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 August 6, 2021
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Join us Sunday
8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist, Rite I
(In-Person only)

10:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

SUNDAY’S 10 a.m.
IN-PERSON WORSHIP
and LIVE STREAMING SERVICES

WHAT TO EXPECT FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

CLICK HERE TO JOIN US LIVE

If you aren’t sure if this is the right time for you to return to church, then don’t worry, we will be offering the service via YouTube.

Previous services are available on YouTube by clicking the following link:
Previous Services

The Lessons Appointed for Use on the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Click here for this week’s lessons
Hope… Archbishop Desmond Tutu once said that, “Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness” The writer of the epistle to the Hebrews wrote that we hope in things unseen. The Apostle Paul while writing the Corinthians said, “For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide.” Hope...

Just a few weeks ago, my wife and I went on a mid-day date. It was our first time in a restaurant together since May of 2020. We went to the grocery store later that day and didn’t wear our masks. I believe it is safe to say that many of us were starting to feel like we were perhaps on the other side of this pandemic. But over the last few weeks, the number of infections has begun to trend the wrong way. Masks are being worn once again by folks who had just begun to be comfortable with the idea of taking them off. It seems as if we are all holding our collective breath waiting to see what will happen next.

In times like these, it can be difficult to choose hope. And yet, hope is just that - a choice. And for Christians, we choose to place our hope in Jesus Christ. This hope in the light of the world and the lover of our souls has the power to sustain us even in difficult times. And so, we continue to hope in Christ Jesus, and we continue to let the love of God and the light of the gospel shine in our lives. This is my prayer for each and every person in our church right now. That even in the midst of a pandemic, we will continue to choose hope. And in the midst of our choice to hope, I am confident that God will sustain us with abundant faith and love.

Faithfully,

Fr. Kenn+

Meet our new Music Director and Parish Administrator Dr. Will Thomas

The piece he is playing is: Fugue in G major, (The Jig) BWV 577 by Johann Sebastian Bach.
AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

4 - Sofia Trabelsi
6 - George (Randy) Kusel
6 - Marci Abbott
7 - Lynda Harriss
7 - Bonnie McDonald
8 - Joanne Figliola
8 - Bill Johnson
10 - Jeffrey Bowersox
11 - Carl Fink
12 - Robyn Webb
15 - Jeremy Green
16 - Scott Gracie
17 - Peter King
17 - Debbie Pride
18 - Matthew Kaser
18 - Joseph Budna
19 - Judy Stanard
20 - Collin Green
20 - Sandra Graper
23 - Fr. Kenn Katona
25 - James King
27 - Yousef Trabelsi
31 - Nicole Wample
31 - Al Carey

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

5 - Dick & Betty Hoffman
6 - Muriel & Robert deBussy
8 - Andrea & Zouhir Trabelsi
20 - Charlotte & David Sheehan
29 - Sandra & John Graper

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO NEED HEALING AND COMFORT:

Please Pray For Those Who Need Healing And Comfort:
Arlene, John, Gail and Reid, Leon, Nancy, Anne, Bruce, Rosie, Lilly, David, Maria, Peggy, Barb, Jerry, Matthew, Idella, Dave, Bruce and Liz, Mildred, Steve, Alison, Theresa, Debra, Susan, Leslie, Courtney, Kammy, Robert, June, Robin, Anne, Cathie, Dave & Mary, Robert, Tyler, Breily, Mary Ann, Casey & Sue, Janice, Fr. Karney, Katie, Sr. Cassandra, Seth, Colin, Eleanor and for the families of those who have died from the coronavirus. Those serving in the Armed Forces. Those who are homebound. Those who have died, especially Marci and all those who have died from the coronavirus.
Lemonade on the Lawn

Starting this Sunday “Coffee Hour” becomes the popular “Lemonade on the Lawn” after the 10:00 a.m. service. Lemonade will be prepared and placed in the refrigerator by the lounge. Cookies, cups and napkins will be ready to move on the carts. **We need volunteers to move the refreshments outdoors and cleanup afterward. In case of rain, this will become “Lemonade in the Lounge.”** A sign-up sheet is in the kitchenette area near the Lounge.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, August 8th following the 10 am service** - The Holy Cow Ad Hoc Committee Q & A session - All are welcomed

**Wednesday, August 11th at 12:30pm** - The Men's Luncheon will be the **second Wednesday of each month**. We will meet at Two Fat Guys in Hockessin (Burgers are half price on Wednesdays)
Contact: Greg Yulduzian - 302-239-9529

**Wednesday, August 11th at 7pm via Zoom** - The Holy Cow Ad Hoc Committee Q & A session - More details to follow, All are welcomed.

**Wednesday, October 6th at 7 p.m.** - Fr. Kenn's Celebration of Ministry at St. Barnabas. More details to follow, All are welcomed.

**Calling all Voices**

Choir will be rejoining the service in the fall! YEAH!!! Please reach out to Fr. Kenn to let him know you will be there! Not a member and want to be? We love to have you!! No experience necessary.

Contact the Office and let us know! stbarnabas0ffice@comcast.net or (302) 994 6607
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Do you remember that wonderful team effort of ours called the Christmas Bazaar?

Remember the aroma of cinnamon and chili; the murmur of shoppers and sellers; the sight of beautiful crafts and tasty baked goods; the sound of Christmas carols in the air?

Well, we are hoping and praying for the return of that fun filled day! Please let me know if you will be able to participate this year!

Thanks,
Libby Green
610-268-1476
Green.gonsecki@gmail.com

Youth Group Meetings

The Combined Youth Group will be meeting twice a month on Sundays. Please refer to the schedule below. For more information contact Sandy Witman - slwitman@comcast.net

Youth Group schedule for Grades 5 - 12:

August
I'm still working on this meeting, got my thinking cap on. Any suggestions from the peanut gallery?

Online Pilates
with Beth Engler

- Wednesday at 2:00 pm
- Thursday at 5:15 pm
- Contact Beth with any questions! bethengler@msn.com

Walking Groups

- Tuesday Walking Group - 2pm Contact: Libby Green 610-316-1176
- Sunday Walking Group - 2pm Contact: Maria Perez 302-547-8669

Being with Grief Virtual Group
Monday, 12:00 noon

The Being with Grief Support Group meets on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 12-1:30 pm. We will be meeting on August 23rd only. The group will meet in the upstairs Youth Room and will follow the current DPH and CDC guidelines. Three-feet social distancing will remain in place and
vaccinated individuals are not required to wear masks, although individuals who are not vaccinated or have medical concerns are strongly encouraged to wear masks. 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.

The journey of grief is painful and lonely. No one should travel this road alone. In this time of COVID-19, it has been 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. New members are always welcome!
For more information contact:
Mary Van House 302-542-8878 or mvanhouse@hotmail.com

Not Your Grandparents Sunday School

Early Risers Bible Study
Thursday, 7:30 a.m.

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Thursday, 7:30 a.m. in Lounge & on Zoom
We started a new series by Luke Timothy Johnson entitled "Jesus and the Gospels". The focus of this series is not simply on Jesus but also on the Gospels as literary compositions. We want to know how they came to be, how they are related to one another, and how they communicate through their literary structure, plot, character development, themes, and symbolism. It is, after all, as literature that the Gospels influenced history. And it is through literature that present-day readers can continue to encounter Jesus.
Join us, contact Greg Taylor, gregsmail1977@icloud.com

NOTICES

Under Construction

Over the next several months you will notice changes to the E-News, E-Blast and our website. You will no longer receive a Sunday Service E-Blast. The same information that was found in that E-Blast can be found in the E-News.

2021 Offering Envelopes are available on the table outside the church office.
The Parish Directory is available
Altar Flowers

Altar Flower Memorials or Thanksgiving offerings will now be available. Altar Flower forms are available in the back of the church. In addition, there is an Altar Flower chart in the back of the church for you to reserve a Sunday at any time. You may designate the flowers as Memorials or Thanksgiving offerings. A $50.00 donation is recommended for the Sanctuary. Checks should be made payable to St. Barnabas’. Please write “Altar Flowers” on the memo line of your check. The check can be placed in the Offering plate or dropped off at the office. Please note no flower requests during Advent.

Altar Flower requests can also be made by contacting the church office.

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Cycle of Prayer in the Episcopal Church in Delaware:

OUTREACH

Hear Ye, Hear Ye...Women of the Episcopal Church in Delaware. Are you interested in participating in a Women’s Retreat?

As women, our lives are usually busy and stressful. Often, we are caring for others and have little time left to care for ourselves? If you are you interested in setting aside nagging obligations to spend time in reflection, renewal, fellowship, and connecting with and listening for what God may have planned for you, then let us hear from you. We are imagining a retreat for women of all ages at the comfortable Episcopal Diocese's Memorial House Retreat Center in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.

To express your interest, please email either of the individuals listed below:

The Rev. Maryann Younger at maryann@youngers.org
Sheridan Quarless Kingsberry at sqkingsberry1@verizon.net
Caroline Coolidge Brown at mail@CarolineCBrown.com

If sufficient interest is expressed, a retreat will be planned for winter 2022. When you respond, please state the following:
1) Your first and last name.
2) The name of your parish.
3) Your age range (20-30, 50-60, etc.)
4) Whether you would prefer a weekday or weekend retreat.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

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**Books of Common Prayer and Hymnals are Available to Borrow**

The entire *Book of Common Prayer* is available at: [https://www.bcponline.org/](https://www.bcponline.org/). Or if you’d like to borrow a *Book of Common Prayer*, please contact the church office. A hymnal is also available to borrow.

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**CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION**

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

[stbarnabasoffice@comcast.net](mailto:stbarnabasoffice@comcast.net) or telephone (302) 994 6607

Church Office: The office will be closed on Fridays beginning the week of June 18 through September 3rd. The office hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. We will resume our regular schedule of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning the week of September 6th.

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**Vestry News**

**VESTRY MEMBERS**

Sr Warden, Bob Jefferson (2022)
Jr Warden, Greg Taylor (2024)
  Jeff Bowersox (2023)
  Robin Buckley (2022)
Beth Engler, Vestry Clerk (2024)
Bob Haushalter (2023)
Valerie Jackson (2022)
  Ann Lopez (2024)
  Pat McDonald (2023)
Steve McIntosh (2023)
Lynn Slocomb (2024)
Ian Smith (2022)
Stained Glass window is Repaired!

This week the large circular stained glass window was repaired by Cumberland Stained Glass, Inc. Last year when we attempted to paint the window frame, we discovered that the original wooden frame had severely rotted (and when we removed it this week the carpenter bees had eaten most of the inside wood away, as well—see picture) and was beyond repair. The Building and Grounds team, obtained multiple bids to replace the window frame with a new aluminum frame and also replace the yellowed outside plexiglass covering with a new clear tempered glass covering, which should let in a lot more light. The whole window was disassembled and each colored panel cleaned and then reinstalled with new internal framing. The total cost is expected to be about $7000 and was funded from the capital campaign funds as part of the sanctuary improvement scope. Many thanks to Pat McDonald for shepherding the work this week with Cumberland Glass. If there are any questions please contact either Pat or Brian.
Dear Friends in Christ,
You recently received a letter to let you know about the restructuring of St. Barnabas to enable future growth. We realize this is a big step which naturally raises many concerns. Below are a few questions and answers already asked by our parishioners. Please take a few moments to read through them. Hopefully, it will help clarify things. If not, we invite you to use the new vestry email (see link below), suggestion box in foyer or attend one of the meetings described at the bottom of this message. questionsforvestry@gmail.com

Who decided this?
The Vestry was unanimous in deciding to take this unpleasant but necessary step.

What options were considered?
A 25% reduction of salary was considered and an appeal to the parish for 25% pledge increase was considered. While either might help hold the positions for a while, they do not set us up for growth.

Who is impacted by the restructuring?
All current staff positions are impacted.

Why now?
We have funds this year to keep staff in place several months while they look for other work, to pay accrued vacation and to give 4 weeks severance pay. However, our current budget deficit will consume all our reserves this year.

How do we know that a music director can / will meet our broader needs?
We know that continuing with what we have been doing has not resulted in even a stable parish let alone growth. Full time music director positions, even hybrid ones, are uncommon. Candidates tell us that if we offer a full time position, we should quickly receive applications from talented musicians from which to choose.

When will this happen, when will we have a music director?
We hope to have one in place by the first part of September.

Does this solve our budget deficit problem?
Not entirely, we expect we will still be about $30k short next year even with all the restructuring.

Did we over-spend when we hired the new rector?
Our offer was/is based on the Diocesan guidelines, which is around the same as we were paying Martha. If we offered under guideline we could not attract a priest who had a track record of enabling growth.

If I make a contribution earmarked for Sister (or Beth or Young), can she continue working?
That would only extend the inevitable. We, in fact, have a larger staff than other churches of our size.

If we could not afford a new rector, why did we hire one? Why not a part-time rector?
We have been on a decline for years, but our forecast at the start of the search suggested we could afford a full-time rector. Due to attrition, there has been a substantial drop in pledge income over the past 24 months. A part-time rector would not have the time to help us grow.

Won’t this all straighten out once the pandemic is completely over?
In retrospect, this has been coming for years - well before the pandemic. We
actually needed to make changes years ago but have put this off under the mistaken belief that we could continue.

**How will you ensure that the phones are answered and that my questions are answered if there is no parish administrator?**

The new full-time position will have some administrative duties. But, it is likely things will be done differently. We don’t have full phone coverage now, but do our best to address concerns promptly and will continue to do so.

**Why are we moving communications to social media, I am not on social media?**

Social media are a communications channel we are adding. It will not replace the way we do communications now - bulletin, E-News, E-Blast, announcements, letters, etc. However, we need to add social media to reach generations of young families. This is the way they communicate and we need to adopt it to reach them.

**I hear Young Tyler is leaving at month end. Who will clean the church - volunteers, buildings & grounds or something else?**

We are actively pursuing a couple of options, for example a cleaning service or shared sexton with another church.

**It seems like a small group is making these decisions and leaving us out. Why are we making such a big change?**

The results of our Holy Cow survey indicate that we, at St. Barnabas, want to try new things, are open to new things, but are nervous about this. We would like to broaden our musical experience, that the experience should be uplifting and include variety, from the classics to the contemporary and incorporate the spectrum of approved Episcopal resources. Our underlying strength is that we are a multi-dimensional church with a variety of viewpoints. Our parish seeks to grow with families that cross generations. We seek to be lifelong learners within our Christian educational experience and provide a healing, pastoral response as we travel together.

**Next Steps**

We will soon announce some meetings to invite you to engage with your questions and concerns. These will include times after Sunday service and Zoom meeting.

Yours in Christ,
Holy Cow Ad Hoc Committee
Beth Engler, Bob Haushalter, Bob Jefferson, Steve McIntosh, Greg Taylor

Visit Our Website  St Barnabas' Church Calendar  The Episcopal Church