



# *Glad Tidings*

September 11, 2025



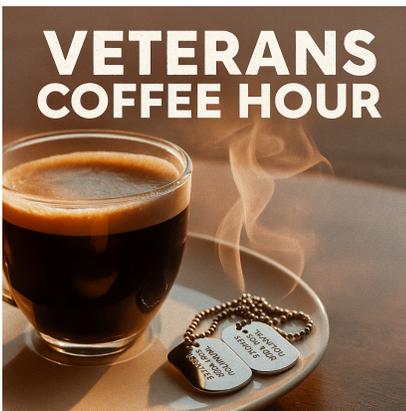
Visit the website for a full list of [upcoming events](#), [upcoming services](#), and [current signups](#).

Parish Life



### Join a Foyer Group | Sign-ups Start Today

Meet new friends or reconnect with the community at Nativity by joining Foyer! Groups of 4–5 gather monthly to share a meal. Cook, host, or order in, the focus is fellowship in a relaxed setting. Families can also join through Family Foyer, if enough interest. Sign up by emailing [Gail Till](mailto:gail.till@nativity.org) and indicate Foyer or Family Foyer. Assignments will be shared the last week of **September**.



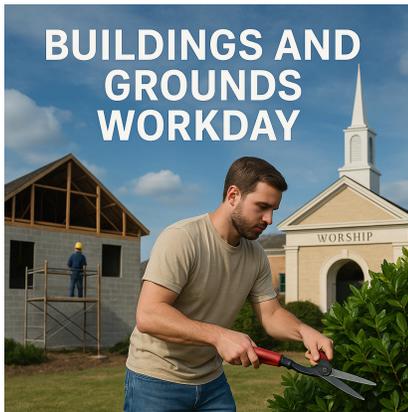
### Veterans @ Nativity Coffee Hour is Back

We invite all veterans at Nativity to join us for a time of open discussion and resource sharing on **Sunday, September 14**, in Corlett Hall, between the 8:30 and 10:30 am services. This will be a chance to share ideas, ask questions, and connect with fellow veterans in our parish community. Whether you are seeking support, offering resources, or simply looking for dialogue, your presence is welcome. We hope you'll join us for this important conversation.



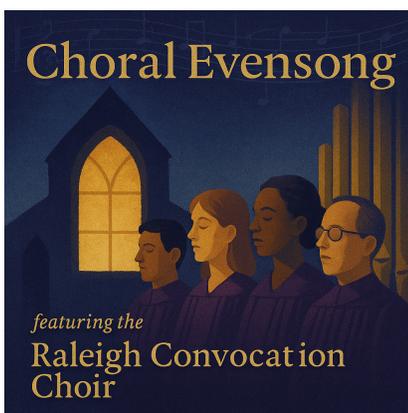
### Senior Luncheon Returns – September 21

The Senior Luncheon returns Sunday, September 21, 2025, beginning a new season of dining adventures! We're grateful to last year's hosts and now seek hosts for 2025–2026. Hosting is simple: choose a restaurant, make a reservation, and confirm guest numbers. New to Nativity? You're warmly invited—no need to be a senior to join the fun! To participate or host, contact [Ed Mussman](mailto:ed.mussman@nativity.org). Come share food, fellowship, and friendship this season!



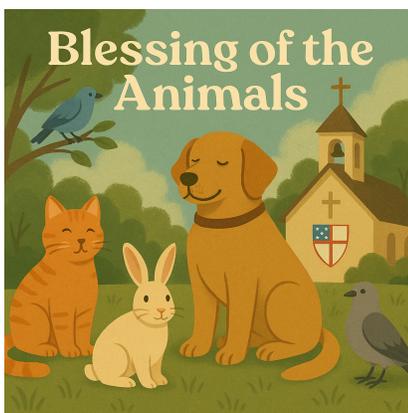
## Buildings & Grounds Workday

Lend a hand on **Saturday, September 27** (rain date October 4) from 9 am–2 pm. Come when you can, and bring tools for weeding or pruning. Breakfast and lunch will be provided! Projects include sealing gutters, trimming shrubs, painting, replacing ceiling tiles, and more. Your help keeps our campus beautiful and welcoming.



## Choral Evensong

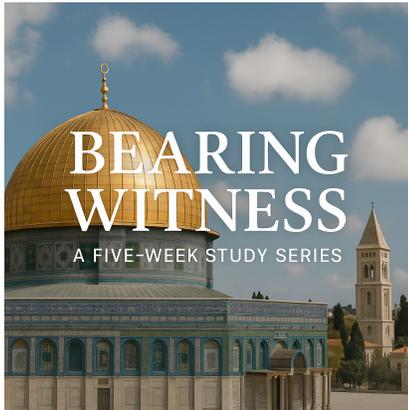
Join us on **Sunday, September 28**, at 5 pm for Choral Evensong at Nativity, offered by the Raleigh Convocation Choir. Under the direction of Russell McKinney with organist Mac Pannill, the RCC will present works by Charles Wood, John Blow, Alfred Brewer, and Philippe Radcliffe. Formed in 2008, the RCC brings together singers from across the Triangle. This contemplative service of prayer and music invites you into meditation as the choir sings on behalf of the congregation. Come join the us and the RCC for this contemplative choral service.



## Blessing of the Animals

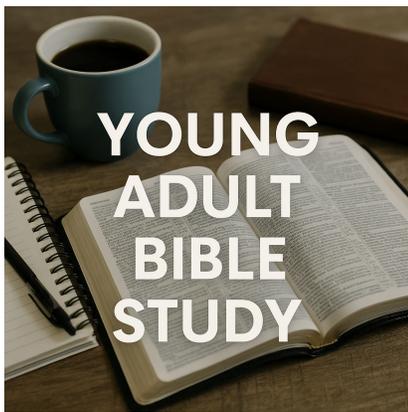
Join us for the annual Blessing of the Animals in celebration of St. Francis' feast day on **Sunday, October 5** at 5 pm under the big oak tree (or inside Estill House if it rains). Bring your pets—dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, or any beloved creature—for a special blessing. This joyful tradition reminds us of God's care for all creation. Invite friends and neighbors to share in this meaningful, family-friendly event!

# Adult Formation



## ***Bearing Witness***

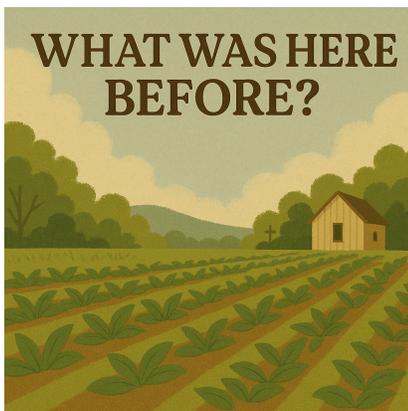
Join us on Wednesday nights beginning **September 17**, from 7:00–8:30 pm on Zoom, for *Bearing Witness*, facilitated by The Rev. Grey Maggiano. This video-based program from the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem explores the lived experiences of Christians, Muslims, and Jews in 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**.



## **Young Adult Bible Study**

Come be part of our new Young Adult Bible Study on **Thursday, September 18**, from 6:30–8 pm! Led by The Rev. George Black, it's a relaxed space to dig into scripture, share questions, and connect with others. [Register your interest](#) and let us know if Zoom, in-person, or even another time works best for you.

What's a Young Adult? Don't worry about labels—if you think you might belong, you do. Everyone is welcome.



## **What Was Here Before?**

As Nativity approaches its 40th Anniversary, join us on **Sunday, September 28** to explore the history of Black farmers and farmland in North Carolina. Historian Philip Merrill, known from *Antiques Roadshow*, will share stories of Black families after the Civil War and life in Wake County (then Barton's Creek Township) from the 1870s–1920s. This event continues our commitment to supporting Black farmers through our CSA program, and details about the fall CSA. This event will take place at Nativity after the 10:30 am service.



## Life Transition Forum

Join us on **October 12**, after the 10:30 service, for a program exploring life's transitions with care and wisdom. Dorothy Linthicum will reflect on spirituality and aging, The Rev. Grey Maggiano will guide us in planning meaningful obsequies, and Dee Wallis will share insights on legal planning for life changes. Together, we'll approach these important topics with compassion, faith, and hope.

## Outreach

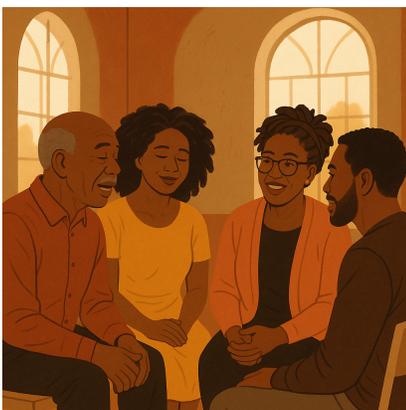


**Sunday, September 14**  
**North Raleigh**  
**Presbyterian Church**

### 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.](#)

## From The Diocese



### Repairing the Breach: A Black Church Summit

Join us for a time of storytelling, contemplation, and fellowship as we remember and celebrate the history and resilience of the Black Episcopal Church in North Carolina. In partnership with Black Ministries and the Reparations and Restitution Ministry, we will gather **Saturday, September 20**, 10 am–2 pm at New Hope Collaborative (1725 N. New Hope Road, Raleigh). Together, we will share stories, tend to our future, and begin imagining reparations and restitution in our church and community.

Please spread the word and invite others. [Click here to register.](#)



### Musician Needed at Episcopal Campus Ministry

Episcopal Campus Ministry in Raleigh (2208 Hope St.) is seeking a pianist or guitarist to provide music at their weekly Sunday service at 12:30 pm. The position follows the college academic calendar, with services lasting about an hour. Compensation is \$75 per service, and the start date is as soon as possible. Interested candidates should contact [The Rev. Caleb Tabor.](#)

## Community Events



### Esther and the Call to Protect the Vulnerable

The McClendon Scholar Program is delighted to announce its 2025–2026 series, *For Such a Time as This*. The series begins **Thursday, September 18** at 7:00 pm with a presentation by Dr. Judy Fentress-Williams, professor at Virginia Theological Seminary. A gifted communicator and Biblical scholar, Dr. Fentress-Williams will explore the story of Queen Esther and its relevance for us in these difficult times. Like Esther, we are called to use our gifts to protect the vulnerable. [Register to participate](#) in the online webinar.

## 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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