



Christ Church
Sixth and Main Streets
Clarksburg, WV

The Good News Weekly

Christ Episcopal Church ~ St. Barnabas Chapel

June 20, 2021



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

Sunday, June 20, 2021

Services will be held outside.

No reservations required.

Morning Prayer service will be held

in the Courtyard at 10:00 a.m.

6th and Main Street in Clarksburg

and **Evening Prayer** at 5:30 p.m.

under the tree in the yard at St. Barnabas.

721 Hall Street in Bridgeport

**** Please bring your own lawn chair!**

**If you are fully vaccinated,*

you do not need to wear a mask.

**In the event of rain, services will be held indoors,
and masks will be required.*

Christ Church 10:00 AM Service

The June 13 service can be viewed anytime on

<https://www.facebook.com/bill.saviers/videos/10220420964536734>

The June 20 service will be posted on June 20.

Rev. Nora on Vacation

Rev. Nora will be on vacation from Saturday, June 19 through Saturday, June 26. If you have a parish emergency please contact Sr. Warden, Bill Saviers, at 304-488-1573.

Church Attendance

A Message from the Worship Committee

When you are not worshipping with us at 10:00 AM in Clarksburg or at 5:30 PM in Bridgeport, **you are missed!** Remember, you can attend either of these services. You can attend the 10:00 service and be free all afternoon and evening for family activities. If you like to sleep in late on Sundays or have some activity earlier in the day, please consider coming to St. Barnabas at 5:30.

**. . . to know, live, and share
The Good News Story of Jesus Christ.**

Upcoming Events

Outdoors Morning Prayer at Christ Church

June 20 – Father's Day

10:00 AM

Outdoors Evening Prayer at St. Barnabas

June 20 – Father's Day

5:30 PM

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84247332236?pwd=NWtWVlhRZ0ltRlZTbzA5UnFlVXxmUT09>

Meeting ID: 842 4733 2236

Passcode: 873120

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/>

Or Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82587166640?pwd=YWhMVG9vcGovTWtKSvdMNmIQODNVUT09>

Meeting ID: 825 8716 6640

Passcode: 715728

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.

Explore the Way of Love: PRAY

Our day to day lives can be hurried and busy. We have so many things to do and so little time to do them. With devices and media asking for our time, so much to do and hear and say – it can make us feel overwhelmed and isolated. It can make our relationships challenging, as we struggle to connect.

The practice of the Way of Love, following in the footsteps of Jesus, tells us that God wants to break through the noise and busyness of the world and be able to have a relationship with us – with you. Not as a distant god in a far-off sky, or as a theory or an ideal or a metaphor, but a presence, dwelling with us, here and now. And the way to make that connection is to Pray.

As the Psalmist tells us: “The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.” Jesus taught us that it is nourishing and strengthening to intentionally take time to pray. The daily practice of making time and space to speak with God, to listen to God, or to simply be with God, clears a pathway for God to enter our lives.

Jesus told us how we can talk with God: We can praise God and thank God for all that has been done. We can tell God about our troubles, and God will listen. We can ask God for healing and forgiveness, and God will help restore us. We can ask God for protection and face the world with courage. Or we can simply receive God’s spirit, in faith that when we make space to pray, God is with us.

We can pray alone and know that we are not alone in this world. We can pray together, whether just two or three of us or a whole community and find a whole new level of connection with those who are on the journey with us. As Jesus tells us in the Gospel of Matthew: “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Way of Love is not a static practice, in which we read a book of rules and perform the exercises to become improved people. It is a dynamic practice, and part of the active process of transforming our lives is opening up the channels of communication with God, giving and taking, talking and listening, like electricity flowing through a cable or streams that connect a river to the sea. We create a connective flow with a God who loves and cares about us, who and where we are on a daily basis, and wants to know how you are doing today.

Are you making a commitment to incorporate the regular practice of prayer into your life? Is there a place where you can gather with others in the presence of the divine?

Learn more about the Way of Love at episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove. You can find suggestions on getting started and going deeper with Praying at iam.ec/explore.

