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the NATIVITY Scene

Holy Nativity Episcopal Church • Panama City, Florida



**HOLY NATIVITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

BLESSING OF THE PETS!

**OCTOBER 6, 2021 * 5:30 PM
AT THE PAVILION
COOKOUT Afterwards!**

**If your pet can't attend, you can
bring a photo!**

Wonderful Wednesdays!

Our Wednesday night activities will resume
October 13, 2021!

4:30 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal
5:30 pm: Casual Eucharist
6:00 pm: Supper is served
6:30 pm: Programs for all ages
Adult Choir Rehearsal



YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

Wednesday Nights

Wednesday nights during the school year are a time for youth of our church to meet and share their experiences of life and learning with others about how to live a good life with God's plan!

5:30pm service
6:00pm meal
6:30pm group activity and fun!

We will be taking an active part in events throughout the year. Cooking meals, Backpack Buddies, Christmas Outreach and general loud fun!

If you are interested in attending or helping out as an adult, let me know! Ideas are welcome!

Blessing of the Keys

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.

Backpack Buddies

Every week the Backpack Ministry, which the Youth Group is part of, helps pack over 80 packs with food for the weekend. The youth need your help as delivery drivers when it is our turn. Let us know if you can help!

Livestream Team

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

Happening is um.... happening
at Beckwith Camp and Conference Center!

Nov 12th-14th 2021 for High School seniors only!
OR
Feb 4th-6th 2022 for grades 10-12th

Happening is a Christian experience presented by teenagers, for teenagers with the help of clergy and lay adult leadership. The Happening program is meant to be one of the instruments within the Anglican Tradition of renewing the Christian church in the power of the Holy Spirit, so that the church may more readily respond to its call to spread the Kingdom of God throughout the world. It seeks to achieve this purpose by bringing young persons and adults to fuller personal knowledge of and relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and to a deeper level of commitment and apostleship.



New, Request for Prayers Cards

At Father Steve's suggestion, the Mary-Martha Circle has updated and reprinted the Request for Prayers. The new bright-white cards can be found, along with the donation envelopes and information on Backpack Buddies, in the plexiglass holders located at either end of every pew.

We all need a little extra support and prayer from time-to-time, and the Circle encourages you to use the cards as a way to reach out and let us know who in our community is in need of spiritual care.

You have the option to request the prayers be held privately within the Circle, or shared with the broader congregation. Either way, please take a minute to look for the cards next time you are in Church.

For more information on the Mary –Martha Circle contact Joanne MacPhee at jomacoms@gmail.com.

Request for Prayers



Date: _____

Please pray for: _____

Need: _____

Requested by: _____

Please see over....

Adult Christian Education - Fr Tom

Good morning, friends and neighbors! This is just an update on our Sunday School class, which gathers in the parish library, the single story building through the double doors off to the east down the yellowing brick road, past the pavilion. We meet Sundays between worship services. Folks start arriving usually between a quarter to nine and nine-fifteen, when we convene with the Prayer for the Day from the lectionary.

It's a big, big house, with lots and lots of room, a big, big table with lots of lots of chairs and plenty of room for whatever social distancing folks want and need. Face-masks are optional, it's up to you. There's a restroom in the library, and we always have fresh coffee and a pile of snack-sort treats, help yourself.

We are alternating our conversation and study topics. When I'm moderating it's generally something from or about one or more of the lectionary readings for the Sunday, recently the Book of Esther, for example, and a discussion of traditions about the Jewish holiday Purim. The first Sunday in October we're going to do something on duality of man, hosted by class member Doug Smith, who will share with us from his Christian Science tradition. Later in the month I'm looking forward to readings and discussions about Job as our Old Testament readings. Much, much more to come.

On the Sundays when I'm preaching, Dr Dan Finlay serves as our class moderator, and Dr Dan is currently leading the class through Luke's Book of the Acts of the Apostles, a fascinating adventure.

Everyone is invited and welcome. Bring your Bible or not, as you like, though we have printed handouts for everyone, that include whatever Bible material we are studying and discussing for the hour. And there are plenty of Study Bibles in the room for whenever we need those. There are, in fact, enough Study Bibles that we are able to offer a Bible as a take home and keep for anyone who wants or needs their own Bible at home, just ask me.

See you Sunday, see you in Sunday School. Again and always, come early, come on time, or come late as many folks do and there's always room and a smile. When Madge is in town the class is live-streamed via Holy Nativity's Facebook page, and also, for folks who give me their email address, there usually is a late-Saturday or early-Sunday email telling what we're going to do in class, and with all the handouts.

Pax and blessings,
Fr Tom+

Just For Fun . . .

Did you know?

57%

of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were Episcopalians.



The Book of Common Prayer gave us phrases like . . .

- "to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part . . ."

- "ashes to ashes, dust to dust"
- "moveable feast"

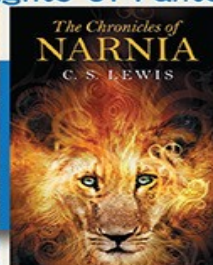
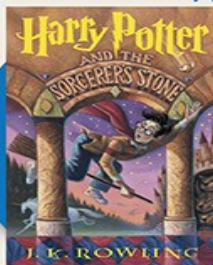
Episcopal Presidents

George Washington
James Madison
James Monroe
William Henry Harrison
John Tyler
Zachary Taylor
Franklin Pierce
Chester A. Arthur
Franklin D. Roosevelt
Gerald Ford
George H. W. Bush

54% of the founding fathers were Episcopalian



Flights of Fantasy



J.K. Rowling, C.S. Lewis & Madeleine L'Engle
(All Episcopalians/Anglians)



Some of the Episcopalians/Anglians who have been in movies

Cary Grant	Margaret Sullivan
Julie Andrews	Lacey Turner
Reese Witherspoon	Mary-Kate Olsen
Charlton Heston	Emily Blunt
Judy Garland	Dean Cain
Liza Minnelli	Courtney Cox
Yvonne De Carlo	Edward Norton
Humphrey Bogart	Hugo Weaving
Jeremy Irons	Julian McMahon
Kate Winslet	Meg Tilly
Robin Williams	Mike Myers
Sam Neill	Laurence Olivier
Angela Lansbury	Cecil B. DeMille
Jayne Meadows	Eric Idle
Ashley Olsen	Fred Gwynne
Ethel Merman	Garrison Keillor
	David Hyde Pierce



Godspell was created by lifelong Episcopalian John-Michael Tebelak and several of the songs come from the 1940 Episcopal Hymnal.

Ever wonder about U2's quest for God and social justice in their music?

Bono was raised in the Anglican tradition. Anglican priest Jack Heaslip was U2's Chaplain. He traveled with them to minister to the band and their 500 person road crew as they toured the world. Father Heaslip was their Chaplain until his death in 2015.



Washington National Cathedral is a cathedral of the Episcopal Church located in Washington, D.C.

Every American president since James Madison has at least occasionally worshiped St. John's Episcopal Church, Lafayette Square.



Children's Ministry October 2021

By Beverly McDaniel

One of the favorite traditions for the children at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church is the annual celebration of St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of the Animals. Come and give special thanks for pets at this service in the Pavilion on October 6 at 5:30 followed by a cookout and fellowship. Bring your pets, or pictures of them, or stuffed animals to receive their blessings and to let us meet them. Some of you may have already had your pets blessed at the school, but it will not hurt to have them blessed again. We like getting to know each other's pets. Then come back the next week as we resume our Wonderful Wednesday programs. If you haven't attended on Wednesday evenings, please come and try it. We do have a Eucharist service but more casual than Sunday worship.

Although October 31st is well known to the children as Halloween, toward the end of the month we will begin talking about All Saints Day and the connection. We will have the ribbons on the tables for saints' names and for "prospective" saints' names to be added by the children and parishioners for the All Saints streamers. Be thinking about your favorite saints and how they have inspired you. Think about people from history, from your family and friends, teachers, coaches, first responders, just people who live lives that could qualify them for sainthood. What characteristics do they have that are saintly? Ask your children about this. Sometimes their answers are thoughtful and deep. Sometimes they are really funny. Several years ago, when asked who was his favorite saint, Will Melzer answered with all sincerity, "Drew Brees".

Getting to work with these precious children is so much fun. As always, I thank you for your help, and I appreciate your comments, suggestions, and questions. Please call or text me - 850-832-8324.



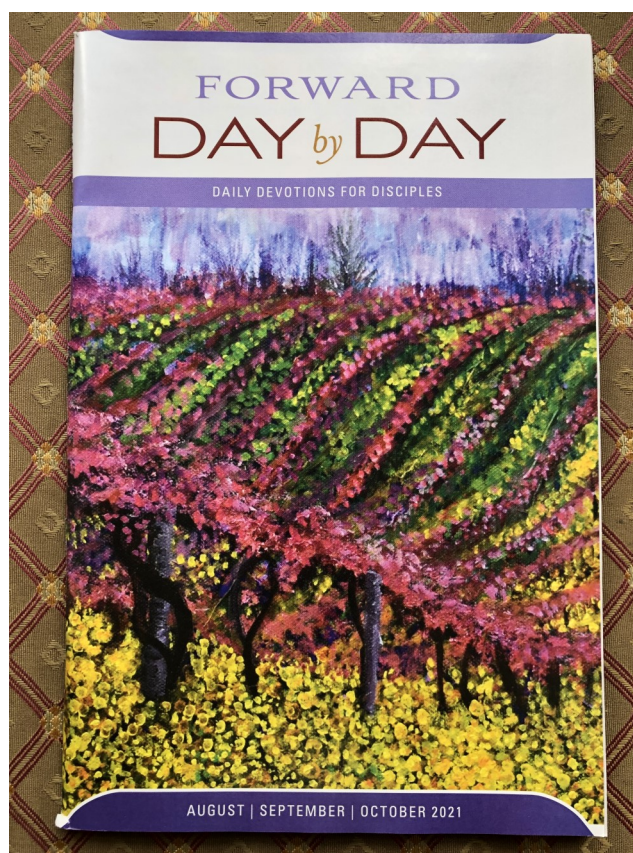
Birthdays

- Oct. 2 Ina Joy Conrad
- Oct. 4 Tom Moore, Alex Moore
- Oct. 6 Henry Davis
- Oct. 8 Ursula Hixson
- Oct. 10 Sherry Davis
- Oct. 11 Ashley Ice, Chris Mills, Edward San Juan, Julian Scott
- Oct. 13 Lance Sheffield, Jeff Watson, Michael Watts
- Oct. 14 Candace Leebrick, Jani Smith
- Oct. 16 Katy Bradford, Gigi Carroll, Elizabeth Stamps
- Oct. 18 Beverly McDaniel, Wayland Patterson
- Oct. 19 Krissy Oenbrink, Matt Ward
- Oct. 21 Matthew Bruhn, Mary-Elise Morrow
- Oct. 22 Alice Allen, Mary Shepard Bonham, Sharon Carroll
- Oct. 25 Ben Bradford, Gerry Clemons, Jennifer Josten
- Oct. 26 Matheson Crelling, Hamilton Henneberg, Josh Ice
- Oct. 27 Diego Pereira, Tyler Shores
- Oct. 28 Mike Harding
- Oct. 29 Dan Finley, Katy McClain, Theresa Townsend
- Oct. 30 Emily Brock, Mark Godwin, Chuck Knowles
- Oct. 31 Lydia Lathrop, Jack Thompson



Anniversaries

- Oct. 7 Matt and Liz Ward
- Oct. 8 Michael and Cynthia Fuller
- Oct. 9 Austin and Janae Syfrett
- Oct. 13 Matt and Casey Cole
- Oct. 14 Jimmy and Carol Calton
- Oct. 15 Bill and Katy Bradford
- Oct. 20 Scott and Katie Wattenbarger
- Oct. 24 Carl and Anne Harris
- Oct. 25 Conway and Nancy Reeder



Looking for a Daily Devotion?

Forward Day by Day Devotion Booklet published by Forward Movement is available on the table in the church foyer. It is also available on their website, www.forwardmovement.org. You can also listen to their podcast.

Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for October 2021

Oct. 3	Oct. 10	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	Oct. 31
Altar Guild: Gene and Kathleen Wicker, Max and Joyce Dannecker	Altar Guild: Rhonda Miller, Victoria Williams, Nancy Breland	Altar Guild: Joanne MacPhee and Kaew Sumpton	Altar Guild: Marla Churchill, Mary Bonham, Lisa McLendon	Altar Guild: Marla Churchill, Amy Russell, Barbara Knowles
Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Charles and Mary Bonham	Ushers 8:00 am: Tim Phillips and Tim Pride 10:30 am: Linda Weller and Lori Bates	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: John Hutt and Trey Hutt	Ushers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Max and Joyce Dannecker
Greeters 8:00 am: Phyllis Walker 10:30 am: Jenny Collier	Greeters 8:00 am: Monica Phillips 10:30 am: Mary Ellen Pettis	Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Jani Smith	Greeters 8:00 am: Marla Churchill 10:30 am: Ian Crelling	Greeters 8:00 am: Phyllis Walker 10:30 am: Michael Fuller
Chancel Ministers 8:00 am: Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Brian Leebrick	Chancel Ministers 8:00 am: Gene Wicker 10:30 am: Joe Ciccarelli	Chancel Ministers 8:00 am: Joanne MacPhee 10:30 am: Brian Leebrick	Chancel Ministers 8:00 am: Kathleen Wicker 10:30 am: Nancy Breland	Chancel Ministers 8:00 am: Theresa Townsend 10:30 am: Scott Clemons
Acolyte for 10:30 Brody Fuller	Acolyte for 10:30 Kate Leebrick	Acolytes for 10:30 Stevens Roberson	Acolytes for 10:30 Tyler Shores	Acolytes for 10:30 Beka Leebrick
Lector at 10:30 am Michael Lovchuk	Lector at 10:30 am Ivan Pereira	Lector at 10:30 am Holly Melzer	Lector at 10:30 am Rich Doran	Lector at 10:30 am Tom Ledman
Tablecloth Ministry:	Tablecloth Ministry:	Tablecloth Ministry:	Tablecloth Ministry:	Tablecloth Ministry:
Will Resume Soon!				

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The Rev. Steven B. Bates - Rector
The Rev. Tom Weller, Associate

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Director of Music - John Durgan
Administrative Assistant - Madge Smith
Children's CE Director - Beverly McDaniel
Children's Choir Director - Leigh Gladden
Church Bookkeeper – Kathy Mills
Sexton - Deana Gailfoil
Nursery Attendant - 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>