

Sunday Tidings

Our Mission

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



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

This Week at Nativity

Today:

Services at 8:30 and 10:30am
9:30am Annual Meeting, vestry elections
Children and Youth education

Mon, Dec 11:

7pm Blue Candle Bible Study

Tues, Dec 12:

9:30am Tai Chi
6:30pm Yoga

7pm Vestry meeting

Wed, Dec 13:

10am Chatty Yarns
6:45pm EfM
7pm Scotch and Scripture

Thurs, Dec 14:

7pm Choir rehearsal, Outreach meeting

Fri, Dec 15:

6:30pm Yoga in Christ

Mark Your Calendar

Sun, Dec 17:

Episcopal Visitation
5pm Youth group

Sun, Dec 24:

10:30am Contemplative Eucharist for Advent IV
11:30am Greening of the Church
4:30, 7, and 10pm Christmas Eve Services

Mon, Dec 25:

10am Holy Eucharist

Mon, Dec 25-Mon, Jan 1:

Church office closed

Sun, Dec 31:

10:30am Christmas Lessons and Carols (No 8:30 service or Christian Education)

Announcements

2018 Stewardship campaign — As of Dec 6, we have received 104 pledges totaling \$275,916. If you have not yet turned in your pledge, you may make it with the cards in the Narthex or the lobby of Estill House, or online: <http://nativityonline.org/abcphp/PledgeCardV2.php>. Also, please note that all 2017 pledges and donations must be received by **Dec 31** for tax purposes.

NEW: Day of Giving — the Outreach ministry extends its thanks for your generosity at this year's event held last weekend. Several organizations representing Nativity's local and global outreach collected over \$9.6K in donations, with the total going over \$11.1K once Angel Tree packages are delivered to foster children next week. Thank you for your caring for others and for creation.

NEW: Candlelight Contemplative Eucharist — Sun, Dec 24, at 10:30am (only one service that morning). You are invited to take a deep breath and sit in candlelight in quiet contemplation right on the cusp of the celebration of the Nativity. For our morning service on the fourth Sunday of Advent, our worship will be in the darkness of Advent, lit by candles, soft and contemplative in feel, and a time to relax from the craziness of the holiday season.

NEW: Greening the Church for Christmas — Dec 24, after the 10:30 service. Pruning your bushes? The Flower Guild needs evergreens to prepare for the Greening of the Church. Bring the greens on **Fri, Dec 22, or Sat, Dec 23, by 9am**, and place them on the grass next to the choir entrance.

NEW: Christmas Pageant — we need a few youngsters to tell the Christmas Story in the next few weeks that will be recorded and played during our Christmas Eve services at 4:30 and 7pm for a fun spin on a classic. If you want to be part of our impromptu pageant, you can either help tell the story to be recorded, or have a part that night (show up 15-20 minutes early in the Education Building to pick a costume). There will be help during the service to guide and direct. All are welcome—no age limits.

NEW: Christmas Service schedule:

Christmas Eve — **services at 4:30, 7, and 10pm** (music begins 15mins prior to each service). Pageant at 4:30 and 7pm services.

Christmas Day — **service at 10am**

Confirmation — Sun, Dec 17. The Rt. Rev. Samuel Rodman will join us next week at both services, and will confirm and baptize at the 10:30am service. Show some love to our confirmands by writing a simple letter of support. Letters will be read to the class and displayed on their Confirmation wall. If interested, see Kathryn. Leave your letters in the inbox on the youth room door in the Education Building.

Habitat for Humanity — help needed to finish 7 homes now under construction in Raleigh, Holly Springs and Zebulon. Sign up at <https://www.habitatwake.org/volunteer/construction> or contact Emmy Oakley (919-744-2423 or emily.oakley@habitatwake.org).

Training for new Stephen Ministers — begins Jan 27. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister or in learning more about this important caring ministry, contact George Douglas (919-745-7514 or gbdouglas3@gmail.com).

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Baptism dates for 2018: Jan 7, 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.

Tai chi classes — Tuesdays from 9:30–11:30am. For more info, visit www.taoist.org/usa or call 919-787-9600.

Yoga in Christ — Fridays, 6:30–8:30pm, in Corlett Hall. For more details visit 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 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 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.

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

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!
- Grub Group- All grades, Tues, Dec 12, 6:30-7:30pm, at Chick-fil-A on Six Forks. Bring a friend!

Adult Education — come to the Annual Meeting (in Corlett Hall, at 9:30am)!

Our regular classes will be taking a break during the month of December, but will resume in the new year:

- *Science and Religion*: A video lecture delivered by Professor Lawrence M. Principe, PhD, from Johns Hopkins University, followed by a live discussion. What is the nature of the relationship of these crucial forces? When do they conflict, and how do they influence each other in pursuit of knowledge and truth? Led by George Douglas.
- *Reflections on the Lectionary Readings*, meets in the parlor
- Book study: *A Praying Life: Connecting with God in a Distracting World*

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