

Christ Church Sixth and Main Streets Clarksburg, WV

### The Good News Weekly Christ Episcopal Church ~ St. Barnabas Chapel October 4, 2020



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This Week at Christ Church, Clarksburg and St. Barnabas Chapel, Bridgeport Sunday, October 4, 2020 Morning Prayer in the Auditorium at Christ Church at 10:00 AM Attendance is by reservation only. All reservations for this week have been filled. Email Christ Church at: christchurch1853@aol.com

Give the following information: Your name and total number of family members planning to attend.
(Your reservation will be confirmed by a return email.)
Or phone in your reservation to the Church office at 304-622-3694, if necessary please leave a message.
(Your reservation will be confirmed by a return call.)
Reservations must be made by Friday 12:00 noon.
If unable to keep a reservation, please cancel.

#### Important Instructions for Indoor Service

1. Enter through the door on Traders Avenue.

- Go up the stairs inside that door.
- 3. Exit down the stairs by the church offices.
- 4. Exit through the door onto 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 5. Follow the directions of the ushers.
- Follow all Guidelines for In-person Services listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

### Sunday, October 4, 2020

Zoom Evening Prayer at 5:30 PM Join Zoom Evening Prayer by clicking on this link <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5245181878</u> Meeting ID: 524 518 1878 Another option is to dial in: (646) 558-8656

#### Wednesday, October 7, 2020 Zoom Compline at 8:00 PM

Service lasts approximate 15-20 minutes. Join Zoom Meeting by clicking on this link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84648582408?pwd=d21BNklOek</u> <u>JGa1ROa1Q1OHVKazBwZz09</u> Meeting ID: 846 4858 2408 Passcode: 933775

# Sacred Spaces as Safe Places

On September 25, 2020, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry issued the following statement: The events in Louisville remind us of the need for safe spaces in times of conflict. Churches, synagogues, and mosques are houses of prayer, worship, and faith. Sacred spaces are safe places where the way of love and nonviolence, the way of peace, the way of justice, and the way of reconciliation can be affirmed and practiced. In deeply conflicted situations, these spaces can play a vital role in preventing escalation into upward spirals of violence. Respecting these spaces as safe places demonstrates a commitment to finding nonviolent solutions. This can help to broker peace and change that can move a community forward, in the direction of genuine justice and eventual reconciliation.

We must ever remember Breonna Taylor, and continue to pray for her family, loved ones, and all the people of the Louisville community. We must likewise pray for America, that our divisions may cease and that we will work together to be a nation where there is liberty and justice for all. Lastly, may we all commit ourselves anew to the living the words of the prophet Micah who said, "what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God."

> The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry Presiding Bishop and Primate The Episcopal Church

"O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

- Book of Common Prayer

#### **Backpack Schedule**

Pack backpacks after church on October 4
Deliver backpacks on October 8 Beth Sickles
Food to church by October 8 Beth Sickles
Pack backpacks after church on October 11
Deliver backpacks on October 15 Dick Clovis

#### **Upcoming Events**

10/12/20 October 12/6/Vestry Meeting
11/1/20 All Saints Day
11/9/20 November Vestry Meeting
11/26/20 Thanksgiving Day
12/6/20 Tentative Date for Annual Parish Meeting

#### **E-Giving 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

Christ Episcopal Church PO Box 1492, Clarksburg, WV 26302

## Prayer for Justice and Mercy for Indigenous Peoples

October, Columbus Day

"O God of infinite mercy, we live in a land where the native peoples were moved, often by force, from the bountiful lands they inhabited to places of desolation. Help us to support them now as they seek to retain their rich native cultures. Open our eyes to the poverty and despair that so often accompany them through life, and give us the courage and will to change the systems that perpetuate injustice, for the sake of your Son our Lord." **Amen** 

#### 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.

#### **Guidelines for In-person Services**

- 1. Wearing a face mask is REQUIRED, unless medically unable to do so, then alternatively, a face shield is required. (Masks will be available at the entrance.)
- 2. Hand sanitizer will be available at both entrance and exit locations.
- 3. Potentially having your forehead temperature taken before entry.
- 4. Ushers will direct traffic flow and provide instructions and reinforce guidelines.
- 5. Standing and sitting at least 6 feet from others not in one's household.
- 6. No administration of Holy Communion at the present time.
- 7. No choir or congregational singing. Solo singing only.
- 8. Required reservations for attending services.
- 9. Avoiding crowded hallways.
- 10. Use of wipes on door handles and other surfaces, especially before and after bathroom use (the church will provide).
- 11. Possible multiple services on Sunday morning or other day.
- 12. No prayer books will be provided for use at services.
- 13. Service bulletins will be provided & must be taken home. Do not leave them at church.
- 14. If you are sick, or don't feel well...stay home!
- Any person who has traveled out of state is to avoid attending in-person services for a period of fourteen (14) days after returning home.

#### In Search of a Bishop Coadjutor A Survey for All WV Episcopalians

Below are links for a survey from the Coadjutor Search Committee. The first link leads directly to the online survey; the second link is the same survey for those who prefer using a PDF format.

**The survey closes on Sunday, October 4.** It takes about 15-20 minutes to complete. Don't miss this opportunity for your thoughts and concerns to be included in our search for a Bishop Coadjutor who will eventually become Diocesan Bishop upon Bishop Klusmeyer's retirement.

#### The online survey is here:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EDWV

The PDF survey is here: Landscape for the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia

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