

*The Episcopal
Church of the Nativity*

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THE NATIVITY SCENE
December
2021

Everyone is Welcome!
No Exceptions

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES



As we begin Advent and the new church liturgical year, this is a suitable time to think and pray about new ways we can enhance our spiritual life as we prepare for the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day.

Please invite a friend or neighbor to church for one of our following Christmas services:

December 24 at 4 pm
December 24 at 6 pm
December 25 at 10 am

Family Pageant Service with Christmas Carols
Traditional Candlelight Service with Full Choir
Traditional Service with Christmas Carols

All services will have Holy Communion. If you are not able to make any of the Christmas services, I will be glad to bring you your Christmas Holy Communion to your home, retirement home or nursing home. Please contact me if you would like to schedule this at scotmccomas@thenativity.net or call me at 704-779-6113.

May God's peace be with you during Advent and may you have a joyful Christmas!

Faithfully in Christ,

The Reverend Scot McComas
Rector



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If you would like information on the meeting or would like to join, please contact Fr. Scot at scotmccomas@thenativity.net.

Sundays, 9:00 am
Power Bible Study

Sundays, 10:00 am
Sunday Service

Mondays, 6:00 pm
Centering Prayer

1st Tuesdays 6:00 pm
Outreach Meeting

Wednesdays, 10:00 am
Fr. Scot's Book Group

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm
Bible Study with
Dr. Wayne

Thursdays, 10:00 am
Knitting Group
(1st & 3rd Thurs.)

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Wayne's World December 2021



Sunday Morning Power Bible Study resumes January 9 at 11:15 am. This 40-45 minute study will not replace the online postings on the Nativity Facebook page or the Nativity General channel on YouTube—the in person study will be in addition to what is being streamed.

The topics for the day will always be the lectionary readings of that Sunday. The venue will be the Bethlehem Room at the northwest corner of the church building. Hope to see you there.
Pax et Lux,
Dr. W+

The Rev Wayne V Whitney, PhD
Associate Rector

Choir Rehearsal has resumed at the Church of the Nativity!

We meet every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. and would love to have you join us for fun, fellowship, and making a joyful noise to the Lord! Whether you have lots of experience or no experience, we would love to have you!

The Handbell Choir will also begin shortly.

Please let our Music Director, Valerie Harris, know that you are interested. No experience required, just a willing heart and desire to worship through music. Email with questions and interest to valerieharris@thenativity.net.



Sunday Morning Power Bible Study

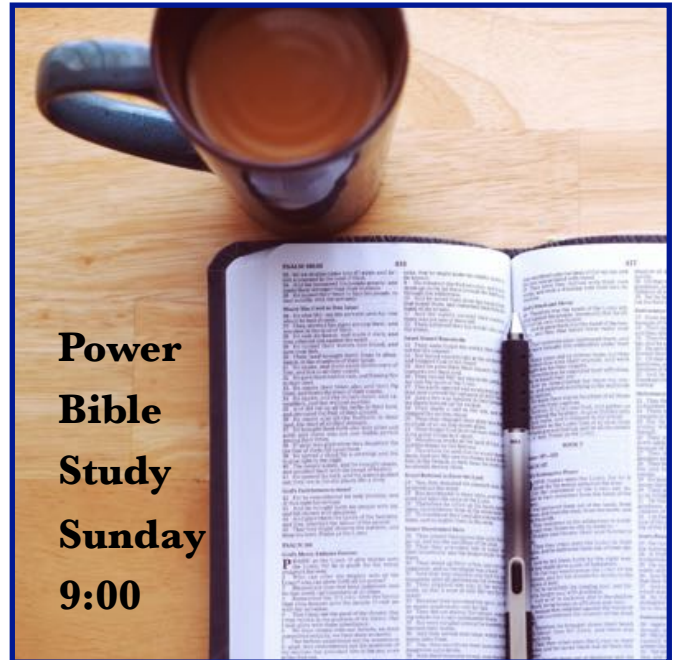
Sunday Power Bible Study with Dr. Wayne is a look at all 4 of the week's lectionary texts in 30-40 minutes. Enhance your Sunday morning worship with a familiarity to the liturgical texts for the week. Join Dr. Wayne online at 9 am on Nativity's Facebook page or the Nativity General YouTube channel or anytime during the week. Either [click here](#) or copy and paste the link below to go to the Sunday Power Bible Study playlist on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLEyfuimpB74-ULi18ZwgTM2ZG0jaJ2V0B>

Bible Study Wednesday

The ongoing "teach through the Bible" series continues on Wednesday nights. September begins a foray into the books of the Latter Prophets--those books that bear the names of the prophets themselves. Dr. Wayne leads these studies on Wednesdays at 6 pm on the Nativity General Channel on YouTube and on Nativity's Facebook page. [Click here](#) to view the Bible Study Wednesday playlist on YouTube. Or copy, paste, or click the link below in your browser.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLEyfuimpB749cPkWJh9IROV0gSmGPw5K2>.



Save the Date! - Fr. Scot's Installation February 12, 2022 -11 am

The Reverend Scot McComas will be installed as Rector of The Episcopal Church of the Nativity on Saturday, February 12, 2022 at 11 am.

The Right Reverend Jennifer Reddall, Bishop of the Diocese of Arizona, will be the Celebrant and the Reverend Kevin Johnson, a friend of Fr. Scot's in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area, will preach.

Please join us for the Celebration of a New Ministry service and the reception afterwards. The service may be found in the *Book of Common Prayer*, beginning on page 559.



Dear Friends at Nativity,

The Advent season is almost upon us! We will be continuing our time of Centering Prayer via Zoom on Monday evenings from 6 pm MST until 7:30 through December 17, 2021, then pausing for the culmination of Advent.

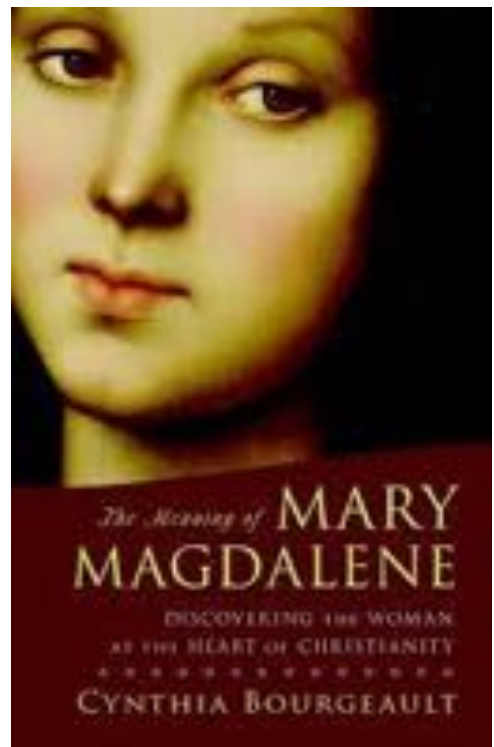
We will resume on January 11, 2022, which is a Tuesday. (New day!) We have learned that Mondays are, well, Mondays, and not as convenient for everyone as we had anticipated. We will continue via Zoom, and maintain the 6 pm to 7:30 time slot.

As always, all are welcome, whether you are simply curious about a quieter, more contemplative form of prayer, or have been Centering for years. Our venue consists of a time of Centering Prayer, and discussion of a book.

We will continue with *The Meaning of Mary Magdalene - Discovering the Woman at the Heart of Christianity*, by Cynthia Bourgeault. It is a book of many short, but rich chapters, and will take us into the new year. This is published by Shambhala of Boulder CO, 2010, and is available from multiple sources starting at under \$3.00. No one should be intimidated by joining in the middle of the book. It is a quick read to catch up, and Bill will be happy to provide "back issues" of the chapter synopsis sent out each week.

If you are looking for an opportunity to deepen your walk with God in silence and study (and often lively discussion) this is an opportunity for you. I look forward to meeting again, and seeing both new and familiar faces.

For more information, please contact William (Bill) Bailey at williambailey70@yahoo.com, or 602-751-2441.





A History of Christmas Carols

Beloved Christmas carols bring special joy to our hearts at this time of year. Radio stations begin broadcasting Christmas songs nonstop even before Thanksgiving. In the fourth century CE, church officials proclaimed the birth of Christ as a holiday. The first known hymns celebrating His birth date back to this time period but were primarily in Latin. During the 16th century, English carols particularly flourished with wandering minstrels singing them during the Christmas season. During the Victorian era of the 19th Century, Christmas started to look a lot more like how we celebrate it today. The publication of Christmas books during that period helped widen the popularity of carols. The first printed appearance of some well-known carols such as “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen,” “The First Noel,” and “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” was in William Sandy’s 1833 collection, *Christmas Carols, Ancient and Modern*. The *Oxford Book of Carols*, first published in 1928, edited by Ralph Vaughan Williams and Martin Shaw, became a major source of many of the carols still sung today. Let’s explore the history of several favorite Christmas carols

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” is one of the most popular carols today, but if you had heard it in its original form, it might not have been as recognizable. The original first line of the hymn by Charles Wesley read, “Hark! How all the welkin rings, Glory to the King of Kings.” Welkin is an old English word defined as the “vault of heaven.” In 1753, George Whitefield, an English preacher, rewrote it to our modern version. Wesley thought his text should be sung to a slow and somber religious tune. The current tune for this carol was composed by Mendelssohn, a Messianic Jew, who wrote it for a chorus of a cantata in 1840. It was then paired with Wesley’s text in 1856.

“Joy to the World” actually was written to celebrate Christ’s second coming more than the first and is based on Psalm 98. The tune is by George Frederic Handel and is drawn from the opening bars of the chorus, “Lift up your heads,” from *Messiah*. It was Lowell Mason, a Boston educator and musician, that paired the two together, naming the tune Antioch.

“Silent Night”—or *Stille Nacht* in the original German—was created because Josef Mohr needed a carol for worship. On Christmas Eve of 1818, Mohr visited Gruber with a poem he had written a few years earlier. Gruber quickly arranged the song to be played on a guitar with a choir because the church organ was broken. That evening at Midnight Mass, Gruber strapped on his guitar and led the congregation at St. Nicholas in the first rendition of *Silent Night*. The original arrangement was a bit faster than the slow, reflective version of the song we know today. But the song was an immediate hit, later being sung by traveling tours and performed before King Frederick William IV of Prussia. Later in the 1800s, the hymn was translated into English and made its way to America by way of a book called *Sunday School Hymnal*, though with only three of the original six verses.

Today, “*Silent Night*” is perhaps the most famous Christmas carol in history. It has been translated into most languages, and the Bing Crosby version is the third-best selling single in history. A rebuilt *Silent Night Chapel* in Oberndorf is now a cultural landmark (a replica can be found in Frankenmuth, Michigan). The song itself was even declared to be an intangible cultural heritage by UNESCO in 2011.

--Valerie Harris, Director of Music



SAT | DEC 11 | 7 PM | A White Elephant Concert

The traditional holiday game...with a musical twist! Join us for a festive, interactive evening of guessing, gift exchanging, and Salonnières' dazzling music-making.

MON | JAN 17 | 7 PM | Martin Luther King Jr. Day Concert (by donation)

Honoring the man and his legacy through song and spoken word from the Civil Rights Movement and beyond. Nativity Singers and special guests.

CELEBRATING WOMEN IN THE ARTS FRI | MAR 25 | 7 PM | Le Voyage Autour du Monde

A program celebrating female composers from past and present performed by clarinetist Katrina Clements and pianist Olga Kim. Repertoire includes works for clarinet and piano by 20th-century composers from around the world, as well as the contemporary American composer Amanda Harberg.

CELEBRATING WOMEN IN THE ARTS SAT | MAR 26 | 5 PM | Reeds + Wires

Julia Lougheed presents a program of works for clarinet and electronics including music written during the most isolating parts of 2020.

CELEBRATING WOMEN IN THE ARTS SAT | MAR 26 | 7 PM | Beyond Ourselves

MeghanDiego returns with a multidisciplinary experience of spoken word and poetry from Arizona women paired with works for guitar and violin by women composers.

CELEBRATING WOMEN IN THE ARTS SUN | MAR 27 | 2 PM | The Feminine Voice

A fresh take on female representation in the arts with all programmed song texts boasting authorship by female poets. Performed by soprano Kaitlyn Johnson and pianist Da Hye Kim.

CELEBRATING WOMEN IN THE ARTS SUN | MAR 27 | 4 PM | Duo Odéon

Duo Odéon, violinist Hannah Tate and pianist Aimee Fincher, brings to life a variety of pieces by the femme fatales of classical music, from the familiar names of Fanny Mendelssohn and Clara Schumann to those lesser known like Florence Price and Lili Boulanger.

SUN | APR 24 | 2 PM | Passage of Time

Works for flute and piano by contemporary composers David Schwantner and Yuko Uebayashi reflecting on the past. Performed by flautist Rachel Reyes and guests Audrey Cully, Miao Liu, Hongzuo Guo, and Wan Ting Yu.

SUN | MAY 15 | 2 PM | El Recuerdo

Edgar Ricaud, tenor, pairs the bel canto stylings of Italian composer Francesco Paolo Tosti with mariachi classics and originals.

Tickets are available online at [ArtsAtNativity.org](https://www.ArtsAtNativity.org) or at the door. Arts at Nativity events will follow CDC and Scottsdale Covid Protocols including face masks and socially distanced seating.





Here are a few of the photos, taken by Andrea Peabody, of our Bishop Jennifer Reddall at her annual visitation on All Saints Sunday. Rose McIntosh was confirmed, Dennis Combs and Jo Ann Hill were received, and Russell Forbes reaffirmed his faith. A special thanks to Mary Dexter for organizing a gift for our bishop -- a beautiful stole with handprints of our children.



Advent Family Activities

We are excited to offer fun activities for the whole family throughout Advent. Each of these will take place after the 10 am service and all are invited to participate. Supplies will be provided:

- Advent 2, December 5: Ginger Bread House Making
- Advent 3, December 12: We will hold a cookie bake off--so bring your best cookie recipe. There will be a light brunch and lots to do, such as Bingo and other fun stuff! Santa will make an appearance. Don't forget to wear your best Christmas attire. This event is open to the community. Bring a friend, and Santa might just have something extra for you! Please join us for this multi-generational event at 11:30 am!
- Advent 4, December 19: Rehearsal for the Christmas Eve Pageant and Greening of the Church - this will be held right after the 10 am service in the church. All children and youth are invited to participate.



Advent Children's Chapel

We are so excited to share the upcoming Advent season with all of our amazing Children's Chapel participants. Here are some key dates and Chapel Topic information:

- Sunday, December 5: Join us to learn more about St. Nicholas
- Sunday, December 12: Mary had a helper in Elizabeth.
Who helps us and how can we help others
- Sunday, December 19: Mary Sunday and Father Scot will be joining us!

Adventure Outreach Fundraiser Treats Needed

Every year at our Adventure Fundraiser for Outreach, our dessert consists of homemade finger size treats baked by church members.



For example — cake pops, cookies, brownies, truffles, mini cupcakes.
Your baked items are needed **by Friday morning December 3.**

If you can provide any of these goodies, please contact Joan Harris 610-291-4262.



Men's Luncheon Group to Re-start in January

The men's luncheon group will re-start, after the holidays, on Wednesday January 19, 2022. We will continue to meet monthly on the third Wednesday of each month. Our meeting luncheon location will start, as before, at the All American Modern Sports Grill. With this re-start of lunch we can discuss whether we'd like to choose a new location different than the pub fellowship group. More details in our January Newsletter. Fred Walski is the new contact for the luncheon group at fredwalski@yahoo.com.

Knitting Knews!

All are welcome to participate! We are working on two BIG projects: Men's hats for the East Valley Men's Shelter (as we have done in the past) and Children's hats for hospitals in the Holy Land. (This is a special request from Cotty and Andrea Peabody from the Diocese of Jerusalem). They will deliver the hats during the Holy Land Tour this winter). If you have any questions email Mary Ann Rank at marank410@gmail.com and we'll get you set! If you need to be added to our email list be sure to ask. Upcoming Knitting Dates: Dec. 2, 16

Jewelry Class- Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday - 10 am to 12 noon

Our plan for the upcoming Holiday Season is Tuesday, December 14, regular working meeting & Holiday Cheer! All are welcome PLEASE JOIN US. Bring your gear, and any unfinished or brand new pieces...or perhaps a piece that needs repair or adjusting. See you in the "Holy Family Room"! Dawn Kast 218-252-3092 or dawnkastaz@outlook.com.

*mark your calendars * 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 10 am to noon.

Nativity Monthly Book Group

The Nativity Monthly Book Group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month. For December that will be December 9 at 10 am at the church. The December book is *A Concise History of the Book of Common Prayer* by our very own Father Gary Nicolosi.

The book for January is *The Queen of Paris* by Pamela Binnings Ewen. This group is facilitated by Debbie Myrick debbiemyrick@cox.net 602-538-2648. All are welcome.



Movies and More

The film group is open to all who enjoy movies. Movies and More will be discussing *Belfast*. See the movie and join us for conversation, food, and fun at Rhythm and Wine at 6 on December 11. If you have any questions, and in order to have a large enough table, please RSVP by December 8 to Darrell Spencer at darrellwspencer@yahoo.com.

Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry will have our first luncheon on the third Wednesday of January, the 19th. It will be held at the Red Robin in the shopping center at Mayo Blvd. and Scottsdale Road at 12 noon. Please RSVP to Janyce Schneider janycecarroll6@cox.net or 520-349-0149.

Men's Pub Fellowship

Which meets regularly the first Thursday of the month at 5 pm at the All American Modern Sports Grill at 20751 N Pima, Scottsdale is taking a break for December. We will meet again on January 6, 2022. Bring a friend or meet and make new ones! For details contact Art Graf at mxgk25a@aol.com. (No December gathering, we will resume the first Thursday, January 6, 2022!)

Women's Wine Night

First Thursday of the month the women of Nativity partake in Happy Hour starting at 5 pm. Generally within a few minutes of the church like The Living Room at DC Ranch, right next to the Men's Pub Fellowship! There will be no December gathering - Women's Wine Night will resume on the first Thursday in January, the 6, 2022. RSVP by noon Thursday to Kathy Graf at kgraf518@aol.com. (No December gathering, we will resume the first Thursday, January 6, 2022!)

Ones & Twos Social Event

Come for some Christmas Cheer!

Friday, December 10, 2021

6 - 8 pm

The Ones and Twos is a social group of adults from the Episcopal Church of the Nativity. It is open to all and meets the second Friday of each month.

HOSTS: Dennis Combs & Scot McComas

PLACE: 21596 N. 59th Lane, Glendale, AZ 85308

TIME: 6 - 8 pm

BRING: Personal Libations and Shareable Victuals

RSVP: Scot McComas 704-779-6113 call, text or email: scotmccomas@thenativity.net

DIRECTIONS:

Take the 101 West to Exit 19 (N. 59th Avenue).

Turn right at the light on N. 59th Avenue and drive about 3/4 mile.

Turn Left on W. Arrowhead Lakes Drive (there is a sign that says "The New Legend" -- which is our neighborhood).

Turn left at the Stop Sign. We are the 2nd house.

Look for the luminaries (red and white).

All are welcome! Bring a friend!



CASA Academy

On November 12 CASA Academy hosted 14 Nativity parishioners at their weekly community meeting which is like a pep rally celebrating the scholars' successes and achievements. The scholars practiced some of their skills by greeting the Nativity guests with handshakes and introductions, welcoming Nativity into their school.

Following the meeting the parishioners were given a tour of the new school facility, offering a glimpse into the workings behind the school that not only teaches the children academics, but character skills with the goal of setting the foundation for lifelong success for these students who come from challenging backgrounds.

It was a great experience to see the school that Nativity supports through weekend food packs, school supply drives and other activities. We look forward to a continued relationship with CASA Academy.

If you are interested in supporting the scholars, the next weekend food pack is Saturday December 4 at 9:30 am (all ages welcome). We will be meeting in one of the parish classrooms. Two drivers are needed to deliver the food to the school located at 35th Avenue and Northern Avenue on Thursday December 9.

Please contact Laura Dobbins if you are interested in delivering, lauradobbins01@gmail.com.

-Laura Dobbins



Nativity Needs a Habitat for Humanity Ministry Leader

Now that the pandemic has eased in our community, Habitat is back to building homes for families in the Valley. Nativity has been a long-time supporter of Habitat, but we need someone to lead this ministry. It requires attending occasional organizational meetings and getting volunteers from our parish to help build these homes on one or two Saturdays a year. The work requires no building experience and we work with other Episcopal Churches in the Valley. It is fun and very rewarding. If you have an interest in leading this ministry, please contact Cotty Peabody. 617-966-1461 or epeabody@earthlink.net



Thank You!

To all who participated in the 2021 Outreach Fundraiser!



On November 13, 2021, Nativity had the pleasure of hosting the quarterly meeting of The Episcopal Diocese of Arizona, Council for Native American Ministry. The Council, led by the Rev. Canon Debbie Royals, includes Native Americans living in AZ and representatives from congregations and ministries within our Diocese. The goal of the Council is to allow participating congregations the opportunity to share their ministry. These meetings also provide inspiration and ideas for new and creative ways to not only give to those in need but to share our cultures and develop caring relationships.



The Mission and Vision of the Council are to:

- REMEMBER** Native American history is not well-known but has had and continues to have an impact on the original inhabitants of the land. Learning the history of our diocese provides a foundation for living out the Gospel imperative and our Baptismal Covenant to respect the dignity of every human being.
- RECOGNIZE** There are 22 Federally recognized tribes in the Diocese of Arizona.
- RECONCILE** the history of the people of the land, our own history and the history of the Episcopal Church.
- RELATIONSHIP** developed with people, knowing people, recognizing their gifts and struggles and allowing ourselves to form mutual communities led by the Spirit of God.

During the meeting, 18 participants including the Rev. Scot McComas, Jennie Dobbins, Cindy Cohen, and Paul Rank, were seated in a Talking Circle, which in the Native American tradition symbolizes equality, ensuring that all people are allowed to speak and the words spoken are accepted and respected on an equal basis. After brief introductions, we discussed the variety of ways our parishes are supporting Native Americans, especially those in need of food, clothing and housing. Due to the COVID pandemic, 2020–2021 has been a time of exceptional need, and parishes sent hundreds of masks, gallons of hand sanitizer, truckloads of food, and other vital supplies to tribal members.



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On November 10, the Episcopal Church of the Nativity hosted the Foothills Caring Corps seniors for a lovely luncheon. We had several buses drop off enthusiastic guests. Thank you to all who prepared, served, decorated so nicely and did all the clean up afterwards. Our guests were very appreciative. Thank you to Kathy Graf, Dawn Kast, Janyce Schenider, Sandi Medeiros, Joan Harris, and Cindy Cohen for the lovely lunch.



Toy Drive Ends Sunday, December 5

This year we will be splitting the unwrapped toys between Save-the-Family Women's and Children's Shelter and our sister parish, La Iglesia Santa Maria Episcopal Church in West Phoenix. You may bring your unwrapped toys to church on Sunday. Thank you in advance for your generosity and kindness. We wish you a happy joyful holiday season.

Blessings,
Janyce Schneider
Kathy Graf



Feed the Hungry



Our Feed The Hungry ministry regularly takes dinners to the men who reside at the East Valley Men’s Center. This is temporary “room and board” offered by A New Leaf, a not-for-profit company giving aid to the needy in Arizona. Dinners are provided by the churches in the Valley and we are an active participant. In November we tried something different bringing them Taco Salad, which they loved. This month we are planning a Christmas dinner with turkey, mashed potatoes, and all the trimmings. We are even planning on having our own Christmas carolers there to offer lively entertainment while they eat. If you have

helped with this ministry in the past, you know what a rewarding experience it truly is. If you have never participated, this might be a good time to try something different. We guarantee you will walk away knowing you have gained more than you have given.

The Men’s Center is located at 2345 N. Country Club Rd, in Mesa. This is just north of Highway 202 on Country Club Rd. We meet there December 9 at 5:15, serve dinner at 6, and are out of there by 7. We don’t even have to wash the dishes. A sign-up sheet is located in the gathering area, Christopher Hall so sign up for a course to bring and join the fun.



For more information contact Jon Bost at jonrbost@yahoo.com, or 602-618-6781. We guarantee you will come away knowing that you have received more than you have given.



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You can contribute without costing you more money via Smile.Amazon.com! Contact Mina Rafferty (minarafferty@thenativity.net) for more info. Use our unique link - <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-5599218> When first visiting AmazonSmile, you are prompted to select a charitable organization from over one million eligible organizations. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization. Each quarter, the AmazonSmile Foundation makes donations to eligible charitable organizations by electronic funds transfer.

Birthdays & Anniversary Blessings

We would like to know when your birthday and/or anniversary is coming up so we can pray for you by name during the birthday and anniversary prayers and blessings each week. If you would like your name mentioned, please email the dates and information to Fr. Scot at scotmccomas@thenativity.net or call him at 704-779-6113. Or maybe you have a family member or friend you'd like us to pray for. Please let us know.

Prayer Team

If you or someone special to you are in need of prayers you have several options to let the prayer team know of the request. Please let one of the clergy know. There also is a book for prayer requests on the table by the entrance to Christopher Hall, or you may email Joyce Graves at jbjgraves@cox.net or call 602-885-8828. All prayers are kept confidential within the prayer team. We also ask that you give us an update preferably every month or so about the person or persons you have asked us to pray for.

Name Tags

Name Tags - If 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.

Forward Day by Day

Forward Day by Day is a booklet of daily inspirational meditations reflecting on a specific Bible passage, chosen from the daily lectionary readings as listed in the Revised Common Lectionary or the Daily Office from the Episcopal Church's Book of Common Prayer. The meditations are rich in substance and offer a wide range of witness and experiences. Each month's meditation is written by a different author. These booklets in both regular and large print are available on the Welcome Counter or if you would like one mailed to you, send Mina Rafferty an email at minarafferty@thenativity.net.



Emergency Response

As some of you know, two of our parishioners recently suffered a fall in front of the church. Fortunately, members of our Emergency Response Team with medical training were present and able to administer necessary first aid until the EMTs arrived.

The parishioners recovered well, but it could have been much worse and has prompted us to relook at some of our procedures. Our Emergency Response Procedure is being reviewed with an aim towards insuring safety for all of us. One thing we have implemented is a system of attention by ushers as well as the Vestry Personnel to those requiring assistance and this might be something we should all sign up for as well. This is the Family of Nativity so let's all keep an eye on each other here at church

As reported earlier (pre-covid) copies of our Emergency Response Procedures may be found in the office or inside the defibrillator unit just North of the main entrance in Christopher Hall. As the Emergency Response Team reviews other opportunities for improving safety procedures or apparatus at the church we invite you to contact us with any safety issues you feel need to be addressed here at Nativity.

Please send your comments to Jon Bost at jonrbost@yahoo.com.

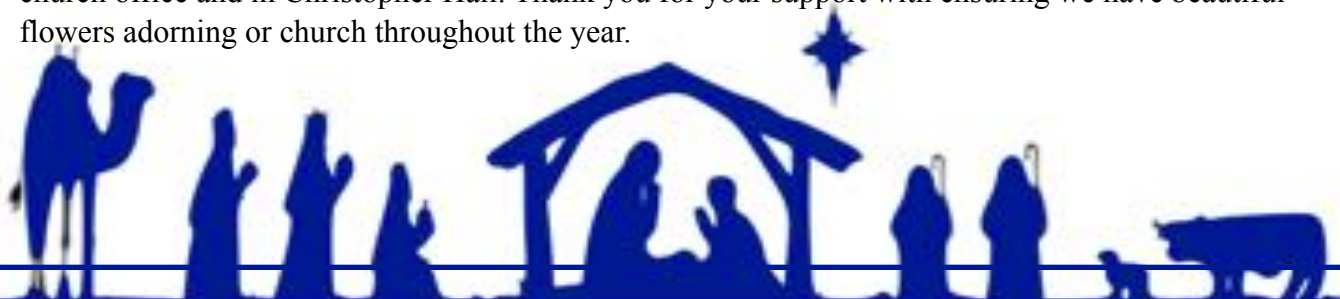
From the Flower Guild

The new flower donation chart for 2022 will soon be available next to the office door and you will be able to get first choice for your special dates. As a reminder, sign up for a week and then...

- * Complete an envelope with your dedication which will be included in the Sunday bulletin.
(Needed by Tuesday at noon)
- * Enclose cash/check in the envelope and place on Mina's desk in the office.
(\$50.00 suggested donation). Mina will make sure the money gets to the flower fund.

If you sign up for more than one week, please use an envelope for each week requested.

If you would like to make a Christmas poinsettia donation in honor of, or in memory of, someone a donation of \$20 is suggested. After Christmas, we encourage people to take the poinsettias home to beautify your house or the clergy can take them to nursing homes in the area. Poinsettias do not last long at the church and are happier in people's homes. The forms to fill out for the Poinsettias are in the church office and in Christopher Hall. Thank you for your support with ensuring we have beautiful flowers adorning our church throughout the year.





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To: