



Christ Church (CEC)
Main and Sixth Streets
Clarksburg, WV

The Good News Weekly

Christ Episcopal Church ~ St. Barnabas Chapel

July 30, 2023



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 the Good News Story of Jesus Christ.**

**This Week at Christ Church, Clarksburg
and St. Barnabas Chapel, Bridgeport**

July 30, 2023 – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
 Clergy: Christopher Scott Lector: Dylan Hertz
 at 10:00 AM at Christ Episcopal Church
 Main and 6th Street in Clarksburg
 This service will be live streamed on Facebook.

July 30, 2023 – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
 Clergy: Christopher Scott
 Lectors: Kipp Martin
 at 5:30 PM at St. Barnabas Chapel
 721 Hall Street in Bridgeport

July Outreach

Shepherds Corner

Monetary Donations also accepted till the end of July

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| Spaghetti Sauce | Deodorant |
| Peanut Butter and Jelly | Toothpaste |
| Pasta | Toothbrush |
| Canned Vegetables | Laundry Soap |
| Cracker's | Feminine personal products |
| Mac and Cheese | Crayons and Coloring books |
| Applesauce | Lamps, Bedding and Decor |
| Hand Soap | Halloween Costumes |
| Milk | Holiday Decorations |
| Cereal | Shampoo & Conditioner |
| Canned Pasta's | Kid's Book's and Puzzles |
| Apple Sauce | Boots for Winter |

Upcoming Events

July 26, 10:00AM - Prayer Group @ SBC



YARD SALE

St. Barnabas Chapel (of Christ Episcopal Church), 721 Hall Street will participate in the city-wide yard sale on August 5, from 8 AM - 4 PM. In addition to the usual yard sale items, we offer restrooms (a donation jar will be available), and prepared breakfast (8-11) and lunch (11-4) foods and drinks. All monies earned will be used to restore the tombstones of Episcopallians at a local cemetery. We hope/plan to host yard sellers and craft vendors who do not have other available property in Bridgeport (or live way out in the country, like me!). Available spaces are outside, so a tent is recommended (two are available for a \$5 rental/set-up fee). We charge \$10 or 10% (tithe), their choice.

Inquiries about "rental" spaces should be addressed to Marilyn Blake at 304-838-3506 or mrfrank654@aol.com. They may also find me on Facebook.

Sincerely,
Marilyn R. (Frank) Blake

Greetings in the name of Christ!

Summer is flying by and Fall is just around the corner. Kendra is looking forward to teaching at Bridgeport High School and Sully will begin pre-school at St Mary's. I encourage you this month to pray for all students, teachers, and all school staff and personnel. Pray that they are protected from all harm and that they grow, learn, and flourish in the year ahead. Pray that our Backpack Buddy ministry brings nourishment to children and families in need.

I also challenge you to help "till the soil." Just a couple weeks ago, we heard Jesus speak about a sower who graciously and generously threw seed on all kinds of soil. When the seeds fell on good soil, it "brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty" (Matt. 13:8). Notice in the parable (Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23) that it wasn't the quality of the seed that determined fruitfulness, but the quality of the soil. I am convinced that the best thing we can do is help "till the soil." As Christians, we help create an environment where God's Word can take root and bear fruit. We can do that by being a people that are welcoming, hospitable, and gracious to newcomers and strangers. If you're here on a Sunday morning and see someone you don't recognize, take a moment to say, "Hi! I don't believe we've met, my name is ___ and I'm so glad you're here!" It can be intimidating to attend a new church, and simple gestures like saying "hello" or welcoming people to coffee hour can help people feel more welcome. We can also "till the soil" by inviting our friends and acquaintances to events such as our Wednesday book study at Panera or to our Mountain Stage pre-show reception on August 27. These events and activities can help cultivate fruitful soil.

Finally, I want to share a few updates. Every Tuesday from 9 am-12 noon, I'll be having "office hours" at St Barnabas Chapel in Bridgeport. During this time, I might also be connecting with Bridgeport schools, reaching out to the Bridgeport library, or setting up at a local coffee shop or restaurant. Come find me in Bridgeport or in/around Clarksburg! Call or text me and we can get together for lunch or simply take some time to chat and pray.

Let's "till the soil" together... working to make Christ Church/St Barnabas Chapel a welcoming, loving, flourishing community for all who seek to know Christ' love!

Grace and Peace,

+Deacon Chris Scott