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Upcoming Events

- 7/7/19 Holy Eucharist** at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church
- 7/7/19 Evening Prayer** at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas Chapel
- 7/8/19 Nora will be out of the office this day.**
- 7/9/19 Vestry Meeting** at 6:00 at Christ Church
- 7/10/19 Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. at Christ Church
- 7/14/19 Holy Eucharist** at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church
- 7/14/19 Courtyard Picnic** following the service at CEC
- 7/14/19 NO Service** at St. Barnabas Chapel on this date
- 7/17/19 Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. at Christ Church
- 7/21/19 Holy Eucharist** at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church
- Nora will be leaving for Peterkin MAD (Music, Art, and Drama) Camp** after the service at Christ Church. This camp is from Sunday through Saturday, the 27th.
- 7/21/19 Evening Prayer** at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas Chapel
- 7/24/19 Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. at Christ Church
- 7/28/19 Holy Eucharist** at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church
- 7/28/19 Holy Eucharist** at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas Chapel

Discretionary Sunday – July 7

The first Sunday of each month is designated as discretionary Sunday. Any loose offering in the plate goes to the rector's discretionary fund. Checks can be written to Christ Church for larger amounts with "discretionary fund" on the memo line.

West Virginia ministry recruits work groups for revamped outreach to county gripped by poverty

[Episcopal News Service] An Episcopal ministry in West Virginia that dates back more than 70 years is undergoing a rejuvenation as organizers expand its range of outreach efforts to serve residents of McDowell County, one of the poorest counties in the United States. The ministry, Highland Educational Project, has been busy in June welcoming work groups. [All Saints Episcopal Church](#) in Hershey, Pennsylvania, sent a youth group ... to complete a handful of home repair projects in the county. Another Pennsylvania congregation, [St. Paul's Episcopal Church](#) in Mt. Lebanon, spent time ... volunteering with a local food bank, and residents from [Boys Home of Virginia](#), an Episcopal boarding school in Covington, traveled to McDowell County to help with food distribution. "It's a chance to change another human being's life, but also a chance to even enrich your own," said Mary Green, who doubles as the Diocese of West Virginia's communications coordinator and the interim director of Highland Educational Project.

(If you would like to support this ministry, talk to Rev. Nora.)

Serving Ministries

July 7, 2019

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

- 9:30 a.m. Choir warmup**
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II** at Christ Church
Lector: Bill Saviers
Ushers: Ben Barksdale
Acolyte: Nate Critchfield
Altar Guild: Carol Johnson and Suzanne Wilson
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee hour** in the parlor
Coffee hour host: OPEN
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer** at St. Barnabas
Lector: Nancy Cotten
Ushers: Joe Martin
Altar Guild: Kipp Martin

July 14, 2019

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

- 9:30 a.m. Choir warmup**
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II** at Christ Church
(This is a combined service for all folks of Christ Church and St. Barnabas.)
Lector: Jody Morse
Ushers: Ben Barksdale and Tom Walsh
Acolyte: Nate Critchfield
Altar Guild: Carol Johnson and Suzanne Wilson
- 11:00 a.m. Picnic in the Courtyard**
(The meat, buns, drinks, plates, and eating utensils will be provided. Everyone can bring your favorite picnic food or a dessert.)
- 5:30 p.m. NO SERVICE AT ST. BARNABAS
NO SECOND SUNDAY SUPPER**



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The Feast of Nathan Söderblom

Swedish bishop Nathan Söderblom was the first member of the clergy to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. Born Lars Olof Jonathan Söderblom, on January 15, he graduated from Uppsala University in 1883 and was ordained a priest in the Church of Sweden (Lutheran) in 1893. He earned his doctorate in theology at the Sorbonne and taught theology at the University of Uppsala until his appointment as Archbishop of Uppsala in 1914.

During the First World War, Archbishop Söderblom called on Christian leaders to work for peace and justice. He believed that all Christian church communities were called to fight unhealthy nationalism, racism, militarism and the oppression of minorities. At the same time, he proposed that Jesus' message of love disseminated from pulpits, in newspapers, and in schools to create a powerful body of Christian opinion across national borders in favor of peace.



He famously wrote in his work, *The Content of Christian Faith*: “For me everything is absorbed by the one big question – the question of reconciliation and healing [restoration.] Do we see God’s way in the terrible chaos of this world; the way which for the human reason is a source of offense, but remains the only possible way? This way does not avoid the tragedy of human life but goes through the very middle of it.”

Archbishop Söderblom took great interest in the early liturgical renewal movement among Roman Catholics, Anglicans and Lutherans. He saw a profound connection between liturgical worship, personal prayer, and social justice. In 1925 he invited Anglican, Reformed, Lutheran, and Orthodox leaders to Stockholm and together they formed the Universal Christian

Council on Life and Work. His ecumenical work led eventually to the formation of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

Söderblom’s advocacy for Church unity as a means toward to accomplishing world peace earned him the Nobel Peace Prize in 1930. After his death in Uppsala, Sweden, in 1931 his body was interred in Uppsala Cathedral. He is commemorated in the liturgical calendar of the Episcopal Church on July 12.

Collect for Nathan Söderblom

Almighty God, we bless your Name for the life and work of Nathan Söderblom, Archbishop of Uppsala, who helped to inspire the modern liturgical revival and worked tirelessly for cooperation among Christians. Inspire us by his example, that we may ever strive for the renewal of your Church in life and worship, for the glory of your Name; who with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.