

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SAYING GOODBYE TO BRADLEY

A message from our Rector: "It is with tremendous sorrow that I inform you all that our music minister and parish administrator, Bradley Burgess has decided along with his family to move back to South Africa. We have been blessed to have Bradley here for nearly three years; he has been instrumental in helping me get settled these last six months, and has brought much consistency and joy to our worship, music ministry, and to the choir in particular. While I am saddened, I also realize this is a destabilizing time for many of us and I certainly understand the desire to be closer to home and to family. Bradley's final Sunday with us will be **March 16**, the Second Sunday in Lent. Please plan to join us that Sunday as we wish him and his family farewell and good luck in their new adventures. A small reception will follow."

### CALL FOR DONATIONS: HVAC REPLACEMENT

One of our newer Trane HVAC units has failed after just eight years. Since 2020, we've spent over \$11,000 on repairs, leading to the decision to replace it. The new unit will cost approximately \$22,000—an unplanned expense in our 2025 budget. If you feel called to contribute, we would be grateful for any donations to help cover this cost. Please write "HVAC" in the memo line of your check. Thank you for your generosity in keeping Nativity a welcoming and comfortable space!

### RAMADAN FRIENDSHIP DINNER

Nativity has been invited to once again participate in the Annual Friendship Iftar Dinner at the Divan Center (1076 W Chatham St, Cary, NC 27513) on Thursday, March 27, at 6:30 pm. This special evening is an opportunity to share in the spirit of Ramadan, enjoy a meal with our neighbors, and celebrate unity in diversity. Space is limited, so please register soon. Join us as we gather to break bread and build friendships.

### FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY

Nativity is interested in starting a new initiative: Family and Friends Day. We want to create a unique and exciting experience for the community this spring, and we need your help! Please take a moment to read the blog post by Hannah Harris about the event, and how you can share your gifts to help this vision come to

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 8:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, spoken (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Choir Warm-up (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Adult Formation: Early Christianities  
(Curry Hall, 204)
- 9:50 am: Middle School Youth Formation (Curry Hall, 202)
- 10:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, with Music (Nave)
- 12:15 pm: Caregivers Support Group (Conference Room)
- 3 pm: Spirituality in the Arts: Tosca, Tunes and Talent!  
(Nave)
- 7 pm: High School Formation (Curry Hall 202)

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 6:30 pm: Education for Ministry (Estill House)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 10 am: Chatty Yarns (Corlett Hall)
- 7 pm: Adult Formation: The Color of Compromise (Zoom)
- 7 pm: Handbells Rehearsal (Corlett Hall)

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 7 pm: Choir Rehearsal (Nave)

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### **SIGN UP FOR TEXT MESSAGES**

In addition to reaching out to Nativity parishioners via Glad Tidings and the website, we also have a text messaging service. This is an ideal way for you to hear about weather emergencies, upcoming special events, and timely reminders. We encourage you all to sign up at [nativityonline.org/nativitytextsignup](http://nativityonline.org/nativitytextsignup)

### **ADULT FORMATION: CELTIC SPIRITUALITY**

Join us this Lent for a five-session series on Early Celtic Spirituality from March 9 through April 16 from 9:30 - 10:20 am in Curry Hall 204. This engaging series will delve into the unique history of Celtic Christianity and explore its rich spiritual traditions that continue to inspire daily life. Through discussion, reflection, and shared insights, we will uncover how these ancient practices intertwine with our faith today. All are welcome!

### **ONE WAKE UPCOMING ACTIONS**

ONE Wake is continuing its good work in 2025 by advocating for affordable housing, expanded public transportation, and mental health in Wake County. Save these upcoming dates and join us to make a difference in our community!

- March 20, 7 pm: ONE Wake Annual Meeting.

### **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER**

Shrove Tuesday is just around the corner, on March 4! Please join us from 6 to 8 pm for food, fun, and trivia. Pancakes will be served from 6 to 7:30 pm. Donations will go towards the Rector's Discretionary Fund. We are in need of volunteers: cooks, dish washers, setup and cleanup crews. For any questions, please contact Gail Till or Viola Baldwin. This event cannot happen without support from volunteers, so please sign up!

### **SPRING FOYER SIGNUPS**

Foyer, a 35+ year tradition at Nativity, is our version of supper groups. It's a great way to meet fellow parishioners, and a lot of fun. Participants will be assigned to a random group of about six, and then take turns at meeting in each other's homes for a meal, about once a month. To sign up, or for questions, contact Ailsa Tessier.

### **EARLY CHRISTIANITIES**

Join us January 19 – February 23, 9:30–10:20 am in Curry Hall, Room 202, as we explore the diverse and fascinating beginnings of Christianity. Starting with the Book of Acts, we'll delve into early Christian movements like Marcionism, Montanism, Gnosticism, and Arianism. Discover how early believers wrestled with theology, prophecy, and faith in dynamic ways. Don't miss this opportunity to explore the roots of our faith—come and journey with

us!

### **SAVE THE DATE: YOUTH PILGRIMAGE 2025**

Registration will soon open for the Summer 2025 Youth Pilgrimage. This year's journey will take youth to Coastal New England to explore God's call to us to care for creation in all its forms: ourselves, other people, and the natural world. For now, you are encouraged to mark your calendars for June 16-21 as we prepare to embark on our next adventure in faith.

### **ADULT 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 journey, see Jeremy Clos.

