



Christ Church  
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Clarksburg

# The Good News Weekly

Christ Episcopal Church

January 13, 2019



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## Upcoming Events

- 1/13/19 Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church  
1/13/19 Holy Eucharist Rite II at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas  
1/13/19 Second Sunday Supper at 6:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas  
1/16/18 Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. at Christ Church  
1/20/19 Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church  
1/20/19 Holy Eucharist Rite II at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas

## Backpack Blessings Schedule

Pack after church on January 13

Driver to deliver bags January 17 – OPEN

Shopper for January 17 – Beth Sickles

## Backpack Blessings over the Christmas holidays:

With the generous gifts given to our Backpack Program we were able to provide *each family with a \$30 gift card from Krogers*. We felt this could be a great way to help feed the kids over the holiday while they were not attending school. Thank you for making this possible!

## Parish Life

**2019 is here! At Christ Church and St. Barnabas Chapel the Parish Life is wanting to come alive again.** This does not "just happen," someone steps up and does it! We have several signup sheets in the Parish House. One is for the upcoming Guess Who's Coming to Dinner event and another for weekly coffee hour. Below is a description of each event. Can you help? If so, please contact Jody Morse at [photomorse@aol.com](mailto:photomorse@aol.com).

### Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

One opportunity for fellowship which has been on hiatus for a while is Guess Who's Coming to Dinner. Parish Life has one "penciled in" for the weekend of January 25 or 26. On the signup sheet in the Parish House, you choose a preference for either Friday or Saturday. (If you are from St. Barnabas you can email Beth Ann and she will add you to the list.) Just say if you want to host with how many your dining table can accommodate. Or you can host using the parlor or parish hall at either church. If you only want to be a guest, the first time that would be wonderful. Here is how it works. The host is given names and the host contacts them on what part of the meal to bring. It can be a simple meal, nothing fancy necessary. It is just fun. If you remember how much fun it was and want to participate, please respond by email to the church office very soon. Even if this date won't work for you, please let us know if you are interested in the future.

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## Serving Ministries

**January 13, 2019**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**

- 9:30 a.m. Choir warmup  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at Christ Church  
Lector: Bill Saviers  
Ushers: Ben Barksdale and Tom Walsh  
Acolyte:  
Altar Guild: Suzanne Wilson & Carol Johnson  
11:00 a.m. Coffee hour in the parlor  
Coffee hour hostess: Marilyn & Lyle Blake  
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

**January 20, 2019**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**

- 9:30 a.m. Choir warmup  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at Christ Church  
Lector: Chuck Critchfield  
Ushers: Kitty Clovis and Ben Hardesty  
Acolyte: Nate Critchfield  
Altar Guild: Suzanne Wilson & Carol Johnson  
11:00 a.m. Coffee hour in the parlor  
Coffee hour hostess:  
11:30 a.m. Choir rehearsal  
5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at St. Barnabas  
Lector: Ron LaNeve  
Ushers: Joe Martin  
Altar Guild: Kipp Martin

## Epiphany



## COFFEE HOUR

If you attend coffee hour and enjoy the fellowship (as well as the goodies) please add your name on the signup sheet on the refrigerator located in the Clarksburg Parish House. If you take care of a Sunday, it need not be lavish. After all this is just coffee hour, NOT lunch. Some are very generous and that is fine but not necessary. If you cannot bring in goodies, then please just put a check in the plate with memo "coffee hour." We will buy the goodies, and your donation will help to replenish the coffee, tea, cream, sugar and all the rest. Mary Beth usually comes in early and makes the coffee which is a huge help. There are some who stay and help clean up. We use the white mugs and small plates from the pantry, and the dishwasher does the rest!

Please give some thought to these areas of our church life.  
Blessings from Parish Life ~ Jody Morse, acting chairperson

## The Good Book Club – Epiphany 2019

### WEEK 2: JANUARY 14-20, 2019

The Rev. Dr. Steven Robb, Founder of Lego Love, Diocese of Rochester (NY)

READ: ROMANS 3:9-5:21

REFLECT: *Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand. – Romans 5:1-2d*

These writings remind us of the importance of not assuming that doing all sorts of good works gets us to the front of the line when we reach the Pearly Gates. Paul tells us that righteousness comes not through good works, but through faith. Faith then leads to endurance, which leads to character, which leads to hope. This faith is a gift from God – we cannot earn it, but we can live into it, loving God with all our hearts and minds and souls and loving our neighbors as Jesus loved us. I was struck, in rereading the above passage, by the word "peace." We have "peace with God" because of faith. Perhaps this is the greatest gift we are given – the opportunity to be at peace with our God and to be servants as his Son served us, without worries, fears, or reservations. Sometimes I feel that I'm in perpetual "rush" mode – doing this job or getting to that meeting or joining this fundraiser or visiting that person. Whatever I'm trying to do all too often lacks any sense of peace. So, when I read Romans 5:1-2, I stop and let that wonderful silence that evokes the presence of God wash over me. And I find that where faith is strong so is, deep within me, God's peace. What a wonderful sense of gratitude this brings to me! Is this what grace is all about? Perhaps. This is my prayer: that we all can, through that peace that really does pass all human understanding, hear a small voice telling us, "Keep the faith, you good and loyal servant; for you are a beloved child of Mine."

### DIG DEEPER:

1. In what ways can we best show our gratitude to God for loving us so deeply?
2. How does your faith sustain you in your mission work?
3. How do we resolve the conflict between "in God's time" and "in our time" when doing mission work?

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**UTO Companion Grant with Costa Rica:** Lego Love: Construction of a School/Community Center in Cartagena  
This project will build a school/community center in Cartagena, Costa Rica, including a meeting room for community gatherings, a kitchen for proper food handling, and four classrooms with resources to educate 80 children ages 6-18, in order to help restore dignity to an impoverished community suffering too long from racism and injustice.  
To learn more about Lego Love, please visit [gofundme.com/Hope4-Children-of-Cartagena](https://gofundme.com/Hope4-Children-of-Cartagena)

## GRATITUDE JOURNAL

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