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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.*

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

#### **The Gift of Peace**

On Wednesday, March 11, 2020, St Barnabas' Episcopal Church was invited to lead worship and provide lunch at St Philip's Lutheran Church. This was the second in a planned series of lunches to be offered throughout Lent, with different churches providing worship and hospitality each week. The following day – March 12 – Bishop Brown suspended all public worship services, in response to the state of emergency declared by Governor Carney. This was the sermon preached at St Philip's... .. [Read More](#)



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# THIS SUNDAY

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**Fourth Sunday  
after Pentecost**

**June 28, 2020**

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## Sunday Worship at St Barnabas

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**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, June 28, 2020**

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

In this Sunday's gospel passage, Jesus says to his disciples: "Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward." We are to welcome Christ with love and welcome him into our lives, every moment and every day.

The service will include three hymns: an Opening Hymn: 518 - Christ is Made the Sure Foundation; an Offertory Hymn: 609 - Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life (vv. 1-3); and a Closing Hymn: 655 - O Jesus, I Have Promised, 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:

**Scripture Readings for This Sunday**

**Jeremiah 28:5-9**  
**Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18**  
**Romans 6:12-23**  
**Matthew 10:40-42**

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**This Sunday, June 28 - 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](mailto:davidberesford@gmail.com)

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**CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS**  
**(through August 28)**

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

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**E V E N T S**

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**Listening Circle**  
**Saturday, June 27**  
**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.

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**Online Bible Study**  
**This Tuesday, June 30 at 10:00 a.m.**

This week, we look at chapters 12 & 13 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](mailto:stbarnabasOffice@comcast.net).

For further info, please email Father David Beresford at [davidberesford@gmail.com](mailto:davidberesford@gmail.com)

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## MID-WEEK DISCUSSIONS

### Art and Faith

**Note: The last of the Art and Faith sessions that Fr David led on Wednesday evenings via Zoom was held this past Wednesday, June 24. No other sessions are scheduled.**

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## NOTICES

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### Notice of Church Policy for Groups Wishing to Use the Church Buildings

Dear friends,

Since the church closed its doors to worship and other related activities, all church group meetings have taken place either online or in other locations. We have followed the strict guidelines of the diocese, which has encouraged that meetings be held remotely, where possible.

Therefore, until further notice, any St Barnabas' church group wishing to meet in person inside the church buildings must first seek permission from the interim rector and the wardens. **Groups cannot take it upon themselves to meet in person inside the church buildings without first obtaining authorization from the rector and wardens.**

Leaders of any group who are considering a return to meeting in person must first submit in writing to the rector and wardens details of date, time, place and purpose of the meeting, along with an outline of what steps they are taking to fulfill the CDC guidelines on maintaining cleanliness, in order to ensure that the risks to those entering the building are minimized.

Further details can be obtained from the church office. Please email: [stbarnabasOffice@comcast.net](mailto:stbarnabasOffice@comcast.net).

Father David Beresford  
Interim Rector

Ed Rowles  
Senior Warden

Joanne Figliola  
Junior Warden

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## SURVEY RESULTS

## Re-opening & Re-gathering

Thank you for participating in the returning-to-worship survey.  
Please click on the link below to review the results.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-7Q98M6S37/>

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### NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

My dear friends in Christ,

Here are my two Bible verses for thought and reflection this week. Notice especially that God called all that He made very good, and that the psalmist beautifully reminds us that indeed, “the earth is the Lord’s.”

And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. (Genesis 1:31)

The earth is the LORD's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. (Psalm 24:1)

Many of you know that one of my favorite activities outside of music and family is playing golf. Recently under a beautiful blue sky and gentle breeze, I was standing on the tee of our signature 12th hole at Concord Country Club (elevated tee to an elevated green, wood-lined fairway, creek running down the left side). As I was preparing to hit my tee shot, a magnificent bald eagle swooped down no more than 100 feet in front of us heading for the stream. As I approached the green, a doe and her twin fawns cautiously stuck out their heads from behind a bush. As I looked back toward the tee, lo and behold a fox was prancing across the fairway into the woods. I immediately thought of hymn verse, “All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, the Lord God made them all.”

As I later reflected on this event amid these troubled times, I was vividly reminded that indeed how good and beautiful is God’s creation and “we that dwell therein.” I reflected how we are charged to love and praise our Creator, to love and care for his creation, and to love and respect the dignity of every human being. Jesus said, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” In the long run, this is really the only true answer to heal a broken world around us. I invite you to copy or click on the link below and bathe yourself in the strains of the hymn “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” as can only be sung by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, conducted by music director Mack Wilberg.

<https://youtu.be/JNpw-9pifXs>

Next week I will continue my series on keywords of liturgy and music with a historical and contemporary discussion of the “mass”, the communion service or liturgy in which we participate each Sunday.

For now, I continue to pray that each of you remain safe and healthy and that you may keep a song in your hearts and on your lips.

Blessings,

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### **FAMILY PROMISE NEWS**

**BOX FOR SUPPLY DONATIONS - MEDICAL & CLEANING:** There is a box in the foyer area outside of the office for Supply donations to Family Promise. We continue to restrict visits to the office, so please place your supplies in the marked box. The current needs list is: Nitrile gloves, inexpensive digital thermometers, Lysol spray disinfectant, disinfecting cleaning spray, disinfecting wipes, toilet bowl cleaner, paper towels. I'll be picking up donations Tuesday afternoon, 6/30, and then a second time mid-July. Please consider an extra cleaning supply or anything on the list when you are shopping.

#### **Meals for Family Promise**

During the week of 7/19, St. Barnabas will be called upon to provide 1 or 2 dinners delivered to Family Promise Hospitality Center on Milltown Rd. Details available next week. If you are interested in providing something for the dinner, please let me know. It will be for 2 or 3 families, and we will be delivering everything divided between the 2 cottages on Milltown Rd., where the food is set on an outside table, we knock on the door, and then step back and wait for the family to take the meal inside.

#### **More News from Family Promise**

It's a story of resilience and change to accommodate our families during the COVID-19 pandemic. We've been told that the professional and government community is missing our "special sauce"! You don't realize how important each volunteer is to this program. That "special sauce" is the very personal touch that our service brings. It is inspirational to the families served, as they work towards permanent housing.

The rotational Church network is not operational during this time. It presents too many interactions for our Family Promise guests and the numerous volunteers. The Hospitality Center on Milltown Road is operating at 50% capacity, hosting a max of 3 families. We have a no-contact delivery system for the 2 cottages on the property.

We are not expected to resume the Church rotation until 2021, and only when all churches are in agreement to reopen.

**IDEAS WELCOME!!!** Family Promise has been searching for a stationary facility that could house some families for 60-90 days. Across the nation,

chapters of Family Promise have found some new ways to achieve that, including loaned RV's, and churches with space to provide accommodations for a few months at a time. The space must be zoned to allow housing, and the families would need kitchen and bathroom access that allows for safe distancing. There have been numerous brainstormed ideas, including the U of D, but so far, no resolution.

With **COVID**, we have higher unemployment, and typically our lower income families are most impacted with these job losses. It clearly exposes that 40% of our population, the working poor, who can't handle an extra \$400 expense. Early in this pandemic, Delaware worked quickly to get homeless people and families housed in motel rooms. There are approximately 1,200 rooms dedicated to this as of June 1. This effort protects the health of the families and the health of our entire county. Across the USA, amazingly, the rate of infection through shelter systems has been low with 4,000 cases nationwide, and 150 deaths.

Thanks for your attention, and please keep our families and all who are suffering through this exceptional time in our prayers.

Cindy Richards  
302-690-0751



## 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  
Friendship House, Inc.

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**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

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## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Below are listed Birthdays and Anniversaries for June. Please contact the church office of [stbarnabasOffice@comcast.net](mailto: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  
12 - John Grim  
13 - Claudia Rodriguez  
15 - Edith Grunfeld

### 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



17 - Andre Strukelj  
18 - Jessica Conte  
20 - Marge Lennihan  
22 - Ty Weir  
29 - Mayble Wample

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God of the indoors,  
who knew the confines of domestic space  
at a time of little comfort,  
help us in this time of confinement,  
help us to see it as an act of love, in solidarity  
with those who care for us and put their own lives  
on the line for the sake of others.

Help us to “make room” for each other, even if room is scarce,  
help us to find reserves of patience we never knew we had,  
to take offense less easily, to find in our hearts  
an easy apology when we’re petulant.  
Help us to be attentive, careful, and thoughtful.  
May we draw deeply from the well  
of our most loving times.  
Amen.

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### **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, Sr Rosie, Lilly Walker, Thomas Boyle, the John Sandy Family, David Jefferson, Maria LaValle, Peggy Bachman, Rita Barker, Cindy Roberts, Nick Sloman, Randy & Carol Kusel, the Pellegrino Family, Sandy Petty, Carl, Eileen, Donna, Lydia.

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

Those who have died, especially Phyllis Kusel, Jean Pellegrino, Millie Rees.

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**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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# EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN DELAWARE

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## [MORNING PSALM AND PRAYERS](#)

To view the Summer 2020 issue of *Delaware Communion Magazine* and the June 24, 2020 issue of *The NET*, please click on the links below:

### [DELAWARE COMMUNION](#)

Summer 2020 issue

### [The NET](#)

June 24, 2020 issue

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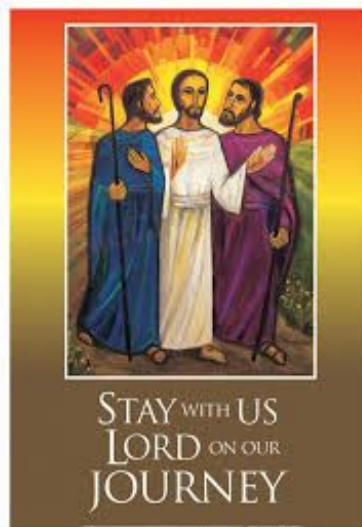
## Message from The Rt. Rev. Kevin S. Brown

Click on Bishop Brown's June 24th COVID-19 Response below:

### [RESPONSE #15](#)

*Coronavirus & Racial Justice*

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## VESTRY MEMBERS

**Sr. Warden:** Ed Rowles (2021)

**Jr. Warden:** Joanne Figliola (2022)

Jeff Bowersox (2023)

Bob Haushalter (2023)

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  
Recording Secretary: Debbie McGonigal

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