

# Sunday Tidings

Our Mission

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



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018

## This Week at Nativity

### Today:

Services at 8:30 and 10:30am  
9:30am Christian Education for adults, youth, and children

### Mon, Feb 26:

7pm Blue Candle Bible study

### Tues, Feb 27:

6:30pm Yoga  
7pm Environmental Stewardship

### Wed, Feb 28:

10am Chatty Yarns  
6:15pm Evening Prayer  
6:30pm Supper  
7pm Program

### Thurs, Mar 1:

7pm Choir rehearsal

### Fri, Mar 2:

6:30pm Yoga in Christ

## Mark Your Calendar

### Wednesdays in Lent:

6:15pm Evening Prayer  
6:30pm Supper  
7pm Program

### Sun, Mar 4

11:45pm Discussion on Nave

### Mon, Mar 5:

7pm Social Justice meeting

### Thurs, Mar 8:

7pm Outreach meeting

### Sat, Mar 10:

8am Power of Attorney workshop

## Announcements

**2018 Stewardship campaign** — As of Feb 21, we have received 155 pledges totaling \$393,542. It's not too late to pledge! You may use the cards in the Narthex or the lobby of Estill House, or go online to: <http://nativityonline.org/abcphp/PledgeCardV2.php>.

**NEW: Volunteers needed** — Nativity is the lead church on the Episcopal Habitat build **this coming Saturday, Mar 3**, and needs at least **ten** more volunteers to work. We currently have only four signed up. Nativity also is providing the lunch, and volunteers are also needed to provide drinks (water and Gatorade) and fruit (apples and navel oranges). If you can help, contact Chris or Patsy Christiansen ([jocmpc@att.net](mailto:jocmpc@att.net) or 919-418-6670).

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** — also known as individual confession is available by appointment. Especially appropriate for the season of Lent, but the rite can be used at any time. To make an appointment, contact Stephanie directly (919-744-1663 or [sa@nativityonline.org](mailto:sa@nativityonline.org)).

**Photos for phone directory** — Photographers will be on hand to take your photos between 9:15 and 10:30am on Sundays: **Feb 25, Mar 4, and Mar 11**.

**Lenten Quiet Day** — **Sat, Mar 17, 9:30am-3pm** at St. Matthew's in Hillsborough, hosted by the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross, a vowed non-residential community of Episcopal women who strive to live a life of simplicity and prayer. The topic, *Wellsprings of Hope*, will include meditations followed by quiet time and will be led by the Rev. Susannah Smith. Continental breakfast and warm lunch included. Suggested donation: \$10. RSVP to [shfisher46@outlook.com](mailto:shfisher46@outlook.com) by Sat, Mar 10.

**Lenten Series: *Becoming Beloved Community*** — **Wednesday nights through Mar 21, starting at 6:15pm** with Evening Prayer, followed by supper and a program. The program subjects are as follows: Feb 28—"Confronting in-your-face Racism: Non-Violent Communication;" Mar 7—"Understanding and Responding to Systemic Racism;" Mar 14—film screening and discussion; Mar 21—"Where Do We Go From Here?". Please sign up in the Narthex or online: <https://goo.gl/forms/TTMqpluk9n8ljGFF2>.

**Discussion on the Nave** — **Sun, Mar 4, after the 10:30 service**. A group of parishioners has been talking casually about how to improve the Nave, short- and long-term, both in terms of use and in regard to aesthetics. Anyone with input is welcome. If you have questions, or if you want to participate or make suggestions and cannot attend the meeting, e-mail Evelyn Judson ([Judson.evelyn@gmail.com](mailto:Judson.evelyn@gmail.com)).

**Habitat for Humanity volunteers needed** — The building site is 3057 Camden Creek Drive, Raleigh. For more information, go to [www.habitatwake.org/faith/episcopal](http://www.habitatwake.org/faith/episcopal) or contact Chris Christiansen (919-418-6670 or [jocmpc@att.net](mailto:jocmpc@att.net)). To volunteer go to: <http://vhub.at/EpiscopalBuild>.

## Announcements

**Drive with care!** With two churches in close proximity, there are often pedestrians on the access drive. Please drive slowly when arriving and departing Nativity.

**Baptism dates for 2018: Apr 1, May 20, Sept 16, Nov 4.** If you are interested in any of these dates, contact Stephanie Allen.

If you are able to give someone a ride (from the Creedmoor Rd area) to the 10:30am service once a month, contact Susie Holmes [susieholmes123@gmail.com](mailto:susieholmes123@gmail.com).

**Yoga in Christ — Fridays, 6:30–8:30pm**, in Corlett Hall. For more details visit [www.meetup.com/Yoga-in-Christ/](http://www.meetup.com/Yoga-in-Christ/).

**Stephen Ministers can help** — If you or someone you know is going through a challenging time (depression, divorce, new baby, teenagers, marital issues, or illness) and need to talk with someone who can offer support, contact Deacon David Lynch ([dl@nativityonline.org](mailto:dl@nativityonline.org) or 919-805-1902).

**Audio reinforcement system available** — Our audio system in the Nave incorporates individual hearing-assist units for parishioners with diminished hearing. These devices are available in the Narthex from the ushers.

**Prayer requests** — To begin a confidential prayer request, contact Anita Kerr ([anitawillsiekerr@gmail.com](mailto:anitawillsiekerr@gmail.com)), or Carolyn Kerr ([Ckerr1@nc.rr.com](mailto:Ckerr1@nc.rr.com) or 919-872-0698) for Daughters of the King. If you leave a phone message, please include the nature of your request. Contact the church office to have names added to the Prayers of the People list for Sunday services.

## Christian Formation

### Children/Youth Education — meet at 9:30am

- *Kids' Club* (children) and *Rooted* (youth). Join us for a morning of fun and Bible lessons!
- Big News! The youth now have an active website where you will find everything from calendars, sign-ups, diocesan events and upcoming events: [www.nativityyouth.org](http://www.nativityyouth.org).
- Youth are invited to participate in our Lenten study *Becoming Beloved Community*. This partially youth-led program includes activities, small-group discussions, and stories!

### Adult Education — meets at 9:30am

- *Science and Religion* (last week)
- *The Last Week* by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan, Mar 4-25, led by the Rev. Stephanie Allen, George Douglas, and others. Using the Gospel of Mark as its guide, the book presents a day-by-day account of Jesus' final week of life, beginning on Palm Sunday.
- *Reflections on the Lectionary Readings* meets in the parlor.
- Blog discussion group: Father George's *Ethical Musings* blog from Feb 7 "#MeToo." We hope that you will have read it prior to coming to the class, but we will have a few copies available for those who have not had an opportunity to do so. Next Sun, Mar 4: Blog by Bishop Jake Owensby, Bishop of Western Louisiana, *Looking for God in Messy Places*: "Picking Up the Pieces: Home is more than a street address." <https://jakeowensby.com/2018/02/12/picking-up-the-pieces/>

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