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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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SUPER SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

On behalf of the Search Team and Vestry, we are pleased to announce the calling of a new rector for St. Barnabas. The Reverend Kenneth Katona has accepted the Letter of Agreement.

Father Kenn graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary. He has spent the past five years serving as priest in charge in Arizona and currently at St. Clement's in Rancho Cordova, California.

Fun fact: Father Kenn proposed to his wife, Theresa, on the sands of Rehoboth Beach. They have a 20-month old son named Leo.

We want to thank the congregation for your valuable input from the survey and focus groups plus your prayers and patience.

More information will be coming as Father Kenn and his family make preparations to move cross-country. Tentative start date will be January 2021 with a definite date to be shared as we know.

Blessings and peace,

Ed Rowles, Senior Warden
Joanne Figliola, Junior Warden

Search Team: Beth Engler and John Grim, co-chairs
Betsy Flanagan, Libby Green, Bob Jefferson, Jordyn Kramer, Claudia Rodriguez, Chris Slocomb, Jay Strong, Mary Van House, Leslie Walker

And now.....more from Fr Kenn:

Born into a Roman Catholic family in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, The Rev. Kenn Katona did not initially like attending church. At one point in his journey, he even made a deal with his parents that



if he got confirmed, he could stop going to church. Fr. Kenn didn't darken the doors of a church again until he was 19 years old. He had asked a girl out on a date and though she said yes, there was one condition. He would have to go to church with her first. This was Fr. Kenn's first time attending an Episcopal church; and though things didn't work out with the girl, the church would remain a permanent fixture in his life from that point forward.

Fr. Kenn says that, "The liturgy was familiar, so I was comfortable with that, but the church just had an excitement and this feeling of being alive that I had never experienced before." Fr. Kenn decided to check things out further, eventually finding community and purpose within The Episcopal Church. A year later, he joined an ecumenical Christian missions organization which took him to Texas and Louisiana where he participated in short-term missions work in several towns and cities. Additionally, as a missionary, Fr. Kenn also spent two months in Mongolia volunteering in orphanages, working in soup kitchens, and working with music and drama teams at a local church. During his time in Mongolia, Fr. Kenn braved temperatures of negative 50 degrees and lived in a yurt which was a mile and a half up a snowy mountain where there was no running water. For this reason he is confident that he and his family will handle the winters in Delaware without a hitch.

Fr. Kenn is a graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS), where he developed a love of church history, especially the history of the communities that produced the four gospels. He has been called a sparkplug for the church and hopes to energize, and communicate an exciting new perspective of what it means to build the kingdom of God in the 21st century.



**Please welcome
Fr Kenn, Theresa,
& Leo Katona to our
St Barnabas community!**

Click on the link below for Fr Kenn's introductory video.....

[A Video from Fr Kenn Katona](#)

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



On Christ, the Solid Rock, I Stand

“On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand” – so begins the refrain of that hymn that is so part of our being. “On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand. All other ground is sinking sand.” When I was in Seminary, that hymn was a regular part of our chapel services. A fond memory is being in the chapel and a group of men gathered, singing those words of our faith in rich baritone and bass voices. Somehow those full voices singing did indeed create a firm foundation not only for our gathered community but also for me in the living of those days. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand.

I find myself in these waning days, before our national and local elections, surrounded by an uncomfortable anxiety. What will happen? Will the results be accepted? How will the winners respond? How will those who come in second react? Where is our nation headed? Those are a few of the things that float about in my head. Sometimes those thoughts can be scary. Sometimes those thoughts cause me to feel powerless. Sometimes I would simply like to be an ostrich and put my head in the sand until things become settled sometime in the future. ... [Read More](#)

Christmas
Bazaar

2020

SURPRISE!

We **WILL** have a bazaar in December --
December 12, 2020 with a few modifications.
Slip a smile under your mask and prepare your appetite!



St Barnabas' cooks are preparing to assemble...

chili soup cookies

for you and your family to enjoy on those cold, busy nights in December. Food

will be prepared with care and good taste; proper precautions will prevent COVID contamination. All cookies will be nut-free and already boxed to avoid germs.

Paperwhites will also be sold, and it is possible that there will be a fifty-fifty raffle.

Remember that all monies raised will be, as always, distributed among our outreach charities. We will gladly and gratefully take donations; we've had a difficult year and so have our friends in need. Anything you can add to our fundraiser will be truly appreciated.

Look for a special order form that will be available to you next week.

Please fill it out and send it to us as soon as possible, because quantities are limited. **Feel free** to donate to our ministries with or without a purchase. And yes, it is acceptable to regret this year's loss of the craft tables, of the books and furniture and those amazing finds in the white elephant sale, the beautiful and unique jewelry finds, of the lunch, and the smiling faces of fellow parishioners who are always ready with a hug and a kind word -- but remember, we'll have it all next year! This year, we will celebrate by enjoying a warm dinner, homemade cookies, beautiful paperwhites, and ensuring that our outreach ministries can continue their good work.



THIS SUNDAY

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Public Worship Service -
Join us this Sunday,
October 25, 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 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 25, 2020

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

The online service will include three hymns: an Opening Hymn: 517 -How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place; an Offertory Hymn: 602 - Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love; and a Closing Hymn: 680 - O God, Our Help in Ages Past, played by Dr. Michael Larkin, aided by Lisa Bowe, with lessons read by Lisa, and the Prayers of the People led by Ed Rowles. 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

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Psalm 1



COFFEE & CONVERSATION

This Sunday, October 25
at 12:30 p.m.

Join Senior Warden Ed Rowles for **Coffee and Conversation** following this Sunda'sy In-Person 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 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.

EVENTS & MEETINGS

"UNDER THE OAKS"



Listening Circle
Saturday, October 24th
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, October 26th
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.18**

The next Being with Grief Support Group will meet this **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



**Online Bible Study
Tuesday, October 27th 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 stbarnabasOffice@comcast.net.

**All Saints' Celebration
Sunday, November 1st**

We celebrate the **Feast of All Saints** on Sunday, November 1st. You are invited to submit names of departed family member(s) and friends to be listed in the bulletin and included in the prayers. They need not have been members of the parish. Please call the church office or email them to stbarnabasOffice@comcast.net by October 29th.

NOTICES

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR



My dear friends in Christ,

Did you know that the words music, musician, melody, dance, and references to musical instruments, including the words sing or singing occur over 700 times in the Bible? Wow! I think that is pretty amazing!

As is true today, music was an integral part of daily life.

Throughout the Bible, especially in the Old Testament, many purposes for music are mentioned. As also is true today, at St. Barnabas, music is an important part of Old and New Testament worship. The first mention of music in the Bible is in Genesis 4:21, "His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe."

David established a rather elaborate, detailed musical tradition in temple worship (1 Chronicles 25) and in the New Testament, we find several fragments of hymns and spiritual songs that probably were sung unaccompanied (Colossians 3:16). Do not forget that on the night of the Last Supper, Jesus and the disciples went out and sang a hymn (Matthew 26:30). In the book of Revelation, we are told that the trumpet will announce the end of time! (Revelation 18:22)

There are songs of victory (Miriam sang and danced after the crossing of the Red Sea), songs of mourning (Psalm 137:1 - By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept), and Kings and other leaders were acclaimed with songs and fanfares. Music was an important part of celebrations, such as when David brought the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem (2 Samuel 6) where singing, instruments and dancing abound. The first Christmas was announced to the shepherds by the angels with song (Luke 2:13-14). The book of Psalms is often the Bible's hymnbook because they were undoubtedly intended to be sung both in and outside of worship. Although undocumented, there most certainly would have been sacred and secular songs and instrumental music for family gatherings and weddings, festival celebrations, traveling, or just sitting around the fire!

There are almost 30 different musical instruments mentioned in the Bible. Some were newly designed by Jewish musicians, but many were borrowed or adapted from the musical traditions of especially ancient Egypt and Babylon. Among the instruments mentioned are the shofar, (a ram's horn), cymbals, bells, drums, shakers, rattles, trumpets, aulos (early oboe-like instrument), lyre, harp, flute (wooden), dulcimer, tambourine, among others.

Some things never change! Whether today or thousands of years ago in ancient Israel, music is an important part of everyday life and worship.

For a beautiful change of pace, I invite you click on or copy on the following link. It is a recording of the African American spiritual "Elijah Rock" as arranged by Moses Hogan and sung by the Moses Hogan Chorale. Moses Hogan was a gifted composer and conductor who unfortunately died in his early 40s of a brain tumor. His music continues to sing on around the world!

<https://youtu.be/gLR31UyuFP0>

Blessings,



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!

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. Thank you.

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FAMILY PROMISE NEWS:

I haven't had the opportunity to preview this, but it's a long anticipated newly-developed training from Family Promise. It will help us understand a little more about what some of our families have been through.

We have many passionate volunteers at St. Barnabas. I think we can each

gain something from this training, whether it helps with Family Promise or in our daily lives. See the following from Andrea Cox at Family Promise:

Special Events:

- **Trauma Informed Care Training.** What is Trauma Informed Care? Join me for a zoom presentation to find out more about it, and how being trauma informed will help you help our families! This is a free information session for all volunteers. **Tuesday, October 27th at 10:00 am.** or **Wednesday October 28th, at 7:00 pm.**

Trauma Informed Care for Volunteers

Oct 27, 2020 10:00 AM Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/91907913911?](https://zoom.us/j/91907913911?pwd=aE1oVFEzei94UytYNzV4TjVCRkk4QT09)

[pwd=aE1oVFEzei94UytYNzV4TjVCRkk4QT09](https://zoom.us/j/91907913911?pwd=aE1oVFEzei94UytYNzV4TjVCRkk4QT09)

OR

Trauma Informed Care for Volunteers

Oct 28, 2020 07:00 PM Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/93832360845?](https://zoom.us/j/93832360845?pwd=RSs3SGE2eUloZHdXUIRvOVRhSHJWUT09)

[pwd=RSs3SGE2eUloZHdXUIRvOVRhSHJWUT09](https://zoom.us/j/93832360845?pwd=RSs3SGE2eUloZHdXUIRvOVRhSHJWUT09)

Cindy Richards

302-690-0751

Community Church Outreach

St. John's Parish Outreach is holding a Fundraiser to benefit their *Community Church Outreach*.

**It will be held at
Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant
147 E. Main Street, Newark, DE 19711**

**DINE IN OR TAKE OUT
ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020 All Day**

Redeem only at Iron Hill Brewery in Newark.

For More Details, click on the FLYER link button below.

Thank you for your support.

FLYER

Should you have any questions, please contact Amy Quillen, [302-533-5768](tel:302-533-5768).

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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.

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*

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, Ed, Charles Griffin & Family, Ed & Renee Waterland & Family, Valerie Jackson, RYanne Jackson, Giorgio, Andre & Priscilla, David, Leslie, and Gehana.

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

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

Click Link Below for

**[Election Season
Resources](#)**

brehtaking, 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](#)

"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

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!

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](#)

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

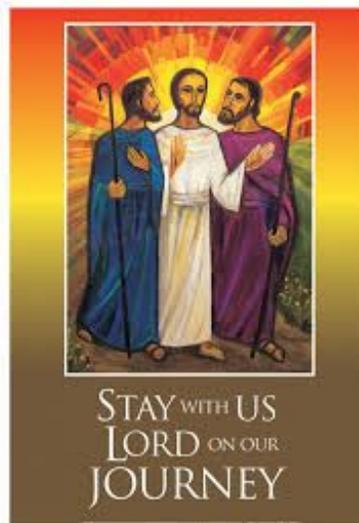
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Fall 2020 issue

[The NET](#)

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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
