The Episcopal Church of the Nativity

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THE NATIVITY SCENE

March

2020





The holiest time in the Christian year is Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Join us to celebrate Christ's ultimate act of self-giving love – his death and resurrection.

There are 40 days in Lent, not counting Sundays. So whatever you might give up or take on, you have a day off during each week on Sundays.

The word "Lent" comes from an Old English word, "Lencten," which means spring. As we enter Lent consider what God is calling you to do or to be during Lent. There are plenty of ways to enrich your experience during this holy season.

Lent

Lenten Quiet Morning:
Saturday, March 14 at 9:30 am - 12 pm
Please join us for a morning of reflection
during this Lenten time. We will have a quiet
time of gathering our thoughts and prayers
in this season. No signup necessary. All are
welcome. Bring a friend.

Holy Week

Palm / Passion Sunday: April 5 at 8:30 am and 10 am

The 8:30 service will take place in the church as usual. The 10 service begins outside with the Palm Sunday gospel of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We process in, and Palm Sunday turns into Passion Sunday as we remember Jesus' last tumultuous week in Jerusalem with the dramatic reading of the gospel.

Wednesday, April 8 at 6 pm

View the 2018 production "Jesus Christ Superstar Live" on Wednesday of Holy Week. The one hour and forty minute video will be viewed in the Bethlehem rooms at 6 pm. The setting is the final week of Christ's ministry.

Maundy Thursday: April 9 at 7 pm

We remember Jesus' last night with his disciples: the Last Supper and the great commandment to "love one another as I have loved you," demonstrated by the washing of feet. The blessed sacrament will be processed to the Altar of Repose in the Chapel and an all-night vigil will begin. People may sign up for an hour to "sit and watch" with Jesus as his disciples did in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Good Friday: April 10 at 12 pm & 7 pm Services of deep devotion to remember Jesus' gift of his life on the cross. The Passion of St. John's Gospel will be read by parishioners. Come be a part of this dramatic re-enactment of Jesus' final hours.

Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 11 at 7 pm
The solemn, traditional service of the Easter
Vigil celebrates the moment that Easter comes
to Nativity. We begin with the first fire of Easter
outside in the garden. We process inside by
candlelight and read the stories of salvation
history. We renew our baptismal vows and
experience the dawning of Easter.

Easter: Sunday, April 12

8:30 am Festival Eucharist 10:00 am Festival Eucharist & children's Easter activities.

Nativity Schedule

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Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:00 Holy Eucharist Rite II with Children's Chapel

11:00 Hospitality - All Are Welcome

11:15 Youth & Children Gather

11:20 Power Bible Study

Tuesday Schedule

6:00 pm Centering Prayer

Wednesday Schedule

10:00 am Centering Prayer 6:00 pm Evening Prayer 6:30 pm Bible Study

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Wayne's World

In the storyline arc of any people's history, there comes a time when society's problems must find a solution (otherwise how can we live happily ever after?). The

books of Samuel tell of the years when Israel's self-inflicted chaos of the 12th Century BCE finds a divine resolve in the kingship of David. In fact, these narratives can even be considered a pro-Davidic polemic, due to the way the story is so skewed.

In First Samuel, David is presented as the future king who leads an almost charmed life as he follows the divine path to the throne: indeed he can do no wrong. The inevitability of God's will coming through regardless of how we, God's people, mess things up is the overall theme of the narratives. Our lives today are greatly informed by this prophetic journey of God and God's people. Think about it. The problems we experience in life are almost entirely self-inflicted—if we are totally honest with ourselves. Growing toward maturity means accepting the solution that is provided by God—unfortunately, we can't get out of our own way most of the time!

The books of Samuel address this reality, which is extremely salient in our own day and age. Bible Study Wednesday takes an indepth look at this portion of scripture with an eye toward seeing the divine hand in our own lives. All are welcome to join in this study at 6:30 pm and close with the prayers of Compline by 7:30.

Dr. W+ The Rev. Wayne V. Whitney, Ph.D.

Adult Christian Education

<u>Sunday Morning Power Bible Study</u> - For a deeper dive into the Sunday lectionary texts join Dr. Wayne and other Bible-heads in the Holy Family Room after the 10 am service. Any or all of that week's featured readings are up for consideration. Class is guaranteed to finish by Noon.

<u>Bible Study Wednesday</u> - The topic for the next several weeks is the two books of Samuel which tell of the rise of the monarchy in ancient Israel. Dr. Wayne leads this class at 6:30 on Wednesday nights and closes with the prayers of Compline by 7:30 pm.

<u>Lenten Evening Prayer with Holy Communion</u> - Join us Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm throughout the month of March. Let this half-hour mid-week worship opportunity greatly enhance your personal Lenten devotion.

<u>Centering Prayer</u> - Centering prayer begins the discussion of *The Last Week* by Borg & Crossan. We meet Tuesdays at 6 pm and Wednesdays at 10 am in the Holy Family Room (previously the youth room). All are welcome. Please contact <u>mycohea246@gmail.com</u> if you have questions.

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Page 4 Global Village trip to Jordan in Summer 2020

What is a Global Village trip?

A Global Village trip is a short-term service trip where you can volunteer abroad with Habitat for Humanity. All trips vary based on the country and itinerary, but all of them include a mix of work, rest and free time. It is our desire that these trips not only utilize your skills to build safe, affordable houses in places where they are desperately needed, but also give you the opportunity to see another culture up-close and live like a local.

Why we build

Due to economic necessity and tradition, extended families in Jordan tend to live together, resulting in 12 to 15 people sharing a small two-room house. Overcrowded living conditions and a lack of privacy endanger the health and well-being of families. Additionally, women struggle to cook in makeshift kitchens with dirt floors, which results in improperly stored food that can attract pests and rodents. Habitat for Humanity Jordan works with the local community to provide housing solutions to these families in need of healthy, affordable homes.

Project Description

Volunteers assist families by building new homes of concrete block. Typical volunteer tasks may include mixing mortar and concrete, building walls, moving materials and cutting, bending and tying rebar.

What to expect

Volunteers arrive at Queen Alia International Airport and are taken to a local hotel for the night. The following morning, teams travel to the project location and begin working that afternoon. Teams stay in a guesthouse that has dorm-style rooms and shared bathrooms. You'll truly be off the grid - there is no internet access during the week. Each evening, teams enjoy dinner with local families. Additional cultural opportunities throughout the week could include visiting the Dead Sea or archeological sites.

Highlights

This trip allows volunteers the unique opportunity to immerse themselves in a new culture as they share meaningful conversation over meals each evening with community members. Habitat staff

says Jordan is one of the top if not the top experience Global Village travelers have across the world. It is a very safe country with hospitality that is above and beyond.

August 8th - August 14th, 2020

Cost is \$1300 plus airfare.

Please email toddr@habitatcaz.org for more details and to be put on an interest list. Space is limited!







A big THANK YOU to an anonymous donor who discovered, bought, shipped and polished a 3octave set of Schulmerich bells for Nativity! For details on this brand, visit

https://schulmerichbells.com/. They are the Rolls-Royce of bells and we are so excited! We are still working to get all of our handbell supplies in order with the help of a few other contributors, but looking to launch Nativity's first handbell choir sometime in March!

If you have any interest in joining handbell choir, please reach out to Juliana. Minimal music reading is required and we will teach you all you need to know! Rehearsals will be 6:30pm-

7:15pm Wednesdays and all ages and skill levels are welcome! Email

JulianaWitt@theNativity.net with questions and interest or to discuss children participants.

Thank you!



My lenten project will be to spotlight a different woman or minority composer each Sunday in Lent. You will find their stories on the bulletin inserts each week. Be sure to read them, because there will be a quiz from the previous week on the back of the insert! Anyone who completes all quizzes correctly will be entered in a drawing to win a special prize! Submit quizzes by Palm Sunday. Drawing will take place on Easter Sunday.



Florence B. Price.



DEDICATE AN ANTHEM

See Brenda Russell-Basso or email julianawitt@thenativity.net if you would like to dedicate an anthem.



The last intermission concert of the season will feature 15-year old Yuna Kang playing Chopin!!!



Around the World in 88 Keys

Join Dueling Divas Andria Fennig and Ashley Strawser as they take you on a journey performing works from all corners of the globe including Debussy, Mozart, Glinka, MacDowell, and others. This concert has something for everyone, and is sure to entertain both young and young at heart.

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Sunday, March 1

Lent 101: What is almsgiving? Why is there so much purple in church? We're learning all about traditions this week & why they matter. It will be equally engaging and fun!

Sunday, March 9

Lent 2: PRAY

What do pretzels have to do with prayer? This week will be delicious!

classrooms. Come each week or drop in when you can!

Sunday, March 16

Lent 3: GIVE

We've got a cool ministry project for both home & church. Let's share our blessings!

Sunday, March 23

Lent 4: CONNECT

We'll be heading outside to explore and connect with God.

Sunday, March 30

Lent 5: WONDER

A special guest joins us on this day to help us marvel, admire, and create.



Super Early Easter Info!

Easter is several weeks away (April 12) but we want to make sure you know we've got plans in the works! After the 10AM service, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Party for kids of all ages.

We hope you can use this SUPER EARLY notice to invite your family and friends to join us for a wonderful Easter!

Family Volunteer Event!

Saturday, March 7th



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Parents and children are invited to join in as we volunteer with Save-The-Family's annual block party event that provides at-risk families with a day of fun. All ages are welcome to come and help us host an arts & crafts booth (come the whole time or drop in for a shift!)

10:00AM to 1:00PM

Escobebo Park in Mesa - 215 E 6th St, Mesa, AZ 85201

Youth Ministry News



Youth Group meets weekly during the school year on Sunday mornings at 11:15AM. This month, the big news is YOUTH CONFIRMATION! Here is the scoop...

Youth Confirmation Classes - Registration Open!



In keeping with the Episcopal tradition of confirming one's faith in community with other believers, Youth Confirmation Classes offer students a chance to more fully understand what a commitment of faith really means. The Youth Confirmation Classes at Nativity will run for 6 weeks, meeting weekly on Sunday mornings starting **March 15th.** Class will meet from 8:30AM to 9:45AM and is open for students in grade 7 and up.

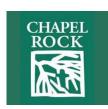
The Confirmation Service will be held at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in downtown Phoenix on Saturday, May 9, 2020 at 10:00AM.

If you'd like to register your child, you can find our online form on the website: **nativityscottsdale.org/youth-ministry** OR email <u>MandyHodges@thenativity.net.</u>



SUMMER PROGRAMS

Chapel Rock Summer Camp - June 7-13, 2020



Each summer, the diocese hosts a summer camp for students in grades 3 and up. It's a classic camp with cabin lodging, lots of outdoor time, and s'mores by the campfire. It is also an intentional time of building relationships with friends and connecting to God. The camp runs several weeks over the summer, but we are highlighting this week in particular because it just may be when Mandy or Father Scot will be on staff! Visit chapelrock.net for details!

Week 1: Art Camp - June 15-19, 2020 (9AM to NOON with After Care available!)



Mandy and Juliana are teaming up to host a week of arts & music for children! From singing to learning musical instruments to painting, baking, dancing and more... this week will encourage kids to explore, create, and have a blast with friends! Registration opens March 1st on our website. Tuition is \$75, scholarships available.

Week 2: VBS - June 22-26, 2020 (9AM to NOON with After Care available!)



Vacation Bible School is a wonderful tradition of formation and fellowship. This year we are building a unique curriculum designed specifically for the children at Nativity. Our focus and word for the week will be JOY! Children ages 4 to 10 are invited to participate. Youth age 11 + up are invited to serve as counselors. Registration opens on the church website on March 1st. Tuition is \$40, scholarships available.

Summer Serve - July 6-10, 2020



The details are still being put in order, but the dates are set! This event week is open to all students age 10 and up. We will participate in various service projects throughout the valley and end the week with a pool party! This is one to invite a friend to join in on. :-)

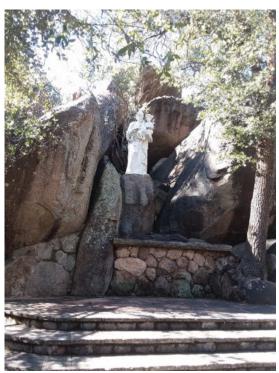
Women's Ministry Trip



On Thursday, March 12 the Women's Ministry is planning an outing to Yarnell, Arizona to visit The Shrine of Saint Joseph of The Mountains — a place that allows visitors to follow Jesus' way of the cross in an outdoor setting of the Stations of the Cross.

Yarnell is approximately a one and a half hour drive from church. We will meet at The Church of the Nativity at 9:30 am to carpool. We plan to have lunch in Wickenburg at the Cowboy Cookin restaurant.

You can search the site by typing in Shrine of Saint Joseph in your browser. All are welcome. Any questions please contact Janyce Schneider at janycecarroll6@cox.net or Candy Wagner at candywags@me.com. This will surely be a special Lenten season event.





Lenten Quiet Morning

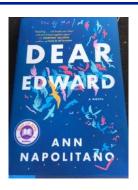
Please join us for a morning of reflection during this Lenten time on Saturday, March 14 from 9:30 am until 12 pm. We will have a quiet time of gathering our thoughts and prayers in this season.

No signup necessary, just join us at the church.

Nativity Book Club Meeting

We will meet Wednesday, March 18 at 10 am in Christopher Hall to discuss *Dear Edward* by Ann Napolitano. We welcome anyone who likes to read. We always meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Nativity.

Contact Candy Wagner with questions, 434-466-6790 (cell) or email, <u>candywags@me.com</u>.



Women's Luncheon

Come join us for award-winning Mexican food at the Taco Guild, located in an 1893 building that previously was a Methodist church until 2012. Our luncheon is



Wednesday, March 18 at 12 pm. The Taco Guild is located at 546 E. Osborn, Phoenix. Telephone is 602-264-4143.

The restaurant is 22 minutes from Nativity. Directions: Take 101 West to 51 South. Take exit 3, turn right to Indian School Road, then left onto N 7th St and then right on East Osborn. It's behind the Starbucks.

Please RSVP for a seat count to Kay Blinn at 316-680-1073 or kayblinn@gmail.com.

Women's Wine Night

All women are welcome to attend Thursday, March 5 at 5 pm at the Living Room in DC Ranch, 20751 N Pima Road, Scottsdale. Contact Kathy Graf at kgraf518@aol.com for more details.

Men's Pub Fellowship

All men are welcome to attend Thursday, March 5 at 5 pm at the All American Modern Sports Grill in DC Ranch, 20751 N Pima Road, Scottsdale. Contact Art Graf at mxgk25a@aol.com for more details.

Nativity Film Club

We meet once a month on the first Saturday and discuss a film; how it relates to our lives and responses to its themes as Christians. See the film first on your own and come to a potluck dinner at a member's home (much like a book club). The film for March 7 is Jane Austin's literary classic *Emma*. Cocktails at 6:00 with dinner at 6:30 hosted by Darrell Spencer and Martin Treinen and Kay and Bob Blinn at 7642 E. La Junta Rd., Scottsdale. RSVP to kayblinn@gmail.com. Upcoming dinners: April 4 (*Call of the Wild*) and May 2 (*Mulan*).

If there are questions about the Film Club, contact Darrell Spencer at darrellwspencer@yahoo.com. The Film Club is open to all. Bring a friend!

Jewelry Class at Nativity

All are invited to the jewelry class at Nativity led by Mary Longley-Cook and Dawn Kast. We all have jewelry that we no longer wear but it brings back fond memories. Let's think about updating and/or redesigning that lovely piece of jewelry. Mary and Dawn will share their expertise in guiding you along in the transformation of your family heirlooms. Tools, jewels and pearls will be supplied. In March, the class will meet on the 10th at 10 am in the Holy Family Room. Allergies are an issue in any group meeting, please remember to respect scent-free requests.

E-mail or phone to RSVP or with questions, Mary: stgermain47@cox.net or 480-272-2051 or Dawn Kast: dawnkast@live.com.

The Knitting Group



Knitting and Beyond......

Knitters gather the first and third Thursday of each month for knitting, prayer and reflection - as well as laughter. You can choose the priority of these activities. We'd love to have you join us.

Our next meetings are March 5 and 19, and April 2 and 16.

Contact Deacon Martha with questions, marthadurham@thenativity.net.

Ones and Twos

Ones and Twos is a social group of adults at The Episcopal Church of the Nativity which meets monthly. It's open to all members, visitors and guests.

The next social is being hosted by: Jim and Kathy Wasson

Date: Friday, March 13, 2020

Place: 4502 E Madre Del Oro Dr., Cave Creek 85331

Time: 6 - 8 pm

Please Bring: Personal Libation(s) and

shareable victual(s)

RSVP to Kathy: 602-781-4944

or kathwass@aol.com.



Feed the Hungry

After a well-received Meat Loaf dinner in late February, our Feed the Hungry ministry continues into March with an exciting new menu scheduled for Saturday evening, March 14. The men at the East Valley Men's Shelter are always so pleased to see us and seem to love whatever we prepare. If you haven't been able to experience this heart-warming experience first-hand, watch for the sign-up sheet in the gathering area and volunteer



for whatever you would like to bring. If you wish to support the program but can't make it to the Men's Shelter, you can drop your food by the church and we will take it from there. We leave from the church at 4:30 or if you want to meet us at the shelter, you can do that as well. The shelter is in Mesa at 2345 N Country Club.

If you work during the week and haven't been able to do this before, this is a great time to try something new for Saturday night. So, grab your favorite date (or come alone) and be prepared for that warm feeling that comes from doing something first hand for the underprivileged.

Also, the East Valley Men's Shelter as well as the Save-The-Family program are always looking for toiletries. We can further assist them by donating an extra bar of soap, shampoo, or other personal product. Watch for a couple collection boxes in Christopher Hall, one for men and the other for women & children.

Questions?
Contact Jon Bost at jonrbost@yahoo.com

"The King will reply, Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of mine, you did for me."

-Matthew 25:40



SAVE THE DATE
OUTREACH SERVICE SATURDAY
APRIL 18, 2020

More important details to follow!!!

CASA Academy Weekend Food Packs

CASA Weekend food packs - Please join us packing weekend food packs for food insecure K-2nd grade students from CASA Academy. All ages welcome and encouraged to participate! We have opportunities for those interested in packing (Saturday mornings) and/or to drive their car for delivery to the school located in North Central Phoenix (Monday mornings).



Please join us in packing and/or delivering weekend food packs. Pack on Saturday, March 7 at 10 am and/or delivery on Monday, March 9 at 10 am at the school.

For questions or details, please contact Laura Dobbins at lauradobbins01@gmail.com.



Save-The-Family Foundation of Arizona

offers a variety of programs designed to empower families to conquer homelessness and achieve life-long independence.

March update:

For my first outreach program for this ministry, I paired up with Mandy Hodges and our youth and families to host a food truck and children's activity table for their annual Save-The-Family Annual Block Party March 7 at 10 am at Escobedo Park 215 E 6th St, Mesa, Az 85201. We are making Popsicle picture frames, duct tape pencil bags and friendship bracelets. It should be a great time for everyone.

We are looking forward to creating a fun event for the families and children. If you would like more information, please see me in church or email me at carriemwagner@gmail.com.

Save the Date: April Purse Drive for Mother's Day.

This is an annual event we have always done for the Mother's at Save-The-Family. If you would like to donate new or gently used purses, scarves, jewelry and toiletries, please place them in the donation box at the church beginning in late March.

Save-The-Family is also in need of career clothing for the women. If you have any you would like to donate, please contact Carrie Wagner at 714-785-9821 or email carriemwagner@gmail.com.

We will be accepting donations until April 25.



General Information

Name Tags - It you are attending the Church of the Nativity but do not have a name tag at present, please stop by the Welcome Counter and give us your name so we can have one made for you. You can also contact Mina Rafferty at the church office, 480-307-9216 or via email at minarafferty@thenativity.net with your information.

2019 Annual Giving Statements - By this time everyone should have received an annual giving statement for 2019 via email. If you are unable to open or print the statement, contact Mina Rafferty at minarafferty@thenativity.net at the church office for an additional copy via email or a printed hard copy will be available for pick up.

Shawls for all who might be chilly - Debbie Myrick has gathered and laundered the shawls for your use if you find the air-conditioning a bit much. Simply return them after the service.

Scent-Free Seating in the Nave - Because some folks have allergy issues, we have created a scent-free seating area in the west section of the sanctuary near the chapel. Please sit in that section only if you are free of scented items such as perfume, after-shave, body spray, hand lotion, etc. It's an act of hospitality.

The Sunday Coffee & Treats Ministry - If you enjoy the Sunday coffee hour treats, please consider dropping a donation in the Coffee Cash crock. Our Hospitality Ministry appreciates your support! If you have any questions about donating treats, call Joan at 610-291-4262 or Dawn at 218-252-3092.

Deadline Changes - All announcements that you would like to see in the Sunday bulletins and the weekly email blasts should be emailed to Mina at minarafferty@thenativity.net by 12 pm on Mondays. Submittals for the monthly newsletters is the 23rd of the month. If you have any questions, please contact Mina at the church office, 480-307-9216 or minarafferty@thenativity.net.

Special Moments - Sharing the special moments of our lives strengthens the bonds of our community. We'd love to send each of you a messages of joy and happiness on your special day. Won't you please help us by emailing your birthday and anniversary to Mina Rafferty (<u>minarafferty@thenativity.net</u>) or dropping off a note in the church office. Month and day are perfect – no year is necessary!

Nativity Scholarship Fund - This is scholarship season. Anyone who is a member of Nativity Church, graduating from High School, considering a career change or in the process of earning a college degree is welcome to apply. Applications are on the Greeters Counter. If you have questions please contact Mandy Hodges at MandyHodges@thenativity.net, Margaret Cohea at mycohea246@gmail.com or Mary Longley-Cook at stgermain47@cox.net. Through generous donations of Nativity parishioners we are able make it easier for our students to attend college.

WELCOME!

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

All are welcome. No exceptions.



WALKING WITH CHRIST

Worship Sundays 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. www.nativityscottsdale.org

Upcoming Events

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