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RALLY DAY, HOMECOMING SUNDAY
AND BLESSING OF THE PACKBACKS!
Blessing of the Backpacks at the 10:30 am service



8:00 am: Rite One Service
9:15 am: Lay Ministry Fair
10:30 am: Rite Two Service with Blessing of the Backpacks
11:30 am: Parish Luncheon - Bring a side dish to share.
Meat will be provided.

Kid's Activities including a waterslide.
Don't forget your swimsuit and your backpacks!

Bread and Wine

Beginning August 15th (Rally Day) we will return to offering wine in the common cup as part of communion. However, offering the wine in no way obligates anyone to receive it. It has long been a part of Anglican tradition that receiving communion in one kind (either bread or wine) “counts” or in more theological language “receiving only in one kind the fullness of the sacrament is received none the less.” The rubrics of our prayer book make allowance for sacrament in one kind only (the doctrine of concomitance). A study of Eucharistic theology over the centuries is interesting and worthwhile. It reflects the evolution of communion over the centuries but frankly, is beyond the scope of the decision to resume offering the cup.

I’m still not sure if I’ll partake of the wine when we resume. Just like everything else in the age of Covid, the “rules” may change from week to week. But this is what I do know. The Eucharist is a means of grace and a meal of thanksgiving. Whether I receive both the bread and wine does not affect my understanding of Christ’s presence in the Eucharist. Jesus is not somehow absent to me just because I might not drink from the chalice or dip (intinct) the bread. My job is to encounter him more deeply in this time of thanksgiving and praise and not merely in the elements of bread and/or wine. As has always been the case, the choice whether to receive the wine is yours.

Steve+

BACKPACK BUDDIES NEWS

It is hard to believe but a new school year is upon us and with that comes the continuing need to serve our “Buddies”. This vital ministry provides weekend meals for children who would otherwise have little to eat while not at school. Each week we pack bags of food to provide 2 dinners, 2 lunches, 2 breakfasts, 4 snacks and 4 juice pouches for 90-100 hungry children.

As many hands make light work, we are offering you the opportunity to get involved – we need packers, stackers, deliverers, double baggers, donators, praying folks and check writers! Whether you have a lot of time or very little, we would love to have you on board.

There will be a display at Rally Day, but in the meantime you can contact Barbara Knowles (850-832-2224 or baybrb@aol.com) or Marla Churchill (850-896-1474 or bmc5.marla@gmail.com) with questions. For folks who are already involved, please contact us to let us know that we can count on you again this year!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

SUMMER FUN, I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer!

Thank-you to those who helped with the Summer Social. Our next event is RALLY DAY!

Do you have a new driver in your family? As a church we would like to offer a blessing of the car keys to protect new drivers and all who travel with them. Please let the church office know.



Livestream Assistant

Everyone enjoys the livestream services, but help is needed maybe once a month. Training provided and recognition in the weekly bulletin!

Ideas for Youth Ministry?

Do you have an idea for youth ministry or a passion to lead an activity? Let us know.

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Adult Christian Education - Fr Tom



Episcopalians have, I don't think it's so much "a reputation", but at least a Name, for not being interested in Bible study. My growing up was somewhat different because, raised Southern Baptist, my mother got me into the Bible about as soon as I started learning to read. The combination of that and hearing, all my years as a boy, that my ancestors on my father's side were mostly Episcopal priests, seems to have made Bible curiosity as natural for me as my taste for oysters and mullet as a Florida Gulf Coast native. In fact, I enjoy the Bible study side of the priestly vocation more than the pastor, sacramental, and preaching roles. Which means that our adult Sunday School class is my main interest in life as I progress through ancient age. It's my favorite thing I do these years, and I work to make that enthusiasm overflow. We meet every Sunday between worship services, 9:15 to 10:15, down the yellowing brick road, past Smith Pavilion, to the one-story building, through the double doors into the parish library. Class is a riot. You are invited and welcome.

Tom+

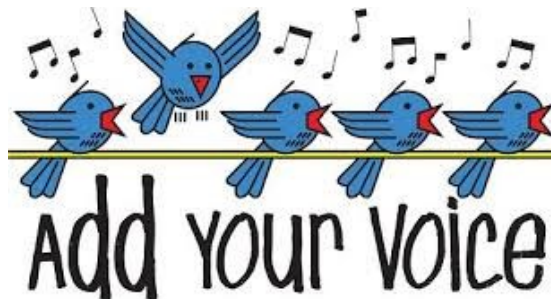
Attention Choir members and new/potential Choir members!

The Choir will begin rehearsals August 4th at 6:30 pm. We have a fun group, but we need some more volunteers. The Choir meets weekly on Wednesday evenings, and sings at the 10:30 am service. It is not necessary that you read music. All that is required is liking to sing and a desire to help enhance the services.

Being a member of the choir doesn't mean you have to be at the service every Sunday or at every rehearsal. We know that people travel and have out of town guests. We have a sign out sheet if you are going to miss a rehearsal or Sunday. We know that there are some quite good singers out there, and we really need you. If you would like to try Choir, come to the first meeting and see what it is about. You will be very welcomed.

John Durgan, Choir Director

For more info contact John Durgan
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All are invited to a
Chocolate and Mimosa
Wedding Shower
for John McLendon
(son of Lisa and Bob McLendon)
and Sarah Sullivan

Sunday, August 8th after the 10:30 church
service.

If you desire to bring a gift, they are
registered at Amazon Wedding
Registry, Crate and Barrel, and their
wedding info is at TheKnot.com.

Hosted by the Celebration Committee.



September 8, 2021

Wonderful Wednesdays begin

5:30 pm: church service

6:00 pm: supper

6:30 pm: programs for all ages

October 6, 2021

Blessing of the Animals

5:30 pm in the church

Ukuleles are calling You!

Calling all Ukulele players, and those who want to learn the Ukulele! If you want to learn this joyful instrument, please join the multigenerational (age 13 and older) Ukulele group at St. Andrews Episcopal Church. Practice is every other Sunday at 11:30 a.m. (tuning), playing begins at 11:45 a.m. The group meets in the NA room, at the office building across Baker Ct. from the church. Our next practice is Sunday August 8, 2021. There are some extra Ukuleles on hand, available for practice. So you don't have to purchase a Ukulele prior to joining the group. Currently, we are learning chords and popular songs, and also plan to provide Christmas Music this holiday season. Please contact Nancy Roupp if you would like to join this lively group, at 850-693-5825. We are strumming and singing our way to bless our community.

Please let me know if you need any other information, and I will do my best to get this quickly for you. Thank you so much for assisting me.

Nancy Roupp

Children's Ministry August 2021

By Beverly McDaniel



What are things that signal the beginning of a new school year for children of Holy Nativity Episcopal Church? Certainly one special tradition for them at our church is the Sunday with Blessing of the Backpacks, Rally Day, good food, and the water slide. We will appreciate it even more this year as we can all come together to celebrate.

For Rally Day, our ministry boards will be on display in Battin Hall to show the programs and plans for the year. We will be there to answer questions, hear your suggestions, and offer opportunities for service with our children. For those of us who love and enjoy children, what could be more rewarding than helping children grow with a firm foundation of faith in God, with the comfort and security of the church community, and with the blessing and knowledge of loving God and loving one another? Come sign up to volunteer to be rewarded and to have so much fun.

Laundry Love News!

Laundry Love is fully up and running and going strong. Dedicated volunteers from both Holy Nativity and St. Andrews continue to alternate hosting monthly events at Wash Depot on 11th Street. On average, we service 23 individuals and 13 households every month and everyone is so appreciative.

The National Laundry Love organization now has a partnership in place to provide detergent, so that area is covered. Our biggest need is having more volunteers. Each event is only for two hours and the guests do all the loading of the machines themselves. If you can find a few minutes to support our ministry in person, we could do even more towards meeting the need of having clean clothes and bedding on our community.



Laundry Love's display will be up on Rally Day if you would like to ask any questions or contact me.

Thank you,
David Smith
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Aug. 1 Katy Brust
 Aug. 3 Sunny Barton, Ian Crelling, Mary Ellen Pettis
 Aug. 4 Brent Faison, Johnny Moore
 Aug. 5 Joyce Dannecker, Holly Melzer, Joan Morrow
 Aug. 6 Penny Hutt
 Aug. 7 Steve Bates
 Aug. 8 Ivan Pereira, Nancy Reeder
 Aug. 9 Lily Bradford, Laura McClain
 Aug. 10 Rita Boston
 Aug. 11 Max Dannecker
 Aug. 12 Emily Eberhard, Elizabeth Moore
 Aug. 13 Mary Sittman
 Aug. 15 Gracie Cole, Cecile Scoon, Andrew Wattenbarger
 Aug. 16 Gordon Akst, Lori Bates
 Aug. 19 Greg Kinsey
 Aug. 20 Caroline Smith
 Aug. 21 Michael Gailfoil
 Aug. 22 Maggie Smith
 Aug. 23 Theo Barton, Sean Lathrop, Brian McClain
 Aug. 24 Kathy Dick
 Aug. 26 Anji Dunlap, Terry Robinson
 Aug. 27 John Hutt, Aaron Shores
 Aug. 28 Lee Scott
 Aug. 29 James Oenbrink
 Aug. 30 Georgia Dake



Aug. 1 Richard and Jo Bruhn
 Aug. 3 Brian and Candace Leebrick
 Aug. 7 Allen and Pat Nease
 Aug. 10 Gregory and Marie Presser
 Aug. 12 David and Suzanne Grossman
 Aug. 21 Ted and Anda Gagnet
 Chris and Elizabeth Stamps
 Aug. 22 Jim and Ursula Hixson
 Aug. 24 Tim and Nancy Pride

July Summer Social!



Aug. 1	Aug. 8	Aug. 15 Rally Day!	Aug. 22	Aug. 29
Altar Guild: Tim and Monica Phillips, Mary Mittiga and David Burris	Altar Guild: Dan and Robin Finley, Joanne MacPhee, Nancy Roupp	Altar Guild: Marla Churchill, Max and Joyce Dannecker	Altar Guild: Joanne MacPhee and Kaew Sumpton	Altar Guild: Rhonda Miller, Victoria Williams, Nancy Breland
Ushers 8:00 am: Jerry Darnell and Dan Johnson 10:30 am: John Hutt and Trey Hutt	Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Max and Joyce Dannecker	Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Terry Jangula 10:30 am: John Thompson and Chris Mills	Ushers 8:00 am: Jim Hixson and Parker McClellan 10:30 am: Russell and Beth Brock	Ushers 8:00 am: Bert Churchill and Jerry Darnell 10:30 am: Linda Weller and Lori Bates
Greeters	Greeters	Greeters 8:00 am: Monica Phillips 10:30 am: Jenny Collier	Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Mary Ellen Pettis	Greeters 8:00 am: Marla Churchill 10:30 am: Jani Smith
Chancel Ministers 8:00 am: Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Scott Clemons	Chancel Ministers 8:00 am: Joanne MacPhee 10:30 am: Joyce Dannecker	Chancel Ministers 8:00 am: Theresa Townsend and Inge Churchill 10:30 am: Kelly Roberson and Joe Ciccarelli	Chancel Ministers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Nancy Breland and Brian Leebrick	Chancel Ministers 8:00 am: Theresa Townsend and Joanne MacPhee 10:30 am: Lisa McLendon and George McInnis
Acolytes for 10:30 Jackson Lee	Acolyte for 10:30 Kate Leebrick	Acolytes for 10:30 Lauren and Carson Berry, Bailey and Will Melzer	Acolytes for 10:30 Beka Leebrick	Acolytes for 10:30 Ashtyn Williams
Lector at 10:30 am Tom Ledman	Lector at 10:30 am Rich Doran	Lector at 10:30 am Ivan Periera	Lector at 10:30 am Michael Lovchuk	Lector at 10:30 am Holly Melzer
Tablecloth Ministry:	Tablecloth Ministry:	Tablecloth Ministry:	Tablecloth Ministry:	Tablecloth Ministry:
	Will resume in September			

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The Rt. Rev. Russell Kendrick - Bishop
The Rev. Steven B. Bates - Rector
The Rev. Tom Weller, Associate

CHURCH STAFF

Youth Director/Video Production- AJ Jeffery
Director of Music - John Durgan
Administrative Assistant - Madge Smith
Children's CE Director - Beverly McDaniel
Church Bookkeeper – Kathy Mills
Sexton - Deana Gailfoil
Nursery Attendants - Kaew Sumpton

THE VESTRY

Fr. Steve Bates - Rector
Tricia Berry 2023
Joe Ciccarelli 2024
Ian Crelling 2022 Sr. Warden
Anna Eberhard 2024
Tiffany Ennis 2022
Mark Godwin - Treasurer
John Hutt 2024

Joanne MacPhee 2023
Ivan Pereira 2022 Jr. Warden
Kelly Roberson 2022
Karen Shores 2023
Madge Smith - Clerk
John Thompson 2024
Gene Wicker 2023

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

<i>Sunday 8:00 a.m. -</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist - Rite I</i>
<i>9:15 a.m. -</i>	<i>Adult Sunday School</i>
<i>10:30 a.m. -</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist - Rite II with Children's Chapel</i>

<i>Wednesday 5:30 pm -</i>	<i>(Sept.-May) five-thirty casual service followed by supper and programs</i>
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