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721 Hall Street  
Bridgeport

## Upcoming Events

**8/6/17 Holy Eucharist Rite II** at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church  
**8/6/17 Holy Eucharist Rite II** at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas  
**8/7/17 Centering Prayer** at 9 a.m. at St. Barnabas Chapel  
**8/13/17 Holy Eucharist Rite II** at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church  
**8/13/17 Holy Eucharist Rite II** at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas  
**8/13/17 Second Sunday Supper** at St. Barnabas  
**8/14/17 Centering Prayer** at 9 a.m. at St. Barnabas Chapel  
**August 15 Mutual Ministry Review** at Christ Church at 6:30  
**August 17-21 Nora will be out of the office.**  
**August 27 Annual church picnic** at VA Park

## August 5 - Yard Sale Opportunity

The Bridgeport Community Yard Sale is Saturday, August 5, 2017. Anyone living outside of Bridgeport is invited to bring your things to the St. Barnabas Chapel parking lot to sell from there. The fee is \$10 or 10% of your sales, and it will go to the church. Contact Marilyn Blake at 304-838-3506 to register or for more information.

## Backpack Project

The backpack project will be starting soon. Offer your services to Pam Critchfield and look for a schedule on the glass case in the hallway outside the church offices.

## Pictorial History of St. Barnabas Chapel

Nancy Cotten is in the process of organizing factual information and pictures to tell the story of St. Barnabas Chapel. The information and pictures are being arranged by decades. The first two decades, the 1960's and the 1970's, are completed and can be viewed on the St. Barnabas Chapel website at <https://www.stbarnabaschapel.com/our-history-1960-s>, and <https://www.stbarnabaschapel.com/our-history-1970-s>. The material on the website is also available for viewing in a binder at St. Barnabas Chapel. Nancy welcomes additional pictures or information from anyone who has been part of this history.

## Serving Ministries

### August 6, 2017

Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
 with The Rev. Nora Becker  
 9:20 a.m. Choir practice  
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II  
 at Christ Church in Clarksburg  
 Lector: Marilyn Blake  
 Ushers: Tom Walsh and Ben Hardesty  
 Acolyte: Nate Critchfield  
 Altar Guild: Carol Rogers and Jody Morse  
 11:00 a.m. Coffee hour - in the parlors  
 11:15 a.m. Adult forum  
 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II  
 at St. Barnabas Chapel in Bridgeport  
 Lector: Chuck Critchfield  
 Usher: Tom & Becky Durrett  
 Altar Guild: Elsa Bartlett

### August 13, 2017

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
 with The Rev. Nora Becker  
 9:20 a.m. Choir practice  
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II  
 at Christ Church in Clarksburg  
 Lector: Bill Saviers  
 Ushers: Jody Morse & Zac Steed  
 Acolyte: Josh Limbers  
 Altar Guild: Carol Rogers and Jody Morse  
 11:00 a.m. Coffee hour - in the parlors  
 11:15 a.m. Adult forum  
 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II  
 at St. Barnabas Chapel in Bridgeport  
 Lector: Kipp Martin  
 Usher: Joe Martin  
 Altar Guild: Nancy Cotten  
 6:30 p.m. Second Sunday Supper

## Peterkin Reflection by The Rev. Nora Becker

As a child I was a Girl Scout – Brownie, Junior, and Cadette. We went camping, but not the kind of camping you do at Peterkin. We slept in tents with sleeping bags. We gathered wood and kindling, we cooked over a campfire, sang songs, had skits and did activities. We worked on earning badges for a lot of different things. And since we were attached to the Catholic Church, we also had prayers. Lots of prayer.

Peterkin is a lot different than my experience of camp. Campers sleep in lodges, there is a dining hall, rooms to work on crafts, there is archery, disc golf, a swimming pool, a big porch with wonderful rocking chairs. There is knitting, pottery, an indoor chapel and an outdoor chapel. We didn't have to worry about packing food up so bears or raccoons wouldn't invade our food supply – and scare us as they ransacked things. Thankfully, we never had a bear meander through our camp and eat our goodies when I was in scouting but raccoons, oh yeah!

Peterkin is different. Peterkin really has a great history of bringing people together and bonding people to God and to each other. I heard many stories and passing comments on parents who met at Peterkin as campers and are still together, and get along nicely. If someone would ever do a study on faith-based camp and marital efficacy it might reveal some interesting data – if you like data. You get to know someone when you live with them at camp. It teaches you how to live in community and not kill each other, at least 99% of the time.

What Peterkin does is all about authentic relationship – knowing and loving God, our neighbor and maybe a future spouse or a life-long friend. It creates the space for young people to really know each other through community, through loving and accepting each person who enters a lodge no matter their abilities or ways of being. It teaches acceptance, mercy and grace. There is a lot of authentic loving going on – there is cooperation, kindness, truth and acceptance. There is exploration of abilities, interests and faith – all lodged in the love of God and neighbor.

I met wonderful people there because Peterkin is a place that brings out the love that Jesus talks about – there is a lot of love as Jesus loved going on. Young people of varying abilities and special needs are accepted and loved just as they are – not something that always happens in the “real world” – people are still treated as lepers and the outcasts today outside of places like Peterkin. At Peterkin, the community lives through practicing love – seeing the child of God in each person, whether counselor, cook, camper or clergy. Peterkin breeds inclusiveness and celebration of each other that makes each person that arrives a camper leaving as a friend and companion.

There is music and drama and crafts and time set aside for being with God, exploring faith and spiritual, physical, and artistic gifts. Young people explore their talents, their hearts and souls with each other and staff. The counselors do this as well, with the youth and with each other as they keep up the frantic pace of the things that need to happen – keeping campers and spaces clean, making sure medications are given, tending to each other's and camper's needs – making sure everyone and everything is safe, and that the day works.

And then there was our last day, when parents, friends, campers, counselors, and clergy celebrated together the Closing Eucharist and the Baptism of a camper who stated that this was her greatest desire for over three years. This, my friends, is what Peterkin does best. Lights the fire and spread the light of Christ, one spark at a time.