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EPISCOPAL CHURCH
A welcoming community of faith

We are called by God to see Christ in all persons, grow in faith and live in joyful fellowship with one another.

Your Weekly e-News - May 22, 2020

Please Note: The church office will be closed Friday, May 22nd and Monday, May 25th for the Memorial Day holiday. It will reopen on Tuesday, May 26th at 9:00 a.m.



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LIFE IN CHRIST - REFLECTIONS FROM OUR INTERIM RECTOR - The Rev. David Beresford

Hall of Mirrors

Regular readers of this column will know that I often weave into my reflections experiences from life to show how the life of faith doesn't stop at the church door but can be perceived in many different ways in our normal day to day existence. Earlier this year Ruth and I went to a concert (remember them?) given by the Mendelssohn players at the Gold Room at the Hotel DuPont, Wilmington. We decided to make a night of it, and booked a table for dinner at the Brandywine Room before the show. The hotel's usual restaurant, formerly known as the Green Room, was closed for "reconceptualization" (a.k.a. renovation) before a planned re-opening later this year as *Le Chevalier*. ...

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And the winner is....



THIS SUNDAY



Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day

May 24, 2020

Sunday Worship at St Barnabas

Holy Eucharist

Sunday, May 24, 2020

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Although we are unable at the present time to gather for worship, St Barnabas' Episcopal Church offers an online service every Sunday.

The service will include three hymns: the Opening Hymn: 214 - Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise; Offertory Hymn: 215 - See the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph; and Closing Hymn: 450 - All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (vv 1-3), played by Dr Michael Larkin, aided by Lisa Bowe, with lessons read by Lisa and George McDowell and prayers of the people led by George. The service

includes a sermon by Father David Beresford.

You can view the complete service on our YouTube channel by clicking on the Online Worship button below:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgYeLP1pWrJvz-JV9gEjoqA>

Scripture Readings for the Seventh Sunday of Easter:

The Sunday after The Ascension

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10; 33-36

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

John 17:1-11



This Sunday, May 24 - 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Join Father David for Coffee and Conversation following the Sunday service. Entry by Zoom app. A link will be sent to members on Sunday morning.

E V E N T S



**Stations of the Resurrection at
St Barnabas' Episcopal Church, Wilmington**

This Sunday, May 24 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom

Through Lent and Passiontide there has been a long tradition in the Church of meditating on the events of the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, through the Stations of the Cross. In the latter part of the twentieth century a complementary devotion emerged, possibly from the Iberian peninsula, called the Stations of the Resurrection or the Stations of Joy.

Join us on Sunday, May 24 at 4 pm for a service celebrating our Lord's Resurrection. As with the Stations of the Cross, we move from station to station, reading an appropriate Bible passage and meditating on it. By using the resurrection appearances as a focus for reflection and meditation, we have an opportunity to appreciate and celebrate the Easter mysteries of the resurrection of our Lord. Note that some of the readings will be different to the last Stations of the Resurrection service.

This is an online service. You will need to have Zoom installed on your computer or Smart Phone to follow the service. A link to the service will be provided on the day by email. Regular members of the Bible Study and Wednesday Group will be sent a link automatically. To register your name to take part, please call 302 994 6607 or email stbarnabas0ffice@comcast.net.



Online Bible Study Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

On Tuesday, May 26, we begin a study of the First Book of Samuel. Bible study is conducted online via Zoom. Regular attendees will be sent a link on the day. If you are interested in joining, please contact the office by phone: 302-994-6607 or email: stbarnabasOffice@comcast.net.

For further info, please contact Father David Beresford at davidberesford@gmail.com



MID-WEEK DISCUSSION

Art and Faith: Agony in the Garden
Wednesday, May 27, at 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join an online discussion of the painting, **Agony in the Garden** by Botticelli. The discussion will conclude with Compline. Painting and text for Compline provided. This course is conducted online via Zoom. Regular Wednesday evening participants will be sent a link by email. If you are interested in joining, please contact the office by phone: 302-994-6607 or by email: stbarnabasOffice@comcast.net.

BEING WITH GRIEF GROUP

Schedule Change: The Being with Grief Group **will not meet during the month of May**. However, if you are interested in joining the group when we resume or are in need of support for grief at this challenging time, please contact Mary Van House at 302-542-8878.

NOTICES



TRINITY SUNDAY Sunday, June 7, 2020

In place of our usual St Barnabas' celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the Right Reverend Kevin S. Brown, the Bishop of Delaware, will live-stream an online worship service at 11:00 a.m. Further details to follow.

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR



My dear friends in Christ,

Another of my favorite Bible verses is Corinthians chapter 14, verse 15:

¹⁵ So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding. (Corinthians 14:15)

There is so much wisdom and wonderful theology wrapped in this powerful Bible verse. Paul encourages us to sing and pray with spirit and with understanding. Another way to state this thought is that we want to sing and pray using both the “head and the heart,” or sometimes one hears the “head and the soul.” The “head” leads us to an intellectual, an almost academic, meaning of the text. We must know what the text literally means which leads us to the “heart.” In the case of singing, the “head” would also lead us to the correct notes and rhythm of the song. [Read More](#)

Search Team Update

The search team would like the St Barnabas' family to know that we are continuing to work diligently using Zoom meetings.



We have received numerous candidate applications. We are encouraged and positive about the future of our parish.

Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we enter a new phase of the process.

Any questions: searchatstb@gmail.com.



Click on Response #13 Link below for
Bishop Brown's COVID-19 Update:
Patience and Preparation for In-person Worship

[Response #13](#)

FINANCE

MESSAGE FROM BRIAN ENGLER

St Barnabas Financial Update – April 2020

With the recent turmoil from the COVID-19 pandemic, we wanted to give an update on the church's financial position. Overall, St Barnabas is in an exceptionally good financial situation. We have sufficient cash on hand from our good financial stewardship in prior years to get through any short-term

issues throughout this year. The key points are:

1. First, I want to **THANK EVERYONE for their continued financial support to the parish.** We continue to get pledge payments sent directly to the office. Please continue to send them to the office until we return to normal. If you need to adjust your pledge commitment or if your family may need some extra support from the church during this unusual time, then please contact Fr David or myself directly.

2. We have 2 concerns from the finance committee review in April.

a) The first concern is that even before the COVID-19 issues, our total pledge commitment for 2020 was \$30-40k or 10-15% below 2019. This appears to be due to several people who may have forgotten to turn in pledge cards. We will be following up directly to determine if this is a directional change in the level of support to the parish or more likely, just a something missed.

b) The second concern is that due to the State lockdown, Stepping Stones Day Care is not allowed to operate. So far, we continue to receive rent payments and we fully expect Stepping Stones to reopen as soon as they are allowed to. But if their reopening is delayed extensively, there may be an impact on our financials. ... [Continue Reading](#)

MESSAGE FROM CRAIG BROSI

Paycheck Protection Program

The federal government established the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to provide emergency relief to small businesses, including non-profits, experiencing financial uncertainty during the coronavirus crisis. The Finance Committee and the Vestry decided to apply for PPP assistance for St Barnabas. This loan through the SBA will enable St Barnabas to maintain payroll despite loss of revenue due to COVID-19 related shutdowns and on-going income uncertainty. The application was approved and the funds (~\$40,000) were received this week. We will carefully manage our eligible expenses over a designated 8-week period and then apply for loan forgiveness.

Respectfully submitted,
R. Craig Brosi, Treasurer

O U T R E A C H

Community Church Outreach - Mill Creek Ministerium Project at the Community Church of Christ on Milltown Road involves St John the Beloved parish, Red Clay Creek Presbyterian, St Barnabas' Episcopal, Resurrection parish and the Community Church of Christ. This outreach program is housed at the Community Church of Christ on Milltown Road and in part at St John the Beloved Catholic Church on Milltown Road. This outreach program provides families and individuals that are food- insecure with a small bag of groceries

once a week. In the past year, the Outreach has gone from providing 60 families to between 80 and 100 families (about 350 people) per week. The current situation has caused us to see an increase given that our population has been disproportionately affected by job loss. Our intent moving forward is to not only provide donated food and clothing but to provide a bag of fresh produce to our families. This bag will provide seasonal fruits and vegetables. The Outreach gave, and will again give, healthy cooking classes provided by the University of Delaware. It is our hope that this, paired with fresh produce, will help to improve the diets of our clients.

The Community Church Outreach is affiliated with Friendship House. The terminal goal of the Outreach is to one day become an empowerment center just like the empowerment center on Main Street in Newark. **Please contact Amy Quillen to volunteer or donate.**

Maria Perez

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

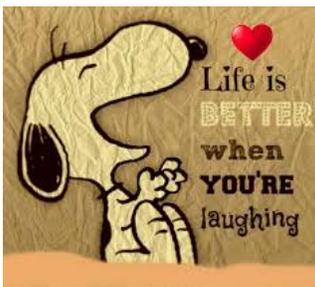
Below are listed Birthdays and Anniversaries for May. Please contact the church office at stbarnabas0ffice@comcast.net to let us know if you're not listed.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Arlene Carpenter
1 - Beth Engler
4 - Cora Jean King
6 - Kate Weir
6 - Celeste Witting
10 - Albert Grunfeld
11 - Craig Brosi
13 - Judith Gregory
17 - Hal Bruner
20 - Jay Strong
21 - Marian Weir
22 - Delaney Bowersox
24 - Lori Kramer
25 - Reese Conte
26 - John Warrington
29 - Mary Angerer

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5 - Pat & Paul Venti
8 - Abigail & David Walker
12 - Carter & Jeffrey Bowersox
29 - Marian & Jack Weir



Guide Dogs

Two guys were out walking their dogs on a hot day when they pass by a bar. The first guy says, "Let's go in there for a pint." The second guy says, "They won't let us in with our dogs." First guy: "Sure they will, just follow my lead."

He goes up to the pub, and sure enough, the bouncer says, "I can't let you in here with that dog."

He replies, "Oh, I'm blind and this is my guide dog."
The bouncer says, "Ok then, come on in."

The second guy sees this and does the same thing. The bouncer says, "You can't come in here with a dog."
He replies, "I'm blind and this is my guide dog."
The bouncer responds, "You have a Chihuahua for a guide dog?"
The second guy exclaims, "They gave me a Chihuahua?"

The Welcoming Prayer from Father Thomas Keating

*Welcome, welcome, welcome.
I welcome everything that comes to me today
because I know it's for my healing.
I welcome all thoughts, feelings, emotions, persons,
situations, and conditions.
I let go of my desire for power and control.
I let go of my desire for affection, esteem,
approval and pleasure.
I let go of my desire for survival and security.
I let go of my desire to change any situation,
condition, person or myself.
I open to the love and presence of God and
God's action within. Amen.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO NEED HEALING AND COMFORT:

Arlene & Dave Carpenter, John Materis, Gail Calhoun, Kellan, Al Carey, Leon Slocomb, Dick Leaning Family, Nancy Clapp, Sheri, Maria Macfarlan, Mary Ann Givens, Pat Okoniewski, Anne Priebe, Patricia, Bruce Clinton, Tyler, Keith Redmund, Rose, Michelle Maloy, Janet Paar, Lilly Walker, Thomas Boyle, The John Sandy Family, David Jefferson, Maria LaValle, Carmen, Peggy Bachman, Ken W., and Rita Barker.

Those serving in the Armed Forces. Those who are homebound.

Those who have died, especially Andy, Peter Barker, and Phyllis.



PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL FIRST RESPONDERS

Please remember in your prayers all the **First Responders**, including our EMS, Paramedics, Doctors, Nurses, Hospital Aides, Respiratory Therapists, Policemen, Firemen, and Ambulance Drivers, especially Leslie, Lydia, Kathi, Stephen, Mike, and any other First Responders you would like to remember in your prayers.

MORNING PSALM AND PRAYERS

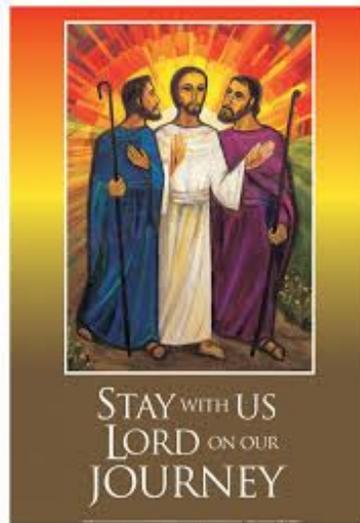
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Jeff Bowersox (2023)

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Valerie Jackson (2022)

Bob Jefferson (2022)

Pat McDonald (2023)

Ed Rowles (2021)

Sarah Smith (2023)

John Warrington (2022)

Marian Weir (2021)

Lydia York (2021), Vestry Clerk

Recording Secretary: Debbie McGonigal
