



August
2019

THE NATIVITY SCENE



Greetings Nativity,

Father Scot will be here soon; August 13th to be exact.
Please come welcome him and Dennis on August 17th at 5 pm
at Nativity. There is a sign up sheet in Christopher Hall.

You can also email Mina, at minarafferty@thenativity.net. Children are most welcome.

I am also pleased to announce that at Fr. Scot's request, we have created a "transition team" to help him become part of our community, answer questions and be there for guidance and act as a sounding board.

Along with me, Jennie Dobbins, Alastair Longley-Cook, Edward James, Paul Rank, Dina Horseman, Betsy Goode, Matt Langan, Ron Nollen and Greg Hardman have agreed to be available for this team. I am excited to begin our next chapter at Nativity.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Suzanne Cohen
Sr. Warden



Nativity Schedule

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Sunday Schedule!

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| 8:30 | Holy Eucharist Rite I |
| 10:00 | Festive Eucharist Rite II |
| 11:00 | Hospitality |
| 11:00 | Christian Formation |
| 11:15 | Bible Study for Adults |

Wednesday Schedule

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| 6:00 p.m. | Evening Prayer Rite II |
| 6:30 p.m. | Bible Study Wednesday |

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The season of the Church after Pentecost is a long one. Ever since Pentecost Sunday back in June, we have been, and will continue to be, in the season we simply call “after Pentecost” until mid-November. And it’s all about how we respond to what God did for us in Jesus’ work on the cross and the completion of his ministry in the sending of the Holy Spirit. The green liturgical color is supposed to remind us that we are in a specific time designated for growth. The lessons from the Gospel and the sermons you hear are focused on a few growth-oriented themes. The overall theme is on our relationships: Our relationship to God, our relationship to Jesus Christ, our relationship to the Holy Spirit, and our relationship to the life of the church and our common mission through it as Christ’s body.

This is the season of growth. For a disciple of Jesus in the world, there is no down-time or time off the clock. We are either growing or we’re dying. The Apostle Paul says we are to “work out our salvation” ongoingly. I believe that means we each have our own “work” to do for each of us to experience what salvation is supposed to feel like. When we appropriately look at ourselves and our own lives we have much to tend to. It’s much more tempting to notice where people around us are all falling short, but that’s just a distraction. Our work, the real work, is to do the hard work of making ourselves usable for God’s handiwork.

Blessings on your “after Pentecost.”
See you in church.

Dr. W+

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Bible Study Wednesday - Deuteronomy (which means “2nd Law”) has its roots in a revival of faith during a very turbulent time in biblical Israel’s history. Join your community of faith in a systematic study of this fifth book of the Pentateuch on Wednesday nights. Class time with Dr. Wayne commences at 6:30 and ends with the prayers of Compline at 7:30. Drop-ins are always welcome.

Wednesday Evening Prayer - The discipline of prayer is a tried and true remedy for regaining focus on what truly matters in life. Join your community of faith in this ancient rite of devotion on Wednesday nights at 6:00 in the prayer chapel corner of the Nativity nave. This lay-led prayer service from the Book of Common Prayer features a weekly commemoration of a Christian witness in history.

Sunday Morning Power Bible Study - The Sunday morning lectionary texts are all fair game for Power Bible Study with Dr. Wayne. Grab your coffee and snack and join in the exciting journey of enlightenment in the Scriptures—and maybe even learn a new word for your vocabulary! Class is in the Music Classroom and starts around 11:20 and is guaranteed to finish by Noon.

Centering Prayer - Mark your calendar, Centering prayer will return in September. This year we will be offering Centering Prayer twice a week. We will continue to meet Wednesday mornings at 10:00. We will also offer Centering Prayer Tuesday evenings, exact time to be determined. Both sessions will be held in the youth room. All are welcome. No experience is necessary. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Cohea at mvcohea246@gmail.com.

AUGUST 2019

MUSIC NOTES

FROM THE NATIVITY MUSIC DIRECTOR'S DESK

Kick off Sunday!

18 August 2019
Father Scot's first
Sunday

First Choir Sunday of
the season

Church Party!

Save the date!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH
IS OUR 2ND ANNUAL

ARTS AT NATIVITY GALA!

EXPECTATIONS

BY JULIANA WITT

The retreat of summer is giving way to brimming excitement for new beginnings, new programs and most of all, a new rector! The prospect of new leadership and all the opportunities for growth that comes with it is so exciting! Inevitably, we are forming wonderings and expectations of what the future holds.

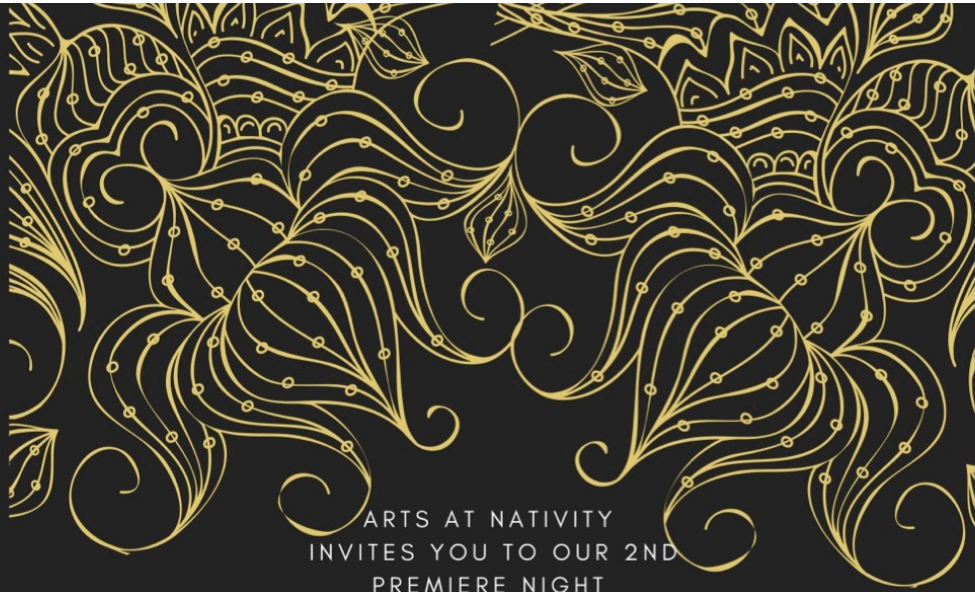
For most of us, expectations are a daily habit....you expect to have a certain kind of commute, arrive at a certain time and have your day go as planned, but we all know that life often doesn't go as

planned--Traffic is bad, construction on the 101 is unexpected, or work has extra demands. Sometimes we aren't ready for new words, ideas and perspectives. We all adapt or don't adapt to failed expectations in various ways. Change can be tough. Unfulfilled, mis-filled or failed expectations can either lead us to protect ourselves by becoming defensive or retreating, or they can challenge us to step back, evaluate with an open mind and GROW. We cannot know what the future will be, but we can prepare by holding our inevitable expectations with open hands and leave some room for the unexpected! As we walk through change together in the coming months, let's expect to be

surprised and allow new things to help us to grow together. Expect to struggle, to be excited, to be challenged and be inspired. Cheers to that! 🎵

IT'S CHOIR SEASON!

August 18th marks our Kick Off Sunday for Choir. We will ease in slowly, so no Wednesday rehearsals until September. New members are invited to wait until September to join us so we can properly welcome you! First rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 4th and our Choir Retreat will be on Saturday, September 7th. Please email me if you have any interest in joining us this year! We are singing Veteran's Day and MLK Concerts as well as some Community Engagement projects! 🎵



ARTS AT NATIVITY
INVITES YOU TO OUR 2ND
PREMIERE NIGHT

GALA

A INTIMATE EVENING AND CELEBRATION
OF THE NEW 2019-2020 SEASON
FEATURING EXCLUSIVE ARTIST PREVIEW
PERFORMANCES FROM THE UPCOMING
SEASON, HORS D'OEUVRES & WINE.
DRESSY-CASUAL ATTIRE.

7 PM • SEPT 20 •
TICKETS \$50 (ALL INCLUSIVE)
22405 N. MILLER RD, SCOTTSDALE

**PLEASE RSVP TO 610-301-7161 OR
JULIANA@ARTSATNATIVITY.ORG**



Jewelry Class at Nativity

All are invited to a class at Nativity lead by Mary Longley-Cook. Mary will have a couple of helpers with extra tools to assist in the “finishing off” stages of making a piece of jewelry. We all have jewelry that we no longer wear, but that brings back good memories. Maybe it was from a Grandma, Mom, or Auntie. Let’s think about updating and/or redesigning that lovely old piece of jewelry. Its next incarnation might be a totally different item...a bracelet, necklace, keychain, or even a rosary. Mary will share her extensive expertise with the group, and guide us in the options available to redesign our pieces. She will also share lots of gorgeous beads that she has accumulated through the years as a beader.

In August, they will be meeting on Tuesdays the 13th and the 27th at 10:00 am.

Email or phone to RSVP or with questions: Mary: stgermain47@cox.net or 480-272-2053 Dawn: dawnkast@live.com. Allergies are an issue in any group setting. Please remember to respect scent-free requests.

Men’s Luncheon

Please join us on Wednesday, August 28 at noon for a friendly gathering and lunch at the All American Grill in D.C. Ranch. RSVP to Bill Worthington at 480-575-7830 or bandb718@msn.com.

Women’s Luncheon

Women's Monthly Luncheon is to be held on Wednesday(3rd) August 21st at noon at The All American Modern Sports Grill in DC ranch. Please text RSVP to Candy Wagner's cell 434-466-6790 or email to candywags@me.com

Women’s Wine Night

First Thursday of the month, August 1st, the women of Nativity partake in Happy Hour starting at 5:00pm.

NEW LOCATION Join us at The Living Room at DC Ranch. RSVP by noon Thursday, RSVP to Kathy Graf, kgraf518@aol.com.



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.

CASA Academy

Please join us in packing weekend food packs for food insecure K-2nd grade students from Casa Academy. We also are seeking help for delivery of the packs. Both packing and delivery happen at 10AM, with packing taking place in the Fellowship Hall and delivery is to the school in North Central Phoenix. All ages welcome and encouraged to participate! Upcoming dates: August 10: pack/ August 12: deliver & September 7: pack/ September 9: deliver. If you have any questions please contact Laura Dobbins lauradobbins01@gmail.com

The Annual Nativity Pool Tournament

The Annual Nativity Pool Tournament is scheduled for Thursday, August 8th at Art Graf's house, from 5:00 PM until a champion is crowned. Bring a snack and your favorite beverage. An entrée of shredded beast sandwiches will be provided.

Come meet former champions, Jeff "The Joker" Jameson, Jan "The Man" Dunkelberg, Ron "The Romantic" Rusinak, Jim "Wasted Youth" Blum, Wayne "The Kansas Kid" Whitney and Art "Choirboy" Graf.



Contact
Art Graf at
602-695-3400,
for directions.

Wisdom For The Long Walk Of Faith, August 12-15 - Chapel Rock

A delightful summer retreat for adults over the age of 40! Join keynote speaker Bishop Jennifer Reddall and select from afternoon activities such as Tai Chi, arts and crafts, kayaking, as well as spiritual and musical choices. In the evenings enjoy a campfire, s'mores, and a talent show and snacks.

Register at <http://www.chapelrock.net/camps.htm>

Coming **Friday, December 6, 2019**
 At Nativity from 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM

 CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY
ADVENTure
 FUNdraiser FOR OUTREACH

The sixth annual ADVENTure FUNdraiser for Nativity's Outreach Ministries is booked, and we're ready to create another successful evening of Nativity fellowship - including fabulous food and drink, silent/live auctions, raffle drawings, and a musical program with delectable desserts. If you haven't done so already, mark your calendar. Event tickets go on sale in October.



The goal this year is \$27,000 and will fund the 2019 Outreach Ministries Budget while having some holiday fun with fellow Nativity family and friends.

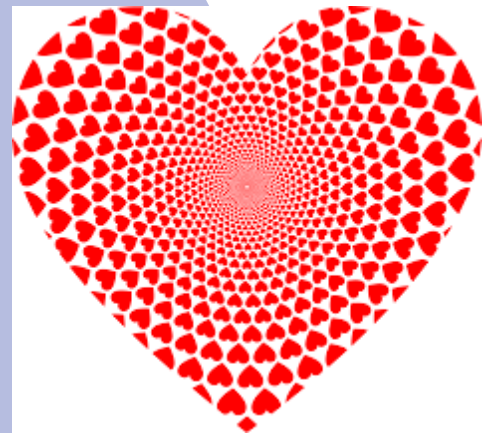
It is not too early to consider what unusual or interesting auction items you can solicit or create. The 2019 ADVENTure Donor Form is available on the Nativity website or feel free to contact the 2019 ADVENTure Auction Chair: Kathi Capizzani directly: (Kathryn.capizzani@sbcglobal.net).

Last year we had over 130 Silent Auction items, 5 Live Auction items and 3 raffle items. Please consider donating or asking your favorite business for a donation item. Join in a fun evening for a great cause - Outreach.

Sneak peek - first auction items. Jon's been busy in his workshop.....with more to come.



ADVENTure 2019 – Auction Items
Two favorites, Mary Longley Cook’s exquisite jewelry and Cheryle Dunkelberg’s potica, a European pastry, will be at auction again this year. Now’s the time to think/gather/solicit auction items. Fill out the auction form in the office or online. We are publishing an auction catalog this year. Your item doesn’t need to be finished yet, just let us know your plans. Next time you go to your favorite restaurant, hairdresser, barber, etc. take a donor form and ask if they would donate something. Thanks!



FEED THE HUNGRY

Thanks to you, our Feed the Hungry program is off to a great start. As this newsletter goes to press, we will have taken dinners to the men of the East Valley Men's Shelter three times now. We will supply them dinner about once a month, on the average, the most recent being this past July 29th. We will be taking August off but will be preparing for our next meal Monday, September 23.

We feed 94 men at the shelter who are struggling to get back on their feet again. They live at the shelter for 90 days as they transition back into society. They are all working and extremely grateful for the dinners provided to them by the churches of the Valley. So far, we have served ham and beans, pulled pork and cold slaw, and lasagna and salad. Additionally, we include all the trimmings, even dessert. We are thinking maybe meat loaf for September, but if you have another idea, we'd love to hear from you.

We leave from the church at 4:30, arriving at the shelter a bit after 5:00, serve at 6:00, and will be out before 7:00. We don't even have to clean up after ourselves. If you haven't served yet, give it a try: if you have, come again. This is one of those activities that does not take a lot of time but guarantees that you will leave feeling better than when you arrived. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. For more information contact Mary Anne Bost at 602-206-6785, maryannebost@hotmail.com, or Jon Bost at 602-618-6781, jonrbost@yahoo.com.



Bag-A-Meal: Sandwiches for the Homeless

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
August 6th - 10:00 am.

First Tuesday of the month at Nativity, is our Bag A Meal Outreach for the Homeless through the Phoenix Rescue Mission. We bag 2 PB&J sandwiches, cookies, granola bar and a bottle of water. For our August work day, we are starting at 10 am.



The Knitting Group

Knitting hats for Preemies will continue meeting on the first and third Thursdays at 10 am throughout the summer. We knit a variety of baby hats and hats for men. We welcome knitting and crocheting people of all levels, even beginners! Contact Deacon Martha with questions: marthadurham@thenativity.net

Upcoming dates are August 1 and 15 and September 5 and 19th

Join us! The first and third Thursday mornings of each month. The next meeting is August 1. Contact Deacon Martha if you are interested. Drop-ins are invited! (Marthadurham@thenativity.net).

Take Them a Meal - SIGN UP TO HELP

It happens to all of us at some point, and receiving a meal when you are sick, following surgery or going through a major crisis can be a blessing. Whether it is homemade soup, your favorite casserole, or even something from a restaurant or store, providing a meal is a wonderful act of kindness and can be a catalyst for healing. If you would like to join the team providing food when occasionally needed, please email Betsy Goode (goodehilogirl@cox.net) with your contact information (name, address, email and phone). We have a list of great volunteers and looking to add to the team!

Questions? Email Betsy at goodehilogirl@cox.net or phone 480-912-5331.

In Need of a Meal!

If you are in need of a meal, please reach out to a clergy member with your request.

GOOD
TIMES

Wow!

Aug 18
11AM

kick off party

yay!

enjoy
every
moment.

⚡ We've got so many good things to celebrate! Join us as we kick off a new school year at Nativity - welcoming Father Scot, rallying around our kiddos in love and support for this new year of learning, and of course... eating snow cones together!

Fall 2019

upcoming events

Acolyte Info Session



Nativity is seeking to grow its acolyte crew and we hope you will consider this a formal invitation to join! Open to students in 4th grade and up, we'd love to get as many youth as possible into this unique and important ministry. We're having an info meeting on Sunday, September 8th following the 10AM service. Questions? Email MandyHodges@thenativity.net



Sunday Mornings for Students

We aim to provide the best, most fun, faith-forming, relationship building events and opportunities for our youth and children. This fall, we are introducing some new program options for all ages. Stay tuned for all the details in your email newsletters, bulletins, and website!



Family Communion Class

On September 29th, Nativity will offer a Family Communion class for our families. This optional class is designed for parents and children of any age to attend together. Whether they are already receiving communion or are waiting, the goal is for children to learn more about the sacrament of Eucharist in a comfortable environment where questions are welcome.



YOUTH MISSION TRIP: A WEEK TO SERVE

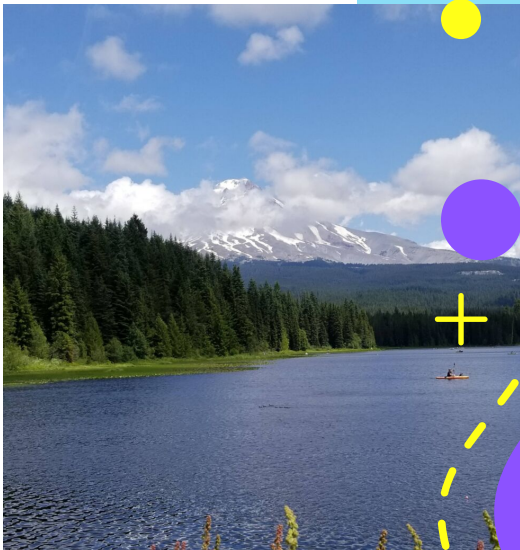
It's a beautiful thing to be part of something bigger than yourself... and in Portland, Oregon this July our youth group students got to do just that. Partnering with YouthWorks and working alongside the youth at St. Matthew's in Chandler, Nativity youth contributed to a major ministry actively serving the needs of the homeless in Portland.

Spending most of our days at Agape Village (pictured), we contributed to the building of tiny homes for the homeless. As stated on their website (dignityvillage.org):

"Dignity Village (and Agape Village, its 6th site) is a membership-based community in NE Portland, providing shelter off the streets for 60 people a night since 2001. It's democratically self-governed with a mission to provide transitional housing that fosters community and self-empowerment- a radical experiment to end homelessness."

Our group hammered nails, hauled lumber, painted fences, and helped ready the property for the next phase of construction. We collaborated on site with youth groups from Washington and Texas, and had a great time doing it!





JUST BEAUTIFUL

"In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
The sea is his, for he made it, and his
hands formed the dry land."
Psalm 95:4-5

Getting the chance to see a part of the country so very different from Arizona was a wonderful perk of our travels to the Northwest. Breathing in the cooler air, staring up at the huge evergreen trees, seeing the distant snow-capped mountain peaks... it was all a gift!

Pictured:

1. Multnomah Falls
2. Cannon Beach
3. Trillium Lake @ Mount Hood

This experience would not have been possible without the amazing support of our Nativity family. Thank you for showing up to our fundraisers, keeping us in your prayers, and encouraging our step of faith. We are a truly blessed church family!

Thank you



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