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September 18, 2025



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Parish Life



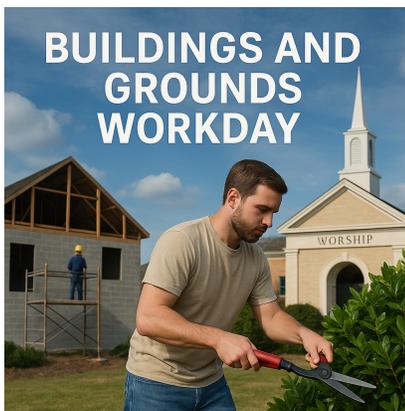
Join a Foyer Group

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**.



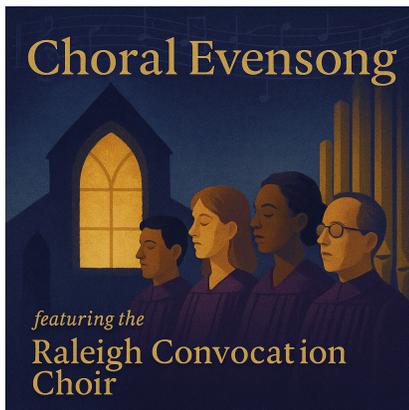
Senior Luncheon Returns – September 21

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

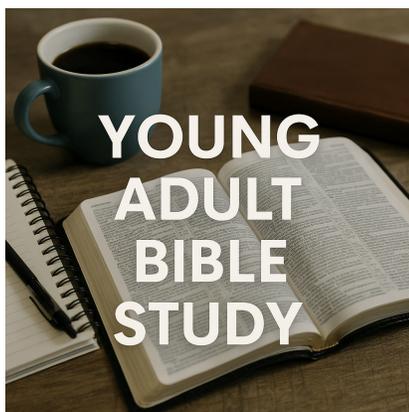
Join us on **Sunday, September 28**, at 5 pm for Choral Evensong at Nativity, offered by the Raleigh Convocation Choir. Under the direction of Russell McKinney with organist Mac Pannill, the RCC will present works by Charles Wood, John Blow, Alfred Brewer, and Philippe Radcliffe. Formed in 2008, the 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!

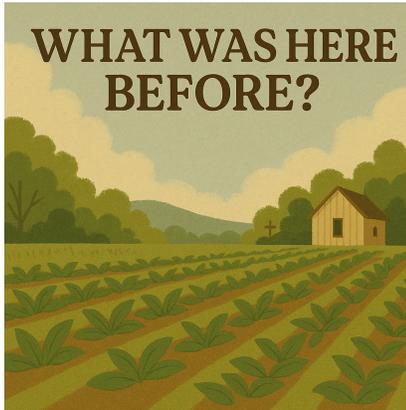
Adult Formation



Young Adult Bible Study

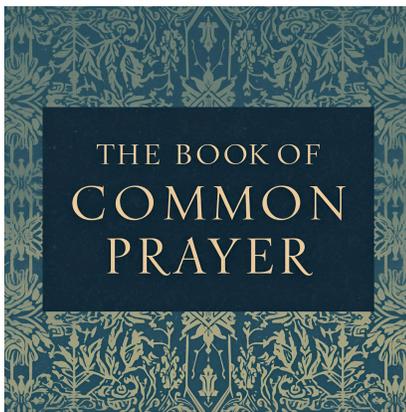
Come be part of our new Young Adult Bible Study today, **Thursday, September 18**, from 6:30–8 pm! Led by The Rev. George Black, it's a relaxed space to dig into scripture, share questions, and connect with others. [Register your interest](#) and let us know if Zoom, in-person, or even another time works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



The Book of Common Prayer

Join us for a five-week class on *The Book of Common Prayer*, inspired by Derek Olsen's *Inwardly Digest*. Together we'll explore how the Prayer Book shapes Anglican faith and practice, from worship and prayer to the life of the Church. This class will provide a deeper understanding of its history, meaning, and ongoing relevance for our community. Sessions meet **Sundays October 5 to November 2** from 9:30–10:20 a.m. in Curry Hall 204. [Please register](#) to let us know you're interested in participating.

Outreach



Yam Jam! on October 4

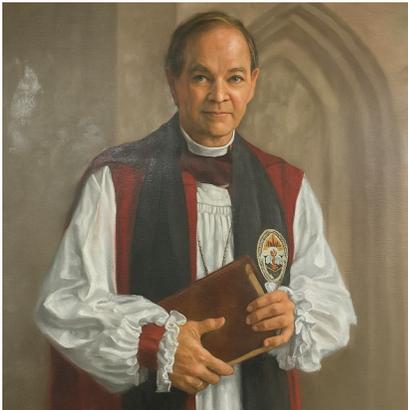
Join us for Yam Jam! on **Saturday, October 4**. The Rev. Grey Maggiano will lead a team in gleaning sweet potatoes with the Society of St. Andrew to help feed hungry neighbors. We'll carpool from Nativity at 8am to the field site. All participants must bring [a completed waiver](#), and [everyone should sign up](#) so we know you're coming. This is a fun, hands-on way to serve others while building community. Don't miss it!



Rise Against Hunger: Thank You!

Thank you, Nativity, for helping make our 13th annual Rise Against Hunger event a success! In partnership with North Raleigh Presbyterian Church, 89 volunteers packaged 10,152 meals in under two hours. These meals will join upcoming shipments to Ukraine, providing relief where it is desperately needed. We are grateful to our Outreach ministry team, our neighbors at NRPC, and all who gave their time and energy to support Rise Against Hunger's mission of ending world hunger.

From The Diocese



A Special Addition for Our 40th Anniversary

As we celebrate our 40th anniversary, we are excited to share a special gift with our parish family. The diocese has kindly loaned us the portrait of Bishop Estill, who gave approval to our founders to establish our church. It feels especially fitting to display his portrait in Estill House as we give thanks for our beginnings and the many blessings God continues to pour out on our community. Please stop by, take a look, and celebrate with us!



**MUSICIAN
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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
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The McClendon Scholar Program is delighted to announce its 2025–2026 series, *For Such a Time as This*. The series begins today, **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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