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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

January 10, 2021



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

Doors

When my children were young, there was a special fascination with doors. If the child was on one side of a door, they wanted to be on the other side. Once on the other side of the door, the child wanted to return and be on the other side. The door was the portal to another world. Remember the wardrobe in the CS Lewis classic, "The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe"? For Peter and Lucy and their siblings, the wardrobe was a portal to the magical land of Narnia. That is the thing about doors: they lead to somewhere else. On the other side of a door, there is possibility and adventure. On the other side of the door, there is the known, the secure, and that is good, too.

Saint Barnabas stands on one side of a door. As your new rector arrives, there is a portal. The portal leads forward, to a new future. It is exciting and, yes, it is also a little bit scary. We know what is on the one side. In that, there is comfort and security. ... [Read More](#)



Please welcome our new rector and his family to our St Barnabas community: Father Kenn Katona, his wife Theresa, and their son Leo!

AN ARTICLE OF INTEREST...

Fr Kenn recently forwarded a great and very interesting article that was written about him. The Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP) publishes a magazine called *Crossings* that runs twice a year. It brings news from the seminary with stories of leaders creating Christian community and sharing God's love.

The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair shared a story in the Fall 2020 issue of CDSP's *Crossings* about Fr Kenn and how he engaged with a community and shared God's love with them.

[Click here](#) to read Bishop Traquair's story, which you'll find at the bottom of the middle column. Thank you for sharing this with us, Fr Kenn!

You are to love the Lord your God with all of your heart, all of your mind and all of your soul and your neighbor as yourself. So instructs the Great Commandment and so our life of faith calls us to live. In the world in which we live, this commandment is pronounced and compelling. How do we best love our neighbor?

As we all know, the COVID-19 virus is exploding exponentially all across our great country. Within the past weeks, the number of cases, the severity of the illness, and the spread ratio have increased alarmingly.

In light of this reality, the Governor of Delaware has issued a state-wide stay-at-home advisory. Our schools are returning to *hybrid* instruction and our medical experts continue to advise us to stay at home, wash our hands, wear masks, and remain socially distant. **Our Bishop continues to call our Diocese to suspend in-person worship from now until further notice.** This is done with the hope that a brief suspension will give time for the spread of the virus to wane, the vaccine to begin to be administered, and for all of God's people to remain safe.

Recorded services will continue as well as the Wednesday morning Drive-Through Eucharist. In these strange and uncertain times, we can best love our neighbor by staying at home and holding one another in

prayer.

I offer the peace of God which passes all understanding to each and every one of you.

The Reverend Sarah Nelson

Online Worship at St Barnabas

HOLY EUCHARIST on YOUTUBE

Sunday, January 10, 2021
First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The Rev. Sarah Nelson's Last Online Service at St Barnabas will be this Sunday.
Thank you, Rev. Sarah, for serving St Barnabas.
You have been a great blessing and you will be truly missed!

The online service will include three hymns: an Opening Hymn: 119 - As with Gladness Men of Old; an Offertory Hymn: 76 - On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry; and a Closing Hymn: 616 - Hail to the Lord's Anointed, 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 **for Sunday, January 10th** 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>

Scripture Readings for This Sunday

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11



COFFEE & CONVERSATION

This Sunday, January 10th
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

You are invited to join us for **Coffee and Conversation**, **hosted**

by Fr Kenn Katona, our new rector. 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 Rowles** at erowles@comcast.net or 302-562-4580.

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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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

Listening Circle Update

The **Listening Circle** is postponing its weekly Saturday meetings through at least the end of January. Please continue to check the e-News every week; it will be announced when the **Listening Circle** will begin meeting again.



Online Bible Study

Tuesday, January 12th at 11:00 a.m.

Today, we look at John 1:43-51, 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.

Holy Eucharist Drive-Through
Wednesday, January 13th, 2021
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. Because we are not able to join together in the sanctuary, the absence of the Eucharist can be acute and painful. **Therefore, every Wednesday morning as long as there is a 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

**Pastoral Care Team Online Meeting
Thursday, January 14th, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

The next Pastoral Care meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 14th at 7:00 p.m. This online meeting will be via Zoom and the link to join the meeting will be emailed to Team members on Wednesday, January 13th.

**Evangelism/Parish Life Team Online Meeting
Friday, January 15th, 2021
10:30 a.m.**

The next EPL meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 15th at 10:30 a.m. This online meeting will be held via Zoom and the link to join the meeting will be emailed to Team members that morning, January 15th.

**Being with Grief Virtual Group
January 11th and January 25th, 2021
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

The Being with Grief Support Group will continue to meet **in 2021** on the 2nd and 4th Mondays from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. **using Zoom! January dates we will meet are 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

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](#).**

FINANCE

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!

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 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. If you haven't already returned your pledge card to the church office that was mailed to you more than a month ago, 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 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.

NOTICES



To all my dear friends at St. Barnabas,

Thank you all for your many cards and calls! You made my 100th birthday so special. I have missed seeing you all, with Church being closed for so long, so it meant so much to hear from you.

My family celebrated with a birthday Zoom party, attended by relatives as distant as Hawaii. My daughters set it up, included a

slide show of pictures from my life, ending with a group Happy Birthday. With over 40 people singing on Zoom, well, it was fun!

I am hoping we will all be together soon! Meantime, thank you all again, and I hope you had a joyous Christmas and very Happy New Year!

*Love,
Mary Stow*



NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

*The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.
For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9: 2, 6 (NIV)*

My Dear Friends in Christ,

As we enter the season of Epiphany, I thought I would share just a bit of history and general information with regard to this liturgical season. The word epiphany is derived from the Greek word ἐπιφάνεια, epipháneia, meaning manifestation or appearance. Another way to think about the word epiphany is that it reveals what was hidden. Epiphany itself refers to January 6th in the church calendar, usually referred to as the Feast of the Epiphany. The Feast of the Epiphany usually incorporates the coming of the Wise Men to pay homage to the young Jesus. The season of Epiphany, as recognized by most major denominations, runs from January 7th until the first Sunday in Lent. Depending upon when Easter falls each year, the season of Epiphany can range from four to nine Sundays. The theme of light pervades the Epiphany season from the Wise Men following a star to the brilliance of the Transfiguration of the final Sunday of the season. The above "light-filled" passage from Isaiah has always been one of my favorites.

The Feast of the Epiphany originated in the ancient Eastern church. It is one of the oldest in church history with references to western Christianity first found in the mid-4th century. The Feast of the Epiphany was even established before Christmas. Early Feast of the Epiphany celebrations focused very much on the birth and baptism of Jesus. The season of Epiphany is a much later 20th century addition to the church's liturgical calendar and not all denominations totally agree on the timing, the biblical events included, or if it should even be a liturgical season. The various Bible lessons during the season of Epiphany chronicle the divinity, first appearances, manifestations, or revelations of Jesus as he begins his ministry, and they all capture great drama. Some of the scriptural events during the season of Epiphany are:

1. The Three Wise Men
2. The Baptism of Jesus, John the Baptist
3. The Wedding at Cana
4. The Calling of the Disciples
5. Jesus Teaching in the Synagogue
6. The Transfiguration
7. The Beatitudes

With all these great scripture lessons, there is a lot of wonderful music available to accompany them, beginning with "We Three Kings." I invite you to click on or copy the link below and enjoy a great arrangement of "We Three Kings" as sung by the Brigham Young University Men's Chorus.

<https://youtu.be/5A8JklqciV4>

Let your light so shine!

Blessings,

Dr. Michael Larkin
Director of Music Ministry

VIRTUAL MINI ORGAN PERFORMANCE

Our new Cornell-Zimmer organ is such a magnificent instrument! Dr. Larkin is excited to show us some of the many different styles and tones that it can make.

In this first of several virtual programs that Dr. Larkin will be performing, he will play four different pieces that will highlight organ Stops of other instruments to give us an idea what amazing sounds this organ can do! From hearing the "solo instrumental sounds of oboe and flute" as he plays that favorite hymn "Amazing Grace" to a lively African/American spiritual "Ain't A That Good News," using more Stops, it will give you the opportunity to appreciate the organ's beautiful sounds and "colors"!

Click [here](#) to view, listen to, and enjoy the "concert"!

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

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

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

SCOUTS BSA TROOP 1923 FUNDRAISER

Support Troop 1923 by letting the Scouts pick up your Christmas tree! **Tomorrow, Saturday, January 9th,** we will come and take it away for recycling or use as a wildlife habitat. **If you haven't already scheduled the pick-up, please do so now.** Simply schedule the pick-up (see instructions below), 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.

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 - 1pm. 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 January. Please contact the church office at stbarnabasOffice@comcast.net to let us know if you're not listed or the date is incorrect.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Stacey Gracie
4 - Laurel Ann Gonsecki
5 - Gary Frye
6 - Natalie Icasiano
7 - Allison Delaney
9 - Sandra Brown
10 - Turner Bowersox
10 - Richard Hoffman
10 - Peter Haushalter
12 - David Carpenter
12 - David Sheehan
12 - Carol Strukelj

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

7 - Charles Griffin & Lori Hill
17 - Pat & Bonnie McDonald

18 - Sophia Schubert
21 - Bud Cooling
22 - Deborah McGonigal
24 - Jordyn Rybinski
25 - Denise Jarrell
25 - Betty Hoffman
27 - Richard Williamson
29 - Greg Yulduzian

**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., Fallon, Pat Lennon, Susan, Leslie, John Grim.

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

Those who have died, especially The Rev. Arthur W. Archer, The Rev. Canon Barbara T. Duncan.

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

MORNING PSALM AND PRAYERS

The following Messages are included in the January 6th issue of The NET. Please [click here to view](#).

- **A Call to Prayer for Our Nation from Bishop Brown and Presiding Bishop Curry**
- **Bishop Brown's Epiphany Message**
- **Bishop Brown's COVID-19 Update - Response #19 |**

Choosing a Path of Love

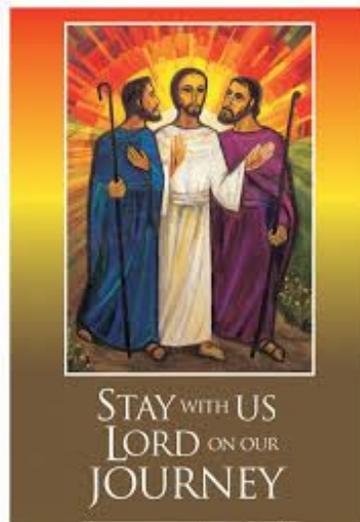
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VESTRY MEMBERS

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