

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENERAL CONVENTION SUMMARY SESSION

The 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church elected a new Presiding Bishop (The Rev. Sean Rowe), processed more than 300 resolutions, and considered issues of discipline, liturgy, and organization. Cathy Deats, who was in attendance in Louisville, will be presenting a summary session of GC81 next Sunday, August 4 at 9:30 am in Curry Hall.

TACO TUESDAY ON AUGUST 6

On Tuesday, August 6, Torchy's Tacos will donate 15% of all sales from 4:30 to 9 pm back to our youth program. Invite your friends and family to enjoy a delicious meal at Torchy's while helping to fund activities and initiatives for our youth program. To ensure Nativity receives credit for your purchase, please bring the flyer with you, available by scanning the QR Code or at nativityonline.org/quick-links

COUPLES RETREAT

You are invited to participate in a Couples Getaway to be held at the Doubletree Inn in RTP. Participants will have an opportunity to celebrate and to grow in their relationship. There will be fun times and opportunities for couple reflection. It is open to all committed couples. Register online at bettermarriagesnc.org. Contact Carl and Nancy Terry for more information at 919-559-2827.

POWER-WASHING AND PAINTING

Our amazing Buildings & Grounds team is organizing two dates to power wash and paint three walls of the Worship Building and Curry Hall. Power washing will happen on August 24, and painting on August 31. Please sign up using this [Google Form](#) by scanning the QR code or visiting nativityonline.org/quick-links

ADOPT A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR

Join in an intergenerational program to support our seven rising high school seniors! Sign up to "adopt" a senior for the 2024–25 school year. Throughout the year, adopters will send notes of encouragement, seasonal cards, small treats, and then participate in next spring's church-sponsored graduation activities, such as graduation Sunday and the family luncheon. The program's goal is to foster church-wide relationships and help prepare our high-school

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 28

- 8:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, spoken (Nave)
- 10:30 am: Rite II Eucharist with music (Nave)
- 12 pm: Caregivers Support Meeting

MONDAY, JULY 29

- (Bradley out of office)
- 7 pm: Walk In Love: Adult Confirmation (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

- 10 am: Chatty Yarns (Corlett Hall)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

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(Curry Hall)
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seniors to head out into the world, knowing of God's, and this community's, deep love for them. Sign up by scanning the QR code, or by visiting nativityonline.org/quick-links

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Nativity's 12th annual Rise Against Hunger intergenerational meal-packing event will be held in Corlett Hall after the 10:30 am service on Sunday, September 8. 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 online by scanning the QR code or visiting nativityonline.org/quicklinks

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR EL BUEN PASTOR

Cyler O'Connor, Deacon at El Buen Pastor, has reached out to Nativity to ask for help in collecting school supplies for their school children in Durham. Please consider contributing to this effort. Collection boxes can be found in the Narthex as well as in Estill House through August 8. Details about what is needed are available in the blog post. If a digital option is better for you, you can place an order through the Amazon Wish List by scanning the QR code or visiting nativityonline.org/quick-links

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS PROJECTS UPDATE

The Buildings and Grounds team is striving to rejuvenate our campus. The Memorial Garden has been a major focus along with the overall grounds, and our progress is starting to show! The Estill House portico repair will be underway very shortly, after hitting a few snags. We are working to clean floors and carpets, paint several walls, reduce energy consumption via LED bulbs and insulation, and much more. We have posted the list of projects on Nativity's blog. To make all this happen, and maintain our buildings and grounds, we need your help. Please contact Dave McKinnon at cotnjuniorwarden@gmail.com if you are willing to aid us.

INTER-FAITH FOOD SHUTTLE VOLUNTEERS

One of Church of the Nativity's ministries is working at the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle once a month. We need 7-8 workers on the first Thursday of each month, and are currently in need of more volunteers. (You do not need to commit to volunteering every month.) Please read the blog post by Viola Baldwin for more information about this ministry and how to get involved; you can reach out to Viola at baldwinviola@gmail.com if you have any questions.

ONE WAKE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PETITION

Affordable housing has been defined as costing no more than 30% of your gross income and currently 56,000 households in Wake County can't afford housing. One Wake has a petition to deliver 10,000 signatures to elected officials with a vision to alleviate this

issue and secure support from elected officials. Nativity has committed to delivering 500 of the 10,000. Please take a minute to sign the petition, which is available by scanning the QR code, or visiting nativityonline.org/quick-links

CHILDREN'S FORMATION TEACHERS NEEDED

We need your help to continue our Children's Formation during the 10:30 am service. Jeremy prepares all the stories and activities to make it easy for the teachers. Ideally, volunteers would commit to one Sunday per month, and we always need two adults present. Your involvement is crucial in maintaining this valuable offering for our children. Please consider signing up! Reach out to Jeremy for more information or to express interest.

BOOK STUDY: RADICAL LOVE

The Rev. Phillip Bass will lead a four-part book study of Patrick S. Cheng's *Radical Love: An Introduction to Queer Theology* starting Wednesday, August 14, via Zoom. This book explores the intersections of Christian theology and LGBTQ+ issues, offering a transformative vision of God's inclusive and radical love. Join us for engaging discussions and deepen your understanding of how love transcends boundaries. James H. Cone calls it "a must-read for anyone who cares about the health of the church and theology today." Register online to participate by scanning the QR code or visiting nativityonline.org/quick-links

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PHILADELPHIA ELEVEN

"On July 29, 2024, The Episcopal Church will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 1974 ordination of the Philadelphia Eleven, the first women ordained to the priesthood in The Episcopal Church — an event that shattered stained-glass ceilings everywhere and irrevocably changed the Church." (ENS, 7/14/2024) The article, written by Mary Frances Schjonberg, a freelance writer for Episcopal News Service, is a part of the story that will flesh out the journey of women called to the priesthood. You can find the complete article by scanning the QR code or by visiting nativityonline.org/quick-links

