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.....where faith holds wide the door



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BECOMING ONE BODY

**“If one member suffers, all suffer together;
if one member is honored, all rejoice together.”**

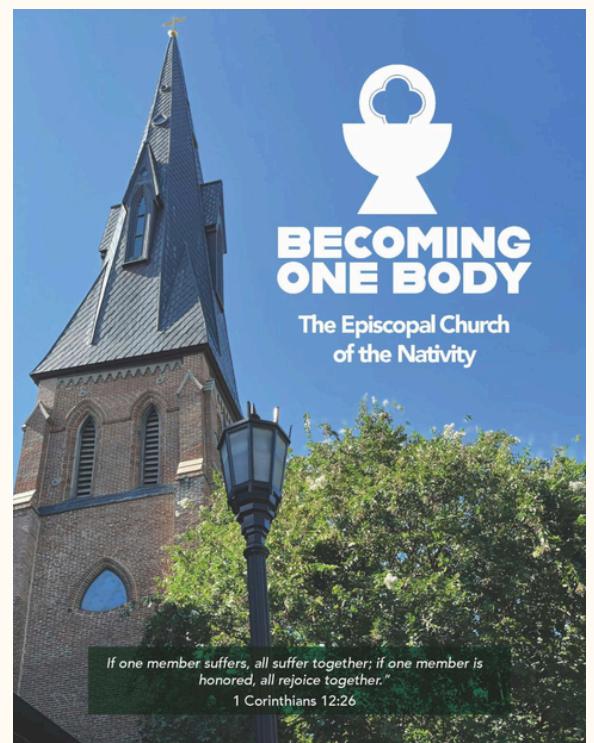
1 Corinthians 12:26

The Becoming One Body Campaign is off to an exciting start! On January 12th we had a celebration to kick off our campaign. It was a fun filled day at Nativity with baptisms, the Annual Parish Meeting, and a big party! Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a fun day!

Please use the links below for more information, frequently asked questions, and to make your pledge.

Please click [HERE](#) for a closer look into the Becoming One Body Campaign.

Please click [HERE](#) to make your Becoming One Body Pledge.



CAMPAIGN KICKOFF



STEWARDSHIP 2025

EVERYONE COUNTS

EVERY PERSON, EVERY PLEDGE

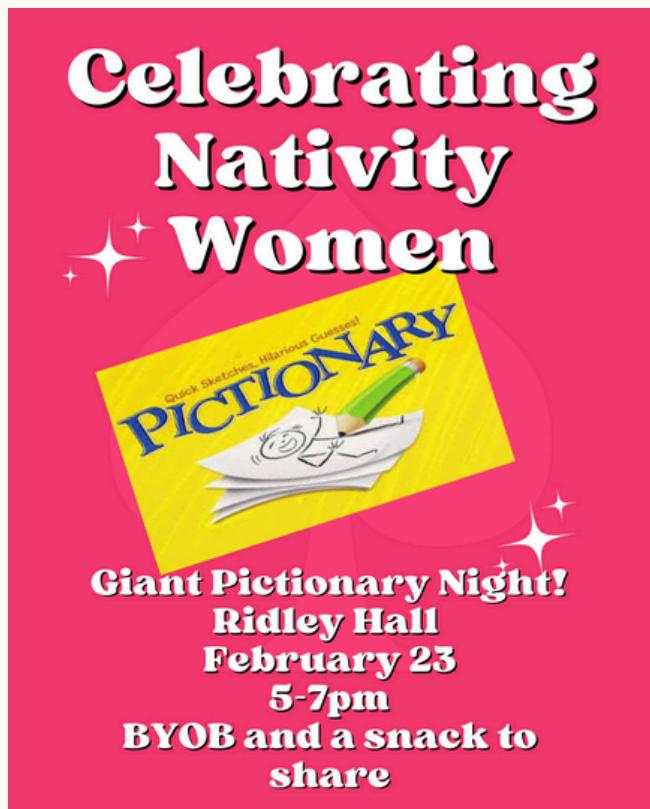
Our church has been a source of stability, comfort and joy for generations. We all benefit from the legacy of those who have gone before us and we share in all that Nativity offers us day in and day out. Our Becoming One Body capital campaign is a truly significant way for us to demonstrate our commitment to maintaining and improving the iconic properties we all enjoy.

While planning and preparing for the future is very important, we cannot neglect the essential annual pledge campaign. Your generous annual pledge sustains the ministries and daily work of our church, and serves as clear indication of your faithful gratitude for all that God has given. On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, I want to thank you for all you do to help Nativity thrive. Thanks be to God.

Patrick Robbins
Stewardship Committee Chair

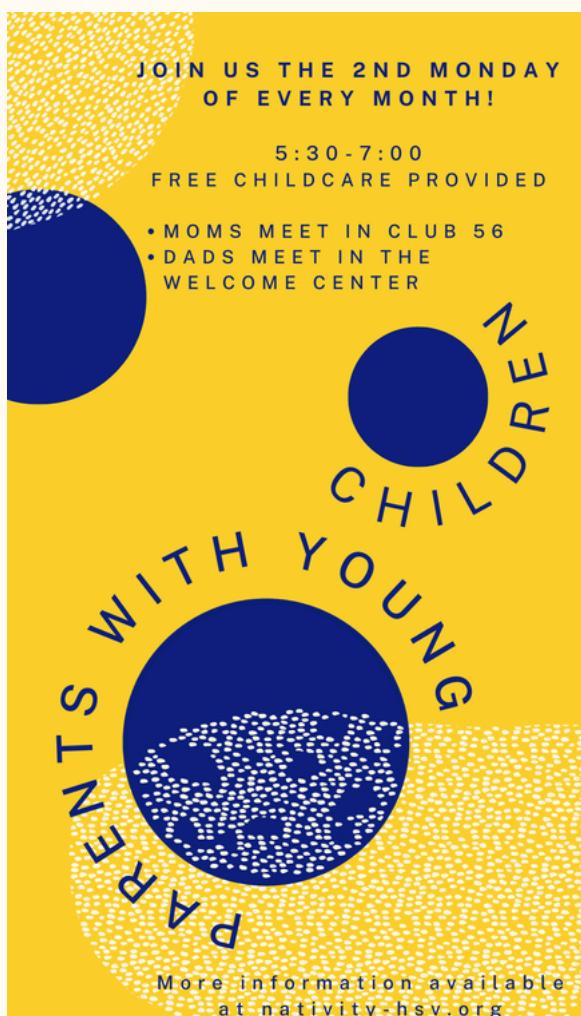
Please click [HERE](#) to make your 2025 pledge.

PARISH ENGAGEMENT



CELEBRATING NATIVITY WOMEN

Join the Nativity women as they gather for giant Pictionary on February 23rd from 5-7pm in Ridley Hall. BYOB and a snack to share.



PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Calling all parents of young children! This group meets on the 2nd Monday of every month. Free childcare and dinner for the kids are provided. Moms meet in Club 56 and Dads meet in the Welcome Center. This month's meeting is January 13th from 5:30-7pm.



Men's Breakfast

Join for the Men's Breakfast group on Tuesday, February 11th at 7:00am. All are welcome for food and fellowship!

CHURCH NIGHT

February 26th

**FREE SPAGHETTI SUPPER SERVED
FROM 5:30-6:30 IN RIDLEY HALL**

**NURSERY & DROP IN ACTIVITIES FOR
CHILDREN OF ALL AGES 5:00-7:00**

**MEETING SPACE AVAILABLE FOR
COMMITTEES, REUNION GROUPS AND
BIBLE STUDY GROUPS**



Church Night and Spaghetti Supper

Join us on the last Wednesday of the month for a free spaghetti supper. Spaghetti is served from 5:30-6:30pm. Nursery and drop in activites for kids of all ages from 5:00-7:00pm

**Click HERE to
let us know you
are coming!**

NATIVITY MEN'S RETREAT

FEBRUARY 22 & 23

@CAMP McDOWELL

Single room \$200 Double shared room \$100

Scholarships available

Join us for a weekend of rest, fun and reflection with friends at the 2025
Nativity Men's Fellowship Retreat at Camp McDowell.

Arrive between 10:00-11:00 am on Saturday and depart after Eucharist on
Sunday morning.

Contact Bob Serio for more information, bserio@nativity-hsv.org.

Use the QR code to register today or call the church office 256-533-2455



Scan the QR
code or click
HERE to sign
up for the
Men's Retreat!



LUNCH BUNCH
FEBRUARY
25TH
12PM
RIDLEY HALL

Lunch Bunch
Save the Date
February 25th
12pm
Ridley Hall

PARISH ENGAGEMENT



We celebrated Vicky Hinton with a farewell ceremony as she transitions to her new position at Second Mile Development. We will miss her in the office, but she remains an active parishioner and volunteer!

[READ MORE](#)



“We are so excited to welcome Victoria Hinton as the new Executive Director of Second Mile Development. Vicky brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience from her previous work at non-profit and ministry organizations. We know that she will continue to build upon the foundation of relationship-based ministry that Second Mile has been known for over the past 38 years.”

PARISH ENGAGEMENT



The Celebrating Nativity Women's Group had 30 women in attendance in January! They learned how to make sourdough bread and got an update on the Nativity Cookbook!

Expecting
Families

We want to add you to the prayer list!
Once the baby is born, we want to bring
you a meal and a little gift!

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Contact Rachael Samples to be
added to the list.
rsamples@nativity-hsv.org



OUTREACH

FASHION NEWSLETTER
website.com

Thank you to all who sent food, donated supplies, volunteered for a shift, and offered prayers for the Warming Center.

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”

Matthew 25:35



CURSILLO

You are invited...



CURSILLO INFORMATIONAL DINNER

Date/Time: Sunday, March 2nd @ 5:30 pm

Location: Ridley Hall at Nativity

Come enjoy dinner and learn more about the Cursillo Community at Nativity and in the Diocese of Alabama!

BIBLE STUDIES

THE GOOD BOOK

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays
Starting January 8
1:00-2:30pm
Joffrion Library

Book:
Mary of Nazareth
by Christopher Bryan

Led by:
The Rev. Susan Sloan
The Rev. Dr. Virginia Monroe
Jill Chadwick
Marina Prucha



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e.com

Reflections Bible Study

Thursdays

9:30-11:00am

The Banister Room

Heaven by Jennifer Rothschild

Questions? steph@ortel.us

Led By: Mem Bryant, Lisa Caprio, Debbie

Collette, Kana Goldsmith, Shelley Whiteney

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Wednesdays

10:30 AM
Joffrion Library



The Lectionary
led by Deacon Bob
bserio@nativity-hsv.org



Adult Sunday School

Book Class (Joffrion Library) - The Book Class will read *Living a Life that Matters* by Harold Kushner. Kushner tells us that the path to a truly successful and significant life is through friendship, through family, and through acts of generosity and self-sacrifice. He describes how, in affecting the life of even one person in a positive way, we make a difference in the world and prove that we do in fact matter.

Zimmerman Class(Banister Room)

Choose Your Own Adventure Bible Study Class (second floor Joffrion) - No preparation is required for this class led by Mother Rosie.

Creation Care Class (Welcome Center) - "Love God; Love God's World". This follow an Episcopal Church curriculum that has a similar structure to Sacred Ground and includes films, readings and discussion focused on creation care and eco-justice.

Adult Confirmation Class (Bibb Chapel) - This class is open to everyone who wants to learn more about the Episcopal Church. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE SEEKING CONFIRMATION TO ATTEND! We are talking about the basics of the Episcopal tradition, including church history, the Book of Common Prayer, theology, and why we do what we do in worship. If you are thinking about being baptized, confirmed, received into the Episcopal Church, or formally reaffirming your baptismal vows or if you want to learn more about the Episcopal Church, please join us. Questions? Contact Mother Melissa.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING
THE LAY MINISTRY TEAM?
LECTORS
USHERS
ACOLYTES

CONTACT RACHAEL SAMPLES FOR MORE INFORMATION
RSAMPLES@NATIVITY-HSV.ORG
256-533-2455 EXT. 210

NATIVITY BAZAAR



With great excitement and pride we are pleased to announce that the Nativity Bazaar Luncheon raised \$12,837.55 for Lincoln Village! This would not have been possible without the countless volunteers that participated in the resurgence of this historic event. Thank you to everyone who purchased a plate, took a chance on the raffle, worked in the kitchen, delivered meals to businesses and those of you who shared your Bazaar trade secrets! It was an honor to play a small role in something so close to the heart of Nativity. We hope to see you all again next year!

Lauren Chenoweth and Tyler Spano

STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

Giving is a Joy

By Terry Clevenger on behalf of the Creation Care Ministry

Each new year our Creation Care ministry discusses topics provided by a Diocesan study guide in the Welcome Center (everyone is welcome to attend). Themes include God's love for Creation, keeping our covenant for the Earth, the wise use of our natural gifts, restore and repair when and where we can. God calls us to be his earthly stewards for the Earth, his gift to us. Biblical stewardship means being a caretaker of God's kingdom. God's kingdom includes everything and everyone. So, we are accountable for all, especially humankind.

Our faith tells us that to be a steward, one must give of themselves. At the heart of Christianity is giving. Giving begins with a cause, entails a sacrifice (time, effort, material). Giving leads to a better life-both for the giver and receiver. Ultimately, giving produces joy in ourselves and spreads to others.

Each season of Epiphany marks a revelation for us of our Lord, a time that promotes us to take a moment for understanding and awareness within our world. I recently stepped outside my comfort zone for a moment to encounter the world through one of the outreach ministries Nativity supports



through the Warming Center. I just dropped by to provide some material which had been asked for, staying a few minutes to talk with the helpers, many of whom were Nativity members. Even these few minutes filled me with exhilaration and gladness, in short, a joy in encountering our own epiphany by the concern, sacrifice and assistance these helpers were giving their underprivileged clients. I felt I could sense a similar aura within the faces of the helpers, as well.

The giving of time, energy, resources, concern for others, lending a helpful hand reflects God's character. The joy of such giving transfers God's love to others with the same loving heart that God, through Jesus, has shown us by his ministry. Jesus did not come to us to be served but to serve. And what greater cause is there than to serve those in need by providing a place of comfort. Our faith teaches us that when we give of ourselves our hearts are changed, and God's love shows through for all.

By giving, we reflect God's character and lets us continue the Lord's ministry that he exemplified while on this earth. It keeps us mindful of the needs of others, gives us a good heart that is filled with overflowing joy. When we give of ourselves our hearts are changed. And the heart of our Christ shows through reflecting God's love.



NATIVITY YOUTH



Would you like to provide dinner for EYC? [Sign up HERE](#). Message Madi for more details
mbellcolpack@nativity-hsv.org



The Eucharist Instruction Class made bread for their celebration day, February 23rd! We will all get to enjoy their bread at communion!



NATIVITY CHILDREN



PARISH MEETING FOR KIDS REPORT 2025

What is your favorite part of Sunday Mornings?

Sunday School

What is your favorite part of VBS?

Games/Snack

What is your favorite Sunday School activity?

Legos and Coloring/Painting

What is your favorite Sunday School snack?

Popcorn

What is your favorite Bible Story?

The Creation Story

What are you most thankful for at church?

Greene Street Market

What should our VBS theme be this year?

The Jungle

What is our goal for this year at church?

Focus on sharing God with others!

PLANNING COMMITTEE 2025

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

HELP US PLAN AN AMAZING VBS FOR OUR NATIVITY KIDS!

**email
ecantrell@nativity-hsv.org
to sign up!**

MEETINGS WILL BE AT NIGHT-- YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE AVAILABLE VBS WEEK TO HELP PLAN!



Parish Financial Report December 2024

	<u>Budget for Period</u>	<u>Actual for Period</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>
Pledges Received	\$126,604.33	\$186,470.22	\$1,519,251.81	\$1,429,408.37
Plate	\$14,583.34	\$62,875.31	\$175,000.00	\$270,979.93
Other Revenues	\$9,780.25	\$17,948.00	\$117,363.00	\$219,164.25
Total Income	\$150,967.92	\$267,293.53	\$1,811,614.81	\$1,919,552.55
Diocese & Missions	\$16,942.59	\$32,069.88	\$203,311.00	\$204,059.54
Outreach	\$14,118.83	\$19,189.25	\$169,425.00	\$169,533.71
Personnel	\$81,943.78	\$98,964.10	\$983,324.94	\$992,972.09
Other Expenses	\$37,963.17	\$48,531.60	\$455,554.00	\$453,432.27
Total Expenses	\$150,968.37	\$198,754.83	\$1,811,614.94	\$1,819,997.61
Net	(\$0.45)	\$68,538.70	(\$0.13)	\$99,554.94

CLICK HERE
DECEMBER
VESTRY MINUTES





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2025 Altar Flower Dedications

Available Dates: May 25, June 1, July 6, August 3, 17, 24, 30

Your Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Dates requested: _____

Name(s) for dedication: _____

Please choose one:

in loving memory of... in thanksgiving for...

in celebration of... in honor of...

Will you share this dedication? YES NO Can we list your name in the bulletin? YES NO

Dedications are \$40 each

Make check payable to:

Nativity Flower Guild and mail your check along with this form to:

Andrea Vandervoort

434 Locust Ave. Huntsville, AL 35801

Questions? Call Andrea: 256-539-2673