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To inspire, nurture and expand Nativity's spiritual growth through faith, worship and community

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Tuesday, October 14, at 7 pm

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Growing With Grace: Broader, Deeper, Higher

Last year, Bishop Curry challenged the congregations of the Diocese of North Carolina to GO! He challenged us to go deeper, to go outward, and to go to Galilee — a place familiar, but rarely visited by the institutional church.

As we consider the ways that the community of Nativity has found to GO, one image that comes to mind is that of our tree. The large oak tree is the first thing you see as you barrel down the driveway, and the tree offers a wonderful metaphor of where we might GO as a community.

* Branches spread wide, ever-embracing.

We seek to extend our reach as a community: to those who hunger for food and the necessities of life, that we better serve them; to those who are hungry for the life-giving spirit of Jesus, that we may share our hope for our world through Christ; to those who hunger for community, seeking sanctuary to live and move and have their being.

* Roots going deep.

We seek to go deeper into our faith, to grow deeper in our understanding and love of God. We look to explore God's vision of creation. We search for how we might live deeper in the understanding of being stewards of creation and stewards of our own households to live in sustainable ways.

* Trunk growing higher.

As branches extend, and roots grow deeper, the trunk of the tree must remain in balance with them. The proportionality of a healthy tree may provide guidance as we examine the balance of our Christian lives. What is the proportion of our time spent in activity and time for rest? Have we found balance in reaching out to others, while still attending to our interior lives of prayer? What proportion of our income do we share with the church, and with those in need, in relation to the other claims on our resources?

I find the image of the tree comforting but challenging. Nativity is at a place in its life that is comfortable, but yet I believe we continue to be challenged to go broader, deeper, and higher as a community faithfully following the way of Jesus.

You will be seeing more of the tree. Get ready to GO!

Peace,
Stephanie

I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:17b-19



Parish Life

From our New Intern

Imogen Rhodenhiser, Intern

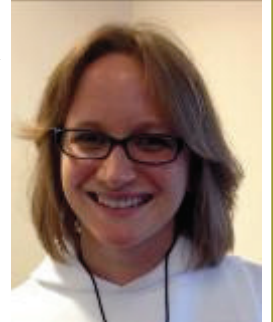
I am filled with gratitude to be serving as one of your interns this coming year. The first time my husband Giles and I came to worship at Nativity over the summer, I was profoundly moved before the service had even begun.

Upon entering the sanctuary, I was amazed to see the organ behind the altar. I have sung all my life. Singing has taught me how to pray, and so music has not been an accompaniment to my faith. It has been the pulse. To see such a beautiful organ not tucked away in a corner but at the center framing the altar and the cross was magnificent. Not moments after we had sat down, one of the ushers came over and asked if we would like to bring up the elements. It was like being welcomed home.

While the sight of the organ and the usher's invitation would have been more than enough, with a few minutes to spare, I opened the bulletin to see what the hymns and the readings were, only to find one of my favorite parts of Morning Prayer included in the Old Testament lesson from Isaiah: "For as rain and snow fall from the heavens, and return not again, but water the earth, bringing forth life and giving growth, seed for

sowing and bread for eating – so is my word that goes forth from my mouth. It will not return to me empty, but it will accomplish that which I have purposed, and prosper in that for which I sent it." Saying the Daily Office has been central to my formation and to see that piece of it before me brought me to tears. The homecoming was complete.

As a postulant in the Diocese of Michigan, I am required to do two year-long internships. So after the service I asked Stephanie if we might meet for coffee and discuss the possibility of my serving as an intern at Nativity. Thankfully, God took care of the rest, and each Sunday I find more things to love and appreciate about the community you are and what God is doing through you. Thank you so much for allowing my husband and me to become part of such a wonderful place.



I am a Crucifer

Ailsa Tessier

crucifer (from Latin *crux*, cross + *ferre*, to carry)

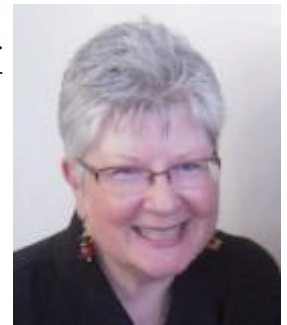
I arrive a little early and don a white robe, adding the cincture and silver cross to complete my outfit. Making sure we have acolytes and banner-bearer, I next lay out a bulletin for each of us, plus a hymnal open to the first hymn. Once we're all vested and ready, at approximately 8-10 minutes before the service starts the acolytes and banner-bearer and I walk to the altar, bow, and take up our respective items. Our group then walks down the center aisle to the back, where the torches are lit, and we wait to begin the processional.

As crucifer, I carry our beautiful cross, slowly leading the way to the front of the church as the entrance hymn begins. Once in place, we join the congregational singing. After the second reading, we take our cross and the torches, and stand about midway down the aisle, within the congregation, as we hear the words of the Gospel.

Assisting with preparation of the bread and wine for Communion is next. Keeping it all straight can make one a wee bit nervous, but as a wise former rector once said, "There are no mistakes on God's altar." When the second chalice goes to David too early, he simply whispers with a smile, "Not yet." I smile back and feel almost as good about it as if I'd got it right. Keeping an eye out during Communion for additional wine or wafers needed is all that's left to do, taking care not to get too caught up in the hymns! Once everyone has received Communion, I place the chalices and patens back onto the credence table as they are handed to me.

As the organ begins the final hymn, I once again take the cross, and, with the other acolytes, face the altar to await the signal from Stephanie to process down the aisle as the service concludes.

Reflecting on the responsibility this position entails, it's an honor to serve my church. I thought being a crucifer would be kind of cool and fun. Oh, it's much more than that.



Children's Church Needs Help!

Becky Showalter

We are struggling to find enough volunteers to keep this ministry going during the Sunday School year! Children's Church gives children ages 3 through 1st Grade the chance to leave the service after the children's sermon, sing some Sunday School songs to a music video, talk about the story and little and just be kids (It also allows the parents to actually listen to the sermon in the service!) As we determine our options, please consider volunteering for one of the slots in October. If you've been thinking about it, now would be the time.

Register at the SignUp Genius link on Nativity's Children's Education link. <http://nativityonline.org/education/children/>

Parish Life

What is Confirmation?

Stephanie Allen

Confirmation is a beautiful rite in the *Book of Common Prayer*. It is a rite of passage that affirms our journey of faith as part of an on-going creation. It affirms our faith through the power of the Holy Spirit. It affirms our identity of faith as Episcopalians as it is the Bishop (the episcopate) who lays hands on the person being confirmed or reaffirmed, and offers prayers over them.

Bishop Curry will be present on Sunday, November 16, to offer the Rite of Confirmation at the 11:15 am service. If you are interested in being confirmed, received, or reaffirmed, contact Stephanie.

There are two ways to prepare for this rite. One is to take part in Caleb Tabor's class, *Being Episcopalian (Among Other Things)* on Sunday mornings at the 10 am education time.

The second is by taking your choice of a class on the *Book of Common Prayer* and a class by Bishop Curry called *How to be a Crazy Christian* through our on-line subscription with Church Next, a site that offers a variety of church education offerings. These classes may be taken at your own time and place. There are questions offered for reflection, and ways to connect with others taking the class.

You may explore the classes of Church Next by visiting their web-site at www.churchnext.tv. Visit the *Browse Catalogue* tab. To sign up, send an email to Stephanie at sa@nativityonline.org and you will receive an invitation to the class via email.



Seniors' Luncheon

Tom McNally

The next Seniors' Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, October 19, at 12:45 pm. The luncheon will be hosted by Ford Thompson at the Relish Café, located at 5625 Creedmoor Road (Shopping Center at the corner of Creedmoor and Millbrook Roads). If you would like to attend please contact Ford at polymer@aol.com or 919-846-6339 or Tom McNally at t24mac@nc.rr.com or 919-376-1869. Reservations must be made by Wednesday, October 15. All Seniors and/or Seniors-to-be are welcome. Come join us.

Living a Life of Faith

In our society, we have lots of opinions flying all over the place, from arguments about the best color to paint the kitchen to war and peace and everything in between. Does our religion, does our faith, does what this community stands for and the way of Christ have to be the same? Does our religion require us to believe the unbelievable and remain in a cloud of ignorance about life?

I say "no" to all of that and I hope you'll join me in doing so as well. I believe that theologian Paul Tillich was correct when, in his famous book *The Courage to Be*, he described faith as "not an opinion, but a state." Faith is not so much the belief in something unbelievable as it is the narrative which brings our lives together. It is the thing by which we measure all other things. It is the big story that makes life's little episodes make sense. I don't see that as a topic for talking heads. It is a calling to live out. At the same time, it deserves informed contemplation.

That is what our community does together. That is why the church has a library. That is why the Episcopal Church's website is loaded with information about different theologies and religious practices which find a home within the broad but careful fence that our denomination has given us for grazing. Being solidly positioned within our theology, within our faith, within our worldview, helps us to better understand other things such as science, history, psychology, sociology, and even biblical criticism not as threats to our faith, but new experiences to be had within the vast canopy of Christ.

Exploring the richness of the Christian tradition regarding thought, philosophy, theology, and even creative writing will help us to put down deep roots in the faith we call home. I hope you all will consider reading the works like Elizabeth Johnson's *A Quest for the Living God*, Ian Markham's *Understanding Christian Doctrine*, or any books by people like Peter Gomes, NT Wright, Marcus Borg, or Barbara Brown Taylor. Theology is an invitation into a beauty of infinite expressions. It is music and poetry, painting and writing, experience and logic. But above all it is the real stuff of life.

Caleb Tabor, Intern



Christian Formation

Preschool through 5th Grade Sunday School Update

Becky Showalter

What a great start to the Sunday School year we have had! Thanks to all that brought their kids to the first several classes and registered online. We have had more than 40 students attend in our Preschool-5th Grade classes – it's wonderful to have that kind of energy and participation—keep it up! If your child hasn't had a chance to join us yet, please do. We would love to have them.



The 2014-2015 Sunday School year will see us continuing the Spark Sunday School curriculum. Included are online lesson plans, coloring pages, learner leaflets that lead teachers and youth through the lesson, and story and *NRSV Bibles* for the classrooms. Preschool through first grade will follow a Bible story curriculum where the children will be introduced to a new Bible story each week, while the 2nd-5th grade class will follow a lectionary-based curriculum that introduces the scripture they will hear in church.

All classes meet from 10 to 11 am between the 9 am and 11:15 am services. Thank you to all those who have agreed to teach Sunday School this year – as Stephanie would say, “you rock” – and we look forward to continuing a great year! Please contact Becky Showalter with any questions at jbshow@bellsouth.net or 919-845-8975.

What The Young Ones are Studying – Lessons for October

Becky Showalter

Preschool Class and the Kindergarten-1st Grade Class:
Using the Spark Sunday School Curriculum, these classes focus on the colorful characters of the Old Testament through fun learner leaflets, games, group play, crafts and more.

October 5	Isaac's Blessing
October 12	Free from Slavery
October 19	The Red Sea
October 26	The Ten Commandments
November 2	The Battle of Jericho

2nd-5th Grade Class:
Using the lectionary version of the Spark Sunday School curriculum, these lessons will center on one of our daily lectionary readings (the Bible passages read in church), and our hope is that this exposure to the reading in class will help the students connect to what is being said in church during the service. Outside of class, they will look for ways to put into action the call to be God's hands in the world by participating in different outreach projects.

October 5	Parable of the Vineyard
October 12	The Wedding Banquet
October 19	Paying Taxes
October 26	The Greatest Commandment
November 2	Be Humble

Youth Ministry Activities

Youth Focus on Civil and Human Rights — Saturday, October 4, 9 am. We are coordinating a youth outing to the *Durham Marches Together* event featuring Congressman John Lewis, lifelong civil and human rights activist and author of *March: Book One*. Interested? Please contact Fran Kenney at franandpatk@bellsouth.net or 919-676-8708. Read more here: <http://durhamreadstogether.org/>.

Spaghetti Dinner! — Sunday, October 12, 5-7 pm. Join us for a parish-wide dinner hosted by Nativity's youth. Come for delicious food and fun fellowship, plus there will be a slideshow presentation of the summer youth trips to Costa Rica and Baltimore, MD. No tickets will be sold, but donations are welcome. Contact Jane Weinberger at janeweinberger123@gmail.com or Lauri McCormick-Clark at l.mccormick.clark@gmail.com with questions.

Diocesan Youth Retreat — October 25-26. Weekend retreat at St. Andrew's in Rocky Mount, NC for middle and high school students. Nativity youth will be participating in this event, so plan on joining us! Contact Interim Youth Minister Paul Grass at youth@nativityonline.org or 919-946-6693 with questions or for registration information. Cost is \$50 and we will coordinate carpooling from Nativity.

Youth Group — Sunday, October 26, 5-7 pm. Youth in grades 6-12 please plan to join us for dinner, games, and a good time hanging out! Not to be missed! Questions? Contact Interim Youth Minister Paul Grass at youth@nativityonline.org or 919-946-6693

Christian Formation

Three Steps To Confirm and Reaffirm Your Faith as Adults

1) Caleb Tabor continues with his class *Being Episcopalian* at 10 am on October 5, 12, 19, and 26.

2) Study online through Church Next. Participants may choose three or four courses on the *Book of Common Prayer* to watch on their own time, and participate in discussions both online and in person. To see the courses, visit *Exploring the Book of Common Prayer* at <https://www.churchnext.tv>. The Diocese has paid for several subscriptions to these courses; to register, contact Stephanie Allen at 919-846-8338 or sa@nativityonline.org.



3) On Sunday, November 16, those who wish to make an adult affirmation of their faith and call the Episcopal Church “home” may do so in the sacrament of Confirmation and Reaffirmation. Bishop Michael Curry will be present with us that Sunday and will confirm those who have never participated in the rite, or reaffirm those who have previously been confirmed, but wish to renew their commitment to the Church.

Working Our Way Back to You, God

The Adult Formation Ministry Team has planned many ways this fall to explore the ways God is at work in our world, in our work, in our family life. Classes on Sunday morning will be offered at 9 am and 10 am.

Continuing through October will be *What Does God Want For Me*, a series using TED talks and the Bible. TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) is a series of conferences that occur all over the world and raise up speakers from different backgrounds and disciplines under the tagline “Ideas Worth Spreading.” Even though God was rarely named, these stories draw deeply into the question of where God is calling us in the world. Each week we will view a short TED talk, read a piece of scripture, and explore God’s call through the two. George Douglas, Fred Brown, and Stephanie Allen will be the facilitators for this discussion.



Nancy Allison

On Sundays, November 2 and 9, at 9 am and 10 am, the Rev. Nancy Allison will lead a discussion on *Where is God Going?* Participants will reflect on the church we love: the way it’s been in the past, the way it’s changed, and the way God’s ever-incarnating Life and Light may be shaping us for the future.

On Sunday, November 23, at 9 am and 10 am, *Why Go To Church?* will allow participants to name all the things they dislike about the institutional church, and be challenged to name the things their church is doing they can be proud of, and then to consider what they might do to make things better.

A Short Course in Holy Scripture

Jane Vella



Walter Brueggemann

This short course in holy Scripture, entitled *A Brueggemann Feast I*, has been designed by Jane Vella. Beginning October 7 in an intimate setting by the fireplace in Jane’s home, seven of us will “prayerfully study” the *Collected Sermons Of Walter Brueggemann* for seven weeks, from 7-9 pm.

Walter is a world-famous scripture scholar who has published 56 provocative books. His sermons have us reading scripture from the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) and the New Testament. Go to amazon.com/kindle/books to “look inside” this book.

Please email Jane for a full course description and a registration form. janevella@gmail.com

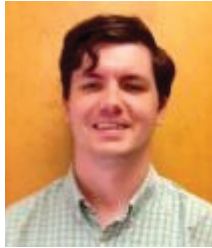
Caring for Creation

This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations. I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Genesis 9: 12-14

Youth Adventure Awaits!

Paul Grass

Growing up in the Episcopal church, for me and for many of my friends, was defined by nights of youth-only fun and worship both at our home parish and about the state at diocesan events. Youth Group #1 went off without a hitch, I am happy to report. That program, pizza, focus, and game of four-square melded together to make a great night. The youth asked for more kickball and less alliteration, and I will absolutely acquiesce.



I am thrilled to announce that the first great diocesan adventure of the year is right around the corner. These events are where I both met my freshman roommate and made each Sunday, even the boring ones, mean a little more. The name of the event is *Avodah*, and that Hebrew word also happens to be the theme. In the Bible, *avodah* is used to mean a couple of things. It is used to mean both work and worship. This event is open to all youth grades 6 and up, and will explore how work can be worship. Before you think it is all field work and solemn contemplation, I promise you that these diocesan events are full of life, games, and entirely too much sugar. I can not say enough about how great these events can make your life.

Nativity signs up for these as a group, so let me know (at youth@nativityonline.org) if you or your youth are interested in going. I will be there and hope you will be as well! *Avodah* is in Rocky Mount at Saint Andrew's on October 25 and 26. There will be no youth group on October 26 to allow for rest and homework.

BugFest 2014

Bridget Knapp

On Saturday, September 20, my dream came true. Once every year, my family and I go to the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences to celebrate the annual BugFest. BugFest is the museum's biggest event of the year. Thousands come to celebrate bugs by holding a green praying mantis, learning how to find bedbugs, and eating bugs! I've always wanted to be one of those people that held a bug for other people to pet while educating them about the bug. This year, I was finally able to. My highlight of BugFest was volunteering for the Roach Races, a comical race where people make bids on which roach they think will win the race. In the race, about six Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches each run across their own gated ledge while the audience cheers them on. The people who guess the winning roach get a prize. My job was to put one of the "little" roaches—they can be about two or three inches long—in my hand so people could touch it while I told them about it. Curiously, some people



would come right up to me and touch my little roachy friend without fear and others, at the sight it, would take a few steps back. Nevertheless, this was a dream come true.

Shout Out to All Young People (2nd – 12th Grade) To Attend Yam Jam 2014

Becky Showalter

Help Us Feed the Hungry by Gleaning Sweet Potatoes Saturday, October 11, 8 am-12 noon

This community outreach opportunity is targeted for 2nd — 12th graders. We would love to see a crowd from Nativity participate! Gleaning is an age-old activity (biblical, even) where groups go back into the fields that have already been harvested and find the food left behind, and distribute it to those in need. Last year, the Society of St. Andrew collected



tens of thousands of pounds of sweet potatoes with volunteers just like us that would have otherwise gone to waste. This is a great way for folks of all ages to give back and fight hunger in our area. Much of the produce will go to the Interfaith Food Shuttle.

Tentative details for the trip:

- gather at Nativity at 8 am in order to carpool (let me know if you wouldn't mind driving)
- travel to assigned Johnston Co. or Harnett Co. farm to participate in Society of St. Andrew *Yam Jam* event
- glean sweet potatoes from 9-11 am
- return to Nativity at approximately 12 noon
- a parent or guardian must accompany any young person 5th grade or younger
- some parent drivers will be needed
- please RSVP to Becky Showalter at jbshow@bellsouth.net if you are interested

Caring for Creation

With the support of the Vestry and fellow parishioners, Jane Vella, Carl and Emilie Sigel represented the Church of the Nativity at the People's Climate March in New York City. Below are some impressions of the event.

“The old has gone, and the new has come.”

Carl Sigel

On September 21, Emilie and I participated with an estimated 400,000 other concerned citizens in the NYC People's Climate March. People of faith gathered on West 58th Street and funneled into the procession behind a replica of Noah's ark to symbolize that now is a time in human history for a new revelation and beginning. While mitigating global warming was certainly a priority and rallying point for those in this historic march, the rising temperatures and sea levels, droughts, wildfires, and extreme weather serve as surrogate markers for other ills facing the planet as well. As I walked, I could not help but feel that people were not just there to call for our world leaders to address these problems, but perhaps more importantly, they came to Manhattan believing that we are all part of a new hopeful beginning. We marched to share our vision for a new world in which the environment comes before economics, and consumerism will be replaced by conservation. And, perhaps, at long last we will finally understand that if we care for creation, creation will care for us. *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!”* (2 Corinthians 5:17). Why has it taken so long?



Such a Time: The People's Climate March

Emilie Sigel



My husband Carl and I not only survived the People's Climate March, we thrived. It was a totally wonderful and amazing experience—truly, of a lifetime. One hundred thousand people were expected; 400,000 showed up. The full range of humanity: babies in carriages, wide-eyed children with endearing hand-made posters, earnest thoughtful teenagers, serious concerned parents, and our fierce generation, who in our youth ended the Vietnam war—in less peaceful assemblies. What a show of concern and support! Will our leaders and legislators, the leaders at the UN summit, listen? and more important, the next step is DO!

The breadth of concerns is astounding, covering the entire span of human and animal necessity, from air and water, to jobs, trees, soil, food, birds, butterflies, on and on. The posters of the little children were most touching. It is for them we march.

Very friendly festive air the entire time—ordinarily I am wary of crowds, keeping to the edges. This was a very big gathering of friends and we were in the middle. There was laughter and singing, chanting, music, prayers, cheers. Lovely chance encounters, amongst all that humanity, we connected with

friends, neighbors, and family.

We arrived early and got our photo taken with the wooden ark that led the people of faith contingent (which, interestingly, also included pagan, and vegetarian). This group filled an entire city block, illustrating vividly that the ark is not big enough...

The March began on Columbus Circle. Marchers were assigned to 14 streets to funnel into the parade in succession. These assignments included neighborhoods, cities, states, Peace, Justice, labor, students, scientists and interfaith (I love that these 2 were grouped together!) -oh, the list is very long. Each feeder street was filled to over-flowing. We were literally shoulder to shoulder, yet it was not claustrophobic.

I lost track of the number of times people looked at our Episcopal Church of the Nativity banner and my yellow NC poster, took our picture, and thanked us for coming all this way. "Welcome to NY!" They called out, or "I love Raleigh!"

The closing service was held under the magical Xu Bing Phoenix sculptures, in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

Community Garden Report

Emilie Sigel



The Nativity community gardens next to the Education Building were a huge success this summer. Produce was harvested weekly and a tithe of fresh vegetables from each bed went to the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle, helping to feed the hungry in our community.

Plans are afoot to expand the garden. There is already a waiting list for beds.

Spirituality in the Arts

Spirituality in the Arts Presents

Aurora Musicalis

Sunday, October 26, 4 pm

Waltye Rasulala, Choirmaster



Spirituality in the Arts kicks off its 11th season with North Carolina's long-standing chamber music ensemble, Aurora Musicalis (Jimmy Gilmore-clarinet, Elizabeth Beilman-cello, and John Noel-piano). They will perform the well-known and beautiful Trio in A minor, Op. 114 by Johannes Brahms as well as a recently discovered work by Austrian composer, Carl Fruhling. Fruhling was also a prominent pianist who served as accompanist to Sarasate and Hubermann. He composed many works, most of which disappeared in the aftermath of the Nazi regime. His Op. 40 Trio also (like the Brahms work) in A Minor, shows the influence of Brahms but is highly original, shows exceptional craft, and makes enjoyable listening. Join us for an afternoon of beautiful music.

Left to Right: Elizabeth Beilman, John Noel, Jimmy Gilmore

What is a Mystery Play?

Waltye Rasulala, Choirmaster

On December 7 at 4 pm, *Spirituality in the Arts* will present two of the Chester Cycle Mystery plays, *The Annunciation* and *The Shepherds*. What is a mystery play, you might ask? Well, mystery plays are the earliest form of formally developed plays performed in medieval Europe. These plays focused on the representation of Bible stories in churches as tableaux with accompanying antiphonal song. They developed from the 10th to the 16th centuries and reached the height of their popularity in the 15th century, before they were rendered obsolete by the rise of professional theater, the Reformation, and the establishment of the Church of England in 1534.

The name comes from mystery used in the sense of miracle, but occasionally they are called craft plays derived from the word *misterium* meaning craft, a play performed by the craft guilds. The guilds sponsored particular plays; sometimes there was a connection between their trade and the play's subject. For several centuries immense amounts of money, time, and effort were expended on producing these cycles of biblical plays. Often the cycle of plays took days to perform. The plays we will perform here at Nativity on December 7 are from the Chester cycle, which took three days to perform.

Originating in the church as simple verbal embellishments of liturgical texts, these plays slowly became more elaborate, increased in popularity, and moved out of the church into the church courtyard, and then to the public marketplace. Traveling companies of actors and theatrical productions organized by communities became more common in the later Middle Ages. They traveled and performed on decorated carts called pageants. In 1210, Pope Innocent III forbade the clergy to act in public, thus the organization of the plays was given over to the town guilds. It was at this point that vernacular texts replaced Latin, and non-biblical passages were added along with comic scenes. The subject matter of the plays would deal with the major events of the Christian calendar from the Creation to the Day of Judgment.

We hope you will join us on December 7 at 4 pm for our *Spirituality in the Arts* production of *The Annunciation* and *The Shepherds* featuring Voce Camerata and Consort.



Experienced Actors Needed

Waltye Rasulala, Choirmaster

Actors are needed for a *Spirituality in the Arts* Christmas Mystery Play: *The Annunciation* and *The Shepherds*, to be presented on December 7 at 4 pm. We need women 15 years and up and men 13 years and up. Rehearsals for the play begin on Saturday, October 25, from 1 to 3 pm, and are held each Saturday thereafter (except for the Saturday following Thanksgiving). Dress rehearsal will be Saturday, December 6, from 10 am-3 pm.

If you are interested, and have experience in acting, please contact me at wrasulala@gmail.com or 919-349-3690.

Parish Life

Entry Form for the Nativity Art Show *How we See God*

We Need your Art!

Evelyn Judson

Would you like to participate in the Nativity Art Show? We would love to have your beautiful works. Any age artist is welcome. The art will be displayed during the month of November. Then, if and only if you want to donate your piece, it will be put on Silent auction as part of our Day of Giving (December 7, the Second Sunday of Advent.) All proceeds from the Silent Auction will go to Outreach.

Please print and fill out this form and return it with an attached color photo of your work to the labelled envelope in the entrance to Estill House before October 20. Artists must be members of Church of the Nativity.

Name _____

Phone number and e-mail _____

Artist's age (if under 18) _____

Title of art _____

Size of art in inches: Height _____ Width _____ Depth (if 3-dimensional) _____

Medium _____

Display needs (wall, table, etc.) _____

Artist's statement (50 words or less, please, telling about your piece—why, how, who, or what was important)

Artist Release and Waiver of Liability

Artist Release:

I, the above named, hereby assume all risks and hazards incidental to any participation in the Church of the Nativity Art Show, November 2014.

The Artist warrants and represents that he or she is the sole legal owner of all right, title and interest in all Artwork, including all related intellectual property interests such as trademarks and the sole and exclusive copyright in all artwork, and has the full right and authority to enter this Agreement and grant the rights granted in this Agreement.

Waiver of Liability:

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Date

Parish Life



Save the Date! Saturday, November 15



Buildings and Grounds Fall Workday

*Senior Warden Alfred Christensen
Junior Warden Sue Young*

Nativity's Buildings and Grounds fall workday will be held on Saturday, November 15, beginning at 9 am. Breakfast food and beverages will be on hand and the fellowship is always abundant. We have a long list of tasks to complete, large and small, some individual and some requiring teams. Whether you are a jack-of-all-trades handyman/woman or would prefer to plant pansies, there is a task on the list for you. Feel free to stop over for any amount of time to pitch in. More details to follow in next month's *Glad Tidings*.

This is the same date the used books sale will take place. Our youth will also be on campus selling snacks and beverages.

The more, the merrier, and the faster we can make our campus look refreshed and maintained!

Used Books Sale

Gail Christensen

Are your bookshelves groaning from a load of books you read and no longer want? Do you want to read new ones, but the cost of books today is getting you down?

Not to worry - we have something to rescue your shelves and your wallet.

On Saturday, November 15, Nativity will host a giant Book Sale of used books, CDs, DVDs, and even lemonade and snacks provided by the children's Sunday School classes. The sale will begin at 10 am.

You may bring your books to Corlett Hall during the week prior from 9 am to 1 pm. Give us a hand by separating your books by category onto tables for mysteries, non-fiction, children's books, romance novels, CDs, and other types. Then return on Saturday and select books you want.

Instead of charging by the book, we are asking you to donate to Nativity's Outreach efforts.

Don't Forget

Blessing of the Animals
Saturday, October 4, at 5 pm



Phantom hasn't forgotten!

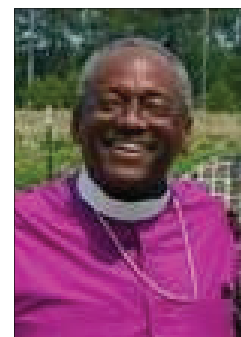
A Few More Dates to Remember

Stewardship Kick-off October 19



Confirmation

11:15 am, Sunday, November 16



Bishop Curry will be here!

Hush!

Raleigh Ringers will be recording in the Nave
October 17 and 18

Step Out

Walk to Stop Diabetes
Saturday, November 8
Info: Team Captain Maxine Highsmith
teamnativitywalkers@gmail.com

Cheer for Our College Students

Robbie Schuler



Hopefully by now, Nativity's college students will have made a positive adjustment to college life—some as returning students and others for the very first time!

The care packages that Nativity puts together have always been well-received and appreciated by these young adults, so we would like to continue with this activity this year. We have 30+ students, and we welcome parishioner donations.

Parents, please supply your college-aged child(s) mailing address to sallyr@ncaccountant.com or schulerthomas@bellsouth.net or franandpatk@bellsouth.net.

A labeled box for contributions will be in the parish hall. Please drop off your items by the morning of November 2.

Thank you for your support!

Suggestions include, but are not limited to:

- * hot and cold single-serve drink packets
- * granola and power bars
- * Halloween candy
- * gum and mints
- * Sunype fruit strip packets
- * Post-it notes
- * pens
- * highlighters

From the Office



Our congregation extends its sympathy and prayers to:

Charly and Carolyn Kerr on the death of his sister-in-law Joanne Kerr
Lucy Maloney and her family on the death of her father-in-law Bill Maloney
Judy Garces and her family on the death of her mother Betty Lyndway

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

Connect

Please note: we are charged by the post office for returned mail if you change your address and do not notify the church office! Please call or email Jennie coordinator@nativityonline.org with your change of address.

- Like us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/nativityonline>
- Follow us on Twitter @NativityOnline
- Join our email group. Log on to <http://nativityonline.org/community/keep-informed/>
- Read *Glad Tidings* online, in color, at www.nativityonline.org

Prayer Chain: To begin a confidential prayer request, or to have names added to the Prayers of the People list for Sunday services, please contact the church office 919-846-8338.

If you have an illness, hospitalization, or death in your family, please contact the church office or Stephanie directly. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Stephanie on her cell: 919-744-1663.

Job Postings—to receive daily job postings from Caring Connections, contact Karen Ridout at kgr@mindspring.com.



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Inter-generational Event Spaghetti Dinner and Trip Slideshow

Hosted by the Older Youth of Nativity

Sunday, October 12

5-7 pm

Corlett Hall

Come join us for an evening of fellowship and dinner on Sunday, October 12. The Youth of Nativity will host a Spaghetti Dinner and highlight their inspiring trips with a slideshow. No tickets will be sold, but there will be an opportunity to make a donation at the door. We are already thinking of our trips in 2015-16. A RSVP invite will go out electronically and a sign up sheet will be in the Estill House lobby (This is so we have some kind of estimate of who will be attending; you are welcome whether you have signed up or not.). Hope to see many there to share a wonderful event.

Questions? Contact Jane Weinberger at janeweinberger123@gmail.com or 919-844-1840 or Lauri McCormick at lmccormick.clark@gmail.com or 919-357-4720.

