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Upcoming Events

- 8/14/16 Holy Eucharist Rite II** at Christ Church at 10:00
8/14/16 Holy Eucharist Rite II St. Barnabas at 5:30 p.m.
8/17/16 Bible Study at Christ Church at 10:30 a.m.
8/21/16 Holy Eucharist Rite II at Christ Church at 10:00
8/21/16 Holy Eucharist Rite II St. Barnabas at 5:30 p.m.
8/24/16 Bible Study at Christ Church at 10:30 a.m.
8/28/16 Holy Eucharist in the Park at 10:00 followed by a picnic at the VA Park. No service at St. B.

Celebrating the Baptism of Nola

Join Nola's family and friends for her baptism this Sunday, August 14 during the 10:00 a.m. service. A catered lunch from the Bluebird will be served for those in attendance following the service.



Outreach Projects

Flood Relief: The need continues, so keep sending checks to the church office with "Flood Relief" in the memo line.

Light Up the World – Youth Outreach Project: So far we have funds for 17 lights. You can still contribute.

The Pit Enclosure Project

The enclosed walkway between the sacristy and the music room / nursery is under construction. If you pledged to this project and have not paid, it is time to do so. If you have not pledged to this or contributed, please consider making a donation.

Serving Ministries

August 14, 2016

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 15

9:15 a.m. Choir Warm-up

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II and Baptism at Christ Church with the Rev. Lisa Heller, Guest Priest

Lector: Bill Saviers

Ushers: Jody Morse and Kitty Clovis

Acolyte: Tina Clark

Altar Guild: Carol Rogers and Jody Morse

11:00 a.m. Coffee hour in the parlor

11:15 a.m. Christian Education in the parlor

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at St. Barnabas Chapel with the Rev. Nora Becker

Lector: Kipp Martin

Ushers: Joe Martin

Altar Guild: Kipp Martin

August 21, 2016

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 16

9:15 a.m. Choir Warm-up

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at Christ Church with the Rev. Nora Becker

Lector: Jody Morse

Ushers: Tina and Xoe Clark

Acolyte: Nate Critchfield

Altar Guild: Carol Rogers and Jody Morse

11:00 a.m. Coffee hour in the parlor

11:15 a.m. Christian Education in the parlor

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at St. Barnabas Chapel with the Rev. Nora Becker

Lector: Beth Sickles

Ushers: Doyle Sickles

Altar Guild: Elsa Bartlett



... and now, a Word from Your Deacon - in - Charge.

Rev. Nora Becker

As I sit at my desk and think about what to share, I find it amazing that I am nearly through my second week here. The time seems to have been blown by wind! It seems to me the best way to begin is with some information about where I come from and some of my life history.

I grew up outside of Washington, D.C. in Maryland; I am the second child of four children. My siblings are Theresa, Tommy, and Mary. My siblings and I attended a Roman Catholic elementary school, St. Bernard's Parochial School through the eighth grade and attended public schools through high school.

My work life has been varied and mostly fun stuff; I worked at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland for eleven years, beginning in the mailroom, then in the Travel Office where I learned the United Airlines Apollo reservations system where I met many people such as Arthur C. Clarke, the astronaut Sally Ride, and Jacques and Philippe Cousteau! My time in the Travel Office gave me the opportunity to work as a travel agent in a very fun office. When my daughter, Anna was born, I became a stay-at-home mom for a few years. In the mid-1990's we began attending Epiphany Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Maryland, where we were loved and cared for my marriage ended and our lives changed. In 1997, we moved to the eastern shore of Maryland and settled in a little beach town in rural Kent County.

In the process of moving to Kent County to attend Washington College, I met someone who was very much part of this journey to ordination. Her name was Nila Kay and she helped me in so many ways. Nila was a real estate agent began by showing me houses all across the county but she recognized how much I needed to find new joy in my life – so she just kept making me have fun. She was a very God-filled Episcopalian who knew how to love as she opened up opportunities for me as well. She made it possible for me to have a paid internship while finishing my psychology degree that led to a career as an addictions counselor and then ten years in substance abuse prevention. Most of my prevention work was in community building, coalition work and outreach to the community.

She also took me to the local Episcopal churches and we found a new church family at Shrewsbury Parish Church. This is also where I began to discern a call. This was affirmed but we also decided that it was not the right time; we agreed to put this on hold until I could begin the education required. In that time, my work and church life formed me in many ways.

Now for the fun stuff! My daughter, Anna lives in Texas with her husband, Jarred, her dog, Ace, their cat, Anakin, and her horse, Felix –oh and Jarred's many fish. I love the water, Dr. Who & PBS and dark chocolate. We spent a great deal of time on a dairy farm, at county and state fairs, and in 4-H activities.

I gave away and sold many things to finally go to seminary in 2013 where a new adventure began and ultimately, led me here. I am blessed with so much and now have a world-wide community of faith to call family. I am privileged to begin my ministry here with you as deacon-in-charge and look forward to discovering how God is working in our lives together.

I thank God for our time together here and for each of you.

In Jesus' name,

+Nora

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