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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.



Update on Nate

From Pam and Chuck Critchfield

Many parishioners have asked about Nate. He continues to recover from his accident. He is walking daily and has resumed many normal activities. If it weren't for the quarantine he would be back to work at the Courthouse and McDonalds and serving as an acolyte at Christ Church. Thank you to the Parish for the cards and get well wishes.

[June 1, 2020] The following is a statement from Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry:

This evening, the President of the United States stood in front of St. John's Episcopal Church, lifted up a bible, and had pictures of himself taken. In so doing, he used a church building and the Holy Bible for partisan political purposes. This was done in a time of deep hurt and pain in our country, and his action did nothing to help us or to heal us.

The bible teaches us that "God is love." Jesus of Nazareth taught, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The prophet Micah taught that the Lord requires us to "do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our God."

The bible the President held up and the church that he stood in front of represent the values of love, of justice, of compassion, and of a way to heal our hurts.

We need our President, and all who hold office, to be moral leaders who help us to be a people and nation living these values. For the sake of George Floyd, for all who have wrongly suffered, and for the sake of us all, we need leaders to help us to be "one nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all."

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Trinity Sunday

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

Episcopal Church Beginning In-Person Services in Some W.Va. Locations

Charleston, W.Va., June 1, 2020

The Episcopal Church across West Virginia is putting practices in place to reopen its buildings for in-person services in the coming weeks. Some services will begin Sunday.

The state's Bishop today announced 16 of the Diocesan's 67 parishes have applied to begin in-person services this summer.

"We have talked for decades that the Church is not the building," explained The Rt. Rev. W. Michie Klusmeyer. "But, we recognize people are longing for physical and social connection. We want our family to be able to do that, but in a safe manner."

As the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia, Klusmeyer provides oversight to the state's parishes. Specific guidance for allowing parishioners to reunite was provided to the parishes several weeks ago. The guidelines were issued to ensure the protection of all people. Before any parish can begin to meet in-person, the leadership of the parish must be in complete agreement and submit a plan to the Bishop for review and approval. Until the Bishop has completed the process and given his endorsement, no in-person service may occur.

Once approved, initial gatherings will have very strict guidelines, including limits on attendance and a mandate to follow all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines.

"No parish is required to take this step," Klusmeyer said. "The leadership must be comfortable; several have said they are not at this time, which is okay."

Expanded services will come in phases and must follow specific protocol and government guidelines regarding social distancing and healthcare guidance. The Diocesan guidance booklet outlines the various steps that must occur before services can be at 100 percent.

Klusmeyer said it is better to open a month late than a day too early. Timing must be appropriate: "Unfortunately, we just cannot flip the switch and return to what we had before," he stressed. "I think we recognize this. No matter how challenging it is to accept, we must. It's our reality."

During the pandemic, the Episcopal Church provided virtual options for service, including daily prayer services and Sunday Eucharist through various platforms. This type of service will continue indefinitely. In West Virginia, the Bishop hosts noon-day prayer each weekday and Sunday morning service via Zoom and Facebook. Parishes also host services.

The connection across the country—and even the world—has been remarkable. During one virtual service from the National Cathedral in Washington, which is The Episcopal Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, more than 8,000 people were joined together.

"I believe we are more connected than we were before the pandemic," the Bishop added. "This challenge has helped us find new and creative ways to be reunited. In the Diocese of West Virginia, thousands are "stopping by" to worship with us from around the country."

Individual parishes should be contacted to learn of their plans. For more information about the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of West Virginia, please contact 304-344-3837 or visit www.wvdiocese.org.