



Glad Tidings

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Parish Life



We Welcome Christian Schoen to Nativity As our new Organist and Choirmaster

After a thorough search process, it is my pleasure to announce we have called our next Organist and Choirmaster, Christian Schoen, to serve at Nativity. We had many qualified candidates and it was a difficult decision but ultimately Christian's deep connection to the Episcopal Church, his passion for involving children in worship and music, and his excellent track record in the Church made him a perfect fit for Nativity.

He will be joining us in **July** after he and his family relocate from Michigan. I can't wait to welcome them!

Christian is moving to Raleigh from Port Huron, Michigan, with his husband Eduardo, their two sons, Xavier and Josiah, and their four dogs: Theodore Higgins, Gretel, Rowley, and Penny. He has been a church musician for over 30 years, and has experience in a variety of worship styles. Christian is passionate about creating impactful musical experiences that praise the Lord, inspire listeners of all ages, and draw them closer to His word and teachings.

Mr. Schoen began studying the organ in 1993. After high school, Christian continued his studies in church music at the University of Michigan, Southern Methodist University, Capital University, and the University of Texas. Mr. Schoen has also had the privilege of studying the organ with Mary Preston, Concert Organist and Curator of the Meyerson Symphony Center Organ; Michael Murray, Telarc Recording Artist & protégé of Marcel Dupre; and Jens Korndoerfer, Concert Organist and protégé of Olivier Latry, Titular Organist at Notre Dame, Paris. Christian has performed organ recitals extensively throughout the United States and the United Kingdom.

As a choral conductor, Mr. Schoen has directed touring choirs to the United Kingdom and Ireland, with notable venues including: Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, Brecon Cathedral, Southwark Cathedral, Bath Abbey, Chester Cathedral, Christ Church Oxford, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and Hereford Cathedral. Christian also led the Dallas Frohsinn Singing Society, the oldest organized musical ensemble in Dallas, Texas, and performed with the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra twice

at the Meyerson Symphony Center.

— Grey+



Take Me Out to the Ball Park...

The Nativity Kneelers are off to a great season. Come cheer them on! They will be playing at 6:30 pm on **Monday, June 23**, at the Bay Leaf Baptist Church on the corner of Six Forks and Possum Track. They would love your support and it's a great way to bring in the summer !



Join the Farm to Church Summer CSA: Invitation to Help Build the Beloved Community

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 Summer 2025 (July 12 - September 6), 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 June 25 and share in the joy! Contact [Carl Sigel](#) to sign up, make checks payable to Church of the Nativity with CSA in the memo line.



Nativity's 40th Anniversary: Pictures and Stories Needed

Nativity's 40th anniversary is coming up, and we need your help to celebrate! Share your stories, videos, and photos that reflect our life together—outreach, youth, creation care, justice, arts, and fun. Whether you've been here for decades or days, we want to hear your memories: big events, quiet moments, spiritual growth, or just good laughs. Written or recorded—whatever works best. Photos of community life, from potlucks to retreats, are especially welcome. Let's honor all we've shared! [Contact Us](#) to contribute or ask questions.



Update to the Parish Directory

Our Parish Directory was last published in October 2024 and will soon be updated. If you and your family are not in the current edition, we need to add you.

Does the office have your vital information - home address, phone numbers, and email addresses? Please send them to office@nativityonline.org.

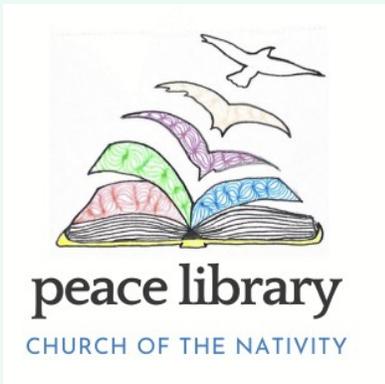
Perry Suk will be in the Narthex on Sunday, **June 22** after the 10:30 service to take your photos to put in the directory.



What is the Funeral Committee?

At Nativity, we support grieving families by offering hospitality during funerals, including a simple reception after the Burial Service. This meaningful ministry is coordinated by our Funeral Committee, which organizes food and volunteer help through Sign Up Genius. Set-up and clean-up are typically quick, with plenty of support.

We currently have three members and are seeking three more. The commitment is light, but the impact is deep—offering comfort during a tender time. If you're interested in helping, please [send us an email!](#)



Donations Welcome for Nativity's Peace Library

Want to support Nativity's Peace Library? We've made it easy! Visit our [Quail Ridge Books Wish List](#), add books to your cart, and use coupon code **NATIVITY25** at checkout for a 21% discount—books will be sent directly to the church. A few titles are only available on our [Amazon Wish List](#); those will be delivered to a team member. If you'd like to be recognized for your donation, please let us know by completing [this short form](#). Thank you for helping us grow this collection of peace, justice, and compassion.

Youth & Children



Peace Library Summer Adventure

From **June 15 - August 24** Nativity's Peace Library will be



sponsoring a special reading adventure program for all in the congregation, from our toddlers to our seniors. Though this library is a collection of children's and youth books, their subjects are relevant to all ages and can be appreciated by any person. All are invited to read, listen to or view stories about loving yourself, your family and community and caring for God's world. More information and participant leaflets are coming soon. Questions? Contact the [Peace Library Team](#). You can also take a look at the [book list](#).



Registration Open for Vacation Bible School

Join us for Vacation Bible School, **July 27–31** from 4:30–6:30 pm! Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to a fun-filled week of music, games, crafts, stories, and more—all centered around caring for God's creation. Each evening will conclude with a shared dinner for all participants. It's a great way for kids to grow in faith, make new friends, and enjoy summer fun. There is no cost to sign up.

To reserve your spot, fill out the [registration form](#). If you have more questions, please [contact Jeremy](#).



The Justice Theater Project Youth Summer Theater Camp

Open to rising 3rd–9th graders, this exciting week-long camp (**August 4–8**) offers a full day of acting, movement, and technical theater, led by professional instructors. Campers collaborate to create and perform a show based on a book from Nativity's Peace Library by week's end. No experience necessary—everyone gets a part! Camp runs 8:45 am–4 pm here at church, with optional before/after care. Cost: \$285 (plus \$50 for extended care). Scholarships available.

For more information and for how to register, [check out this blog post](#).

Adult Formation



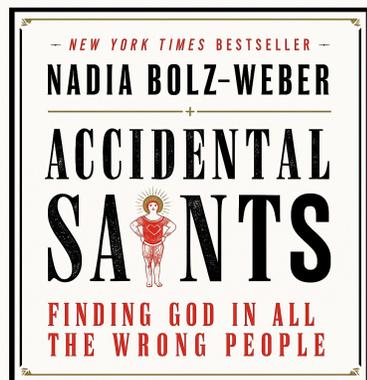
Education for Ministry

Registration for Education for Ministry (EfM) for the 2025–



26 academic year will open on July 15. This small-group program meets Monday evenings at Nativity and invites participants into a four-year journey of theological study, reflection, and spiritual growth. EfM, offered through Sewanee's School of Theology, provides a framework for exploring Christian tradition and deepening faith through guided discussion and shared learning.

To learn more, contact [Jeremy Clos](#) or [Josh Booth](#), or check out the [EfM website](#). You can also read a first-person account in this [blog post](#) by Matt Chytka.



Accidental Saints Book Study

Join us on Zoom for a book study of *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. Led by Rev. Phillip Bass, we'll meet Wednesdays from 7:00–8:30 pm, **July 2–30** on Zoom, to explore stories of grace, struggle, and unexpected encounters with God. Bolz-Weber's raw and honest storytelling invites us to see the sacred in unlikely places—and people. All are welcome!

[Contact Jeremy](#) to be added to the list to receive the zoom links.

Outreach



Upcoming ONE Wake 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 join us to make a difference in our community! ***This is how we make change!***

- **July 12**, 12–2 pm, Affordable Housing Accountability Action (Location: TBD), RSVP [Here](#). Nativity Target: 15 people.



Save the Date for Rise Against Hunger
Jesus said to him, feed my lambs—John 21:15

Please mark your calendars for **September 14** if you plan on attending Nativity's annual Rise Against Hunger



intergenerational meal-packaging event, sponsored by the Outreach ministry team. This will be our 3rd year packaging meals with North Raleigh Presbyterian Church, and this year the event will be held at their church after the 10:30 am service on **Sunday September 14**. As a reminder the meals we packaged last September were shipped to South Africa.

From the Diocese



Bible Study on Reparations and Healing

The Reparations and Restitution Committee invites you to a four-week online Bible study series, Monday evenings in **June** (2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd, 6:30–7:30 pm) on Zoom. As we prepare for Diocesan Convention, we'll reflect together on Scripture and the Spirit's call to racial justice and healing. Whether you're passionate, curious, or seeking deeper understanding, all are welcome. Attend as you're able—and invite others to walk this journey with us. To receive the Zoom link, please [email Jeremy](#).

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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