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

I Do Not Like Coconut!

I do not like coconut. I never have. I do not believe that I ever will. When my younger brother was born, my mother's friends took turns entertaining me. At five I saw the Mona Lisa three times. What I remember are very long lines, a tiny painting and being taken to Gifford's ice cream parlor. One of my mother's friends asked what flavor of ice cream I would like. Obviously, chocolate! A few moments later I was presented with what looked like a chocolate ice cream cone. I was delighted. Well, I was delighted until I tasted the cone and discovered that hidden inside that luscious chocolate was, yes, you guessed it, coconut. Attempting to be a well-behaved and compliant child, I quietly sat in my seat licking the cone. When I got a piece of dreaded coconut, I licked my hand to remove the coconut and then wiped my hand on the ceiling of the car. It seemed like a good strategy to me: enjoy the chocolate and get rid of the coconut. All was good, well, until my mother's friend turned around and saw a patch of sticky brown ice cream on the roof over my seat in the back of her car. ... [Read More](#)

THIS SUNDAY

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Public Worship Service -
Join us this Sunday,
October 11, 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 11, 2020
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The online service will include three hymns: an Opening Hymn: 7 - Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies; an Offertory Hymn: 645 - The King of Love My Shepherd Is; and a Closing Hymn: 345 - Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise, 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

Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14



COFFEE & CONVERSATION

**This Sunday, October 11
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.**

EVENTS & MEETINGS

**"UNDER THE
OAKS"**



Listening Circle
Saturday, October 10th
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 12th
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 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 13th 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.

**Pastoral Care Team Meeting
via Zoom
Thursday, October 15th at 7:00 p.m.**

Leslie Walker will be emailing the Zoom link to the members of the PC Team on the day of the meeting.

NOTICES

Funeral arrangements for Lynda Griffin are as follows:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020

Doherty Funeral Home
3200 Limestone Road
Wilmington, DE 19808

Visitation at Doherty: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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

Service will be private.

Condolences may be mailed to:

Charles Griffin and Family
56 Hailey's Trail
Newark, DE 19711

Funeral arrangements for Bobbie Waterland are as follows:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020

There will be a Visitation from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.; however, service will be private. More details will be forthcoming.

**Edward & Renee Waterland
1200 Lorrain Avenue
Wilmington. DE 19808**



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

(There will not be an article in this week's issue. Please look for Dr. Larkin's article next week.)

Blessings,

Dr. Michael Larkin
Director of Music Ministry

O U T R E A C H

Family Promise

This year, Family Promise will have a [virtual annual breakfast](#) to celebrate their 10th Anniversary. It's always uplifting to hear a few families tell their story of how Family Promise helped them, and you can tune in from home!

Join us on Tuesday, October 13th, from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. to celebrate Ten Years of Promise with us, as we commemorate our ten-year anniversary! We're celebrating having changed the lives of 650+ families over the past ten years!

[Click here to register](#)

Everyone who registers will receive a complimentary Family Promise themed mug! Once you're registered, a link will be sent to your email a few days before the breakfast. Simply click this link the day of the breakfast and you'll be all set!

To access our virtual breakfast: [Click here on October 13th to join us!](#) If you're not able to attend, but you would like to still make a difference, please visit our website at <https://www.familypromisede.org/donate>.

Thank you for your support.

Tyler Shade
Development & Marketing Director

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.

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, Lydia York, Rev. Ruth Beresford,
Rev. David Beresford, Dan Vitalo, Charles Griffin & Family, and
Ed & Renee Waterland.

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

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

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 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

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

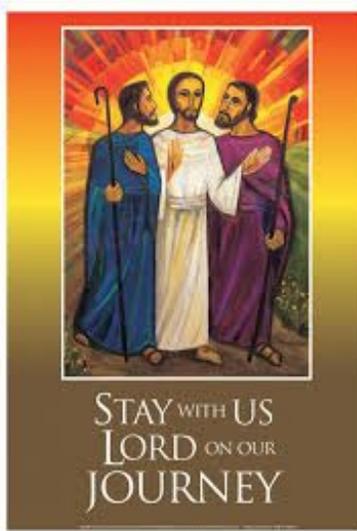
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Fall 2020 issue

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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
