



NATIVITY
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THE NATIVITY SCENE

Monthly Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2021



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Attention Senior Ministry

Just wanted to touch base and let you know that we have not forgotten you. We think of you often and hope that you are all safe and well.

Can't wait until we can get back together again to enjoy each other's company, have some good food and plenty of fun.

Until then we pray that you will stay safe and well.

Peace 'n' love,

Priscilla and Karen

Note from Sabina

Dear Nativity
Congregation,

I would like to thank you for the generous Christmas gift I received. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

With peace, gratitude and grace,

Sabina

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays
ONLY LIVE ON
FACEBOOK IN
FEBRUARY!
8:30am
10am

Wednesdays
Live on Facebook only
12pm Noonday Prayer

LENT

is a call
to renew
a commitment
grown dull,
perhaps,
by a life
more marked
by routine than
by reflection.

-Joan Chittister

ALL WORSHIP SERVICES
WILL BE ONLINE ONLY
IN FEBRUARY

LIVESTREAMING ON FACEBOOK
SUNDAYS AT 10AM
WEDNESDAYS AT 12PM

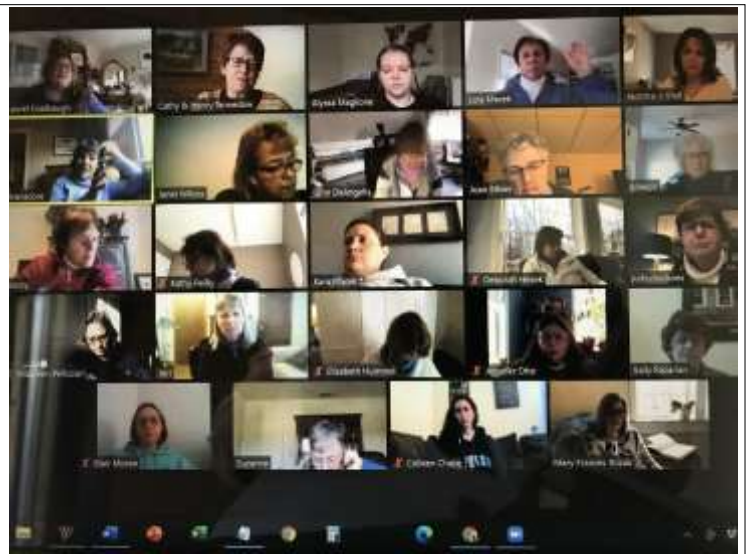
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Journeying Beyond the Familiar: Leaving the Old Ways and Breaking Fresh Ground with God was the topic of a mini virtual retreat on Saturday, January 23, led by Rev. Dr. Laurel Coolbaugh.



24 of us gathered together (on Zoom) to explore this time of waiting, not seeing what is ahead, standing in this inbetween space between the familiar and the unknown, and knowing that this is a space open for God's transforming work in us. The teachings, songs, visuals, Bible study and group discussion all added to the richness of our time together.

The Women's Ministry coordinated this offering, in keeping with our vision to offer opportunities for women to connect with God and each other. This ministry team is Sally Kazarian, Betsy Hummel, Lynn DeAngelis, and Norma Brandt. These are unusual times, but we continue to be open to new ways to connect, and we were grateful for this gathering of Nativity women, for Laurel's faithful leading, and for perhaps new eyes and ears to experience God's work in and around us.



SCOUT SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 7!!

Join us online at 10am to celebrate all Scouts! We will have several Troop members participate in the service. Note, the service will be online only.

In the interim, enjoy pictures of last year's celebration!



Feeling proud. But it was not Deb's work but Pastor Chad who was activated to serve first at the soldiers home in Holyoke MA and then during the protests against racial injustice. I was just glad to support him.



Webinar on February 25 @ 5:00 PM

You are invited to join in an illuminating conversation between **Bishop Douglas Fisher**, **Bishop Alan Gates**, and Building Bridges champion, retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel **John Paradis**, when they will discuss the multifaceted reality of the veteran experience, as well as potential ways to involve the rest of us in bringing greater health to veterans.

The Building Bridges Veteran Initiative (www.buildingbridgesveterans.org/), now expanding into the Diocese of Massachusetts, was founded by the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts five years ago to create veteran communities which enable the trust and camaraderie inevitably lost when soldiers and military personnel come home. Now nine communities strong, convening weekly and monthly around the luncheon table, Building Bridges has become a critical part of 400 western Massachusetts veterans' lives. One of the tenets of the initiative is that the suffering experienced by veterans is not that of a separate population, but is a reality affecting all of us, and for which we are all responsible.

As the link to register is quite long, you can register in our weekly email or you can contact the church office.

February
The Love of God

Day 1 – John 3:16-17	Day 19 – John 13:34-35
Day 2 – Romans 5:8	Day 20 – 1 Corinthians 13:4-8
Day 3 – 1 John 4:7-8	Day 21 – Deuteronomy 7:9
Day 4 – Romans 8:35-39	Day 22 – Isaiah 40:15-16
Day 5 – Zephaniah 3:17	Day 23 – John 15:9-11
Day 6 – Galatians 2:20	Day 24 – Lamentations 3:22-23
Day 7 – 1 John 4:16-19	Day 25 – Psalm 103:8-17
Day 8 – 1 John 3:1	Day 26 – Titus 3:4-5
Day 9 – Jeremiah 31:3	Day 27 – Luke 12:6-7
Day 10 – Ephesians 2:4-5	Day 28 – Ephesians 1:3-6
Day 11 – 1 Peter 3:6-7	
Day 12 – John 15:13	
Day 13 – Ephesians 3:14-19	
Day 14 – Psalm 86:15	
Day 15 – Isaiah 54:10	
Day 16 – Psalm 136	
Day 17 – Romans 5:5	
Day 18 – 1 John 4:9-11	