



Glad Tidings

July 3, 2025



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From the Clergy



Grey Out of Office Announcement

Rev. Grey will be out of the office from June 27 through July 14. Please contact the church office with any immediate needs. The Rev. Ryan Parker and other Nativity affiliated clergy will be available for pastoral concerns during this time.

From the Staff



Welcome George Black!

George Black is currently an Ordinand for Holy Orders in the Episcopal Church. He holds a Master's of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary, with aspirations of serving as a full-time prison and school chaplain. He will be helping out part time at Church of the Nativity serving as Curate.

Most recently, George served as a Venture Manager of Collab, a community-centered accelerator for Connecticut entrepreneurs and project builders. Before Collab, George served as both a Dream Director and Chief Dream Director with The Future Project for the city of New Haven. He currently serves as a Safe Church Trainer for the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut, where he previously served as the South-Central Region Organizer. George has been serving as a youth worker and advocate for over 18 years and has been awarded the Americorp Award for Continued Service and The Rt. Rev. Arthur B. Williams, Jr. Black Episcopal Church Pastoral Care and Church Leadership Award for his work.



Join Remmy's Fight

Eva Warren, our nursery worker, is caring for a newborn son facing serious and ongoing health challenges. With frequent medical appointments, hospital stays, and time away from work, the strain is growing. Eva can't do this alone. Please consider [offering support](#) to help ease her burden as she navigates this new normal. Your generosity will make a meaningful difference for Eva and her family.

You can donate via [GoFundMe](#). If you would prefer to give via Grey's discretionary fund you may include a check in the collection. Simply write "Eva Warren" on the memo line.

Parish Life



Veterans@Nativity: Coffee, Community, Care

We are excited to invite all veterans and active service members to join us for a special community gathering on **Sunday, July 13**, from 9:30 to 10:10 AM in Curry Hall, Room 202. This open forum is a wonderful opportunity for connection, support, and shared experiences. Whether you're a veteran yourself or know someone who has served, we welcome you to come together as a community and strengthen the bonds we share. We can't wait to see you there!



Service and Picnic at the Lake - July 20

Join us **Sunday, July 20** at 10:30 am for a service and picnic at [Falls Lake, Beaver Dam Shelters, Site 23](#). Bring enough food for your family to share with others, and don't forget camp chairs or a blanket. Sheila Knapp and the fellowship team will provide paper goods and drinks—[contact Sheila](#) if you'd like to help. Enjoy worship and fellowship in a beautiful outdoor setting. The 8:30 am service will still be held at Nativity for those who prefer the early, indoor option. We look forward to seeing you at the lake for a joyful time together.



Cooks & Food Donations Needed for Vacation Bible School!

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner, **July 27-31**, and we need your help in the kitchen! Join the fun by picking one night to help cook, serve and clean up dinner for VBS participants. Time commitment: approximately 5:30-7:00 pm. Menu and food provided.

We're partnering with North Raleigh Presbyterian Church for Vacation Bible School and will be sending kids home after a simple supper. To help, please donate food! Frozen items go in the Estill House freezer labeled VBS; shelf-stable items in the labeled basket on the kitchen counter. Drop off during church hours or after worship. Fresh items may be brought between 9–11 am on Saturday, **July 26**, or after church on **July 27**.

To volunteer or learn more, please contact [Gail Till](#) or [sign up here](#). If you'd like to sign up for food donations you can [help out here!](#)



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



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. 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](#).

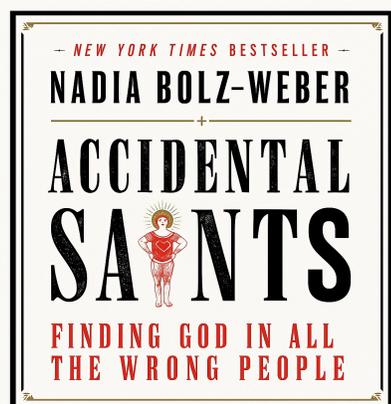


The Justice Theater Project Youth Summer Theater Camp

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](#).

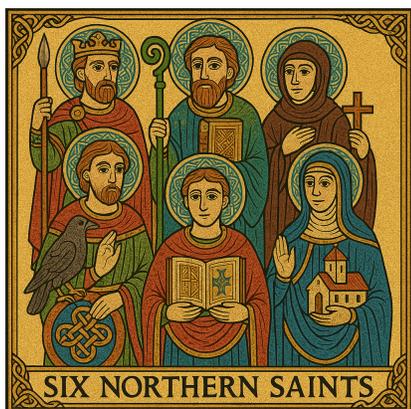
Adult Formation



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 the Rev. Phillip Bass, we'll meet Wednesdays from 7:00–8:30 pm, **July 2–23** 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!

Use this [Zoom link](#) to join the study each week.



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 Opens Soon!

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.

Outreach



Food Collection Drive for a Priest in the Diocese

Church of the Nativity is responding to an urgent need in our diocesan family. A priest and his family have elected to return home. As theirs is a poverty stricken dictatorship with dire conditions making it difficult to find basic supplies, especially the specialized foods their daughter needs, we're collecting a month's worth of essential items to support them. Donation boxes will be in Estill House and possibly the sanctuary Narthex.

Please sign up to [contribute here](#). Items will be picked up **July 6**, so we're working quickly. Thank you for helping this beloved family.



ONE Wake Blessing of the Land AND Affordable Housing Accountability Action!

ONE Wake has identified a large parcel of land owned by Wake County that could be partially used for affordable housing. On **July 3**, we have the opportunity to walk this piece of land with Mayor Janet Cowell and bless the land from 12 - 1 pm at Springfield Baptist Church in Knightdale. Let Becky know if you can come! AND then PLEASE join us at 12 pm on **July 12** at Watts Chapel to encourage all of our county and municipal representatives to commit this land to that end.

Please consider being there and with your presence, perhaps making things better! RSVP [here](#) with ONE Wake and [here](#) with Nativity so we know you are going – carpooling available! Contact [Becky Showalter](#) with any questions.



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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