



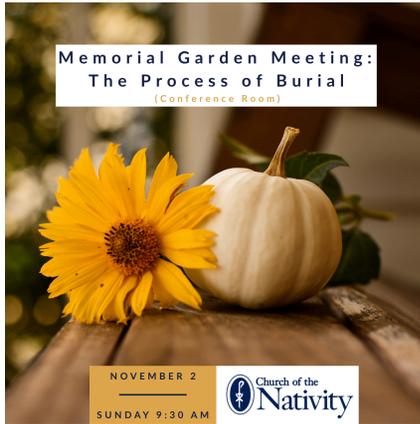
Glad Tidings

October 30, 2025



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Parish Life



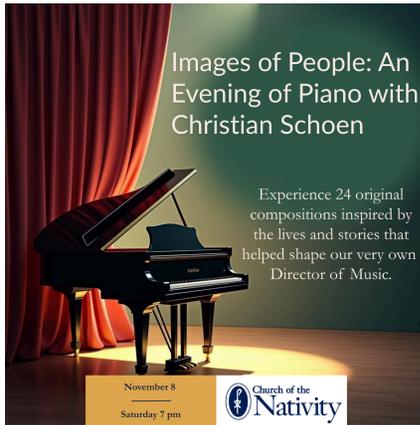
Memorial Garden Meeting

We have a special meeting this **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 Church of the 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 this **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, teddy bears, and glass ornaments after both services to raise money for next summer's pilgrimage.



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 Church of the Nativity. We hope to see you then.



Newcomers' Breakfast

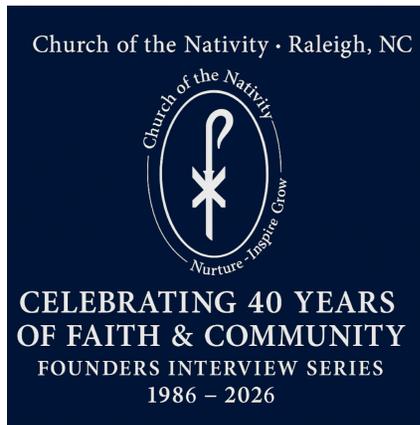
If you are new to Church of the Nativity within the last year, we'd love to have you join us for a breakfast in Corlett Hall at 9:30 am on **November 9**. This will be a time to get to know some of the leadership at Church of the Nativity, ask questions, learn more about the church and enjoy some fellowship.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

VETERANS SERVICES PRESENTATION

NOVEMBER 9

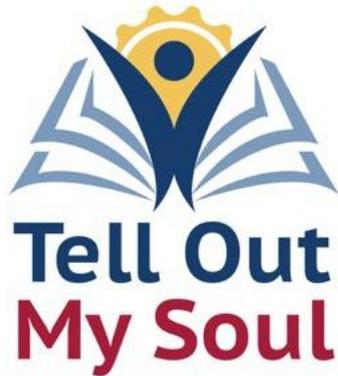
Veterans Services Presentation

Save the date for **Sunday, November 9**, immediately following the 10:30 service in Corlett Hall for a special presentation by 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.



Inter-Faith Food Shuttle

From the formation of our church to its construction and various ministries, Church of the 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 church 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.



Tell Out Your Soul: Stewardship 2026

Inspired by Mary's gratitude for God's gifts, we invite you to reflect on your own blessings and how you might share them. Pledge cards for 2026 are coming soon, and [online pledging](#) is now open. Your commitment helps us worship, serve our neighbors, and strengthen our community. This season, we'll share stories of the many ways we do God's work together. Please prayerfully consider how you can help build a vibrant church for all.

Adult Formation



The Songs We Sing: Four Carols of Christmas

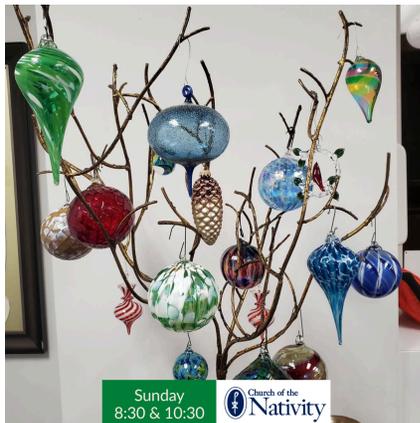
This four-week formation series, meeting Sundays from **November 23–December 21** (with a break on December 7 for the Day of Giving), explores the history and theology of four beloved Christmas carols: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, *Good King Wenceslas*, *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, and *O Come, All Ye Faithful*. Together we'll reflect on their biblical roots and enduring messages of hope, joy, and faith. The class meets in Curry Hall 204 from 9:30–10:20 am. [Please register](#) to let us know you'll be attending.



The Nativity Bowl: Help Choose Church of the Nativity's Favorite Carol

What's your favorite Christmas carol? Help us discover Church of the Nativity's Favorite Christmas Song. Submit your nomination for the carol that fills your heart with the most Christmas joy, whether it's a classic hymn or a festive favorite. We'll take the top nominations and create a friendly bracket-style competition, with songs going head-to-head in weekly Advent voting until we crown our #1 carol. [Nominations are open now](#), so cast your vote and join the fun as we celebrate the music of the season together.

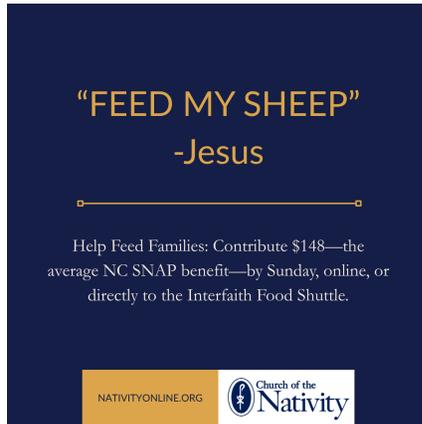
Youth and Children



Support our Upcoming Youth Pilgrimage

Beautiful Christmas ornaments—like the ones pictured and many more—will be on sale this **Sunday, November 2**, following both services. In addition to ornaments, our youth will also be offering teddy bears and Milton's gift cards (available in \$25 and \$50 denominations and can also be [ordered via a Google Form](#)). All proceeds benefit our summer youth pilgrimage, helping ensure that every youth can participate—no one is ever turned away due to an inability to pay. Stop by after worship to support our youth and find the perfect gifts for the season.

Outreach



Support Families Facing Food Insecurity

On **November 1**, food assistance benefits for 1.4 million North Carolinians may end if the government shutdown continues. As followers of Christ, we are called to “feed my sheep.” Please consider contributing \$148—the average monthly SNAP benefit in NC—to Church of the Nativity’s Outreach Fund in support of the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle. Mark “SNAP” in the memo line or [donate online](#). Gifts can also be made directly to the [Food Shuttle](#). Together, we can help feed our neighbors in need.



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.



Day of Giving 2025 – Invitation to Get Involved

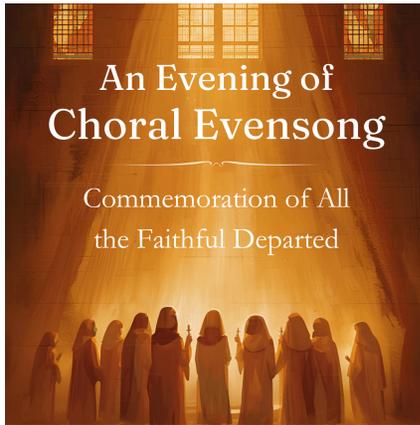
Join us for Church of the Nativity's Day of Giving on **Sunday, December 7** in Corlett Hall from 9:30 am–12:30 pm. This special day celebrates the many ministries we support as a church—and we need your help to make it possible. Get into the spirit of Christmas and giving by volunteering to coordinate refreshments, help with setup or takedown, or assist with poinsettia pickup and pricing. If you'd like to participate, please [sign up here!](#)



Day of Giving: Emergency Response Fund

This year's Day of Giving introduces a new initiative to support Emergency/Disaster Relief. Alongside the Outreach Ministry tables, we'll feature a special section with homemade baked goods and Christmas crafts for sale—with all proceeds going directly to the Outreach account for emergency relief efforts. This fund will help Church of the Nativity respond quickly to urgent needs in our community. If you'd like to contribute baked goods or handmade Christmas items, please [click here](#) to sign up.

From the Diocese



Choral Evensong for All the Faithful Departed

Come with us to St. Michael's Episcopal Church on **Sunday, November 2**, at 4 pm for a special Choral Evensong commemorating All the Faithful Departed, especially those who founded the parish 75 years ago. Guest conductor Malcolm Archer and The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry will lead this service of remembrance. Music by Geraint Lewis, Ernest Bullock, C.V. Stanford, and John Sanders will be sung by the St. Michael's Choir. Incense will be used. A reception follows in the Parish Hall.

Community Events



The Thanksgiving Play Comes to Church

We're excited to host *The Thanksgiving Play* by The Justice Theater Project right here at Church of the 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!](#)



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.

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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