

November 25th through December 2nd, 2018

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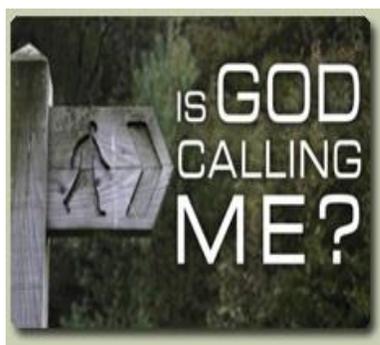
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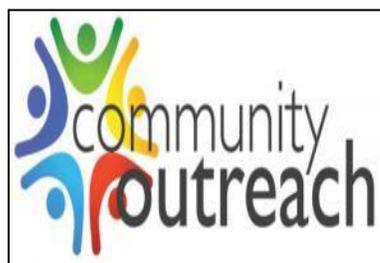
WELCOMING INITIATIVE: It's always a challenge to find balance in life and that includes the way in which we welcome guests to our church. This week's *Welcoming Focus*, the pink sheet in the weekly worship program, helps us understand that we always want to welcome guests in a way that makes them feel comfortable. [Click here](#) to see a copy of this Sunday's worship insert which explores how a guest feels coming into a new and unfamiliar situation and ways in which we can help guests feel comfortable.



CALL FOR ALL STEWARDS TO HAND IN THEIR PLEDGE CARDS! We are getting a great response on pledging. Many members have stepped up. We appreciate all of you who have pledged so far. We're a little more than half way to our goal. If you haven't pledged yet but are going to, now is the time to fill out that pledge card and turn it in to Nativity! We are counting them all up and will begin our pledge calling campaign soon. So please remember to turn in your pledge card. Thank you!! Tony Rea, Chair, Stewardship



AN INVITATION TO SHARED DISCERNMENT: During our **annual meeting, on January 27th**, a new Vestry will be voted in. Several positions are now open including Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary and Treasurer, as well as a couple of at-large member positions. Is God calling you to use your talents for visioning leadership and administration, joining a group of people committed to growing our church for the glory of God? We will have three Vestry Discernment Days, which will hopefully guide you in considering your call: **December 5th at 7pm, December 9th at 11:30am, January 9th at 7pm.** These meetings are open to all.



OUTREACH NEWS: The next date for Worcester Fellowship is this Sunday, November 25th.



Led by Northborough Helping Hands Nativity has partnered with many businesses, churches and organizations to provide 55 Thanksgiving Baskets to local families. Nativity's contribution was 165lbs of carrots.! Thank you Nativity for helping provide these families with a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner.

2018 Giving Tree: The Giving Tree made its appearance last weekend! We are supporting two local families with gifts and grocery gift cards for Christmas dinner. Thanks to all who took a tag to donate a gift. You are so generous! We do have two tags left. Please contact Deb Heseck or Janet Wilcox if you would like to participate. All gifts need to be wrapped with tag attached (except grocery gift cards) and returned by 10am Sunday 12/9/18. Thanks again .



SENIOR CHRISTMAS PARTY: We are full!! If you have not registered yet, please be aware that we do not take registrations any longer!



SIGNS UPS FOR LIVING NATIVITY

The long-awaited sign-up sheets for the Living Nativity (scheduled for Saturday, December 15) will be posted this coming Sunday, November 25. The lists will be available in the narthex before and after services. The Living Nativity is the biggest single evangelism event which our church hosts for the larger community. Last year almost 70% of our parishioners participated in one role or another. We need help in so many ways: set up in the hall and outside, decorating the hall, helping children with makeup and costumes, providing vital technical support, the music ministry, picking up Michelle's animals, distributing fliers, working in the kitchen, and providing gallons of cider and endless dozens of cookies, etc. And of course, prayer for favorable weather and the safety of all involved. Please give prayerful consideration for how you might be able to help out. I plan to be available after both services to answer questions and encourage your participation. You should also feel free to contact me at 508-842-6299 or pnutting@framingham.edu. Brad Nutting, Coordinator



ANNUAL MEETING:

JANUARY 27TH, 2019



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