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The Good News Weekly

Christ Episcopal Church ~ St. Barnabas Chapel

December 20, 2020



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This Week at Christ Church, Clarksburg and St. Barnabas Chapel, Bridgeport

Sunday, December 20, 2020

Zoom Morning Prayer at 10:00 AM

<https://zoom.us/j/5245181878>

Meeting ID: 524 518 1878

Another option is to dial in: (646) 558-8656

No reservation needed for Zoom.

**When we return to in-person services
reservations are required.**

Email Christ Church at: christchurch1853@aol.com

Give the following information: Your name and total number of family members planning to attend. (Your reservation will be confirmed by a return email.)

Or phone in your reservation to the Church office at 304-622-3694, if necessary please leave a message. (Your reservation will be confirmed by a return call.)

Reservations must be made by Friday morning.

If unable to keep a reservation, please cancel.

Sunday, December 20, 2020

Zoom Evening Prayer at 5:30 PM

Join Zoom Evening Prayer by clicking on this link

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Thursday, December 24, 2020

Zoom Christmas Eve at 5:30 PM

Details will be sent the week of Dec 21



An Advent of Compline

Bishop Klusmeyer is inviting you to join him in a service of Compline each weekday during Advent on Zoom.

Dec 21, 2020 at 07:00 PM

Dec 22, 2020 at 07:00 PM

Dec 23, 2020 at 07:00 PM

Use this link to join all the above Zoom Meetings:

<https://zoom.us/j/97953015647?pwd=T2Q3NEVITFpiR0cwTFiYkF4RUVPdz09>

Meeting ID: 979 5301 5647

Passcode: 718848

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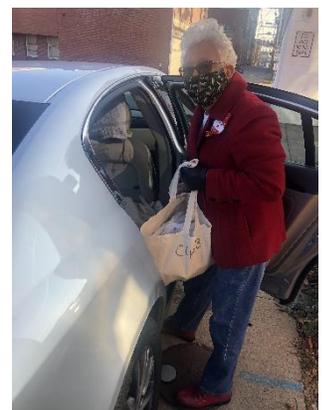
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**Due to the holidays
The Christ Church Office
Will be closed from
December 24 to January 3.**

Backpack Volunteers

Pictured here is Corliss Barksdale, one of the dedicated volunteers, who deliver backpacks to Glen Elk and Clarksburg Head Start programs. Thanks to Corliss and Ben Barksdale, Dick Clovis and Beth Sickles for being such reliable delivery people.



Presiding Bishop Michael Curry Christmas Message 2020

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing. Perhaps like me, you've sung this hymn for years – in church, at home with your family gathered with friends and neighbors. Perhaps you've sung it to yourself – in your car, on a walk, or quietly in the dark of night. *Joy to the world!*

While we may not feel joyful this year – as the pandemic of disease continues to bring sickness and death, when fear and mistrust – a darkness – threatens to overcome the light – we, as followers of Jesus Christ must bear joy to this aching world. We must shine light into the darkness. *Joy to the world!*

Like much in our lives, proclaiming joy is difficult work – also *good* and *essential* work – especially now. Though we mourn that which is lost in our lives, our families, and our communities – *Joy to the world!*

While we strive to pull up the twisted and thorny vines of hatred and bigotry and anger – *Joy to the world!*

Through streaming tears and gritted teeth – *Joy to the world!* – because God is breaking into our lives and into this world anew.

While this is a strange year, the ministry He gives us remains the same. We will prepare him room in our hearts by taking on the ministry Jesus demands of us: feed those who are hungry; welcome the stranger; clothe those who are naked; heal those who are sick; visit the prisoner. Love God. Love your neighbor. Sing joy into this old world. Prepare him room.

St. Luke writes of the first Christmas, “[Mary] gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.” There, in the simplest bed, in the cool of the night, in a trough, in bands of cloth, lies the One for whom no room was made. And yet strangely, there lies the One whom not even the universe can contain.

Joy to the world! The Lord is come. In your hearts, in your homes, in your lives, prepare him room.

God love you; God bless you; and may God hold us all in those almighty hands of love.

Christmas at the National Cathedral

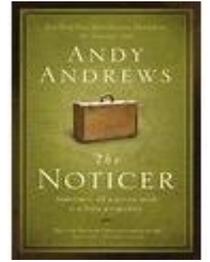
The Washington National Cathedral is offering many services and concerts. For dates and times go to:

[Calendar of Upcoming Events – Washington National Cathedral](#)

Many events are recorded for viewing anytime, such as [blue christmas at the National Cathedral - Bing video](#)

Upcoming Book Discussion

Rev. Nora recently read the book, *The Noticer*, by Andy Andrews. She is inviting us to join in a discussion of the book at a date to be announced.



This book, written by a best-selling author of several books, is based on a true story. It is an absorbing story of boundless hope! Struggling against poverty, personal failures, and lost dreams, the residents of Orange Beach, Alabama, believe their lives are meaningless. But then an old drifter mysteriously makes his way through town, he brings new perspective - and spots the miracle they are missing!

The book is available at local libraries, can be downloaded using the Libby App or Kindle, purchased on Amazon in paperback, hardback, on audible.com or numerous other online bookstores.

December Outreach Project

The Change Initiative WV will operate an emergency cold weather shelter for a third season. The shelter will operate nightly from December 1, 2020 - March 15, 2021 at the United Methodist Temple Church from 9 pm – 8 am. This year they are partnering with the Clarksburg Mission to make this happen.

They could use our help to make sure to have enough food and supplies for the season! Their current needs are food items such as protein/granola bars, pop-tarts, crackers, beef jerky, trail mix, or anything that is filling and easy to eat on the go. They will prepare grab bags that guests will take with them in the morning so any items to give out in these are appreciated. They also need garbage bags and cleaning supplies.

If you wish to donate Items, go to this link to view their Amazon Wish List.

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/367VBZCDDGY50...>

If you wish to make a monetary donation, make your check payable to Christ Episcopal Church with Change Initiative on the memo line.



Merry Christmas

*From the Christ Church Office
Beth Ann
and
Rev. Nora*