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Upcoming Events

2/10/19 Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church
2/10/19 Baby Shower during coffee hour – see details below
2/10/19 Holy Eucharist Rite II at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas
2/10/19 Second Sunday Supper at 6:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas
2/12/19 Vestry Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Christ Church
2/13/19 Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. at Christ Church
2/16/19 Trimbach Memorial at 11:00 a.m. at Christ Church

Backpack Blessings Schedule

Pack after church on February 10
 Driver to deliver bags February 14 – Beth Sickles
 Shopper for February 14 – Beth Sickles
 Pack after church on February 17



Church-wide Mini Baby Shower

Ashley Nutter will be hosting a **Church-wide Mini Baby Shower for Marisa and Ira Richardson** during coffee hour this **Sunday, February 10**. Everyone is invited. They are registered at Target and at babylist.com

Diocesan Retreat – You're Invited

The Diocesan Commission on Spirituality invites you to attend **"Listening Hearts, Open Minds"** May 10 -11 at Bishop Hodges' Retreat Center in Huttonsville, WV. The retreat, led by Father Brian Shoda, will teach participants how to have deeper and more meaningful relationships with God and others. For more information and the registration form go to our church website and click on the retreat button under the newsletter button on the home page. www.christchurchclarksburg.com

Episcopal Church Constitution and Canons

The complete and authorized version of the Constitution and Canons, together with the Rules of Order, of The Episcopal Church as adopted and revised by the General Convention of 2018 is available online at

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/>

Serving Ministries

February 10, 2019

5th Sunday After Epiphany

9:30 a.m. Choir warmup
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at Christ Church
 Lector: Chuck Critchfield
 Ushers: Tom Walsh and Ben Hardesty
 Acolyte: Nate Critchfield
 Altar Guild: Jody Morse
11:00 a.m. Pack Backpacks
11:00 a.m. Coffee hour in the parlor – Ashley Nutter is hosting a church-wide mini baby shower.
11:30 a.m. Choir rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at St. Barnabas
 Lector: Nancy Cotten
 Ushers: Tom and Becky Durrett
 Altar Guild: Nancy Cotten
6:30 p.m. Second Sunday Supper at St. Barnabas

February 17, 2019

6th Sunday After Epiphany

9:30 a.m. Choir warmup
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at Christ Church
 Lector: Jody Morse
 Ushers: Kitty Clovis and Zac Steed
 Acolyte: Nate Critchfield
 Altar Guild: Jody Morse
11:00 a.m. Pack Backpacks
11:00 a.m. Coffee hour in the parlor
 Coffee hour hostess: Sue Clovis & Pam Critchfield
11:30 a.m. Choir rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at St. Barnabas
 Lector: Nancy Cotten
 Ushers: Joe Martin
 Altar Guild: Nancy Cotten

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 Story of Jesus Christ**

The Good Book Club – Epiphany 2019

WEEK 6: FEBRUARY 11-17, 2019

The Venerable Janice L. Grinnell, Archdeacon of Diocese of Rhode Island, Center for Reconciliation

READ: ROMANS 12:1-13:10

REFLECTION: *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. – Romans 12:2 (NRSV)*

Personal transformation is not easy. Most people do not like change. That is a generalization, but I know that change is a challenge for me. Some changes are easier than others. It can be fun to move around the furniture in our family room or take a trip to a place where we have never been before. But personal transformation is not simple. That is the type of transformation that Paul is talking about in Romans when he challenges us to renew our minds. He is asking us to embrace personal transformation to open our minds, hearts, and souls to become people who can discern the will of God. The Center for Reconciliation (CFR) is an organization that was formed in the Diocese of Rhode Island to effect change. It is dedicated to educating, engaging, and equipping people to look at the truth of racism in our society, in our church, and in our individual lives. This important work is our diocesan response to the many resolutions adopted by several General Conventions. In particular, the CFR is our response to Resolution A-123 adopted in 2006 that asked the dioceses of The Episcopal Church to repent of the sin of racism. Rhode Island is the home to the largest slave trade activity in the USA. It is estimated that 60 percent or more of all slaves in the U.S. and Caribbean came on ships launched from Rhode Island. Our church's roots are directly connected with the slave trade, the enslavement of people, and the profits that were reaped as a result of this horrific time in our history. Romans 13:9 says, "Love your neighbor as yourself." In order to be truly engaged in a new life in Christ, we need to be open to racial healing, which will ignite racial justice, which will ultimately enable racial reconciliation. We can only truly be engaged in the transformation of our minds by embracing our own truth and being open to the truth as told by our neighbor's story. Truth-telling is the foundation for all transformation.

DIG DEEPER:

1. How has your life been transformed into a new life in Christ? How did this transformation take place?
2. How do you show your gratitude for transformation in your life?
3. How have you engaged in understanding the roots of racism in our country and in our culture?
4. Where do you see racism still active in your community? What steps can you take to help eradicate racism?

About the Author and Grant Site: The Ven. Janice L. Grinnell is archdeacon of the Diocese of Rhode Island and a director on the Center for Reconciliation (CFR) Board. Jan was one of the founders of the CFR, and is currently the chaplain to the University of Rhode Island (URI) from St. Augustine's – The Episcopal Center at URI. She is married to Ann Hamm and is passionate about racial reconciliation and growing the diaconate in our Church.

The Center for Reconciliation (CFR) focuses its work around:

- Educating people about the history of slavery, the slave trade, racism, systemic injustice, and their current implications
- Equipping people to process and constructively discuss racial and other prejudicial topics
- Engaging in the practice of racial reconciliation to build a more just society

The Cathedral of St. John in Providence, Rhode Island, was closed in 2012 due to declining membership and the need for renovations. When Bishop Nicholas Knisely arrived, the future of the cathedral was discussed in forums. Archdeacon Grinnell attended a conference where she saw the documentary *Traces of the Trade*, which highlights Rhode Island's involvement in the slave trade (more than 60 percent of the slaves in the United States came on Rhode Island ships), and she thought of a center for reconciliation at the cathedral. When presented at forums, it quickly gained support and was affirmed by a vote at diocesan convention. The CFR was formed in 2014 and began programs in 2015. It moved into the cathedral along with Church Beyond the Walls (CBW), a street church community that seeks to bring reconciliation to its members and to provide young adult ministry focused on a new generation who can become voices of reconciliation in their generation.

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THIS WEEK I AM THANKFUL FOR:
