



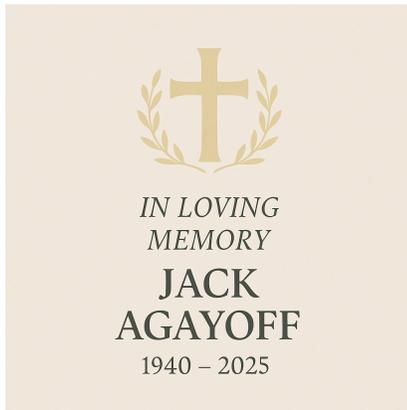
Glad Tidings

July 17, 2025



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

From the Clergy



In Loving Memory of Jack Agayoff

We are saddened to share the news of the passing of **Jack Agayoff**, beloved husband of **Beth Agayoff**, a longtime member of Church of the Nativity. Jack passed away at the age of 85. A **Memorial Service** will be held on **Saturday, July 19 at 1:00 pm** in the **Nave** at Church of the Nativity.

If you would like to contribute to the **reception following the service**, please use [this online sign-up form](#) to help support. We hold Beth and all who loved Jack in our prayers during this time of grief and remembrance.

Parish Life



Picnic in the Park Rained Out Join Us at the Church This Sunday – July 20

Due to inclement weather in the forecast, our planned outdoor service and picnic at Falls Lake has been cancelled. Instead, we invite you to join us for an indoor service and picnic in Curry Hall after the **10:30 am service**. Bring food to share, and the fellowship team will provide paper goods and drinks. If you'd like to help, please contact Sheila Knapp. The **8:30 am service** will still be held in the church as usual.

We look forward to sharing a joyful time of worship and fellowship together—rain or shine!



Help with Vacation Bible School!

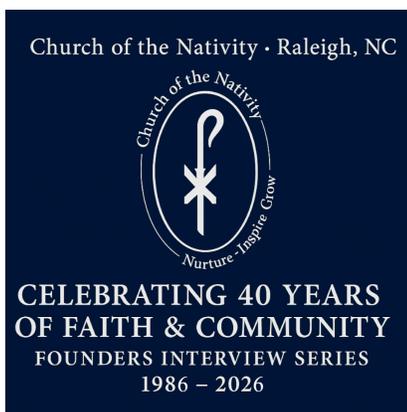
VBS is **July 27–31**, and we need your help to make it a success. We're [collecting supplies](#) for crafts and activities, and your donations go a long way. You can drop off any supplies outside Jeremy's office.

We're also looking for 2–3 more volunteers to serve as “shepherds” during the week. Shepherds help move groups of kids from activity to activity and keep an eye on the time to make sure everything runs smoothly. No preplanning or prep work is needed—just a heart to help and a willingness to show up! If you're available to lend a hand, please [contact Jeremy](#).



Welcoming Our New Choir Director and Curate

We're excited to welcome two new members of our community—Christian, our new organist and choirmaster, and George, our new curate! Please join us for a joyful reception on Sunday, **July 27**, following the 10:30 service. We'll gather in the Narthex for cake, conversation, and a chance to extend a warm Nativity welcome. They will both be at the picnic in the park on **July 20** as well!



Forty Years of Faith: A Nativity Video Series

In **January 2026**, Church of the Nativity celebrates its 40th anniversary. Leading up to this milestone, we'll share weekly videos from members reflecting on our history—stories of faith, hardship, transformation, and community. In the coming weeks, we will first feature Gail Christensen, who helped envision a new parish in North Raleigh. Future videos will highlight worship in a school, purchasing our land, and the vital role children played in forming Nativity. Watch for these stories in *Glad Tidings*, on our Facebook page, and our website. Have a story to share? Contact [Sarah O'Connor](#), [Gail Christensen](#), [Beth Crow](#), [Robert Joines](#), or [Stephanie Sumner](#).



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.

Youth & Children



Registration Open for Vacation Bible School

Kids ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to a fun week of music, games, crafts, stories, and dinner—focused on caring for God’s creation from **July 27-31**. It’s a free, faith-filled week to grow, connect, and enjoy summer fun together.

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

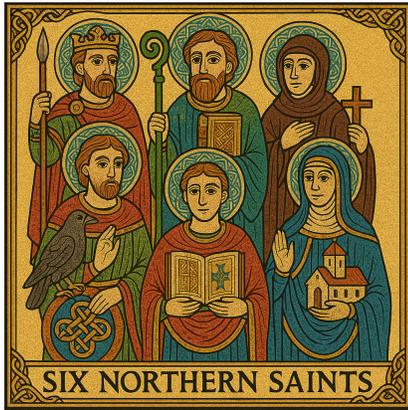


The Justice Theater Project Youth Summer Theater Camp

Join us **August 4–8** for a full-day theater camp open to rising 3rd–9th graders! From 8:45 am to 4 pm, campers will explore acting, movement, and technical theater, all led by professional instructors. Together, they’ll create and perform a show inspired by a book from Nativity’s Peace Library. No experience needed—everyone gets a role!

Cost is \$285, with optional extended care available for \$50. Scholarships are available. Learn more and register through [Justice Theater Project](#).

Adult Formation



Six Northern Saints

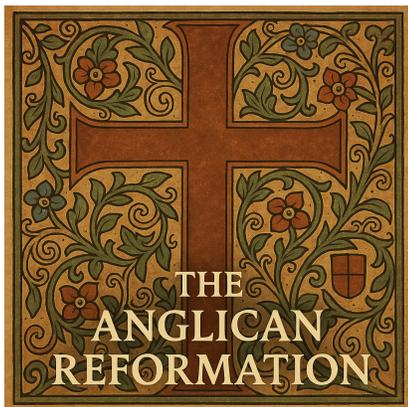
Join us for *Six Northern Saints*, a three-week adult formation series beginning **Sunday, July 27**, held from 9:30 to 10:20 am in Curry Hall, Room 204. Each week we'll explore the lives of two Celtic saints from the ancient kingdom of Northumbria: Oswald, Cuthbert, Bede, Aidan, Hilda, and Æbbe. These remarkable figures shaped the early church in Britain through lives of prayer, mission, and deep spiritual insight. Their stories continue to challenge and inspire us today. Please [register here](#) so we will have enough materials for everyone. All are welcome.



Education for Ministry Registration is Now Open!

Registration for Education for Ministry (EfM) for the 2025–26 academic year is now open. 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 receive the registration link, contact [Jeremy Clos](#). For more information, reach out to Jeremy or [Josh Booth](#), or check out the [EfM website](#). You can also read a first-person account in this [blog post](#) by Matt Chytka.



The Anglican Reformation

The Anglican Reformation is often reduced to Henry VIII's divorce, but its roots run deeper and its impact wider. Join us **Sundays, August 17–September 21**, from 9:30–10:20 am in Curry Hall 204 for a six-week adult formation class exploring six key reform movements in England that helped lead to the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church we know and love today. From early Bible translators to the Elizabethan Settlement, and concluding with the Oxford Movement, we'll trace some of the theological and cultural forces that shaped Anglican identity. Please [register here](#) so we will have enough materials for everyone. All are welcome—no prior knowledge needed!

Outreach



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.

Community Events



Invitation to Couples Getaway “The Four Seasons of Life and Love”

Looking to recharge your relationship? Join us for a Couples Getaway **September 20–21**, at the Doubletree Inn in RTP. Led by Michael and Myra Holmes, certified Better Marriages leaders and authors of *Fighting for Your Military Marriage*, this weekend offers time to reconnect and have fun together. Cost is \$175 per couple and includes Saturday meals; first-time couples pay just \$100. Scholarships available. Hotel rooms are \$139/night.

Learn more and register at www.bettermarriagesnc.org or contact Carl and Nancy Terry at 919-559-2827.

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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