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

Moving On

**Thursday, June 11, 2020
St Barnabas' Day**

My dear friends,

Ten days ago the search committee sent notice to members that they were in the process of evaluating a number of applications for the position of rector of St Barnabas' Episcopal Church, with a view to recommending to the vestry a new candidate to take on this role in the fall.

This means the clock on my own time here is ticking away, and I will be moving on. In these unprecedented times there are few opportunities for priests who are looking to move to pastures new, however I have been very fortunate to have been offered the position of interim rector at St Martha's Episcopal Church in Bethany Beach, Delaware, starting on August 1, 2020.

I am feeling a mixture of joy and sadness, as you can imagine. I am joyful about the prospect of serving the people of Bethany Beach, and my initial meeting with the wardens and secretary has convinced me that this is an ideal move for me. However, I am sad at the prospect of leaving St Barnabas, because I have made so many close friends here and because you have been a joy to serve among, in more ways than you realize.

I am writing on St Barnabas' own feast day, which is significant. Barnabas spent a year in Antioch, where he encouraged and brought many people to believe in the risen Lord. I have spent a year at St Barnabas' Episcopal Church, and I hope that I have been, like St Barnabas, a "son of encouragement" to you all.

This is not a farewell letter, just a note of my future departure date. I am looking forward to saying a proper goodbye to everyone closer to the time. I will keep you in my prayers and would be grateful if you would keep me and Ruth in your prayers too.

With every blessing,

Father David



St Barnabas cures the sick man by placing the gospel of St Matthew on his head and reading the verses.

THIS SUNDAY

**St Barnabas
Feast Day**

June 14, 2020



Sunday Worship at St Barnabas

St Barnabas Feast Day Sunday, June 14, 2020

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

On Sunday, June 14, 2020, we celebrate the Feast of our Patron, St Barnabas. His name means "Son of Consolation" or "Son of Encouragement," a name he was given because of his missionary journeys round the Middle East with St Paul.

The service will include three hymns: the Opening Hymn: 232 - By All Your Saints Still Striving (v. 2 - *St Barnabas*); Offertory Hymn: 366 - Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (vv. 1-3); and Closing Hymn: The Son of Consolation from NEH 167 (hymn tune *Aurelia*), played by Dr Michael Larkin, aided by Lisa Bowe, with lessons read by Lisa and Ed Rowles and prayers of the people led by Ed. The service will include a sermon by Father David Beresford.

A link to the service will be sent to members on Sunday morning, or you can access the service through our YouTube account by clicking on the Online Worship button below:

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

Scripture Readings for St Barnabas Feast Day

Isaiah 42:5-12

Psalm 112

Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3

Matthew 10:7-16

This Sunday, June 14 - 11:00 a.m.

You are welcome to join Father David for **Coffee and**



Conversation following the Sunday Eucharist. This will be held via Zoom. A link will be sent to members on Sunday morning. If you are interested in joining us, please email Father David at: davidberesford@gmail.com.

MESSAGE FROM ED ROWLES, OUR NEW SENIOR WARDEN



My name is Ed Rowles. My family and I have been attending St Barnabas since the mid- to late-1990s. During this time, I have served as a member of the Usher team, the Sweat Equity effort when the addition to the church was being built, and the group that prepares the monthly meal for the Emmanuel Dining Room.

I have two grown and married daughters, Natalie and Jillian. Both were active in the St Barnabas' Youth Group during their school years. St Barnabas has been a part of our family's lives for 20-plus years. I am also involved in the community as a Realtor® in Delaware and Pennsylvania.

As Senior Warden, I look forward to working with the Vestry and clergy to grow St Barnabas in its mission to support the needs of the congregation and the community. As we continue our search for a new Rector and deal with the current pandemic, we face many challenges in our faith community. I will work diligently to address the issues and concerns that arise in this process and invite your open and frank communication and suggestions on how we are doing.

MESSAGE FROM JOANNE FIGLIOLA, OUR NEW JUNIOR WARDEN



My name is Joanne Figliola, and I have been a member of St Barnabas for two years. I have a lovely daughter and two wonderful grandchildren. My "son"-in-law serves in the Air Force and they are currently stationed at Travis Air Force Base in northern California.

Here at St Barnabas, I serve on the EPL Team, the IWC committee, the Altar Guild and am a commissioned Stephen Minister. I volunteer with Family Promise and Meals on Wheels. Professionally, I am a medical biller, credentialing/ contracting specialist, and bookkeeper, working independently from home. I gives me great joy to be a part of the St Barnabas family and I am honored to serve our faith-filled community. I look forward to serving as Junior Warden.

The Junior Warden is a kind of "go-between" who keeps the lines of communication flowing between all members of the church. This means

listening to what our members are saying "behind the scenes" and communicating their concerns to the Rector. So, if there is anything you wish to talk about or share, I will be happy to hear from you (in strictest confidence, of course).

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS
(through August 28)

Monday through Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

E V E N T S



Listening Circle
Saturday, June 13
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.'ish
(we will not meet if raining)

Bring your own lawn chair or blanket and meet under the oak trees at St Barnabas where we will open our hearts/minds and listen to shared stories, feelings, experiences from among those who show up. This is an informal, but intentional, session focused on the sacred act of listening.

A small group met last Saturday, spaced ourselves 10 feet apart and sat together for an hour listening (to thoughts, feelings, happy news, sad news, the wind in the trees). It was good and we felt it was worth repeating and sharing.



Online Bible Study
This Tuesday, June 16 at 10:00 a.m.

This week, we look at chapters 7 & 8 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 email Father David Beresford at davidberesford@gmail.com

MID-WEEK DISCUSSION

Art and Faith: The Conversion of St Paul
Wednesday, June 17, at 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join an online discussion of the painting, **The Conversion of St Paul** by Caravaggio. The discussion will be preceded by a



meditation from Fr David and conclude with Compline. Picture 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: stbarnabas0ffice@comcast.net.

NOTICES



NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

My dear friends in Christ,

My bible verse for this week is this passage from 2 Chronicles 7:14.

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will **heal their land**. [2 Chronicles 7:14](#)

With all that has befallen our country over the past months and days, the relevancy of this verse really needs no explanation. Whether it is continued physical healing from the ravages of the coronavirus, or more recently social and spiritual healing for the senseless and horrific killing of George Floyd, the subsequent heart felt protests, terrible rage and violence, and our nation's continuous quest for equal justice and opportunity for everyone, our nation is indeed in need of healing. I am reminded of the line from the spiritual, "Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love." Let us always show our Christian love in all that we do and with all persons we meet, and perhaps we can make some small contribution to the healing that our nation so sorely needs.

I invite you to click on the link below, or copy and paste it into your URL and listen to John Williams' powerful, relevant composition, "American, the Dream Goes On" as sung and played by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra. I have already listened to it several times!

<https://youtu.be/ul2PFQcSwuQ>

In my article last week, I mentioned that in a few subsequent articles I will define and explain certain keywords in church music and liturgy. Last week I discussed the terms hymn, hymn-tune, and anthem. This week let us look at the terms **psalm** and **antiphon**. The book of Psalms has always been one of my favorites for several reasons. First, it truly is the Bible's hymn book whose texts vividly capture almost every possible human emotion! Second, over the

centuries there have been literally thousands of choral settings of various psalm for both concert and/or worship. Stravinsky's "A Symphony of Psalms," Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms," and Mozart's "Vespers de Confessore" are just three of many musical masterpieces composed on psalm texts. Third, much of the liturgy for the monastic offices such as Matins (morning prayer), Prime, Nones, and Vespers (Evening Prayer) consist of psalms.

Blessings,

Dr. Michael Larkin
Director of Music Ministry



Congratulations to our 2020 graduate, Kristen Spendio, daughter of Rebecca McAllister and David Spendio. Kristen has graduated from the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York City, NY. We wish her the very best in all her future endeavors!

If we have any other 2020 graduates who would like to be recognized, please contact the church office (994-6607 or stbarnabasOffice@comcast.net). Thank you.

OUTREACH



Friendship House Updates

Andrew's Place

Thank you, all volunteers, for continuing meals to Andrew's Place during these uncertain times. It means so much to our men. I wanted to update you on meals and the residents. In addition, we need some help filling in the July calendar.

We currently have 9 men at Andrew's Place. We're asking for meals for 10 people because a staff member is still joining them each night. We're beginning the process to accept new residents into our transitional housing program, so this number might increase soon. I will try to keep you updated on the number of individuals to be served. Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

We are booked for June but need some help filling in the open dates for July. We have some groups who take the summer off and we just started a new calendar year. That is why there are more openings than usual.

July openings: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 29th, and 31st.

Please let me know if you can take on one of these dates. Thank you!

Kristen Reisor
Volunteer & Communications Coordinator



PLEASE NOTE: Anyone who has questions, you may email Maria Perez at mdperezmd@gmail.com.

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 June. Please contact the church office at stbarnabasOffice@comcast.net to let us know if you're not listed or the date is incorrect.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Nicholas Sloman
- 2 - John Graper
- 2 - Joyce Sipe
- 3 - Tyler Alexander
- 3 - Betty Howe
- 4 - Heather Green
- 4 - Andrea Trabelsi
- 5 - John "Jack" Gracie
- 8 - Patrick Delaney
- 8 - Jack Weir
- 9 - Abby Jarrell
- 9 - Michael Brown
- 12 - Simon Griffin
- 12 - Andrew Webb

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 - Matthew & Jessica Conte
- 11 - Renee & Ed Waterland
- 12 - Ruth & Hal Bruner
- 16 - Sandy & John Grim
- 19 - Cathy & Bud Cooling
- 22 - Mary & David Angerer
- 22 - Cara & Scott Stanard
- 22 - Lindsey & Dan Vitalo
- 28 - Laura & Jack Gracie

12 - John Grim
13 - Claudia Rodriguez
15 - Edith Grunfeld
17 - Andre Strukelj
18 - Jessica Conte
20 - Marge Lennihan
22 - Ty Weir
29 - Mayble Wample

God of life,
you have promised to be with us every day,
also in difficult days, like in times like these.
Give us
clarity in our minds,
strength in our work and discernment,
rest as we sleep,
peace in our minds.
Be with those
who need help
more than we do ourselves
help us to see what we can offer
from your love.
Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO NEED HEALING AND COMFORT:

Arlene & Dave Carpenter, John Materis, Gail Calhoun, Leon Slocomb, Nancy Clapp, Anne Priebe, Patty, Bruce Clinton, Tyler, Rose, Lilly Walker, Thomas Boyle, The John Sandy Family, David Jefferson, Maria LaValle, Peggy Bachman, Rita Barke, Cindy Roberts, Randy & Carol Kusel, Sandy Petty.

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

Those who have died, especially Carmen, Jo Thompson, Bill Beatty, Phyllis Kusel, Chris Petty.



PLEASE PRAY FOR the First Responders, EMS, Paramedics, Doctors, Nurses, Hospital Aides, Respiratory Therapists, Medical Technicians, and Medical Assistants; for Environmental Services, Social Workers, Phlebotomists, Security Services, and Food Services; for Policemen, Firemen, and Ambulance Drivers. Pray also for all those we cannot see but are hard at work providing care for the sick.

May God walk with them every step of their day and guide them. Open their hearts to see you at work in the world around them, including especially Leslie, Lydia, Kathi, Stephen, Mike, Ali, Caroline and Magdy.

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MORNING PSALM AND PRAYERS

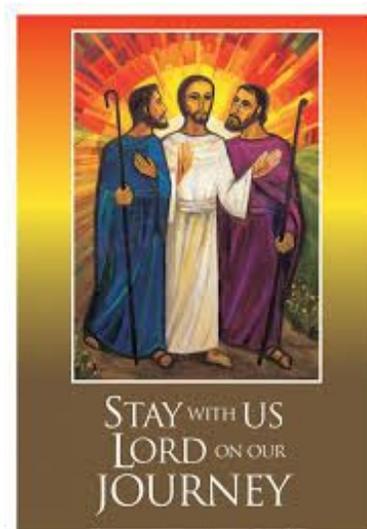
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Alan Irwin (2021)

Valerie Jackson (2022)

Bob Jefferson (2022)

Pat McDonald (2023)

Sarah Smith (2023)

John Warrington (2022)

Marian Weir (2021)

Lydia York (2021), Vestry Clerk

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