

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Nativity had a strong first quarter as donations exceeded budget. This is typical, as a number of parishioners donate their entire year's pledge at the start of the year. Thank you, all! In the next two quarters, we will incur some significant expenses; the required financial audit comes with a \$15,000 fee, and our aging HVAC systems for Estill House are requiring more service calls. The second and third quarters typically see significant drops in donations, so we ask that you maintain your giving levels, especially during the summer months. You can read the full report online or on the bulletin board in Estill House.

### NATIVITY'S LITTLE LIBRARY

Are you looking for a book to help you in your spiritual journey? Check out the new Nativity Little Library. It is in the foyer of Estill House on the left side of the bookcase. Here's how you use it: If you see a book you like, take it home. After you've read it, give it to a friend, keep it in your own library or bring it back to Estill House. If you have any books about faith, religion or social justice that you don't need any more, feel free to add to them to the library. The only rule: No novels please!

### FALL FESTIVAL YOUTH FUNDRAISER

It's halfway to Halloween / spooky season and Nativity is looking to have a Fall Festival to raise money for the youth! To do this we need your help with volunteers to lead and support activities for this fun-filled event. If you are interested, please contact Ashley Clos at [abclos@gmail.com](mailto:abclos@gmail.com)

### ONE WAKE: MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

The goal of ONE Wake is to improve our local community—whether by policy or direct action. ONE Wake is planning to offer Mental Health First Aid training to all interested member organizations. If you might be interested in being one of two or three members trained from our congregation, please let Becky Showalter know at [jbshow@bellsouth.net](mailto:jbshow@bellsouth.net)

### PHILLIP'S LAST SUNDAY

Our beloved Associate Rector, Phillip, is nearing the end of his time at Nativity. He will be celebrating the Eucharist on May 12, and he will be preaching on his last Sunday, May 26. Following

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## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, MAY 12

- 8:15 am: Anglican Rosary (Nave chapel)
- 8:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, spoken (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Pilgrim The Lord's Prayer (Curry Hall 202)
- 9:30 am: Choir warmup (Nave)
- 10:15 am: Anglican Rosary (Nave chapel)
- 10:30 am: Rite II Eucharist with music (Nave)
- 12 pm: Caregivers Support Group (Conference Room)

### MONDAY, MAY 13

- 6:30 pm: Education for Ministry (Conference Room)

### TUESDAY, MAY 14

- 7 pm: Buildings and Grounds Meeting (Conference Room)

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

- 10 am: Chatty Yarns (Corlett Hall)

### THURSDAY, MAY 16

- 2 pm: Pastoral Care Meeting (Conference Room)
- 7 pm: Choir Rehearsal (Nave)

### SUNDAY, MAY 19

- 8:15 am: Anglican Rosary (Nave chapel)
- 8:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, spoken (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Pilgrim The Lord's Prayer (Curry Hall 202)
- 9:30 am: Choir warmup (Nave)
- 10:15 am: Anglican Rosary (Nave chapel)
- 10:30 am: Rite II Eucharist with music (Nave)
- 12 pm: Eco-justice Forum (Corlett Hall)
- 5 pm: Music Bingo Youth Event (Corlett Hall)



the 10:30 service on May 26, we will have an ice cream reception — per Phillip's request! — in celebration of his time at Nativity.

### CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

The Caregivers Support Group meets on the second and fourth Sundays of the month after the 10:30 service in Curry Hall 202. We provide support and a safe place to share. There are many types of care giving, and all are welcome. For more information contact Emily Phillips or read the blog post.

### MUSIC BINGO

Next Sunday, May 19, we will celebrate the end of our youth formation program year with a fun night of Music Bingo for both Middle and High School youth. Our friends from North Raleigh Presbyterian will join us for food and fun in our Parish Hall from 5 to 6:30 pm. Come form a team and show off your musical knowledge. We'll be dropping beats instead of bingo balls!

### FILM SCREENING: WILMINGTON ON FIRE

Join us for a potluck supper and screening of *Wilmington on Fire* at 5 pm on Sunday, June 2. The film delves into themes our youth will explore on their summer pilgrimage, focusing on the 1898 coup, allowing the whole parish to be involved. Gather in the parish hall to eat and watch the film, followed by a discussion with filmmaker Chris Everett who will be with us for the evening. Please sign up to volunteer to contribute to the event's success! *Please note: We will take up an offering to support Chris and his work at the event.*

### PILGRIM: THE BEATITUDES

Join us over six Sundays starting June 2 as we explore the teachings of Jesus found in the Beatitudes, revealing his vision for living in God's kingdom. Delve into these influential sayings, central to the life of the Church, guiding us to love God fully and understand God's vision for the world. Register by May 19 to receive your own copy of the book and engage with its wisdom. All are welcome!

### BOOK STUDY: CASTE

You are invited to join our Zoom book study of Isabel Wilkerson's *Caste: The Origins of our Discontents*. Join us on Wednesdays, 7–8:30 pm starting May 15. Over seven weeks, we'll explore societal structures and envision pathways to justice and healing. Engage in dialogue and reflection as we look toward a future aligned with divine calls for justice. All are welcome; the book is available through major retailers. To participate, sign up to receive the Zoom links by scanning the QR code.

### ECO-JUSTICE FORUM

Join us in Corlett Hall on May 19, following the 10:30 service for an engaging forum led by Susannah Tuttle, Director of the North Carolina Council of Churches Eco-Justice Connection Program. Explore the dynamic relationship between international eco-justice issues and local initiatives. Dive deep, ask questions, and spark discussion on urgent topics shaping our world.

## OFFICE HOURS

<b>Monday, May 13</b>	10 am to 2 pm
<b>Tuesday, May 14</b>	10 am to 2 pm
<b>Wednesday, May 15</b>	10 am to 2 pm
<b>Thursday, May 16</b>	By appointment only
<b>Friday, May 17</b>	Office closed

