Church of the Nativity

Glad Tidings

November 18, 2026

"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" - Romans 10:15



Visit the website for a full list of **upcoming events**, **upcoming services**, and **current signups**.

Parish Updates



Thank you to everyone who responded to my call to get more involved at Nativity!

Whether you are interested in being a reader, an acolyte, or the finance committee we would love to have you involved here at Nativity. **Click here!**.

You are now able to pledge your **talents, time and financial support** (stewardship) to some of the many

teams and ministries that are available at Nativity.

The **Nativity website** has been enhanced with support for both types of pledges. The top menu bar now has two options under the **Pledge** tab - a sub menu for **Financial Support** (the existing online stewardship pledge function), and a new sub menu to pledge your **Talents and Time**.

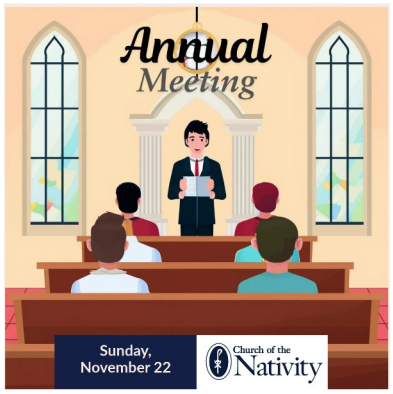


Space at the Table

Good stewardship calls on us to recognize our blessings and to express gratitude for our gifts. It is an essential part of faith to recognize that there are good things in our lives and to acknowledge the source of those good things. So take this week to take stock and thank God for His gifts.

As of 11/19 we have received 68 pledges totaling $275,252. This is an average pledge of $4048. We have reached 46% of our goal.

For those who have already made their pledge, thank you very much. To fill out your pledge for 2027, pick up your cards in the Narthex and turn it in to the collection plate or you can fill it out online.



Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be held this **Sunday, November 22 at 9:30 am,** directly following the 8:30 service. Please plan to attend this important gathering, during which we will vote to adopt Parish bylaws and hear key updates about parish life. You can review the bylaws in advance here. If you can't attend in person, the meeting will be livestreamed on the Nativity website, beginning around 9:30 am.



Christmas Decorations

The Flower Guild will decorate the nave and doors for Christmas this year with lovely flowers and greens.

If you have the variety of magnolia with small leaves with the velvet-y chocolate-y brown undersides, please let us know. We can come and cut in your yard if you like! The larger leaves are not suitable for our purposes.

If you wish to help this way, please contact Ailsa Tessier. Thank you!



Day of Giving 2027: Peggy's Angel Tree

For more than 10 years, Nativity's Day of Giving has hosted Peggy's Angel Tree, led by Peggy Wade, supporting individuals and families in need in the surrounding community. Peggy has been and continues to be an Angel to so many at Nativity and in the broader community. We are grateful for all she has done in her many years of service here.

Though Peggy is not able to lead this effort going forward, the tradition will continue with Nativity this year supporting immigrant families from El Buen Pastor, the Spanish speaking Episcopal community in Durham. Father Grey and Beth Crow have been working with the Rev. Susan Keedy, Vicar of El Buen Pastor. As you can imagine, the stress and fear the congregation has been under due to unpredictable immigration enforcement has had mental, spiritual and financial impacts on the congregation. The contributions you offer will provide extra support during the holidays and would be greatly appreciated.

Through **December 6,** members of Nativity's Outreach Team will be present in the Narthex with this year's Angel Tree. Each angel will represent one $50 Visa gift card, which should be brought to the church on **December 6**, our Day of Giving.



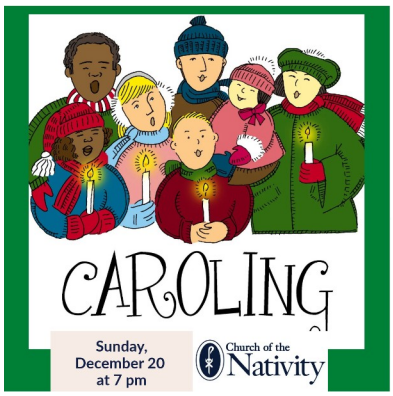
Justice Theater Project presents

***Continuity* by Bess Wohl**
November 13 - 22 In Corlett Hall

The Justice Theater Project produces a sly comedy where an indie climate change film script gets a big Hollywood budget. It asks two major questions: can we make meaningful art that people will actually come see? And then, if we somehow pull it off, will it make a difference to an issue as expansive as climate change?

Click here to purchase tickets and find showtimes.

Join us for free Dive Deeper Events with local artists and experts throughout the run. Learn more at https://www.thejusticetheaterproject.org/continuity



Spread Some Christmas Cheer at Springmoor

We're putting together an intergenerational group to sing Christmas carols at Springmoor Retirement Center following their service on **December 20 at 7 pm**. We'd love to have singers of all ages, as well as anyone who plays an instrument and would like to join us. We'll be handing out Christmas stockings to the residents as well. You can find an Amazon wish list here if you'd like to contribute. Please reach out if you're interested in being part of this special event.

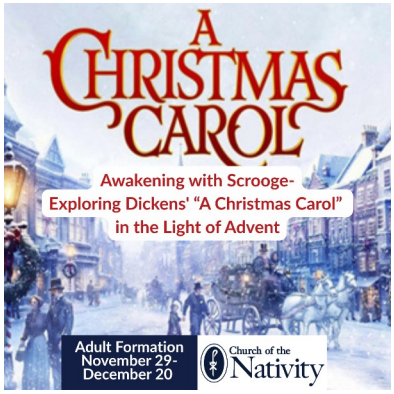
Youth Formation



Nativity's Christmas Pageant

Join in as we tell the Christmas story through story and song during the **10:30 am service on December 20**. Youth and children are needed to bring the story to life, with both speaking and non-speaking roles available. There will be a musical rehearsal on **November 29 from 9:30 to 9:45 am** and then pageant rehearsals will be held after church on **December 6 and December 13, and before the service on December 20**. Sign up here by November 26 to participate and indicate your interest!

Adult Formation



Awakening with Scrooge
Exploring Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* in the Light of Advent

The Advent season challenges us all to awaken to our own flaws and be transformed. Anne Ramirez will lead us in discussion of *A Christmas Carol* (1843), the most popular work of Charles Dickens, and consider how it still speaks to us in our journey of faith. We will meet in Room 204 in Curry Hall between the services from **November 29 through December 20.** You are certainly encouraged to either read the original novel or watch a film adaptation beforehand, but the story is so well known that anyone is welcome to attend even if pressed for time, or unable to attend all four sessions.



Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration

For Thanksgiving this year, neighbors from across North Raleigh's faith communities will gather to give thanks together. Join us for the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, hosted by the North Raleigh Interfaith Clergy Group on **Monday, November 23 at 7 pm** at Beth Meyer Synagogue.

There will be a reception after the service and all are welcome! Livestreaming will be available here. This year's service benefits the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina. You can donate here: foodbankcenc.org/give.

Find more information here.

Outreach



Episcopal Farmworker Ministry

The Episcopal Farmworker Ministry (EFWM) began in 1978 as the Clothing Closet Ministry. In 1982, EFWM hired



their first outreach worker who provided transportation and translation assistance to Haitian migrant workers. In 1986, they began offering immigration services in the wake of the Immigration Reform and Control Act.

EFWM then built a daycare facility as well as established a religious congregation for migrant workers. In 1998, they opened a permanent facility in Dunn, NC, allowing the organization to continue defending and supporting the needs of farmworkers. EFWM provides a safe, welcoming environment for everyone.

While the ministry continues to serve Latino migrant workers from other states and abroad, they primarily work with Latino agricultural workers who live in North Carolina year-round, including individuals working in meat processing plants, nurseries, packing houses, animal farms, and agricultural fields. They currently offer English, prenatal, music, and art classes and run a community food distribution. The ministry also provides one-on-one mental health services and community workshops.

Non-perishable food, gently used clothing, and other household necessities are always welcome for donation. For more information, visit https://www.efwm.org/



Day of Giving: Coffee Hour Refreshments

On **Sunday, December 6 from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm**, plan to join us in Corlett Hall for a festive time together where we learn more about the outreach ministries that our church supports. If you are able, please sign up here to tell us what you can bring for the refreshment table.

If you have questions, please contact the Outreach Team.



Day of Giving: Baked Goods and Craft Sale

Our annual Day of Giving is **Sunday, December 6**. Alongside the Outreach ministry tables, this year's Day of



Giving will once again feature a special section with homemade baked goods and homemade crafts for sale. All proceeds will go directly to the Nativity Outreach account for ongoing community projects and emergency/ disaster relief. For more information, and if you would like to contribute baked goods or handmade items, please click here.

This year we will be pricing baked goods by category, so you don't have to come up with a price on your own**!** All pies will be one price, all cakes will be one price, etc. Please label your donation with your name, the name of the item, and whether the item includes nuts.

In addition to pies and cakes, suggestions for donations include loaf breads, muffins, brownies, biscotti, cookies, cupcakes, dessert bars, fudge, and savory items. Yum!

*Please pack small bakery items in baggies or treat bags in quantities of four or six.

The donations of homemade gifts and crafts will be priced by you. Suggestions for crafts include knitted and woven items, tree ornaments, wreath bows, hair bows, ceramic items, greeting cards, photographs, paintings, aprons, wood carvings/cutting boards, wooden toys – or other items made by you!



2026 Day of Giving

Mark your calendars: this year's Day of Giving is **Sunday, December 6, 9:30-12:30 pm**. If you are involved with a service ministry and would like to have them be a part of our Day of Giving, please sign up here. We are also looking for extra tables and volunteers for setup on December 5 and 6. You can sign up on the same form.

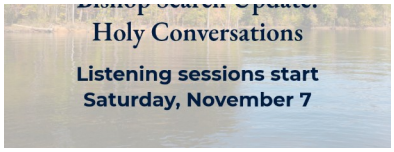
From the Diocese



You Are Invited:

Bishop Search Listening Sessions

The Search Committee warmly invites you to take part in



Holy Conversations, our listening sessions as part of our search for the 13th bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina. Our main purpose is to gather your thoughts, hopes, and prayers as we work to nominate a slate of candidates for bishop of this diocese, so that, in the words of the Prayer Book, "we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries."

We want to hear from everyone: lay people and clergy, young and old, longtime members and newcomers, and people from every size congregation and community. Your experience and your hopes for the diocese matter, and they will help shape this search.

For more information click here.

Nativity Prayer List

Please click here for the prayer list: **Nativity Prayer List**

To add someone to the list, please **email the office**.

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