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The Good News Weekly
Christ Episcopal Church ~ St. Barnabas Chapel
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**This Week at Christ Church, Clarksburg
and St. Barnabas Chapel, Bridgeport**

*Bishop Klusmeyer now requires masks to be worn
again on all church properties until further notice.*

For those who wish to attend an in-person service, we will be conducting a Spiritual Eucharist at both the 10:00 a.m. service at Christ Church and the 5:30 p.m. service at St. Barnabas Chapel. The 10:00 a.m. service will be live streamed on Facebook. Following the service it will be available for viewing anytime on Facebook for an indefinite period of time.

Sunday, September 12, 2021

10:00 a.m.

at Christ Church Clarksburg

In-person Spiritual Eucharist

Link to Facebook Live Stream

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/691849008329145>

Sunday, September 12, 2021

5:30 p.m.

at St. Barnabas Chapel Bridgeport

In-person Spiritual Eucharist

WV Episcopal Bishop Coadjutor Search

www.wvbishopsearch.org

Go to this link to meet the candidates.

To view their interviews, scroll down below their pictures.

Click on "View the Virtual Interview" in the blue boxes.

The Rev. Canon S. Abbott Bailey

The Rev. Canon Patrick Collins

The Rev. Matthew Cowden

Outreach

The Outreach Committee has begun its fall schedule of projects! The Backpack Blessing Ministry will provide food items for 74 Head Start students at the Glen Elk site and the Clarksburg site (Chestnut Hills School). Thank you to those who are already shopping and those who have made donations. Any questions, please contact one of the co-chairs, Pam Critchfield or Sue Clovis.

In September, we will focus on Special Olympics Harrison County. Anyone wanting to make a monetary donation can send it to the Parish Office with a note that it is for the Special Olympics.

In October we will once again ask for donations of clothing, toiletries, and other items for needy Veterans at the Lewis A Johnson Veterans Administration Hospital in Clarksburg. We will take donations up through Veterans Day in thanks to those who served. More details later.

Backpack Schedule

- Sept. 12...Pack bags after church
- Sept. 16...Driver to deliver bags.....Dick Clovis
- Sept. 16...Shopper.....Pam Critchfield
- Sept. 19...Pack bags after church
- Sept. 23...Driver to deliver bags....Tom and Becky Durrett
- Sept. 23...Shopper.....Beth Sickles
- Sept. 26...Pack bags after church
- Sept. 30...Driver to deliver bags.....Beth Sickles
- Sept. 30...Shopper.....Beth Sickles
- Oct. 3.....Pack bags after church
- Oct. 7.....Driver to deliver bags.....Tom and Becky Durrett

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.

Pastoral word from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on 20th anniversary of Sept. 11

As followers of Jesus, and with our siblings in other faith traditions, we place great value on the act of remembrance. As we reflect on the solemn anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, we remember many loved ones lost and first responders who put their lives at risk, modeling the sacrificial love of Jesus, who said: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

While 20 years have passed, I also want us to pause and remember the days that followed these tragic events. There was a moment in the aftermath when people came together. We were praying, grieving, and also working together. Because in that moment, however fleeting it was, we knew with immediacy and vulnerability that we need God, and we need each other.

Memories of that tender cooperation—of love for each other as neighbors—serve as guiding lights for the present. Amidst the ongoing pandemic and natural disasters that have taken so many lives and pushed first responders to their limits, and amidst a worldwide reckoning with the sin of racism, we are called to become the Beloved Community whose way of life is the way of Jesus and his way of love.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will deliver a blessing and sermon Sept. 11 and 12 as part of [A Time and Space of Remembrance and Healing](#) at Trinity Church Wall Street in New York, which served as a [relief mission](#) for recovery workers at Ground Zero for nearly a year after the buildings fell. Tune in online at trinitywallstreet.org/september-11

Noonday 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/89317736004?pwd=eThlYnIOUkhvN2MzMlFVUDRzUXA3UT09>

Meeting ID: 893 1773 6004

Passcode: 835200

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/>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87417183763?pwd=UG1DdUVQRmY4OHovMzZkNnJQWENSQT09>

Meeting ID: 874 1718 3763

Passcode: 621750

Joint statement on climate change by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch

September 7, 2021

For the first time, the leaders of the Roman Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Anglican Communion have jointly warned of the urgency of environmental sustainability, its impact on poverty, and the importance of global cooperation.

Pope Francis, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, and Archbishop Justin Welby urge everyone to play their part in "choosing life" for the future of the planet.

In a joint statement, the Christian leaders have called on people to pray, in this Christian season of creation, for world leaders ahead of the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) this November. The statement reads: "We call on everyone, whatever their belief or worldview, to endeavor to listen to the cry of the earth and of people who are poor, examining their behavior and pledging meaningful sacrifices for the sake of the earth which God has given us."

The joint declaration issues a clear warning—"Today, we are paying the price...Tomorrow could be worse"—and concludes that, "This is a critical moment. Our children's future and the future of our common home depend on it."

The three Christian leaders spoke against injustice and inequality, saying, "We stand before a harsh justice: biodiversity loss, environmental degradation and climate change are the inevitable consequences of our actions, since we have greedily consumed more of the earth's resources than the planet can endure. But we also face a profound injustice: the people bearing the most catastrophic consequences of these abuses are the poorest on the planet and have been the least responsible for causing them."

The statement calls on people to do the following:

- Pray for world leaders ahead of COP26.
- For individuals: To make meaningful sacrifices for the sake of the planet, working together and taking responsibility for how we use our resources.
- For those with far-reaching responsibilities: To choose people-centered profits and lead the transition to just and sustainable economies.

Read the full statement at [this link](#).