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

Come Back to Church

St Barnabas is open again for public worship on Sunday, July 19 at 10 am. Last week the diocese approved our plan for re-opening. This is exciting news for those who have waited patiently for the day when we would be free to gather again in God's holy house. Churches are consecrated spaces where we can find peace, receive the sacraments, and encounter the reassuring presence of God. In times of crisis, it is natural for people of faith to seek the comfort of their beloved church. ... [Read More](#)

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THIS SUNDAY

Sunday Worship at St Barnabas

HOLY EUCHARIST

This Sunday and next, July 5 and 12, there will be **online worship services from St Barnabas**. Members are recommended to sample worship at other online locations. Here is a link to the National Cathedral:

<https://cathedral.org/>

For those who wish to worship at home, the daily office -- morning and evening prayer -- can be accessed here: <https://dailyoffice.app>.

Alternatively, there is an online office from the Church of England here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>.

The entire Book of Common Prayer is available at:

<https://www.bcponline.org/>. If you'd like to borrow a Book of Common Prayer from St Barnabas, please contact the office at stbarnabas0ffice@comcast.net or telephone 302-994-6607.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

St Barnabas will be open again for public worship on **Sunday, July 19 at 10:00AM** for a celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The following Sunday, **July 26**, which will be Father David's last Sunday with us, we will gather

outside (weather permitting).

Further details will be available on the *Life in Christ* tab on our St Barnabas website (<https://www.stbarnabasde.org>).

St Barnabas has a YouTube channel: To view any of our recent online services, please click link below:

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



This Sunday, July 5 - 11:00 a.m.

You are welcome to join our Senior Warden Ed Rowles for **Coffee and Conversation** this Sunday at 11:00 AM. Entry by Zoom app. A link will be sent to parishioners **by 7:00 AM on Sunday morning**. If you are interested in joining us, please email Ed at erowles@comcast.net.

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, July 4th

NOTICE to Participants:
The Listening Circle will take a break for the July 4th holiday, but will be back to normal for subsequent Saturdays this summer per our standard notices that will appear in the e-News.



Online Bible Study

There will be
NO ONLINE BIBLE STUDY
on Tuesdays, July 7 and 14.

N O T I C E S

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.

Father David Beresford
Interim Rector

Ed Rowles
Senior Warden

Joanne Figliola
Junior Warden



NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

My dear friends in Christ,

I was particularly moved by last week's Gospel lesson, so subsequently Matthew 10:42 is my verse this week for thought and reflection.

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. (Matthew 10:42)

This Bible verse reminds me of the final verse from a wonderful poem "Invitation" by the Afro-American poet Paul Lawrence Dunbar that I have set to music in a choral setting.

*Come when my heart is full of grief, come when my heart is merry;
Come with the falling of the leaf or with the reddening cherry.
Come when the year's first blossom blows, come when the summer gleams
and glows;
Come with the winter's drifting snows, and you are **welcome**, you are*

welcome.

Oh my, what powerful, meaningful words in both a sacred and secular sense! The word “**welcome**” is derived from the old English word “**wilcumian**” which literally translates as “desire + pleasure + come.” In these troubled times, if only all our brothers and sisters in our nation and the greater world were able to “desire” the “pleasure” of everyone’s “coming” into our lives regardless of race, gender, creed, or financial situation. Though certainly not alone, those of us in the Christian community can do our part through the way we live our lives always remembering that Jesus said, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” I am also reminded of the old Chinese proverb, “a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”

Our Christian journey, then, begins with each of us **welcoming** Jesus in our hearts and souls, redeemed and freed by the cross to as much as humanly possible live without fear, to prosper, and to share Christ’s love with the world. In the words of our poem, may we always say to everyone we meet, “**and you are welcome.**”

I invite you to either copy or click on the two links below, one sacred, one secular. The first one will take you to a performance of my Easter anthem “Love’s Redeeming Work is Done” sung by the University of North Carolina Chorale under the direction of Dr. William Carroll.

The second link will take you to a modest, but sincere, recording of my previously mentioned “Invitation” as sung by a small high school choir from Chateaugay High School in western New York.

<https://youtu.be/LSR9AWWJKgc>

<https://youtu.be/RowiUnXCbuU>

I managed to go on a bit this week so my discussion of the “mass” as my final installment of my important keywords for music and liturgy will wait until next week.

I continue to pray each of you remain safe and healthy and that you are always able to keep a song in your heart and on your lips.

Blessings,

Dr. Michael Larkin
Director of Music Ministry

O U T R E A C H



FAMILY PROMISE NEWS

BOX FOR SUPPLY DONATIONS - MEDICAL & CLEANING: Thank you to everyone who placed donations in the box - they were delivered to Family Promise on Wednesday. But it's not too late! The box will be stationed in the foyer area outside of the office. 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. Some of these items continue to be in short supply everywhere. If you are fortunate to find them, please consider an extra item for Family Promise!

Meals for Family Promise

Family Promise expects to have a location and ability to host a few more families within another week!! During the week of 7/19, we will deliver dinner for 2 or 3 families on Tuesday, 7/21 and Thursday, 7/23 to a new temporary location! If you are interested in providing a salad, dessert, or entree for the dinner, please let me know. I will probably meet at St Barnabas parking lot to collect everything and deliver.

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 hosting a max of 3 families with a no-contact delivery system for the 2 cottages.

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.

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

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

Community Church Outreach - Update

Currently, the Community Church can use more donations of pasta sauce and mac and cheese. Jamie (from St John the Beloved) also said they will gladly accept produce from home gardens.

Address: 1205 Milltown Road, Wilmington, DE 19808

The best time to drop off your donation is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between 8am - 9am, but they are open until 11am. Someone is not always there until 12noon. **Please wear a mask!**

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 - Timothy Froelich
2 - Ceil Jones
3 - Charlotte Sheehan
7 - Robert deBussy
9 - Carol McDowell
10 - Carol Kusel
12 - Emma Hansen
14 - Scott Stanard
16 - Joan Yulduzian
17 - Cassandra Norsworthy
17 - Benjamin Webb
18 - Sharon Warrington
23 - Lydia York
25 - Gracie Willerton
26 - Sara Bryant
26 - Ian Smith
28 - Michael Bruner
29 - Leon Slocomb
29 - Rose Trueblood

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

3 - Bruce & Cindy Richards
9 - Ron & Marti LaRue
10 - Bruce & Alfreda Clinton
19 - Jerome & Holly Novak
25 - George & Carol McDowell
29 - Stephen & Sheridan
Kingsberry
30 - John & Sue Martin

A Prayer for all those affected by the Coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
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, Sr Rosie, Lilly Walker, Thomas Boyle, David Jefferson, Maria LaValle, Peggy Bachman, Rita Barker, Cindy Roberts, Nick Sloman, Carl, Eileen, Donna, Lydia.

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

Those who have died.



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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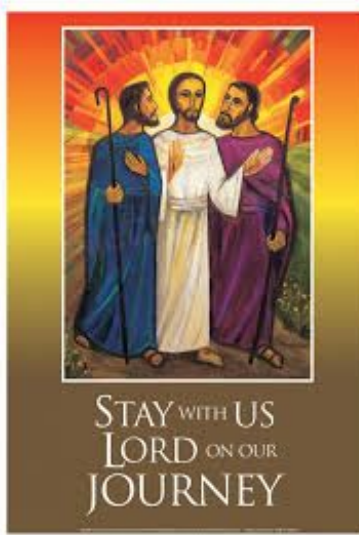


Message from The Rt. Rev. Kevin S. Brown

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

[RESPONSE #15](#)

Coronavirus & Racial Justice



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
