Glad Tidings
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Visit the website for a full list of upcoming events, upcoming services, and current signups.

Parish Life

Call for Youth Volunteers

The Diocese of North Carolina requires two adult volunteers to be present whenever the youth are gathered in order to comply with the standards set forth in the Safe Church, Safe Communities guidelines. In order to keep offering our weekly youth gatherings, volunteers are needed to be the second adult each week. All that is required on a weekly basis is a willingness to be present with our young people, engage in some fun games with them, and add your voice to the discussion following the lesson or story. Regular volunteers need to complete Safe Church, Safe Communities training online. Please reach out to Jeremy Clos if you are willing to engage in this vital ministry.
Help Needed for Rite of Passage

On August 27, Nativity will offer a Rite of Passage ceremony for young people who have recently turned 13. This ceremony celebrate the beginning of their transition from the world of childhood to the world of adulthood. Following the ceremony, the youth and their families will gather for a special luncheon in Corlett Hall. Sign-up to volunteer to prepare a simple dish for the youth and their families here.

Senior Luncheon

Senior Luncheon will begin its new dining season on September 17th. If you’d like to join us or would like more information please email Cheryl Waechter.

From the Clergy

True Colors: LGBTQIA+ Youth Support Group

We had a terrific meeting about Nativity’s upcoming LGBTQIA+ support group.

Read more about this wonderful initiative in Phillip’s blog post.

Youth & Children
Today is the last day to register your youth for the Rite of Passage Ceremony on August 27th. If you have a youth who has recently turned thirteen, or will turn thirteen before the end of August, they are eligible to participate in Nativity's Rite of Passage during which we will celebrate the beginning of their move from the world of childhood toward the world of adulthood. Our young people will assist in the 10:30 am Holy Eucharist that will also include a special blessing for them. The service will be followed by a lunch for the celebrities and their families.

If your youth is older than 13 and has not previously participated in a Rite of Passage ceremony because of the pandemic, they are welcome to join in the August ceremony. We will hold another ceremony in January for those turning 13 after September 1.

Adult Formation

Registration is now open for Education for Ministry (EfM) for the autumn of 2023. The EfM group will meet here at Nativity on Monday evenings starting in late September. If you plan to participate in EfM, please register as soon as possible in order to receive your materials. Tuition for 2023-24 is $330. Please contact Rev. Stephanie Allen if you need assistance with this fee.

EfM, offered through Sewanee (University of the South), is a unique distance learning certificate program in theological education based on small-group study and practice using small, mentored groups that provide
the framework for understanding life and shaping actions, deepening Christian faith. Registration will open soon. If you are interested in learning more please contact Jeremy Clos. You can also read more about EfM in this blog post by Matt Chytka.

Outreach

Rise Against Hunger

Nativity's 11th annual Rise Against Hunger intergenerational meal-packaging event will be held in Corlett Hall after the 10:30 am service on Sunday, September 10. This year we're hoping to have at least 60 participants from Nativity and our neighbors at North Raleigh Presbyterian Church to help package 10,000+ meals. RAH requires all participants be registered for the event. Please register you and your family ahead of the event.

Veterans@Nativity

Next Coffee Hour

The next Veterans@Nativity coffee hour will be on August 13, following the 10:30 am service. You can read more about this initiative in this blog post by Ryan Parker. For more info, please contact Ryan.

Community Events

Caring for our Couple Relationship: Invitation to Retreat

You are invited to participate in a couples' retreat to be held at the Doubletree Inn in RTP. Participants will have an opportunity to celebrate and grow in their relationships. There will be fun times and opportunities for couple reflection. The retreat is open to all committed couples.

For more information and to register, go to the Better Marriages website and click on the events page for details and to register. Registration is $236,
which includes two meals. A block of rooms is being held at the hotel at a special conference rate until August 18. Scholarships are available.

Contact Carl and Nancy Terry for more information, at 919-559-2827.

Nativity Prayer List

We remember the sick and suffering in our community
Alice, Barbara, Betty, Bill, Carol, Dee, Diane, Don, Jack, Jane, Karen, Kelly, Marion, Maxine, Nancy, Stephen, Steve

We pray for our friends, family, and neighbors
Anna, Arybella, Bob, Chris, Danielle, Danny, Dave, Emma, Gabe, Gemma, Henry, Jackson, John, John, John, Kelvin, Licia, Michelle, Nicole, Roy, Roy, Sara, Tom, Vivian

We pray for those expecting a child
Annelise and Lennox, Adam and Sarah, James and Emily

We pray for those preparing for marriage
Taylor and Drew

We pray for those who have died
Dorothy Hamilton, Craig Dick, Rodney Clos, Henry Halvorson, Wes Chavis, Maxine Highsmith

If you would like to add someone to the Nativity prayer list, please email Bradley.

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