



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.*

## **FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 27, 2020**



### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Governor Carney has announced a statewide stay-at-home advisory until further notice (but at least until January 11, 2021), calling us to avoid gatherings wherever possible with persons outside of our immediate households.

To this end, Bishop Brown announced that all in-person public worship in the Episcopal Church in Delaware will be suspended effective immediately and until further notice. Online worship remains strongly and energetically encouraged, and ministers may gather in churches, following all public health protocols, for the purpose of recording and/or broadcasting services.

Therefore, an online service at St Barnabas will, as usual, be available on YouTube (see link below for today's service). Also, The Rev. Sarah Nelson will continue the Drive-Through Eucharist on Wednesday mornings.

- Our usual "virtual" coffee hours via Zoom will continue to be held every Sunday.....**HOWEVER**, please note the earlier TIME CHANGE; it will now be held from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. See below for more details.



Please welcome our new rector, Father Kenn Katona and his family (his wife Theresa & their son Leo Katona) who will be joining our St Barnabas community in January 2021!

### **SUNDAY ONLINE SERVICE:**

As noted, even though all in-person worship have been suspended until further notice, there will still be online services, pre-recorded for viewing via YouTube, and will be available at 7:00 a.m. every Sunday morning.

Please click on the link below for today's online service:

The online service will include three hymns: an Opening Hymn: 100 - Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come; an Offertory Hymn: 82 - Of the Father's Love Begotten; and a Closing Hymn: 324 - Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, 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. Lisa will also accompany Dr. Larkin on flute during the Prelude. The service will include a sermon by The Rev. Sarah Nelson.

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**Scripture Readings for this Sunday**

**Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3**

**Psalm 147:13-21**

**Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7**

**John 1:1-18**

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**Books of Common Prayer and Hymnals are Available to Borrow-** Anyone wishing to follow along while viewing the recorded Worship or Live-Stream service 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 [stbarnabasOffice@comcast.net](mailto:stbarnabasOffice@comcast.net) or phone (302) 994-6607. A hymnal is also available to borrow.

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**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**

As noted above, our usual "virtual" coffee hour via Zoom will still be held every Sunday. However, the time will be from **10:00 - 11:00 a.m.** **Please note this earlier time change!**

**Ed Rowles is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

**Topic: St. Barnabas Coffee Hour**

**Time: Dec 27, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

**Every week on Sun. - 6 occurrence(s):**

**Dec 27, 2020 10:00 AM**

**Jan 3, 2021 10:00 AM**

**Jan 10, 2021 10:00 AM**

**Jan 17, 2021 10:00 AM**

**Jan 24, 2021 10:00 AM**

**Jan 31, 2021 10:00 AM**

**Below is the link to get connected -**

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89948159083?  
pwd=TjRoOUorTFZRRC96S0thRGZIYjZGZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89948159083?pwd=TjRoOUorTFZRRC96S0thRGZIYjZGZz09)**

**Meeting ID: 899 4815 9083**

**Passcode: 209681**

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO NEED HEALING AND COMFORT:

Arlene & Dave Carpenter, John Materis, Gail Calhoun, Leon Slocomb, Nancy Clapp, Bruce Clinton, Sr. Rosie, Lilly Walker, Thomas Boyle, David Jefferson, Maria LaValle, Peggy Bachman, Barb & Jerry Connell, Gehana, Matthew, Idella Ludwig, Jeff Stanard, Dave Greenwood, John Martin, John Warrington, George & Kammy Franz, Bruce & Liz H., Penny, Mildred W., Denise R., Steve B., Alison R., Theresa B., Debra O., Pat Lennon, Susan, The Betts Family.

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

Those who have died.

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## EVENTS / MEETINGS

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### Being with Grief Group

**There will be NO MEETING on Monday, December 28th.**

The Being with Grief Support Group will no longer meet “under the oaks” due to weather. However, we will continue to meet in 2021 on the 2nd and 4th Mondays from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. **using Zoom! January meetings will be held on January 11th and 25th.** 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](mailto:mvanhouse@hotmail.com)



### Online Bible Study

**Tuesday, December 29th at 11:00 a.m.**

This week we look at Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3, 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](mailto:stbarnabasOffice@comcast.net) .

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**Receive the Body of Christ**

**Wednesday, December 30th  
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

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### **Listening Circle Update**

The **Listening Circle** is postponing its weekly Saturday meetings beginning January 2nd, 2021, through at least the end of January.

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### **Youth Preparing for Confirmation?**

#### ***Meet with Bishop Brown***

Bishop Brown would like to meet with youth who have been preparing for confirmation during this time of pandemic.

It is important to **register in advance** for this virtual meeting.

To register, please click [here](#).

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## **FINANCE**

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### **STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

To date, we have received **66 pledges** totaling **\$153,919.00**. This includes **26 increased pledges** over last year and **5 new pledges**. We need your participation and support for our ministries in the new year. Please pledge

today. Thanks to all who have already pledged!

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## **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 we 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 the video [here](#) 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  
bhttps://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAocurrjgsGdcvyYwokzya8PyxHTqk8k0ce 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. If you have not already returned the pledge card to the church office that was mailed out earlier in December, please do so as soon as possible.
  - 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 also 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  
Sr. Warden

Brian Engler  
Finance Chair

Joanne Figliola  
Jr. Warden

Craig Brosi  
Treasurer

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**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

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**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.

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**NOTICES**

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**2021 Offering Envelopes are available  
on the table in the foyer outside the office.**

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**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

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**OUTREACH****FAMILY PROMISE NEWS**

Our three service weeks for Family Promise 2021 are:

\*10-day program: Thursday 1/7 thru Saturday 1/16/21

\*Wk 2: Wk 4/18/21 (Sun - Sat)

\*Wk 3: Wk 7/18/21 (Sun - Sat)

With COVID restrictions, our work is limited to preparing and delivering meals to 2-3 families staying at a hotel in the Christiana area. Family Promise continues to work with the families to accomplish those things that enable them

to find and remain in permanent housing, typically within 45-60 days. Once rehoused, Family Promise continues to work with the family to ensure their success in maintaining housing.

Do you have a favorite holiday meal or casserole dish to pass? We are always looking for volunteers interested in preparing or purchasing some portion of the dinner for Tuesday and Thursday nights. During our last session in July, a few of us would drive and meet at the hotel, to deliver the meals to the families.

**Kitchen Tools**. The hotel room is equipped with a refrigerator, microwave, and 2-burner stove, and minimal utensils and dishes. When a new family joins the program, we have found it helpful to provide just a few additional kitchen supplies, such as an electric skillet, basic cooking utensils, etc. Please keep it in mind if you find you have something helpful to donate, as Family Promise is occasionally looking for this type of donation.

While we are active in this program 3 weeks each year, the wonderful work you do literally cares for families the entire year. Without a full slate of volunteer churches, the calendar schedule and program would fall apart. This is the only shelter program in Delaware that enables a family to stay together at a time of stress, and is also the most successful program in New Castle County, thanks to their excellent program and the personal touch of each volunteer. Thank you for all your support, donations, volunteerism, and prayers for this ministry and volunteers.

Cindy Richards  
302-690-0751

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## 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](mailto:Troop1923sm@gmail.com) or 302-383-1604.

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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.

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS**

**The office will be closed from Thursday, December 24th through Tuesday, December 29th, reopening on Wednesday, December 30th at 9:00 a.m.**

**The office will then be closed on Thursday and Friday, December 31st and January 1st, reopening on Monday, January 4th at 9:00 a.m.**

**Office Hours:**

**Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
(note time change when office will close)**

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May you have a blessed Sunday!

Ed Rowles  
Senior Warden

Joanne Figliola  
Junior Warden

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