

Stone Church e-News



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From the Rector's Desk

Dear St. Barnabas community,

I recently read the following article on the Episcopal Church Foundation's website and want to share it with all of you. As we head into Stewardship season I think it is good for us to stop and take some time to reflect on how and where we spend our time, talents and money.

Mindful Stewardship by Lisa Fischbeck

I wonder what it would be like for each of us to see all our so-called possessions—fossil fuels and trees, farms and churches, our talent, skills, bodies, minds and money—as things we have been given to tend for God's purpose, even those we worked hard to gain. I wonder what it would be like truly to share what we have with a sense of gratitude and abundance, holding it all lightly.

Especially money. Because God knows money matters. It does. God knows that what we say, do and believe about money, affects what we say, do and believe about others in the world around us. It affects what we say, do and believe about ourselves. And about God.

Money and faith

It's all interrelated, all co-mingled. Every time we give or spend or save or borrow a dollar, it is an expression of faith, an expression of what we value, of what we believe to be true.

Jesus and the Gospels teach us to hold money lightly, to give of it generously, that it shows where our treasure and our hearts are. Life with God is about abundance and about abundant generosity.

Sell all you have, Jesus tells the rich young ruler who wants to follow him. It's easier for a camel to get through the narrow eye of the needle gate than it is for a rich person to live in God's Kingdom.

Look at the birds of the air—if God looks after them and provides them with all they need, surely you don't need to worry about your financial security....

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Oh, really?

It isn't easy. Because we live in a culture that lures us into thinking that we *need* more than we've got, we *want* more than we've got. And unless we are extremely wealthy, most of us can look around and see other people with a whole lot more stuff and resources than we have. It's tempting to want more. It's hard to know how much money is enough. Especially when we want to pay for education or live without debt or provide for our children or avoid burdening them as we age or retire without anxiety about finances or enjoy some of the incredible things and places that this world of God's has to offer.

The church's mission and ours

The mission of the church offers a good lens for assessing the way we use God's stuff. The church's mission, according to the Book of Common Prayer, *is to restore all people to unity with God and with our fellow human creatures in Christ* (p. 855). This is helpful.

Before I do something or give something or spend, keep or borrow something, I can ask myself, *Does this thing I am about to do, this money I am about to spend, give, save or borrow, help in that great restoration project of God's? Or does it break things down further?* It's a good question, and it gets at the heart of what we might call 'mindful stewardship.'

What is mindful stewardship?

Mindful stewardship involves careful attention to:

- How we spend our time and how we use our resources, including, perhaps especially, our money—*all* the dollars we spend, save, give and borrow.
- What corrupts, destroys or offends the people of God, what sets us at odds.
- What restores us and others to God and to one another, what brings us together, what pulls us apart, what puts a burden on us or others and what gives us or others more freedom.

Mindful stewardship asks us to:

- Pause and to think before we act.
- Strike a balance between the convenience of individually wrapped portions of our cereal bars or nuts, and the potential for less waste if we were to buy in bulk, or at least in a larger package.
- Consider not only how much time we spend surfing social media, but the tone and content of what we post.
- Sleep in an extra hour or take the stairs instead of the elevator (if we are able) in order to honor the gift of our bodies.

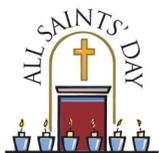
- Pause to appreciate the craftsmanship and subtle flavors of a dish or beverage before consuming it with gusto.
- Consider the percentage point gained on our investment over and against the employment practices and investments of the corporation that provides our credit card or that percentage point of interest.
- Give, freely and abundantly, a measurable portion of our resources to those institutions, individuals and organizations that make known the loving, liberating and life-giving way of Jesus, because we realize that we actually have enough to share.

What we soon discover when we practice mindful stewardship is that this way of being, spending and giving, is itself loving, liberating and life-giving, restoring us to God and to our fellow human beings in the Spirit of Christ.

The world of faith and life and love expands. And it is good.

The author, Lisa G. Fischbeck, is the founding Vicar of the [Episcopal Church of The Advocate](#), a 21st century mission in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, known for its engaging liturgy, the [Pee Wee Homes](#) (a model for church-hosted affordable housing), [The Piedmont Patch Collaborative](#) (restoring native flora and fauna to the Piedmont, one patch at a time), and its transplanted and restored 19th century chapel. Fischbeck is particularly interested in how the church can participate in the restoration of the world around us in new and collaborative ways.

WORSHIP



SAVE THE DATE FOR ALL SAINTS SERVICE—NOVEMBER 1ST

There will be a Sung Eucharist celebrating The Feast of All Saints led by Mother Meredith on Thursday, November 1st, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR ALL SAINTS – DEADLINE OCTOBER 29TH

Those wishing to remember loved ones with honor or in memory for the Feast of All Saints on November 1st and the Solemnity of All Saints on November 4th are invited to submit the names to the Parish Office by Monday, October 29th, at 5:00 p.m. Please print the names of those to be listed in our bulletin and place them with your offering in the collection plate on Sundays. You can also send an e-mail to the office at parish@stbarnabassykesville.org.



A \$40.00 donation to the Altar Guild Fund is recommended. **Deadline: October 29th.**

HOLY TRINITY VISITATION – OCTOBER 28TH, 3:00 P.M.

The annual Holy Trinity Cemetery Visitation will be held Sunday, October 28th, at 3:00 p.m. The cemetery is located directly behind the Princess Shopping Center in Eldersburg with parking at 1137 Liberty Road. Please come out to see the re-enactment and learn about the history of our parish. Additional information can be found at <http://oldtrinitycemetery.org/index.html>

STEWARDSHIP



DINNER WITH THE BISHOP - OCTOBER 24TH

Our Stewardship campaign for 2019 has begun! There are many exciting things in the works thanks to the efforts of Amy Sussman and her team. Letters from Mother Meredith and the Stewardship Team have been sent along with a Pledge Card for 2019 and an envelope in which to return the card. If you do not receive yours within the next week or so, please contact the office. There will also be a special speaker at both services on Sunday, October 21st and October 28th.

Another of the highlights for this year's campaign is the opportunity to have dinner and conversation with The Right Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton, Bishop of Maryland. Bishop Sutton will be with us on the evening of Wednesday, October 24th, at 6:00 p.m. in Barnabas Hall. Dinner will be provided by our very talented Hospitality Team but we will need an idea of how many will be attending. Please contact Linda Pugh at 410-795-7523 or lvpugh@comcast.net with you plans.

FINANCE

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT



Greetings from Finance! As we head into the last quarter of our budget year, we ask that you assess your progress in meeting your pledge commitment. We are hoping to reach the goal set for Saint B. These funds, as you know, go to pay salaries and operating expenses. As always, we thank all parishioners for maintaining their pledge!

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

VESTRY MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 11TH

The most recent meeting of the Vestry was held on Tuesday, September 11th, at 7:00 p.m. in Barnabas Hall. Minutes and Financial Statements are available at the office, if desired. The meeting included a Review of Norms, additional leasing of Barnabas Hall opportunities, the church By-Laws, status of the cemetery, and reports from the Wardens, Finance and other committees. The Vestry now meets on the second Tuesday of each month in Barnabas Hall at 7:00 p.m. Please make note of the change in day of the week! All Vestry meetings are open and all members and friends are welcome. The next meeting is scheduled for October 9th.

ST. BARNABAS AT LOCAL FESTIVALS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SYKESVILLE FESTIVALS – OCTOBER 14TH AND NOVEMBER 10TH

St. Barnabas will be hosting a table at a couple of upcoming festivals in downtown Sykesville. The first is The **Harvest Fest on Sunday, October 14th**, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The other is the always popular **Craft Beer Festival on Saturday, November 10th**, 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m. There is a need at both events for at least two volunteers to cover approximately 2 hours at a time, or longer if they would like, as well as volunteers to assist with set up and take down.

For those assisting with set up and take down, items will need to be moved between Barnabas Hall and Main Street. These things include a table, canopy, chairs, and those things we will be handing out to festival visitors. The plan is to give logo koozies around a water bottle, mints, gum and/or various candy. There might also be pretzels or some other beverage complimentary food for the Craft Beer Festival.

A few raffle baskets are also in the works to provide fun and help raise some money. One will include 2 club level seat tickets to the November 4th Steelers vs Ravens game, a Fall Themed basket with items from Trader Joe's, and an Under Armour/Dick's Sporting Good basket! Tickets will be available after services and at the festivals.

There is a sign-up sheet and you are asked to contact Kathy Quick on 443-326-5855 to volunteer for one or both of the events or to assist with raffle baskets. Thank you!

ADULT FORUM

Sunday morning faith formation for adults
Please join in the presentation and discussion at 9:00 a.m. in Barnabas Hall on
the following topics during the month of October:

October 7, 2018	- Break -
October 14	Stewardship and Mission
October 21	Stewardship and Mission
October 28	Stewardship and Mission

CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for Children will be held on the first and third Sunday of the month. Thank you to Nancy Myers for organizing and to the volunteers who have stepped forward to serve as teachers. Sunday School will meet on October 7th and 21st at 9:00 a.m. in Barnabas Hall.

OUTREACH

SALVATION ARMY FEEDMORE VAN OPPORTUNITIES



I am looking for volunteers to work with the Salvation Army's Feedmore Van for November, December and January. Currently, St. Barnabas works the 1st Wednesday each month handing out bottles of water and bagged lunches to the homeless and the working poor. For many of the people, this may be their only meal for the day. The van makes 3 - 4 stops in the downtown/Fells Point part of Baltimore. The van leaves the Salvation Army depot on 29th Street at approximately 5:30 p.m. and returns to the depot at approximately 7:30 p.m.

We also have an opportunity to work with a 2nd van on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. This van is operated by a wonderful couple who have been involved with this type of work for about 20 years. Typically, this van serves the same clientele who are either homeless or have extremely low paying jobs. This van visits 10 - 12 stops in the West/Southwest part of Baltimore. The van leaves from the same depot at 5:30 p.m. and returns at approx. 8:15 p.m.

Students can also earn Community Service hours when they participate.

If you have any questions or interest in the opportunity to help people who truly need help, please touch base with me after church, on my phone at 410- 795-7523 or by e-mail to lvpugh@comcast.net.

Wayne Pugh

Senior Warden

OUTREACH, Continued

THANK YOU FROM PANTRY PROJECT RECIPIENT

A lovely card was received recently from one of the July Pantry Project recipients. The pre-printed message on the front was “Do you know what a beautiful difference you make?” and on the inside it continued with “Just want you to know that it’s true. And just as you give from your generous hearts... My heart is so grateful for you.”! There was also a handwritten message of gratitude for the goodies in July and a wish to thank all of you again.

Information on our Seasonal Pantry Projects will be in upcoming bulletins, available at church services, as well as in the November E-Newsletter.



COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



GET SYKE'D TO FIGHT ON FIRST FRIDAY – OCTOBER 5TH

Join the Merchants of Main Sykesville in supporting the fight against Breast Cancer on Friday, October 5th, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Purchase a Breast Cancer Awareness Ribbon and get 10% off in all participating stores. Ribbon proceeds will go to support the efforts of Carroll Hospital in the fight against breast cancer.

COMMUNITY PRAYER SERVICE – OCTOBER 9TH

St. Paul's Grace & Addiction Committee will be sponsoring a Community Prayer Service on Tuesday, October 9th, at 7:00 p.m. in their sanctuary to pray for those struggling with addiction. Whether it be an individual going through addiction themselves, family member, coworker, caregiver, neighbor, friend, or anyone touched by this tragedy. All are welcome and invited. Refreshments will be served.

CARROLL BUSINESS ACADEMY – OCTOBER 10TH

The Carroll Business Academy (CBA) is a series of FREE workshops designed to benefit small business owners. Each session of the CBA will feature a presentation by industry experts on a professional development topic relevant to small business owners. Sessions also include networking opportunities and post-presentation question and answer period.

Please join on Wednesday, October 10th, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at Patapsco Distilling Company for “Business Sustainability & Development” presented by Amy Wallace Yingling. Amy is the Regional Director of America's Maryland SBDC Northern Region, a national comprehensive small business assistance network. Their mission is to help entrepreneurs realize the dream of business ownership and assist existing businesses to remain competitive in the complex market of an ever-changing global economy. There is no cost and a continental breakfast will be served. Visit www.eventbrite.com to register.

SPRINGFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CONCERT SERIES - OCTOBER 14TH

If you have been to one of Springfield Presbyterian Church's Baltimore Mandolin Orchestra concerts, you may have had the opportunity to hear Lyric Soprano Ms. Bea Gilbert. She has been performing with the BMO since 1994 and will be at Springfield Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 14th, at 3:00 p.m. Following is a little more about Ms. Gilbert from her bio. For more information you can visit www.baltimoremandolinorchestra.org and click on the link for bmo ensembles and soloists.

Born in Naples, Italy, Beatrice Gilbert moved to the United States as a child, growing up in the Annapolis area. Music and song have always been an important part of her life. Her first opportunity to sing publicly was when she auditioned and obtained the lead for her senior class production in High School after which Bea began her professional studies at The Peabody Conservatory. You are cordially invited to this concert to enjoy some lovely music and good food at the reception which will follow.

SYKESVILLE HARVEST FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 14TH

The annual Sykesville Harvest Festival is a community event that draws thousands of visitors to the Sykesville community each year. Currently, the Harvest Festival hosts 50+ craft and food vendors, live entertainment, and a FREE kids zone for families to enjoy. Please join in the fun all along Main Street on Sunday, October 14th, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Music provided by JoeyDCares Rock Orchestra 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

St. Barnabas will have a booth at this event so also stop by to say hello, show your support, or even help out for a bit! A few raffle baskets will be available to provide fun and help raise some money. One will include 2 club level seat tickets to the November 4th Steelers vs Ravens game, a Fall Themed basket with items from Trader Joe's, and an Under Armour/Dick's Sporting Good basket! Tickets will be available after services and at the festivals. (Additional details available on page 5)

ST. BARNABAS AT THE SYKESVILLE FARMER'S MARKET - OCTOBER 21ST

The Sykesville Farmer's Market is drawing to a close soon and St. Barnabas is lucky enough to be able to represent one more time this season. We plan to hand out pens, koozies, candy, literature, play corn hole, etc. If you can help set-up, clean-up or staff the table for a few hours, please give Wayne Pugh a call at 410- 795-7523.

TRICK OR TREAT ON MAIN STREET – OCTOBER 27TH

We are fortunate to be located in the "Coolest Small Town in America". Local merchants have partnered with the Sykesville Police, Town of Sykesville and Downtown Sykesville Connection to make sure everyone is safe, sound and has a sweet time in Sykesville for Halloween. Join the fun on Saturday, October 27th, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID – OCTOBER 13TH

Just as CPR helps you assist an individual having a heart attack, Mental Health First Aid helps you assist someone experiencing a mental health or substance use-related crisis. In the Mental Health First Aid course, you learn risk factors and warning signs for mental health and addiction concerns, strategies for how to help someone in both crisis and non-crisis situations, and where to turn for help. The event takes place Saturday, October 13th, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., at St. John's in Ellicott City. For more information, please contact Sherry Bosley at sherry734@verizon.net.

VESTRY VITALITY TRAINING – OCTOBER 27TH

The Diocese of Maryland is hosting the workshop “Vestry Vitality Training” on Saturday, October 27th, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's, Severn Parish, in Crownsville. This workshop is especially helpful for wardens and newly-elected vestry members. Discuss how to foster strong relationships, clear processes and focus on results using curriculum from the Episcopal Church Foundation. Address management styles, leadership personalities, meeting structure, goal-setting and accountability. Cost is \$10. Register online at: <https://www3.thedatabank.com/dpg/543/donate.asp?formid=Events&c=6052708>.

YOUTH NIGHTWATCH NYC– DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS OCTOBER 24TH

A Pilgrimage to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine is set for November 9th – 10th (grades 6-12). A bus is being provided and will leave Maryland on Friday at Noon with a return on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$95, deadline to register is October 24th. Learn more and register online at:

<http://episcopalmarylandyouth.weebly.com/events.html>

SEEING THE FACE OF GOD IN EACH – PLAN NOW FOR NOVEMBER 3RD AND 4TH

The "Seeing the Face of God in Each Other Antiracism Workshop" (SFG) is an experiential workshop created by the Episcopal Church. SFG is open to all Episcopalians. Deadline for registration is one week in advance for facilitators to prepare. Participants must attend parts I and II to complete the workshop. Register with Adam Barner, abarner@episcopalmaryland.org.

Memorial, Bolton Hill, Baltimore

Part I: November 3rd, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Part II: November 4th, 1:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE – NOVEMBER 18TH

The Handel Choir Concert to benefit the Bishop's Annual Ministries Appeal and the Sutton Scholars High School Enrichment Program will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 18th, at Church of the Redeemer in Baltimore. Sponsorships available. For more information, contact Kathy Grayson at kgrayson@episcopalmaryland.org.

MAKING THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

I am often asked why do we make the sign of the cross and at what point in the service do we do this?

The sign of the cross is a reminder of the marker of our baptism. It is made over our earthly remains at the funeral service and over the bread and wine in the Eucharist. This sign connects us with the whole communion of saints, too.

It is appropriate to make the sign of the cross at the following times:

- The words “Father, Son and Holy Spirit”
- During the Gloria at “ thou art...”
- The Nicene Creed at “ the resurrection of the dead”
- The absolution after Confession
- During the Eucharistic Prayer at “ Sanctify us...”
- The Lord's Prayer at “ deliver us from evil”
- The Blessing

Before the Gospel reading it is customary to make the sign of the cross on your forehead, lips, and heart. It means God be in my thoughts, my speech and my heart.

As Episcopalians we generally follow the saying, " all may, some should, none must" with regard to manual acts. You are welcome and encouraged to make the sign of the cross but you don't have to.

ST. BARNABAS PRAYER LIST

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Mary Anderson	Hannah Baglin	David Bott	Lily Bott
David Britton	Terry Britton	Trish Crossett	Terry Farquhar
Taylor Hodges	Suzanne Jordan	Tim King	Mike McEvoy
Elizabeth McMahan	Carol Mercer	Ann Overton	Linda Pugh
Bob Schmitz	Rick Schneider	Linda Voyce	Steve Wolf

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

David & Beth Gerrard
Phillip & J. L. Goff
Erik & Donna Hansen
Hugh & Angie Harris
Chris & Megan Lewis
Mike & Molly McEvoy
Dave & Sherri Patterson
Spencer & Lorie St. Cyr
Jeff & Amy Sussman
Tracy & Susan Wilder

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Linda Dore	Ethel Fuchs	Thomas Gawne	Joan Genhardt
Brendan Graham	Carmella Holland	Peg Lawrence	Don May
Fred Mengers	Karin Otto	Dave Patterson	Cathy Smith
Claire Vey	Gregory Victor	Brian Voyce	Wendal Family

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Loretta Duckworth	Robert Gawne	Gail O'Day
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PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Grant Demaree Ted Jacobs Ryan Lochran John Miller Sarah Zimmerman



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