



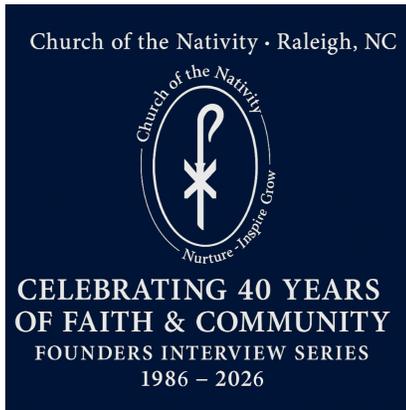
# *Glad Tidings*

September 25, 2025



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Parish Life



## 40th Anniversary Video Series: Nativity's Honduras Health Mission

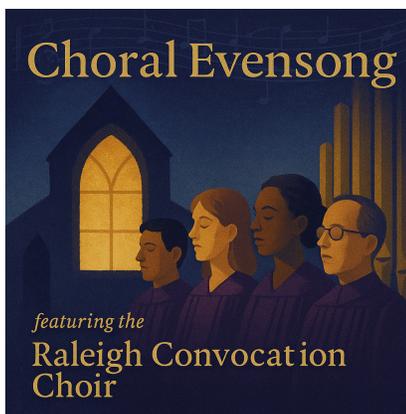
From our earliest years as a parish one of Nativity's priorities has been mission and outreach as we have strived to live out our baptismal covenant to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself. While establishing this new congregation even before the construction of this church on Ray Road, our founding members were welcoming the stranger, feeding the poor and caring for creation. Individual members answered the call to serve from beyond their daily schedules and invited Nativity to share in these ministries. Peggy Wade heard God's call in a remote community in Honduras for medical services and invited Nativity to share in this mission. Thus began more than 35 years of the Honduras Health Mission, recounted [in this video](#).



## Buildings & Grounds Workday

Lend a hand this **Saturday, September 27** (rain date October 4) from 9 am–2 pm. There are lots of indoor projects not dependent on the weather. Should it rain, we will reconvene on October 4 to work on the outdoor projects.

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 this **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 us and the RCC for this contemplative choral service.



## Blessing of the Animals

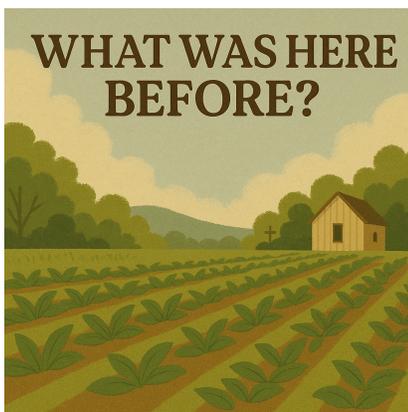
The annual Blessing of the Animals in celebration of St. Francis' feast day will be held on **Sunday, October 5** at 5 pm under the big oak tree (or inside Estill House if it rains). Bring your pets—dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, or any beloved creature—for a special blessing. This joyful tradition reminds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



## Halloween Party

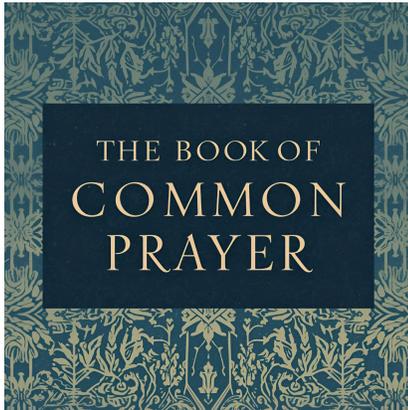
We're planning a parish-wide Halloween party for **Sunday, October 26** from 4-6 pm for all ages. Costumes are encouraged! Bring a carved pumpkin and a spooky treat to share. We'll have prizes for costumes and pumpkins! If you'd like to help us prepare for the fun, please [contact Sarah O'Connor](#).

# Adult Formation



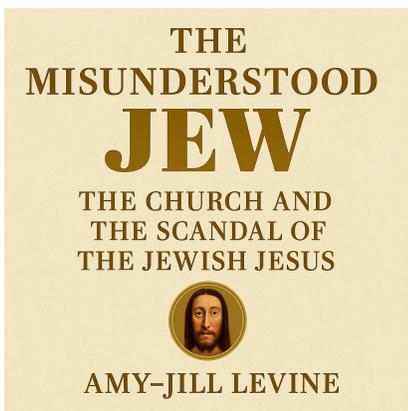
## POSTPONED: What Was Here Before?

Unfortunately our guest speaker for this Sunday afternoon program has had an emergency and needs to cancel. Thank you for your interest in this program, and we will let you know as soon as it is rescheduled.



### ***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.



### ***The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus***

A four-week Zoom book study on *The Misunderstood Jew* by Amy-Jill Levine will be offered **Wednesdays, October 29–November 19**, 7–8:30 pm. In this insightful work, Levine, an acclaimed Jewish New Testament scholar, explores Jesus' Jewish context, helping readers better understand his teachings, life, and the misunderstandings that shaped later Christian-Jewish relations. The series will be led by The Rev. Dr. Jim Melnyk, who retired in 2020 after 31 years of parish ministry. A published author and ecumenical leader, Jim brings a deep passion for interfaith dialogue and a vision rooted in *Tikun Olam* (repairing the breach). [Please register](#) to receive the class prospectus and the Zoom links.

## Outreach



### **Yam Jam! on October 4**

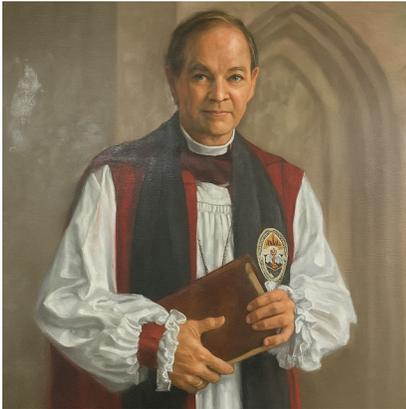
On **Saturday, October 4**, The Rev. Grey Maggiano will lead a team in gleaning sweet potatoes with the Society of St. Andrew to help feed hungry neighbors. We'll carpool from Nativity at 8 am to the field site. All participants must bring [a completed waiver](#), and [everyone should sign up](#) so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



## Day of Giving Coming Soon

Mark your calendars! **Sunday, December 7** is this year's Day of Giving event in Corlett Hall between 9:30 am and 12:30 pm. This is a time when many of the outreach ministries supported by our church share information about their programs. It gives parishioners an opportunity to learn more about these ministries, possibly make financial contributions, and enjoy refreshments and fellowship. If you are active in a nonprofit ministry that you would like to showcase, please contact [Beth Crow](#) or [Lillis Ward](#).

## 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 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](#).

## 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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