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the NATIVITY *Scene*

Holy Nativity Episcopal Church • Panama City, Florida

September 6, 2017
Wonderful Wednesdays resume!

- 4:00 pm - Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 pm - *Five-thirty* service with supper
(Menu: Hamburgers and Hotdogs!)
- 6:30 pm - EfM Class
 - Godly Play for the Children
 - Youth Group
 - Adult Choir Rehearsal (starting Lessons and Carols rehearsal)



September 17, 2017
Supper Club Mixer at 5 pm!

It's time to get together and create groups for Fall Supper Club!

Meat and Dessert will be provided so bring a side dish to share. We need to know if you want to be in a group (even if you don't come to the mixer).

Please sign up on the sheet at the welcome table by Sept. 15th to be placed in a group. (If you signed up on the Rally Sheet, you will be in a group.)

I hope you can come and meet your group and share in fellowship! Thank you and I look forward to seeing everyone at the fall Supper Club Mixer!

Joy Thompson, Supper Club Leader

Completing the Vision - Pavilion Update

As their August meeting, the vestry voted to proceed with construction of our new pavilion to be located just east of our existing kitchen area. As of August, enough funds had been pledged to complete the project without debt. If you were here for Rally Day, you know that this much needed addition will enable us to have sufficient space to gather as a Church family.

The facility will be used for worship, special church-wide events where Battin Hall cannot accommodate the crowd, weddings, birthday parties, parish fellowship, small group meetings and events, concerts, youth group, children's programs and the list can go on and on. Imagine our Wednesday night services being held here. (Now THAT'S outreach to our neighbors). The potential uses for the facility are incredible and opens us up to our neighbors in ways that the rest of our facilities can't. Our pavilion will include a fireplace and storage areas and will allow access from the main facilities without having to go outside.



However, to date we have not received enough pledges to complete the overall project. The renovations to the two story building will provide us with a multitude of options for future space and meeting needs. The bathroom renovations are a necessity if nothing more than to prevent further deterioration to existing facilities. Storage needs will also be addressed. Additionally, more funds are needed to develop a campus wide lighting plan. It will allow better evening use of playground facilities, better access to the church for evening services and will improve security for our facilities as a whole.

We are approximately \$70,000 away from having the funds to complete the entire project. If you have not been able to make a pledge to this exciting addition, please consider doing so. We are so close and the difference will make a difference in programming and ministry at Holy Nativity for many years to come.

God love you,

Welcome back to Youth Ministry!

6th graders up are invited to join us on Wednesdays (Starting Sept. 6th) after the 5:30 pm service and meal. Come meet others in our church and enjoy the message and fellowship while have an impact on yourself, peers, church, community and the world!

Events coming up:

Socks & Undie Sunday - TBC

Bring NEW socks and underwear for distribution through Backpack ministry.

Love Thy Neighbor - Collects for wishlist items starting soon

For more information contact AJ [850-319-1953](tel:850-319-1953) or aussie_aj@holy-nativity.org



Don't Miss the 10:30 Service on October 8th!

Our 10:30 service on October 8th will be unlike any we've had at Holy Nativity. Our musical guests will be the Marching Highlanders from Anderson High School in Anderson, Indiana. The Marching Highlanders will participate in our service with hymns, offertory music, and Scottish drum and dance pieces. It ought to be a blast! Our youth group will be helping serve lunch to our guests following the service.



Laundry Love Event on September 28, 2017

Our Laundry Love Event will be September 28th from 5-7pm at the Wash Depot on 11th Street next to the Bay County Library. During this event we will serve anyone that walks in and needs clean clothes.

We need you to volunteer! Volunteers will be available to assist with handling out quarters and laundry supplies, talking to people...just helping anyway possible by spreading the love and support.



You can make a donation to this ministry by writing "Laundry Love" in the memo section of your check to Holy Nativity. Thank you! For more info: Contact David Smith at 774-6475 or david@sandoakdivorcesolutions.com.

Laundry Love is a nationally known organization dedicated in helping others. Go to their website at www.laundrylove.org.

Acolyte Ministry

If you are in Second Grade through High School and are interested in joining the Acolyte Ministry, please come to an orientation and training on Sunday, Sept. 10th at 9:30am in the church. Acolytes typically are scheduled to serve once a month. If you are already an acolyte, you do not need to come to this meeting, but you're welcome to do so to assist in the training if you would like. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Harding at 747-0601 or mharding@mmitv.com.

Children's Ministry September 2017 *by Beverly McDaniel*

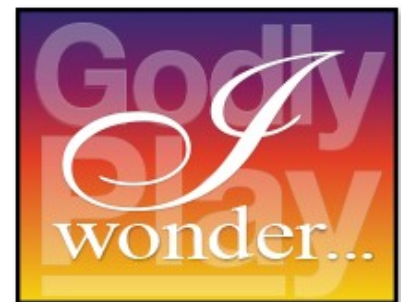
September	Sunday School 9:15 am In our Chapel Room in the two-story building	Children's Church 10:30 In Kids' Kingdom after the children's sermon at the beginning of the worship service. They return to "big church" for communion.	Nursery 10:15 Younger children enjoy being in the nursery with Catherine Churchill or Emily Brock and our faithful nursery Volun- teers.
3	<i>NOT YET...NEXT WEEK!</i>	"Timothy loves God" Judy Bennett 215-1579 Beverly McDaniel 265-8033	Teresa Durgan 913-3471
10 Sunday School Resumes	"Ask Fr. Steve" Beverly McDaniel	"The Circle of the Church Year" Liz Ward 864-420-5855 Anna Eberhard 404-405-8188	Kaew Sumpton 872-3782
17	Beverly McDaniel	"The Holy Family" Floencia Pereira 319-4870 Ashley Koren 386-235-7233	Pat Spangler 215-5247
24	Beverly McDaniel	"Creation" Mary Ellen Harding 774-1956 Liz Ward	Sandy Ciccarelli 265-9276

Many thanks go to all of you who helped make Rally Day so much fun for our children...and all of us. I was especially pleased that several of our newcomers and guests commented on how nice and well-behaved our children are.

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.

Wonderful Wednesday evening services will resume on September 6 with a Holy Eucharist service at 5:30 followed by dinner. At 6:30, the children come for Christian Education using the full-scale Godly Play lessons. We are so satisfied with the response to the program, from both the children and the adult volunteers, that we want to incorporate as much as we can into Children's Church on Sundays. So, on this Wednesday Evening, while Floencia and Anna are teaching Godly Play, Liz will hold a mini-training session for all the adult volunteers and especially for doorkeepers. We hope that everyone who attended the Sunday lunch class, as well as those who missed it, can come for this. Because of the time limitations on Sundays, the stories will have to be condensed and the wondering somewhat abbreviated, but we believe the children will gain understanding of essential Christian values and will be able to wonder about and begin developing their own personal relationship with God.

As happens every few years, we lose our beloved nursery workers to higher education. We greatly appreciate Emily Brock and Catherine Churchill keeping our darling babies and toddlers safe and happy in the nursery. Kimberly Gailfoil cannot work every Sunday and Wednesday, so Kaew Sumpton has agreed to be here on a regular basis. We all know how great she is with our children so we are thankful that Stewart is willing to share...at least for a little while, he said.





Sept. 1 John Durgan
 Sept. 3 Jo Bruhn, Julia McLane
 Sept. 4 Liam Cramer
 Sept. 6 Shelby and Stevens Roberson
 Sept. 7 Pat Spangler
 Sept. 8 Casey Cole
 Sept. 10 Bill Ethridge, John Wicker, Gene Wicker
 Sept. 11 Emma Crelling, J.R. Williams
 Sept. 12 Syndey Fuller, John McLendon
 Sept. 13 Grady Oenbrink
 Sept. 14 Charley King, Tom Weller
 Sept. 17 James Cosper
 Sept. 18 Richard Bruhn, Jennifer Gailfoil, Victoria Williams
 Sept. 19 Rob Doll, Laura King
 Sept. 20 Lucy Dozar, Anne Harris
 Sept. 21 Judy Dickey, Ron Yessman
 Sept. 22 Eric Berry, Alvin King
 Sept. 23 Powell Ennis
 Sept. 25 Donna Jangula, Eric Stewart
 Sept. 26 Olivia Clemons, David Smith
 Sept. 28 John Barnett, Charles Coley
 Sept. 29 Mia Carroll, Denis Healey, Oliver Pettis, Samuel Shores
 Sept. 30 Judi Lawrence

Education for Ministry Classes begin September 6, 2017 at 6:30 pm

This is a 4 year study that meets in the Parish House every Wednesday night after supper. The EfM program's tuition is \$350 for the year, but scholarships are available so don't let finances hold you back.

To find out how to register for the next program session, please contact Peggy Bowen at 832-1958 or wyldsdubois@gmail.com.

Go to efm.sewanee.edu/about-efm/about-efm for more information on this program.



Sept. 2 Bob and Judy Hughes
 Sept. 8 William and Monica Cramer
 Sept. 11 Andrew and Emma Jeffery
 Sept. 12 John and Nell Barnett
 John 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

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 15th. 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!



Adult Christian Education - Fr. Tom

EfM. Do check into our local offering of Education for Ministry, a *one-school-year-at-a-time* four year program of bible, theology, history and ministry education sponsored by our seminary at Sewanee, the University of the South in Tennessee. I took it about thirty years ago and was an EfM mentor for the next twenty-five years or so, including here at Holy Nativity, at St. Andrew's, and at St. Thomas by the Sea. I learned far more about the bible in EfM than in my three years at seminary, and I heartily recommend it. Our mentor is Peggy Bowen, in whom I have utmost confidence, who is offering enrollment for the weekly Wednesday evening class sessions that begin September 6th.

Adult Sunday School. Never pausing all through the summer, we meet in the church library Sunday mornings at 9:15, between services, and adjourn in plenty of time for folks to attend the 10:30 worship service. Our thrust generally is to focus on one of the Lectionary readings for the instant Sunday. The old time Sunday school bible stories from the Old Testament make fascinating discussions, and sometimes we get into the psalms or the gospel reading. Now and then we take on the epistle reading, generally St. Paul, who can be tiresome, but if he says something really challenging or bizarre we may have a hack at him. Folks are invited and welcome, and do indeed wander in throughout the class session, and we are glad. Get a cup of coffee in the kitchen and walk on out the yellowing brick road to the library and join us.

Midweek Bible Study. I offered this, a Tuesday morning class, for quite a few years, always with gratifying registration, attendance and participation. It requires an enormous amount of time for preparation, study, preparing handouts, setting up the library for the weekly sessions, guiding discussions, such that it eventually proved overly exhausting for a retired octogenarian cleric; so I've not offered it this year or last year. But if sufficient interest is expressed, to gather a class of perhaps a dozen or more, I may offer a resumed Bible Study in the Spring 2018 or even conceivably as a 2017 Advent program. Nothing certain, we'll see, and this is the only time I'll mention it. Thank you for everyone who came in the past and expressed dismay when I had to stop; I'll see what's the combination of your continued/resumed interest and my energy!!



Holy Nativity Episcopal Church
October 4, 2017 at 5:30 pm
Supper and programs afterwards!



EfM Alumni
Dinner and Program
September 12, 2017
6:00 pm at Holy
Nativity

All Education for Ministry
Alumni are
invited to attend this once a month
Gathering where they enjoy dinner and a
program.

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

Choir News

by John R. Durgan, Director of Music

Hello once again Choristers,

Summer is about over, school has started once again, and a lot of our members are still traveling or visiting relatives out of town. Our Choirs are all gearing up for the new season which starts on Wednesday September 6th.

I am planning to start rehearsals for the Lessons and Carols Service on the 6th as well. The lessons and Carols service has become the high musical point of the year at Holy Nativity, and I want to continue that tradition. To that end I would once again like to invite anyone interested in singing for lessons and carols to sign up at the Music Department table, or contact me either by phone or email:

Ph. 913-3471

Email jrdurgan@gmail.com

I need all voices i.e. Sopranos, altos, tenors and bases. I am especially in need of soprano singers. You do not need to read music, but ideally can carry a tune. The important thing is that we would appreciate regular attendance at rehearsals. Rehearsals for Lessons and Carols will be from 6:30 to 7:15 on Wednesday evenings. Rehearsals start on time and end on time. I have new music for this year, which I feel is very appropriate for the Christmas season. I will of course be using the Children's choir this year, and will have more to say about that in the Children's choir section. If

you would like to talk to me about volunteering before actually singing up please feel free to call. I would like to have a choir of about 20 voices or more for this service, and I know that we have some good singers in our congregation. High school students are welcome to join us as well. Perhaps it seems like I am starting early this year. This is made necessary because we have short rehearsals and much music to learn. One thing I can tell you is that it will be rewarding and fun.

Regular 10:30 rehearsals will be from 7:15 to 8:00 on Wednesday evenings.

Children's Choir News

Attention Parents,
Children's Choir will start on Wednesday September the 6th, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. I am hoping that all the children who were involved with the choir last year will return again this year. Needless to say, all interested children are welcome to join. We will be learning some new songs this year, and I have two very nice pieces for children chosen for Lessons and Carols. I would like to use the children's choir more this year than we have in the past. If you have a child who likes to sing, please bring them to our rehearsals on Wednesday evenings. Those parents who have assisted with the choir in the past are once again invited to help.

Pig Roast for Beckwith

Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 5:00 pm

\$20 a plate and all proceeds go to support our Diocesan Camp and Conference Center! Soon there will be order/signup forms for your reservation.

For more information or to volunteer to help, please call Pereira at 303-9544 or the church office at 747-4000.





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Kelly Roberson 17-20

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*
