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Upcoming Events

- 9/4 – 9/10 Rev. Nora on Vacation**
9/8 Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church
9/8 Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas Chapel
9/8 Second Sunday Supper at 6:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas
9/10 Vestry Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Christ Church
9/11 Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. at Christ Church
9/15 Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church
9/15 Holy Eucharist Rite II at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas
9/18 Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. at Christ Church
9/22 Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church
9/22 Holy Eucharist Rite II at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas
9/25 Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. at Christ Church
9/25 Executive Committee Meeting at 4:30 p.m. at CEC
9/29 5th Sunday Breakfast at Christ Church
9/29 Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church
9/29 Deanery Meeting at 2:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas
9/29 Holy Eucharist Rite II at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas

Backpack Schedule

- September 8 – Pack upstairs at CEC – All help is welcome.
 September 12 – Deliver backpacks – Corliss Barksdale
 September 12 – Shopper – Beth Sickles
 September 15 – Pack upstairs at CEC – All help is welcome.
 September 19 – Deliver backpacks – Benny Barksdale
 September 19 – Shopper – Beth Sickles
 September 22 – Pack upstairs at CEC - All help is welcome.
 September 26 – Deliver backpacks – Corliss Barksdale

Free Tickets to Hear Presiding Bishop Curry



Eight tickets have been donated for the public event with Presiding Bishop Curry at the WesBanco Arena in Wheeling on October 5 at 3:00 p.m. These are free to the first eight to claim them from Beth Ann in the CEC office. Call 304-622-3694 to see if they are still available.

A Trivia Question About the Cross

This cross, signed by Alfred Corneau, the same name as on the Christ Church cross, appeared in an exhibition at the Charlesville Museum in France in July of 2012. The two figures at the foot of the cross were described as images to represent St. Peter and St. Paul. So, what do you think? Could Mr. Corneau have created images of St. Peter and St. Paul on our Christ Church cross? Possibly.



Serving Ministries

September 8, 2019

13th Sunday After Pentecost

- 9:30 a.m. Choir warmup**
10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer at Christ Church
 Officiant: Bill Saviers
 Lector: Jody Morse
 Ushers: Tom Walsh and Zac Steed
 Acolyte: Nate Critchfield
 Altar Guild: Marilyn Blake
11:00 a.m. Coffee hour in the parlor
 Coffee hour host: OPEN
11:00 a.m. Pack Backpacks – upstairs
11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer at St. Barnabas
 Officiant: Nancy Cotten
 Lector: Kipp Martin
 Usher: Nancy Cotten
 Altar: Kipp Martin
6:30 p.m. Second Sunday Supper at St. Barnabas

September 15, 2019

14th Sunday After Pentecost

- 9:30 a.m. Choir warmup**
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at Christ Church
 Lector: Ira Richardson and Bill Saviers
 Ushers: Dee Trimbach and Jody Morse
 Acolyte: Nate Critchfield
 Altar Guild: Marilyn Blake
11:00 a.m. Coffee hour in the parlor
 Coffee hour host: OPEN
11:00 a.m. Pack Backpacks – upstairs
11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at St. Barnabas
 Lector: Ron LaNeve
 Usher: Nancy Cotten
 Altar: Nancy Cotten

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 The Good News Story of Jesus Christ**

September 8, 2019 – Pentecost 13 The Feast of Alexander Crummell and UBE Sunday

On September 10, The Episcopal Church celebrates the life and legacy of a notable saint: the Reverend Alexander Crummell. This day is also designated as Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) Sunday to commemorate the racial justice ministry of this organization which was an outgrowth of Crummell's advocacy.

The Rev. Alexander Crummell was born March 3, 1819, in New York City to Charity Hicks, a free woman of color, and Boston Crummell, a former slave. Both parents were active abolitionists. The first African-American newspaper, *Freedom's Journal*, was published out of their home.

As a young man, Crummell was driven out of an academy in New Hampshire, dismissed as a candidate for Holy Orders in New York, and rejected for admittance to General Seminary because of his race. He was eventually ordained in 1844 as a priest in the Diocese of Massachusetts, but left for England after being excluded from diocesan convention.

Ever determined, Crummell studied at Queens' College, Cambridge and was the first officially black student recorded as graduating. Soon after, he traveled to Liberia as a missionary to convert native Africans to Christianity and educate them, as well as to persuade American black community of their duty to go to Africa to spread Christianity across the continent. Crummell lived and worked for 20 years in Liberia. Finally, political opposition, lack of funding, and the potential for life-threatening violence forced him to return to the United States.

Upon return to the U.S., he was first called to St. Mary's Episcopal Mission in the Foggy Bottom area of Washington, DC. In 1875 he and his congregation founded St. Luke's Episcopal Church, the first independent black Episcopal church in the city. When in 1882 southern bishops proposed that a separate missionary district be created for black congregations, Crummell was a founding leader in establishing national black convocation to fight the proposal. That organization became known as Conference of Church Workers Among Colored People and is a predecessor body to Union of Black Episcopalians.

After retiring from St. Luke's in 1894, Crummell taught at Howard University until 1897. He died September 10, 1898, at the age of 79. Crummell was an important voice within the abolition movement and a leader of Pan-African ideology, influencing other black nationalists. In fact, W.E.B. Du Bois paid tribute to Crummell with a memorable essay entitled "Of Alexander Crummell" collected in his 1903 book, *The Souls of Black Folk*. His feast day in the Episcopal Church is September 10.

The Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) is a national faith-based advocacy organization whose goal is to address racial and social injustices and disparities within and outside our church. Visit UBE's website, www.ube.org, to support their ministry of justice and racial reconciliation.



Collect for Alexander Crummell

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for your servant Alexander Crummell, whom you called to preach the Gospel to those who were far off and those who were near. Raise up, in this and every land, evangelists and heralds of your kingdom, that your Church may proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.