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St. Barnabas Chapel
721 Hall Street
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Upcoming Events

12/8	Holy Eucharist	10:00 a.m.	Christ Church
12/8	Annual Parish Meeting	11:00 a.m.	Christ Church
12/8	No Service at St. Barnabas on this date.		
12/11	Bible Study	10:30 a.m.	Christ Church
12/15	Holy Eucharist	10:00 a.m.	Christ Church
12/15	Holy Eucharist	5:30 p.m.	St. Barnabas
12/18	Bible Study	10:30 a.m.	Christ Church
12/19	Blue Christmas Service	7:00 p.m.	Christ Church
12/22	Holy Eucharist	10:00 a.m.	Christ Church
12/22	Holy Eucharist	5:30 p.m.	St. Barnabas
12/24	Christmas Eve Eucharist	5:30 p.m.	St. Barnabas
12/24	Christmas Eve Eucharist	7:30 p.m.	Christ Church
12/25	Christmas Day – No services		

Backpack Schedule

12/12	Deliver backpacks	Corliss Barksdale
12/12	Food to church	Beth Sickles
12/15	Pack upstairs at CEC	All help is welcome.
12/19	Deliver backpacks	Ben Barksdale
12/26	Food to church	Beth Sickles
12/29	Pack upstairs at CEC	All help is welcome.
1/2	Deliver backpacks	Dick Clovis



As previously announced, we will be voting on changes to the Christ Church bylaws at the annual meeting this Sunday following the 10 am combined service. If the vote is to change to a seven-person vestry, we will then need to elect two new vestry members to a three-year term and one vestry member to a one-year term. If the vote is to continue with a nine-person vestry, then we need to elect a total of five new vestry members (three for three-year terms and two for one-year terms).

Anyone elected to a one-year term will be eligible to run again for a three-year term in December of 2020.

Serving Ministry

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Advent 2

Combined Christ Church & St. Barnabas Service

9:30 a.m. Choir warmup

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

Lector: Jody Morse

Ushers: Zac Steed

Acolyte: Nate Critchfield

Altar: Kitty Clovis and Brenda Barnes

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

Host: Pam Critchfield

11:00 a.m. Annual Parish Meeting

(Pack Backpacks are already packed.)

11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

5:30 p.m. No Service at St. Barnabas on this date

December 15, 2019

Advent 3

9:30 a.m. Choir warmup

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

Lector: Ira Richardson

Ushers: Dee Trimbach and Jody Morse

Acolyte: Nate Critchfield

Altar: Kitty Clovis and Brenda Barnes

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

Host: OPEN

11:00 a.m. Pack Backpacks - upstairs

11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

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

Lector: Ron LaNeve

Chalicer: Nancy Cotten

Usher: Ron LaNeve

Altar: Nancy Cotten



Children's Nativity Stickers

are available at the Church entrance. Please feel free to take a set home for any child you might know.

A Prayer for Advent

God of many names, God beyond all names, the beginning and the end of every story, the meaning of every life, infinite Mystery both hidden and revealed.

Hear us when we pray to you.



Blessed are You who join us together in the communion of Christ's Body. Renew and energize your holy Church, in this parish and throughout the world, that we may be a resurrection people, manifesting your steadfast love in our common life of praise and service.

Hear us when we pray to you.

O perfect Wisdom, direct and rule the hearts of the leaders and shapers of society, raise up prophets of justice and peace, and empower your people for the holy vocation of repairing the world. May we entrust all our labors to the work of Providence.

Hear us when we pray to you.

O Deliverer, You unlock every door and make a way where there is no way. Set free all who are afflicted or distressed in body, mind or spirit. Resurrect their hope, grant them peace and refreshment, and restore their joy.

Hear us when we pray to you.

O compassionate One, hold us in your mercy, heal the sick, mend the broken, protect the vulnerable, shelter the refugee, strengthen the weary, rescue the lost, and give courage to all who struggle.

Hear us when we pray to you.

O Morning Star, bright splendor of the light eternal, illumining all things with your radiance, come, enlighten all who sit in darkness, and those who dwell in the shadow of death. Grant us your peace, and teach us to live in the dawn of your unfailing promise.

Hear us when we pray to you.

O Lover of souls, when we wander far away, lead us back to You. When we refuse your embrace, do not give up on us. When we forget You, do not forget us.

Hear us when we pray to you.

O Desire of every heart, the answer to every longing You are the strong force that draws us into the mystery of love divine. Forgive us those things which distract and delay us. Lead us ever deeper into the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Hear us when we pray to you.

God who has come, God who does come, God who is yet to come, make us an Advent people, ready and alert to welcome and receive You in the stranger's face, the loving act, the moment of grace, the presence of healing, the birth of possibility, the gift of wonder. Let every heart prepare You room.

Hear us when we pray to you.

Emmanuel, God-with-us, show us the face of divinity, and reveal the fullness of our humanity. Come, renew your creation, restore us all in Christ, and enable us to become who we want to be, your faithful and loving people.

We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.