



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.*

## **CORRECTION TO** **Your Weekly e-News - October 16, 2020**

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**Apologies to all who attempted to "Read More" of Rev. Sarah's meditation this morning but received an Error message instead!**

**PLEASE TRY THE LINK AGAIN IN THE BLOCK BELOW!**

**IT HAS BEEN CORRECTED!**

**So sorry for the inconvenience!**



**LIFE IN CHRIST - REFLECTIONS FROM OUR RESOURCE PRIEST, THE REV. SARAH NELSON**

### ***The Apple of God's Eye***

One of my favorite prayers in our Book of Common Prayer comes from the service of Compline, that beautiful worship which ends our day. The words that come to me are from the prayer, "Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye." I simply love those words and the sentiment behind that expression.

First, the prayer begins affirming that you and I are already the apple of God's eye. The prayer is to be kept in that place of such favor. The prayer is to hold fast to being God's own. What follows is that wonderfully human expression of delight and pride and, most importantly, love that God has in and for each of us. We are the apple of God's eye.

I am awed and amazed when I even begin to ponder that the God who created all that is, the God of ultimate knowing, the God of ultimate strength and power – that same God holds me, little old me, as the apple of God's eye. So vast is our God, yet, at the same time, our God is so intimate, so close, so personal. That is astounding. ... [Read More](#) <<==(This is the corrected link!)

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## THIS SUNDAY

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### TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Public Worship Service -  
Join us this Sunday,  
October 18, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.**

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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 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.)

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## Online Sunday Worship at St Barnabas

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## HOLY EUCHARIST on YOUTUBE

**Sunday, October 18, 2020**  
**The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

The online service will include three hymns: an Opening Hymn: 372 - Praise to the Living God!; an Offertory Hymn: 683 - O For a Closer Walk with God; and a Closing Hymn: 596 - Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor, 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>

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### Scripture Readings for This Sunday

Isaiah 45:1-7  
Psalm 96:1-13  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22:15-22

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### COFFEE & CONVERSATION

This Sunday, October 18  
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](mailto:erowles@comcast.net) or 302-562-4580.

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### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday  
from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
and  
Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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## **"UNDER THE OAKS"**



**Listening Circle  
Saturday, October 17th  
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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**Being with Grief Group  
Monday, October 26th  
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.**

The next Being with Grief Support Group will meet on **Monday, October 26 from 12:00-1:30 p.m.** "under the oaks!" We will not meet if it is raining. 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](mailto:mvanhouse@hotmail.com)

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## Online Bible Study Tuesday, October 20th at 11:00 a.m.

This week we look at chapter 28 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 302-994-6607 or [stbarnabas0ffice@comcast.net](mailto:stbarnabas0ffice@comcast.net).

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## NOTICES

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### Scouts BSA Troop 1923 Update

The girls of Scouts BSA Troop 1923 were pleased to hold its first Court of Honor in a year outdoors at the end of September. Seventeen Scouts received recognition for their hard work on rank advancement, merit badges, and other awards. Several adult leaders were honored, as well, for achievements in training, longevity, and delivering Scouting to the best of their ability. Thanks to parishioners and all who joined us under the oaks!

Since then, the troop has welcomed two new Scouts and began spreading mulch on the church grounds to prepare beds for winter.

The troop is also conducting a fundraiser to support their year-round camping activities. If you would like to help by purchasing popcorn, please [use this link](#) to view all the delicious choices. (You'll choose to support Scout Margaret L, which equates to benefitting the troop as a whole.) Thank you for considering a purchase!



### NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

My dear friends in Christ,

I hope that you have been enjoying the magnificent sounds of our new Zimmer/Walker organ either in person on Sundays or through our YouTube service recordings. It truly is a wonderful musical instrument that I am having a great time getting to know. Over the next few weeks, I will be recording for YouTube and newsletter by playing 3 or 4 short programs that will demonstrate some of the organ's capabilities. The first program will include 4 folk songs and spirituals that show

off some of the solo stops on the organ.

I wanted to give all of you a gentle reminder about a delightful, musical and spiritual way to begin your Sunday mornings. For 90 years, the longest continual program on radio or television, "Music and the Spoken Word," has been presented by the Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square (formerly known as the Mormon Tabernacle Choir). It is shown on Sunday mornings at 8:30 (well before church) on the BYU channel, which is available on most cable companies. On DIRECTV, it is channel 374. The music is breathtakingly beautiful, the video that often accompanies the music also is glorious and each program includes a brief, inspiring meditation by one of their elders, Lloyd Newell. This is how Eileen and I always begin our Sundays. It is a wonderful way to prepare for worship, in person or by recording. I cannot recommend this program highly enough.

Speaking of the Tabernacle Choir, I invite you to click on or copy the link below to hear the most amazing rendition of "Amazing Grace" that you will ever hear as arranged by the Choir's music director, Dr. Mack Wilberg. Also notice the beautiful videography.

<https://youtu.be/C2arm5ydeJc?list=PLIHXK-LVHp4r120oepvax8KbERaBcNXvl>

I continue to pray that each of you will stay safe and healthy and will always sing a joyful song to the Lord.

Blessings,

Dr. Michael Larkin  
Director of Music Ministry

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## **PASTORAL CARE TEAM IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!**

During these rather troublesome times due to COVID-19, the Pastoral Care team would like to stay in touch with our parishioners, especially those who are going through particularly harder times than usual. One way to show we still care and have not forgotten them is to deliver a small token to our friends of homemade food item(s). We are looking for volunteers to make or bake: a loaf of bread (any kind) or a baked dish in a small aluminum loaf pan, etc.

If you would like to volunteer in this wonderful ministry, please contact Sister Cassandra at 302-331-5688 or [zaclight742@gmail.com](mailto:zaclight742@gmail.com). Thank you.

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## **O U T R E A C H**

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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.

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### ***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*

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## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Below are listed Birthdays and Anniversaries for October. 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.

### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

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

### **OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

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

China recorded the first known coronavirus death in January, 2020. Since then, over one million people have died. This prayer is from the Church of England website.

### **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, Bruce Clinton, Sr. Rosie, Lilly Walker, Thomas Boyle, David Jefferson, Maria LaValle, Peggy Bachman, Barbara & Jerry Connell, Lydia York, Ed, Charles Griffin & Family, Ed & Renee Waterland & Family, Valerie Jackson, Ryanne Jackson, and Giorgio.

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

Those who have died, especially Lynda Griffin, Ken Thompson and Bobbie Waterland.

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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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***VOTE FAITHFULLY***

## **A Message from Bishop Brown: Vote Faithfully**

Beloved in Christ,

No doubt about it, 2020 will go down as one of the most complex, emotional, and historic years in our nation's history. Even without a major election, we all would agree that 2020 has been breathtaking, momentous, and often shocking — add in the reality of the election, and it's no wonder folks have trouble concentrating during the day or sleeping at night.

In this chaotic moment, it seems the partisan nature of our politics can't get any more combative. Many people feel they cannot talk with a neighbor or family member about politics because the conversation will just become an argument, and the argument will just become a battle... [Continue Reading](#)

Click Link Below for

## **Election Season Resources**

*"It is a Christian obligation to vote, and more than that, it is the church's responsibility to help get souls to the polls."*

-- Presiding Bishop  
Michael B. Curry

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## **VOTE FAITHFULLY ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE** *praying together for our country and our election*

**Sunday, November 1st at 6:45 p.m.**

**[CLICK HERE](#) for more details and to join the Webinar!**

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## **CHANGES TO ANNUAL CONVENTION**

**See bishop's message below, followed by detailed changes, to include registration procedures.**

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP 236th Annual Convention**

We are returning the convention schedule back to 'Plan A.' That is, we will host a single-day event on Saturday, November 21, as originally envisioned back in January, long before the pandemic hit.

I am thankful for so many folks who were helping plan the expanded three-day schedule. Back in June, we hoped we could generate an energetic, unifying, spirited online experience that would showcase the resilience of this remarkable diocese and spark renewed excitement for 2021 — all the while trimming the total hours we would all spend online... [Read More](#)

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## **COVID-19 Update: Bishop Brown's Response #16 *Coronavirus and Safety***

Hello beloved of God across the Episcopal Church in Delaware,

Just this past week we passed a sad milestone: over one million people are known to have died worldwide from the novel coronavirus. In all likelihood, there have been many more lives lost to this deadly disease than we know. Let us pause and pray for the souls of our sisters and brothers across the world who are gone. Let us again remember the agony of surviving family and friends, the resolve of steadfast nurses and doctors, and the gratitude for those who lived through COVID-19. Read full response [here](#).

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### **MORNING PSALM AND PRAYERS**

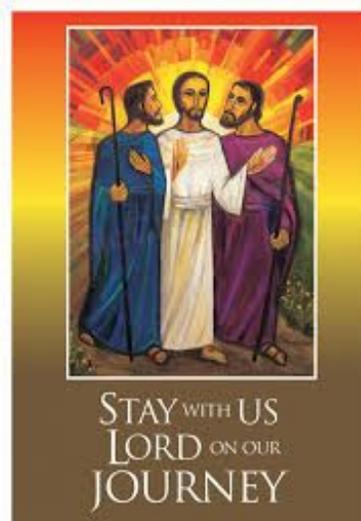
To view the Fall 2020 issue of *Delaware Communion Magazine* and the October 14th issue of *The NET*, please click on the links below:

#### **[DELAWARE COMMUNION](#)**

Fall 2020 issue

#### **[The NET](#)**

October 14, 2020 issue



## 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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