery to Catholic Charities, the shelves of our Food Bank are looking a little barren. With all of us building new routines as school begins, why not add a habit that will benefit those in need in our community? When you make your regular trip to the grocery store, consider bagging a few items and bringing them on Sunday for the Food Bank. Unlike with the Backpack Buddies program, there aren't many items that are inappropriate for donation, so if you see a sale item (I always check the bins at the entrance of Publix), grab some and help your parish feed our neighbors.





Sept. 1 John Durgan
 Sept. 3 Jo Bruhn
 Sept. 4 Liam Cramer
 Sept. 6 Al Lawrence, Stevens Roberson,
 Shelby Roberson
 Sept. 7 Pat Spangler
 Sept. 8 Casey Cole
 Sept. 9 Harvey David
 Sept. 10 Bill Ethridge, Gene Wicker, John
 Wicker
 Sept. 11 Emma Crelling, J. R. Williams
 Sept. 12 John McLendon
 Sept. 13 Grady Oenbrink
 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. 2 Bob and Judy Hughes
 Sept. 8 William and Monica Cramer
 Sept. 11 Andrew and Emma Jeffery
 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



If your routine has grown to include our wonderful Wednesday night programs here at HNEC, why not consider joining the Education for Ministry group that meets right across the street after supper? The program involves a little reading, with each of the four years devoted to a different topic (Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, and Theology), spiritual reflection that will change how you look at the world, and a sense of community and fellowship unlike anything you've experienced. The University of the South administers the program, and charges a small tuition, but scholarships are available.

This year's Efm group will begin meeting in a couple weeks, after the Wednesday night program begins. If you'd like to learn more, contact Mike Dickey at 867.2550 or mdickey@barronredding.com.



Efm Alumni
 Dinner and Program
 September 13, 2016
 6:00 pm at Holy
 Nativity

All Education for Ministry Alumni are invited to attend this once a month gathering.

Please contact the church office at 747-4000 or madge@holy-nativity.org for more information.



September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 16 Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	5 Labor Day! Office Closed!	6	7 4:00 pm-Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm –five-thirty service, supper and programs 6:30 pm-Choir Practice	8 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm Supper at Grace volunteer work	9	10
11 17 Pentecost Sunday School Begins ! 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel 5:00 pm-Pig Roast for Beckwith	12	13 6:00 pm-EfM Alumni Dinner and program	14 4:00 pm-Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm –five-thirty service, supper and programs 6:30 pm-Choir Practice	15	16	17
18 18 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 11:30 am-Youth Rafting Trip!	19	20	21 4:00 pm-Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm –five-thirty service, supper and programs 6:30 pm-Choir Practice	22	23	24
25 15 Pentecost 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite One 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Rite Two with Children's Chapel	26 5:30 pm-Book Club At Panera Bread 6:30 pm-Book Club at the Parish House	27	28 4:00 pm-Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm –five-thirty service, supper and programs 6:30 pm-Choir Practice	29	30	

Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for September 2016

Sept. 4, 2016	Sept. 11, 2016	Sept. 18, 2016	Sept. 25, 2016
Altar Guild: Amy Russell, Barbara Knowles, Bryon Matthews, Karen Tucker	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
Greeters 8:00 am: Monica and Alex Phillips 10:30 am: Charlie Commander and Mary Ellen Pettis	Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Sue White and Mary Ellen Harding	Greeters 8:00 am: Dorbre McMullen 10:30 am: Charles and Mary Bonham	Greeters 8:00 am: Larry and Kay Young 10:30 am: Tony and Jenny Collier
Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Dawn Johnson 10:30 am: Dick and Nancy Hebert	Ushers 8:00 am: Jim Hixson and Parker McClellan 10:30 am: Steve Dick and Bill Bradford	Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Max and Joyce Dannecker	Ushers 8:00 am: Susan Nelson and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: John Thompson and Chris Mills
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Gayle Ahrens and Gene Wicker 10:30 am: George McInnis and Todd Williams	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Suzanne Grossman and Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Edyth Brown and Brian Leebrick	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Lou and Inge Churchill 10:30 am: Nancy Breland and Scott Clemons	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Byron Matthews and Karen Tucker 10:30 am: Mike Dickey and Joyce Dannecker
Acolytes 10:30 am: Morgan and Ashtyn Williams, Grace Ennis, Linda Taylor King, Michael Watts, Andrew Collier, James Thompson	Acolytes 8:00 am: Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Jack Thompson, Ginny Leebrick, Payton Lam, Bailey Melzer, Tyler Shores, Hannah Hickman, Joseph Thompson	Acolytes 10:30 am: Madelyn Reeder, Mia Carroll, Kristina Dick, Milly Eberhard, Shelby and Stevens Roberson, Paul Brust	Acolytes 8:00 am: Lauren Stewart 10:30 am: Jacob Brock, Bekah and Kate Leebrick, Kate Smith, Nicolas Pereira, Chappell Syfrett
Lector at 10:30 am John Darrah	Lector at 10:30 am Lisa McLendon	Lector at 10:30 am Beverly McDaniel	Lector at 10:30 am Carolyn Cramer
Tablecloth Ministry: Candace Leebrick	Tablecloth Ministry: Mary Bonham	Tablecloth Ministry: Mary Ellen Pettis	Tablecloth Ministry: Kacey McEwen



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



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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
Mr. Mike Dickey, Candidate for Holy Orders

CHURCH STAFF

Youth Director - Andrew Jeffery
Children's CE Director - Beverly McDaniel
Administrative Assistant - Madge Smith
Director of Choirs - Mary Sexton
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

Peggy Bowen 16-19 Jr. Warden

Beth Brock 15-18

Mike Dickey 15-18

Tiffany Ennis 16-19

Mark Godwin - Treasurer

Tom Hairston 16-19

Jim Hixson 15-18

Brian Leebrick 14-17 Sr. Warden

Madge Smith - Clerk

Hercules Pettis 14-17

Kelly Roberson 16-17

Joy Thompson 16-19

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*