



We are Kyle, Mary Catherine, and Matthew Cole—transplants to the Lehigh Valley just over three years ago from Atlanta, Georgia. Kyle is the Manager of HIV Initiatives for St. Luke’s University Health Network, Mary Catherine is the Director of Pastoral Care at St. Luke’s, and Matthew is a five year-old kindergartener at Spring Garden Elementary. We came to Nativity longing for a place to call spiritual home and a place where Matthew could grow in a vibrant, loving, encouraging, and welcoming community of faith. We have certainly found that at Nativity! Matthew is welcomed every Sunday into his Godly-play class by friends and teachers and is celebrated warmly at 10:30 worship as he jumps off the steps leaving the rail after communion. We are so very grateful for the connections, relational and spiritual, that continue to deepen here.

We are most grateful for the surprising ways in which we continue to discover God’s goodness, sustenance, and humor in our lives. Who knew that we would relish colder weather, that our son would enthusiastically shout, “There are the Steelstacks!” whenever we drive over South Mountain or the Lehigh River, or that Nativity would offer us the opportunity to make friends who have become like family to us—which is so important given that our families are in Texas, South Carolina, Nebraska, and Arkansas!

Nativity also gives us opportunities to serve and give in so many ways: From Mary Catherine in the pulpit and leading or participating in Adult Forum to Kyle serving on the Vestry and as a Verger, we are fortunate to get to participate in the ritual and ministries that brought us to Nativity in the first place. We couldn’t imagine a more sacred space in which to live our spiritual, daily lives.