



Christ Church
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Clarksburg

The Good News Weekly

of
Christ Episcopal Church
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Upcoming Events

- 12/16/18 Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church
- 12/16/18 Christmas Carol Sing Along at 11:30 a.m. at CEC
- 12/16/18 Holy Eucharist at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas Chapel
- 12/19/18 Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. at Christ Church
- 12/20/18 Blue Christmas at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Church
- 12/23/18 Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church
- 12/23/18 Holy Eucharist at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas Chapel
- 12/24/18 Christmas Eve Service at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas
- 12/24/18 Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Church
(Church Office will be closed December 25-January 1.)
- 12/30/18 5th Sunday Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at Christ Church
- 12/30/18 Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church
- 12/30/18 Holy Eucharist at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas Chapel

Backpack Blessings Schedule

- Pack after church on December 16
- Driver to deliver backpacks December 20 – Beth Sickles
- Shopper for December 27 – Pam Critchfield
- Pack after church on December 30
- Driver to deliver backpacks January 3 – Corliss Barksdale

Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to give a poinsettia for the Christmas Eve service in thanksgiving or in memory of someone, please put the information on the red sheets at CEC or St. B or call the church office (622-3694) and give the information to Beth Ann. Flowers for both CEC and St. B have been purchased. The cost of each flower is \$7.00. Please place a check in the offering plate or mail it to the church office with "Christmas flowers" on the memo line.

Blue Christmas Service – December 20

All are invited to an ecumenical service of prayer and healing at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 20 at Christ Church. This is a service for everyone. Please invite friends and neighbors.



Serving Ministries

December 16, 2018

Advent 3 / Christmas Sing Along

- 9:30 a.m. Choir warmup
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at Christ Church
Lector: Bill Saviers
Ushers: Tom Walsh and Zac Steed
Acolyte: Nate Critchfield
Altar guild: Kitty Clovis and Vicky Ashby
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee hour Host- Vicky Ashby
Pack backpacks

11:30 a.m. Christmas Carol Sing Along – Anyone that wants to sing carols is welcome. Please invite family and friends to this joyous occasion in the auditorium.

- 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at St. Barnabas
Lector: Ron LaNeve
Ushers: Nancy Cotten
Altar guild: Nancy Cotten

December 23, 2018

Advent 4

- 9:30 a.m. Choir warmup
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at Christ Church
Lector: Ira Richardson and Jody Morse
Ushers: Dee Trimbach and Kitty Clovis
Acolyte: Nate Critchfield
Altar guild: Kitty Clovis and Brenda Barnes
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee hour Host
- 11:30 a.m. Choir rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at St. Barnabas
Lector: Kipp Martin
Ushers: Tom and Becky Durrett
Altar guild: Kipp Martin

**... to know, live, and share
The Good News Story of Jesus Christ.**

News from the Annual Parish Meeting

At the Annual Parish meeting last week, Jody Morse, Linn Maxwell, and Vicky Ashby were elected to serve three-year terms on the Christ Church vestry. They will be joining other vestry members, Lyle Blake, Dick Clovis, Nancy Cotten, Tracy Miller, Paul McAllister, and Tom Durrett.



Jody, Linn, and Vicky

Ira Richardson and Marilyn Blake were selected to be Christ Church's representatives to deanery meetings and delegates to the West Virginia State Convention in Wheeling in the fall of 2019. Alternate representatives and delegates will be Bill Saviers and Nancy Cotten.



Ira and Marilyn

News from the December Vestry Meeting

The vestry has elected the following to leadership positions for 2019:

Sr. Warden – Paul McAllister

Jr. Warden – Tracy Miller

Clerk of the Vestry – Nancy Cotten

Treasurer - Suzanne Wilson

Trustee – Ben Hardesty

December 16, 2018 – Advent 3

Third Week of Advent: Journeying with Community

As we continue our Advent walk, we invite you to see the Way of Love as a journey that includes the community. The witness of Zechariah and Elizabeth who bring infant John to the Temple to be circumcised reminds us of the importance of our faith community to sustaining the Way of Love. Just as the community did for John's family, communities provide a place for discernment, sometimes challenging us and other times affirming us. Communities celebrate and mark important moments along the journey.

Sunday, December 16 - WORSHIP

Pray for each person as they receive communion. Imagine who you would like to see at church next week. Invite them to church today.

Monday, December 17 - GO

Read your local news. Where is reconciliation needed? Pray for healing.

Tuesday, December 18 - LEARN

Read Luke 1:57-80. Name three ways in which your faith community challenges you to practice the Way of Love. Share your list with a member of your community.

Wednesday, December 19 - PRAY

Gather with your faith community for a short time of prayer today.

Thursday, December 20 - BLESS

Identify a blessing you have that you could give away. Then share this blessing with your church, a local ministry, or your community.

Friday, December 21 - TURN

Read the General Confession in an unfamiliar location—in the park, at work, at school, or on the bus. What does the prayer invite you to turn from in that location? What does it invite you to turn toward?

Saturday, December 22 - REST

How can you or your community open yourselves to people in need of rest and relief from overwork? From oppression? From violence?