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Clarksburg, WV

The Good News Weekly

Christ Episcopal Church ~ St. Barnabas Chapel

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This Week at Christ Church, Clarksburg and St. Barnabas Chapel, Bridgeport

Sunday, October 25, 2020

**Morning Prayer in the Auditorium
at Christ Church at 10:00 AM**

Attendance is by reservation only.

Email Christ Church at: christchurch1853@aol.com

Give the following information: Your name and total number of family members planning to attend.

(Your reservation will be confirmed by a return email.)

Or phone in your reservation to the Church office at 304-622-3694, if necessary please leave a message.

(Your reservation will be confirmed by a return call.)

Reservations must be made by Friday morning.

If unable to keep a reservation, please cancel.

Important Instructions for Indoor Service

1. Enter through the door on Traders Avenue.
2. Go up the stairs inside that door.
3. Exit down the stairs by the church offices.
4. Exit through the door onto 6th Street.
5. Follow the directions of the ushers.
6. Follow all **Guidelines for In-person Services.**

Sunday, October 25, 2020

Zoom Evening Prayer at 5:30 PM

Join Zoom Evening Prayer by clicking on this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5245181878>

Meeting ID: 524 518 1878

Another option is to dial in: (646) 558-8656

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

Zoom Compline at 8:00 PM

Service lasts approximate 15-20 minutes.

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84648582408?pwd=d21BNkIOekJGa1ROa1Q1OHVKazBwZz09>

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Meeting ID: 846 4858 2408

Passcode: 933775

Guidelines for In-person Services

1. Wearing a face mask is REQUIRED, unless medically unable to do so, then alternatively, a face shield is required. (Masks will be available at the entrance.)
2. Hand sanitizer will be available at both entrance and exit locations.
3. Potentially having your forehead temperature taken before entry.
4. Ushers will direct traffic flow and provide instructions and reinforce guidelines.
5. Standing and sitting at least 6 feet from others not in one's household.
6. No administration of Holy Communion at the present time.
7. No choir or congregational singing. Solo singing only.
8. Required reservations for attending services.
9. Avoiding crowded hallways.
10. Use of wipes on door handles and other surfaces, especially before and after bathroom use (the church will provide).
11. No prayer books will be provided for use at services.
12. Service bulletins will be provided & must be taken home. Do not leave them at church.
13. If you are sick, or don't feel well...stay home!
14. Any person who has traveled out of state is to avoid attending in-person services for a period of fourteen (14) days after returning home.

Backpack Schedule

Pack backpacks after church on October 25

Deliver backpacks on October 29Beth Sickles

Food to the church by October 29.....Beth Sickles

Pack backpacks after church on November 1

Deliver backpacks November 5 Dick Clovis

Food to the church by November 5.....Beth Sickles

Pack backpacks after church on November 8

. . . to know, live, and share
The Good News Story of Jesus Christ.

Prayer for Bishop Coadjutor Search

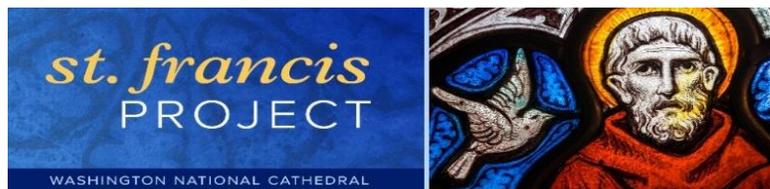
Almighty God, you have created each person with many and varied gifts and joined our lives together as members of the Diocese of West Virginia. Look graciously upon us as we search for our eighth Bishop, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries. Give us minds to discern your will, courage to follow where you lead, and hearts to love as you command, to the glory of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

E-Giving to Churches Without Fees

Parishioners are encouraged to use e-giving at:
<http://www.wvdiocese.org/pages/aa-egiving.html>
Just scroll down and click on the donate button located by Bridgeport-St. Barnabas or Clarksburg – Christ Church.

**Checks can also be mailed directly to
Christ Episcopal Church
PO Box 1492, Clarksburg, WV 26302**

Thoughts to Ponder From Washington National Cathedral



*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love,
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith, where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness light, where there is sadness, joy.
O Devine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

This is one of the most famous prayers in all of Christianity, attributed to the original Franciscan monk, St. Francis of Assisi, who is most often known as the patron saint of animals and the environment.

The Prayer of St. Francis describes a world—and a state of being—that is often the one we strive for but rarely see. Where there is hatred, we instead find love; where there is injury, pardon. It describes an active faith, one that is shaped and reshaped and constantly striving toward perfection. It's also incredibly hard to put into practice.

Dean Randy Hollerith chose the Prayer of St. Francis as the framework for the Cathedral's life and worship throughout October as the nation headed toward Election Day. Soon after the blessing of the animals that celebrates St. Francis' love for all living things, we launched The St. Francis Project by asking different members of the Cathedral community to share how they put St. Francis' famous words into action. To read their responses, go to this link:

[https://cathedral.org/stfrancis/?utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=St.%20Francis%20Project%20National%20\(1\)&utm_content=](https://cathedral.org/stfrancis/?utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=St.%20Francis%20Project%20National%20(1)&utm_content=)

The Very Rev. Randolph Marshall Hollerith, Dean of the Washington National Cathedral writes, "This prayer always reminds me of my maternal grandparents. They lived through two world wars and the Great Depression. They survived some rough times and they knew quite a bit about pain and loss, yet they lived as people of hope and joy. They had a deep and abiding love for each other, fueled by an unshakable faith in God. In terms of wealth and possessions they really had very little, but to be with them was to realize they had everything. They taught me that the only way to build a good life is to give your life away in service to others. To this day I aspire to be like them, and the example of their lives still serves as a guide to my own.

The world is so crazy right now. We are in the middle of a pandemic and the fabric of our nation is strained in ways many of us have never experienced. We are divided one from another and common ground seems increasingly hard to find.

What do we do? How do we make our way through this time? For starters, we double down on our core values exemplified so perfectly in the Prayer of St. Francis. We build peace. We sow love. We strengthen faith. We offer forgiveness. And we live as people of hope.

I like to think we do what my grandparents did: focus on the light and remember what Jesus showed us: that even in sadness there can be deep joy.

How do we make our way through this time? We fight the fear by putting whatever little bits of good into the universe that we can. We give of ourselves, even when so many around us seem intent on taking, even when it feels like we have so little to give. St. Francis reminds us: In giving, we receive. And most of all: we remember that, come what may, God will never let us go, either in this life or in the next."