



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

# The Good News Weekly

Christ Episcopal Church ~ St. Barnabas Chapel  
July 2, 2023



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

**July 2, 2023 – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**  
Clergy: Christopher Scott Lector: Chuck Critchfield  
at 10:00 AM at Christ Episcopal Church  
Main and 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Clarksburg  
This service will be live streamed on Facebook.

**July 2, 2023 – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**  
Clergy: Christopher Scott  
Lectors: Klipp Martin  
at 5:30 PM at St. Barnabas Chapel  
721 Hall Street in Bridgeport

## WELCOME RECEPTION

Sunday July 9, after the 5:30PM worship service at St Barnabas Chapel, we will be hosting a reception welcoming Deacon Chris, his wife Kendra, and their son, Sully. All are welcome to stay after church to meet them and enjoy some light refreshments.



## Upcoming Events

- July 5, 10:00AM - Prayer Group @ SBC
- July 9, 6:30PM - Reception and Second Sunday Supper @ SBC
- July 19, 5:30PM Book Club @ Panera



O God, the source of all health: So fill my heart with faith in your love, that with calm expectancy I may make room for your power to possess me, and gracefully accept your healing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. —BCP

**Our Parishioners**

- Ben & Corliss Barksdale
- Brenda Barnes
- Elsa Bartlett
- Marilyn Blake
- Nancy Cotten
- Tom & Becky Durrett
- Matthew Kaufmann
- Ann Kennedy
- Nichy & Ron LaNeve
- Pauline LeRoy
- Chris McAllister
- Jody Morse
- Mary Beth Paugh
- Carol Rogers
- John Thompson
- Dee Trimbach
- Ashley Williams

**Victims of COVID—19 Virus,  
Natural Disasters and Violence**

**Members of the Military &  
Public Safety Services**

- Benjamin Barksdale, Jr.
- Jared Chapman
- Eugene Crist
- Akoni Kaholo
- Daniel Rogers
- Justin Webber

**For Those Who Have Died**

**Prayers Requested for**

- Eric & Jane (Cropp) Acri
- Nora Becker
- Broadwater Family
- Janet Chilberg
- Maxine Critchfield
- Joe & Nancy Durrett
- Berri & Cody Fluharty
- Alyce Greene
- Beau Haynes
- Rhonda Hutchins
- Ronda Irwin
- Bonita Jordan
- Kathy Kiner
- Mary Koontz
- L.L.D. LeRoy
- Melissa Nestor
- Jennifer Schmidt
- The Rev. Tom Seitz
- Christy Walker
- Linda & Steve Williams
- Scott & Beth Ann Wilson
- José & Minayu Zamora
- Jagger
- Jane
- John

*Names on our "prayers requested for" list may be removed after 6 months to allow for additional names to be added.*



July

- 7-2 Corliss Barksdale
- 7/7 Bob Steptoe
- 7/11 Roland Kaholo
- 7/12 Beth Sickles
- 7/18 Janet Kaholo
- 7/24 Kitty Clovis
- 7/24 Pauline LeRoy
- 7/24 Mary Beth Paugh
- 7/26 Dick Clovis



JULY

ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/12 Lyle & Marilyn Blake
- 7/25 Roland & Janet Kaholo

*If your name is not listed in the Birthdays and Anniversary section and you would like it listed, or if an update needs to be made to the Prayer List, please inform Beth Ann in the office at 304-622-3694.*

**Greetings in the name of Christ!**

**I want to thank each and every one of you for the kindness and hospitality you have shown Kendra, Sully, and me. Every step of the way during our transition to Clarksburg/Bridgeport, we felt supported, encouraged, and cared for. Last Sunday was a joy for my family and me, as we were able to be together and worship as a family. This is truly a welcoming and caring faith community and I look forward to what God has in store for us.**

**In Sunday's Gospel reading (Matthew 10:40-42), Jesus says that even the simplest acts of hospitality and welcome, like offering a cup of cold water, is like essentially offering it to Him. Welcome and hospitality are at the heart and soul of who we are called to be as a people. In Hebrews, Paul tells us, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so, some have entertained angels without knowing it" (Hebrews 13:2). Jesus even tells us that when we welcome the stranger, we welcome Him (Matthew 25:35). We know that the smallest of gestures can make us feel unwelcome or welcome, unloved or loved, excluded or included. If you've noticed, I've worked in small ways to focus on hospitality to newcomers at Christ Church and St. Barnabas. Some of those ways include laminated documents that include the Nicene Creed, Confession of Sin, and Post-Communion prayers. I've also included a half-page "FAQ about The Episcopal Church," as well as notes on side doors that direct newcomers to the main doors for Sunday worship. Moving forward, cultivating a "culture of hospitality and welcome" will be a priority of mine.**

**I need your help! Let's work together to make Christ Church and St Barnabas Chapel places where all people, especially those who are new to the church, feel welcome and**

included. Even small gestures can make a world of a difference to people who are seeking to connect and grow in their faith. I might even approach a few of you to get your thoughts and suggestions on how we might grow in welcome and hospitality. The Episcopal Church has at times been called one of Christianity's, "best kept secret." Our liturgy appeals to people from all walks of life and the prayers in the Book of Common Prayer are some of the most beautiful in the English language. I believe that a great many people yearn for what The Episcopal Church can offer. Let's continue to be a people who are eager to invite, welcome, and include strangers, newcomers, and guests.

I also encourage you to "mark your calendars" for our upcoming book study, *Bible Stories for Grown-Ups*," beginning on Wednesday, July 19th at 5:30 pm, at the Bridgeport Panera. You may or may not agree with all of author Josh Scott's (no relation!) conclusions, but his work helps cultivate healthy and enriching conversations about Holy Scripture. Even if you can't make the study, please consider purchasing a copy to read at your convenience.

Finally, feel free to reach out to me for prayer or conversation! You can connect with me at (304)646-9597 or by e-mail at [christo.scott@gmail.com](mailto:christo.scott@gmail.com)

Grace and Peace,

+ Deacon Chris

# JULY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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