

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONDING TO HURRICANE HELENE

In response to the terrible flooding and destruction in western NC, Church of the Nativity is donating \$1,000 to the Episcopal Diocese of Western NC, \$1,000 to the Ashe County Food Pantry (100% gift matched), and \$500 to Baptists on Mission. You are encouraged to add your financial support to these organizations or any of the excellent charities contributing to the effort. Our diocese also has a page dedicated to these efforts. If you have items you would like to contribute, Wake Forest Fire Department Station #1, 420 Elm Ave., is now serving as a donation drop-off point. Please pray for our friends in the mountains. If you are interested in longer term recovery efforts with particular communities in Western Carolina, please contact a member of the outreach team or the Church office.

THERE'S SOMETHING NEW IN THE PEWS

A Child's Guide to the Holy Eucharist is now available for use during the service. This guide to the Rite II Eucharistic service presents the full text from the Book of Common Prayer alongside commentary and cartoons that clarify the meaning of the words. Each pew has one copy for now. Starting this week, the bulletin will include page numbers for both the BCP and the Child's Guide, making it easy for children to follow along. If you have questions, reach out to Jeremy Clos.

MEET GREY: OCTOBER 20

We had a great "Ask the Rector" session this past Sunday, and October 20 will be "The Rector asks back"! Grey and his family want hear from Nativity about our story, and ask a few questions. We will have a good old-fashioned potluck where we can share some of our favorite dishes with the Maggianos. Please bring your favorite fork-only dish (no spoons or knives). Food should arrive on your platter or dish, ready to serve, and your dish should go home with you. Sheila Knapp will be coordinating volunteers to help set up and clean up; please reach out to her if you can help in this way.

LET'S SHOW UP FOR ONE WAKE

We're looking for 25 members of Nativity to attend a meeting with candidates for Raleigh City Council and Wake County Commissioners, as part of a 1,000-strong group of ONE Wake

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

- 8:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, spoken (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Choir Warmup (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Traveling with Paul (Curry Hall 202)
- 10:30 am: Rite II Eucharist with music (Nave)
- 5 pm: Blessing of the Animals (Outside)
- 7 pm: High School Formation (Curry Hall 202)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

- 7 pm: Education for Ministry (Estill House)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

- 10 am: Chatty Yarns (Corlett Hall)
- 7 pm: Adult Formation: Rediscovering Scripture (Zoom)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 8:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, spoken (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Choir Warmup (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Traveling with Paul (Curry Hall 202)
- 10:30 am: Rite II Eucharist with music (Nave)
- 12 pm: Caregivers Support Group (Conference Room)
- 7 pm: High School Formation (Curry Hall 202)



representatives. We will ask the candidates for their support on ONE Wake's Affordable Housing Proposal. The meeting is at Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 3703 Tryon Road at 7 pm on October 10. RSVP online, and contact Becky Showalter if you're interested in carpooling.

NATIVITY EMAIL

This week, our newly formed IT Committee successfully migrated our email to Google Workspace for Nonprofits. We wanted to take this opportunity to make sure everyone has the correct contact information for our staff. Please use only these addresses going forward to ensure we receive your communications:

- ◆ Grey: rector@nativityonline.org
- ◆ Jeremy: formation@nativityonline.org
- ◆ Bradley: office@nativityonline.org

INVITATION TO JOIN THE VESTRY

With the Annual Meeting being less than two months away (November 17), now is the perfect time to do some personal discernment as to whether you are called to serve on the Church of the Nativity Vestry. Please read the full invitation blog post by Perry Suk, which includes a link to the application form.

ALLIANCE MEDICAL MINISTRY KITS

On October 20, our Middle and High School Youth will be assembling medical kits for Alliance Medical Ministries during their respective formation times. Alliance Medical Ministries offers vital healthcare services to underserved populations in Raleigh, bringing hope and healing to those in need. To support this project, we invite the parish to contribute by donating items from our Amazon Wishlist, which lists the necessary supplies for the kits in the sizes and kinds requested by Alliance.

BOOK STUDY: LOVE WINS

Join us for a Zoom book study on Love Wins by Rob Bell, on Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 pm, October 30 to November 20. Together, we'll explore questions of heaven, hell, and salvation through the lens of God's love. Bell's work challenges traditional views and offers a fresh perspective on grace and inclusivity. Our discussions will focus on themes like universal salvation and the nature of hell in a welcoming space that encourages deep reflection and lively conversation about living out our faith in light of God's boundless love. Let us know you're interested by registering at nativityonline.org/quick-links or scanning the QR code.

TRAVELING WITH SAINT PAUL

Join us from 9:30 am 10:20 am in Curry Hall 204 as we continue a six-week journey through Judea, Asia, Greece, and Macedonia with Paul. Discover how he converted Jews and Gentiles to Christianity and established early churches. Explore his fascinating,

passionate life dedicated to telling the story of Jesus, based on the Book of Acts and insights from religious historians. Feel free to join us on any Sunday morning to learn more about this fascinating apostle.

KIDS' BRAINS AND SCREENS: WORKSHOP

Are you worried about screen time? Join us for a ScreenStrong Workshop on October 21, 6–8 pm at North Raleigh Presbyterian Church. Learn how to reclaim your kids from screen dependency with real-world, evidence-based solutions. Free childcare with dinner will be hosted here at Nativity. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about your child's development. Register online by October 14 at nativityonline.org/quick-links or read more details in Jeremy's blog post on the website.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: ALIVE AND WELL TODAY

Join us for a four-session course exploring the relevance of St. Francis of Assisi to our lives today. Discover his fascinating history and engage in discussions based on early biographers like Thomas Celano and St. Bonaventure, as well as modern followers such as G. K. Chesterton and Fr. Richard Rohr. Sessions will be held in Curry Hall 2024 on October 20 and 27, and November 3 and 10 from 9:30 to 10:20 am. Don't miss the chance to see an original copy of the widely sold story of St. Francis, published by Marvel! Let us know you're interested by registering at nativityonline.org/quick-links or by scanning the QR code.

OCTOBER 27 IS YOUTH SUNDAY

Join us on October 27 for Youth Sunday during the 10:30 am service! Our Middle and High School Youth will serve in all lay roles in the service, with four youth reflecting on the lectionary readings and their transformative summer pilgrimage. October 27th's loose plate offering will support the Youth Trips Fund, ensuring that all youth can participate in these enriching experiences, with scholarships available for those in need. Please designate your contributions as "Youth Trips" on the memo line. Thank you for your support!

DAY OF GIVING 2024

Please take a moment to review the blog post about Day of Giving 2024, which includes some details about this year's event. If you have any questions, please contact Lillis Ward or Beth Crow.

