

Sunday Tidings

Our Mission

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



SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017

This Week at Nativity

Today:

Services at 8, 9, and 11:15am
9 and 10:15am Adult Education
10:15am Children and Youth Education

11:15am Youth Sunday Graduate recognition

12:45pm Seniors' luncheon
4pm Tosca, Tunes, and Tofu
5pm Youth group

Mon, May 22:

7pm Blue Candle Bible Study, Social Justice meeting

Tues, May 23:

6:30pm Yoga, Men's softball

Wed, May 24:

10am Chatty Yarns
6:45pm EfM

Mark Your Calendar

Mon, May 29:

Church office closed

Wed, May 31:

6:45pm Wine and Wisdom

Tues, June 6:

6:30pm Men's softball game

Sun, June 11:

Begin summer schedule — services at 8:30 and 10:30am

Wed, June 14:

7pm Scotch and Scripture

Announcements

Reaching Up, Reaching Out — we have received 53 pledges totaling

\$233,984.57. Pledge cards and brochures about the campaign are available in the Narthex and in Estill House. More information online at www.nativityonline.org under the Giving tab.

NEW: Environmental Stewardship meeting — Tues, May 23, 7 pm, in Estill House. Agenda will include moving toward zero waste, the community garden, the solar project, Adult Formation, and *Becoming the Good Soil*. All are welcome.

NEW: Habitat House dedication service — Sat, June 10, 1pm at 921 Skinner Drive, Raleigh. The EpsicoBuild Habitat House is complete! Please join us for the service of blessing and dedication.

Seniors' luncheon — today at 12:45pm, at Nantucket Grill (1145 Falls River Ave), hosted by Shelby and Barbara Hendren.

Spirituality in the Arts presents: Tosca, Tunes and Tofu: Take Thirteen — today at 4 pm. Join us for this annual performance showcase by talented members and friends of Church of the Nativity. After the concert, enjoy a tofu extravaganza buffet served up savory and sweet, with a bit of spice.

Youth quilt raffle — come buy your raffle tickets in the lobby of the Estill House to help support our youth. \$5 per ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets.

Men's Softball — Our next game is **Tues, May 23, at 6:30pm** (players be at the field by 6pm), at Friendship Baptist (5510 Falls of Neuse Rd, 27609). If you are interested in playing on the men's softball team, please contact Randy Watkins (301-639-9988 or randywatkins@gmail.com). All fans are welcome to cheer the team to victory!

Exploding Faith Lab Vacation Bible School — July 9-12. Join us while we explore some stories in the Bible through EXPLOSIVE, hands-on, wacky ways using science. Open to all children, not just members of our church. Volunteers needed! Interested? Contact Kathryn (kb@nativityonline.org) — you can help the entire time or just for certain days.

Announcements

Confession — If you would like to make an individual confession, contact Stephanie to set up an appointment.

Baptism date for 2017: Nov 5 (All Saints), at the 11:15am service. If you are interested in this date, contact Stephanie Allen.

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 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), or contact Carolyn Kerr (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.

Prayer squares — Know someone in need of prayer? Looking for a tangible way to let them know you are praying? Pick up a "prayer square" in the Narthex. Each square is knitted or crocheted with a small charm and message and prayer attached. Thank you to Diane Rietman for this ministry of prayer.

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

Christian Formation

Children/Youth Education: meet at 10:15am. Please note: our last day of classes will be May 21.

- Sunday Sundaes- what better way is there to celebrate Youth Sunday than an ice cream sundae at church? Join us during fellowship in Corlett Hall to create your Sunday sundae!

Children:

- Children's Church — **at the 11:15 service**, after the children's sermon.
- Pre-Youth Group (4th and 5th graders) — **Sun, May 21, 4-5:45pm**, in the youth room. *Bring-a-Friend night!*

Youth:

- Last youth group — **tonight, 5-7pm** in the youth room. Come kick off summer with some wacky fun and food!
- Eat, Pray, Study — **Wednesdays from 3:30-8:15pm**. Friends welcome! Bring homework, something to study, or just something quiet to do! Dinner and evening prayer start at 7:30.

Adult Education —

- **10:15am** — *Reflections on the Lectionary Readings*, meets in the parlor
- **9 and 10:15am** — *Reading Biblical Literature: from Genesis to Revelations*. This week: *Self-Giving Love According to John*.
- **10:15am** — *A Life of Grace for the Whole World: A Study Course on the House of Bishops' Pastoral Teaching on the Environment*: in the conference room of Estill House.

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