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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

Be Still

There was a book written at a time that certainly dates me, later made into a movie. The book was entitled "Ordinary People." In the opening of that book, the main character muses that everyone needs a reason to get up in the morning, everyone needs a short sentence, committed to memory, that provides a guiding principle for the living of life. The character says something like a bumper sticker: short, to the point and a principle which sets our days. Most of us indeed do have such words. Sometimes they change, sometimes they remain constant, sometimes they take the form of prayer, sometimes they take the form of grumbling beneath our breath. But in whatever form, we have those guiding words. ...

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THIS SUNDAY

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

Join us this Sunday,
October 4, 2020 at **11:00 a.m.**

at the Blessing of the Animals service (see below for more details)

**Wearing Face Masks and practicing
Social Distancing will be required.**

Outside Service, weather permitting. Please bring your own lawn chair. No Live Streaming this week, but click on our YouTube link below on Sunday morning for our usual online Sunday service, which will be available at 7:00 a.m.



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

This Sunday, we will celebrate the Blessing of the Animals with our families during the Public Worship service. We will gather outside on the lawn of the church, weather permitting (or in the 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.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Whether we are indoors in the Sanctuary or outside in front of the main entrance (as in this Sunday's Blessing of the Animals service), 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.)

Online Sunday Worship at St Barnabas

HOLY EUCHARIST on YOUTUBE

Sunday, October 4, 2020
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The online service will include three hymns: an Opening Hymn: 405 - All Things Bright and Beautiful; an Offertory Hymn: 398 - I Sing the Almighty Power of God; and a Closing Hymn: 400 - All Creatures of Our God and King, 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 at the Blessing of the Animals Service

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 148:7-14
John 3:16

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

This Sunday, October 4
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

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.

E V E N T S & M E E T I N G S

"UNDER THE OAKS"



Listening Circle
Saturday, October 3rd
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
2nd & 4th Mondays,
October 12th and 26th
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

The next Being with Grief Support Group will meet on **Monday, Oct. 12th 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, October 6th at 11:00 a.m.

This week we look at chapter 27 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.

BAZAAR 2020

**Join us on Wednesday, October 7th
at 7:00 p.m. for a "virtual" discussion
about this year's Christmas Bazaar.**

The meeting will be via Zoom and a link will be
emailed to anyone wishing to participate.

So.....if you're interested in joining us,
or if you're interested but can't attend on Wednesday,
or if you have any questions, please
**contact Joanne Figliola at
302-743-9858 or j.figliola@verizon.net**

NOTICES



NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

My dear friends in Christ,

On the first Sunday in October, many churches, including St. Barnabas, step out of the Lectionary and celebrate what is called The Feast of St. Francis. This Sunday (October 4th), we will bless our beloved pets and Sarah has graciously allowed me to preach this week on both Thursday and Sunday. I look forward to sharing some reflections regarding St. Francis, the beauty of creation, our responsibility to care for it, and the importance and joy regarding our pets.

I thought you would like to know just a bit about St. Francis of Assisi. Born in 1182 in the town of Assisi, St. Francis was an Italian Catholic friar, deacon, philosopher, mystic, and preacher, and is one of the most esteemed religious figures in Christian history. Interestingly, he was born into a wealthy family and led an early life of adventure, travel, lavish spending, and as a soldier who spent a year as a prisoner of war. As the story goes, one morning in February 1208, he was hearing Mass, and the Gospel of the day was the "Commissioning of the Twelve" from the Book of Matthew. Apparently, Francis was suddenly inspired to forsake his former life and devote himself to a life of poverty. He obtained a coarse woolen tunic worn by the poorest peasants, tied it around himself with a knotted rope, and traversed the countryside exhorting people to live a life of penance, brotherly love and peace. He soon attracted 11 followers, or friars, who lived a simple life in a deserted hut near Assisi; however, they spent much of their time wandering through the countryside and abroad with their well-received message.

In 1209 he composed a simple set of rules for his increasing number of followers ("friars"), the *Regula primitiva* or "Primitive Rule," and the Franciscan monastic order was founded. To this day Franciscan communities still adhere to the same "Primitive Rule." Most importantly for our purposes this week, he apparently developed a special relationship with animals becoming their patron saint. He also had a special interest in the natural environment. He died on October 3, 1226 and he was canonized by Pope Gregory IX in July, 1228.

Commemorating his life each fall reminds us that in the book of Genesis, God considered his creation to be not just good, but **very good**, and that humankind is to manage and care for it. That, of course, includes all animals and our dear pets, and we take time in this service to not only bless our pets, but to thank our Creator for their presence in our lives.

I invite you to click on or copy the link below and immerse yourselves in a magnificent performance of the hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King" by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra, conducted by Dr. Mack Wilberg. This hymn is often associated with St. Francis.

<https://youtu.be/E5wDbgHP4-A>

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](#)

O U T R E A C H

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

PLEASE NOTE that the
ECW-Delaware Meeting
scheduled for this Saturday, October 3rd
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*

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
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

One Million Lives Lost

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.

**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.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN DELAWARE

**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. While I love this ambitious swing-for-the-fences attitude, the reality is that the added cost and complexity required to produce that kind of online event are not minor, and frankly the number of hours that the attendees would be online was growing, not shrinking.

Thus the secretary of convention and I have decided to return to the original plan: a joyful and energetic convention done simply. The convention will be open for anyone, all across the world, who wants to stream the event. We will still talk about racial justice, about the impacts of pandemic, and about our non-stop call to evangelism. We will still celebrate the Eucharist for the entire diocese to join. In short, we will still praise the loving name of Jesus Christ and give thanks for this Episcopal Church in Delaware which He has assembled to work and pray in His name.

So keep Saturday, November 21 on your calendars. And never stop swinging for the fences, especially in Christ's name! This change to convention doesn't for a second mean we shouldn't dream big. Quite the opposite. I wonder if it just might mean we are called, at convention and beyond, to dream even bigger still.

In Christ,
+Kevin

BUSINESS SESSION AND HOLY EUCHARIST:

- Call to Order: 9:00 a.m.
- Holy Eucharist (to include bishop's address): 2:00 p.m.
- To join business sessions and/or Holy Eucharist go to: <https://delaware.church/236th-annual-convention/> and click on corresponding image.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- **Viewers Only:** If you are planning to 'view' convention only there is no registration process — just click [here](#) to join us. All are welcome.
- **If you have vote, voice, or speaking role:** The convention staff will handle your registration for convention and you will receive necessary details to join business sessions, allowing you to vote and speak. More detailed information will be sent via the *Convention eNews* next week (week of October 5).

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](#).

MORNING PSALM AND PRAYERS

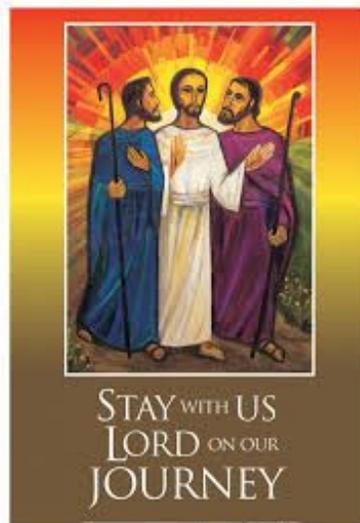
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VESTRY MEMBERS

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
