

Good News Weekly

October 1, 2023

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



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Events this week

October 1st

Main and 6th Street in Clarksburg
at 10:00 AM at Christ Church

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Clergy: Deacon Chris Scott

Lector: Marilyn Blake

721 Hall Street in Bridgeport

at 5:30 PM at St. Barnabas Chapel

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Clergy: Deacon Chris Scott

Lector: Kipp Martin

October 4th

Prayer Group - 10:00 AM

at St. Barnabas Chapel

Blessing of the Animals

3:00 PM at the Bridgeport Dog Park

6:00 PM at St. Barnabas Chapel

October 5th

Bible Study - 10:30 AM

in the parlor at Christ Church

Reflection on prior week of
Forward Day by Day



St. Francis

WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Blessing of the Animals
on St. Francis Day,
Wednesday, October 4**

3:00 PM at the Bridgeport Dog Park

6:00 PM at St. Barnabas Chapel

Spread this information to **everyone** you can
in the Bridgeport and Clarksburg communities.

The Discretionary Fund

On the first Sunday of each month the loose offering in the collection plate goes to the Discretionary Fund. This fund is available for Deacon Chris to use for needs in the community at his discretion.

United Thank Offering

The annual United Thank Offering 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. **(See more about UTO on page 2.)**

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 12th.

All are welcome!

Worship Service

The Harrison County Ministerial is hosting a first responders worship service at Christ Episcopal Church on October 28th at 11 a.m.

Backpack Blessing Schedule

Oct. 1 *Pack bags after church*

Oct. 5 Driver to deliver bags.....*Dick Clovis*

Oct. 5 Shopper to get food.....*Pam Critchfield*

Oct. 8 *Pack bags after church*

Oct. 12 Driver to deliver bags.....*Laura Davis*

Oct. 12 Shopper to get food.....*Beth Sickles*

Bible readings for October 8, 2023

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalms 19

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

Lector List for October

10/8 Chuck Critchfield

10/15 Bill Saviers

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

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

United Thank Offering (UTO) Ingathering

United Thank Offering awards grants to churches and organizations across the world. In 2023, the UTO's focus was on those organizations working with the criminal justice system. In 2024, the UTO grants will work to help "the stranger," particularly immigrants, the homeless, and other vulnerable people.

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.)



Register Now: Grow Church

A New Congregational Development Program

Grow Church is a two-year program that meets four times per year (eight times over two years) for overnight gatherings around the Diocese. Programming kicks off Friday morning and runs through Saturday midday, with participants departing in the early afternoon following lunch.

Each overnight event will focus on forming participants as a community and as members of the Diocese of West Virginia, teach congregational development skills, and offer opportunities for continued spiritual formation and worship.

Grow Church 2023-2024 will meet the following dates and locations. (Please note these dates reflect a Thursday night arrival with programming on Friday and Saturday).

October 5-7, 2023, at St. Matthew's, Charleston

Nov. 30 - Dec. 2, 2023, at St. Matthew's, Wheeling

March 14 - 16, 2024, at Trinity, Parkersburg

May 9 - 11, 2024, at St. James, Lewisburg

If interested, talk to Deacon Chris.

Confirming Your Faith Beginning in October

Deacon Chris and Toni Limbers are beginning a six-week course on the basics of The Episcopal Church.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Toni Limbers at toni.limbers@steptoe-johnson.com

