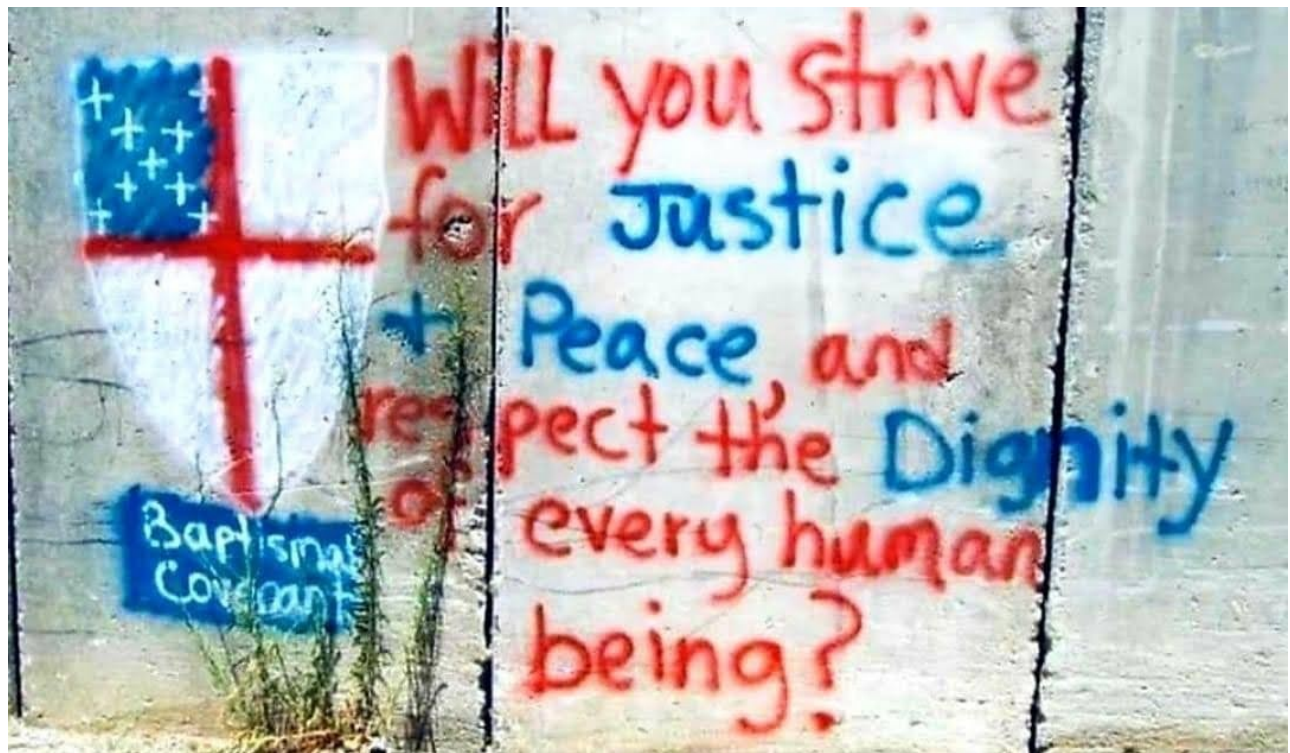




Glad Tidings

June 4, 2026



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

Parish Life

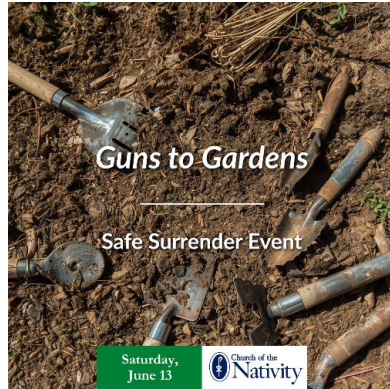


Graduation Sunday and Cookout

Join us this **Sunday, June 7**, as Nativity celebrates Graduation Sunday during the 10:30 service, honoring both our eighth-grade students and graduating seniors.

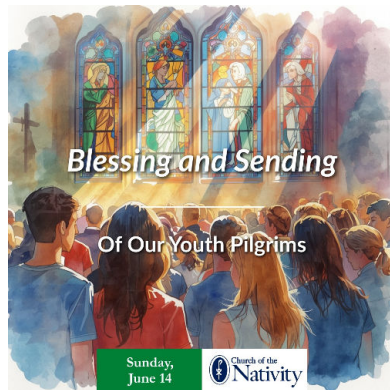


Eighth graders are invited to wear school colors, and seniors are encouraged to wear academic regalia. Graduates will join the procession, receive a special blessing, and be celebrated at a cookout following the service. Families and friends are warmly invited! We're seeking [volunteers](#) to help with setup, grilling, food stations, kids' activities, and cleanup.



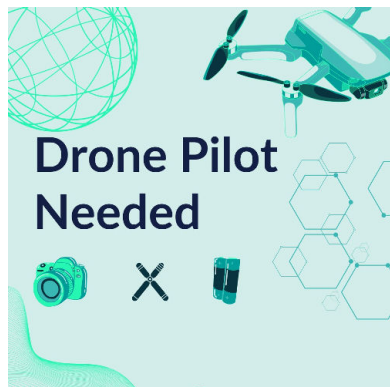
Guns to Gardens Safe Surrender Event

Nativity is partnering with local congregations to sponsor a Guns to Gardens Safe Surrender event on **Saturday, June 13**, at Umstead Park United Church of Christ. Individuals can anonymously surrender unwanted firearms at no cost. Weapons are safely disabled on-site and later repurposed into garden tools. This effort responds to concerns raised by our youth. Volunteers are needed before, during, and after the event for setup, greeting, assisting participants, and cleanup. (Event-day volunteers must be 18 or older.) [Sign up here](#) to volunteer, [click here](#) for more information, or contact [Matt C.](#)



Blessing and Sending of Youth Pilgrims

During the 10:30 am celebration of Holy Eucharist on **Sunday, June 14**, our parish will commission fourteen youth pilgrims and four adult leaders as they prepare to journey to Richmond and Williamsburg for the 2026 Youth Pilgrimage: *Roots & Renewal*. Together, they will explore the history of the Anglican and Episcopal traditions, reflect on questions of faith and belonging, and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they continue writing their chapter of the Church's story.



Drone Pilot Needed

We are looking for someone with a drone who is willing to take an aerial photo of the land above the time capsule. Forty years from now we hope Nativity members are here to open the capsule; having a photo and coordinates will keep knowledge and placement alive. If you have or can access a drone for this small project, please contact [Gail T.](#)

Youth and Children



Peace Library Summer Reading

Sunday, June 7, begins our Summer Peace Library program. Look for the special display at the front of the sanctuary featuring Peace Library books chosen to complement each week's Gospel reading. Many of these titles are new to the collection. Activity sheets for most books will be available for children to use during the service, since Children's Formation classes will not meet during the summer. Families are welcome to borrow any featured books or other Peace Library titles. A sign-out binder will be available at the display table.



Children's Formation Summer Update

After **Sunday, May 31**, Children's Formation will pause for the summer and resume the Sunday after Labor Day with a new curriculum, *The Peace Table*. During this pause, as Nativity participates in the Diocese of North Carolina's *Let the Children Come* discernment cohort, we'll experiment with new ways to engage children more fully in worship as active members of the Body of Christ. Thank you to all our volunteers for another wonderful year of helping our children grow in faith!

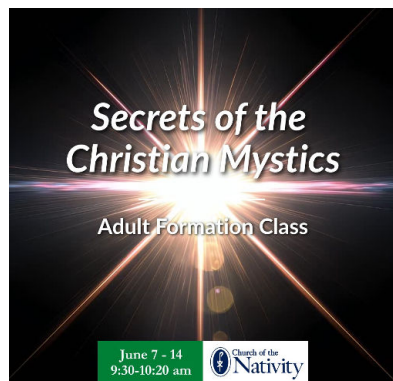


Kingdom Quest VBS:

An Epic Journey to Discover God's Kingdom

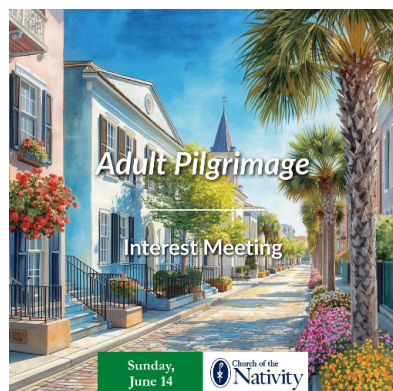
It's time [to register](#) for Vacation Bible School, **July 19–23!** This year's theme is *Kingdom Quest*, an adventure-focused VBS that invites children to explore what it means to seek God's kingdom through scripture, worship, service, and friendship. We're excited to once again partner with North Raleigh Presbyterian Church, with VBS taking place on their campus this summer. Mark your calendars now and [register to participate](#). Volunteer opportunities coming soon.

Adult Formation



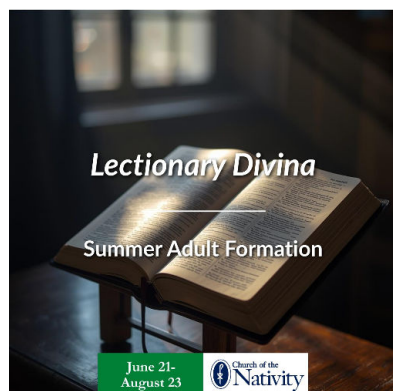
Secrets of the Christian Mystics - Part 2

Join The Rev. Nancy Titus as we conclude our exploration of Christian mysticism in *Secrets of the Christian Mystics*. Due to winter weather cancellations, we will complete the series by focusing on Thomas Merton and Cynthia Bourgeault. Meeting **Sunday, June 7 and 14**, from 9:30–10:20 am in Curry Hall, Room 204. This continuation offers a rich introduction to these modern voices in the mystical tradition. All are welcome, whether or not you attended Part 1.



Adult Pilgrimage Interest Meeting

Story and Song is our next planned adult pilgrimage, heading to Charleston this November. We'll be exploring the history, faith, resilience, and cultural witness of the African American experience in the Lowcountry. Through guided visits, worship, and conversation pilgrims will encounter stories that continue to shape Charleston and the American church. Come learn more about the pilgrimage on **Sunday, June 14** following the 10:30 am Eucharist in Curry Hall 204. Additional details and registration information will be available soon.



Lectionary Divina

This summer, we invite you to join a new adult formation offering: Lectionary Divina. Meeting Sundays from **June 21 to August 23**, from 9:30–10:20 am in Curry Hall, Room 204, this group will engage one or more of the lectionary readings appointed for the day through a reflective, discussion-based approach. Sessions will be led on a rotating basis by The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano, Jeremy Clos, and others. All are welcome to come as you are for a time of scripture and shared insight.



Education for Ministry

Registration for the 2026–27 Education for Ministry (EfM) seminar will open this summer. Offered through [The University of the South School of Theology](#), EfM is a small-group program for theological education and reflection that meets Monday evenings at Nativity. Through study, prayer, and guided conversation, participants explore scripture, church history, and theology while reflecting on the relationship between faith and daily life.

EfM is grounded in the belief that every Christian is called to ministry, and the program helps participants discern and articulate their own vocation in the world.

To learn more, contact **Jeremy Clos** or **Josh Booth**, or check out the [EfM website](#). You can also read a first-person account in this [blog post](#) by Matt Chytka.

Outreach



Join a ONE Wake Listening Session: Help Us Understand How Housing is Affecting Our Congregation and Those We Care About

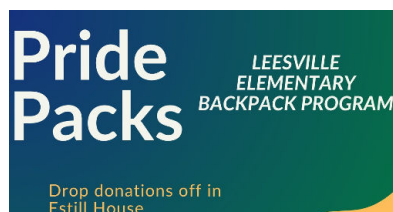
How has the affordable housing crisis affected you or those you know? Your story matters. Join the conversation virtually on Zoom **June 10** from 7-8 pm or in person in Corlett Hall on **July 12** following the 10:30 am service. All are welcome. Please sign up [here](#). If you would prefer to share privately, please contact Nativity's ONE Wake **core team**.

Saturday, June 27 Be A "Shield" At Out! Raleigh Pride

Consider joining with your Nativity community to volunteer as a "shield" at Out! Raleigh Pride Family Day on **Saturday, June 27** (time TBD). We will hold up posters and try to block "protesters" from ruining a fun, affirming day for the participants! Please sign up [here](#) with the LGBT Center of Raleigh (deadline is June 5) and [here](#) with Nativity. We will go as a group!

Save the Date – Saturday, Sept 19 ONE Wake Statewide Candidate Forum

Save the date for the ONE Wake Statewide Candidate Forum on **Saturday, September 19**. We hope to push forward statewide movement on Affordable Housing and other critical issues. Please plan to join! Things only change when we all push in the same direction!



Pride Packs

You can make a difference by donating to the Leesville Elementary Backpack Program by **Sunday, June 7**. Donations of shelf-ready milk, snacks, and protein items



are greatly needed. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Donations can be placed in the basket in Estill House. Thank you for sharing your generosity and ensuring students have enough food through this season.



Save the Date: Rise Against Hunger

On **Sunday, September 20**, following the 10:30 service, Nativity will host its 14th annual intergenerational Rise Against Hunger meal-packaging event in Corlett Hall. Sponsored by the Outreach Ministry Team, this will be our fourth year partnering with North Raleigh Presbyterian Church for this meaningful ministry opportunity. As a reminder of the impact of this work, the meals packaged at last year's event were shipped to Ukraine. More details and registration information will be shared soon.

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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