

The Annual Meeting

December 4 at 9:15 A.M.

All members of the Church of the Nativity are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting at which the Rector and Vestry will report on the events of the past year of the church, present the operating budget for 2012, and elect new vestry members. The meeting will be held at **9:15am in the church**. The 8:00am service will be as normal; the 10:30 service may begin a few minutes late.



Rejoice! Reflections On Seasonal Hymns December 11,18 At 9:15 A.M.

There are few things as evocative as songs of the Christmas season. For these two weeks we will explore the rich emotional and experiential meaning of the lyrics to some of the most beloved hymns of the Advent and Christmas season.

Pausing on the Road to Bethlehem: A Spiritual Journey Through Advent December 1, 8, 15, 22

Thursdays at 6:00pm

This study is designed for those who want to slow down and sink into the Advent season. It is inspirational and devotional in nature, an experiential Advent-ure through the weeks of Advent. During these four sessions we will utilize music, art, poetry, and a variety of interactive activities centered on biblical passages that connect to Advent. This forum is for those who want to journey through this season at a mindful pace. We will walk with Mary and Joseph on the road to Bethlehem, taking time to "ponder these things in our heart."

Strengthen Your Servants: An Adult Confirmation Class

Sundays at 4:00 p.m.

October 16 - November 20

For those who wish to be confirmed (i.e., make a formal, adult declaration of faith) in the Episcopal Church, those who were confirmed a long time ago and forgot what they learned the first time around, or for those simply curious to know more about the Episcopal Church and why we do what it is we do.



Adult Education & Formation at Nativity is a program that is rich in diverse offerings that are food for thought & nourishment for the spirit. The forums, studies and classes that will make up the Adult Education Program are meant to help equip the pilgrims and seekers of Nativity on their personal road of faith.

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Adult Formation Programs

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"Our Faith and Our World "

**Fall 2011:
Forums
Bible Studies
Book Discussions
Educational Events**

Program Year Kick-Off!

Sunday September 11

at 9:15 A.M.



Learn more about the Adult Formation offerings for the Fall. Come taste and see the myriad of ways to nurture and explore your faith at the Church of the Nativity!

(Estill House/Corlett Hall)

Hall)

Nets for Life

Sunday September 18, 2011

at 9:15 A.M.

Join us this Sunday for a presentation on the incredible impact a simple mosquito net might have on the lives of many, and how we can contribute to this campaign.

(Estill House/Corlett Hall)

Youth Exchange with Botswana

September 25

at 9:15 A.M.

A delegation of youth and adults from the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina and the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle shared a 12-day youth exchange with the Anglican Diocese of Botswana July 13-27. Come see pictures and hear stories of their time in Botswana and all that they experienced there.

(Estill House/Corlett Hall)



To Nurture and Inspire:

A three year plan for the Church of the Nativity

Sunday

October 2

At 9:15 A.M.

We will begin the

annual stewardship campaign with a special presentation by the Vestry of the plan that has been developed to strengthen and build Nativity's programs and offerings, and to serve the needs of our surrounding community. (Estill House/Corlett Hall)

October 16, 23, 30 November 6, 13, 20

at 9:15 A.M.

There will be three offerings at this time-choose one! The Book Study will be an on-going commitment through November 20. The Bible Study will discuss the lectionary readings appointed for that particular Sunday. The Adult Forum will cover various topics described below.

1. Book Study of

An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith
by Barbara Brown Taylor

October 16, 23, 30 November 6, 13, 20

at 9:15 A.M.

Reading & discussion of critically acclaimed author and preacher Barbara Brown Taylor offers her story of encountering the sacred in everyday life. "...Taylor reveals concrete ways to discover the sacred in the small things we do and see. Some-thing as ordinary as hanging clothes on a clothes-line becomes an act of devotion if we pay attention to what we are doing and take time to attend to the sights, smells, and sounds around us." (Adult Learning Center)

2. Bible Study: The Word for the Day

October 16, 23, 30 November 6, 13, 20

At 9:15 A.M.

A time to examine the lectionary texts in church appointed for that Sunday. Read, mark, and inwardly digest the scripture to hear new ways God is calling your faith to interact with the church and the world. (Adult Learning Center)



3. The Forums

Pop Theology - A Religion and Pop Culture Remix

October 16, 23, 30 at 9:15 A.M.

When faced with trying to explain how you relate your life to your faith, are you more likely to quote St. Paul, or Homer Simpson? This forum will tackle how Christians interact with pop culture & explore how pop culture reflects Christian beliefs & concepts. (Estill House/Corlett Hall)

Religion and Politics

November 6, 13, 20 at 9:15 A.M.

A Discussion of perspectives as to how our faith should or should not interact with these topics. The Rev. Dr. George Clifford will guide us through three weeks examining how our faith relates to our political ideology and vice versa. (Estill House/Corlett Hall)

An Intergenerational

Advent Event

November 27 at 9:15 A.M.

All are invited to Corlett Hall for an intergenerational Advent Event! There will be an offering of fun, interactive ways to begin our Advent practices to help us slow down and prepare our hearts for the Christmas Season.

(Estill House/Corlett Hall)

