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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 RESOURCE PRIEST, THE REV. SARAH NELSON

A Firm Foundation

I have a small wooden cross that fits right into my hand. The wood is sanded so smoothly that it feels almost soft in my hands. The horizontal prongs of the cross are slightly curved so that it sits perfectly in my grip. It is a simple wooden cross with no embellishment. When I am still in prayer, the cross is my companion. It is a firm, tangible, tactile reminder not only of prayer but of my being upheld and supported in my prayer. Sometimes we need that: something firm to lean against, something solid to hold on to.

Years ago when I was teaching elementary-age children, afternoons were tough for the younger ones. No matter how exciting I tried to make the lesson, no matter how hard the children tried, the afternoons were tough. One of my favorite memories is of a young boy who was so smart and so eager to learn that after lunch, he would sit next to me eager for the lesson. Somewhere mid-way through the lesson, I would feel this warm weight at my side. As I turned to look, I saw this sweet young boy fast asleep leaning on my side. The child's full, warm weight was fast against me. When he awoke a bit later, the child would sleepily say, "I slept so well knowing that you were there." [Read More](#)

THIS SUNDAY

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Public Worship Service -
Join us this Sunday,
September 27, 2020 at **11:00 a.m.****

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 27, 2020
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

The online service will include three hymns: an Opening Hymn: 686 - Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing; an Offertory Hymn: 439 - What Wondrous Love Is This; and a Closing Hymn: 339 - Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness, 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

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalm 25:1-8

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32



COFFEE & CONVERSATION

**This Sunday, September 27
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.**

EVENTS

**FUNERAL OF
MARGARET E. YORK
August 12, 1922 - September 20, 2020**

Margaret's funeral arrangements are as follows:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

**St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church
2800 Duncan Road
Wilmington, DE 19808**

Visitation Only - 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Will be held outside in front of the church's main entrance

Service - 11:00 a.m.

Will be held in the Sanctuary

***Wearing Face Masks will be required;
additionally, please practice Social Distancing
by maintaining at least 6 feet apart. Thank You.***

Scouts BSA Troop 1923 Update

After months of troop meetings via Zoom, the members of Scouts BSA Troop 1923 were happy to resume carefully planned outdoor, socially distant, well-masked meetings on the church grounds in early June. The girls were even able to plan some local hiking and camping trips this summer while they worked on the Backpacking, Cooking, and Camping merit badges (among others). It's hard to get within 6 feet each other while wearing a 25-pound backpack! As the weather changes and the daylight wanes, the troop will continue to meet outdoors by changing the meeting time to Sunday afternoons at 2pm.

Members of St Barnabas are invited to attend our first Court of Honor in a year, at which we will celebrate the accomplishments of Scouts and adult leaders, alike. **It will be this Sunday, September 27, at 2pm outside under the oak trees. Please bring a chair and a mask if you plan to attend.**(Rain site: Sanford School under the big tents in the Sports Center lot.) As always, we are grateful for your enthusiastic support.

Catherine Kaser,
Troop 1923 Advancement Chair

**"UNDER THE
OAKS"**



Listening Circle
Saturday, September 26th
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 29th at 11:00 a.m.

This week we look at chapter 26 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,

What a pleasure it was to play our new Cornell-Zimmer organ for the first time in a worship service this past Sunday! I played the postlude, prelude, offertory and communion music on the two-manual, 50-rank organ. We did not have too many people there for worship, but those who were there were most appreciative. Our Resource Priest, Rev. Sarah Nelson, officially blessed the organ, setting it aside for God's service at St. Barnabas for many years. Hopefully, it will not be too long before congregation and choir can sing along with our magnificent new instrument. We are in the process of scheduling several dedicatory organ recitals, hopefully in the spring and summer 2021.

Just a few gentle reminders:

(1) If your are continuing to watch our YouTube services each week, and you wish to sing along with the hymns but do not have a hymnal at home, please remember that if you wish to borrow one until we totally rejoin in person, all you

need to do is stop by the church office and sign a hymnal out. Hymnals are in the foyer of the church office. The office is open Monday through Thursday, 9am – 2pm and Friday, 9am – 1pm.

(2) If you would like to hear and sing along with a particular hymn, please email me (mlarksing@aol.com) or give me a call (302-475-5658). I will do my absolute best to work it into worship reasonably soon.

(3) A big thank you to Lisa Bowe. Each week, Lisa has been leading the hymns for our YouTube recording. In addition, she has joined me several times for piano/flute preludes or postludes. She has also been reading the New Testament lesson each week.

(4) If you would happen to be in the church sanctuary for any reason, please make certain not to touch either the organ or piano. In addition, nothing is ever to be placed on top of the new organ console.

(5) And finally, I would like to express my heart-felt thanks to the congregation for all the effort and financial support for the purchase and installation of the new organ. You get that you pay for, and we got the best from Cornell-Zimmer, who built our beautiful console, and from Walker Organ Co., who developed, installed and voiced the awesome sound generation. It truly is a magnificent instrument to help praise our gracious and loving God!

Stay safe, stay healthy and continue to sing a new song to the Lord!!

Blessings,

Dr. Michael Larkin
Director of Music Ministry



An Impromptu Interview with Dr. Michael Larkin - New Cornell-Zimmer Organ

Dear friends,

The following is an interview with Dr. Michael Larkin about the new Cornell-Zimmer organ. Unfortunately, at the time of the interview, the videographer did not know the name of the company that built the new organ console, so please substitute the words **Cornell-Zimmer** where the series of ??????? appears on the screen. We apologize for the problem.

Throughout the video there are several musical interludes where Dr. Larkin demonstrates the organ's capabilities. Be sure to play the video in its entirety to get the full appreciation of the organ's sound quality!

[INTERVIEW](#)
[DR. MICHAEL LARKIN](#)

OUTREACH

Friendship House A Way Home

Uniting people facing homelessness with loving,
supportive communities they can call home.

Please join us!
2020 Virtual Annual Party

Tickets on sale now! (see link below)

Please consider a 'pick your price' ticket to our Annual Party to help find a way home for those experiencing homelessness in New Castle County; especially those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

To keep us all safe, the 2020 Annual Cocktail Party will be a virtual ingathering on **October 1st at 6:30PM.**

Thank you for your loving support!
Questions? Call (302) 652-8133

[Purchase your ticket here!](#)

Friendship House Inc. | PO BOX 1517, Wilmington, DE 19899
302-652-8133 | info@friendshipousede.org | www.friendshipousede.org

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**

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

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

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Edward Waterland
1 - Kristen Spendio
4 - George McDowell

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

7 - Barbara & Jerry Connell
10 - Scott & Stacey Gracie

5 - Zachary Conte
7 - Joshua Daly
8 - Stephen Kingsberry
9 - Terry Flanagan
10 - Louisa Gonsecki
11 - Cameron Francis
12 - Brian Engler
14 - Richard Leaning
15 - Eleanor Bryant
16 - Doug Page
16 - Jeff Booth
17 - Muriel deBussy
19 - Dan Vitalo
23 - Leta Hutchison
26 - Mary Leslie Tise

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,
Barbara & Jerry Connell, and Lydia York.

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

Those who have died, especially Margaret York.

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

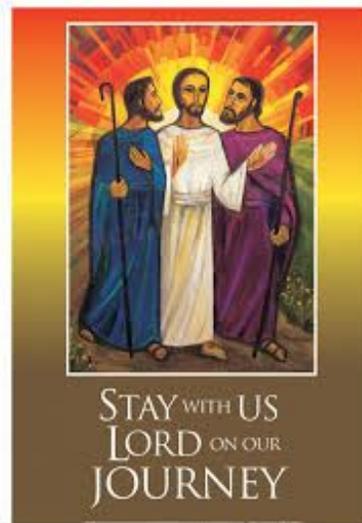
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VESTRY MEMBERS

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
