



# The Episcopal Church of the Nativity

## The Window

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### Stewie the Service Tree

*The ministry of the laity is to represent Christ and His Church; to bear witness to Him wherever they may be according to their gifts; and to take their place in the life and worship of the Church. -- Book of Common Prayer*



This past Sunday, the Stewardship Committee unveiled our newest addition to Nativity. Stewie the Service Tree is an outward sign of our stewardship of time and talents. If you would like to volunteer for any of Nativity's various ministries, stop by the table in the Narthex on Sundays and find out about the ministries that need your help. There is a place for you and your gifts. Nativity's ministries are categorized under the acronym of SWEEPS, which stands for Service, Worship, Education, Evangelism, Pastoral Care/Fellowship, and Stewardship. Today, more than ever, it is important to answer Jesus' call to service in furthering God's Kingdom.

### Blessing of the Animals



Preach the Gospel at all times, and when necessary use words.

—St. Francis of Assisi

Nativity's annual Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis's Feast Day will be held outside in the Close on *Sunday, October 4, at 5 p.m.*

All animals will receive a blessing and a medal of St. Francis. All pets need to be on a leash or caged. You may also bring a picture of your pet to be blessed. Donations of pet food will be gathered as an offering for the Wiregrass Humane Society.

This event is open to the community so please bring a friend or neighbor.

### Lay Ministry for Sunday, September 20:

**Altar Guild:** Libby Planz, Lou Elliott, Melissa Gholson, Galen Gohde, Jacque Mathison, Liz Smyth & Brenda Ortega, **Acolytes:** C-Cody Preston, 1st-Anna Carroll, 2nd-Katie Brown, GB-Ellen Johnson, MC-Andrew Gholson, **Breakfast Chefs:** Wes Myers, Steve Smith & Spencer Hall, **Eucharistic Ministers:** 7:30—Debra Strickland, 10:30—George Dennis & Elizabeth Welch, **Eucharistic Visitor:** Debra Strickland, **Flowers:** Sam Flowers & Lara Kosolapoff-Wright, **Greeters:** Mike & Didi Cody, **Lectors:** 1st-Dan Johnson, 2nd-Doug Bates, **POP-Andrea Chavez, Ushers:** 7:30 —Bruce Hanahan, 10:30— David Jackson & Richard Campbell. **Vestry Lockup:** William Nichols.

### Lectionary for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

1st Reading: Proverbs 31:10-31, Psalm: 1

2nd Reading: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

### Lay Ministry for Sunday, September 27:

**Altar Guild:** Ashley Carroll, Marjorie Bush, Suzanne Hanahan, Inez Manuel, Traci Newton & Regina Taliaferro, **Acolytes:** C-Garrett Dasinger, 1st-Hannah Taylor, 2nd-Mariah Algarin, GB-Emily Newton, MC-Ellen Newton, **Breakfast Chefs:** John Welch, Bill Mallis & Jeff Crittenden, **Eucharistic Ministers:** 7:30—Hank Vaughn, 10:30—Greg Goldsborough, **Eucharistic Visitor:** Susan Henderson, **Flowers:** Donna Balzaratti & Kathi King, **Greeters:** Richard & Barbara Seaman, **Lectors:** 1st—Jerry Wright, 2nd—Elizabeth Welch, **POP—Steve Dasinger, Ushers:** 7:30—Al Matheny, 10:30—Kevin Patton & Doug Creel. **Vestry Lockup:** Jerry Wright.

### Lectionary for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost:

1st Reading: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10;9:20-22, Psalm: 124

2nd Reading: James 5:13-20, Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

*If you can not serve on your assigned Sunday, please make every effort to find a replacement. When you find a replacement, call your Committee Chair or the Church Office with the change. This will assure that all Lay Ministry duties are covered for that particular Sunday. We appreciate everything you do for Nativity. Thank You.*

### FEAST AND FASTS LUNCHEON heads to the theatre!

September's program for Feast and Fasts on *Tuesday, September 29, at 12:00 noon*, will feature members of SEACT. We may even get a song or two! The Southeast Alabama Community Theatre was established in 1974. Reservations for Feast and Fasts may be made by calling the Church office by Monday, September 28, or signing up in the Narthex. Our chefs Julana Harrison, Brenda Ortega, and Inez Manuel will be serving up a fabulous feast.

## Episcopal Church Women—a risen opportunity at Nativity

The ECW (Episcopal Church Women) is getting organized again. This group has not been active for a number of years now, but it is felt that there is still a need and a desire for it to begin functioning again. In the past it has raised money for Wilmer Hall, bought china for the church, supported needy families, met various needs both physical and financial in the church, sponsored a very popular yearly bazaar, and provided a comfortable environment for the exchange of ideas and the successful realization of projects for the women of the church. It was decided that meetings would be held once a month on the first Tuesday. If you are a woman and if you are a member of the church, then you are automatically a member of the ECW. Please plan to join us next month on October 6 at 11:30 in the Church Parlor.

### SOUL 2 CINEMA: *Imaginary Witness—Hollywood & The Holocaust*

SOUL 2 CINEMA will watch *Imaginary Witness*, a documentary on the tension between real events and their dramatic retelling, specifically the tension between the Holocaust and Hollywood. Though admittedly a strange pivot off Charlie Chaplin's work—veering, as it does, from the comic to the tragic—Chaplin himself was among the first filmmakers to take on the Holocaust through the medium of cinema with *The Great Dictator*.

We'll watch *Imaginary Witness* in two parts over two Wednesday evenings, September 23rd and 30th, in the Parish Parlor from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Through the lens of the Holocaust, we'll ponder the ethical obligations met and unmet in the retelling of history.

According to Netflix, "filmmaker Daniel Anker examines Hollywood's depiction of the Holocaust and its incomprehensible atrocities in *Imaginary Witness*, an award-winning documentary narrated by Gene Hackman and featuring interviews with Steven Spielberg and Sidney Lumet. Through film clips, newsreels, scholars' comments and firsthand accounts, the documentary also questions the responsibility of filmmakers in retelling history and the effects of film portrayals on the social psyche."

Following our examination of this subject, we'll return to Chaplin and watch his first filmmaking entry into the talkies: *The Great Dictator*, on October 7.—LFF

### YOUTH CALENDAR—

Sunday, September 20: EYC will meet in the Parish Hall, 5 to 7 p.m., for a look at animals and our relationship to the Great Chain of Being in preparation for St. Francis Day and the Blessing of the Animals. The evening will include animal games, a discussion of our relationship to animals, and the creation of animal portraits. The portraits we create will be on display at this year's animal blessing. For more information, call Lauren Flowers at 618-1344.

Sunday, September 27: RUMMAGE SALE ROUND-UP! All members of the EYC are needed to help with the Parish Rummage Sale, set for November 14, by rounding up items from parishioners. We'll join Harry Hall at 4 p.m. and head out to pick up items in the area and cart them back to Nativity. Following this service project, we'll head to La Bamba for dinner. Everyone needs to bring money to pay for their dinner.

UPDATE ON EYC PROGRESSIVE DINNER— Our plans for a Progressive Dinner have been postponed to November. We received a generous response from the parish over this event, as evidenced by the many who cast their fish onto the Stewardship Tree. We'll be contacting you!

### Our Sympathy goes out to:

Linda York and her family on the death of her brother, Harold Thomas;

Laura Scott Adkins and her family on the death of her brother, Jay Scott;

And Steve Dasinger and his family on the death of his father, Michael Dasinger.

*Deal graciously with those in grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness. Amen.*

### Godly Play Assignments

Sunday, September 20: The Holy Family— *Story: Lauren Flowers, Host: Sharon Nichols; Story: Sharon Lewis Saliba, Host: Gina Medley*

Sunday September 27: The Story of Creation—*Story: Laurie Carmichael, Host: Catby Orr; Story: Harry Hall, Host: Liz Smyth.*

### Wednesday Night Supper:—5:30 in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, September 23: Chef Greg Rane prepares our feast. Cost is \$7 per person, and reservations must be made by signing up in the Narthex or calling the Office, 793-7616, by Tuesday at Noon.

Wednesday, September 30: Potluck! Bring your favorite dish and join us for a communal feast of culinary delights!



## Prayer List

*In order to keep our Prayer List current, we need your help. Please call the Church Office if you know of someone who needs to be added or taken off the Prayer List. Unless notified otherwise, all prayer requests are for a tenure of thirty days.*

**Parish Family:** Donna Balzaratti, John Brown, Marvin Dixon, Hart Dowling, Bee Dwyer, Bill Elliott, Sr., Rex Everage, Blondell Garrett, Norman Gayle, Michael Grantham, Sam Hathcock, Pat Johnson, Joan Kogelschatz, Jane Matheny, Stanley Reynolds, Julia Rose, Morris Slingluff, Shirley Smithson, Adalee Stockley, Wayne Strickland, Don & Nonnie Teague, Johnny Turner, Herb Whitestone, and Zita Vaughn.

**Family and Friends:** Matthew, The Reverend Gus Boone, Ann Brackin, Brad, Dana and Lucy Dean, Zach Dickey & Family, Leslie Ebinger, Leonard Fuller, Mary Gilbreath, Cyndy Glazier, Hank Gregory, William Grinder, Maureen Henderson, Jerry Hinson, John Hunt, Cathy Johnson, Nancy Jones, Nicholas Kidder, Lottie, Melissa Luke, Paul McMahan, Ceya Minder, Tom Moak, Don Moore, Hall Parish, Stacy Portis, Jesse Pribbenow, John Rohde, Elizabeth Santoro, Christoph & Taryn Schmidt, Nealy Shirah, James Smith, Sylvia Stokes, Junior Strickland, Glenda Tager, James Tager, Marilyn Tew, Kathy Wells, Cheryl West, Sylvester Williams, Beverly Wilson, Martin Windham, Mona Wooten, and the Villages of El Pedregal and Moreno.

**Armed Forces:** Angelo Algarin Jr., Justin Brownlee, Bill Cody, IV, Matthew Crittenden, Brandon & Krysi Deweese, Bill Elliott, III, David Faulk, John Faulk, Robert Ford, Matthew Grant, Camille Kent, Brian Mainwaring, Todd Mainwaring, John Malone, Craig McNamara, Ryan Mitchell, Chanda Nichole Moppins, Bill Myer, Beau Park, Matthew Ramsey, James Schwartz, Chris Sommer, Mark Walden, Scott Walden, and Thomas West.

### Nativity's Annual Rummage Sale

It's that time of year again while doing your fall cleaning, to think about *Nativity's Rummage Sale* to be held *Saturday, November 14, from 7-12:00 p.m.* in the Parish Hall. This sale was a huge success for the Church and community last year. Make sure your items are useable; and, as always, send your clothing to the Good News Shop. There will be a container in the parking lot by the Church Office to hold items for the sale. If you have a *large* item or items, pick up Sundays will be *September 27 and November 1, from 4-6 p.m.* If you need to schedule a different day, please call the Church Office. Other items can be brought to the Church Office **during** office hours. *Please do not leave items at the office door when closed.* We will have the EYC assisting this year in rounding up the rummage. Volunteers are needed to help with the sale itself in the areas of setting up, pricing items, and serving as cashiers. Please call Harry Hall at 793-9378 if you are able to help. Thank You.

## Birthdays

**September 18**— Mary Lockwood, Garrett Dasinger & William "Will" Turner, **20**—Helen Morris, **22**—John Strickland, **23**—Dow Huskey, **25**—Harry Hall, Elizabeth Welch, Heather Goldsborough & Addison Turner, **26**—Terry Schenz, Natalie Palmer & Hailey Carmichael, **27**—William McRae, Lamar Ortega, Alison Hicks & Zach Simpson, **28**—Ede Plovanich, Blondell Garrett, Ashley Carroll & Katherine Johnson, **30**—Cynthia Campbell, Libby Planz, Grace Flowers & Kate Goldsborough.

### Two Weeks at Nativity

#### Sunday

##### September 20 & 27

7:30 am—Holy Eucharist Rite I

8:30-9:00 am—Parish Breakfast

9:00-10:00 am—Adult Sunday School

10:30 am—Holy Eucharist Rite II

#### Tuesday

##### September 22 & 29

10:00 am—Holy Eucharist

12:00 pm—Feast and Fasts (29)

#### Wednesday

##### September 23 & 30

5:30 pm—Supper (23) Potluck Supper (30)

6:30 pm—Soul 2 Cinema Program

### Altar Flowers

*Altar Flowers*, the week of September 20, are given in thanksgiving for the life of our granddaughter, Addison Turner, on the occasion of her birthday, by Mike and Didi Cody. *Altar Flowers* are also given in thanksgiving for the life of our daughter, Isabella Palenzuela, by Roberto and Katy Palenzuela.

### Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden and Flower Guild both serve the same ministerial purpose—to provide visual beauty and a sense of peace for those who can appreciate nature and all her bounty. Of course, a good bit of work is involved, and many have stepped forward to participate in this endeavor. The garden is now seventeen years old and the neighborhood, as well as members of our parish, seem to enjoy it. If you are interested in helping with the Memorial Garden or the Flower Guild, please contact Sam Flowers (794-6207) or Kathie Buntin (794-9561).