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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

Expectation

One of the wonderful things about sharing life with pups is their unconditional love and acceptance of us humans. In my house, whether I have been gone for five minutes or for a week, when I return home, my pups are standing at the door eagerly anticipating my return. I can look through the window next to the door and see a nose pressed to the glass. I see eyes scanning the view, a tail wagging and at times two to four legs jumping excitedly up and down. I imagine that much of the time of my absence, my beloved pup is waiting and watching, eagerly awaiting my return.

Waiting and watching: those are the words that describe this first season of the church year, Advent. Advent, a noun, is used to “introduce something new” or “the arrival of something that has been awaited.” In Advent, we await the birth of the Christ child: the coming of God to dwell among us. We watch with eager anticipation for the return of Immanuel, that is God with us. I think of the pups so excited, so joyful, so filled with excitement and it is just me that they await. How much more so as we await the coming of the Divine. ...

[Read More](#)

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



Reminder: anyone who would like to send a welcoming note or card to Fr Kenn and his family may do so by giving it to Joanne Figliola. She is collecting cards and notes and will send them bulk-mail to Fr Kenn. There is a basket in the back of the church on Sundays; you may drop your cards in the basket if you attend church. Otherwise, you may email Joanne at j.figliola@verizon.net for details.

Christmas Bazaar

2020

We **WILL BE** having a bazaar in December -- it will be on **Saturday, 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 there will be a **fifty-fifty raffle**: \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00.

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.

Click on the red button below for the order form, which will give you more details. **ALSO NOTE: Payment is not due until pick-up**

on December 12th - **checks preferred.**

ORDER FORM

We are requesting that you submit your order **ONLY** by contacting the church office either by email (stbarnabasOffice@comcast.net) or by phone (302-994-6607). The **DEADLINE** to submit your orders is **Friday, December 4th.** (Note this is a date change.) **Don't be disappointed - PLEASE - ORDER EARLY as quantities will be limited.** *Additionally,* if you attend an in-person Worship Service on any Sunday between now and November 29th, there will be order forms inserted in the bulletins. You'll be able to either give your completed form to Joanne Figliola after the service or take it and the bulletin home with you so you can call it in or email it to the church office. You may also pick up a form during the week from the table outside the office.

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, we'll miss the music from the carolers and musicians, 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 (see picture below!), and ensuring that our outreach ministries can continue their good work.



THIS SUNDAY

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Join us this Sunday,
November 29, 2020

- In-Person Public Worship Service at **11:00 a.m.**
 - There will be **live-streaming this Sunday** of the in-person worship service at 11:00 a.m. (See more details in the e-Blast going out by 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning.)
 - A previously recorded service will be available on YouTube (the link will be sent out by 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning).
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WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN ATTENDING CHURCH SERVICES

Click the link to view a copy of [what to expect](#).

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, November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

The online service will include three hymns: an Opening Hymn: 56 - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel; an Offertory Hymn: 58 - Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending; and a Closing Hymn: 72 - Hark! The Glad Sound!, 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 recorded YouTube service will be sent to members **by 7:00 a.m. on Sunday morning**, or you will be able to access the YouTube 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>

Books of Common Prayer and Hymnals are Available to Borrow -

Anyone wishing to follow along while viewing the recorded Worship or Live-Stream service may do so as you are viewing them may do so. The entire **Book of Common Prayer** is available at: <https://www.bcponline.org/>. Or if you'd like to borrow a **Book of Common Prayer** from St Barnabas, please contact the church office at stbarnabas0ffice@comcast.net or telephone (302) 994 6607. A hymnal is also available to borrow.

Scripture Readings for This Sunday

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalms 80:1-7, 16-38

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

This Sunday, November 29

at 12:30 p.m.



You are invited to join us for **Coffee and Conversation**, hosted by Senior Warden Ed Rowles, following this Sunday's 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.

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



Listening Circle
Saturday, November 28th - 3:30 - 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.



Online Bible Study
Tuesday, December 1st at 11:00 a.m.

Each week during Advent, we will be reading different scriptures that relate to the Gospel Readings during Advent. This will be a great time to join us in Bible Study!

This week we look at Mark 13:24-27, 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.

Receive the Body of Christ
Beginning Wednesday, December 2nd
Between 10:30-11:30 a.m.

The Eucharist is the primary worship of our community. Most every gathering of God's people finds God's feeding of God's people at its core. In the Episcopal Church, we reveal our Protestant and catholic coming together as

we say, "Take, eat: this is my Body," followed quickly by, "Take them in remembrance of me." Indeed, the Bread is consecrated and becomes the Body of Christ, here present and among us. The Bread is also a Remembrance of our Savior who lived and died among us, using his dying and rising for us.

Needless to say, these weeks and months of the COVID virus have impacted how we celebrate God's most Holy meal. For some who are not able to join together in the sanctuary, this absence of the Eucharist is acute and painful. **Beginning Wednesday, December 2nd and continuing every Wednesday morning as long as there is the need, you are welcome to drive through the parking lot at St Barnabas between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. to receive the Body of Christ.** Masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, and outdoor space will all be in place to keep us safe. You will stay in your car and I will offer you the Sacrament.

I hope that this sharing of our Eucharist will be helpful to you.

Faithfully,
Rev. Sarah Nelson

Being with Grief Group
Mon., December 14th - 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
(No meeting December 28th).

The Being with Grief Support Group will no longer meet "under the oaks" due to weather. However, we will continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. (except December 28th) **using Zoom!** A Zoom link will be emailed to anyone interested in participating in this source of support. If you are curious, know someone who needs support, or are in need of support yourself, please contact Mary Van House (see below) for more information or to be added to the email list.

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.

For more information contact:
Mary Van House 302-542-8878 or mvanhouse@hotmail.com

FINANCE / BUDGET

2021 Stewardship Campaign
"All Things in Love" 1 Cor 14-16

2020 has been a year of change and challenge for St. Barnabas as we battle the pandemic and its effects on our daily lives, continue to move forward with the capital campaign and bring our search for a new rector to a conclusion. As

Prepare for the new year, we will face new challenges as Fr. Kenneth Katona arrives in January and begins his ministry among us with one of the main emphases being to grow St. Barnabas during these challenging times. Please see this video below from our wardens Ed Rowles and Joanne Figliola, including vestry members Pat McDonald and Lydia York talking about the importance of Stewardship and support for St Barnabas.

Financially, St Barnabas has been impacted by the pandemic with decreases in pledge and plate income, and a loss of some rental income. Pledge income has dropped from about \$275k in prior years, to about \$225-\$245k in 2020. The Finance Committee has targeted pledge to increase by 6-12% to achieve the target budget of \$260k in pledge commitments for 2021. This will allow us to stabilize the church financials for 2021 even though we will need to draw on our endowment fund and still have a deficit that will be funding from cash savings. We believe that things will return to 'normal' in 2022.

At this stage, all we need from you is a pledge, which will be kept confidential. Your pledge is an offering to God, an investment in St Barnabas as your spiritual home. On behalf of the vestry and finance committee, we ask that you prayerfully consider your pledge for the upcoming year.

There are 3 ways to submit your pledge:

1. Return the pledge card that has been mailed to you to the church office by Monday, December 14th or at the 11:00 AM worship service on Sunday, December 13th.

- Click the link to view a copy of the [Stewardship letter](#).
- Click the link to view a copy of the [pledge card](#).

2. Submit your [online pledge form](#) on our website.

Click the red Stewardship button (on Home Page) which will take you to the pledge form.

3. You also have the option to donate directly on line via the [DONATE](#) button via paypal or credit card.

Faithfully,

Ed Rowles
Senior Warden

Brian Engler
Finance Chair

Joanne Figliola
Junior Warden

Craig Brosi
Treasurer

2020 Financial Update and Key 2021 Budget Issues

The Finance committee presented a draft budget to the Vestry at the November Vestry meeting. This is to share with the rest of the parish the current state of our financials and our challenges for 2021.

[Click here](#) to view entire 2020 Update and 2021 Budget Outlook.

Please contact either of the Wardens, Ed Rowles or Joanne Figliola, or the Finance chair, Brian Engler, or the Treasurer, Craig Brosi, with any questions.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We have completed the first three phases of the Capital Campaign upgrades:

1. New flooring and carpet in the sanctuary
2. New upgraded sound system
3. New Cornell-Zimmer organ

The final phase of the sanctuary upgrades are now in the planning stages:

1. New front doors
2. New windows
3. Paint inside of the sanctuary
4. Other miscellaneous upgrades to the sanctuary

We will begin the final phase of sanctuary upgrades after we have received adequate funds to complete them.

The Capital Campaign committee will be sending out campaign pledge statements to everyone in the next couple of weeks. Due to the pandemic, the deadline for completing the Capital Campaign has been extended to June 1, 2021, to allow adequate time for the final contributions to be received. A big **THANK YOU!** to everyone who has contributed to the very successful Capital Campaign.

Below is a summary of the Income and Expenses for the Capital Campaign.

If there are any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

George McDowell Capital Campaign Chairperson gkmcdow@icloud.com
Bill Rose Capital Campaign Treasurer rosewc9@gmail.com
Brian Engler Finance Chairperson brian.r.engler@gmail.com

Income:

Pledges Received: \$ 231,891

Open Pledge Amount: \$ 32,565

Memorial Fund: \$ 30,000

Expenses:

Organ: \$ 143,097

Floor: \$ 61,529

Sound System: \$ 24,978

Campaign Expenses: \$ 8,535

NOTICES



NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

My dear friends in Christ,

Please accept my wish for a most blessed and safe Thanksgiving!

Even in this troubled time, there is much to be thankful for. I am listing just a few things, some general, some personal.

I am thankful for:

1. Modern medicine and all our health care professionals who tirelessly and with courage work during the pandemic.
2. Our police and firefighters who put their lives on the line every day to keep us safe.
3. St Barnabas as we will soon enter a new stage with the arrival of Fr. Kenn.
4. My St Barnabas' choir members. I love you all dearly and can't wait until we can meet again, to sing and worship our Creator.
5. The gift of music, and especially our magnificent new organ.
6. Personally, for my wife Eileen and, through Linda's death and remarriage, my many loving families: the Larkin, Dunham, Nicholson, Ferrazzo, and Smaciak families
7. Most importantly, for our loving and most gracious Creator and God and all the blessings we enjoy in our lives.
8. And last, but not least, my beagle Bonkers.

To add to your Thanksgiving celebration, click on or copy the link below and enjoy a magnificent performance of "Come, Ye Thankful People Come" as performed by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, Orchestra, and Bell Choir as arranged and conducted by music director Mack Wilberg.

<https://youtu.be/msOzJ6DY7EA>

Peace and Thanksgiving blessings,

Dr. Michael Larkin
Director of Music Ministry

**2021 Offering Envelopes and Calendars
are available in the back of the church.**

FLU SHOT REMINDER

Let's ALL consider getting a flu vaccination this year to protect us from pneumonia that could also be life-threatening, especially with medical systems being overwhelmed by active COVID-19 infections.

Thank you,
Maria Perez

SCOUTS BSA TROOP 1923 FUNDRAISER

Support Troop 1923 by letting the Scouts pick up your Christmas tree! **On Saturday, January 9th**, we will come and take it away for recycling or use as a wildlife habitat. Simply schedule the pick-up, put your tree on your curb or driveway, and we'll do the rest! Your \$20 donation for this contactless service goes to cover costs and to support the Troop in its adventures.

To reserve your spot, visit our website at <https://bit.ly/Troop1923>, right-click the link at the top of the page, and fill in the information. You can even prepay! Contact Patrick and Catherine Kaser with any questions you may have at Troop1923sm@gmail.com or 302-383-1604.

O U T R E A C H

Seaman's Center - Christmas at Sea

Normally, our Youth Group would collect items for the mariners, pack and wrap them at the Port of Wilmington. With 2020 being anything but normal, we won't be able to do the packing and wrapping this year but with your help, we can do the 'collecting'!!

Note from Joan Lyons (Seaman's Center Exec. Dir.):

Due to COVID, Christmas at Sea is more important than ever since the men have not been off their ships since March and many have not been able to return home at the end of their contract. However, because of COVID we will collect items through Monday, November 30 we can't bring in groups to help. Any collected items would be deeply appreciated.

The circumstances this year certainly take 'self-isolation' to new heights for the mariners. Please consider donating to this ministry. The following items would be most appreciated: **knit hat/scarf, comb, razors, playing cards, cough drops, sewing kit, soap, toothpaste/ toothbrush, deodorant, shampoo, chapstick, candy/gum, hand lotion, pens/stationery, winter gloves.**

Please drop off your items in the blue "Seaman's Center" box at church (hallway in front of the office, M-Th 9-2, F 9-1). **We will collect items through Monday, November 30.** Please call Sandy Witman with any questions 302-668-6302.

Thanks in advance!!

Sandy Witman

To Friendship House Church Partners

I'm reaching out because this year Friendship House has compiled an advent calendar. The advent calendar is a fun, interactive way to give back to the community. I've attached a link to the pdf on our website. Please let me know if you have any questions or a better contact for me to reach out to. Thank you for your loving support!

[Click Here to view Advent Calendar](#)

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Kristen Reisor

Volunteer & Communications Coordinator
Friendship House, Inc

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).

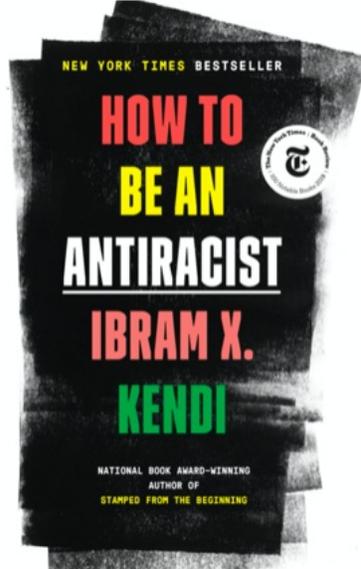
The Community Church Outreach is affiliated with Friendship House. The terminal goal of the Outreach is to one day become an empowerment center just like the empowerment center on Main Street in Newark.

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*

COMMUNITY NEWS

Hello members of St. Barnabas:



Some of you have already read Ibram Kendi's latest book, some of you are in the process of reading it, and others of you may have it on your TBR list. Well, there is good news. **Province III of the Episcopal Church** has organized a bookclub to read and discuss the book over several weeks. I highly recommend the support of a bookclub to help you process the book. Take my word for it, it's not easy reading.

Join Province III's Racial Justice Ministry and participate in the book discussion of ***How to Be an Antiracist***, culminating in a session with Ibram X. Kendi. There will be 10 Zoom sessions on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. **You may join at any time.**

[Click Here](#) for the reading outline and an email contact in case you or someone you know is interested in joining the bookclub. Please share with other members of our church. I imagine that even if someone missed the first week, catching up would not be a challenge.

Sheridan Quarless Kingsberry

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Below are listed Birthdays and Anniversaries for December. Please contact the church office of stbarnabasOffice@comcast.net to let us know if you're not listed or the date is incorrect.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Maria LaValle
- 3 - Tyler Everts
- 4 - William Jack
- 4 - Stephen Steenkamer
- 4 - Maya Rybinski
- 6 - Barry Wills
- 7 - Sandra Witman
- 8 - Kirk Witting
- 10 - Linda Hardy
- 11 - Theodore Strukelj
- 13 - Susan Bebon
- 17 - Kristen Boulden
- 18 - Caroline Bryant
- 19 - Mary Stow
- 19 - Marjorie Sullivan
- 19 - Alexandra Jack
- 20 - Barbara Connell
- 21 - Sheridan Quarless Kingsberry
- 22 - Susan Martin
- 22 - Sarah Jane Page

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 - Catherine & Patrick Kaser

24 - Sandra Grim
26 - Marko Strukelj
26 - Lindsey Vitalo
31 - Patricia Lennon

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, Barb & Jerry Connell, Matthew, Idella Ludwig, Jim Clarke, Kathleen Frees Kroboth, Michael Larkin, Jeff Stanard, and Dave Greenwood.

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

Those who have died, especially The Rev. Raymond A. Nelson.

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

MESSAGES FROM BISHOP KEVIN BROWN

COVID-19 Update: Bishop Brown's Response #17:
Impact of Governor's New Order
For entire message, click [Here](#)

For Governor Carney's Press Release, click [Here](#)

MORNING PSALM AND PRAYERS

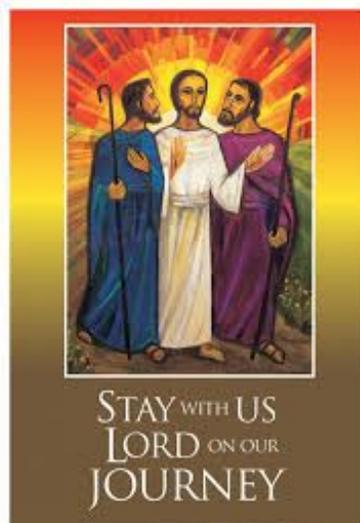
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VESTRY MEMBERS

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
