



The Good News Weekly

of

Christ Episcopal Church

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Upcoming Events

- 2/4/18 Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church
- 2/4/18 Holy Eucharist at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas Chapel
- 2/5/18 Centering Prayer at 9:00 a.m. at St. Barnabas Chapel
- 2/5/18 Stewardship Committee Meeting at 4:30 p.m. at CEC
- 2/7/18 Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. at Christ Church
- 2/11/18 Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church
- 2/11/18 Holy Eucharist at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas Chapel
- 2/11/18 2nd Sunday Supper at 6:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas Chapel
- 2/12/18 Centering Prayer at 9:00 a.m. at St. Barnabas Chapel
- 2/13/18 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner – from 4 to 6 p.m.
- 2/13/18 Vestry Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Church
- 2/14/18 Ash Wednesday – at 9:30 a.m. Rite I Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at Christ Church
- 2/14/18 Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. at Christ Church
- 2/14/18 Imposition of Ashes at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

Save the date. Invite your friends. It will soon be Shrove Tuesday, and plans are being made for the traditional pancake dinner at Christ Church in the Parish Hall at 123 South 6th Street in Clarksburg. Pancakes will be served between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. on February 13. Donations will be accepted. Proceeds will benefit Christ Church's outreach program and Special Olympics.



Backpack Blessing Schedule

- Pack after church on February 4
- Deliver on February 8 – Dick Clovis
- Shop for food on February 8 – Beth Sickles

January Outreach was a Success

Beth Sickles and Kathy Posey delivered the donated men's items to the Clarksburg Mission on Wednesday. Kathy stated, "It was well received and I pray the men who use the clothes/shoes are as blessed as we are blessed to help. God loves a cheerful giver! The clothes drive was a success thanks to all!!"

Serving Ministries

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5th Sunday after Epiphany

- 9:20 a.m. Choir Warmup
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Christ Church
Lector: Susan Walsh
Ushers: Tom Walsh and Ben Hardesty
Acolyte: Nate Critchfield
Altar Guild: Jody Morse and Carol Rogers
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee hour - in the parlor
- 11:00 a.m. Pack backpacks
- 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: Nancy Cotten

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6th Sunday after Epiphany

- 9:20 a.m. Choir Warmup
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Christ Church
Lector: Marilyn Blake
Ushers: Jody Morse and Zac Steed
Acolyte: Nate Critchfield
Altar Guild: Jody Morse and Carol Rogers
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee hour - in the parlor
- 11:00 a.m. Pack backpacks
- 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: Joe Martin
Altar Guild: Nancy Cotten
- 6:30 p.m. 2nd Sunday Supper at St. Barnabas
. . . to know, live, and share
The Good News Story of Jesus Christ.

Winter Raw or Spring Thaw! C'mon Phil!

If you were here last Sunday, you might recall a portion of my sermon included Punxsutawney Phil, the official expert on the advent of Spring. With 130 predictions in his little groundhog paws, he has predicted only 13.85% of the time for an early spring. However, he has been correct 39% of the time in his overall predictions. And here is a photo of Phil today, praying to God to send him the prediction he really wants to make for an early Spring when dawn breaks tomorrow.



With the dire news that Spring may be late, and more snow on the way, we still have much to be thankful for in this community as we prepare for the coming of Spring and Easter. First, we made it through 2017 without taking additional funds from the Endowment; second the needed repairs in the Parish Hall are complete – and it is beautiful. Third, we have increased our Back Pack Blessing program to 78 backpacks a week! Christ Church and St. Barnabas' Chapel each has several new or returning people attending on Sundays who are taking an active part in the life of the church.

For me, I am thankful that God has blessed us with the good news that has been shared concerning our life together. I am personally thankful for all the many times people have generously donated their time to making me feel welcome; helping me move - twice, the cards and letters of care and encouragement, and for the privilege of being your priest and preacher. Who else is going to listen to me preach about Jesus' authority vs. Punxsutawney Phil's? Who else will present me with keys tied to a brick so I can't lose them? (Like that's really going to make a difference? Keep praying.) Who else will spend an entire day framing a "Celebration of New Ministry" bulletin complete with a picture?

As we celebrate the Epiphany Season of the Light of the World among us, let us look around us and notice all we have to be grateful for each day. Most especially that Jesus is in all of this and that even if winter sticks around a little longer, we still have much to celebrate and share with each other and with our neighbors. Jesus, unlike Phil, is 100% accurate in all he predicted. As we look forward to Spring and ultimately, Easter, let us seek the light of Christ in all we do. Amen.

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