

# Good News Weekly

October 8, 2023

... our mission is to know, live, and share the Good News Story of Jesus Christ.



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## Events this week

### October 8<sup>th</sup>

Main and 6th Street in Clarksburg  
at 10:00 AM at Christ Church  
Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts  
Clergy: Deacon Chris Scott  
Lector: Bill Saviers

721 Hall Street in Bridgeport  
at 5:30 PM at St. Barnabas Chapel  
Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts  
Clergy: Deacon Chris Scott  
Lector: Kipp Martin  
2nd Sunday Supper  
at 6:30 (following the service)

### October 11<sup>th</sup>

Prayer Group - 10:00 AM  
at St. Barnabas Chapel

Bible Study  
5:30 PM at Panera's in Eastpointe  
Psalm 51 and Chapter 6

### October 12<sup>th</sup>

Morning Prayer  
8:15 AM at Christ Church  
In the garden - weather permitting or  
in the sanctuary if raining

Bible Study - 10:30 AM  
in the parlor at Christ Church  
Reflections on previous weeks

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Thursday Morning Prayer

Deacon Chris will be starting a morning prayer session on Thursdays at 8:15 a.m. in the garden or sanctuary (depending on the weather) beginning on October 12<sup>th</sup>. **All are welcome!**

### Confirming Your Faith Beginning in October

Deacon Chris and Toni Limbers are beginning a six-week course on the basics of The Episcopal Church. The group will meet at 12:00 noon on Sundays. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Toni Limbers at [toni.limbers@steptoe-johnson.com](mailto:toni.limbers@steptoe-johnson.com)

### Worship Service Honoring First Responders

The Harrison County Ministerial Association is hosting a worship service at Christ Episcopal Church on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. to honor first responders.

### United Thank Offering

The annual United Thank Offering (UTO) Ingathering will be during the Diocesan Convention, October 26-28. If you have been using a UTO Blue Box, you need to get the money in to the Christ Church Office by October 22. Regardless, if you have or have not been using a UTO Blue Box, checks can be written to Christ Episcopal Church with UTO on the memo line and Kaitlin will write one check to be presented at the convention. You can place your checks in the offering on October 8, 15, or 22. It is recommended that you give through Christ Church so that our church and the Diocese of West Virginia get credit for your giving. However, you can use the CR code on page 2 and make donations electronically directly to the UTO office in St. Louis, Missouri.

Continue reading on page 2 about the history of UTO.

## **Backpack Blessing Schedule**

- Oct. 12** Delivery Driver.....*Laura Davis*  
Shopper..... *Beth Sickles*
- Oct. 15** Pack after church
- Oct. 19** Delivery Driver.....*Beth Sickles*  
Shopper.....*Beth Sickles*
- Oct. 22** Pack after church
- Oct. 26** Delivery driver.....*Beth Sickles*

### **Bible readings for October 15, 2023**

Exodus 32:1-14

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

### **Lector List for October**

- 10/8 Bill Saviers  
10/15 Chuck Critchfield  
10/22 Jody Morse  
10/29 Marilyn Blake

### **Deacon Chris' Contact Information**

Deacon Chris would love to connect with you! If you ever need to reach out to him, call or text him at (304)646-9597 or email at [christo.scott@gmail.com](mailto:christo.scott@gmail.com)

### **Church E-mail List**

Are you getting email correspondences from Christ Episcopal/St Barnabas Chapel? If you're not, we need your email address! Please send us an email at [christchurch1853@aol.com](mailto:christchurch1853@aol.com)

## **A Little of the History of UTO**

The first United Thank Offering was in 1889. It began as part of the Missionary efforts of the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Mission, authorized by General Convention in 1871. Julia Emery, secretary to the Women's Auxiliary, and Ida Soule, who counted the missionary offering of the 1886 Triennial meeting of Women, inspired women to pray and give coins with the idea of building a new church in Anvik, Alaska and sending a woman missionary to Japan. At the 1889 Triennial Meeting, the offering was \$2,188.64 and accomplished those purposes.

Through the decades the United Thank Offering has expanded with changing leadership and expectations. Through prayer and thankful giving of our gifts, we reach out into the world. It is a part of our heritage and an important part of the Episcopal Church history.

We believe that when daily thanks is given and money is placed in the Blue Box, the money becomes an outward and visible way to say thanks. It is a way to take our Baptismal covenant seriously ~ to love God, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

For more information or if you'd like to donate electronically, scan the QR code to the right. (If you are having any issues, send an email to the parish administrator.)



### **Blessing of the Animals – Enjoyed by All**

