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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 RESOURCE PRIEST, THE REV. SARAH NELSON

Saint Francis and Celebrating God's Creatures

I saw a photograph of a baby platypus on social media. Of course, as most babies are, it was adorable. I then remembered that adult male platypuses have venom in the spurs of their hind legs. Well, perhaps another pet. I have a special love of sloths. I have photos, pillows, sheets, towels, blankets, jewelry, and, yes, many stuffed ones. If it is a sloth, I love it. Sloths are slow, solitary creatures. As much as I love them, apparently I can't bring one home. I am thankful, though, to share this earth with them. So we have a couple of guinea pigs, revenants from another time with my youngest son and two pups.

All of these beings brings me great joy! A morning walk sets my day. Watching a movie with a pup in my lap is the best. A trip to see animals that I do not normally encounter, elephants, giraffes, naked mole rats is a joy. Basically, we share this earth with some beautiful and interesting creatures. They make our lives fuller and richer. Saint Francis was a man who left the comforts of home to pursue God. His journey brought him into encounters with animals. A google search will reveal stories with foxes and birds and any assortment of beings. In the season of creation, we celebrate the feast day of Francis. ... [Read More](#)

THIS SUNDAY

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

**Public Worship Service -
Join us this Sunday,
September 20, 2020 at **11:00 a.m.**
*for the first service with our new organ!***

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 **12:30 p.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.)

Online Sunday Worship at St Barnabas

HOLY EUCHARIST on YOUTUBE

**Sunday, September 20, 2020
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

The online service will include three hymns: an Opening Hymn: 404 - We Will Extol You, Ever Blessed Lord; an Offertory Hymn: 660 - O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee; 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 (on Sunday) 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>

Scripture Readings for This Sunday

Jonah 3:10-4:11 (*Blessing those who have cursed us*)
Psalms 145:1-8 (*The LORD is gracious and compassionate*)
Philippians 1:21-30 (*For to me, to live is Christ*)
Matthew 20:1-16 (*Parable of the workers in the vineyard*)



COFFEE & CONVERSATION

**This Sunday, September 20
at 12:30 p.m.**

Join Senior Warden Ed Rowles for **Coffee and Conversation** following the Sunday In-Person Eucharist. **Note that Coffee Hour now begins at 12:30, since our in-sanctuary worship service begins at 11:00 a.m. (until further notice).** 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 or 302-562-4580.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**Effective Immediately,
the church office will be open
from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Monday through Thursday, and
Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

E V E N T S

**"UNDER THE
OAKS"**



Listening Circle
Saturday, September 19th
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.

Being with Grief Group
Monday, September 28th
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

The next Being with Grief Support Group will meet on **Monday, Sept. 28th from 12:00-1:30 p.m.** “under the oaks!” We will continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays for as long as weather permits!

The journey of grief is painful and lonely. No one should travel this road alone. In this time of COVID-19, it is even more difficult to connect with others. Whether your loss was 3 months ago, 3 years ago or 3 decades ago, you are welcome to join this therapist-led group for understanding your personal grief, encouragement and support. Please bring your own lawn chair and wear a mask.

For more information contact:

Mary Van House 302-542-8878 or mvanhouse@hotmail.com

Online Bible Study
Tuesday, September 22nd at 11:00 a.m.

This week we look at chapter 25 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 contact the office at 302-



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
SAVE THE DATE!

Blessing of the Animals Service
Sunday, October 4th at 11:00 a.m.

We will celebrate the Blessing of the Animals service with our families. We will gather on the lawn of the church, weather permitting (or sanctuary, if necessary), with our beloved companions to celebrate life with all of God's creatures. All creatures are welcome: leads, crates or other ways of containing their energy is best. If you prefer, a photo or collar will also work. There will also be a time to remember and celebrate those companions who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge. **Please bring your own lawn chair.**

NOTICES



NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

My dear friends in Christ,

This week I have spent many hours at the church as our new organ is being voiced by Dan, our very nice and competent technician from Walker Organ Co.

What does voicing an advanced digital organ entail? In a way, it is a very sophisticated "fine tuning." The voicing is accomplished through a laptop computer connected to the organ's main computer that basically runs everything. Our new organ has approximately 50 ranks of digitized sound. Each rank simulates a complete set or specific sounding rank of pipes as if it was a pipe organ. This technology has advanced to the point where I am certain that most persons listening to the organ would be able to tell that it was not a pipe organ. It sounds magnificent!

The voicing entails listening to every note on the manuals for each of the 50 ranks! There are woodwind ranks, string ranks, brass ranks, and a few others that either duplicate or add notes to the above-mentioned ranks of pipes. As

Dan listens to each note, he makes fine tunings to the actual sound, any slight pitch variations, and the volume, all adjusted from the laptop. He also listens to various combinations of ranks sounding together to be sure all is well with those sounds.

In the church, you may now notice that the beautiful sounds of the organ come not only from the front of the church but also from the back. That is because there are now 8 speakers above the main entrance that is called an antiphonal organ. So, Dan also has been working on balancing the sound between the two groups of speakers. The result wonderfully fills the entire sanctuary with beautiful sound.

As I write this on Wednesday morning, we have one more day of work on Thursday to finish up a few voicings, make sure of a couple minor wiring issues, and fine tune speaker placement in the front chest. It has been a big job, and a hearty thanks to Dan from Walker for putting the final, beautiful touches on our new organ!

Stay safe, stay healthy, and sing a new and vibrant song to our gracious God!

Blessings,

Dr. Michael Larkin
Director of Music Ministry



***The new organ is
completely voiced and
ready for its Debut!***

***Dr Larkin will be playing the
Prelude and Postlude this
Sunday, September 20th,
11:00 a.m. at the Public
Worship Service!
Please Join Us!!***

O U T R E A C H

From Episcopal Relief & Development

Hurricane Laura slammed into the Gulf Coast last week, which was the same week that marked the 15-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. Episcopal Relief & Development is in constant communication with the impacted dioceses working to reach vulnerable populations devastated by the storm.

[Donate today](https://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief) to support these efforts.

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Community Church Outreach

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.

Episcopal Church Women of Delaware September, 2020 Newsletter

Proclaim!

What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light;
and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the rooftops.
Matthew 10:27

Proclaim! is the occasional newsletter of the ECW - Delaware. Send any news, suggestions, projects, etc. to gr8art@outlook.com for publication in a future edition. Names may be added to the mailing list in the same way. Please share the newsletter in your parish and beyond . This shortened newsletter will focus on three topics: the Annual Meeting on October 10, the outreach project for 2020, and the United Thank Offering - (UTO).

***No matter how we travel, we are on the same journey.
Walking With God***

**NOTE that the
October 3rd ECW-Delaware Meeting
has been Postponed!
Watch for new date soon!**

The Way Home - Outreach Target for 2020

This organization assists people who have been incarcerated make a successful re-entry into society. In the past, case workers would meet with the inmates while they were still in prison, establish a working relationship and begin the process

2. You can purchase the gift cards, Walmart and Wawa preferred, and send them yourself to:

The Way Home
P.O. Box 1103
Georgetown, DE 19947

of transition. With the COVID

Pandemic the case workers are no longer permitted to enter the prison to work with the inmates. Counseling in the prison is very limited. The Way Home staff is frustrated and stressed by the current situation. We can help!

1. The case workers have told us that they need gift cards to pass to the clients. The cards are used to purchase food and other necessities. We will purchase the gift cards and deliver them if you send your check to:

ECW-Delaware
3719 Philadelphia Pike
Claymont, DE 19703

Phone – 302-856-9870

3. Another item that the facility could use is tote bags. The clients often have no way to carry their clothes and toiletries, and many must carry their things in garbage bags. Any sturdy tote bag with handles will work. We often get these bags at conventions or as an advertisement. Even reusable heavy grocery tote bags will work. If you or your parish collect some of these bags, please contact The Way Home to arrange to deliver them.

The United Thank Offering (UTO)

The UTO is focusing this year's grants on recovery efforts for the pandemic. In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been very difficult to determine a way to hold our annual UTO campaigns and ingatherings. This article is, in part, from the ECW magazine Communique. Here are several options that you as an individual or your parish can follow. Remember that no matter how you choose to support the UTO, it is important that our diocese and your parish are identified in your check or written form if donating on line or by text. Remember, the UTO is a prayer and thankfulness charity. So stay safe, stay well and stay grateful!

Ways to give to the UTO:

1. Encourage your parishioners to send a check to your parish office. The office can then send the money to our ECW treasurer. If the office at your parish is not collecting for the

your personal check to our treasurer made out to: ECW Delaware. Be sure to indicate your Parish name and UTO on the memo line of the check, like this -

UTO-Ascension.

Mail it to:

Chrissie Lockwood,
3719 Philadelphia Pike
Claymont, DE 19703

2. Text to give: INGATHER41444

3. Give online at:

unitedthankoffering.org/give

4. Mail a check directly to UTO's bank. Make the check out to UTO. Put Ingathering, your parish name and Delaware on the memo line. It should look like this –
In-gathering- Ascension-Delaware

Mail the check to:

United Thank Offering
DFMS – Protestant Episcopal
Church
PO Box 958983

Intentional Love

*Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world.
All things break. And all things can be mended.
Not with time, as they say, but with intention.
So go. Love intentionally, extravagantly,
unconditionally.
The broken world waits in darkness for the light that
is you.
L.R.Knost*

MISCELLANEOUS

STOP! STOP FLUSHING YOUR OLD MEDICATIONS!

Safely dispose of unused, expired, or unwanted medications at collection sites across Delaware. Visit DelawareHealthyHomes.org.

Collections are accepted at all nearby Walgreens Pharmacies.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Below are listed Birthdays and Anniversaries for September. Please contact the church office of stbarnabasOffice@comcast.net to let us know if you're not listed or the date is incorrect.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 - Mano Fernando
2 - Debbie Fink
2 - Martha Precht
7 - Elizabeth Walsh
8 - Jerry Connell
13 - Terry Sloman
17 - Charles Griffin
17 - Joan Irwin
18 - Nancy Clapp
18 - Emilie Vitalo
19 - Alfreda Clinton
20 - Andres de Cos
21 - Paul Venti
22 - Victoria de Cos
24 - Carol Broadabent
30 - Catherine Scarborough
30 - Ryanne Jackson

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

8 - Greg & Penny Taylor
15 - Doug & Sarah Jane Page
17 - Andres de Cos & Claudia Rodriguez
17 - Kirk & Celeste Witting
17 - Dick & Jackie Leaning
24 - Alan & Joan Irwin
27 - John & Sharon Warrington

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, Bruce Clinton, Sr. Rosie, Lilly Walker,
Thomas Boyle, David Jefferson, Maria LaValle, Peggy Bachman,
Fran O'Sullivan and Family, Barbara Connell.

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.

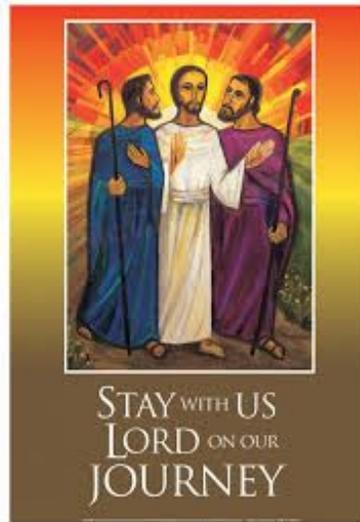
May God walk with them every step of their day and guide them. Open their
hearts to see you at work in the world around them, including especially Leslie,
Lydia, Kathi, Stephen, Mike, Ali, Caroline and Magdy.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN DELAWARE

MORNING PSALM AND PRAYERS

To view the Summer 2020 issue of *Delaware Communion Magazine* and the
September 16, 2020 issue of *The NET*, please click on the links below:

[DELAWARE COMMUNION](#)



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
