



JULY 2020

# The Encourager

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS

## A Letter from Cindy

St. Barnabas Senior Warden

I hope you and your families are well and have felt the Spirit of the Lord surrounding you during this most unimaginable time in our world.

What a long journey the past 3+ months have been in our personal lives and the life of St. Barnabas. The beginning of the journey was surreal – what is this virus, will we be forced to stay in our homes, groceries at curbside, the toilet paper debacle and church on YouTube! These are just a few of the ideas we grappled with as we embarked on the unfamiliar road known as the novel Coronavirus.

During this time our St. Barnabas community has mourned the loss of friends, celebrated the birth of babies, prayed for the sick and foregone numerous momentous celebrations. Although separated, we have remained connected and have supported one another in unconventional ways.

As part of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas, we are fortunate to be given guidelines under which we operate. Certainly, this makes the job of the Vestry far less complicated than if we were a standalone church. From the day in March that we learned we would have to shutter the church for the foreseeable future, we have been following the guidelines of re-opening put forth by the Diocese in all of the decisions we are making.

Heartfelt thanks to Jeff and Bur for reaching out to us daily via email and Facebook and for delivering the Sunday worship services via YouTube. I've been told preaching to an empty house is not ideal, but all along the way, the Spirit has been in our midst.

One of the first items on the agenda for the Vestry, in Zoom-style meetings, was applying for the Paycheck Protection Program available through the CARES Act. The PPP is a loan designed to provide incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll. St. Barnabas received a loan in the amount of \$112,500. The 8 week period has ended and we met the SBA loan covenants in order that our loan will be forgiven. This funding enabled us to retain all of our staff for a period of 8 weeks at their regular pay, without tapping into our rainy day fund.

I hope you received a call from a member of the Vestry – something along the order of a neighborly over-the-fence conversation. It was an opportunity to speak with the people we missed seeing on Sundays and to “meet” others we did not yet know. Thanks to everyone for taking the time to visit with us as it was a highlight at the beginning of the journey.

Wonderful red, white and blue yard signs magically appeared in parishioner's yards expressing the love shared by St. Barnabas. Thank you to Bur for the idea that beautifully reminds us of God's love.

And at last, the moment came that so many had been waiting for . . . the Bishop approved modified in-person worship effective May 25, 2020. While it is exciting to reopen our church worship, The experience will certainly be different. Bob Bates and Morey Weldon led the charge to allow our parishioners to worship in-person beginning on June 14, 2020. It was a joyous occasion to have the opportunity to offer in-person worship in addition to our YouTube and Facebook options. Please call the church office to reserve your seat by Wednesday afternoon in order that the team setting up the Parish Hall will have the perfect configuration on the following Sunday.

As our journey continues, I hope each of you finds a way to worship with the community of St. Barnabas in a way that fills you with love and the Spirit of the Lord.

Peace be with you,

Cindy Scroggins  
Senior Warden.

# Join Us for Virtual VBS!!!



**When:** July 27-31

**Where:** The comfort of your home! We will use Zoom to “meet” for VBS. Info on how to join Zoom will be included in the supply packet.

**Time:** 10:00am Daily – each day’s VBS will be about 30 min.

**Registration:** email Karen (kyoung002@austin.rr.com) or  
call/text Karen (830-285-1012) or  
call the Church office (830-997-5762).

**Let us know how many kids will be participating. We will mail supplies.**

**\*\*NOTE\*\*** Register by **July 10** to have the supplies mailed. After July 10, registrations will be accepted but you will have to pick up supplies from the Church office.

**This special VBS is designed for our St B families. Please plan to have a responsible person present during the live meetings so that we can ensure the safety of all participants.**

We will use the VBS curriculum and supplies we had ready to use this summer.  
A special guest will share the Bible Lesson daily.

## July Birthdays

1st	Martha Davis Frances Money Constance Washburne	12th	Stephen McCrummen Pam Montandon Michael Swanzy	22nd	Carla Herbig
3rd	Stella Hill	13th	Shelly Kothmann	24th	Cheri Rothermel
4th	Alison Acton Jane Elwood Rebecca Williams		Asher Seracen Juliet Yonke	25th	Rex White
5th	Quinn Acton	14th	Thea Setterbo	26th	Joanie Harris Cydney Mickelson Bill Sadd
7th	Alan Brockmeier Luke Cowsar Wilfred Fanning	16th	Mike Massengale Abby Stewart	27th	Dawn Moreau Humberto Palmerin
9th	James Muncey	17th	Mell Jackson, Jr.	28th	Meredith Clements Justin Davis Phil Giglio, Sr. Rosamond Haertlein
11th	Evelyn Burns Ruby Davis Paula Provost	18th	Jack Daffern Jenny Wieser	29th	Heather York
12th	Bill Bush	19th	Cindy Scroggins	30th	Carly McMahan Marilee Pankratz Morey Weldon
		21st	Mary Ann Garrett Jana Neale Kristina Seracen		

## July Anniversaries

4th	Sheila & Michael Dubois	14th	Sharla & Jonathan Godfrey
7th	Beth & Rich Davis Judy & Tom Taylor	15th	Elizabeth & Harvey Coe
8th	Suzanne & Alan Brockmeier	17th	Ginny & Robert Thomason
12th	Stella & Billy Hill	22nd	Beth & Jimmy Davis
14th	Katharine & Chris Brundrett	26th	Mary Lou & Rex White

## Parish Prayer List

### WE PRAY FOR:

Kevin Colvin; Terry Henderson; Wylie Shearer; George Edmonston; Frank Moniz; Kim Olson; Pat Reese; Norma Shepard; Helen McDonald; Mary Priestley; Dyana Orrin; Patty Moore; Susan Wilson; The Rev. Anne Finn; Chris Jungman; Jo Hallmark; Kathy; Bob Gates; Terry, Kristyn and Candy Hutzle; Finn Alban; Jon & Michele Armstrong; Marti Davis; Cay Meadows; Susan Henley; Skip Cheslak; John Lehotsky; Nancy and Bill Janin; Atlas Hopkins and family; Cheryl Knode; Geri Johnson; John Boudreau; Ranel Brady; Lynn Harris; Zoe Crenwelge; Jana; Fran & Mike Guentert; Conor McGoff; Aaron Jablonsky, Abby, Cade and Ava; Brandy and family; Julie; Annie Burt; Mary Ellen and Terissa; Thomas Page; Tom Warmbrodt, James Drury III, Mary Ann Morey.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

To request prayers, please call the office at 997-5762 or email [carolstbarn607@gmail.com](mailto:carolstbarn607@gmail.com). Before you request that someone be placed on the parish or Daughters of the King prayer list, you must notify them and get their permission. Anonymous requests cannot be placed on either prayer list.



This new logo was introduced at the 2020 Council. It is intended to complement the historic diocesan shield that will continue to be used for official documents. This new logo will be used for external communications and publications and is intended to be more usable, more versatile, more inviting, and reflective of who we are in 2020 and who we will grow to be as we continue following Jesus.



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## CHURCH CLERGY AND STAFF:

*Rector:* The Rev. Jeff Hammond  
*Assistant Rector:* The Rev. Bur Dobbins  
*Lay Pastoral Minister:* Morey Weldon  
*Liturgical Ministry Coordinator:* Molly Martin  
*Clergy Associate:* The Rev. Dr. Dyana Orrin  
*Clergy Associate:* The Rev. Anne Finn  
*Clergy Associate:* The Rev. Tom Luck  
*Parish Administrator:* Rachael Cole  
*Office Assistant:* Carol Schreider  
*Youth Ministry Coordinator:* Karen Young  
*Director of Music:* Hazel Hanson  
*Lay Ministry Coordinator:* Steve Neale  
*MMO Director:* Deanne Moellering  
*Nursery Director:* Kathleen Meurer  
*Housekeeper:* Patty Ramirez

## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## Habits of Grace

by Bishop Michael B. Curry

This is the month of June. These are some hard times. Hard times for all, but really hard times for so many who have lost their loved ones or have lost their jobs. Sometimes it's helpful to go back and look at how others navigated hard times. So, I . . . picked up a small book . . . a book of sermons by Harry Emerson Fosdick. It was published in the mid 1940s, in 1944, I believe. It was a collection of sermons that he preached as the pastor of Riverside Church in New York City, during the Second World War. One of the sermons he titled, "In such a time as this, no dry-as-dust religion will do."

He pleaded with people of God to draw closer to God for strength and energy. To live lives of love, of faith, of hope. In that same period of time, he composed the hymn that's found in many of our hymnals, and I would offer it for us this week in this month of June.

*God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thy ancient churches' story,  
bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour . . .*

*Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore.*