



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

# The Good News Weekly

## Christ Episcopal Church ~ St. Barnabas Chapel

### June 14, 2020



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

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### Upcoming Events

All events with person to person contact at our church sites are cancelled indefinitely. Please watch for updates by email, on Facebook, and on the Christ Church and St. Barnabas websites.

### Anti-Racism Collect for June For justice in the criminal system:

“Lord, you suffered at human hands the pain of false arrest, torture, and unjust punishment, and you commanded us to comfort those in prison. Build a fire in your people, Lord, that we may never learn patience with prejudice or make peace with oppression, but that we may burn with zeal for justice, proportion, and equal protections under law for all people. In the Name of him who died condemned.” **Amen.**

This is one of the 12 prayers provided for our use by the WV Diocesan Commission to End Racism. A new prayer will be printed each month.

### Our Sympathies to Jody and Nichy

Jody Morse recently lost her brother. Nichy LaNeve lost her sister-in-law this past week.

### Gratitude for the Workers

While we have been sheltering in place at our homes, the grass, bushes, and weeds at our worship sites have been growing. Thanks to those who have kept our church sites beautiful. Sorry the names of some workers are unknown.

- CEC Memorial Garden weeded and some bushes replaced.
- CEC Courtyard Garden weeded and dead tree stump removed. See results of stump removal in the picture.
- Thanks to Chuck for mowing grass at CEC.
- Thanks to Elsa Bartlett for providing a worker and supervising the trimming of bushes at St. Barnabas.
- Thanks to Lyle Blake for wading in two inches of water to remove stinky rotten tree leaves that were blocking drains on the roof at St. B.



### June 14, 2020

Morning Prayer with Zoom  
at 10:00 AM  
Evening Prayer with Zoom  
At 5:30 PM

### INFORMATION FOR UPCOMING ZOOM SERVICES

Join Zoom Meetings by clicking on this link  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5245181878>  
 (If this doesn't work, copy and paste the link into the address line on your computer or phone.)

Meeting ID: 524 518 1878

Another option is to dial in: (646) 558-8656

**Please note this is the same link & ID for every week.**

**Instructions:** Five to ten minutes before the service time, click on the link above. When the Zoom program appears on your screen, click on the button that says you want to join using video, and click on the button that says you want to join using audio. **Then wait** for someone to open the meeting. When this happens, any background noise or anything you say will be heard by everyone on the screen. To prevent this, you can click on the speaker icon to mute the speaker, but remember if you wish to speak, you will need to unmute the speaker.

### Sunday Virtual Eucharists

You are invited to join Bishop Klusmeyer on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. on zoom, telephone or Facebook.

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

The National Cathedral continues to offer Sunday Eucharist online. Music begins at 11:00 a.m. with the service starting at 11:15 a.m. EDT.

<https://cathedral.org/worship>

This service can also be viewed on the Cathedral's [Facebook page](#).

### E-Giving Is Available to Churches Without Fees

Parishioners are encouraged to use e-giving at:

<http://www.wvdiocese.org/pages/aa-egiving.html>

Just scroll down and click on the donate button located by Bridgeport-St. Barnabas or Clarksburg – Christ Church.

### Checks can also be mailed directly to the church

at Christ Episcopal Church

PO Box 1492, Clarksburg, WV 26302

# ECF Vestry Papers on Racial Justice and Reconciliation – Coming in July

June 1, 2020

Dear Friends,

While the current pandemic has impacted all of us, the negative effects of COVID-19 are significantly more pronounced in communities of color in all aspects of life - health, employment, schooling and food security. [Current data](#) reveals that black and Latino populations are disproportionately affected by the coronavirus. Millions of our fellow Americans do not have the luxury of working from home or sheltering in place and are trying to navigate this crisis without the basics we often take for granted. Sadly, these are communities for whom life in this country has been consistently hard and unjust. The current situation has simply laid bare the systemic inequities that already existed.

Last week, we woke to a deeply disturbing video of George Floyd, an unarmed black man killed by a white police officer in Minneapolis. About a month ago, we witnessed the tragic death of Ahmaud Arbery, a young black man in Brunswick, Georgia, out on his daily jog, being fatally shot by two white men. These incidents inform us yet again, of the injustices that our black and brown siblings live through every single day - injustices that put their very lives in peril.

Historically, the Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF) has not actively addressed or engaged with issues of race and I apologize for this glaring omission. It is never too late to begin the hard work of dismantling racism and ECF wants to begin this work now by creating a space to listen, learn and share together on this critical topic. To that end, in July and August, our monthly publication [Vestry Papers](#) will showcase authors from around our Church, writing on the themes of racial justice, healing and reconciliation, and building Beloved Community. We realize that this issue may be challenging for many of us to read and that the questions raised may make some of us feel uncomfortable. I ask you to approach this issue with an open mind and an open heart because there is no more pressing time in our history to lay bare the truth and stand together in our common humanity. I hope and pray that this work will spark conversations, and more importantly mobilize actions, that help bring about understanding, healing and respect, and a future that is bright for *all* God's children.

For ongoing ECF resources including webinars, blogs and articles, please visit our [Vital Practices COVID-19 Resource Hub](#). Feel free to [reach out to us](#) at any time – we are here to support you.

Faithfully,

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