



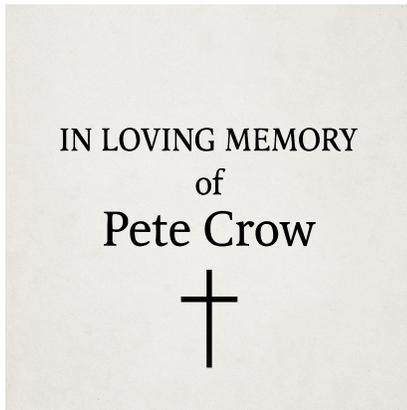
Glad Tidings

August 14, 2025



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

Parish Life



"Thank You" From Pete Crow's Family

There are no words that can completely express the deep appreciation that we, Beth, Amy and Rob Crow, feel toward the Church of the Nativity. From the time we learned of Pete's possible Multiple Myeloma to this past Sunday's Celebration of Life service and dinner, so many of you have brought meals to us, visited us in the hospital with baskets of goodies, come to my house to repair broken porch posts, and sent hundreds of messages of support, love and prayers.

Countless numbers of you worked tirelessly to make sure both the service on Sunday and the dinner that followed went smoothly, reflecting the love of hospitality Nativity is known for. I truly do not know how I could have made it through this most difficult time in my life without you and we give God thanks for this incredible gift!



Join Us for the Stand Up, Speak Out Cookout

All are invited to join members of the newly formed Stand Up, Speak Out group (@SUSO) at a get-to-know-you cookout and social time at the Showalter's home, Sunday **August 17**, at 5 pm.

Bring a side or dessert to share. BYOB. Burgers and dogs will be provided! Let's support each other as we try our best to make the world a better place. RSVP [here](#).



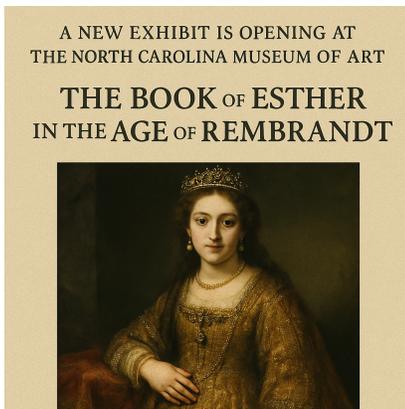
The 2025 Homecoming Pig Pickin'

Join us for a joyful celebration on **Sunday, September 7** at Church of the Nativity to kick-off the program year! We'll gather after the 10:30 am service for a classic Pig Pickin' with good food, great company, and plenty of Nativity spirit. All are welcome—bring a side dish or dessert to share and your appetite for food and fellowship! More details to come soon.



Time Again to Ring

The Nativity Ringers will reconvene on **Wednesday, September 10**, with rehearsals from 7-8:30 pm in Corlett Hall. Current members are asked to confirm their participation with Ailsa Tessier, and newcomers who are interested in joining are warmly invited to get in touch with Ailsa or [email the church office](#). While the ability to read music is a plus, all are welcome. Plans for the fall include a possible handbell festival in November, learning an Advent piece by a local composer, and much more. Ailsa can be reached by email, phone, or in person (her contact information is listed in the church directory).



The Book of Esther Exhibit

A new exhibit is opening at the North Carolina Museum of Art called *The Book of Esther in the Age of Rembrandt*. Tivey Clark and Gail Till would like to invite interested women of Nativity to share the experience as well as lunch on a yet to be decided date. We are putting this information out now because the exhibit tickets sales have begun, and those that wish to participate may want to hold off getting tickets until our plans are finalized. Look for more information soon!



Update to the Parish Directory

Our Parish Directory has been updated and copies are now available in the Narthex and in the lobby of Estill House. 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 [the office email](#) for the next edition. We'll also need a photo. You may send one to the office, or see Gail Christensen after the 10:30 service on Sunday.

Youth and Children



Weekly Youth Newsletters

The first weekly youth newsletters of the new program year were sent yesterday! These include important details about upcoming events for middle and high school students. If you have a youth in one of these age groups and did not receive the proper email from the church, please [contact Jeremy](#) to ensure you're on the correct mailing list.



Blessing of the Backpacks

Join us on **Sunday, August 24** during the both services for our Back-To-School Blessing of the Backpacks! All students—from Pre-K to PhD—are invited to bring their backpacks for a special blessing as we begin a new school year. During the service, we will offer students a prayerful start to the new school year and a special backpack tag to remind them of God's love and our community's support throughout the year.



Middle School Meetup

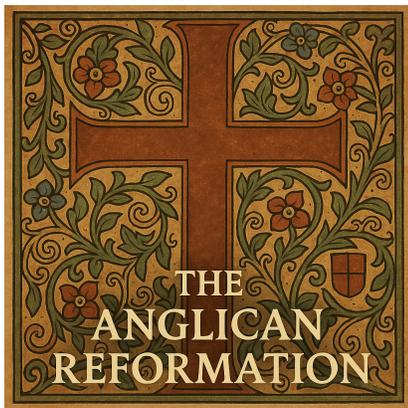
Middle School Youth are invited to join Jeremy and Rev. George for a fun evening at SweetFrog (6260 Plantation Center Drive, Suite M105) on **Wednesday, September 3**, from 6:30–7:30 pm. Come enjoy frozen yogurt while connecting with friends—both familiar faces and new ones—before our exciting program year begins. This is a great chance to relax, share some laughs, and get to know each other better. We can't wait to see you at Sweet Frog for sweet treats and sweet company!



Busch Gardens Trip

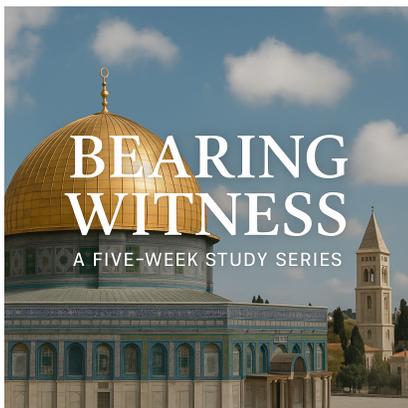
High School students are invited to join us for a trip to Busch Gardens Williamsburg on **September 20–21!** We'll depart early Saturday morning at 7:00 am from Church of the Nativity and head straight to the park, where their annual Howl-O-Scream event will be in full swing. After a fun-filled day and a frightful evening, we'll stay overnight nearby, then attend church together on Sunday before returning to Raleigh. The \$260 cost includes park admission, all-day dining, hotel accommodation, and transportation. Space is limited—please [register online](#) to reserve your spot!

Adult Formation



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 28**, 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!



Bearing Witness

Join us on Wednesday nights beginning **September 17**, from 7:00–8:30 pm on Zoom, for *Bearing Witness*, facilitated by the Rev. Grey Maggiano. This video-based program from the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem explores the lived experiences of Christians, Muslims, and Jews in the Holy Land. Each session weaves Gospel themes with powerful stories from ministries offering healing, education, and hope in a region marked by conflict. To receive the course materials, [please register](#) by Sunday, **September 14**.

Outreach



Sunday, September 14
North Raleigh
Presbyterian Church

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event

Nativity's 13th annual Rise Against Hunger intergenerational meal-packing event will be held after the 10:30 am service on **Sunday, September 14**. For the past 2 years we have collaborated with our neighbors at North Raleigh Presbyterian Church, 11905 Strickland Road, to package over 10,000 meals at this yearly event, and this year the event will be held at North Raleigh Presbyterian Church's fellowship hall (their rear building). Each year we hope to have at least 60 total participants signed up, and Rise Against Hunger requires all participants be registered for the event. [Please register online.](#)

Community Events



2025 Women's Spiritual Retreat Learning to Live a Spiritual Life in Today's World

Join the women of St. Ambrose ECW for the 2025 Spiritual Retreat on **Saturday, September 6**, 9:00 am–3:00 pm at New Hope Collaborative, Raleigh (1725 N. New Hope Road, Raleigh NC 27604). This year's theme, "Learning to Live a Spiritual Life in this Modern World," will be led by Rev. Canon Kathy Walker, Missioner for Black Ministries, Diocese of NC. Through the stories of two biblical women, we'll study, pray, reflect, talk, and enjoy fellowship. Light breakfast and lunch provided (donations welcome). RSVP by **August 29** at 919-833-8055 or [email](#). Comfortable, casual attire encouraged—bring a friend!



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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