

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRADLEY OUT OF OFFICE

Bradley will be out of the office from Monday, August 19 through the end of the month. He will be preparing for and then recording his first album. (You can learn more about that on his website: bradley-burgess.com) Should you need, please contact Jeremy for anything related to the Glad Tidings, or Stephanie for any emergent issues.

LETTER FROM OUR CO-INTERIM RECTORS

Stephanie and Cathy, our Co-interim Rectors during this transition period, have come to the end of their time with us. They have written a joint farewell letter to the Nativity family, which you can read on the blog at nativityonline.org

BIDDING FAREWELL TO OUR CO-INTERIM RECTORS

Sunday, August 25 will be the last day that Stephanie and Cathy are with us. We will be having a reception in Corlett Hall immediately following the 10:30 service. We will have a basket for you to drop in thank you / farewell notes; we will have blank cards available, or you can bring one with you.

SIGN UP FOR TEXT MESSAGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

In addition to reaching church members via Glad Tidings and our parish website, we also have the ability to send text messages. This is an ideal way for you to hear about weather and other emergencies, special events, and other time-sensitive notices. We are committed to limiting the number of text messages sent to a maximum of one per week. *Only members who sign up will receive texts*; we will not send texts to you without your permission. When you sign up, you will receive texts from Nativity only. (If you had signed up a few years ago, there is no need to sign up again. If you can't recall if you have already, you can safely submit your information again.) For any questions, please contact Bradley. You can sign up at nativityonline.org/new-to-nativity/nativitytextsignup

POWER-WASHING AND PAINTING

Our amazing Buildings & Grounds team is organizing two dates to power wash and paint three walls of the Worship Building and Curry Hall. Power washing will happen on August 24, and painting on August 31. Please sign up using this Google Form by scanning the QR code or visiting nativityonline.org/quick-links

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

- 8:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, spoken (Nave)
- 10:30 am: Rite II Eucharist with music (Nave)
- 12 pm: Senior Luncheon

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

- 6:30 pm: Education for Ministry (Conference Room)
- 7 pm: Vestry Meeting (Corlett Hall)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

- 10 am: Chatty Yarns (Corlett Hall)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

- 9 am: B&G Power-washing (outdoors)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

(Stephanie and Cathy's last Sunday)

- 8:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, spoken (Nave)
- 10:30 am: Rite II Eucharist with music (Nave)
- 12 pm: Caregivers Support Group (Conference Room)



ADOPT A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR

Join in an intergenerational program to support our seven rising high school seniors! Sign up to “adopt” a senior for the 2024–25 school year. Throughout the year, adopters will send notes of encouragement, seasonal cards, small treats, and then participate in next spring’s church-sponsored graduation activities, such as graduation Sunday and the family luncheon. The program’s goal is to foster church-wide relationships and help prepare our high-school seniors to head out into the world, knowing of God’s, and this community’s, deep love for them. Sign up by scanning the QR code, or by visiting nativityonline.org/quick-links

HELPING HANDS

When you need help with packing up your things in anticipation of a move, it’s good to know there’s a group at Nativity that does just that. What started as a casual conversation in a grocery store between two parishioners has grown into a group with some time to give, and a willingness to help friends. Known informally as Helping Hands, these folks are glad to pack your belongings, under your direction, and get them boxed up for you. (There’s no moving; it’s strictly packing.) If you would like to volunteer as part of the group, or are moving and need help, please contact Ailsa Tessier for more information.

PHOTOS FOR THE PARISH DIRECTORY

In anticipation of our next Rector’s arrival, we are updating our Parish Directory. The last issue was published in May 2023. Some entries have no photos, some kids have grown up, and some may want to update their photos. If we don’t have your photo, or if you want your photo to be more up to date, please take one of you or your household and send it to Bradley. Members of the Communications Team will be available in the Narthex after the 10:30 service on August 18 and 25 if you would prefer to have someone else take the photo.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Nativity’s 12th annual Rise Against Hunger intergenerational meal-packing event will be held in Corlett Hall after the 10:30 am service on Sunday, September 8. This year we’re hoping to have at least 60 participants from Nativity and our neighbors at North Raleigh Presbyterian Church to help package 10,000+ meals. RAH requires all participants be registered for the event. Please register online by scanning the QR code or visiting nativityonline.org/quicklinks

INTER-FAITH FOOD SHUTTLE VOLUNTEERS

One of Church of the Nativity’s ministries is working at the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle once a month. We need 7–8 workers on the first Thursday of each month, and are currently in need of more volunteers. (You do not need to commit to volunteering every

month.) Please read the blog post by Viola Baldwin for more information about this ministry and how to get involved; you can reach out to Viola at baldwinviola@gmail.com if you have any questions.

ONE WAKE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PETITION

Affordable housing has been defined as costing no more than 30% of your gross income and currently 56,000 households in Wake County can’t afford housing. One Wake has a petition to deliver 10,000 signatures to elected officials with a vision to alleviate this issue and secure support from elected officials. Nativity has committed to delivering 500 of the 10,000. Please take a minute to sign the petition, which is available by scanning the QR code, or visiting nativityonline.org/quick-links

PRIDE PACKS COLLECTION RESUMES SEPTEMBER 1

Sunday, September 1st will begin our monthly food collection for Pride Packs for the 2024–25 school year. Our church supports this program at Leesville Elementary School and provides food for children who are food insecure. These food donations go home with each identified child on Fridays so they will have food on the weekends. There will be a basket in the Narthex and also a basket on the counter in Estill House for your donations. You may contribute anything from the Pride Packs list but we especially need 15 oz cans of vegetables and fruit. Thank you so much for your support of these students.

TRAVELING WITH SAINT PAUL

Starting September 8, from 9:30–10:20 am in Curry Hall 204, join us for a six-week journey through Judea, Asia, Greece, and Macedonia with Paul. Discover how he converted Jews and Gentiles to Christianity and established early churches. Explore his fascinating, passionate life dedicated to telling the story of Jesus, based on the Book of Acts and insights from religious historians. Register online to let us know you’ll participate, by scanning QR code or visiting nativityonline.org/quick-links

REDISCOVERING SCRIPTURE

Join us for Rediscovering Scripture, a Zoom course starting September 11, Wednesdays at 7–8:30 pm. This seven-week series covers source criticism, the Canon, translation issues, Testaments’ differences, text interaction, genre importance, and reading the Bible with God’s grace. Each session includes a ten-minute video presented by a different theologian and scripture discussion. Sign up by September 4 to receive materials and Zoom links. (This class was offered on Sunday morning in January and February and is being reoffered by request.) Register online by scanning the QR code or by visiting nativityonline.org/quick-links

