



# *Glad Tidings*

March 12, 2026



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Parish Life



### Wednesdays in Lent: The Next 40 Years

Lent calls us to center our lives on Christ. As Nativity looks toward the next 40 years, how do we keep Jesus as the ONE THING? Join us **March 18** (on [Zoom](#) at 7 pm) and **March 25** (in-person potluck) for prayerful, forward-looking conversation. We'll celebrate our past, explore the future of the Episcopal Church with Rev. Katie Nakamura Rengers on **March 18**, and gather across generations to share hopes and the vision for Church of the Nativity's future.



### Buildings and Grounds Spring Workday

Spring is almost here, and that means it's time for our Church of the Nativity Spring Workday! Join us this **Saturday, March 14** from 9 am–2 pm as we care for our church home together. We'll be working on projects inside and out including gardening, regular maintenance, cleaning, organizing, and more. There's something for every skill level, and many hands make light (and joyful!) work. Come for part of the time or stay all morning. Our rain date will be **Saturday, March 21**. Let's roll up our sleeves and welcome spring together!

Lesley Troan is looking for weeders to upkeep the Memorial Garden. If you have a green thumb, send her an [email!](#)



## Senior Luncheon

Happy March, Seniors! We're gathering for our March Senior Luncheon this **Sunday, March 15**, 12 pm, at The Piper's Tavern (8304 Falls of Neuse Rd., Raleigh 27615). David and Ellen Nason are our gracious hosts. Please give them a call or send an [email](#) to let them know you're coming so we can plan accordingly. We look forward to good food and great fellowship!



## Together We Speak: Advocacy Day Postcards

Join us in Corlett Hall on **Sunday, March 22**, following the 10:30 service, for an intergenerational postcard-writing event in support of Advocacy Day 2026. Nativity members of all ages are invited to write, draw, and share their voices on issues that matter most, including Climate Care, Affordable Housing, and Gun Violence, an urgent concern voiced by our youth. Snacks, art supplies, and postcards will be provided. Your handwritten message or artwork will be delivered to elected representatives at the General Assembly by the bishops and diocesan leaders. Come add your voice.



## Stand Up Speak Out: Advocacy Postcards and Brief Meeting

All Stand Up Speak Out members, and anyone interested, are invited to the intergenerational Postcard Advocacy Social on **March 22** after the 10:30 service. Come help write postcards to our representatives and add your voice. Afterward, we'll hold a brief meeting to make plans for No Kings and share a few new opportunities that have come our way. Join us for conversation, action, and community!



## Spirituality in the Arts: *Shadow and Silence*

Join us on **Monday, March 30**, at 7 pm in the Nave, for *Spirituality in the Arts: Shadow and Silence*, an evening of sacred reflection. This contemplative concert of music and spoken word sets the mood for Holy Week, blending readings from the Episcopal Tenebrae service with moving musical selections from the students of NCCMI. All are welcome. For more information, please contact [Waltye Rasulala](#).



## Volunteers needed for Easter Egg Team

Shhh... our annual Easter special mission is underway! Our high-school youth will have the eggs prefilled and ready, but we need a cheerful crew to hide them before the 10:30 service begins on Easter **Sunday, April 5**. We're also looking for one kind-hearted coordinator to guide the fun. After the service, a few helpers are also needed to assist little hunters, bag up the candy, and collect the eggs for next year. If you'd love to join the Rabbit's Team, let Jeremy know on this [Sign-Up Genius](#).



## Cookie Decorating Contest & Time Capsule Burial

Celebrate with us on **Sunday, April 19** (Youth Sunday) after the 10:30 service for a Cookie Decorating Contest and the burial of Nativity's 40th Anniversary Time Capsule. Bring cookie decorating supplies to share - sprinkles, colored sugar, mini candies, and other fun toppings. A sign-up sheet with suggestions will be available next week. Come celebrate, decorate, and take part in this special moment in Nativity's history!

# Outreach



## Donations needed for Holy Week Blessing Bags

The youth, working alongside Randy Smith, will assemble Blessing Bags for the homeless during Lent this year. These bags will be available for pickup on **Palm Sunday, March 29**, after each service, so that you can share them during Holy Week. If you would like to contribute, items can be purchased through our [Amazon Wishlist](#). We provide this for convenience, but you are absolutely welcome to purchase items elsewhere as well. All donated items are needed by **Thursday, March 19**.

These Blessing Bags are made in loving memory of Randy's late wife and son, Carol and Justin.



## Habitat for Humanity Build Day

Be part of our team on **Saturday, March 28** at Olde Poole Place as we partner with Habitat for Humanity! We need 15 volunteers to work on the house and helpers to provide lunch for 40 people. No experience is needed—core volunteers will guide us. Youth 16+ may participate with a parent. It's a wonderful opportunity for learning, fellowship, and building beloved community. You can [register here](#), just make sure to select "March 28" to complete the form. Lunch details coming soon!



## Volunteer Coordinator Needed – Black Farmers CSA

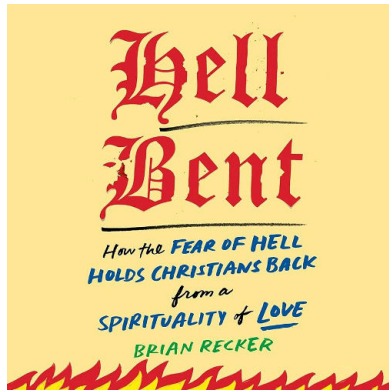
Do you love fresh produce, supporting local farmers, and Saturday mornings? We're seeking a volunteer to coordinate our Black Farmers CSA deliveries (**April–October**). This partnership provides pesticide-free produce while supporting African-American farmers with reliable income; helping grow lasting legacies and right historic inequities. Responsibilities include communicating with farmers about seasonal details, updating Nativity members about pick-ups, and coordinating Saturday drop-offs (either attending or organizing SignUp Genius volunteers). Interested? [Let us know!](#)

## Adult Formation



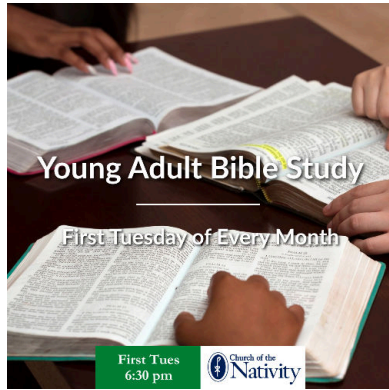
### Jesus's Journey to Jerusalem

Discover the power and meaning of Jesus's final days in a five-session adult formation class exploring the journey to Jerusalem and the Passion. Based on *The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem* by Marcus Borg, this class will offer thoughtful, accessible insights into the events at the heart of Holy Week. Taught by Jo Dykes, the class will meet Sundays from 9:30–10:20 am in Curry Hall, Room 204, from **February 22–March 22**. [Please register](#) so we will have enough materials for everyone. All are welcome!



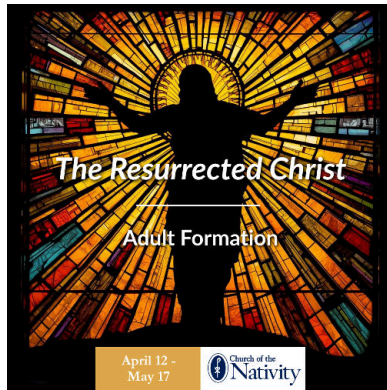
### **Hell Bent Lenten Book Study**

Delve into *Hell Bent* by Brian Recker during our Lenten book study, as we explore Christian spirituality, community, and the nature of God’s love. The group will meet **Tuesdays, February 24–March 24**, from 1–2 pm in the Estill House Conference Room, just following the Lenten Tuesday Eucharist. The study will be offered in a hybrid format, with a Zoom option available. [Please register](#) to indicate your preference and to receive the study details and the link.



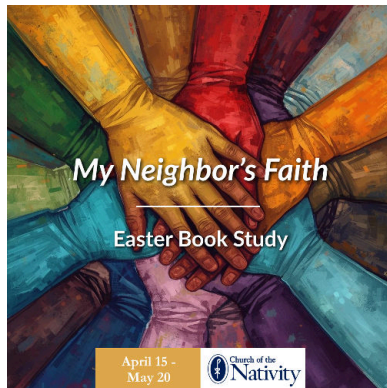
### **Young Adult Bible Study**

Young Adult Bible Study meets on Zoom on the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30–8 pm, led by The Rev. George Black. Our next gathering is on **April 7**. This is a relaxed, welcoming space to explore scripture, ask questions, and grow in community. Whether you’re new to Bible study or have lots of experience, you’re invited. And who counts as a “young adult”? That’s up to you. To obtain the Zoom link, please contact [The Rev. George Black](#).



### The Resurrected Christ

A new Sunday morning study, *The Resurrected Christ*, will meet **April 12–May 17**, from 9:30–10:20 am in Curry Hall, Room 204, led by the Rev. Dr. Jim Melnyk. Through readings from the Gospels, Acts, and Paul’s letters, participants will explore several biblical accounts of encounters with the risen Christ: on the road, by the sea, at the empty tomb, and beyond. Each class begins with a brief practice of Lectio Divina, followed by discussion reflecting on how these stories shape our understanding of resurrection, recognition, and response. [Sign-up here](#) so that we may be prepared.



### My Neighbor's Faith

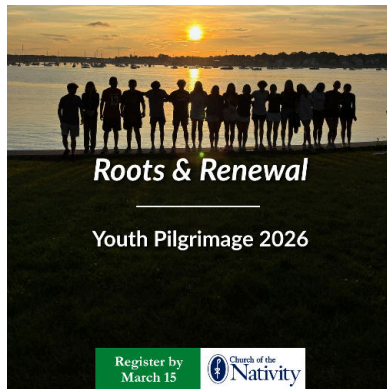
A six-week book study on *My Neighbor's Faith* by Jennifer Howe Peace, Or N. Rose, and Gregory Mobley will meet **April 15–May 20** from 7–8:30 pm in the Estill House Conference Room, with the option to join via Zoom using our new hybrid meeting technology. This discussion-based class explores how people of different faith traditions encounter one another with curiosity and respect. Through personal stories from religious leaders, scholars, and activists, participants will reflect on engaging neighbors of other faiths and working toward a more compassionate and just world. [Sign up](#) to let us know you’re coming or to request the Zoom links.

## Youth and Children



## Easter Egg Hunt

Children from our littlest ones through 5th grade are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the 10:30 am service on Easter Sunday morning. Please have your child bring a basket and meet in front of the Narthex after worship. Wait for Jeremy's signal before the hunt begins under the big oak tree. We look forward to seeing you there.



## Last Call to Register for Youth Pilgrimage 2026: *Roots & Renewal*

From **June 16–21**, our high school students will travel to Richmond and Williamsburg, VA for a week-long pilgrimage into the story of The Episcopal Church. We'll step into the moments when our Church wrestled with big questions, shaped its identity, and found new direction. We'll worship together, serve alongside local communities, have a lot of fun, and make memories that last. This is more than a history trip, it's about discovering the part we can play in a story that's still unfolding.

Registration is now open. To reserve a spot, please complete [the registration form](#) by **March 15**. This experience is open to rising 9th graders through just-graduated seniors.



### VBS Save the Date!

Save the date for Vacation Bible School, **July 19–23!** We're excited to once again partner with North Raleigh Presbyterian Church for a great week of faith and fun. VBS will be held on their campus this year. Mark your calendars now and watch for the theme and registration details coming soon.

We look forward to another wonderful week together!



### StoryBuilders Theatre Camp

StoryBuilders is a summer theater camp for rising 3rd–9th graders, offered in partnership by Nativity and [The Justice Theatre Project](#). The two-week camp runs the weeks of **July 27** and **August 3**. Campers work in age-based groups to create an original stage performance inspired by texts from Nativity's Peace Library, developing characters and scenes with guidance from teaching artists. The cost is \$285 per week, and scholarships are available. More information and registration forms can be [found here](#).

## 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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