



The Nativity Star

Weekly Announcements & Events for
October 11 through 18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME TO UPDATE THE COTN DIRECTORY

Is your family information up to date? It's time to update the Parish Directory. Part of that effort is taking your photo. We will be in the Narthex after the 10:30 am services on October 11, October 18, and October 25 to take your photo. Please look for us.

SENIOR LUNCHEON AT DOS TAQUITOS

Please join us at Dos Taquitos, 6101 Glenwood Ave. on October 17 @ 5pm. You'll need to reserve your spot by October 15 at 4pm!

MENTAL HEALTH, MILITARY SERVICE & BELONGING

Please join us for a four-part series exploring mental health, military service and belonging. We'll meet on Sundays from October 18 to November 8 from 9:30 to 10:20 am in Curry Hall Room 204. Topics include partners in care, moral injury and belonging. All are welcome! Come learn, share, and support our community. Questions? Contact ryanparker@nativityonline

REPARATIONS IN THE CHURCH: DOES IT WORK? DOES IT MATTER?

On October 18 following the 10:30 service join Rev. Grey for a talk about his recent doctoral thesis: "The Fast we choose" on what happens when a church embarks on racial reparations and reconciliation.

To learn more about reparations, the church and faith, sign up for our Wednesday evening book study starting Wednesday October 14 on "Reparations: a plan for churches". You can sign up by emailing formation@nativityonline.org. The book is available from Amazon and church publishing.

SUNDAY MORNING BOOK STUDY

We will continue with our Sunday morning book study through Oct. 11 from 9:30-10:20 am in Curry Hall, Room 204.

Jay 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.

STORY & SONG: 2026 ADULT PILGRIMAGE TO CHARLESTON

You are invited to journey with The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano, pilgrimage Coordinator, Beth Crow and other pilgrims from Church of the Nativity as we transport ourselves through story and song, through prayer and scripture, to Charleston, SC. We will be seeking to better understand and begin to reckon with the legacy of slavery in North and South Carolina and the role that the Episcopal Church has historically played in that legacy. We will also be reflecting on how we can foster a new identity as a denomination and as people of faith.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:30 am Holy Eucharist, spoken (Nave)

9:30 am Adult Formation (Curry Hall, Room 204)

10:30 am Holy Eucharist, with music (Nave)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

Office closed for Indigenous Peoples Day

6:30 pm Education for Ministry (Corlett Hall)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:00 pm Buildings & Grounds meeting, (Conference Room)

7:00 pm Communications Team meeting (Curry Hall Room 202)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

10:00 am Chatty Yarns (Corlett Hall)

7:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal (Corlett Hall)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:00 pm Choir Practice (Nave)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:30 am Holy Eucharist, spoken (Nave)

9:30 am Adult Formation (Curry Hall Room 204)

9:30 am Middle School Formation (Curry Hall Room 202)

10:30 am Holy Eucharist, with music (Nave)

11:45 am High School Formation (Curry Hall Room 202)

12:00 pm Rev. Dr. Grey Thesis Discussion (Curry Hall Room 204)

The pilgrimage will begin on November 11, 2026, and we will return to Raleigh on Sunday November 15 in the afternoon. The cost of the trip will be \$900(\$600 for double occupancy) which includes transportation, breakfast and dinner every day, lodging, museum entrances and honorariums for all our speakers. Please sign up by October 15.

SAVE THE DATE: NATIVITY WOMEN'S RETREAT

Ladies, time is running out. The Women's Retreat only has a few more openings and you KNOW you want to be part of this awesome group! This isn't only a chance to meet more women of the congregation and/or get to know them better, but it's a chance to learn how your personality and spirituality can work together. You'll be able to reverently walk through the labyrinth, create a "soulful collage", and to laugh and visit over good food.

We'll be at Nativity on Friday night and at The Trees in Durham on Saturday.

Register through SignUpGenius and review the retreat FAQ for more information. Need a ride? We'll provide one!

Questions? Contact Gail Till or Tivey Clark.

NO MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL FORMATION OCT. 11

Due to the WCPSS holiday this Monday, there will be no middle or high school formation this week.

YOUTH SUNDAY WILL BE NOVEMBER 8

Sunday, November 8 will be our Autumn Youth Sunday at Nativity!

Youth will take on all the lay roles during the 10:30 am service of Holy Eucharist. Please reach out to [Sarah O'Connor](#) if you'd like to volunteer for a specific role.

Service hours will be certified for youth volunteers.

NATIVITY SOULS TO THE POLLS EVENT

You are cordially invited to join Stand Up Speak Out (SUSO) and One Wake in the Church of the Nativity's inaugural Souls to the Polls event on **Sunday, October 25th after the 10:30 am service**. We will begin with a potluck lunch before the polls open at 1:00 pm, whereupon those eligible to vote in Wake County will be encouraged to carpool to the nearby [Lake Lynn Community Center just down Ray Road](#). Those not already registered to vote may do so at Lake Lynn (or any other) early voting site. Bring one of the [acceptable forms of photo ID](#), such as a driver's license. We hope to provide childcare for those who could benefit from it. Everyone is welcome! Please [RSVP](#) and sign up to help in any way you can. See you there!

STAND UP SPEAK OUT OPPORTUNITIES

As we head into the busy fall and election season, there are multiple chances to get involved in community actions with us. Please consider joining your Nativity community outside our doors and in the world, as we are called to be! [Sign Up for All these Opportunities Here](#)

Saturday, October 10, 2-5pm: [Wake Forest Pride](#) Welcome Team Opportunity; Location: Downtown Wake Forest.

Sunday, October 11, 2-4pm: [A Stand for Dignity: People of Faith Raising Voices for Immigrants](#)

Saturday, October 17, 1-3pm: [No Kings: Vote Early Rally](#); Location: Chavis Park, Downtown Raleigh.

WAKE COUNTY WOMEN'S CENTER OUTREACH

Nativity's Outreach Team is exploring the possibility of serving a meal at the Women's Center of Wake County, the only day shelter for single women in the county. This shelter relies primarily on volunteers. The Center helps provide stability to Wake County's most vulnerable women experiencing homelessness.

The Outreach Team believes this is a very worthwhile and needed ministry. This ministry involves preparing a breakfast for 60 people and we would like to involve the parish. Volunteers are needed to prepare food (at home or perhaps together at the church) and 4-6 volunteers to serve on our chosen date.

If you think you would be interested in participating in this ministry, please contact the [Outreach Team](#).