



Christ Church
Sixth and Main Streets
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, April 11, 2021

1st Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist

Reservations are required.

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.

Service Times

10:00 AM at Christ Church Clarksburg

6th and Main Street in Clarksburg

and

5:30 PM at St. Barnabas Chapel

721 Hall Street in Bridgeport

Noonday Office Prayers with the Diocese of WV

Daily, Monday – Friday, at 12:00 noon

Can be found on **Facebook Live**

at: <https://www.facebook.com/EpisDioWV/>

Or Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82926987763?pwd=cW9TbkJWSlZuK3RsTFJNTTE2aHAYUT09>

[WSlZuK3RsTFJNTTE2aHAYUT09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82926987763?pwd=cW9TbkJWSlZuK3RsTFJNTTE2aHAYUT09)

Meeting ID: 829 2698 7763

Passcode: 525650

Compline with the Diocese of WV

Daily, all seven days, at 7:00 PM

Can be found anytime on **Facebook Live**

at: <https://www.facebook.com/EpisDioWV/>

Or Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84265852827?pwd=NHg4V09JdnQ3QkVFNDFOVWtXc29JQT09>

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Meeting ID: 842 6585 2827

Passcode: 823342

Backpack Schedule

Pack backpacks after church on April 11

Deliver backpacks – April 15.....Beth Sickles

Shopper for April 15Beth Sickles

Pack backpacks after church on April 18

Deliver backpacks – April 22..Ben and Corliss Barksdale

Mustard Seed Outreach Project

The Outreach Committee will continue collecting items and money for the Mustard Seed through the month of April. In the picture Dick and Sue Clovis are presenting a \$1,000 check and other items Christ Church collected in



March to a volunteer worker at the Mustard Seed.

If you would like to donate, just bring the donation to church on Sunday or to the Parish House during the week when Beth Ann or Nora are there. If you need somebody to stop by and pick up your donation, just contact Chuck Critchfield. Text or call him at 304-476-2632. If he does not answer, leave him a message.

List of items needed at the Mustard Seed

Food - dry and canned goods

Clothing - new or used from infant to adult

Personal care items

Cleaning supplies

Small household goods, dishes, pots, and pans

Silverware

Towels are especially needed.

Sheets, blankets, etc.

Diapers, wipes, baby food, formula

Monetary donations

Tote bags, reusable shopping bags, or backpacks

No electronics

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

Presiding Bishop Curry: Easter 2021 Message

When I get to heaven — and I know it may sound presumptuous for me to say it, but I live by grace and believe in amazing grace — when I get to heaven, I certainly want to see the Lord. But I want to see dear members of family and friends, those who have gone on before, the many people I want to sit down and have some conversation with. Of all the biblical people, aside from the Lord himself, when I get to heaven, I want to meet Mary Magdalene. Mary Magdalene, who was one of the people, one of the women, who followed the way and teachings of Jesus and who probably provided much of the funding for his movement. Mary Magdalene, who with some of the other women and only one of the male disciples, stood with his mother, Mary, at the cross as he died. Mary Magdalene, who, even after he died, on that Easter morning, got up with some of the other women early in the morning, before the day had begun, in the dark, got up to perform the rituals of love to anoint the body of Jesus in his grave.

I want to ask her, “Mary, tell me what got you up that day. Tell me what got you to go to the tomb early in the morning when it was dark, and you could barely see. Why did you get up and go to anoint his body? Mark’s Gospel says that you and the other women said to each other, you knew that Jesus had been buried in that tomb that had been provided by Joseph of Arimathea, with Nicodemus’ help, but a large stone had been rolled in front of the doorway, into the tomb. And one of the women said to the other, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us?’ You knew the stone was there. You knew you couldn’t move it. And yet you got up and you went anyway. Mary, tell me your secret.”

I suspect she probably will say, “Well, we didn’t know how we were going to roll away the stone, but we loved him, and we got up and went anyway. It was hard because it was dark, but we loved him, and we got up and we went anyway. Those roads could be dangerous at night, but we love Jesus, and we got up and we went anyway. Who will roll away the stone for us? We did not know, but we loved him, and we got up and we went anyway. And let me tell

you what love can do for you. When we got to the tomb, the stone had already been rolled away. And we shouted our hallelujahs, and shouted our hallelujahs. He is risen.”

Last year in March, on March 13th to be precise, another Mary Magdalene, her name, Barbara, Barbara Clementine Harris, bishop of the church, a voice of love, and justice, and compassion, a voice of deep and profound faith, first woman to be consecrated a bishop in Anglican Christianity, died and entered eternal life. This was early in the pandemic. Fortunately for us, Dean Kelly Brown Douglas had worked with Bishop Barbara to make sure that her memoir was completed, and they completed it. She gave it the title from the words of a gospel song that says, and I quote:

Hallelujah anyhow

Never let your troubles get you down

Whenever troubles come your way

Hold your hands up high and say

Hallelujah anyhow!

Those words characterize the life of Bishop Barbara: hallelujah anyhow. In spite of hardship and difficulty, hallelujah anyhow. In spite of injustice and bigotry, hallelujah anyhow. In spite of war and violence, hallelujah anyhow. And that, my friends, is the spirit of Mary Magdalene. That, my friends, is the tenacity of those who would follow in the footsteps of Jesus and his way of love. In spite of hardship and toil, hallelujah anyhow. In spite of the fact that this Easter is the anniversary of the assassination and the martyrdom of Martin Luther King, Jr., hallelujah anyhow. In spite of the fact that these are hard times, hallelujah anyhow.

Our work goes on. Our labor for love continues. We will not cease, and we will not give up until this world reflects less our nightmare and more God’s dream where there’s plenty good room for all God’s children. Hallelujah anyhow.

When I get to heaven, I can’t wait to hear Mary Magdalene and Bishop Barbara tell me he’s risen. Hallelujah anyhow. Amen.