



# the NATIVITY Scene

*Holy Nativity Episcopal Church • Panama City, Florida*

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First Annual Trunk 'n Treat! More photos on Facebook!



## HOLY NATIVITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



### *Advent and Christmas Season Schedule 2022*

- Dec. 4 (Sun)      A Morning with St. Nicholas at the 10:30 am service.**  
Join us for this special Sunday to celebrate St. Nicholas Day. There will be activities and surprises for the children.
- Dec. 7 (Wed)      A Festival of Lessons and Carols at 6 pm.**  
Join us for this very special service filled with the scriptural lessons and wonderful music of the season.
- Dec. 11 (Sun)      Children's Pajama Party at the 10:30 am service.**  
Wear your favorite pajamas to church and bring a new set of pajamas or a stuffed animal or a bedtime storybook to be presented at church at the 10:30 am service for those who need them.
- Dec. 14 (Wed)      Caroling in the Cove!**  
Join us for our Casual Eucharist at 5:30 pm followed by supper. Then we will go caroling in our neighborhood of the Cove.
- Dec. 24 (Sat)      Christmas Eve Services**  
4:30 pm      Christmas Eve Service with the Children's Christmas Pageant  
10:30 pm      Christmas Eve Service
- Dec. 25 (Sun)      Sunday Services**  
8:00 am      Holy Eucharist Rite One  
10:30 am      Holy Eucharist Rite Two

*FOR MORE INFO ON ALL THESE EVENTS PLEASE CONTACT  
THE CHURCH OFFICE. 850-747-4000*



**The Season of Advent begins  
November 27th**

**Look for more information soon  
about our Advent outreach  
opportunities!**





Once again HNEC will participate in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child program, which delivers shoeboxes packed with gifts to children around the world. You can bring joy to a child by "filling" a shoebox on-line. It's as simple as clicking on the link, entering your information, choosing a gender and age group, and then selecting the gifts from the different categories. The boxes will then be filled and shipped to the child in time for Christmas. Go to our website, [holy-nativity.org](http://holy-nativity.org) and click on the link on the homepage or it's available on our Facebook page.

## BACKPACK BUDDIES NEWS

What a big month we had in October. We celebrated Backpack Buddy Ministry Sunday, gave the children some Halloween candy and oral hygiene products (thanks to MMC and Dr Elizabeth Brown, DMD), and saw our number jump from 72 to 96 in ONE week! Thanks to our dedicated volunteers and a couple of new recruits, we are ready to tackle the busy holiday season and move on into our 11 th year.

We have been asked to make a general list of dos and don'ts for donations. As a rule, we try to avoid soft and or crumbly items that may get mashed during transport, like pop tarts, cupcakes, bags of chips and the like. We always need canned pastas, veggies and soups, individual servings of potatoes, rice or noodles, as well as juices and waters. Breakfast items in individual serving sizes and fruit cups, sweet treats and salty snacks are appreciated too.

We will doing a special Christmas food bag for our Buddies in December, so please consider adding something to your grocery list or a little extra to the offering plate (marked for Backpack Buddies) as we enter this holiday season.

### November Packing Schedule

Oct 31 – Nov 4 TEAM YOUTH  
 Nov 7 – Nov 10 TEAM SCOTT (Delivery on Thursday due to Veterans Day holiday)  
 Nov 14 – Nov 18 TEAM NINA  
 Nov 28 – Dec 2 TEAM TREY  
 December Packing Schedule  
 Dec 5 – Dec 9 TEAM YOUTH  
 Dec 12 – Dec 16 TEAM MARY MARTHA CIRCLE  
 Christmas Food Bag packing and delivery TBA



Please consider joining this vital ministry! You can join a group, form one of your own or just drop in and pack a few bags at your convenience. There is no assigned time commitment and there are many behind the scenes ways to help. For information, contact us at [backpackbuddieshnes@gmail.com](mailto:backpackbuddieshnes@gmail.com) It's fun to be a Backpack Buddy!

## Wednesdays are definitely back!

So good to be back for Wednesday nights and hear Fr. Steve say, "come on up kids!" and the youth group is ready for a year of making a difference.



Thank-you to all who enjoy our first Trunk N Treat, so much fun!!

Being fully aware of competing activities, overly scheduled youth and families, we will pursue authentic youth ministry together. Your youth are invited to join us as they are able, and to reach out in times of need.

**This month is.....BUSY!**

### During November

The Youth is planning a TRIVIA Night!

Helping children's ministry with Operation Shoe Box.

Collecting supplies for the SOAR Program @ Anchorage

Check out the information on the notice boards and bulletins for latest info.

LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE A STUDENT INTERESTED IN COMING TO YOUTH GROUP

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## DINING OUT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED!

It has been quite a while since we had a Dining Out. We started after the hurricane to find a way to gather for some fellowship. Supper Club was impossible at that time as many of us had no kitchens or homes at all. We'll meet at Triple J Steakhouse on Thomas Drive (yes, on the beach) at 5:30 for cocktails and then Dutch Treat dining at 6 p.m. You can sign up in the foyer or just call/email/text Mary Ellen Pettis. There is no charge but we do need to give them a number, so they'll know how much staff to plan on. We are looking forward to some fun & fellowship with folks we just don't see enough of! This is an adults only occasion.

Mary Ellen Pettis

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## November 2022

By Beverly McDaniel

If you missed being here for the last Wonderful Wednesday in October, you missed something really special. Coach Jeffery organized and our Youth Ministry kids initiated Holy Nativity's first Trunk 'n' Treat, a safer, more good-natured adaptation of Halloween's Trick or Treat.

We gathered on the south lawn in perfect weather, for the lovely, outdoor 5:30 worship service, after which we enjoyed hamburgers and hotdogs, etc., and lots of visiting. More than a few of the vehicles were deliciously decorated, and many of the grownups had fun in charmingly clever costumes...and of course, the children were absolutely adorable. Thank you, Mr. Jeffery, Big Kids, and contributing parents, for a delightful evening.

In Children's Church, we are writing on long ribbons the names of people who serve God or have been known to be excellent examples of following Jesus. The ribbons will become the streamers for All Saints Sunday Services. All Saints Day is November 1<sup>st</sup>, and we celebrate in church on the following Sunday. We have special music for the children to sing for the 10:30 service, November 6<sup>th</sup>. We will practice on Wednesday, the 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30 in Battin Hall after the Wonderful Wednesday meal. However, even if your children cannot come for rehearsal, we plan for a quick run-through at Children's Church. Many of the children know "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God". (Check Google and YouTube.) They will probably be comfortable coming forward to sing or wave ribbons at the end of the service. This congregation is a very appreciative audience.

How quickly we are approaching the Advent and Christmas Season! This is a very significant time for our church because we bear the name, Holy Nativity. Even before the first Sunday of Advent (Nov. 27), Holy Nativity children are anticipating traditions that they have come to expect: filling the shoeboxes for The Samaritan's Purse; wearing pajamas to church while bringing pajamas, snuggly stuffed animals, and bedtime books for children who need them; special events such as Lessons and Carols, Caroling in the Cove, and of course, our own specialty, the Christmas Pageant, when the Children of Holy Nativity tell the story of our name straight from the Bible. At Trunk'n'Treat, I was delighted to hear two young boys discussing what they want to be this year, king or cow? We are building memories... memories with meaning. The sign-up board /online QR code will be up the first Sunday in Advent.

Please feel welcome to call or contact me with your comments and questions...850-832-8324.

# Birthdays

Nov. 1 Karen Shores  
 Nov. 2 Wayne Lindsey, Kaew Sumpton  
 Nov. 4 Max McCord  
 Nov. 5 Sandy Ciccarelli  
 Nov. 6 Ann Leonard, Nathan Nowak,  
 Egon Seubert  
 Nov. 11 Carson Berry, Robert Carroll,  
 Emma Jeffery, Ann Marie Shores  
 Nov. 12 Catherine Shores  
 Nov. 16 Mary Bonham  
 Nov. 19 Stewart Sumpton  
 Nov. 21 Patti Akst  
 Nov. 22 Judy Bennett, Dawn Johnson,  
 Joanne MacPhee  
 Nov. 24 Amy Russell, Cecilia Shuler  
 Nov. 25 Presley Gladden, Florencia  
 Pereira  
 Nov. 28 Mimi Morrow, Joy Thompson  
 Nov. 29 Kate Watson

# Anniversaries

Nov. 4 Daniel and Holly Melzer  
 Nov. 7 Wylie and Nancy Roupp  
 Nov. 14 John and Mary Darrah  
 Nov. 16 Ken and Hannah Davis  
 Nov. 17 Ian and Lindsey Crelling  
 Jack and Joanne MacPhee  
 Nov. 18 John and Michelle Niziol  
 Nov. 29 David Burris and Mary Mittiga



## Adult Sunday School Sunday's at 9:15 am

All are invited to join Dr. Dan for our Adult Sunday School Class at 9:15 am every Sunday in the Library. Have a cup of coffee and tune in to what the current Bible topic is for the day. Currently discussing the book of Isaiah.

In November the class will be studying the Gospel of Luke.

**HELLO  
 DARKNESS MY  
 OLD FRIEND**  
**SOON YOU WILL  
 BE HERE AT 4PM**

Remember to  
 FALL BACK  
 November 6th!  
 This Saturday Night at  
 2 am!

## Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for November 2022

Nov. 6	Nov. 13	Nov. 20	Nov. 27
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Dan and Robin Finley, Nancy Roupp, Tricia Berry	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Gene and Kathleen Wicker, Max and Joyce Dannecker	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Joanne MacPhee, Kaew Sumpton, Alice Allen	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Rhonda Miller, Victoria Williams, Nancy Breland, Boopie McInnis
<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Bert and Marla Churchill <b>10:30 am:</b> Linda Weller and Lori Bates	<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Jim Hixson and Parker McClellan <b>10:30 am:</b> Max and Joyce Dannecker	<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Bert Churchill and Jerry Darnell <b>10:30 am:</b> Russell and Beth Brock	<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Dan and Laura Johnson <b>10:30 am:</b> John Hutt and Trey Hutt
<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Phyllis Hunt <b>10:30 am:</b> Jani Smith	<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Ursula Hixson <b>10:30 am:</b> Michael Fuller	<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Marla Churchill <b>10:30 am:</b> Jenny Collier	<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Phyllis Hunt <b>10:30 am:</b> Mary Ellen Pettis
<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Theresa Townsend and Joanne MacPhee <b>10:30 am:</b> Nancy Breland and Scott Clemons	<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Gene and Kathleen Wicker <b>10:30 am:</b> Kelly Roberson and Brian Leebrick	<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Dan and Laura Johnson <b>10:30 am:</b> Lisa McLendon and Joyce Dannecker	<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Theresa Townsend and Joanne MacPhee <b>10:30 am:</b> Ian Crelling and Joe Ciccarelli
<b>Acolytes for 10:30</b> Kate Leebrick, John, Tom and Alex Moore	<b>Acolytes for 10:30</b> Beka Leebrick, Isaac and Evan Ward, Charlotte Eberhard	<b>Acolytes for 10:30</b> Brody Fuller, Emma and Mathison Crelling, Esteban Pereira	<b>Acolytes for 10:30</b> Ashtyn Williams, Grady and Finn Oenbrink, Evan Ward
<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Ivan Pereira	<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Rich Doran	<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Michael Lovchuk	<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b> Daniel Melzer

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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/Video Production- AJ Jeffery*  
*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>

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