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Well, have you been praying about how you might participate in, or support, our mission trip to Liberia? I am really getting excited about this trip. Several of our Liberian parishioners, Dr. Roseda Marshall-Ochillo, Francis and Victoria Dempster, and Melvina Coleman are planning to be there while we are there. And, I have gotten one commitment from Sue Brookman and a *maybe* from Doug Knowles. We are still conversing with Fr. A-Too Williams at Saint Stephen's parish and his wife Courage Williams, who is on the board of the W.O.R.L.D., Inc. orphanage, about what we might be able to do while there that would be of help to them. They are also going to give us some information about the children in the orphanage and what their needs are so that we may be able to begin collecting those things soon to bring with us.

It may seem early to be talking so much about a trip that is not going to happen until December. However, much will need to be done in order to pull this trip together. As it stands right now, we will probably leave on November 29th and return on December 14th. Those dates were chosen by checking many different scenarios with internet travel sites; the cheapest air fares would be available by traveling on a Tuesday and returning on a Wednesday. The fares range from \$1436 to over \$1900 for the round trip. So the earlier we can tie down the cheaper fares, the better off we will be, and the more likely that we can get blocks of tickets together. Also, if you are planning to travel with us, you will need to make sure your passport is up to date, and you will need to allow time to apply for and receive a visa from the Liberian Embassy.

We hope to involve everyone in the parish in this mission endeavor. While only a few of us may be actually traveling, everyone can help with fund raising, collecting gifts to take to the children, writing notes of encouragement, participating in a packing party before the travelers depart, and planning and attending a special worship service to commission and send out our missionaries. There will be some way that everyone can be involved in this mission opportunity.

If you think you would like to be one of the missionaries on this trip, please let me know as soon as possible. I know that the cost is prohibitive for some. We will be planning some fund raisers to offset some of the cost. You might also be able to offset some of the expense by getting family, friends, and coworkers to sponsor you on your mission trip. As soon as we can determine the exact numbers, we will work together to figure out how to get the necessary funding.

Enthusiasm for this trip is building. There is no doubt in my mind that the Holy Spirit is stirring us up for mission. It is exciting when we respond to God's call to reach out beyond ourselves. We have been blessed with a number of wonderful, committed parishioners from Liberia. Now it is time for us to see if we can help contribute to the healing and rebuilding of relationships in that country that is still recovering from the ravages of civil war. We have an opportunity to build on the relationships that we have to share in love and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa. May our friendships blossom into bonds of love that will bind us together in Christ.

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**The Church of the Nativity,
Cedarcroft**

Vestry

Class of 2012

Douglas Knowles
Jonathan Pearce
Julia Van De Wille

CLASS OF 2013

Melvina Coleman
Lee Smith
Deborah Tupper

Class of 2014

Neal Baroody
Harold Hardinger
Maria Hardinger

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Neal Baroody
Senior Warden
Craig Hart
Junior Warden
Margaret Dowding
Treasurer
Margaret Elseroad
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Staff

The Rev. Thomas B. Carter
Rector
The Rev. Anthony Hollis
Priest Associate
Wallington Hankerson, Jr.
Director of Music
Patricia Schwarzman
Administrative Assistant
Cheryl Hazel
Christian Education Director



**August:
Gladiolus**
The lovely gladiolus is the birthday flower for August. These flowers are named after the sword of the gladiator, and they carry a meaning of strength and sincerity.

Birthdays

- 1 Sarah Knowles
- 10 Joan Drebing
- 12 David Werkmeister
- 14 Charles Battenfeld
- 14 Laura Kanwisher
- 17 Robin Garrison
- 19 Amanda Cunningham
- 19 Rafael Park
- 20 Pat Kimmel
- 21 Judy Daniel
- 28 Lauren Dure

Anniversaries

- 4 Harold and Maria Hardinger
- 14 Mike and Amy Heffernan
- 21 Anderson & Deborah Inniss

**Annual Parish Picnic at the Bishop
Claggett Center
Sunday, August 7, 2011**



**Come and enjoy fellowship with
your Nativity family.**



**Three Ring Theater
-Presents-
The Castaways**

A story about
HOMELESSNESS
Performed by 5 to 8 year olds

Hart Hall
Friday, August 12
3:00 p.m.

Please donate a non-
perishable food item
as your ticket for the
performance.



Summer Schedule

**The Church of the Nativity's Summer
Schedule which goes into effect July 3rd
until September 4th will be
ONE SERVICE held at 9:00 a.m.**

Mark your calendars!

First Sunday of every
month is Cares Food Pantry Do-
nation Day. Please bring in non perish-
able food items to help the food pantry at
Cares.

The Rt. Rev. Joe Burnett will be at Nativity
on September 25 for both the 8 and 10:30
services. Confirmation will be held at the
10:30 service. Please plan to come and sup-
port our confirmands and meet Bishop Bur-
nett.



CALENDAR

August

- 7-Sunday**-Bring in non perishable food do-
nations for the Cares Food Pantry
- 7-Sunday**-Nativity Parish Picnic at Claggett
- 12-Friday**-Three Ring Theater in Hart Hall
"The Castaways" at 3:00 p.m.
- 22-Monday**-Pray for Peace-7:30 p.m.-
Church of the Redemption
- 27-Saturday**-Sandwich Saturdays--
9-9:45 a.m.

September

- 4-Sunday**-Bring food for Cares Pantry
- 5-Monday**-Labor Day Holiday-
Office Closed
- Sunday**-8 and 10:30 a.m. services and
Sunday School resume
- 22-Friday**-Pray for Peace-7:30 p.m.-
St. John's Methodist Church
- 24-Saturday**-Sandwich Saturdays--9-9:45
a.m.
- 25-Sunday**-Meet Rt. Rev. Joe Burnett at
Nativity (both services) and Confirmation.



The mission of the Church of the Nativity is to faithfully love and serve Jesus Christ by embracing all people through worship, outreach, and fellowship in His name.



St. Bartholomew,
apostle and martyr



*Remember
our
Nativity
members
who are
home-
bound or
in health
care
facilities :*

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Manor Care (Towson)
Jeannette Battenfeld

Edenwald
Josephine Disney

Genesis Health Care Center
Betty Hall

The Maples at Towson
Thelma Crispell

Stella Maris
Peggy Tice

Active Day at Parkville
Stephanie Yateman

Shut-ins at Home
Charles Clayton
Lovejoy Clayton
Nancy Curry
Mary Gardner
Rachel Marshall
Helen Whiteman

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