

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREASURER UPDATE

Thanks again to all who joined or tuned in to watch the Annual Meeting last Sunday. As you heard, we have a lot of amazing things going on at Nativity and in our outreach throughout the community. To keep all those wheels in motion, we rely heavily on pledge income so that we can plan and budget appropriately. Please help us finish the year strong by ensuring your 2024 pledge is current. Thank you – your commitment matters!

DAY OF GIVING 2024

This season, Nativity's children will spread holiday cheer by packing Christmas stockings for the Raleigh Uke Jam's upcoming concerts at local adult daycare facilities. To complete our goal of 75 stockings, we're seeking donations! Needed items are listed on the SignUp Genius, and all donations can be dropped off outside Jeremy's office in Estill House until December 1. Help us bring joy and a little extra warmth to local seniors this Christmas! Thank you for your generosity.

ST. NICHOLAS DAY: DECEMBER 8

On Sunday, December 8, the children of Nativity will celebrate St. Nicholas Day with a special service project during their formation time. The festivities will include a children's homily and a delightful surprise for those clever enough to leave their shoes in the back hall before joining the Eucharist. We encourage all children to embrace the spirit of this festive occasion. Join us for a joyful day filled with learning, service, and fun treats!

KIDS PACKING STOCKINGS FOR LOCAL SENIORS

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SACRED GROUND

Every other Tuesday, February 4 to June 17, 2025, 11:30 am to 1 pm on Zoom. Are you looking to deepen your understanding of

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 7 pm: Education for Ministry (Estill House)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- 10 am: Chatty Yarns (Corlett Hall)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 (THANKSGIVING)

Office closed

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race and faith? Sacred Ground offers a thoughtful, prayerful space for meaningful dialogue on race and racism. It encourages participants to explore history, reflect on family stories, and consider key narratives shaping America's journey. Guided by the vision of a beloved community, where every person is valued, protected, and nurtured, Sacred Ground fosters a space where we share in each other's pain and work toward each other's wellbeing, honoring our shared humanity as children of God. Registration is open until January 31 or until the class is full. Scan the QR Code.

BOOK STUDY: LIGHT OF THE WORLD

You are invited to join a virtual book study of Amy-Jill Levine's *The Light of the World*, led by The Rev. Grey Maggiano. This engaging exploration of the stories surrounding Jesus' birth will deepen your understanding of the Advent season. The study will meet on Wednesdays, December 4–18, 7 to 8:30 pm via Zoom. Sign up to let us know you plan to participate and to receive the Zoom link.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE UK

Join us on a transformative pilgrimage through Scotland and England in 2025! Explore historic Christian sites like Edinburgh, Lindisfarne, Bamburgh, and Durham Cathedral, where you'll walk in the footsteps of saints and delve into the rich tapestry of faith. Experience guided tours, spiritual reflections, and the beauty of these sacred lands. For more details on this enriching journey, check out this blog post and register today.

NATIVITY SHOW AND RECEPTION

Join us for a special cake and coffee hour in Corlett Hall following the 10:30 service on December 22, honoring Bishop Sam Rodman's visit to Nativity. We invite you to bring your crèche from home to display on tables in the parish hall — all types of Nativity sets are welcome! Awards will be given for Clergy Favorite, Kid's Favorite, and the Bishop's Favorite. You can set up your manger scene anytime after 8 am on December 22 up until the start of the 10:30 service. We look forward to celebrating together!

FLOWER VASES MISSING

Many of our flower vases are missing. If you have any of the Nativity flower vases of any kind — small, large, ceramic, glass, pottery — please return them to the Sacristy. Contact Ailsa Tessier with any questions or to arrange their return. Thanks!

