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# The Good News Weekly

# Christ Episcopal Church October 13, 2019

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## **Upcoming Events**

**10/16 Bible Study** 10:30 a.m. Christ Church

10/18-20 Diocesan Convention in Wheeling

10/20 Morning Prayer10:00 a.m.Christ Church10/20 Holy Eucharist5:30 p.m.St. Barnabas10/20 Bible Study10:30 a.m.Christ Church10/25 Vestry Retreat2:30 - 7:00 p.m.Presbyterian Church

## **Backpack Schedule**

10/17 Deliver backpacks10/17 Shopper Beth Sickles

10/20 Pack upstairs at CEC All help is welcome.

**10/24 Deliver backpacks** Beth Sickles

## **Fall Outreach Projects**

**Shepherd's Corner** – October 13 is the third and final Sunday to bring canned vegetables, canned milk, pasta, soup, canned meat, etc. (Please, no home canned items.) Also, needed are personal care items and laundry soap.

**VA Hospital** – October 20, October 27, and November 3 you may bring items for veterans at the VA Hospital so they can be delivered around Veterans Day. Suggested items are white or colored boxers or briefs in medium, large or extra-large sizes, white or colored undershirts in medium through xxl sizes, and men's toiletries (NO ALCOHOL based), such as, body wash, shampoo, and deodorant. NO TOOTHBRUSHES ARE NEEDED.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets for the Salvation Army – We will be collecting food for eight baskets on November 10, 17, and 24. Details of how this will be done will be announced later.

## **Blessing of the Animals**

Eight animals were blessed by Rev. Nora last Sunday at the annual service for our pets.



# **Second Sunday Supper**

All are welcome to the October Second Sunday Supper on the 13<sup>th</sup> following the 5:30 service at St. Barnabas. The main course will be spaghetti and meatballs.

## **Serving Ministry**

October 13, 2019

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost
UTO Ingathering Sunday

9:30 a.m. Choir warmup

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at Christ Church

Lector/Chalicist: Ira Richardson

Ushers: Dee Trimbach and Kitty Clovis

Acolyte: Nate Critchfield Altar: Kitty Clovis

11:00 a.m. Coffee hour in the parlor

Host: OPEN

11:00 a.m. Pack Backpacks – upstairs auditorium

11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at St. Barnabas

Lector: Nancy Cotten
Chalicist: Nancy Cotten
Usher: Larry Rosinsky
Altar: Nancy Cotten

# October 20, 2019 19th Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Choir warmup

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer at Christ Church

Lector: Bill Saviers

Ushers: Kitty Clovis and Ben Hardesty

Acolyte: Nate Critchfield Altar: Kitty Clovis

11:00 a.m. Coffee hour in the parlor

Host: OPEN

11:00 a.m. Pack Backpacks – upstairs auditorium

11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at St. Barnabas

Lector: Kipp Martin Usher: Ron LaNeve Altar: Kipp Martin

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October 13, 2019 – Pentecost 18 (C) Meet Our Missionaries: The Rev. Paul-Gordon Chandler and CARAVAN

### What is CARAVAN and how is it a part of the Way of Love?

CARAVAN is an international peacebuilding non-profit affiliated with The Episcopal Church with the objective of building sustainable peace through the arts. CARAVAN's peacebuilding work is based on the belief that the arts can serve as one of the most effective mediums to demonstrate God's universal love and embrace for all humanity - by enhancing understanding of the "other," nurturing respect, enabling sharing and facilitating friendship between diverse peoples, cultures and faiths.

CARAVAN creates artistic "encounter points" that bring together those of divergent backgrounds and worldviews to stimulate discussion, dialogue, education and friendship, with a vision toward healing our world and creatively fostering peace and harmony in all its forms. While CARAVAN's peacebuilding work is global in focus, our primary emphasis to date has been on building bridges between the creeds and cultures of the Middle East and West – with a special focus on the Abrahamic faiths; between Christians, Muslims and Jews. CARAVAN's artistic initiatives are often held in heavily trafficked "sacred spaces," such as Anglican and Episcopal cathedrals, and have resulted in unprecedented gatherings of renowned and emerging artists from all over the world coming together to use art for peacebuilding purposes.

#### Why did you choose to serve as an Appointed Mission Partner?

I grew up in Senegal, West Africa, which is a majority Muslim country. And over the years I have had the privilege of serving throughout the Islamic world, from Morocco to Indonesia, in Anglican publishing, faith-based relief and development and with The Episcopal Church. After 9/11, I could see the quickly growing chasm of discord and misunderstanding that was developing between the Middle East and West, and especially between Christians and Muslims, and I felt led to serve in the Middle East with The Episcopal Church as an Appointed Mission Partner, toward stewarding my background and experience to help build the much-needed bridges. I served for ten years (2003-2013) in Cairo, Egypt as the rector of the international Episcopal church there – a congregation known for its creative interreligious peacebuilding programs. CARAVAN's ministry originated in Cairo out of the artistic bridge-building initiatives that we had, which focused on bridging the divide between the peoples, cultures and faiths of the Middle East and the West.

#### How can we pray for you and the people you work with?

Today's climate of increasing prejudice and stereotyping all too often leads to a dehumanizing of the "other," whether in worldviews, words or actions. It is vital that this escalation of misunderstanding and misrepresentation not become the new norm. The tide of suspicion and mistrust, which has resulted in a rise of what some are calling a new "tribalism," needs to be counteracted by initiatives that are based on our similarities and what we all hold in common. Now, more than ever, it is essential that "creative demonstrations of dialogue" be developed.

Please pray that as our peacebuilding art exhibitions travel throughout the Middle East, Europe and North America, that their fundamental message of harmony speaks loudly and clearly, and serves as a common starting point on which to build a society that inherently respects and honors cultural, ethnic and religious diversity, living and working together to jointly enhance their communities.

Please also pray for the financial support needed for our artistic peacebuilding initiatives. Resources are critical in this regard.

You can continue to follow and find out about CARAVAN at oncaravan.org.

