



Christ Church  
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Clarksburg

# The Good News Weekly

of

Christ Episcopal Church

December 2, 2018



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## Upcoming Events

- 12/2/18 Holy Eucharist** at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church  
**12/2/18 Holy Eucharist** at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas  
**12/5/18 Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. at Christ Church  
**12/9/18 Holy Eucharist** at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church  
**12/9/18 Annual Parish Meeting** immediately following the 10:00 service at Christ Church in the auditorium  
**12/9/18 Evening Prayer** at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas  
**12/9/18 Second Sunday Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas

## Backpack Blessings Schedule

- Pack after church on December 2  
 Driver to deliver backpacks December 6 – Ben Barksdale  
 Shopper for December 6 – Pam Critchfield  
 Pack before Annual Parish Meeting on December 9

## Outreach for Veterans

There is an ongoing need for underwear and personal care items at the Veterans Hospital in Clarksburg. Please continue to bring those items to Christ Church and St. Barnabas.

## Pledge Sunday – December 2

This week you received the “stewardship letter” from Christ Church. Please place your pledges in the offering plate this Sunday, December 2, or mail them to the church office, if you are unable to be in church. Our stewardship theme this year is **Time, Talent, and Togetherness!**

## Annual Meeting – December 9

The Annual Parish Meeting will be in the auditorium immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service on December 9. The Parish Life Committee will serve cookies and coffee.

## Advent Resources

Presiding Bishop Curry has invited the whole church to take up The Way of Love, a “rule of life” focused on practices for a Jesus-Centered Life. See page 2 of this newsletter or visit the website, <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/explore-way-love> for more information about this and other Advent resources.

## Serving Ministries

**December 2, 2018**

**Advent 1 / Stewardship Sunday**

- 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 Brenda Barnes  
**11:00 a.m. Coffee hour** in the parlor  
 Coffee hour hostess: Pam Critchfield  
**11:00 a.m. Pack backpacks**  
**11:30 a.m. Choir rehearsal**  
**5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II** at St. Barnabas  
 Lector: Ron LaNeve  
 Chaliceist: Nancy Cotten  
 Ushers: Ron LaNeve  
 Altar guild: Nancy Cotten

**December 9, 2018**

**Advent 2 / Annual Parish Meeting**

- 9:30 a.m. Choir warmup**  
**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II** at Christ Church  
 This is a combined service for CEC and St. B.  
 Lector: Jody Morse  
 Ushers: Ben Barksdale and Kitty Clovis  
 Acolyte: Nate Critchfield  
 Altar guild: Kitty Clovis and Brenda Barnes  
**11:00 a.m. Annual Parish Meeting in auditorium**  
**Pack backpacks prior to meeting**  
**11:30 a.m. Choir rehearsal**  
**5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer** at St. Barnabas  
 Lector: Ron LaNeve  
 Ushers: Nancy Cotten  
 Altar guild: Nancy Cotten  
**6:30 p.m. Second Sunday Supper** at St. Barnabas

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

## Advent – Practicing the Way of Love Each Day of the Week

**Sunday – Worship - Gather in community weekly to thank, praise, and dwell with God** When we worship, we gather with others before God. We hear the Good News of Jesus Christ, give thanks, confess, and offer the brokenness of the world to God. As we break bread, our eyes are opened to the presence of Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are made one body, the body of Christ sent forth to live the Way of Love.

**Monday – Go - Cross boundaries, listen deeply and live like Jesus** As Jesus went to the highways and byways, he sends us beyond our circles and comfort, to witness to the love, justice, and truth of God with our lips and with our lives. We go to listen with humility and to join God in healing a hurting world. We go to become Beloved Community, a people reconciled in love with God and one another.

**Tuesday – Learn - Reflect on Scripture each day, especially on Jesus’ life and teachings** By reading and reflecting on Scripture, especially the life and teachings of Jesus, we draw near to God and God’s word dwells in us. When we open our minds and hearts to Scripture, we learn to see God’s story and God’s activity in everyday life.

**Wednesday – Pray - Dwell intentionally with God daily** Jesus teaches us to come before God with humble hearts, boldly offering our thanksgivings and concerns to God or simply listening for God’s voice in our lives and in the world. Whether in thought, word or deed, individually or corporately, when we pray, we invite and dwell in God’s loving presence.

**Thursday – Bless - Share faith and unselfishly give and serve** Jesus called his disciples to give, forgive, teach, and heal in his name. We are empowered by the Spirit to bless everyone we meet, practicing generosity and compassion and proclaiming the Good News of God in Christ with hopeful words and selfless actions. We can share our stories of blessing and invite others to the Way of Love.

**Friday – Turn - Pause, listen and choose to follow Jesus** Like the disciples, we are called by Jesus to follow the Way of Love. With God’s help, we can turn from the powers of sin, hatred, fear, injustice, and oppression toward the way of truth, love, hope, justice, and freedom. In turning, we reorient our lives to Jesus Christ, falling in love again, again, and again.

**Saturday – Rest - Receive the gift of God’s grace, peace, and restoration** From the beginning of creation, God has established the sacred pattern of going and returning, labor and rest. Especially today, God invites us to dedicate time for restoration and wholeness - within our bodies, minds, and souls, and within our communities and institutions. By resting we place our trust in God, the primary actor who brings all things to their fullness.

### Advent Calendar – Week 1

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship	Go	Learn	Pray	Bless	Turn	Rest
Pay attention during worship. What part of the gathering fills your heart?	Take time to listen closely to someone you may not ordinarily take seriously or who has a different perspective than you.	Read Luke 1:26-38. What is God calling you to say “yes” to?	Set a timer for 5 minutes. Silently repeat this prayer: “Come Lord Jesus.”	In the spirit of St. Nicholas, practice a random act of kindness today.	Reflect: Where have I fallen short this week? How can I make amends?	Do something that replenishes your spirit.