



**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.*

## Your Weekly e-News - January 1, 2021

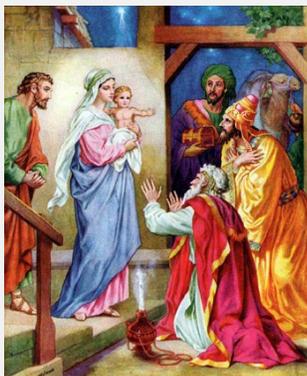
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### **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**January 3, 2021**



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

#### ***A Rock***

As I was packing up all of those things that when you are moving seem to multiply exponentially, a friend was helping me sort and pack. We laughed and

joined and passed the time and lightened the load by such conversation. As is often the case, we found items that I had forgotten and that, too, was a joy.

At some point, my friend brought a large rock to me. She asked, "What is the story behind this?" I looked at the pretty ordinary rock and smiled. Several years ago my son had gone on a trip with a friend. They went to the friend's grandparents and enjoyed several days on the lake. My son, upon returning home, wanted to share his trip and sought a gift for me. There really were no stores around and so he found a good-sized river rock and brought it home.

Of course, gifts from our children are special in their own right. The thought that my son wanted to share his adventure with his mom was truly all the gift that I could ever desire. Yet as my dear son gave me this rock, he talked about his days: swimming, tubing, making breakfast sandwiches on those delicious Hawaiian rolls, seeing someplace new, traveling with another family. His excitement was contagious. The connection I felt with my son was palpable. ...

[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!

Governor Carney 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, previously recorded services at St Barnabas will, as usual, be available on YouTube (the link will be sent out by 7:00 a.m. Sunday mornings). Also, Rev. Sarah will continue the Drive-Through Eucharist on Wednesday mornings.

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## Online Worship at St Barnabas

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### HOLY EUCHARIST on YOUTUBE

**Sunday, January 3, 2021  
Second Sunday after Christmas**

The online service will include three hymns: an Opening Hymn: 109 - The First Noel; an Offertory Hymn: 102 (vs. 1, 2, 3) - Once in Royal David's City; and a Closing Hymn: 93 - Angels from the Realms of Glory, 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 3rd** 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>

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### Scripture Readings for This Sunday

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm 84

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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### COFFEE & CONVERSATION

This Sunday, January 3rd

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.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](mailto:erowles@comcast.net) or 302-562-4580.

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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 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](mailto:stbarnabas0ffice@comcast.net) or telephone (302) 994 6607. A hymnal is also available to borrow.

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### **CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS**

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

**Office Hours (effective January 1, 2021):**  
Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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

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#### **Listening Circle Update**

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

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#### **Online Bible Study**

**Tuesday, January 5th at 11:00 a.m.**

Today, we look at Matthew 2:1-12, 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](mailto:stbarnabas0ffice@comcast.net).

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**Holy Eucharist Drive-Through**  
**Wednesday, January 6th, 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. 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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### **Being with Grief Virtual Group**

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](mailto:mvanhouse_@hotmail.com)

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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 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

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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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### **NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR**

*My dear friends in Christ,*

*Best wishes for a safe, musical, and Happy New Year!*

*Blessings,*

*Dr. Michael Larkin  
Director of Music Ministry*

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### **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"!

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## 2021 Offering Envelopes are available on the table outside the church 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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### 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 - 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.

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### ***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*

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## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Below are listed Birthdays and Anniversaries for January. Please contact the

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

### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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

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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.

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

Those who have died, especially The Rev. Arthur W. Archer.

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**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

Please [click here](#) to view Bishop Brown's Christmas Message 2020.

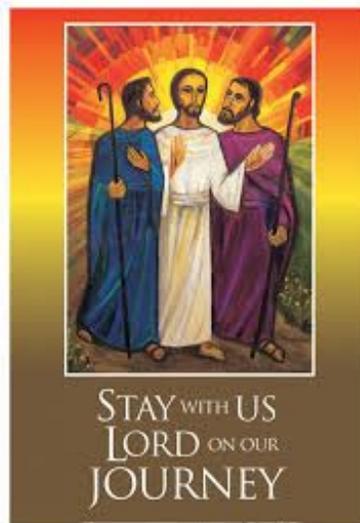
To view the Winter 2020/2021 issue of *Delaware Communion Magazine* and the December 23rd issue of *The NET*, please click on the links below:

### [DELAWARE COMMUNION](#)

Winter 2020/2021 issue  
(published December 2020)

### [The NET](#)

December 23, 2020 issue



## 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

