



The Good News Weekly

of

Christ Episcopal Church

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Upcoming Events

- 10/ 4-7/17 Nora at Family Systems Workshop at VTS
- 10/8/17 Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church
- 10/8/17 Blessing of the Animals at 3:00 p.m. at St. Barnabas
- 10/8/17 Holy Eucharist Rite II at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas
- 10/8/17 Second Sunday Supper at 6:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas
- 10/9/17 Centering Prayer at 9:00 a.m. at St. Barnabas
- 10/10/17 Vestry Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Church
- 10/11/17 Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. at Christ Church
- Oct. 27-29 Diocesan Convention in Charleston

United Thank Offering

If you have been filling a little “blue box” throughout the year to express your feelings of thankfulness, October 8 is the time to place it in the offering plate. If you have not had a “blue box,” just write a check to Christ Church with UTO in the memo line. Then Christ Church will send one check with our delegates for the UTO Ingathering at the WV Diocesan Convention the last weekend of October.

Blessing of the Animals

Rain or shine, the Feast of St. Francis will be celebrated with “Blessing of the Animals” at St. Barnabas, Sunday, October 8, at 3:00 p.m. Weather permitting the event will be outside. So, load up all your animals and bring your friends with their animals for this special time with our pets.

Second Sunday Supper

All are welcome to join us for dinner at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, October 8. The meat will be roast beef with potatoes, carrots, and onions in a crock pot. You can bring a salad, another vegetable, a dessert or just bring yourself and enjoy the good food and conversation.

Backpack Blessing Schedule

- Pack after church on October 8
- Deliver on October 12 – Beth Sickles
- Shopper on October 12 – Beth Sickles
- Pack after church on October 15

Serving Ministries

October 8, 2017

- Holy Eucharist Rite II with The Rev. Nora Becker
- 9:20 a.m. Choir Warmup
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at Christ Church
- Lector: Bill Saviers
- Ushers: Tom Walsh and Ben Barksdale
- Acolyte: Nate Critchfield
- Altar Guild: Kitty Clovis
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee hour - in the parlors
- 11:15 a.m. Adult forum
- 11:45 a.m. Choir Practice
- 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at St. Barnabas
- Lector: Nancy Cotten
- Usher: Tom and Becky Durrett
- Altar Guild: Elsa Bartlett
- 6:30 p.m. Second Sunday Supper at St. Barnabas

October 15, 2017

- Holy Eucharist Rite II with The Rev. Nora Becker
- 9:20 a.m. Choir Warmup
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at Christ Church
- Lector: Susan Walsh
- Ushers: Kitty Clovis and Pam Riggs
- Acolyte: Nate Critchfield
- Altar Guild: Kitty Clovis
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee hour - in the parlors
- 11:15 a.m. Adult forum
- 11:45 a.m. Choir Practice
- 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at St. Barnabas
- Lector: Kipp Martin
- Usher: Joe Martin
- Altar Guild: Kipp Martin

**Our mission is to know, live,
and share the Good News
Story of Jesus Christ.**

Message from Sr. Warden Chuck Critchfield

on behalf of the Vestry
September 26, 2017

Fellow Parishioners:

I am pleased to announce that Rev. Nora Becker has officially accepted the call of the Vestry to be our rector.

Upon the completion of Nora's first year with us, the Vestry, Bishop Klusmeyer and Nora met in August to give Nora our feedback as part of the annual mutual ministry review. After that process the Vestry met and in a unanimous vote of the members present, decided to ask the Bishop permission to elect Nora as rector -- which he quickly granted. We completed the process of finalizing the Letter of Agreement with Nora last week and it is now official. So please welcome her as our rector!!

The text of the actual motion from the Vestry meeting is as follows: We move that the Vestry of Christ Church, on behalf of the congregation, request permission from Bishop Klusmeyer to elect Rev. Nora Becker to the rectorship of the parish of Christ Church Clarksburg/St. Barnabas Chapel with the following stipulation: Rev. Becker must continue to work with Rector's Reflectionary Group on a regular basis as directed and guided by the Vestry for a period of at least one year.

What followed that motion was a discussion about our role as parishioners in the work of the church. We felt that once Nora came on board last summer we relaxed. So the following pledge was approved: We the Vestry of Christ Episcopal Church and St Barnabas Chapel in our call to the Rev Nora Becker as rector, pledge to support her and call upon the parish to build with her our commitment in Christ by accepting our responsibility as active members in our Parish.

I would like to recognize that the Parish has resumed the Backpack Blessing Program and picked up a 2nd Head Start location; Bible Study has resumed; Contemplative Prayer services continue on Mondays; Second Sunday Supper at St. Barnabas continues; the End of Life program is underway; we have four wonderful choral scholars thanks to the generosity of parishioners; planning on the Memorial Garden is moving forward and there are probably individual efforts that I am missing. I urge the Parish to continue the work of the Church. Let's keep gathering momentum as we move forward!!