



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

**The Good News Weekly**  
**Christ Episcopal Church ~ St. Barnabas Chapel**  
August 15, 2021



**St. Barnabas Chapel**  
721 Hall Street  
Bridgeport, WV

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

**Sunday, August 15, 2021**

**Morning Prayer**

at 10:00 a.m.

at Christ Episcopal Church  
6<sup>th</sup> and Main Street in Clarksburg

**Evening Prayer**

at 5:30 p.m.

at St. Barnabas Chapel  
721 Hall Street in Bridgeport

**Christ Church 10:00 AM Service**

The 10:00 AM service at Christ Church  
will be live streamed each week on Facebook.

Immediately following the service

it will be uploaded to

[Christ Episcopal Church & St. Barnabas Chapel.](#)

It and other previous services will be there  
for your viewing for an indefinite length of time.

**AUGUST PRAYER**

**For appreciation of diverse cultural contributions**

"O God of all nations and peoples: We live in a nation of immigrants, and one in which the diverse gifts of many peoples have contributed to our energy and strength. Yet it is one in which some immigrants are discriminated against because of the color of their skin, their language, or the country of their origin. Help us, by your grace, to offer hospitality to all strangers, as our Father Abraham did in the desert. Grant us the wisdom and skill to enact just and merciful immigration reforms so that the hospitality and access to this great land may be offered equally to people of all colors and races and nations." **Amen.**

**Upcoming Events**

**Joint Service and Annual Picnic in the VA Park**

August 29 at 10:00 AM

No services at CEC or St. B. on this date

**Noonday Office Prayers with the Diocese of WV**

Daily, Monday – Friday, at 12:05 PM

Can be found on Facebook Live

at: <https://www.facebook.com/EpisDioWV/>

Or Join Zoom Meeting Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85477522501?pwd=MEEx6bm1CeTBSUmNOUWU2VDBRVVZuUT09>

Meeting ID: 854 7752 2501

Passcode: 573372

**Compline with the Diocese of WV**

Daily, all seven days, at 7:00 PM

Can be found anytime on Facebook Live

at: <https://www.facebook.com/EpisDioWV/>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83237724687?pwd=YXdUT28xNCsxZmZCalk4WXN5SndOdz09>

Meeting ID: 832 3772 4687

Passcode: 034248

**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.

## Are You Interested in Learning About the Episcopal Church?

The purpose of the West Virginia Iona School is to educate West Virginia Episcopalians. Students embark on a guided journey of learning through a series of classes offered each semester. Seeking ordination is not a requirement for participation in Iona.

If you are interested in more information about becoming an Iona student, please send the following information to Mollie Bailey by the end of this week.

1. Your name
2. Address
3. Phone Number and Email Address
4. Your home church

I will pass your information on to the Bishop and the Iona Facilitator, and someone will contact you soon.

Thank you.

Mollie

[mbailey@wvdiocese.org](mailto:mbailey@wvdiocese.org)

## Please Join the Diocesan Tour



August 24 - Charleston  
August 25 - Wheeling

August 26 - Martinsburg  
August 27 - Beckley

The Rev. Canon S. Abbott Bailey currently serves as Interim Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of Virginia, after serving as Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of California from 2018 to April 2021. She delights in supporting ministry vitality and community engagement in congregations. Abbott was the rector of St. Andrew's Church for 10 years and associate rector of St. Stephen's Church for two years, both in Richmond, VA. As rector at St. Andrew's, she was also chaplain and board member at St. Andrew's School and co-executive director of Grace-on-the-Hill, an Episcopal Service Corps program.



The Rev. Canon Patrick A. Collins was ordained to the diaconate and priesthood in 2006 after graduating from the General Theological Seminary. He served the first 10 years of his ministry in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, first in a curacy at St. Stephen's Cathedral in Harrisburg, then in three small congregations as either rector or long-term supply priest. While in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, he served for many summers as the director of the Episcopal camping program in partnership with Camp Mount Luther. He also served in that diocesan office as the Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator

and as the Diocesan Transition Minister. In 2016, he accepted a call to serve a split ministry as the Vicar of All Faith Chapel in Tunis Mills, Maryland, and as the Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of Easton.

Rev. Matthew D. Cowden is the Rector of Saint Michael and All Angels in South Bend, Indiana. After an early career as a college theater professor, he received his Master of Divinity degree at Virginia Seminary in 2006. As a Trainer in Congregational Development ministries, Fr. Matthew has led rural and suburban congregations in developing a shared vision for implementing new ministry. He currently serves on the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church, connecting larger Church resources with local congregations.

