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Your Attention Please

Mark your Calendars

Sunday, October 10 at 5 pm
Blessing of the Animals

Wednesday, October 27 at 7 pm
Environmental Stewardship
See articles for other
important events!

CARING CONNECTIONS

If you would like to be placed on the Job Postings email list, contact Karen Ridout, 210-6740, or kgr@mindspring.com. Postings are sent several times a week.

SHHHHH!

Raleigh Ringers will be recording in the nave on Friday, October 1 from 5 pm on, and all day Saturday, October 2. Please do not enter the nave during this time period—and keep the noise down outside too. Thanks!

Wet Paint

You may have noticed some fresh colors around the church. We're having some painting done. This will continue into October in various places including the deck next to the mobile classroom, so please don't touch any surface that looks wet.

Rector Search Committee Update

Jack Holmes

Your search committee has received the second slate of candidates. This slate consists of four well qualified individuals. The committee is in the process of scheduling visits to Nativity for each candidate. We anticipate meeting with each one here at Nativity over the next several weeks. Once the visits to Nativity are complete, the committee will visit the candidates that we discern are the best fit for our parish to see them in their home parish. We expect this process to take several additional weeks.

We are very excited about this second slate of candidates and we eagerly anticipate meeting each one. We appreciate your prayers as we continue our search for a new rector.

A Message from Father George

Thank you for the privilege of having served the Church of the Nativity for the last fifteen months. I've watched new life fill this parish, preparing it for its next chapter while the parish concurrently dealt emotionally and spiritually with Mother Diane's stroke and the financial struggles that the recession caused.

Ministering at Nativity also enabled me to become better acquainted with many of you. Sharing your faith, struggles, and joys has left me feeling humbled and honored to have been in the presence of so many of God's saints.

Optimistically, I had hoped that Nativity's new rector might be aboard by summer's end. With that hope in mind, Susan and I, beginning in March, started planning autumn commitments and travels. Unfortunately, events do not always unfold as we desire.

However, I am confident of Nativity's future. Nativity is truly a welcoming community of God's people who try to incarnate God's love for the world that we see in Jesus. Your wardens, vestry, search committee, clergy, and numerous other volunteers and staff bring so much energy, commitment, and love to their tasks that Nativity will assuredly remain a growing, life-giving, and vibrant Christian community engaged in ministry and mission. With its next rectors, the Church of the Nativity has a bright and even better future.

Sunday's reception was a wonderful way to conclude my ministry at Nativity. Susan and I are deeply grateful for the many expressions of love that we received. Please know that each of you, your loved ones, and the parish are in our prayers.

God bless.

Father George



Parish Life



Congratulations EFM Graduates!

These folks have completed a four year course in Education for Ministry. Standing: Charly Kerr, John Cannon (mentor), Alan Kettle. On the stairs from the top: Harlan Hagge, Carl Sigel, Carolyn Kerr, Diana Hudgens, Janet Alford, Gail McNally, Paige Davis (mentor), Helen Arm-

Big Tent Christianity Conference

Jane Vella

The Rev. Nancy Allison, Carl Sigel and I attended a national conference here in Raleigh on September 8 and 9 on Big Tent Spirituality - a movement to encourage inclusion at every level of the church. It was inspiring to hear the examples of inclusion and emergent, welcoming forms, and especially to see and hear the young people whose devotion and energy was contagious. A lovely Episcopal priest, Stephanie Spellers, from THE CROSSING in Boston summed up the theme for me: "I need people who are different from me in order to learn what they know about this faith of ours."

Visitor's Committee

Gail Jens

I am looking for persons interested in welcoming visitors. Presently I am calling visitors within two weeks of their visit. Most people are pleased with the church, but we have no way of following them after the initial call. We need ideas and help with this endeavor. If you are interested, please call Gail Jens at 790-0768.

Seniors Kick Off Luncheon Season

Brenda Johnston

The Nativity Seniors had their first gathering of the year on September 19. Approximately 27 people showed up for a wonderful luncheon at Springmoor. The luncheon was planned and hosted by Billie Hurmence. Many of the Seniors had not seen each other since last season and others were new to the group. As a result, people were happy to get together as well as welcome those who attended for the first time. Seniors signed up for the coming months. A member will host whatever activity they choose, such as a potluck or a restaurant meal. Whatever is scheduled, it is sure to be enjoyed by all who are able to come.

Billie Hurmence adds: "Great attendance for COTN's kickoff luncheon at Springmoor in September." Jen Winslow will host our next gathering in December.



Parish Life

Chatty Yarns

Brenda Johnston

The knitting/crocheting group, Chatty Yarns, had its first meeting on Wednesday, September 15, 2010. There were six knitters and one knitter/crocheter. We also welcomed Meg among our numbers. (Where were those men?)

It was decided we would meet every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 to avoid schedule conflicts. This would also allow someone to miss a week or two without experiencing a long absence. There is definitely no requirement that anyone attend every week.

While the basic purpose of this group is to make knitted/crocheted projects to donate, everyone is free to make whatever they choose, in part because ability levels vary. However, it is also a social group. As a result, we all had a good time getting to know each other. Please join us whenever and as often as you can.

At the second meeting the group had grown to 10 attendees; (see the photo on right.)



The Chatty Yarn'ers: row 1: Anita Kerr, Susie Holmes, Emily Phillips, Liz Chi. Back row: Emilie Sigel, Sally McCann, Beth Agayoff, Gail Jens, Allison Martin, Brenda Johnston.

All Need to Heed!

Chuck Till, Senior Warden

The Vestry continues to find that thermostats at Nativity are being adjusted out of spec. Remember, the single largest expense at Nativity that we can directly control is our consumption of electricity, which costs us over \$15,000 a year. In 2011 this amount will increase as we occupy the education building.

Every thermostat is labeled with an authorized setting that was carefully chosen to balance comfort and expense control. Some thermostats, like the ones in the worship nave, must never be changed because our musical instruments cannot tolerate swings in temperature.

I ask you point-blank, DO NOT change a thermostat – for any reason. This is a matter of environmental and financial stewardship. If you believe a thermostat is inappropriately set, bring it to the attention of Junior Warden Joel Kamya or to me.

Jubilee Chapter Order of the Daughters of the King

Invite you to join them for their

Annual Quiet Day

October 16, 2010

Led by the Reverend Meg Buerkel Hunn

Simple Soup, Bread, and Fruit Lunch

Closing Eucharist

| Location: Church of the Nativity
| 8:30 am Registration, Coffee, and Nibbles
| 9 am Guided Quiet Time
| 12 noon Lunch (simple soup, bread, fruit)
| 12:45 Holy Eucharist

Name _____

Guest _____

Please bring a Bible and a journal for the DOK Quiet Day
No charge for the Quiet Day or Lunch
Donations appreciated

Parish Life

From the Senior Warden

Chuck Till

The Revised Common Lectionary for a recent Sunday appointed Luke 16:1-13, which ends with the famous admonition "You cannot serve God and wealth." As we approach Nativity's Annual Operating Campaign for 2011, let's examine the role that money has at Nativity.

Nativity costs a little over \$1,000 a day to operate, but that's not the way I look at it. Rather, I see money opportunistically as one resource, among others, that enables us to hasten the Kingdom of God.

Subsequent to the personnel adjustments we made in 2009, our current parish income covers all the basics of parish operation, with three exceptions. First, we'll have to pay a little more for electricity, cleaning, and property insurance in 2011 as the Education Building comes online. Not a lot more money, but a little more.

Second, for 18 months we have been taking much better care of our physical assets. You can see the difference, and so can visitors. It's clear that properly maintaining our buildings and furnishings and grounds, as well as keeping our altar materials, worship garb, musical instruments, and office equipment in good condition despite wear-and-tear, require a little more money than we put into the 2010 budget for those purposes. Again, not a lot more money, but a little more.

Third, at some point we will have to resume making principal payments on our mortgage. That's mainly an issue for

2012, however.

Aside from those three exceptions, our current parish income meets our essential needs. I am proud to say that for the first time in many years, Nativity will pay 100% of our Diocesan asking in 2011. It's a major milestone in returning to congregational health. Therefore, every increase in parish income for 2011 can be directly applied to our mission of

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reconciling humankind with God through Christ. Fulfilling this mission takes many forms. Sometimes we minister to ourselves: pastoral care and counseling, education for all ages, and hospitality to newcomers are examples. Sometimes we minister to other Episcopalians; we're asked to support the seminaries that have produced the excellent priests whose ministry we have enjoyed throughout

25 years.

And sometimes we minister to those outside our church – whether local (Food Shuttle, Episcopal Farm Workers Ministry) or distant (Honduras, Haiti). For the first time in more years than I can count, your Vestry intends to insert a direct, specific line item for Outreach in the 2011 operating budget.

My friends, 2011 is a great opportunity for you to increase giving to Nativity because we're in a position to increase ministry immediately. I hope you will reflect on this opportunity in the coming weeks as we conduct our Annual Operating Campaign. Nativity is doing the right things the right way, and we can do more.

Treasurer's Report

Dave Mckinnon

Year to Date

Income: \$252.4K

Expenses: \$215.4K

Operating income was \$252.4K through August; more than budget by \$1.1K. Expenses tracked under budget by \$28.5K mainly due to salaries & benefits (\$13.5K), Building & Grounds (\$13.3K) and worship (\$6 K). Giving for the month of August rose back to budget levels after the normal summertime dips in attendance and giving. While we continue to add to our operating funds, we have significant potential expenses ahead of us with the search for our new rector, the moving costs associated with our new rector as well as additional operating costs for our new education building. We would like to be adding additional capabilities back into our parish in terms of Outreach programs and staffing. However, we need to see that we will have the ability to sustain those increased expenditures over time.

Let's now take a look at our Outreach accounts. The single largest expenditure is Diocesan Giving at \$4,333 per month. This supports the staff at the Diocese level as well as indirectly providing funds for situations like Haiti, supporting mission trips, supporting less fortunate dioceses in other parts of the world, etc. We have reinstated some specific outreach giving for the Honduras medical mission and have provided support for Haiti. Outreach also covers our clergy discretionary funding which helps out people in our community who have needs including buying food and paying electric bills. I believe we would like to make our Outreach capabilities even stronger next year, and we can do that through your generous annual pledges and donations.

Parish Life

2011 Operating Campaign – “Give to Grow”

Kevin Burke, Vestry

The time of annual financial planning, pledging and budgeting at Nativity us upon us.

Let's face it: most of us don't enjoy budgeting. Writing down where we spend our money can be painful, particularly if we have less coming in than going out. But budgeting is not just a case of trying to make our money last till the end of the month; it's a spiritual exercise, too, forcing us to think about what our priorities are. Whether we feel we need to or not, making a budget is a good way of managing the financial resources God has entrusted to us. It enables us to take control and make decisions as to where we allocate money.

2010 has been a year of fiscal discipline for Nativity. This sense of fiscal awareness and confidence, combined with the management of ecclesiastical and operational priorities in the midst of global economic uncertainties, speaks of the strong sense of commitment by the congregation. Looking forward to 2011, it is vital we continue to give. Individually, we need to listen to the Holy Spirit for guidance on how future giving may manifest itself.

For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." (Luke 14:28-30)

We give because we need to give - not only because our faith communities and charities depend on our giving or

someone asks us to give. The Holy Spirit is continually at work shaping and growing our hearts, leading us to reflect the generosity of God's nature, as well as the depths of God's self-giving nature made known in Jesus. As we give, we experience the deeper joy of growing into the full stature of Christ. One advantage of thinking about our giving in terms of giving away a percentage of our income is that it helps us adjust our giving as our income goes up or down. When we have less money coming in, we can give less, but do so knowing that our relative generosity is unchanged.

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:6-8).

The 2011 Operating Campaign at Nativity is in October and November with a target completion date of November 21. The theme is "Give to Grow" and the overall financial goal is a ten percent increase in income. Look for more detailed information in the Church and weekly bulletins in the upcoming months.

Your thoughts and suggestions would be most welcome. Kevin Burke, Vestry member e-mail: rtpburke@gmail.com

Adult Forum Notes

compiled by Ailsa Tessier

For those unable to attend the last Adult Forum with Senior Warden Chuck Till, Priest-in-Charge Father George Clifford, and Search Committee Chair Jack Holmes, here's a rundown of some of the salient points of the meeting.

Our Year-to-Date financials are on target, with income at 99% of budget, and expenses 90% of budget. Our education building is on target for occupancy in January, and we're on budget. Keep those BIF (Build it Forward) payments flowing!

Sexton Dave has been a most valuable addition to our parish. His hard work has resulted in a much cleaner campus, inside and out, including the grounds. Junior Warden Joel Kamya has compiled a worklist of 40 projects to be addressed over time. Our playground has been much improved for our little ones.

The baptismal font has been completely renovated. Altarware has been repaired with new altar items purchased, as well as new acolyte robes.

Between now and December 31, we will continue the search process for our new rector, hold our annual meeting and vestry election, and maintain pastoral care and liturgy. The Reverends Meg Buerkel-Hunn and Nancy Allison will continue into

October, and we are recruiting for a full-time Interim to start in November.

It's time for a Celebration! Nativity's 25th anniversary is December 5, 2010 (the date of our inaugural Eucharist in 1985). Bishop Marble will be with us, and he will celebrate and dedicate our new education building. Alicia Lester-Bodford will serve as Event Chairperson for the celebration activities. Keep the weekend of December 4th and 5th free on your calendars, and stay tuned for much more information to come.

The search process continues. Results of the first round of six names did not result in a new rector being called to Nativity. The Search Committee now has a brand new slate of three names, from a new pool of applicants, and are continuing the process of visits, tours, dinners, structured conversation, informal lunch, sermon and Eucharist. The results will be shared with the congregation at the conclusion of this process. There is no forecast for completion, as the process takes time and cannot be rushed.

If you have questions, please contact Senior Warden Chuck Till.

Outreach

What Can You do to Help?

Honduras Health Mission

Pete Crow

Beginning and intermediate Spanish is being offered at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Durham, FREE through the Honduras Health Mission. The classes will be open to people going on the mission and people in churches with affiliation to the mission, as well as other community folks supportive of the mission. Taught by Spanish professor Grace Joseph, a St. Stephen's parishioner, the Intermediate class will be on Monday nights at 6 pm and the Beginner class will be on Tuesdays at 6 pm. Classes will start September 27 and 28 at St. Stephens and will end on December 6. Call or email Priscilla Shows if interested (919 493-6007; priscilla-shows@nc.rr.com).

Please keep in mind the mission's need for used suitcases with wheels, as well as certain personal care items (toothbrushes, paste, shampoo, (no conditioner) especially Selsen Blue shampoo. We are not collecting non-prescription/prescription medications as we now buy them in bulk to get better prices and keep expiration dates consistent. There will be a PILL PACKING 6:30-8:30 pm, Wednesday, October 6, at the Church of the Nativity, 8849 Ray Road, Raleigh, NC 27613. Pill packings are one of the ways people not going on the actual mission can be involved, personally and congregationally. What takes you maybe 15 seconds to put into a little plastic bag will be an important source of pain or fever reduction for a family in highland Honduras. When all those plastic bags fill all those wheeled suitcases, well, that enables our doctors and nurses to provide a lot of health care for a lot of needy, deserving people.

Center for Volunteer Caregiving

Carolyn Kerr

Center for Volunteer Caregiving: Please sign up for training to become a volunteer caregiver. The next training session will be held at the Elk's Lodge at 5538 Leadmine Road on Wednesday, October 6, 2010. Although the exact time has not been announced it will be held in the evening. Contact Carolyn Kerr at ckerr1@nc.rr.com or 673-1347.

Interact

Sue Young

Many thanks for the loyal support of the toiletry collection baskets in the Estill House and in the narthex. The most recent batch of toiletries was taken down to Interact where they were most welcomed. As you probably know, Interact is a private, non-profit agency that provides services to victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in Wake County. Interact opened its new headquarters last year in Raleigh, the Family Safety & Empowerment Center, which brings together nine other community agencies to provide a wide range of services for victims and survivors of violence and abuse. The toiletries that you have generously shared are used in the shelter or are made available for sale in the store, which is open to clients of the agency. Proceeds are used to further Interact's services. The contribution of toiletries is a small way we can support the valuable service provided to our community by Interact. Please continue to collect and turn in your sample sized toiletries as you travel, and earn hygiene and grooming products through promotions. For more information about Interact, log onto:

<http://www.interactofwake.org/about/>



Above: Sue Young and husband John Oldham pack up donated toiletries for delivery to Interact.

Triangle Family Services

Alice Ragland

Tired of having to work around that old air hockey table/ movable basketball net/ ping pong or bumper pool table? Teenager "over" her wii system? Ready to clear out for Christmas? Help is on the way!

Time Together, the supervised visitation and safe exchange program at Triangle Family Services, is in urgent need of toys that would appeal to older-age children. While we have many toys for toddlers, amusements for late-elementary -- high school are sadly lacking.

If you have any outgrown toys that might be useful, please email me (Alice Ragland) at: A1348@bellsouth.net. Duff and I will be happy to come pick up and deliver. Thanks so much!

Christian Education

Youth Group Update

Jane Heyward, Vestry

Sunday School began on September 12 and we have over 80 students in four youth classes, grades 5th through 12th. It's a tight squeeze in the classrooms, but everyone is being very flexible and accommodating about it. We are really looking forward to the completion of the new building!

The Fixers (5th and 6th graders), Nativity's youngest youth group, is off to a great start with 27 young people in this class. This group focuses on faith formation while having fun and performing service to the church and in our community. The class began with a pool party hosted by the Weinbergers. Outings to the Food Bank and to Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Center are coming up this year.

The Rite 13ers (7th and 8th graders) are planning on sprucing up the Memorial Garden on Oct 3; planting new flowers and laying down mulch. They are also looking forward to a bike trip on November 13 and a trip to the Trinity Center this spring. We will also have a Rite 13 ceremony after the holidays for the Rite 13ers who will be turning 13 this year.

The J2Aers (9th and 10th graders) went on their Urban Adventure to Washington, DC this past summer and are now looking forward to their Pilgrimage in 2 years. They will begin their Christmas Greens and Poinsettias sale this month and continue taking orders through October. You can purchase Poinsettias to donate to the Garden Springs Retirement home residents if you would like. Delivery of greens and plants will be on December 4th.

The YACs (11th and 12th graders) had a great experience in Costa Rica on their Pilgrimage, meeting new people and working on their outreach project. They are preparing a slide show presentation of their trip which they will present to the congregation later this fall. In addition, the YACs will be helping out with the St. Michael's skit for the younger children and will have many guest speakers from the congregation throughout the year.

All of the classes will have an opportunity to participate in the Diocesan Youth Outreach day on Saturday, Oct 16 where they will work together to clean up debris at a Durham church and meet other youth group members from this area.



Fixers Swim Party

Sunday School off to a great start!

Right: First/Second graders: Remy Schneider, Maddie Gyurek, Kylie Showalter, Ally Beck

Below right:

Preschool/Kindergarten Class L to R: Jack Mulrooney, Michael Marotta, Katie Beudet, Allison Walter, Liam Marotta, Mary Hana Gaddy

Below:

3rd/4th grade class:

back row L to R: Kieren Harrell, Brad Beck, Landon Gaddy, Tyler Gromow. front row L to R: Nadia Special, Emma Norris, Sarah Israel, Robert Kenney, Melanie Altenkirch



The Green Page

Environmental Update

Ailsa Tessier

The Environmental Stewardship at Nativity (ESN) committee has been working on several initiatives related to the environment. We hope you took advantage of the CFL (compact fluorescent light) lamps distributed in August. Some parishioners have asked about the cost and the reason for the giveaway. Since our parish finances have been streamlined and are under better control, the vestry along with Father George approved expenditures such as this under the category of environmental awareness education. Cost was approximately \$200. The reason? Education, which is at the forefront of our committee's purpose. We're all learning what we can do as a community of faith responding to global issues of climate, clean air and water, energy use, and the soil under our feet. Using less energy just makes sense, both environmentally and financially. Sammy Mobley, longtime Nativity member and business owner, says he has changed about 75 incandescents to CFLs...since the resulting wattage is about 1/3 of that with incandescents, he is saving in several ways. There's no heat with the CFLs, so his air conditioning usage has plummeted. His overall savings on the elec-

tric bill is approximately \$200-300 per month from pre-CFL installation. Sammy is one happy businessman!

Another event is planned for November with a fall harvest theme, just in time for Thanksgiving. We're working with the Christian Education team to present future Sunday School sessions on *Faith and Nature*. This intergenerational spiritual formation program explores and embraces how God is at work in nature, using the Anglican approach of scripture, tradition, reason, experience – and fun!

Some other things we're discussing are an energy audit for the church, composting, and the use of compostable and/or biodegradable plates/cups/cutlery. Concerns about coal ash and clean water have also caught our attention. There are many ideas out there and we can't tackle them all...but we can choose some to work on – with your help! You can help shape these initiatives, and commit as little or as much time as you have. Please join us!

See box below for more information about CFLs.

Next meeting dates:
October 27
November 17
December 15

Green Tip

Be sure to put ONLY acceptable items in your recycling bin. Even one plastic bag carelessly added to the mix has adverse effects. Staff at the receiving end have to sort through and pull out improper items, and plastic bags gum up the machinery so that it has to be stopped and cleaned. But you're carrying reusable totes and not using plastic bags anyway, right???

For Knowledge of God's Creation

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

How much mercury do power plants emit to light a CFL?

About 50 percent of the electricity produced in the U.S. is generated by coal-fired power plants. When coal burns to produce electricity, mercury naturally contained in the coal releases into the air. In 2006, coal-fired power plants produced 1,971 billion kilowatt hours (kwh) of electricity, emitting 50.7 tons of mercury into the air—the equivalent amount of mercury contained in more than 9 billion CFLs (the bulbs emit zero mercury when in use or being handled).

What is the proper way to handle a broken CFL?

Open the windows and let the room air out for 15 to 30 minutes, then remove as much material as possible without a vacuum cleaner. Using disposable gloves, scoop the glass onto a piece of cardboard and wipe the area with a wet paper towel. For smaller pieces of glass and powder, use duct tape to pull up the fragments and wash your hands after cleaning up the debris.

What is the proper method to dispose a CFL?

In Raleigh, Home Depots will take UNBROKEN CFLs; no fluorescent tubes.

For more information visit:

<http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/hazard/wastetypes/universal/lamps/index.htm>

<http://www6.homedepot.com/ecooptions/index.html>

<http://www.sciencebasedmedicine.org/?p=6897>

Clergy Letter

A Letter From Nancy

September 29 is the feast of Saint Michael and All Angels, November 1 is All Saints Day. October, then, is the month that falls between the Angels and the Saints. Not a bad time to say "Goodbye" and to thank you for the many blessings I have received in this place. The Church of the Nativity has become very precious to me. And you - both individually and together - have found an abiding place in my heart.

This is a great congregation. A real Christian community. Not simply representing, but "being" the Body of Christ in this place and in this time. Hic et Nunc - Here and Now. That's the motto of an authentic spiritual life. It means that there is no spiritual life in the abstract. God's call to faith must always find a unique expression in a particular time and in a particular place.

I think that's what impresses me the most about Nativity. Your mission is, in so many ways, already defined by this place and these times. It's no secret that North Raleigh is one of the fastest growing areas of the country. People come here from many states, from many countries and from many backgrounds to make the Triangle their home. Some come for education, some come for employment, some are following adult children who settled here before them and decided to call this place "home."

That's what I see when I look out at you. You're such an amazing blend of ages, races and places of origin. People from everywhere. All, joyously welcomed and valued—not for money, not for family background—but just because you are here and want to be a part of this lively parish. That's a great thing. And, it is exactly what is needed in this place of constant newcomers. Welcome - for all - without reservation. Be bold in this mission. Don't wait for people to come. Reach out in practical and imaginative ways. Your new building will be a Godsend in allowing more weekday activity and more space for the wider community to find a home. People come here to build a new life. What better place to give it birth than The Church of the Nativity?

Place and Time. This Time - of political division, of economic hardship, of suspicion towards religious institutions and traditional expressions of faith. How can we find ways to express the faith that is in us for this time? Well, why not ask the people who will live in this time the longest? Nativity has an exceptional youth program. It is blessed with outstanding young people. I have been more than impressed by the way this congregation welcomes their contributions. Don't stop - just do more. A parish church is one of the few places in our modern world where young and old can meet, discuss and learn from each other. Keep at it. Make it a point to hear the voices of children and youth as you set your goals for this new chapter in the life of this vibrant parish.

Thank you for everything that you are and everything you are yet called to be. Let's remember each other in our prayers. I will think of you, now, headed towards your 25th Anniversary surrounded by the angels and upheld by the saints—of which, there are many in your midst.

With sincere admiration and warmest affection,

Nancy



Have You Met

*What folks do, past and /or present church involvement
We'll put names to faces and introduce several Nativity parishioners each month.*

This is a work in progress, watch it evolve...

*In this our 25th anniversary year we are spotlighting charter members
along with new members and been-here-a-while members.*



Steve and Tricia Williams: Charter members. Steve retired from teaching and coaching with WCPSS. Tricia works with WCPSS as Academically Gifted Resource Teacher. Attended first Black Horse Run meeting and were spiritually touched. Selected chairs now used in Corlett Hall. Children Curtis and Meg were confirmed and went through Rite 13. Enjoyed camaraderie of EYC, beach trips, Sunday school. Tricia has served on altar guild, as greeter, helped with EYC, taught Sunday school and was an officer in ECW. Steve is an usher. They remember being part of a group of people all looking for a place to spiritually bond, and have felt and seen that happen.



Phyllis Cross Barnwell: Member of Nativity 21 years. Former Vestry member, Sunday school teacher, choir member, and president of ECW. Belongs to Daughters of the King, is a LEM, and a Stephen Minister. Past chair of Altar Guild, and on linen committee. Involved with Pastoral Care programs.



Alicia Lester-Bodford: Member of Nativity 18 years. N.C. Certified Paralegal. Loves animals, especially cats. "Jessica's mom." Acolyte director for 10 years. Former Vestry member. Pastoral Care Coordinator, LEM, LEV, and Lector. Volunteer with Interfaith Food Shuttle. Also on prayer chain, worship committee, and environmental committee.



Howard Hardy: Member of Nativity 16 years. Retired from Energizer 2006 as Regional Sales Manager. Was "encouraged" by his wife to return to work after 7 months. Scuba dives around the world. Loves growing tomatoes. Usher at 8 am service. Makes baked beans for yearly MON pig pickin'. Member of Foyer for 5 years.



Sal Mungal: Member of Nativity 10 years. Bioinformatician at Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center. Enjoys personal athletic endeavors. Regular pancake flipper on Shrove Tuesday. Usher and Lector. Works with Meals on Wheels. Serves as teacher/leader to Pilgrims to Costa Rica, Honduras.

From the Parish Coordinator's Office

Happy Birthday to all those with October birthdays! If your birthday is this month, but not listed here, our parish database is incomplete. Please contact Jennie in the parish office (846-8338) to correct your information.



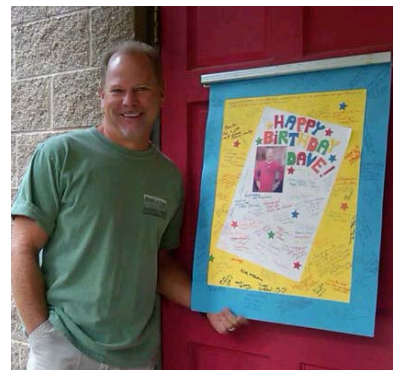
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* **Thank You, Nativity Family** *
* It was so kind and helpful of you to arrange for members of Nativity to help me on my moving day. I was very appreciative of all the hard carrying of boxes, clothes, and other items done by Perry Schneider, Sarah Gordon, Ken Tessier, Heike and Karl Schneider. It was just great to be completely moved into my new apartment all on one day. It made the change much easier during a very traumatic week. Thank you again. Sincerely, Barbara Renfrew *



Our hard-working sexton Dave was touched by the many warm thoughtful notes you wrote on his birthday card, for which he sends his thanks. Thank YOU for showing your appreciation for all that Dave does for us!



*Our congregation extends its sympathy and prayers to:
Carolyn Kerr on the death of her cousin Diane McKenzie
Joel Kamyra on the death of his brother-in-law David Mbowa*

*May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Prayer Chain: To begin a confidential prayer request, or have names added to the Prayers of the People list for Sunday services, please contact the church office. If you have an illness, hospitalization, or death in your family, please contact the church office. If you do not receive a response in 24 hours, please call back. If you have an emergency, please contact the clergy directly.



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**Glad Tidings Deadline for the
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Deadline: October 22 at noon
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Prepare to be Scared!

(and have lots of fun!)

The "Ghoulish Gala" planning has begun. This year the event will be on Saturday, October 30, 2010 from 5 until 7 pm in the parish hall. Everyone is invited. Children please wear your costumes. Volunteers are needed to set up prior to the party and clean up after the party. Please let me know if you can help with decorating, food items, games, music, haunted houses, etc. My contact information is: Maureen (Mo) Adkins, e-mail: maureenmom57@aol.com, Phone: (919) 325-9635.



Pig Time Again!

Perry Schneider

Nativity family and friends: make plans to eat lunch on Saturday October 30 (don't worry, NC State has a Thursday night game that week) at the 15th Annual Men of Nativity BBQ. From 11 am - 2 pm under the big oak tree, the men are serving pork with plenty of sides to boot. You won't go away hungry. The tangy eastern NC pork is cooked at COTN all night long by Sammy Mobley's pig crew. Prices are \$8 for the adult pork plate and \$4 for kid plate (ages 6-12). Plates include sides and drinks. Sides include coleslaw, potatoes, beans, and hushpuppies. Drink choices are tea, lemonade and water. Bulk pork is \$8 per pound. All proceeds benefit outreach projects.

