



**Christ Church**  
Sixth and Main Streets  
Clarksburg, WV

# The Good News Weekly

## Christ Episcopal Church ~ St. Barnabas Chapel

August 22, 2021



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

**Sunday, August 22, 2021**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

at 10:00 a.m.

at Christ Episcopal Church  
6<sup>th</sup> and Main Street in Clarksburg

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

at 5:30 p.m.

at St. Barnabas Chapel  
721 Hall Street in Bridgeport

#### Christ Church 10:00 AM Service

The 10:00 AM service at Christ Church  
will be live streamed each week on Facebook.

Immediately following the service

it will be uploaded to

[Facebook](#)

It and other previous services will be there  
for your viewing for an indefinite length of time.

#### Online Spiritual Workshop – September 15

What is your Spiritual type? If you wonder how to  
best grow spiritually you might want to sign up for an  
online workshop offered by Sandscrest Retreat &  
Conference Center at no cost to you.

The September 15<sup>th</sup> workshop  
“**Your Spiritual Type**” uses an experience-based  
process which gives insight into your spirituality type  
and provides a clear direction to spiritual practices  
that help you grow spiritually.

The hour-long workshop begins on Zoom at 7  
pm. Materials and the Zoom link for the workshop  
will be sent to you. To register for the workshop  
email [Sandscrest.director@wvdiocese.org](mailto:Sandscrest.director@wvdiocese.org).

### Upcoming Events

#### Joint Service and Annual Picnic in the VA Park

August 29 at 10:00 AM

No services at CEC or St. B. on this date

#### Noonday Office Prayers with the Diocese of WV

Daily, Monday – Friday, at 12:05 PM

Can be found on Facebook Live

at: <https://www.facebook.com/EpisDioWV/>

Or Join Zoom Meeting Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85477522501?pwd=MEEx6bm1CeTBSUmNOUWU2VDBRVVZuUT09>

Meeting ID: 854 7752 2501

Passcode: 573372

#### Compline with the Diocese of WV

Daily, all seven days, at 7:00 PM

Can be found anytime on Facebook Live

at: <https://www.facebook.com/EpisDioWV/>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83237724687?pwd=YXdtUT28xNCsxZmZCalk4WXN5SndOdz09>

Meeting ID: 832 3772 4687

Passcode: 034248

#### Prayer for Bishop Coadjutor Search

Almighty God, you have created each person with many  
and varied gifts and joined our lives together as members  
of the Diocese of West Virginia. Look graciously upon us  
as we search for our eighth Bishop, that we may receive a  
faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us  
for our ministries. Give us minds to discern your will,  
courage to follow where you lead, and hearts to love as  
you command, to the glory of your Son, our Savior Jesus  
Christ. Amen.

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

## **Update on Bishop Coadjutor Search**

### **The Diocesan Tour Will be Redesigned Not to Host In-person Events**

The Standing Committee today (August 17) contacted the Diocesan office with concerns related to the state's status of the Delta variant. Three of the four hosting areas reside in red counties, and the fourth one is in an orange. Out of concern for everyone, we announce the tour will be redesigned not to host in-person events in our parishes.

Kelly McGhee and Mary Green have been monitoring the Delta impact across our state. During the last 24 hours, 1,339 new cases have been registered. This brings the total count of active cases to 7,017. Out of 55 counties, 52 counties fall in red and orange ranking.

As The Diocese of West Virginia moves forward with recreating the new approach, they will be in touch with details. Other Dioceses have lived through this issue successfully, and we will learn from their experience.

Please rest assured that the new approach will provide ample opportunity for our Diocese to meet and learn more about each candidate. We ask for your prayers and support as we move through this process together.

Blessings,  
Mary Green

### **The Bishop Coadjutor Candidates**



The Rev. Canon S. Abbott Bailey currently serves as Interim Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of Virginia, after serving as Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of California from 2018 to April 2021. She delights in supporting ministry vitality and community engagement in congregations. Abbott was the rector of St. Andrew's Church for 10 years and associate rector of St. Stephen's Church for two years, both in Richmond, VA. As rector at St. Andrew's, she was also chaplain and board member at St. Andrew's School and co-executive director of Grace-on-the-Hill, an Episcopal Service Corps program.

The Rev. Canon Patrick A. Collins was ordained to the diaconate and priesthood in 2006 after graduating from the General Theological Seminary. He served the first 10 years of his ministry in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, first in a curacy at St. Stephen's Cathedral in Harrisburg, then in three small congregations as either rector or long-term supply priest. While in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, he served for many summers as the director of the Episcopal camping program in partnership with Camp Mount Luther. He also served in that diocesan office as the Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator and as the Diocesan Transition Minister. In 2016, he accepted a call to serve a split ministry as the Vicar of All Faith Chapel in Tunis Mills, Maryland, and as the Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of Easton.



Rev. Matthew D. Cowden is the Rector of Saint Michael and All Angels in South Bend, Indiana. After an early career as a college theater professor, he received his Master of Divinity degree at Virginia Seminary in 2006. As a Trainer in Congregational Development ministries, Fr. Matthew has led rural and suburban congregations in developing a shared vision for implementing new ministry. He currently serves on the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church, connecting larger Church resources with local congregations.