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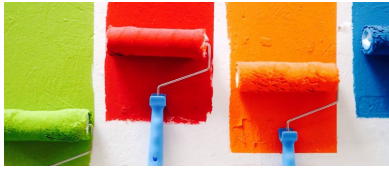
Visit the website for a full list of [upcoming events](#), [upcoming services](#), and [current signups](#).

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.

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](#).



Join the Wake County Black Farmer to Church CSA

Scripture calls us to seek justice, and through the Wake County Black Farmer to Church CSA, we do just that. Our CSA builds economic partnerships between farmers of color and faith communities, ensuring access to fresh, healthy food while supporting sustainable farming.



For Spring 2025, full shares will be \$300 (serving four people) and half shares will be \$150 (serving two people). Each weekly delivery provides enough fresh vegetables for approximately six meals per person. Farmers deliver to the church for you to pick up.

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



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.

Through worship, service, learning, rest, and play, we’ll deepen our faith as we partner with local Episcopal parishes to care for creation, one another, and ourselves. ***Space is limited!***

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.

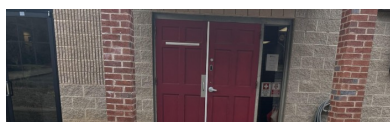
A separate email with the ballots will arrive every Monday and Thursday, so be sure to cast your vote to help crown this year's Golden Halo winner!



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

Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting



Pride Packs! Each month, your donations provide essential weekend meals for students at Leesville Elementary School, ensuring they have the nourishment they need. Your support makes a real difference, and we appreciate your commitment to this important program.

Our next food collection will be on **April 6**—please contribute if you are able. The photo shows the incredible impact of your March donations. Thank you for sharing kindness and care!



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 youth, working alongside Randy Smith will assemble Blessing Bags for the homeless during Lent this year. They will be available for pickup on Palm Sunday, April 13 after each service so that you can give them out during Holy Week.

If you would like to contribute, sign up to bring items on this [signup genius](#) -- items are needed by **March 23**. These bags are made in memory of Carol Smith and their son, Justin.



ONE Wake Upcoming Actions

[ONE Wake](#) is continuing its good work in 2025 by advocating for **affordable housing** in Wake County in these upcoming events. Save these dates and make a difference in our community!

- **TONIGHT - Thursday, March 20, 7 pm: ONE Wake Annual Meeting**



Please RSVP with Nativity [here](#) and with ONE Wake [here](#)

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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