

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATIVITY EMAIL

Our IT Committee recently completed a migration of our email to Google Workspace for Nonprofit. 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:

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ELECTION PRAYER VIGIL

As we approach Election Day, many of us are filled with excitement, anticipation, exhaustion, worry, hurt and hope. You are invited to join us at Church of the Nativity for a service of contemplation and reflection on Sunday, November 3 at 6 pm in the worship building. No matter your politics, you are invited to come and offer up your hopes and fears to God, as we remind ourselves who we are and who we serve.

DAY OF GIVING 2024

During this year's Day of Giving, December 8, there will be a special table to raise funds for the Diocese of Western North Carolina Hurricane Helene Relief Fund. We invite you to consider contributing new handmade items such as artwork, woodwork, Christmas items, crochet or knitted items, homemade pies or cakes (or gift certificates for them) and more. Each donor will need to complete the Day of Giving Donor Information form (available by scanning the QR code) for each item donated. If you have questions, please contact Beth Crow.

ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will be held on November 17 at 9:30 am, directly following the 8:30 service. Please plan to attend this important meeting, during which we will vote on new Vestry members and hear important updates.

NATIVITY'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT RETURNS!

Join us as we tell the Advent story through story and song during the 10:30 am service on December 15. Youth and children are needed to bring the story to life, with both speaking and non-speaking roles available. There's also a special song for the children

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 8:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, spoken (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Choir Warmup (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Adult Formation: St. Francis (Curry Hall 202)
- 10:30 am: Youth Sunday: Rite II Eucharist with music (Nave)
- 6 pm: Youth Halloween Party

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 7 pm: Education for Ministry (Estill House)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 7 pm: Choir Rehearsal (Nave)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

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

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- 8:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, spoken (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Choir Warmup (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Adult Formation: St. Francis (Curry Hall 202)
- 10:30 am: All Saints' Rite II Eucharist, with music (Nave),
followed by Memorial Garden Rededication
- 6 pm: Election Prayer Vigil (Nave)



to sing. Rehearsals will be held after church on November 24 and December 8, and before the service on December 15. Sign up by scanning the QR code by November 19 to participate and indicate your interest!

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.

SACRED GROUND

Every other Tuesday, February 4 to June 17, 2025, 11:30 am to 1 pm on Zoom. Are you looking to deepen your understanding of race and faith? Sacred Ground offers a thoughtful, prayerful space for meaningful dialogue on race and racism. It encourages participants to explore history, reflect on family stories, and consider key narratives shaping America's journey. Guided by the vision of a beloved community, where every person is valued, protected, and nurtured, Sacred Ground fosters a space where we share in each other's pain and work toward each other's wellbeing, honoring our shared humanity as children of God. Registration is open until January 31 or until the class is full. Scan the QR Code.

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.

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!

NCCMI IMPACT SERIES: NOVEMBER 10

The North Carolina Chamber Music Institute IMPACT Series, launched seven years ago, promotes diversity by showcasing contemporary and underrepresented composers. As an educational group, they model change for students through the series, and offer free, accessible concerts. NCCMI has commissioned Durham native James Dargan to compose a new string quartet, releasing one movement per year over four years. Join us for the Mendelssohn and More! concert on November 10 at 4 pm in the Nave, which will feature the exciting Mendelssohn Octet, as well as the first movement of James' quartet.

