

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! HOMECOMING SUNDAY

Join us for a Homecoming Sunday celebration on Sep. 13 at Church of the Nativity! After the 10:30 am service, enjoy good food, fun, and fellowship as we kick off a new season of busy programming and ministry. It's a great opportunity to connect with old friends, meet new ones, and learn more about the many ministries that make Nativity such a vibrant community. Please bring a side dish or dessert to go with our BBQ luncheon.

NEW VENDOR REQUEST FORM

Thank you to all of the volunteers and ministry teams who give their time and energy to make Nativity's life and ministry possible! To help streamline purchases and communication, we've created a Vendor Request Form for all ministry-related purchases. All requests must be reviewed and approved by staff and/or Vestry before a purchase is made. Thank you for helping us make this process easier, more transparent, and more efficient for everyone!

ACOLYTES WANTED

Are you currently an acolyte? Have you considered being an acolyte but have questions? The NC Diocese is holding the 2026 Acolyte Festival on October 17 from 9:30-3:30 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Winston Salem. Acolytes and prospective acolytes of all ages will deepen their understanding of worship through hands-on workshops covering vestments, sacred objects, altar serving, processions, and special services such as Holy Week, baptisms, confirmations and episcopal visitations.

There is a \$10 registration fee for each participant. Financial support is available. Please contact Lisa Aycock, missionary for youth discipleship, to request a scholarship or raise any questions. Please reach out to Sarah O'Connor if you are interested.

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY MORNING BOOK STUDY

A new Sunday morning book study will begin Sep. 13–Oct. 4 from 9:30–10:20 am in Curry Hall, Room 204. James Casler will lead as we read and discuss *Lord Teach Us The Lord's Prayer & the Christian Life*. We'll explore The Lord's Prayer phrase by phrase and look at this familiar prayer in a whole new way. Copies of the book are available in the Narthex. Please have the first two chapters read before the first class.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU: A FOYER ADVENTURE

Meet new friends or reconnect with the community at Nativity by joining Foyer! Groups of 4–5 gather monthly from September–December to share a meal. Whether you cook, host, or order in, the focus is fellowship in a relaxed setting. Families can also join through Family Foyer, if sufficient interest. Sign up by emailing Gail Till and indicate Foyer or Family Foyer. Assignments will be shared the last week of August.

YOUTH FORMATION SCHEDULE

MIDDLE SCHOOL

We are excited to welcome our Middle School Youth back with a regathering breakfast in Curry Hall Room 204 on Sunday, September 13 during their formation time of 9:50-10:20 am. Come meet friends new and old and get ready for a new program year. Middle School Youth will explore a gospel-based lesson cycle this year that aligns with the lectionary beginning on Sunday, Sep. 20.

HIGH SCHOOL

We are excited to welcome our High School Youth back with a regathering dinner on Sunday, September 27 (time and location TBA). Come meet friends new and old and get ready for a new program year. High School Youth will continue to meet regularly on Sunday Nights throughout the autumn. A full calendar for the year will be linked in an upcoming message.

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SAVE THE DATE: NATIVITY WOMEN'S RETREAT

Join us for Nativity's Women's Retreat this fall! The retreat will be held on **Friday, Oct. 9 from 6:30–8:30 pm and Saturday, Oct. 10 from 10 am–4:30 pm**. More details and registration information are coming soon. Need a ride? We'll provide one! Questions? Contact Gail Till or Tivey Clark.

SENIOR LUNCHEON: SEPTEMBER 20

Join fellow Nativity seniors for a time of fellowship and good food! Our next Senior Luncheon is Sunday, Sep. 20, at Crooked Hammock immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. The restaurant address is 4501 Edwards Mill Rd, Raleigh, NC 27612. Come enjoy a meal and connect with friends old and new. Questions? Contact Ed or Robin Mussman.

THE DAILY BREAD VIRTUAL EVENING BOOK STUDY

Join us every Wednesday at 7 pm EST beginning Sep. 9 for a meaningful and thought-provoking book study as we explore *Take This Bread* by Sarah Miles. Together, we'll reflect on faith, community, hospitality, and the transformative power of sharing a meal and sharing our lives.

Meeting ID: 875 2367 9170; **Passcode:** 435241

RALEIGH EPISCOPAL CAMPUS MINISTRY

Raleigh Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM) is a welcoming Episcopal community for students from NC State, Meredith, Wake Tech, and other local colleges. Led by Rev. Caleb Tabor, ECM offers weekly worship, small groups, retreats, and fellowship opportunities for students. Church of the Nativity proudly supports ECM through meals, financial contributions, and parish representation on the ECM Board. To learn more, email outreach@nativityonline.org or follow [@ecmraleighnc](https://www.instagram.com/ecmraleighnc) on Instagram.

PACK MEALS + FIGHT HUNGER

Nativity's 14th annual Rise Against Hunger (RAH) intergenerational meal-packaging event will take place in Corlett Hall on Sunday, Sep. 20, beginning at 11:45 am, immediately following the 10:30 am service. This year, we hope to have at least 50 participants from Nativity and our neighbors at North Raleigh Presbyterian Church to help package 10,000+ meals. All participants must register in advance. Questions? Contact René Garcés for more information.

LEESVILLE ELEMENTARY PRIDE PACKS PROGRAM

Help support food-insecure students at Leesville Elementary through the Pride Pack Program, which provides weekend meals and snacks. Beginning September 6, donation boxes will be available in the Narthex and Corlett Hall on the first Sunday of each month. Please donate requested foods in individual serving sizes (no large containers). Monetary donations may be made by cash or check payable to the LES PTA. Thank you for supporting our students!

RACIAL EQUITY PHASE I TRAINING

St. Paul's will host a Racial Equity Institute (REI) Phase I training October 15–16, open to the wider community — not just Episcopalians or Cary residents. Partial scholarships are available through the Racial Justice and Reconciliation Commission, with approximately 10 half-scholarships available. Please contact Aleta Payne before registering if financial assistance would make the training more accessible, so funding availability can be confirmed.

ONE WAKE SEP. 19 ACTION—WE NEED YOU!

Please join with all ONE Wake's 45+ faith organizations at a "town hall" Saturday, Sep. 19 from 1–3 pm. We hope to have at least 50 folks from Nativity. We need your help! We believe that as well-intentioned as many of our representatives are, they do not fully understand how urgently this work needs to be done. Come, bring a spouse, a young person, a friend — let's do this! If lower housing costs would affect you personally, we are also looking for individuals willing to sit at the front of the action! Hope you'll join us.

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