



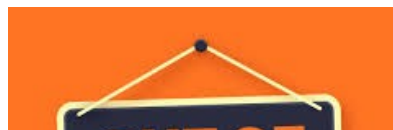
# *Glad Tidings*

March 27, 2025



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## From the Staff



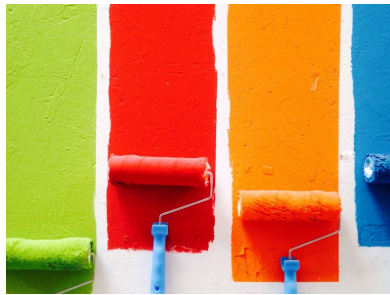
### **Grey+ Out of Office**

The Reverend Grey Maggiano will be out of the office from



Saturday, March 29 through Saturday, April 5. For pastoral care concerns during this time, please contact [The Reverend Ryan Parker](#). For administrative needs, please contact [Sarah O'Connor](#), Senior Warden and Acting Parish Administrator.

## From the Vestry



### Narthex & Estill House Refresh

Meredith Watson and Regina McDuff have designed a refreshed look for both the Narthex and the entry to Estill House. Please thank them for their great work. Now to make it happen. The Buildings & Grounds team is looking for volunteer painters for the following tasks: (1) Paint a mural on the Narthex wall depicting our live oak tree, (2) Paint the walls in Estill House entry and hallway, (3) refinish the oak cabinetry in Estill House to coordinate with the walls, and (4) rework the bulletin boards. Please contact [Dave McKinnon](#), Jr. Warden to sign up.



### B&G Workday

The Buildings and Grounds Workday is **Saturday, April 5** (rain day will be April 12). Join us from 9 am until 2 pm; come when you can, and bring weeding and pruning tools. Breakfast and lunch are provided for volunteers.

## Parish Life

### Ushers and Greeters Needed

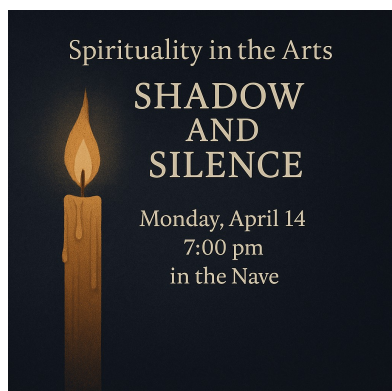
Ushers and Greeters promote a sense of welcoming and belonging and serve as an important point of contact for newcomers and visitors. We're excited to bring back this tradition at the 10:30 service!

**Greeters** arrive 15 minutes early to welcome people and hand out bulletins. Individuals, pairs, or families with helpful children are welcome. **Ushers** count attendance,



pass the collection plate, and guide the communion line. New volunteers will be paired with an experienced Usher.

If you'd like to help create a warm and inviting atmosphere by being a Greeter or an Usher, please contact [Sheila Knapp](#).



### Spirituality in the Arts: Shadow and Silence

Join us on **Monday, April 14** at 7:00 pm in the Nave for ***Spirituality in the Arts: Shadow and Silence***, an evening of sacred reflection. This contemplative concert of music and spoken word sets the mood for Holy Week, blending readings from the Episcopal Tenebrae service with moving musical selections under the direction of Liz Beilman.

All are welcome. For more information, please contact [Waltye Rasulala](#) or [Jeremy Clos](#).



### Join the Wake County Black Farmer to Church CSA

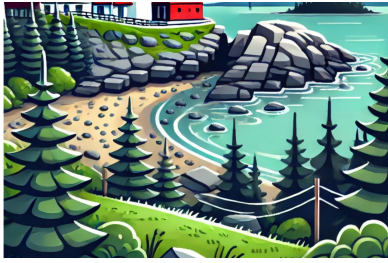
Scripture calls us to seek justice, and the Wake County Black Farmer to Church CSA answers that call. By connecting farmers of color with faith communities, we support sustainable farming and provide access to fresh, healthy food. For Spring 2025, full shares are \$300 (feeds four) and half shares are \$150 (feeds two), with weekly deliveries to the church—enough veggies for about six meals per person.

Sign up by April 14 and share in the joy! Contact [Carl Sigel](#) to sign up, make checks payable to Church of the Nativity.

## Youth & Children



**Last Change to Register for  
Youth Pilgrimage 2025: *Wonder & Wilderness***



**Monday, March 31** is the last day to register for the Summer Youth Pilgrimage! From **June 16–21**, high school students will travel from northern Massachusetts to Maine's northern shores. Together, we'll discover the beauty of God's creation and embrace our call to be good stewards of the world.

Details about the trip, payments, and more can be found on the [registration form](#). If you have further questions, reach out to Jeremy.



### Youth Sunday is May 4!

Sunday, **May 4** will be our Spring Youth Sunday at Nativity! Youth will take on all the lay roles during the 10:30 am service of Holy Eucharist. Please reach out to Jeremy if you would like to volunteer for a specific role.

High School seniors who have not had the opportunity to preach and would like to do so should also reach out!

*Service hours will be certified for youth volunteers.*



### Save the Date - Vacation Bible School

Nativity and North Raleigh Presbyterian Church are excited to partner for Vacation Bible School from **July 27-31**. This year's theme ***Caring for God's Creation***, will explore how we care for ourselves, our community, and the earth. Each evening, stories from the Peace Library will pair with the Gospel of Luke, alongside songs, crafts, games, and special guests. The program will run between school and dinner time to be accessible to all.

We need volunteers, too! If you're interested, contact [Jeremy Clos](#).

## Adult Formation



### Lent Madness Continues!

Voting continues as we deepen our knowledge of the saints with **Lent Madness**—a unique Lenten devotion where participants learn about saints and vote in a tournament-style bracket to determine who wins



the **Golden Halo!** [Print your own](#) bracket to make your predictions.

**A separate email with the ballots will arrive** every Monday and Thursday, so be sure to cast your vote to help crown this year's Golden Halo winner!



### Love God, Love God's World

Join us Wednesday nights, **April 30 – July 2**, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm via Zoom for a thought-provoking series on faith and creation care. Guided by the Episcopal Church's new *Love God, Love God's World* curriculum, we'll explore how our love for God calls us to care for the earth and one another. Through scripture, discussion, and practical action, we'll deepen our understanding of, and commitment to, responsible and loving stewardship.

[Register here](#) to receive the zoom links and class materials.

## Outreach

### Support Pride Packs – Next Collection on April 6



Sunday, **April 6**, will be our next Pride Pack Collection Sunday. Here are some examples of foods that we need that are easy for children to fix for themselves:

- Shelf stable individual boxes of milk
- Juice boxes
- 15 oz cans of fruit or vegetables
- Cans of tuna or chicken
- Microwavable mac and cheese or Rice-a-Roi

Thank you for your generosity in helping the children of Leesville Elementary School.



### Habitat for Humanity - Beloved Build Starts on 3/29

Habitat for Humanity kicks off its Beloved Build on **March 29** with an on-site wall build where volunteers will assemble walls for a new house. Nativity is partnering with other area Episcopal churches in Raleigh to fund the project.

Volunteers are needed for all phases of construction. Each

church provides lunch one Saturday—Nativity's day is June 7. Mark your calendar to join us!

Questions? Contact [Joe Ward](#). Sign up to help on the [Beloved Build Registration](#) page.



### Holy Week Blessing Bags

The Middle and High School Youth, working alongside Randy Smith, and with your generosity, assembled 85 blessing bags to be distributed to homeless individuals during Holy Week. These bags will be available for you to take following the services on Palm Sunday, **April 13**, so that you may hand them out to individuals you meet during Holy Week. These bags are made in loving memory of Randy's wife, Carol, and their son, Justin, who cared deeply about the plight of the homeless. Thank you to everyone who contributed and participated.

## Nativity Prayer List

Please click here for the prayer list: [Nativity Prayer List](#)

To add someone to the list, please [email the office](#).

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