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The Good News Weekly

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Christ Episcopal Church
PO Box 1492, Clarksburg, WV 26302

Prayer for Racial Equality in Education, Housing, Public Service, and Employment Opportunity

"God our Creator, you created humankind in your image, and blessed us with your love. Help us to show that love to one another as we work for equality for all races in education, housing, public services, and employment opportunity. Give us strength and courage to speak out against injustice, and to work for the transformation of unjust systems that keep some in bondage: that we may more fully live out your kingdom here on earth; through Jesus Christ your son, who came to set us free." Amen

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.

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

Sunday, September 6, 2020

**Morning Prayer on the lawn
at St. Barnabas Chapel at 9:00 AM**

Attendance is by reservation only.

Make your reservations by email now!

Email Christ Church at: christchurch1853@aol.com

Give the following information: Your name and total number of family members planning to attend.

Do you plan to sit on the lawn or stay in your car?

If sitting on the lawn, are you bringing your own chair?

Or do you need a church provided chair?

(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 12:00 noon.

If unable to keep a reservation, please cancel.

Sunday, September 6, 2020

Zoom Evening Prayer at 5:30 PM

Join Zoom Evening Prayer by clicking on this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5245181878>

Meeting ID: 524 518 1878

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

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Zoom Compline at 8:00 PM

Service lasts approximate 15-20 minutes.

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89782062917?pwd=T04rV0pzenJiTXFqSDF0OWRUVXJidz09>

Meeting ID: 897 8206 2917

Passcode: 933775

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

In Search of a Bishop Coadjutor

As we begin the process of calling a faithful and faith-filled Bishop Coadjutor who will become the 8th Bishop of WV, let us focus on the work of spiritual discernment. The Diocesan Bishop Coadjutor Search and Nominating Committee is sharing a series of reflections to aid us in that discernment.

Reflection 4: Peace with Everyone

Scripture

Ephesians 4:2-6

2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Hebrews 12:14

14 Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. (NRSV)

Reflection

Essential to preparing our hearts for discernment is an intentional introspection about our own biases and prejudices.

Human history as well as salvation history are filled with accounts of humanity's horrific offenses against itself. Slavery, genocide, marginalization, deep-rooted inequalities, violence, and maltreatment are just a few examples of the social injustice in our world and our history.

Each of us must commit to a thorough, albeit painful at times, exploration of those biases and prejudices which ultimately separate us from the full measure of our discipleship.

Discussion

- What steps are you taking or have you taken to discover biases and prejudices in yourself?
- As you discover biases and prejudices you hold, how have you or are you addressing them?
- What is your response to on-going social injustices in our world?
- How can the church or we as the faithful impact social injustice?
- How do you feel when you hear the words from the baptismal covenant? How do you live into these promises in your daily life? How are the promises in the baptismal covenant reflected in your action in and out of the church?
 - o Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
 - o Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
 - o Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
- How can we bring the vision of a church that embodies diversity, (that is, one that acknowledges that each person has talent, gifts, and the call to participate in ministry), into reality?
- What does a diverse church, one that shows God as caring for each and every one and where we can respect all people, look like? What changes do we need to make for this to happen? What do we need to learn in order to do this?
- How have I promoted equity, sensitivity, and inclusion in my life and work? How has the church promoted equity, sensitivity and inclusion through their community, work, and practices?
- How can I work to break down systems of oppression in the community and the world? How can the church do this?