



# *Glad Tidings*

October 23, 2025



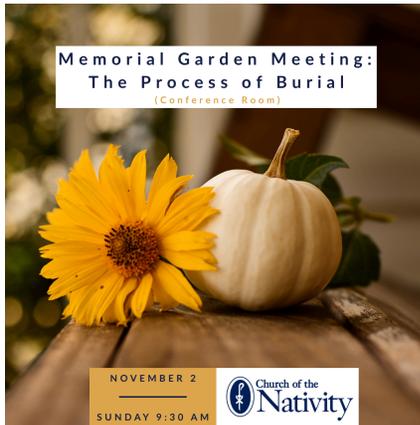
Visit the website for a full list of [upcoming events](#), [upcoming services](#), and [current signups](#).

Parish Life



## 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](#).



## Memorial Garden Meeting

Join us on **Sunday, November 2** in the Conference Room between the 8:30 am and 10:30 am services for a conversation about the process of burial in Nativity's Memorial Garden. Ed Mussman will lead the discussion and answer any questions about this meaningful ministry. All are welcome to attend.



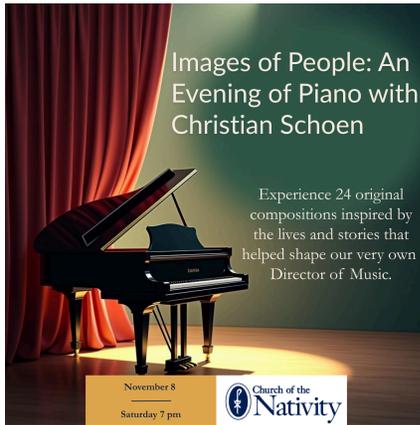
## Youth Sunday

You're warmly invited to Youth Sunday on **Sunday, November 2!** Come support our young people as they lead worship, share their gifts, and inspire us with their faith. Join us for a joyful morning of music, prayer, and community as we celebrate the next generation of leaders in our church. All are welcome—bring your family and friends! The youth will be selling Milton's gift cards and glass ornaments after both services to raise money for next summer's pilgrimage.



## Pride Packs Program: Special Thanksgiving Request

Help make students' holidays brighter by donating to the Leesville Elementary Backpack Program on **Sunday, November 2**, for the Thanksgiving break. Along with the usual shelf-ready milk, snacks, and protein items, please consider adding Thanksgiving favorites—stuffing mix, instant potatoes, canned corn, green beans, or sweet potatoes. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Thank you for sharing your generosity and ensuring students have enough food over the long holiday weekend.



## An Evening of Piano with Christian Schoen

Join us for an unforgettable evening of piano music on **Saturday, November 8** at 7 pm as our Director of Music, Christian Schoen, performs his original collection of 24 compositions, *Images of People*. This deeply personal work musically portrays individuals who have influenced and shaped his life.

An accomplished pianist, Christian has earned high praise for his expressive and masterful performances. The *Port Huron Times Herald* recently described his playing as "A performance to remember. Elegant, expressive, and undeniably superb." Attendees are welcome to contribute a free will offering at the performance that will support our music ministries at Nativity. We hope to see you then!



## Fall Mini Sessions – Family Photos

Capture the beauty of the season with a family photo session fundraiser! Sessions are \$60 per family, and proceeds support upgrades to the Kinder Garden Outdoor Classroom. Sessions will be held on **Saturday, November 8** from 3–5 pm.

Please select your [preferred time slot](#) before they run out! Payment can be made to Courtney Zickler via Venmo (@czick) at the time of registration.



## Newcomers' Breakfast

If you are new to Nativity within the last year, we'd love to have you join us for a breakfast in Corlett Hall at 9:30 am on **November 9**. This will be a time to get to know some of the leadership at Church of the Nativity, ask questions, learn more about the church and enjoy some fellowship. Please let [Sarah O'Connor](#) or [Lillis Ward](#) know if you can attend.



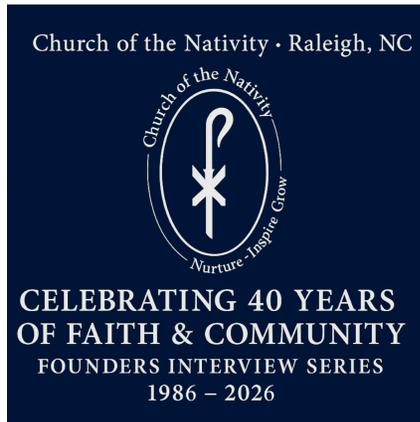
## Veterans Services Presentation

Join us **Sunday, November 9**, immediately following the 10:30 service in Corlett Hall for a special presentation by Mr. Darius Hunt, Veterans' Services Manager for Wake County. Mr. Hunt will share valuable information on navigating disability claims, appeals, and requesting service records. He will also cover survivors' benefits, geriatric benefit services, burial benefits, and state programs available to veterans and their families. All are welcome to attend this informative session just before Veterans Day.



## The Thanksgiving Play Comes to Nativity!

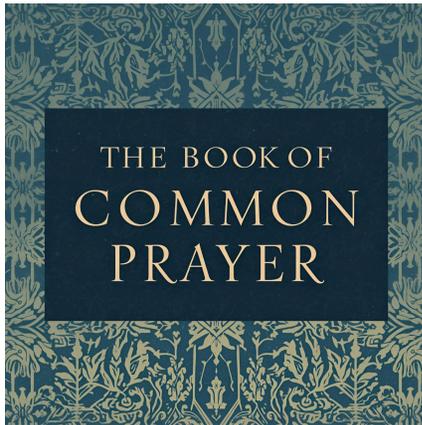
We're excited to host *The Thanksgiving Play* by The Justice Theater Project right here at Nativity on special days from **November 14-23**. This sharp, funny, and thought-provoking production explores how we tell the story of Thanksgiving and who gets included in that story. Come enjoy an evening of theater that invites reflection, laughter, and conversation about justice and culture. Learn more and [get tickets here!](#)



## Inter-Faith Food Shuttle

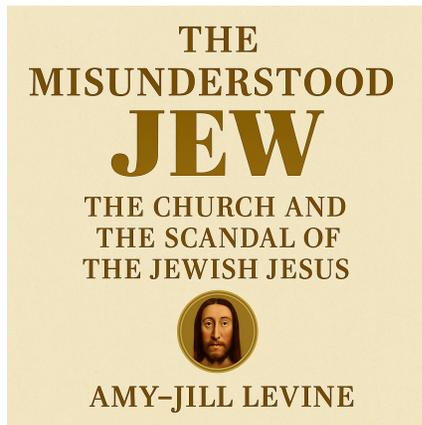
From the formation of our church to its construction and various ministries, Nativity has always exemplified strong lay leadership. These strong-willed, pioneering individuals often were called within their individual lives and quickly gained the support of the congregation. In 1989 Jill Bullard experienced such a call and so began the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle. Today, Jon Showalter continues that legacy as a board director, and Nativity members still pack meals for seniors each month. Watch the new [40th anniversary video](#) to learn more about the IFFS and how you can get involved.

# Adult Formation



### ***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 am 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



## 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



### Job Opening: Secretary of Convention and Council

The Diocese of North Carolina is seeking a new Secretary of Convention and Council with the upcoming retirement of Mr. Chuck Till. This part-time, contracted position supports diocesan governance through record-keeping, communications, and coordination of Convention, Council, and related committees. The role requires strong organizational, communication, and administrative skills, with knowledge of Episcopal Church canons and governance. You can view the position description [here](#). Applications may be submitted to [Canon Catherine Massey](#).

# 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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