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For most of the one hundred year history of the Church of the Nativity, this congregation has been very intentional about responding to the needs of those less fortunate than ourselves. That continues to be true at Nativity. Twenty years ago we were one of the seven founding churches of the Govans Ecumenical Development Corporation (GEDCO). One of the ministries of GEDCO is CARES. For many years Nativity has taken non-perishable food to the food pantry at CARES which all of you have donated each week. At our recent Outreach Committee meeting it was decided that we would like to put more emphasis on this ministry that feeds those who are hungry in our community. Beginning on February 6th, the first Sunday of each month will be our primary CARES food collection day. We are asking that everyone bring non-perishable food items on the first Sunday of the month. Instead of placing them in the collection baskets as you come into the church, we would like for you to bring your donation to the altar at a designated time during the offertory. We will offer our gifts to the glory of God and ask God to bless them and the people who are to receive them. Our hope is that by setting a specific Sunday for our collection each month we will collect more food for CARES and broaden our awareness of this vital outreach ministry.

In the next couple of weeks you will receive an email survey from the Outreach Committee. This survey will identify all of the current outreach projects that we currently participate in and your responses will help us prioritize our efforts going forward. I ask that you take the time to respond to this short survey. In addition, we are trying to evaluate the needs of the community of which we are a part. Do you know of any needs in our community that are not being met by some other program? One of the ways that we can do evangelism in the community is by finding a need and helping to fill that need. If we find the right ministry that fills a need, while at the same time resonating with the congregation, we will find that it energizes us. If we find the right ministry, when we mention what church we attend, people will say, "Oh. You're the church that does. . ." Please give this some thought. Talk to friends, neighbors, and family members. Ask them what is needed in our community. It may just be that we can find something that both addresses a need, and brings us growth and recognition. We would love to hear your ideas.

In my ten years as your rector I have always been impressed by the ways that you respond to needs in the community, the world, and within the parish. Nativity is a very generous parish. Our hope is to revitalize and focus our outreach efforts in ways that may help to energize us as a congregation.

When you receive your survey, in addition to helping us come up with ideas to focus our efforts, please look at all the ministries that we are already supporting and pick something that you can do to support one or more of those ministries. There is no one in the parish that can't offer themselves in some small way to help us to reach out to others with the love of Jesus Christ. God is calling you! What can you do?

Tom+

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Cedarcroft

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Birthdays & Anniversaries



The violet is
February's
Birth
Flower

- 3 Lynette Inniss
- 4 Maria Hardinger
- 8 Luke Daniel
- 9 Wallington Hankerson, III
- 9 Chuck Dunn
- 12 Mike Garrison
- 14 Julia Van de Wille
- 14 Jimmy & Debbi Hawkins
- 15 Sue Brookman
- 15 Patricia Pelham
- 17 Isabel Wilner
- 20 Jack & Doris Webb
- 20 Suzanne Windsor
- 21 Colin Matthew Laoyan
- 25 David Drebing
- 27 David B. Daniel
- 27 Mary Beth Willett
- 28 Lou Willett
- 28 Weston & Melissa Park



The American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem received a record amount of support for our brothers and sisters struggling in the Holy Land. And here at the Church of the Nativity, we are about to donate over \$300 as a result of the St. Nicholas Day mite box collection. Your generous donations will allow children to go to school, clinic doors to stay open, and new programs to be developed for the disabled, and so much more.

My sincere thanks, Your Senior Warden,
Neal Baroody



CALENDAR

February

18-Friday-Feedmore Fridays-5:30-7:30 p.m.

21-Monday-Outreach Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

22-Tuesday-Peace Service-
Emmanuel Monastery-7:30 p.m.

21-Monday-Outreach Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

26-Saturday-Sandwich Saturdays-9-9:45 a.m.

March

March 1&2-Tuesday & Wednesday-
photography sessions for Nativity Directory by Lifetouch

March 18-Friday-Feedmore Fridays-5:30-7:30 p.m.

March 21-Monday-Outreach Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

March 22-Tuesday-Peace Service-St. John's
Church-7:30 p.m.

March 26-Saturday-Sandwich Saturdays-9-9:45 a.m.

Valentine's Day 'love'

Kids' definition of "love" on Valentine's Day in Sunday school, via Lowell Yoder, Holland, OH:

"Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other."

—Herbert, 6

"There are two kinds of love. Our love. God's love. But God makes both of them."

—Mary, 5

"If you want to love better, you should start with a friend you hate."

—Jimmy, 7

*From the Feb., 2011 **Joyful Noiseletter**
Submitted by Amy Norwood*

2011 Nativity Directory **By Lifetouch**

Do you ever see people and wonder what their names are? Have you ever heard an announcement regarding a member and wished you could put a face with a name? Are you a new member and wish you had something to help you put names with faces? Help is on the way! We are producing a pictorial family album! There is no cost to have your photographs taken, and you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating. You will be able to view your images electronically immediately after photography. At that time, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family and friends. Watch for weekend sign-ups or visit our website to schedule your own appointment. We look forward to seeing you!

To make our directory a success we need volunteers. Patty is coordinating volunteers for our new directory. If you are interested in helping during our photography sign-ups, or serving as a host or hostess during our actual photography sessions, contact Patty at the office on 410-433-4812.

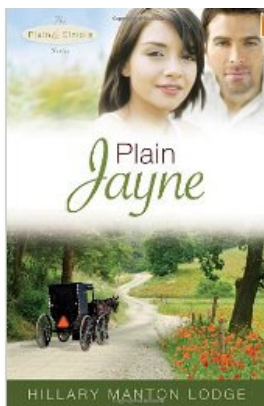
To sign yourself up for a photography session, visit Nativity's website: <http://www.nativitycedarcroft.org> where you will find the following link for photography scheduling. Or, you can go right to the link: <https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/churchofthenativitybaltimoremd/index.php?page=10>.

You will find a calendar and times for the portrait sessions taking place on March 1st and 2nd. First, select the number of persons to be photographed and then select a date and time and follow the instructions. If you need help, or if you don't have internet access, just call the office and Patty will reserve a spot for you while on the phone. Remember, early sign-ups will get the first choice of times!

We need **YOU** to make this a success!

NATIVITY BOOK CLUB

By Catherine Bishop



The next meeting of the Nativity Book Club will be at 2:30, Sunday, February 13th in the Upper Room. The book is *Plain Jayne*, by Hilary Manton Lodge. This is in the class of a romantic novel.

Jayne Tate is a hard-working columnist for a Portland, Oregon newspaper. She has worked through her paid vacation time. Her boss now orders her to take a three week vacation beginning immediately. Instead she plans to spend the time preparing an article about the Amish group which lives just outside of Albany, Oregon. She arranges to board with an Amish family. During this period she learns about the good and the questionable about Amish life. She also meets a man with whom she falls in love, and re-establishes a relationship with her own family.

The book is available in libraries, as a paperback in book stores, or is available for the Kindle reader. This is “light” reading, but I think a number of you will enjoy reading the book and joining us on the thirteenth.

- Prayer is not a “spare wheel” that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a “steering wheel” that directs the right path throughout as God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit guide us.



- Do you know why a car’s WINDSHIELD is so large and the Rearview-Mirror is so small? Because our past is not as important as our Future. Look Ahead and Move on.

Submitted by Amy Norwood

All Saints’ Episcopal Church in Frederick ordains its first female priest

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By Blair Ames
News-Post Staff



After preaching a sermon at a young adult service at her home parish in Towson, Jessica Knowles was told by the Rev. Tom Carter to keep the ministry in mind as she went through college.

"It freaked me out because it's like I heard his words in my head before he said them," she said.

Carter served as Knowles' sponsoring rector at the time, early on in her discernment process.

After a nearly seven-year journey to priesthood, Knowles, 26, was ordained a priest in a service Jan. 15 at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Frederick. Although other clergywomen have served at All Saints', Knowles became the first woman ever ordained at the church, which was founded in 1742.

"It's been a long time, and so it's really hard to grasp the fact that I'm now actually a priest," she said.

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The Right Rev. Eugene Sutton, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, served as the celebrant of the service, and the Rev. Kathryn Wajda delivered the sermon.

As she kneeled in front of the bishop about to be consecrated, Knowles said her legs were shaking because she was overcome with nerves and excitement.

"When the bishop laid his hands on me, I stopped shaking," she said.

Wajda served as Knowles' supervisor during her first parochial internship at Epiphany Church in Timonium. She recalled a situation when some church members didn't like Knowles wearing heels during services because of the sound they made on the hardwood floor. Since she was a broke college student without many other pairs of shoes, Knowles compromised by preaching barefoot.

Wajda said she was surprised but honored when Knowles called her asking if she would preach during the ordination service.

"She brought herself into this place (Epiphany) wholly and fully," Wajda said. "People here were just amazed and surprised because she was so young."

Knowles still has people come up to her and tell her they remember when she would preach barefoot.

"I was very grateful that she was willing and able to preach, and I thought she did an amazing job," she said.

Knowles didn't just wake up one day and decide to be a priest. What she refers to as a "transformative period" during her college career led her to sign up for discernment.

"God did a 180 in my life, and from the moment of surrender that came out of that experience, from then on I was like 'All right, God, whatever you want me to do I'll do,'" she said.

Knowles graduated from Towson University with a bachelor's degree in psychology before completing three years and a Master of Divinity degree at Virginia Theological Seminary.

She has served as the assistant rector for Christian formation at All Saints' since July 2010. Her position covers children, youth and adult formation.

The Rev. Thomas Momberg said Knowles has brought an enthusiastic approach to the team at All Saints' and the congregation has received her well.

"She has become another strong team member, someone who can help bring the team together, and we really needed that," he said.

In the future, Knowles will only continue to follow the path God outlines. Maybe one day if the timing is right and God wants her to, she will lead her own congregation.

"Really I just try to be a better person, a better priest, a better Christian, we're all trying to be a better version of ourselves," she said. "To walk the walk faithfully and follow where God leads me, I guess that's all I can really hope for."

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2011 Diocesan Men's Retreat

Freedom in Christ



*"It is for Freedom that
Christ has set us Free"*



Keynote Speaker:

The Reverend Bo Chapman

(Emmanuel Church, Cumberland, Maryland)

Music:

Al Todd and the Third Sunday Band

(St. Margaret's Church, Annapolis, Maryland)

February 11-13, 2011

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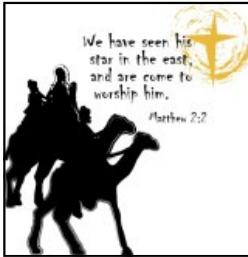
FAX 301-874-0834

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(Signature also gives permission for photos & videos of participants to be used in publications)



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

The Chimes
Georgie Berberich

Edenwald
Josephine Disney

Genesis Health Care Center
Betty Hall

Fairhaven
The Rev. Fred Hanna

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
Chuck Dunn
Ted Jones

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Helen Whiteman
Isabel Wilner

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