



# *Glad Tidings*

March 19, 2026



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Parish Life



## Wednesdays in Lent: The Next 40 Years

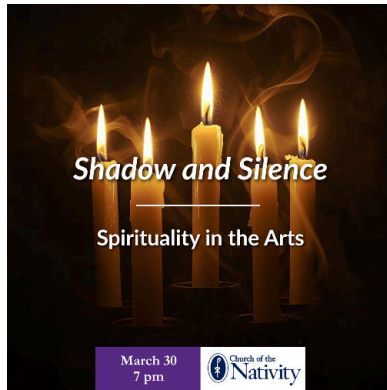
Lent calls us to center our lives on Christ. As Nativity looks toward the next 40 years, how do we keep Jesus as the ONE THING? Join us **March 25** (in-person potluck) for prayerful, forward-looking conversation. We'll celebrate our past, explore the future of the Episcopal Church and gather across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



## Together We Speak: Advocacy Day Postcards

Join us in Corlett Hall this **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.

Afterward, the SUSO team will 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](#).



### Women's Outing: Historic Raleigh Trolley Tour

Join the women of Nativity for a narrated Historic Raleigh Trolley tour on **Saturday, April 11**, followed by lunch. Meet at Mordecai Historic Park at 12:30 for the 1 pm tour through Oakwood's Victorian-era neighborhood. Tickets are \$12 and must be purchased in advance [online](#), by phone, or at the Visitor Center; receipts are required to board. Carpooling from Nativity at 12:00 is recommended. Please notify [Gail Till](#) or [Tivey Clark](#) when you purchase your ticket and if you plan to carpool.



### 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. You can help us prepare by [ordering supplies](#), [volunteer](#) to bring items, or [donate via Venmo](#). Come celebrate, decorate, and take part in this special moment in Nativity's history!



## Thank You Spring Workday Volunteers

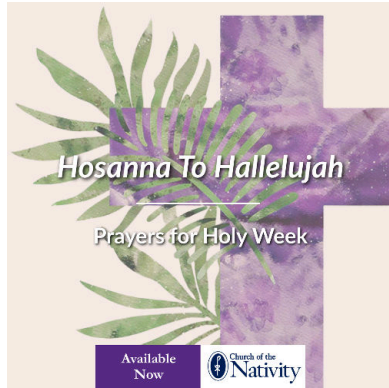
Many thanks to everyone who came out for our Spring Workday this past Saturday. We had nearly 30 volunteers come out to help! With many hands and willing spirits, a great deal was accomplished. From tending the gardens to tackling maintenance projects and sprucing up our shared spaces, your time, energy, and care help keep Church of the Nativity a welcoming and well-loved home for our community. We are grateful for all who pitched in!



## Church Bylaws Committee

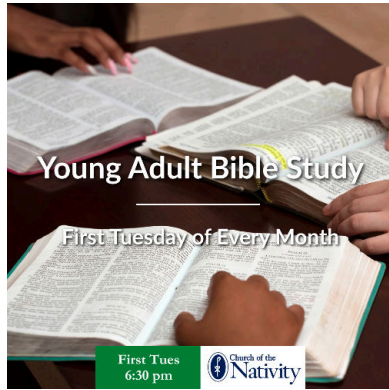
After celebrating our church's 40th anniversary, we're looking ahead by forming a committee to develop church bylaws. If you're interested in helping create a strong foundation for the future, we'd love your voice. Contact [Hannah Harris](#) to volunteer or learn more.

# Adult Formation



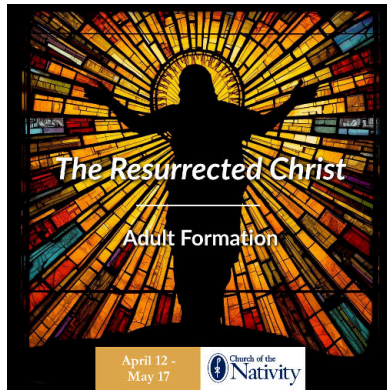
## Holy Week Devotional: *Hosanna to Hallelujah!*

Copies of *Hosanna to Hallelujah: Prayers for Holy Week* by Carol Geisler are now available in the Narthex. Holy Week is the most sacred time in the church year, and this devotional offers prayers for both morning and evening throughout the week. Each day includes a short reflection to help focus on the unfolding events of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection, from the hosannas of Palm Sunday to the hallelujahs of Easter. Pick up a copy for your own journey through this holy season.



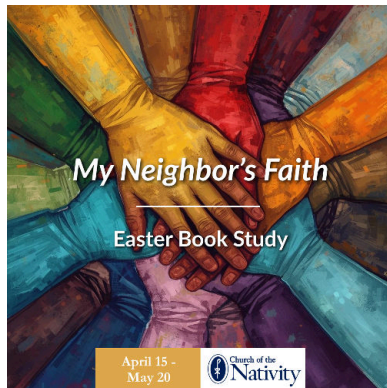
## Young Adult Bible Study

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

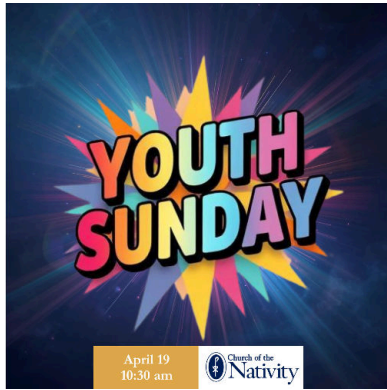
A six-week book study on *My Neighbor's Faith* by Jennifer Howe Peace, Or N. Rose, and Gregory Mobley will meet **April 15–May 20** from 7–8:30 pm in the Estill House Conference Room, with the option to join via Zoom using our new hybrid meeting technology. This discussion-based class explores how people 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.



## Youth Sunday is April 19

Youth Sunday will be celebrated on **Sunday, April 19** at the 10:30 am service. On this day, the youth and children of our parish will take on all the lay leadership roles in worship. They will serve as readers, lead the prayers, assist at the altar, and even offer the homilies. It is always joyful to see our young people actively leading and sharing their faith. If your child or youth would like to participate, please let [Jeremy](#) know.



## 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](#).

# Outreach



### 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. 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!](#)

## 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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