



#### OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

##### Weekly

**Sundays**  
 7:45 AM Holy Eucharist  
 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
 with Sunday School  
 and Nursery Care

**Wednesdays**  
**NO NOONDAY SERVICE**  
**DURING THE SUMMER!**



"There shall be eternal summer in the grateful heart."

Celia Thaxter



*Secure  
 in the Love of the Father  
 Shaped  
 in the Image of the Son  
 Serving  
 in the Power of the Spirit*



### FROM PASTOR CHAD'S DESK



Dear Nativity Family,

Where did Summer go? It seems that the kids were just finishing classes, we were celebrating graduations, and loading the cars up to storm the beaches of Cape Cod and conquer the mountains of New England, finally letting our hair down to unwind and enjoy the summer and yet here we are arriving in August and checking off our back to school list? Time fly's but God's work continues here at Nativity and I want all of you to mark your calendars for some upcoming events: the *Movie On The Lawn* for this month is on August 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm and we will be showing "Up" a heartwarming Pixar film for the whole family where "Determined widower Carl Fredricksen goes to extremes to save his home and keep the promise he made to his wife, embarks on a journey to the mysterious Paradise Falls in an airship of his own invention. Along the way he meets his childhood hero, forms a bond with a boy who has an absent father, and realizes the preciousness of the life he lived as well as the one he now finds himself living." *David Rizzo*. On September 8<sup>th</sup> we will have our Fall Picnic, and Community Meals on September 4<sup>th</sup>. So mark your calendars and come on out to have a great time!

Also, please keep me in prayers as I report to Ft. Jackson in Columbia, SC on August 6<sup>th</sup> to complete the final phase of my Initial Chaplain Training I will be returning on August 29<sup>th</sup>. While I am gone Father Michael will serve as Pastoral care in my place and we will welcome Canon Rich Simpson, Father Michael, and Mother Lavonne Seifert to preach God's good news on the Sunday's I am not here.

Lastly, summer is not over yet folks! Enjoy the final excursions and adventures because we have an action packed year ahead of us to grow God's Kingdom and this church that I am extremely excited about! To God be the Glory and I'll see you Sunday.

In Christ,

## Prayer of the Month

Father, I thank you for blessing me with my family.  
 I ask you to bring us into unity through You.  
 I ask that anything that is hidden in darkness -  
 to cause disunity - will be brought to light.  
 I ask You to lead us into Your perfect truth and help us  
 to be the family You intend us to be.  
 Lord, help us to be a blessing to one another  
 and to others.  
 Reveal Yourself to us and let us come into  
 agreement with You.  
 Lead us in Your ways.  
 Grant us compassionate hearts,  
 fill us with Your love that does not keep records of  
 wrong, and bring joy to our hearts  
 when we think of one another.  
 Bring Your perfect peace and unity into our family.  
 In Jesus name I pray,  
 amen.

## Children Ministry



The beginning of the school year is fast approaching and so is the beginning of the Sunday School year.

Would you like to help us bring our children up in Christ and put them on the right path to Jesus?

We have some opportunities to become involved in Nativity's children ministry.

We are in need of a teacher (s) for the Grade 2-4 classroom. We are also looking for help in the nursery, Godly Play (Preschool-Grade 1) and Elementary (Grades 2-4). This could be an awesome ministry for our high school students and at the same time community service hours.

Please contact Cindee Morin at 774-258-1104.

## MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

**“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”**

**Joshua 1:9**



**Featuring Paul Baloche | Andy Needham | New England Worship Leaders.**

### DATE AND TIME

Fri, November 15, 2019  
 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM EST

### LOCATION

Liberty Churches  
 495 Hartford Turnpike  
 Shrewsbury, MA 01545

This is a night you do not want to miss! Join a concert of voices from all over the region for an unforgettable evening. The concert will be led by an amazing band and team of worship leaders from the region and joined by Andy Needham and a special appearance by Paul Baloche.

This evening is open to all. Tickets are \$15, \$8 for 5 or more. Please contact Rachel or the office if you would like to attend. All proceeds benefit Greenhouse ministries' ongoing work to advance the local church in New England.

**Don't judge people for the choices they make when you don't know the options they had to choose from.**

## WORCESTER FELLOWSHIP



Please join us on Sunday August 18th to prepare lunch bags for the homeless to be distributed at the 12pm worship in front of the Worcester Town Hall!



## A Dog for Jesus

(Where dogs go when they die)

by Rudyard Kipling

I wish someone had given Jesus a dog.  
As loyal and loving as mine.  
To sleep by His manger and gaze in His eyes  
And adore Him for being divine.

As our Lord grew to manhood His faithful dog,  
Would have followed Him all through the day.  
While He preached to the crowds and made the sick well  
And knelt in the garden to pray.

It is sad to remember that Christ went away.  
To face death alone and apart.  
With no tender dog following close behind,  
To comfort its Master's Heart.

And when Jesus rose on that Easter morn,  
How happy He would have been,  
As His dog kissed His hand and barked it's delight,  
For The One who died for all men.

Well, the Lord has a dog now, I just sent Him mine,  
The old pal so dear to me.  
And I smile through my tears on this first day alone,  
Knowing they're in eternity.

Day after day, the whole day through,  
Wherever my road inclined,  
Four feet said, "Wait, I'm coming with you!"  
And trotted along behind

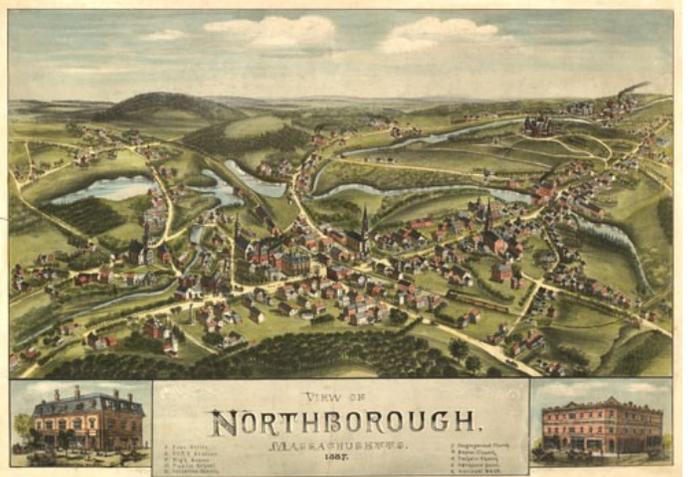
## Extraordinary People

This month our #Extraordinary life of the month is a pair of faithful volunteers. Please thank Karen and Earl Taylor for all the little things they do to support the life of our church. They work behind the scene keeping our kitchen running smoothly and coffee hour deliciously supplied. Thanks for all you do



Thank you all so much for coming out and cooking/shopping and serving the meal to the many guests who braved the elements to come out.

Our next opportunity to serve is Wednesday September 4th! Mark your calendars!



### SUNDAY FLOWERS:

Please sign up for flowers to be displayed in the Nave.  
The sign-up sheet is located in the copy room.



### Monday, August 12th, 2019 at 7pm

Join us for an evening of beautiful music and heartfelt prayer. This is a time to share our joys and concerns, sing praise together and sustain each other through prayers, both said and unsaid.



### Attention Seniors!

**Attention Seniors!** The next Sr. Luncheon will be held sometime in September. Due to vacations etc. we will be taking the summer off. We wish you all a safe and wonderful summer and are looking forward to getting back together in the fall.

Blessings,  
Priscilla and Karen



*Baptism of Ainslyn Grace Gustafson—June 23, 2019*

I'm currently out of the office and can be reached by waiting until I get back.



### TIME OFF

Pastor Chad will be out of the office from 8/6 to 8/29



The first day of school in Northborough will be August 29th!

Many blessings to all our children and youth!

### CHURCH DIRECTORY



It has come to our attention there were some issues regarding the photos on the directory. Please note there was no intention on "separating family and couple pictures" and hence forgetting individuals. Unfortunately, the original pictures used for prior purposes are no longer available. If you do want family or couple pictures to appear in the directory, 1) email a picture to the office, or 2) ask Becky

Krebsbach or Liz Krouse to take a picture after the Sunday service, or 3) wait until September when we will host a picture event.

*"Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life?"*

*Luke 12:25*

### NEW WEBSITE!!

We have a brand new website! Check us out at [www.churchofthenativity.org](http://www.churchofthenativity.org)

It is a work in progress so please be patient with us! Suggestions and comments are welcome!



**Outreach update June/July 2019:**

**Northborough Food Pantry:** Thank you to all who made the Fill a Bag Food drive a success! We donated 19 bags of food to the Pantry. Special thanks to Yvonne, Evelyn & Clara Boutte for their help stocking the shelves at the pantry with all those donations. Nativity was also able to make a financial donation to the pantry.

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**Compassion International:** We continue to sponsor two young ladies through Compassion Intl. Nadiani is 15 y/o and

from Indonesia.

Prossey is 16 y/o and is from Uganda. Nativity's sponsorship provide the girls with birthday gifts, Christmas presents and funding for school and medical care. Both girls are very involved in school and request prayers for continued good grades. In her last letter Prossey was very excited to report she was recently baptized!



But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

- 2 Peter 3:18, NIV



**Pray for Nadiani**

As you remember your sponsored child in your prayers, pray for:

- Spiritual growth through her local church
- Perseverance in her education
- Building healthy friendships
- Wisdom in making God-honoring choices in her life
- A spirit of joy and hope

Don't forget to say a special prayer for Nadiani on her birthday, May 30!



So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught.

- Colossians 2:6-7, NIV



**Pray for Katulinde**

As you remember your sponsored child in your prayers, pray for:

- Spiritual growth and leadership at her local church
- Perseverance in her continuing education and vocational training
- Building healthy, God-honoring friendships
- A spirit of joy and hope in every aspect of life

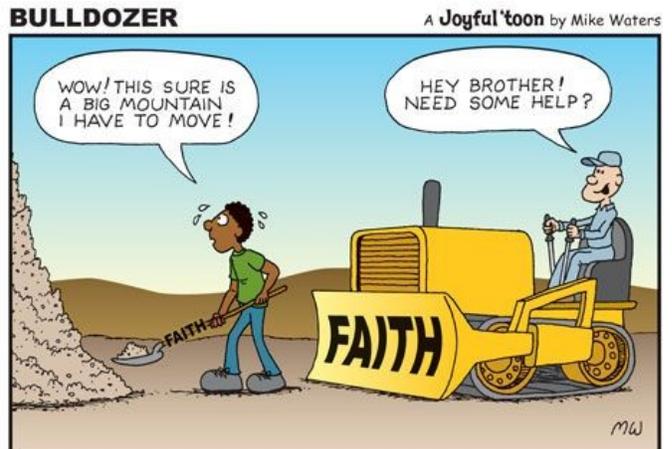
Don't forget to say a special prayer for Katulinde on her birthday, April 2!

**Straight Ahead Ministries:** Nativity was able to financially support the Breaking Bread Program. Breaking Bread offers formerly incarcerated and high-risk youth opportunities to serve their community by providing freshly prepared meals, seasonal clothing and personal hygiene products for families in need in Main South Worcester. Participants develop responsibility and purpose, gain compassion, and grow in leadership and character through service to others. This program is mentored by Olivia Ojeda. Please see the wonderful thank you note (on bulletin board) Nativity recently received from Olivia.

Thank you Nativity for your Time, Talent and Treasures that made this all possible!

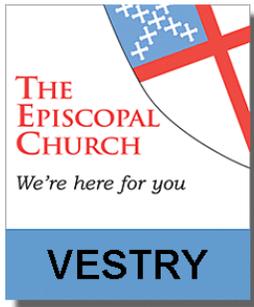
The Outreach Committee

Deb, Lois & Janet



that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.

- ROMANS 1:12 NIV



## Vestry News

Happy summer! Even as summer is in full swing, your Vestry is working toward the goal of making Nativity a welcoming place for all to serve and worship God in a loving Christian community.

### Community Gathering

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Community Gathering on June 23. It was a time for sharing new ideas and providing information on programs that are in progress.

For those of you who were unable to attend, here are a few highlights:

- We reviewed the goals that the vestry is working on:
  - To make Nativity more attractive to youth and families in an engaging and welcoming community
  - To be good stewards of God's resources
- Ministry leaders were asked to come up with ideas on how these goals could be achieved through their ministries and report back to the vestry in July.
- A solar project is in the works. Solar panels will be placed on Nativity's roof to provide us with a discount-

ed rate for electricity. The project will be at no cost to Nativity.

- We discussed an idea to use the "Back 40" (our backyard behind the parking lot). Ideas included creating a community garden, moving the stage to this area and adding bench seating, and the possibility of moving the stations of the cross into the area.
- Also discussed were the disrepair of the Memorial garden and possible solutions.
- There were many suggestions from the community and we are already working on some solutions.

### Other News:

- Our new website is a work in progress. Please bear with us as we continue to improve it.
- The parking lot has been sealcoated and restriped!
- The stairs to the Nave will be repaired at the end of July.
- Seminars are being planned for the fall and winter.

Please continue to hold the vestry in prayer, that we would be faithful servants of God serving His church.

In His service,

Deb Hesek, Sr. Warden



### MOVIES ON THE LAWN

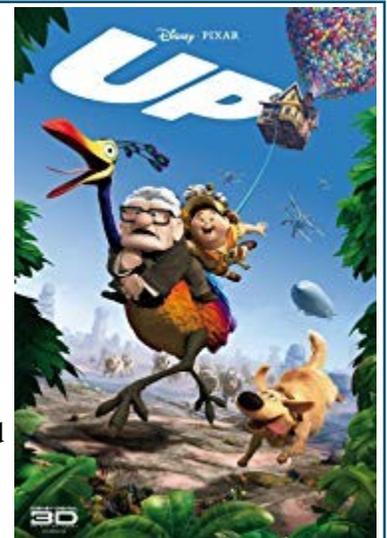
On August 15th, at 8:30pm, we will be presenting the movie "Up" on the front lawn.

"Up" is the story of seventy-eight year old Carl Fredrickson travels to Paradise Falls in his home equipped with balloons, inadvertently taking a young stowaway.

"An exciting, funny, and poignant adventure, *Up* offers an impeccably crafted

story told with wit and arranged with depth, as well as yet another visual Pixar treat." (Rotten Tomatoes)

Bring your lawn chairs and your bug spray. We will be serving lemonade and popcorn!



## Church Mice

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I have always regarded religion as gratitude. We live on earth which is not ours but belongs to God. We are his creatures. We worship him out of a feeling of gratitude for what he's done for us and for his guidance, his protection, his leading.  
~ Charles M. Schulz



*"'Thank you' is the best prayer that anyone could say. I say that one a lot. Thank you expresses extreme gratitude, humility, understanding."*

*Alice Walker*



## THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS "CELEBRATING GOD'S ABUNDANCE"

### Make a ministry pilgrimage!

#### Diocesan Council Encourages Summer Exploration

Would you like to be inspired this summer?  
Would you like to explore God's imagination  
at work in our Diocese?

Would you like to make a pilgrimage close to home?

So often, when we think of a pilgrimage, we think of far off exotic lands: Jerusalem, Mecca, the Camino de Santiago. A pilgrim is one who journeys to a sacred place, whether it is nearby or far away! At the last Diocesan Council retreat in February, we realized that we had so many vibrant ministries right here in our Diocese, and we decided to collect information about those ministries so that we could take local pilgrimages to these places of sacred works and vital service in the community.

We thought we would share some seasonally pertinent ministries - focusing for the moment on the western part of our Diocese - so that, on a lovely summer day, you could take a pilgrimage and learn more about these sacred sites.

These are four seasonal ministries that can perk your imagination for how you might join God in your neighborhood, offering of your context. Each of these churches welcomes visitors and pilgrims and welcomes questions about how they discerned the need in their context and how they came to serve in these ways. Stay tuned for more information and inspiration from your neighboring parishes!



#### Farmer's Market

At **Church of the Atonement in Westfield**, there is

a **Farmer's Market** on the front lawn every Thursday from 12-6. There's music and fruit and vegetables and jams and bread and a wood carver and... It's a wonderful place to pick up some local veggies but it is also a wonderful ministry that is visible on a very busy road in Westfield. Maybe you might think about a farmer's market, too? Or something like it on your front lawn? Something that says, "We are vital and active in the community!"

Contact the [Church of the Atonement](#) for more information.



#### Appalachian Trail

On Wednesdays and Saturdays, through August 7<sup>th</sup>, parishioners

from **Christ Trinity in Sheffield**, staff a tent for those coming through on the **Appalachian Trail**. They provide water, food and (perhaps most important) cell phone chargers. They engage people (often young people) that stop by in conversation: What brings you to the trail? Almost everyone is looking for something, and the church is there to listen and feed...something Jesus did so well. They welcome other individuals to come and serve with them just to see what's going on! Maybe there's a trail or outdoor venue near you that could spark something like this! Contact [Christ Trinity Church](#) for more information, and to find out how you can take a pilgrimage and join in.



#### Gideon's Garden

In **Great Barrington**, **Gideon's Garden**, connected with **Grace in the Berkshires** is thriving

to feed the hungry and to mentor teenagers. Perhaps your parish could develop a feeding community garden or provide garden plots for those who do not have land and, in so doing, raise an awareness of the earth and its blessings and develop community among those with green (or not so green...) thumbs! Contact [Grace in the Berkshires](#) for more information and a good time to be a pilgrim.



#### Meditation Meadow

Going a little bit north from Great Barrington and Sheffield, you can visit **St. Helena's Meditation Meadow**

[in Lenox](#) – beautiful spot to stroll, enjoy nature and pray! How could a pilgrimage to this sacred meadow inspire your use of your church property?



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to be and to make faithful followers  
of our Lord Jesus Christ*

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events.



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### August 2019

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| <b>08/12:</b> | <b>Praise and Prayer at 7pm</b> |
| <b>08/15:</b> | <b>Movie Night</b>              |
| <b>08/15:</b> | <b>Worcester Fellowship</b>     |
| <b>09/04:</b> | <b>Community Meal</b>           |

**Please note there will be no Wednesday Eucharist Service during the summer.**