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St. Barnabas Chapel
721 Hall Street
Bridgeport, WV

Upcoming Events

- 3/3/19 Holy Eucharist Rite II** at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church
- 3/3/19 Holy Eucharist Rite II** at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas Chapel
- 3/5/19 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner** 4:00 – 7:00 at CEC
- 3/6/19 Imposition of Ashes** at 12:00 p.m. at Christ Church
- 3/6/19 Imposition of Ashes** at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas Chapel
- 3/10/19 Holy Eucharist Rite II** at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church
- 3/10/19 Holy Eucharist Rite II** at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas Chapel
- 3/12/19 Vestry Meeting** at 6:00 p.m. at Christ Church
- 3/13/19 Soup Dinner** at 5:30 p.m. at Christ Church
- 3/13/19 Lenten Study** at 6:00 p.m. at Christ Church

Backpack Blessings Schedule

- Pack after church on March 3
- Driver to deliver bags March 7 – Dick Clovis
- Shopper for March 7 – Beth Sickles
- Pack after church on March 10
- Driver to deliver bags March 14 –
- Shopper for March 14 – Beth Sickles
- Pack after church on March 17



Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner is March 5, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. upstairs in the Christ Church auditorium. Donations will go to outreach projects. All are welcome! Invite family, friends and members of the community!

Ash Wednesday

All are welcome to participate in the Imposition of Ashes services on Wednesday, March 6, at 12:00 p.m. at Christ Church in Clarksburg or at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas Chapel in Bridgeport. Invite your friends and neighbors.



Wednesday Soup Dinners and Lenten Study

Save the dates of all Wednesdays in Lent for soup dinners at 5:30 p.m. and Lenten studies at 6:00 p.m. at Christ Church beginning March 13.



Serving Ministries

March 3, 2019

Last Sunday After Epiphany

- 9:30 a.m. Choir warmup**
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II** at Christ Church
Lector: Jody Morse
Ushers: Ben Barksdale and Kitty Clovis
Acolyte: Nate Critchfield
Altar Guild: Ann Kennedy and Jeanne Smith
- 11:00 a.m. Pack Backpacks**
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee hour** in the parlor
Coffee hour hostess: Pam Critchfield
- 11:30 a.m. Choir rehearsal**
- 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II** at St. Barnabas
Lector: Nancy Cotten
Ushers: Tom and Becky Durrett
Altar Guild: Nancy Cotten

March 10, 2019

Daylight Savings Time Begins

First Sunday in Lent

- 9:30 a.m. Choir warmup**
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II** at Christ Church
Lector: Chuck Critchfield
Ushers: Tom Walsh and Zac Steed
Acolyte: Nate Critchfield
Altar Guild: Ann Kennedy and Jeanne Smith
- 11:00 a.m. Pack Backpacks**
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee hour** in the parlor
Coffee hour hostess: OPEN
- 11:30 a.m. Choir rehearsal**
- 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II** at St. Barnabas
Lector: Kipp Martin
Ushers: Joe Martin
Altar Guild: Kipp Martin

Building & Grounds Committee Update

1. Work on the roof over the parish house back pack room should get underway this spring.
 2. The Building and Grounds and Memorial Garden Committees will be making a recommendation to the Vestry at their next meeting about a plan for the Memorial Garden.
 3. Work to replace the carpet in the parlor and middle rooms got underway this week with some exploratory work to determine what the floor under the carpet is like.
- As a result, please be careful around the Clarksburg campus as this work gets underway.**

The Good Book Club – Epiphany 2019

WEEK 9: MARCH 4-5, 2019

The Rev. JK Melton, Doctoral Candidate, Fordham University, Diocese of Colorado

READ: ROMANS 16:17-17:27

REFLECT: Tucked in between two helpful pieces of theology – an admonition about dissention and doxological praise to God – is a glimpse into the life of the early church: greetings among friends and acquaintances. As I read this passage, these greetings strike me as a reminder of how to live, in community and gratitude over great distances. I am reminded of times I have extended greetings and received them, often while traveling. “Please give your colleague, my old friend, my best,” or “Do tell your spouse that I said hello.” These greetings create and sustain connection. One example of this in my daily life is when people always are telling me to give my daughters a hug from them. In all of these greetings there is an act of love. It is easy to pass over, but in a world that is often cold and aloof, these small acts are worth dwelling on. I do not write as many letters as I should. Too much of my keeping in touch is through social media or text messaging. I wonder, instead, how my longer-distance relationships would feel if I wrote letters, like Paul. I could write about my work and my faith and my family. What is more, I could add greetings from my friends and family to my far-flung friends and their loved ones. While we should be cautious around people who stir up dissent, and while we should offer proper praise to God, let us also focus on the people around us, as well as their friends and family members with whom we are acquainted, and let’s show them a sign of love, too, with a simple greeting.

DIG DEEPER:

1. When have you received greetings that surprised you and made you grateful for a friend, colleague, or family member whom you have not seen recently?
2. To whom could you send a letter? And whom else should you send greetings to when you write that letter?
3. How might developing relationships be related to issues like managing disagreements (in the church and beyond) and offering praise to God?

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THIS WEEK I AM THANKFUL FOR:

NEXT STEPS:

Now that you’ve completed the journey through Romans and are on the eve of Ash Wednesday, we want to invite you to continue on the journey with us through Lent to Easter. UTO has created a Lenten Calendar that shares the story of the 2018 UTO Grants and invites you to consider the blessings of your life each day. You can download the Lenten Calendar from

episcopalchurch.org/uto.

If the Good Book Club was your first experience with UTO, we want to invite you to learn more about the ministry and work of UTO by visiting episcopalchurch.org/uto where you will find resources to develop your own personal spiritual discipline of gratitude or to help others in your congregation learn about the importance of gratitude. Each year, UTO collects thank offerings from around The Episcopal Church and gives every penny away to support innovative mission and ministry in The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion through two grant cycles (the first Friday of August through the first Friday of November for Young Adults and Seminarian Grants, and the first Friday of December through the first Friday of March for our Annual Grants). If you want to learn more about UTO, please contact the Rev. Canon Heather Melton at

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Thank you for being on the journey with us this Epiphany. We hope you enjoyed reading Romans and the reflections in this booklet and spending time wrestling with Paul.

We wish you a holy and blessed Lent.

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