

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAREWELL TO JEREMY CLOS

Join us as we celebrate Jeremy Clos and give thanks for his ministry at Nativity. Jeremy has accepted a new call as Missioner for Adult Discipleship with the Diocese of North Carolina, a wonderful opportunity that recognizes the gifts he has shared with our parish. Jeremy's final Sunday on staff will be **Sunday, July 26**. Please join us for worship as we send him off with our prayers and gratitude. We will also gather for a farewell brunch on **Sunday, Aug. 2, following 9:30 am** worship in Corlett Hall. Please attend one or both opportunities to celebrate Jeremy and wish him well in this next chapter.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE UPDATE

In hopes of providing rest and renewal for our clergy this season, the Vestry is implementing a six-week trial of a single Sunday worship service during the second half of the summer. **From Sunday, Aug. 2-Sunday, Sep. 6**, our two Sunday services will be combined into **one 9:30 am Eucharist service**, with adult formation to follow in **Curry Hall at 10:45 am**. By implementing this plan for six Sundays, we all can enjoy a more relaxed summer. If you have any questions, please speak with a member of the Vestry.

LECTIONARY DIVINA

This summer, we invite you to join Lectionary Divina, our Sunday adult formation offering. Through **Sunday, July 26**, we will continue meeting at **9:30 a.m. in Curry Hall** for a time of reflective, discussion-based engagement with one or more of the day's lectionary readings. **Beginning Sunday, Aug. 9, and continuing through Aug. 23**, this schedule will shift due to our temporary change in Sunday worship times, and Lectionary Divina will meet at **10:45 am**, following the **9:30 am** service. All are welcome!

UPCOMING STAND UP SPEAK OUT (SUSO) MEETING

Please Join Stand Up Speak Out **THIS Sunday, July 26, at 12 pm** in Corlett Hall for a time of prayer, conversation, and community as we reflect on current issues and explore opportunities to take action together. All are welcome, and feel free to bring a snack to share.

Upcoming Action Opportunities:

Reclaim Our Vote Postcard Writing – Help educate and empower voters through this nonpartisan initiative. Sign-up details coming soon.

BOOK LAUNCH: STAYING ALIVE IN BEAR COUNTRY

Join us on **Sunday, August 9, from 3–5 pm** in Corlett Hall for the launch of *Staying Alive in Bear Country* by the late Pete Crow, published on the first anniversary of his death. Celebrate Pete's life and legacy with family and friends, and RSVP via Beth Crow.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Registration is now open for the 2026–27 Education for Ministry (EfM) seminar. EfM is a small-group program of theological study and reflection that meets Monday evenings at Nativity, helping participants deepen their faith and discern their call to ministry in everyday life. Though Jeremy Clos will soon begin his new role with the Diocese of North Carolina, he will continue helping to lead Nativity's EfM program for the next year. To learn more, contact Jeremy or Josh Booth.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

All are welcome to join the Caregivers Support Group on **Sunday, July 26, at 12:15 pm in Curry Hall 202**. Whether you are currently caring for a loved one or have experience to share, we would love to hear from you. Join us for conversation, encouragement, and support as we walk this journey together. Please contact Emily Phillips with any questions.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 26

8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II Spoken (Nave)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with Music
12 pm SUSO Session (Corlett Hall)
12:15 pm Caregiver Support Group (Curry Hall 202)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

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10:30 am Farewell brunch for Jeremy Clos



COMPOSTING MADE EASIER!

The options for composting at Church of the Nativity have changed recently. The Building and Grounds team has removed the compost bins from the Community Garden. Please place all compostable materials in the bin provided by CompostNow located on the north end of the parking lot (to your right when facing Estill House). This bin is commercially processed and can accept a wide variety of compostable materials, including cooked meats, egg shells, paper, and pizza boxes. See the CompostNow website for a complete list of accepted material.

VETERANS@NATIVITY – SUNDAY, AUG. 9 Please join us at **10:30 am (following the single service) in Curry Hall 204** for a debrief of the June Guns2Gardens event, a discussion of the upcoming Fall Faith Formation Series on mental health, and an open discussion forum. Questions? Contact: ryanpar-ker@nativityonline.org.

HELP US LAUNCH A RIDES MINISTRY

Who needs a ride? The vestry is exploring beginning a rides ministry to help Nativity members who are temporarily unable to get to Church on Sundays by offering rides with a rotating pool of volunteers. If you are someone who has needed, or currently needs, help getting to and from Nativity - please email rides@nativityonline.org. If there is enough interest, and supply of volunteers, we will announce the launch of this ministry in the coming weeks.

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