



ST. BARNABAS'  
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

#### Pressing the Reset Button

Last Sunday was the second week of our return to public worship. The previous week we had assembled in the church; this time we gathered on the lawn outside, under the shade of the trees. A dedicated team of volunteers had prepared everything for worship, including a sound system and chairs spaced carefully apart. It was a warm day and a gentle breeze provided relief from the heat.

It was also my final service as interim rector. I had badly wanted to celebrate the Eucharist with members of the congregation before I departed, and so, God willing, it happened. For many, it was the first time they had attended a public act of worship in over four months. As I looked out on the congregation and recognized the faces behind the masks, I felt a mixture of joy and sorrow. We had all been on a journey, at first together and then separated by the coronavirus. Except, our separation was not absolute, because in the four months away we were held by the hand of God and united in one spirit: the spirit of love, which knows no distances or spans of time. ... [Read More](#)

# THE BEATLES

I DON'T WANT TO HOLD YOUR HAND  
I SAW HER STANDING THERE 6 FEET AWAY



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## THIS SUNDAY

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**Please welcome The Rev. Sarah Nelson  
as our Resource Priest.**

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### **NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Public Worship  
in the Sanctuary  
Sunday, August 2, 2020**

Jesus Feeds the 5,000  
Matthew 14:13-21

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### **WHAT TO EXPECT:**

- When we are indoors in the Sanctuary, masks must be worn. We will provide masks for anyone who needs them.
- You will be seated by one of the ushers when you arrive.
- Physical distancing must be adhered to while waiting to be seated. Members of the same family may sit together.
- The Order of Service for that day, along with the readings and notices, will have been placed on the pews. Please use this during the service and take it with you when you leave.

- Restrooms are closed except for emergencies.
- The Lounge, Office and Great Hall will be closed.
- There will be music but we will be unable to sing.
- Offerings can be left in the collection plate.
- Communion will be in one kind only. Communicants will line up before the altar to receive the host in the palm of their hand. The sacrament can be consumed once you are back in your seat.
- In this warmer weather, members may wish to bring bottled water to the service.
- Hand sanitizers will be available.
- A "virtual" coffee hour via Zoom will begin at 11:30 a.m. (see below for more details.)

All are invited, but we ask that all members, especially those with underlying health conditions, carefully assess the risk to themselves before attending.

If you aren't sure if this is the right time for you to return to church, then don't worry. We will continue to offer online services as before. (See below for more information.)

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## Online Sunday Worship at St Barnabas

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### HOLY EUCHARIST on YOUTUBE

**Sunday, August 2, 2020**  
**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

The online service will include three hymns: an Opening Hymn: 690 - Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah; an Offertory Hymn: 335 - I Am the Bread of Life; and a Closing Hymn: 522 - Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken, played by Dr. Michael Larkin, aided by Lisa Bowe, with lessons read by Ed Rowles and Lisa, and the Prayers of the People led by Ed. The service will include a sermon by The Rev. Sarah Nelson.

A link to the service will be sent to members **by 7:00 a.m. on Sunday morning**, or you will be able to access the service through our YouTube account by clicking on the Online Worship link below (where you may also view any of our previous online services as well):

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

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### Scripture Readings for This Sunday

Isaiah 55:1-5  
Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:13-21

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**This Sunday, August 2**



11:30 a.m.

Join Senior Warden Ed Rowles for **Coffee and Conversation** following the Sunday Eucharist. Entry by Zoom app. A link will be sent to members **by 7:00 AM on Sunday morning**. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Ed at [erowles@comcast.net](mailto:erowles@comcast.net) or 302-562-4580.

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### **CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS**

**Monday through Thursday  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (through August 28)**

**We will resume our regular  
schedule of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Monday through Friday  
beginning the week of August 31.**

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## **E V E N T S**

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**Listening Circle  
Saturday, August 1  
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.'ish  
(we will not meet if raining)**

**This Saturday, we will again be meeting for our Listening Circle.** 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.

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**Online Bible Study  
Tuesday, August 4 at 11:00 a.m.  
(Note TIME change!)**

This week we look at chapters 18 & 19 of the First Book of Samuel, led by The Rev. Sarah Nelson. Bible study is conducted online via Zoom. Regular attendees will be sent a link on the day. If you are interested in joining, or for further information, please the office at 302-994-6607 or [stbarnabasOffice@comcast.net](mailto:stbarnabasOffice@comcast.net).

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**Paradigm Lost: A Presentation by Professor Ian S. Lustick  
Wednesday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**

You are invited to attend (via Zoom) an **Evening with Ian S. Lustick**, a professor of political science at the University of Pennsylvania and a member of the council on Foreign Relations, who will discuss his new book, *Paradigm*

*Lost*. Why have Israelis and Palestinians failed to achieve a two-state solution to the conflict that has cost so much and lasted so long?

Please click on these links to read [Rev. Bill Lane's letter](#) introducing Professor Lustick and encouraging anyone interested to attend. You may also like to view the [Paradigm Lost flyer](#).

You must register to attend this Zoom presentation. Please [register here](#).

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### **Bishop Brown calls us all to take part in the 21 Day Racial Equity Challenge from August 17 to September 6.**

Led by the United Way of Delaware and YWCA Delaware, the challenge is a state-wide journey (never leaving our homes) into the history of racism here at home in Delaware. The Episcopal Church in Delaware is a partner (a “challenge champion”) in this effort. A personal commitment of time (5-30 minutes a day for three weeks), an internet connection, and openness to learning are all that are required. Read more [here](#). Registration is expected to open in August.

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## **NOTICES**

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### **NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR**

My dear friends in Christ,

My Bible verse for thought and reflection this week is Habakkuk 2:2. Other translations translate the last phrase as "he may read, run, and pronounce it."

“Then the LORD answered me and said: “Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it.” (NKJV)

One of the advantages for the contemporary church when it comes to hymns and spiritual songs sung in worship is the amazing variety and number of sources that we have from which to choose music that we sing.

In our Episcopal hymnal there hymns based on ancient Gregorian chants (Of the Father’s Love Begotten), hymns from the German chorale tradition (A Mighty Fortress), hymns from the English choral tradition (For All the Saints), folk songs from many countries and traditions (Simple Gifts), early American hymnody (Wondrous Love and Amazing Grace), hymns from Jewish tradition (Praise Our Great and Gracious Lord, 393), songs from the African-American spiritual tradition (Balm in Gilead, Let Us Break Bread Together), contemporary worship songs (I Am the Bread of Life), and the Celtic tradition (Be Thou My Vision). I am sure I have forgotten probably more than one source!

Speaking of “Be Thou My Vision.” First, it is one of my absolute favorite hymns, I never tire of it. Its blend of wonderful theology and beautiful melody is

immensely powerful indeed. The beginnings of the Celtic Christian church is generally attributed to the life and work of St. Patrick who was born in A.D. 373 in what is now part of Scotland. At the age of 16 his village was destroyed by pirates and he was taken to Ireland as a slave where he experienced a conversion to Christianity. He eventually escaped and returned home. Often with quite strong resistance from Druids and other “pagan” religions, he successfully evangelized most of Ireland, and eventually much of the European continent. He is credited with planting over 200 churches and baptizing over 100,000 converts.

From its earliest days through present times, the Irish church has produced many hymns, beautiful prayers, and songs of worship. In the 8th century an unknown poet wrote a prayer asking God to be his Vision, his Wisdom, his Best Thought by day or night. In 1905, Mary Elizabeth Byrne, a scholar in Dublin, Ireland, translated the ancient Irish poem into English. Eleanor Hull of Manchester, England took Bryne’s translation and crafted it into verses with rhyme and meter. Shortly thereafter someone paired Hull’s poetic version with the traditional Irish tune “Slane,” named for an area in Ireland where Patrick reportedly challenged Druids with the gospel. Hence, we have one of the great hymns in our Christian tradition.

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, my presence, my light.*

I invite you to copy or click on the link below and enjoy a wonderful version of “Be Thou My Vision” as sung by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, under the direction of music director, Mack Wilberg, accompanied by a beautiful video.

<https://youtu.be/6q7kNr1XCIs>

I continue to pray for everyone’s safety and good health and that you may keep a song in your heart to praise our gracious God.

Blessings,

Dr. Michael Larkin  
Director of Music Ministry



### **New Organ Update!**

Cornel Zimmer Organ Builders continues to make progress on the organ console, which is being made out of beautiful cherry hardwood. The console pieces are all ready to be assembled as soon as the organ pedals arrive (I guess those are for the gas and brakes?? 😊). I will send another update when the console is put together. We

are hoping that the organ will be complete in late August or early September,

barring no other delays of parts from vendors.

We are looking to remove our beloved old organ out in early August to begin preparation for the new organ installation. Michael will be organizing an appropriate send-off for the old organ and will share more information shortly.

If there are any questions about the organ, please contact Michael Larkin ([mlarksing@aol.com](mailto:mlarksing@aol.com)) or myself ([brian.r.engler@gmail.com](mailto:brian.r.engler@gmail.com)).

Sincerely,

Brian Engler

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## OUTREACH

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### **FAMILY PROMISE NEWS**

#### **MEALS FOR FAMILY PROMISE**

We were blessed to deliver dinner on two nights to two families during our week with Family Promise. Our guests were very grateful and literally found it amazing that people in the community would step in to help in this way. A mother was in the thick of getting her two daughters to their physicals for school startup and answering all their questions and fears. Her quote, “you don’t know how much this dinner means to us after adjusting to this, dealing with Covid and my children’s fears, and then having some time to sit down and talk with my daughters over a dinner that was prepared for us.”

That’s a thank you to everyone who volunteers in this program!!

#### **SUPPLY DONATIONS COMPLETE**

A big Thank You to our supply donors who overflowed the bin in the lobby! Your efforts and thoughtfulness are much appreciated, especially when these items can be hard to find. Everything was delivered on Thursday, July 16.

We are not expected to switch back to the Church rotation until 2021, and only when all churches are in agreement to reopen. (Our next volunteer week is in January 2021.)

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

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#### **Community Church Outreach - Update**

Currently, the Community Church can use more donations of canned

vegetables, regular size boxes of cereal (not family size), canned tuna, and pasta sauce. They will also accept produce from home gardens.

You may drop off your donation in the lobby of St. Barnabas Monday through Thursday from 9am - 2pm. Thank you. If you should have any questions, please contact Amy Quillen, [302-533-5768](tel:302-533-5768).

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.

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## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Below are listed Birthdays and Anniversaries for August. 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.

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

4 - Sofia Trabelsi  
6 - George (Randy) Kusel  
6 - Marci Abbott  
7 - Lynda Harriss  
7 - Bonnie McDonald  
8 - Joanne Figliola  
8 - Bill Johnson  
10 - Jeffrey Bowersox  
11 - Carl Fink  
12 - Robyn Webb  
12 - Margaret York  
14 - Anne Friel  
15 - Jeremy Green  
16 - Scott Gracie  
17 - Peter King  
17 - Debbie Pride  
18 - Matthew Kaser  
18 - Joseph Budna  
19 - Judy Stanard  
20 - Collin Green  
20 - Sandra Graper  
25 - James King  
27 - Yousef Trabelsi  
28 - Marti LaRue  
31 - Nicole Wample  
31 - Al Carey

### AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

5 - Dick & Betty Hoffman  
6 - Muriel & Robert deBussy  
8 - Andrea & Zouhir Trabelsi  
14 - Juliett & Stephen  
Steenkamer  
20 - Charlotte & David Sheehan  
29 - Sandra & John Graper

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**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.

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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, David Jefferson, Maria LaValle, Peggy Bachman, Carl, Eileen,  
Nick Sloman, Donna, Lydia, Alice Cabbage, Jeannie, Anne Dixon & Family.

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

Those who have died, especially Steve Dixon.

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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  
July 22, 2020 issue of *The NET*, please click on the links below:

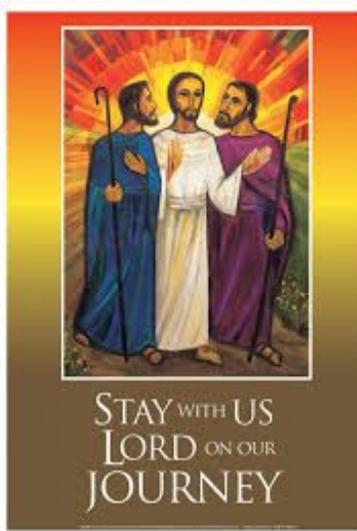
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Summer 2020 issue

**[The NET](#)**

July 22, 2020 issue

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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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