

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NATIVITY EMAIL

This week, our newly formed IT Committee successfully migrated our email to Google Workspace for Nonprofits. We wanted to take this opportunity to make sure everyone has the correct contact information for our staff. Please use only these addresses going forward to ensure we receive your communications:

- ◆ Grey: [rector@nativityonline.org](mailto:rector@nativityonline.org)
- ◆ Jeremy: [formation@nativityonline.org](mailto:formation@nativityonline.org)
- ◆ Bradley: [office@nativityonline.org](mailto:office@nativityonline.org)

### STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It is time again to recruit volunteers for our annual stewardship campaign. We are seeking volunteers with spiritual gifts for fundraising, speaking, creative inspirations and more! The time commitment is 1-2 hours per week. If you are interested, please reach out to John Oldham, chair of the Stewardship Committee, by October 15 at [joldham8616@gmail.com](mailto:joldham8616@gmail.com).

### BUILDINGS & GROUNDS WORKDAY

The Fall Buildings and Grounds Workday will be Saturday, October 19 (rain day will be October 26). Join us from 9 am until 2 pm; come when you can, and bring weeding and pruning tools. All ages are welcome!

### EARLY VOTING

In-person early voting (with same-day registration) begins on Thursday, October 17. Find an early voting site in your county, bring your photo ID, and print out your sample ballot. The earlier you vote, the shorter the lines will be. Visit the NC State Board of Elections website to learn more.

### DAY OF GIVING 2024

Please take a moment to review the blog post about Day of Giving 2024, which includes some details about this year's event. If you have any questions, please contact Lillis Ward or Beth Crow.

### RESPONDING TO HURRICANE HELENE

In response to the terrible flooding and destruction in western NC, Church of the Nativity is donating \$1,000 to the Episcopal Diocese of Western NC, \$1,000 to the Ashe County Food Pantry (100% gift matched), and \$500 to Baptists on Mission. You are

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## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 8:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, spoken (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Choir Warmup (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Traveling with Paul (Curry Hall 202)
- 10:30 am: Rite II Eucharist with music (Nave)
- 12 pm: Caregivers Support Group (Conference Room)
- 7 pm: High School Formation (Curry Hall 202)

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 7 pm: Education for Ministry (Estill House)

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 7 pm: Vestry Meeting (Estill House)

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 10 am: Chatty Yarns (Corlett Hall)
- 7 pm: Adult Formation: Rediscovering Scripture (Zoom)

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 7 pm: Choir Rehearsal (Nave)

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 9 am: Buildings & Grounds Workday

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 8:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, spoken (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Choir Warmup (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Traveling with Paul (Curry Hall 202)
- 10:30 am: Rite II Eucharist with music (Nave)
- 12 pm: "The Rector Asks Us" (Corlett Hall)
- 7 pm: High School Formation (Curry Hall 202)



encouraged to add your financial support to these organizations or any of the excellent charities contributing to the effort. Our diocese also has a page dedicated to these efforts. If you have items you would like to contribute, Wake Forest Fire Department Station #1, 420 Elm Ave., is now serving as a donation drop-off point. Please pray for our friends in the mountains. If you are interested in longer term recovery efforts with particular communities in Western Carolina, please contact a member of the outreach team or the Church office.

### **MEET GREY: OCTOBER 20**

We had a great "Ask the Rector" session this past Sunday, and October 20 will be "The Rector asks back"! Grey and his family want hear from Nativity about our story, and ask a few questions. We will have a good old-fashioned potluck where we can share some of our favorite dishes with the Maggianos. Please bring your favorite fork-only dish (no spoons or knives). Food should arrive on your platter or dish, ready to serve, and your dish should go home with you. Sheila Knapp will be coordinating volunteers to help set up and clean up; please reach out to her if you can help in this way.

### **INVITATION TO JOIN THE VESTRY**

With the Annual Meeting being less than two months away (November 17), now is the perfect time to do some personal discernment as to whether you are called to serve on the Church of the Nativity Vestry. Please read the full invitation blog post by Perry Suk, which includes a link to the application form.

### **BOOSTER SEATS AVAILABLE**

Does your little one have difficulty seeing the action at the front of the church? We now have booster seats to help solve this problem. Thanks to a gift from NCCMI and Nativity, we will have ten booster seats available. They are found stacked on the back row of chairs in the Nave. Please return them there after the service.

### **BOOK STUDY: LOVE WINS**

Join us for a Zoom book study on Love Wins by Rob Bell, on Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 pm, October 30 to November 20. Together, we'll explore questions of heaven, hell, and salvation through the lens of God's love. Bell's work challenges traditional views and offers a fresh perspective on grace and inclusivity. Our discussions will focus on themes like universal salvation and the nature of hell in a welcoming space that encourages deep reflection and lively conversation about living out our faith in light of God's boundless love. Let us know you're interested by registering at [nativityonline.org/quick links](http://nativityonline.org/quick-links) or scanning the QR code.

### **TRAVELING WITH SAINT PAUL**

Join us from 9:30 am 10:20 am in Curry Hall 204 as we continue 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. Feel free to join us on any Sunday morning to learn more about this fascinating apostle.

### **KIDS' BRAINS AND SCREENS: WORKSHOP**

Are you worried about screen time? Join us for a ScreenStrong Workshop on October 21, 6–8 pm at North Raleigh Presbyterian Church. Learn how to reclaim your kids from screen dependency with real-world, evidence-based solutions. Free childcare with dinner will be hosted here at Nativity. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about your child's development. Register online by October 14 at [nativityonline.org/quick-links](http://nativityonline.org/quick-links) or read more details in Jeremy's blog post on the website.

### **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: ALIVE AND WELL TODAY**

Join us for a four-session course exploring the relevance of St. Francis of Assisi to our lives today. Discover his fascinating history and engage in discussions based on early biographers like Thomas Celano and St. Bonaventure, as well as modern followers such as G. K. Chesterton and Fr. Richard Rohr. Sessions will be held in Curry Hall 2024 on October 20 and 27, and November 3 and 10 from 9:30 to 10:20 am. Don't miss the chance to see an original copy of the widely sold story of St. Francis, published by Marvel! Let us know you're interested by registering at [nativityonline.org/quick-links](http://nativityonline.org/quick-links) or by scanning the QR code.

### **OCTOBER 27 IS YOUTH SUNDAY**

Join us on October 27 for Youth Sunday during the 10:30 am service! Our Middle and High School Youth will serve in all lay roles in the service, with four youth reflecting on the lectionary readings and their transformative summer pilgrimage. October 27th's loose plate offering will support the Youth Trips Fund, ensuring that all youth can participate in these enriching experiences, with scholarships available for those in need. Please designate your contributions as "Youth Trips" on the memo line. Thank you for your support!

### **YOUTH HALLOWEEN PARTY: OCTOBER 27**

Middle and High School Youth are invited to Corlett Hall on October 27, 6–8 pm for a frightful night of fun and festivities! Get ready for a team-based pumpkin carving competition, a costume contest, music, food, and more! Don't forget to bring your own pumpkin (cleaned out at home) and your favorite spooky-themed dish to share. Feel free to wear your costume. It's going to be a hauntingly good time!

