



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

# The Good News Weekly

## Christ Episcopal Church ~ St. Barnabas Chapel

September 13, 2020



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721 Hall Street  
Bridgeport, WV

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### Christ Episcopal Church, Clarksburg and St. Barnabas Chapel, Bridgeport Guidelines for In-person Services

The guidelines that were listed in this newsletter can be found on the church website home page.  
<https://www.christchurchclarksburg.com/>

#### E-Giving to Churches Without Fees

Parishioners are encouraged to use e-giving at:  
<http://www.wvdiocese.org/pages/aa-egiving.html>  
Just scroll down and click on the donate button located by Bridgeport-St. Barnabas or Clarksburg – Christ Church.

**Checks can also be mailed directly to  
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 13, 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](mailto: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 13, 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 16, 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=T04rV0pzen](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89782062917?pwd=T04rV0pzenJiTXFqSDF0OWRUVXJidz09)

[JiTXFqSDF0OWRUVXJidz09](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.

## CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS OF CHRIST CHURCH

During the pandemic we know that it is hard on individuals not to join each other on Sundays for worship. It is also hard for our church because we don't have weekly collections. Last month we reported a decrease of \$23,365.53 in contributions in comparison to last year. **This month we are reporting a decrease of \$22,630.53;** just a difference of \$735.00. This is not much but is a slight increase. Thank you!

Some of you have been mailing in contributions. It is greatly appreciated. If you would like to help support the church financially, it is easy. You can mail a check directly to the church at PO Box 1492, Clarksburg WV 26302 or you can E-Give through the Diocesan website with NO FEES! Just go to <http://www.wvdiocese.org/pages/aaegiving.html>. Just scroll down and click on the donate button by Bridgeport-St. Barnabas or Clarksburg-Christ Church.

**Did you know Christ Church applied for a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan?** When the PPP Loan was announced this past spring, I quickly contacted the Vestry and was approved to apply for the loan on behalf of the Church. With this year's budget having a *deficit* of \$50,066.50 and not knowing how long we might be restricted on holding Church services, I felt it was important to apply. We were approved and on May 13, 2020 we received \$29,100. As of July 15, 2020, we used all the funds towards payroll and utilities. As soon as BB&T [Truist] launches the portal for forgiveness applications I will apply for forgiveness of the loan. If the loan is not forgiven the interest rate will be 1%.

## STEWARDSHIP

This is the time of year churches begin their stewardship campaigns for the upcoming year. Some people have a hard time understanding the meaning of 'stewardship'. According to *Google*, stewardship is defined as "the job of supervising or taking care of something, such as an organization or property." I once read that stewardship is about taking care of something you consider worth caring for and preserving. Isn't caring for and preserving YOUR Church something YOU want to do? I'm sure your answer is "yes".

Every fall Christ Church/St. Barnabas Chapel conducts a simple Stewardship Campaign or what some might refer to as an annual pledge campaign. Yes, it is important to financially support our church, but I personally feel there is more to stewardship than giving money. To me, stewardship is also caring for our church family and others. During this time of great anxiety it is important for us be better stewards – both financially and lovingly.

How might you show your caring for your church and church family? This is a great time to check in on others by phone, email, or maybe send a card; help out with sanitizing the church; help to keep the outside campuses clean of debris; and don't forget to continue financially supporting YOUR CHUCH.

Hopefully we will get back to normal soon, but in the meantime, let's strengthen our "stewardship muscles" and be good stewards!

**Beth Ann Wilson**  
**Parish & Financial Administrator**

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### **In Search of a Bishop Coadjutor**

Below are links for a survey from the Coadjutor Search Committee. The first link leads directly to the online survey; the second link is the same survey for those who prefer using a PDF format. **The survey opens on Sunday, September 6 and closes on Sunday, October 4.** It takes about 15-20 minutes to complete. Don't miss this opportunity for your thoughts and concerns to be included in our search for a Bishop Coadjutor who will eventually become Diocesan Bishop upon Bishop Klusmeyer's retirement.

**The online survey is here:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EDWV>

**The PDF survey is here:** [Landscape for the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia](#)