



the NATIVITY *Scene*

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Rally Day and Blessing of the Backpacks! August 6, 2023

Join us for this fun Sunday!

Lay Ministry Fair all morning.
Waterslide for the kids!

8:00 am: Holy Eucharist Rite One

9:15 am: Adult Sunday School

10:30 am: Holy Eucharis Rite Two with
Blessing of the Backpacks

11:30 am: Parish Potluck
Bring a side-dish to share.

Meat will be provided.

(Baked and Fried Chicken, Pork Butt,
and Oysters!)

Kids: don't forget your backpacks
and swimsuits for the waterslide!

Shell Island Sunday is September 17th!

Service at 11 am at the island. Both regular services will be held at the church.

Come in your own boat, hitch a ride with a friend, or sign up to ride with someone. A display will be out starting on Rally Day, Aug. 6th.

Parish Picnic after the service. Bring a side dish and meat will be provided. Please bring your own beverages.



SHELL ISLAND T-SHIRTS!

There will be a display in the foyer where you can order your T-Shirts.

Short Sleeve: 15.50 with 2.50 extra for XXL and 3.50 extra for XXXL

Long Sleeve: 26.50
(No children's sizes in long sleeve)

The color might change.

Choir News

As most of you have observed, our choir has gotten very small, and sings at services infrequently. The reason is that we have very few members, and have had a lot of them dealing with medical issues, or traveling to spend time with family. The busy season for the choir is coming up very soon, and we need more voices.

We try to make participating in choir as easy and un-invasive as possible as most of us have busy lives. The rehearsals are relatively short, and we try to make them a more social activity. We will have a table in the ministry fair, and I will be there to answer any questions you may have about our choir program. I do hope that some of you may give choir ministry your serious consideration. We need you, and I know there are folks out there in the congregation who can sing. Please join us.

J. Durgan
Choir Director

Our volunteers for St. Andrew's Community Suppers are always lending a hand! If you are interested in joining this ministry, please call the church office at 850-747-4000. They prepare and serve supper once a month.



August is the end of summer vacation, the return school and the beginning of Youth Group Season at Holy Nativity!!

IMPORTANT DATES!

Youth Group Season Kick-Off Wednesday August 30th.

Food, Fun and Water games 5-7pm at the Church

YOUTH GROUP



to

First Wednesday Night program September 6th!!

Service, Dinner and yard game fun!

Meet the team and Church based Scavenger Hunt September 13th.

Meet Children Youth and Music Team.

Hear the plan for the DEPT OF YOUTH.

Complete or Compete in a church based scavenger hunt.

Backpack Buddies Ministry event Wednesday September 20th.

Pack, learn and be part of the impact.

Open to children, youth and families.

Wednesday nights are for your 6th graders and up to make an impact and experience Holy Nativity and the wider Episcopal church.

Calendared events will be advertised along with our regular events on Wednesdays and Sundays.

Our regular events include supporting the Back-pack Buddies program, Love Thy Neighbor program supplying "survival" packs to homeless youth at Christmas and cooking for the Wednesday night meal.

We also offer options for Youth seeking community service project hours during Wednesday nights and Sunday services.

Please contact A. J. Jeffery at aussie_aj@holy-nativity.org for more information.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS BEGIN FOR THE FALL ON SEPTEMBER 6TH!



5:30 PM: Worship

6:00 PM: Dinner is served

6:30 PM: Programs for all ages

Join us for the most fun night of the week!

Children's Ministry

By Liz Ward

As summer comes to an end and our minds begin to turn towards school, we look forward to Rally Day each year at HNEC! This is a longstanding tradition at our church, and a wonderful way to begin the school year for students of all ages, with prayers, praise, blessings, thanksgivings, and goodies! We hope you will join us on Rally Day and remember to bring your backpack for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks during the 10:30am service on August 6. And don't forget to bring your bathing suit and towel too, for the water slide fun following the 10:30 service! An additional water play area for our littlest church members will be provided, with thanks to AJ Jeffery for providing this safe option for our littles. In order to make this the best Rally Day yet, please check the Sign Up Genius link coming in your email next week and help us by volunteering to supervise the waterslide, provide extra help in the nursery, pass out our goodie bags to the students getting ready to start school, and more!

If you are interested in finding out more about how you can volunteer with or be a supporter of Children's Ministries please visit our Children's Ministry table and sign up during Rally Day. If you are interested but cannot be here on August 6 to sign up, please contact Liz Ward at lizward@holy-nativity.org for more information about our Children's Ministry and Nursery at HNEC.

Our Nursery attendant, Kaew Sumpton, will be gone on a well deserved vacation August 6-September 3. We pray for her safe travels and a wonderful visit with her family. We will need help and volunteers while she is away. If you are an adult or teen who is interested in volunteering to help us in the Nursery during this time please contact Liz at the email listed above.

We are looking forward to lots of fun this Fall as we plan for our Wonderful Wednesdays programs on September 6! Working together with our Children & Families, Youth Ministry, and Children's & Youth Choir we have some great things in the works. Watch for more details to come in the next newsletter!

Enjoy the last few weeks of Summer and we hope to see you on August 6 for all our Rally Day celebrations!



October 4:
St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of the
Animals

October 22:
Pig Roast for Wilmer Hall

October 25:
Trunk or Treat

Birthdays

Aug. 1 Katy Brust, Ashlyn Pack
 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, Lisa Walters
 Aug. 9 Lily Bradford, Melanie Cox, Laura McClain
 Aug. 10 Rita Boston
 Aug. 11 Max Dannecker, Mary Lark
 Aug. 12 Millie 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 Mike Gailfoil
 Aug. 22 Maggie Smith
 Aug. 23 Theo Barton, Brian McClain
 Aug. 24 Kathy Dick
 Aug. 26 Anji Dunlap
 Aug. 27 John Hutt, Aaron Shores
 Aug. 28 Lee Scott
 Aug. 29 Jonah Reeder
 Aug. 30 Georgia Dake

The Church Calendar is always on the homepage of the church's website.

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Anniversaries

Aug. 1 Richard and Jo Bruhn
 Aug. 3 Brian and Candace Leebrick
 Aug. 7 Allen and Pat Nease
 Aug. 21 Ted and Anda Gagnet
 Chris and Elizabeth Stamps
 Aug. 22 Jim and Ursula Hixson
 Aug. 24 Tim and Nancy Pride



WE WILL MISS OUR AIR
FORCE FAMILY, THE DUFFYS!

Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for August 2023

August 6 Rally Day Backpack Blessing	August 13	August 20	August 27
Altar Guild: Joanne MacPhee, Kaew Sumpton, Alice Allen	Altar Guild: Rhonda iller, Victoria Williams, Nancy Breland, Boopie McInnis	Altar Guild: Marla Churchill, Barbara Knowles, Amy Russell	Altar Guild: Marla Churchill, Mary Bonham, Lisa McLendon, Cheryl Duffey
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
Greeters 8:00 am: Phyllis Hunt 10:30 am: Linda Weller	Greeters 8:00 am: Monica Phillips 10:30 am: Jani Smith	Greeters 8:00 am: Ursula Hixson 10:30 am: Michael Fuller	Greeters 8:00 am: Marla Churchill 10:30 am: Lori Bates
Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Theresa Townsend and Joanne MacPhee 10:30 am: Nancy Breland and Joe Ciccarelli	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Laura Johnson and Cheryl Duffey 10:30 am: Joyce Dannecker and Kelly Roberson	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Theresa Townsend and Joanne MacPhee 10:30 am: Scott Clemons and George McInnis	Chalice Bearers 8:00 am: Dan and Laura Johnson 10:30 am: Lisa McLendon and Ian Crelling
Acolytes for 10:30 John Moore, Esteban and Nicolas Pereira, Laney Lee, Scarlet Jernigan	Acolytes for 10:30 Lauren and Carson Berry, Bailey and Will Melzer	Acolytes for 10:30 Brody Fuller, Isaac and Evan Ward, Matheson Crelling	Acolytes for 10:30 Nicolas and Esteban Pereira, Emma Crelling, Wyatt Syfrett
Lector at 10:30 am Michael Lovchuk	Lector at 10:30 am Ivan Pereira	Lector at 10:30 am TBA	Lector at 10:30 am Rich Doran

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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
Office Administrator - Madge Smith
Children's CE Director - Liz Ward
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
Beth Brock 2026
Joe Ciccarelli 2024
Anna Eberhard 2024
Mark Godwin - Treasurer
Jim Hixson 2026
John Hutt 2024

Terry Jangula 2026 Jr. Warden
Joanne MacPhee 2023
Ivan Pereira 2022 Sr. Warden
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>
