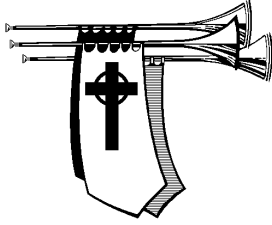


September 2007



St. Barnabas Episcopal Church—Portland Oregon

# The Messenger



“Dedicated to getting the Word out.”

**Sundays:** 9:00am with Sunday School and child care. Until Sept. 9th, then we go back to 8am and 10am w/ child care

Thank you, people of St. Barnabas! We surely have had a marvelous 16 months living ministry together. Many were the surprises as we did something the same and new things like the Eucharist on the lawn followed by a wonderful lunch! in July and the 9 a.m. liturgy in summer.

I still marvel at the responses to Via Media last summer with its 25 participants in that new adult education venture. We continued those efforts with another group in the fall, a study of the Presiding Bishop's book, A Wing and a Prayer, attending her lecture at Trinity Cathedral in a completely full church, a journey to The Close to see the gardens and the Vestry retreat there in January.

You have been a most gracious people of God. You have ventured together in new ways as we have worked on reconciliation in different ways. Each of you have given of yourselves to prepare St. Barnabas for a new rector. Bless your new priest as you have blessed Ruthanne and I. Keep the Search Committee and Vestry in your daily prayers. God will be with you in the days and years ahead. You will be in our prayers. Ruthanne and I have enjoyed our time with you over the past months.

It is my custom and the custom of many of the clergy in the Episcopal Church that when they retire as rector of a parish or complete their tenure as interim that they do not return to the parish in any “official” capacity, but return as a friend, not as a pastor. So Baptisms, marriages and funerals are handled by your new rector, who becomes your pastor. We want to know about your family events, but want to enjoy them as a friend.

We have trips planned to Missouri for a dear friend's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, to the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta where we will see our daughter, Heather and husband, Eric. In late October we're in Marblehead, Mass. and then to Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire to enjoy the fall leaves.

Peace,  
Fr. Rick



## Mark your calendar !

Diocese of  
Oregon  
119th  
Convention  
"Mission: Now is the Time"  
Thursday, November 8, 2007  
Friday, November 9, 2007  
&  
3rd Annual Mission and Ministry  
Fair  
Saturday, November 10, 2007  
  
Salem Conference Center and  
Phoenix Grand Hotel

## THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible; Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verse. Little Rick was excited about the task -- but, he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

### IMPORTANT CONVENTION HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

If you are calling in you can say you are attending the Episcopal Diocese Conference. If you would like to make reservations online, go to the website, [www.phoenixgrandhotel.com](http://www.phoenixgrandhotel.com) and go to Reservations, and then Group Reservations. The attendee code is ATTENDEE. The rest will lead you right through the steps. Please call or email if you have any questions. Tamy Perkins, Reservations Manager, 503-779-1624.

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## September Birthdays

Richard Hunnicutt	September 3
Carolyn Nelson	September 3
Nan Overall	September 3
John H. Egan	September 4
Bob Rothschild	September 5
Dante Dainton Piacente	September 7
Marylou McClenaghan	September 15
Samantha Brierher	September 18
Molly Neupert	September 19
Jan Stephens	September 20
Ruthanne Bullock	September 21
Angela Mei Coefield	September 25
Fred Martinson	September 25
Stuart Ellis	September 27
Ethan John	September 29
George B. Stevens	September 30

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### *Outreach News Flash.....*

**September 16<sup>th</sup>** Samira Godil from the Southwest Community Health Center will come to St. Barnabas and tell us about the clinic during the 10 AM service. The mission of the center is to provide high quality health care services to those lacking adequate resources to access care. Samira Godil is the Executive Director of the center and will talk on its mission, values and community need. The clinic is located in our neighborhood at the Multnomah Arts Center. She will also give out information in Grafe Hall during coffee hour.

Over the past three years Christian, Muslim, and Jewish faith organizations have individually supported the clinic through contributions and volunteerism. Faith organizations have fused into an ecumenical group.

Hope you can all attend and find out about this center in our neighborhood and how we as Christians at St. Barnabas can help.

### ***Grauer Back-To-School Project***

On August 11<sup>th</sup> approximately 650 low-income children K-12 who reside in SW Portland were each given new socks, underwear, athletic shoes, hooded sweatshirts, jackets and backpacks filled with school supplies to start the 2007-2008 school year. Thanks to all who donated items and cash to this very worthwhile project.

Many parishioners from St. Barnabas participated in work days leading up to August 11<sup>th</sup> and also on the distribution day.

The Rev. John Day, who was associate priest at St. Barnabas in 1961-63, died in Stockton, Calif. on May 9, 2007. He was 76 and had developed Parkinson's Disease some years ago, and had been in a care facility recently.

In 1964 Fr. Day, wife Dagny and two children, Joseph and Ann, became missionaries in Brazil. He had studied Portuguese under the training program of the national Episcopal Church, and served two years in Sao Paulo, Brazil. St. Barnabas supported his work by buying a Volkswagen and sending financial support.

The funeral was June 11 (St. Barnabas Day) in Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, and he is interred in the columbarium in the bell tower of the Cathedral. Dagny writes: "From time to time we brought John home when family came over. Lynn surprised us on Good Friday, so we were able to take him home on Holy Saturday and on Easter. He loved visits home."

Remember to grab and wear your name badge during Sunday service and coffee break after; this helps everyone and makes new people feel more welcome...

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**Prayers of Intercession:**

Phyllis Coey, Merrie Ross, Edyth Viau, Doris Miller, Pat & Larry Mahon, Tracy Beard, Al Watkins, Tom, Wayne & Ellie May Cooper, John Melum, Lois Wright, Barbara Rozelle, Kathy Haugland, Walter Burke, Donovan, Hilda Jane, Mary Alice Ford, Jim, Dave Dougherty, Michael Thornbloom, Theresa, Ann, Tim Toly, Sandy Hunnicutt, Bill, Laura Vranizan, Lee Ann Marschat, Jocelyn Gougat, Robin Houmiel, Paul, Erik, Fr. John Scannell, Dorothy & Tom Kennedy, Helen Grafe, Bill, Don Howard, Elaine, Linda, Fr. Don Eaton, Stan Smith, Rita, Chris Carter and premature son Noah.

**Repose of the Soul:**

Clare G. Peterson, M.D. on June 20, 2007, Bernard Harvard: Principal of da Vinci Art Middle School, Rev. John Day on May 9, 2007.



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**Parish family in the military:** Douglas Eklund, Brian Houmiel, Garrett Fedorka, Scott Egan, Heidi Meldrum, Daniel Hyde, Ben Cameron, Travis Hobbs, Vincent Adams, Bob Potter, Carolyn Lindsey, Marietta Zimmerman, Nicolina Zimmerman and Ryan Eggers.

## CURRENT OUTREACH PROJECTS 2007

*Christ has called us to help our neighbors*

*Please read about our outreach projects so you are familiar with some of the things going on at St. Barnabas that maybe you were not aware of.*

**Neighborhood House:** food cart: each Sunday's collection is taken to Neighborhood House in Multnomah Village.



**Peoplebank:** St. Barnabas was a project partner when Peoplebank started many years ago. \$100 is budgeted from the church budget for Peoplebank each month.

**Second Look Bookstore:** Our bookstore is located in Barnabas House and at the present time is managed by Mary Lou McClenaghan and has raised over \$600 toward outreach projects this year.

**Grauer Back-To-School Project:** We are a project partner with St. Luke Lutheran Church, 13 other churches, social service agencies and businesses created to respond to the back-to-school needs of over 600 low-income SW Portland children. Distribution day was August 11th.

**SW Hope: Feed the Hungry:** We are a project partner with St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and other faith organizations to help feed the hungry in SW Portland. This project was launched 2006 and held during February and March of 2007.

**Heifer Project International:** The children of St. Barnabas have been working on this global program since 2003. Many adults have gotten involved also helping with fund-raisers and donations.

**Blanket Drive:** A drive is held once a year, usually in the winter, to supply blankets to homeless shelters in Portland. This year we raised \$800 and purchased 160 blankets.

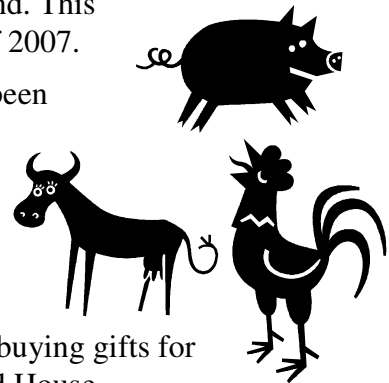
**Elder Tree:** A long time St. Barnabas project during the holidays buying gifts for the clients of Aging Services at the Senior Center of Neighborhood House.

**Sharing Tree:** Items such as sox, mittens, gloves, hats, and toiletries are collected for Neighborhood House during the holidays.

**Tuesday Morning Quilt group:** Quilts are made by women of St. Barnabas and taken to White Shield, Good Samaritan for babies of indigent mothers.



**William Temple House:** Collection bin in the entry way to Grafe Hall. Items are taken down to be sold in their thrift shop.



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## SUNSET CONVOCATION MEETING MINUTES

June 2, 2007

All Saints, Hillsboro

### **Attendees:**

All Saints, Hillsboro: Jo Ayres, Christopher Cole+  
Christ Church, Lake Oswego: Leroy Hammond, JoAnn Leach+, Dcn. Tom Stanwood  
San Pablo, Hillsboro: Absent, St. Alban, Tillamook: Absent, St. Barnabas, Portland: Doris Patke,  
St. Bartholomew, Beaverton: Florette Lewis, St. Bede, Forest Grove: Brandon Filbert+, James  
Nelsen, Jason Neumann-Grable, Randy Stone, St. Catherine, Manzanita: Paul Barthelemy+, Chet  
Falby+, George Hemingway+, Dcn. Melinda LeRoy, Joel Sacks, St. Francis, Wilsonville: Absent,  
St. Gabriel, Portland: Carol Fox, Patty George, Dcn. Thomas Lang, LouAnn Pickering+, St. James,  
Tigard: Dcn. Mimi Eick, Raggs Ragan+, Cynthia Reynolds, St. John the Baptist, Portland: Janet  
Bean, Mary Dorscheimer, Doris Gleason, Julie Smith+, St. Michael/San Miguel, Newberg:  
Roberto Arcineiga+, Cindra Gray

The opening prayer was given by Chris Cole+, and the Gospel reading and meditation was led by Brandon Filbert+.

The minutes of the February 2007 minutes were approved as corrected.

Mary Dorscheimer asked the convocation if each parish would participate in cross-auditing. A discussion followed about what is required in the diocese regarding audits. It is unclear what the expectations are. Mary will procure a Manual of Business Practices issued by the Episcopal Church.

Peace & Justice Report: Mary Dorscheimer gave a brief report on our diocese's chapter of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship and its recent activities. She gave members the EPF e-mail address for further information.

Cynthia Reynolds reported on Outreach activities:

- Oregon Food Bank Benefit at McMeniman's Grand Lodge  
Tuesday, August 7, 5:30 till ?. 50% of receipts taken in  
by McMeniman's will go to the Oregon Food Bank.
- Choir Concert - will not happen this year. Lack of  
participation.
- Cynthia would like to see four convocation events per  
year, and she suggested some: Wine Tasting, Ebay Auction.  
A day of fasting garnered the most comments. A motion  
was made and seconded to have Ash Wednesday as a fast  
day for our convocation. The money not spent on food will  
go to the Oregon Food Bank.

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Diocesan Council Report: George Hemingway+ reported on progress of Holy Conversations. Part 3 has begun, but some parishes have not responded to Part 2 (and some have not been contacted by a diocesan council member). George and Richard Van Orten are doing a study on needs of the congregations, and what positions are necessary in the diocese to assist those needs. He mentioned that not all diocesan staff positions are paid ones.

Diocesan Budget Report: Joel Sacks reported on the progress of the budget. On an estimated budget income in 2008 of \$2,162,000, \$1,300,000 is for salaries. 79% of budget cannot be discussed by Council (per fiat from the Bishop). For the Common Mission Fund, money will be pooled and a committee will determine where the money will go. Dan Tabizon, who serves on the Diocesan Personnel Committee, said that the committee does not agree that budget items cannot be discussed. The Personnel Committee has recommended 4.2% increase in staff salaries, but the Finance Committee has recommended 5.6%. The Budget Committee does not know how to deal with the shortfall. It was suggested that if the budget remains the way it is a narrative needs to be given, with a good rationale, supporting it. Much conversation was given to this issue, and a motion was made and seconded to state that this convocation protests that 80% of the diocesan budget being non-negotiable is unacceptable. Much animated discussion followed, i.e., should any items on budget be non-negotiable; when hiring diocesan staff a contract should be made showing appropriate salary; a substitute motion was suggested and the first motion was withdrawn. A second motion was made, seconded and affirmed by those present. It reads "The Sunset Convocation expresses extreme concern in setting aside any part of the budget that cannot be discussed". It was suggested that a ruling needs to be given by the Chancellor of the Diocese whether, in fact, there are canonically budget items that cannot be discussed. We would like an answer by our August meeting. George Hemingway+ ended the discussion with the following: there are no requests for diocesan position salary increases not required by convention. He added that those can be changed by convention, as well. He asked that we keep this issue in perspective.

Dean's Report: Brandon explained that the Dean's role has changed and expanded. Parishes can turn to the Dean with issues and problems, resources, and ideas. The Convocation Clericus has been restored and is active. Deans of Convocations meet with the Bishop and Canon to The Ordinary on a quarterly basis.

**FUTURE MEETING DATES:**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 19 - 2:00 P.M. AT ST. CATHERINE'S, MANZANITA.**

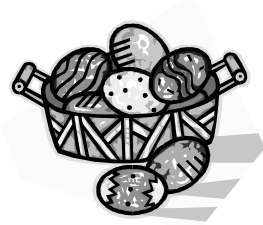
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6 - 9:30 A.M. AT ST. GABRIEL'S PORTLAND**

The closing prayer was given by Cynthia, a Blessing given by Brandon, and the Dismissal given by Dcn. Tom Lang.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Dorscheimer  
Convocation Secretary

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**Newspaper bin:** In the church parking area. This is a good fundraiser for outreach and is collected when full and we generally receive up to \$80 at one collection.



**Loaves and Fishes:** A team from St. Barnabas serves there once a month as well as other times during the month.

**Easter Basket:** Up to 75 Easter baskets, 50 for children and 25 for adults are filled and given to William Temple House. Donations for the Easter baskets are given by the parish.

**E.R.D. (Episcopal Relief and Development Fund):** We support (e.g. tsunami health kits, lap quilts for Indian hospitals, Afghanistan school kits) often at the invitation of the diocese.

**U.T.O.:** Coordinated by the Women of St. Barnabas and collected twice a year.

Some of our disbursements of outreach income for 2007 have been as follows:

\$500.00 Fisher House Foundation, Inc.

\$100.00 Dougy Center

\$ 50.00 to Sisters of the Road Café

\$100.00 to Hopewell Hospice House Center

Marnell McClenaghan has brought us numerous projects during the year from her company Standard Insurance of stuffing envelopes or folders. The money raised is put in our outreach fund for projects.

At the present time these are the members of the Outreach committee:

Mary Lou McClenaghan, Mae Orendorff, Bev Davis, Julia Rasor, Barbara Hildebrand, Leslie Coefield, Marnell McClenaghan, Sheila Dougherty, Patti Field, Carolyn Nelson.

If you would like to get involved in one of our many projects or just want to learn more about them please contact Carolyn Nelson 503-246-6763 or anyone on the committee.

### BIBLES!

Need a Bible? Want to see different versions to your favorite verses?

Look at this online resource [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com)

The site also provides the Bible in different languages.

# Thank You

Several Thank You's from the office !

I wish to send a special Thank You to William "Bill" Walker. Did you know that Bill is an avid reader of the Messenger? I am grateful that he is! Thank you to Bill for reading my plea for a new chair mat for my office. The old mat was falling apart and Bill happened to have one at home that he and Janet had decided didn't quite suit their needs ..... next thing you know Bill and I are having a discussion and the very next day Bill delivered me a new chair mat! *Thank you Bill (& Janet too!)*

Thank you to Elaine Chapman who presented us with a *shiny, brand new plunger!* Now two of our three buildings will have a plunger!

St. Barnabas has received a donation from within the church family in the manner of a niche in the Oak Corridor at Riverview Abbey.

The Abbey cannot actually deed it to St. Barnabas but it is available for a family in their time of need. For more details on this, please see Cathie. Many wishes of "*Thank you*" to the *John Egan family*.

We have a wonderful and generous parish. We have received a generous gift of a brand new Char-Broil grill on rolling stand and with a full tank of propane too.

*Thank you to John & Julie Egan and the Dougherty's for this great gift.*

PAX, Cathie Dainton Piacente

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The Chili Cook-Off was held on Pentecost (May 27<sup>th</sup>) and the winners were:

In a tie for **1<sup>st</sup> place: Tom Ford & David Piacente**. Tom's was a very hearty, beefy pot, David's was *smokin' hot*. **Doris Patke** took 4<sup>th</sup> place with a smoky & flavorful turkey chilli, and **Leslie Coefield** cooked up a pot too. I took 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a new recipe from The Oregonian, which I chose because it contained *COFFEE*.

Thank you to all chefs, cornbread bakers, set up and clean up helpers and to all who attended and voted us to our spots of honor.

This was the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Pentecost Chili Cook-Off! Thank you for being part of the fun.

Cathie Dainton Piacente

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Congratulations to Stan and Kathy Smith, grandparents to a baby girl, Brook Kristen, born Aug. 7, 2007. Proud first time parents are: John & Jennifer Stoffer! Jennifer is Stan & Kathy's eldest child.

Calendar here



## Profit or Humanity

The world we live in has become very small and very fast paced. We are never out of touch with the immediate needs or desires of our lives or heart. This point of life became very true at a conference that Nan and I recently went to. On our flight down we were seated in different rows and the flight was over booked. During the conference a large number of people kept getting cell phone calls or text messages. Our flight back was a little better as we got to sit together. When it came time to board the person at the gate called for people with small children or needing assistance to come. Before we could even get to the gate they called for general boarding. Now anyone who has traveled has seen all of this and maybe more.

Where is humanity in all of this? Have our lives become so filled doing things or being somewhere that we have lost sight of our own humanity? I knew of a man that was called by God to serve His flock in a very special way. When I first became acquainted with him, he held a high office over a large number of other leaders and people. What I came to see was a man looking for the next step up and not looking after the flock. Profit or humanity?

Like most companies the airline wanted to make sure all the seats were filled. Getting to the next step up at work brings it's own rewards. Now none of this is bad by any means. My question is, how do the companies show their humanity, how do we show our humanity at work?

Is the humanity of Jesus Christ in the every day world we live in? Do our lives reflect the person of Christ or the world we live in? Personally my life does not always reflect Christ. I can get caught up in the work-a day world trying to keep body and soul together. It is when I realize that it is "I" trying to keep it together. I had not let Christ keep me together with him, that the noise of life had engulfed me and I had been swept away.

There is a balance between profit and humanity that each of us must find for ourselves. It may require letting go of some things or putting them off for a time but you can find your balance. The key is letting go and letting Christ. When Christ is first everything else will fall into place. It may not look like we want it to but it will work out.

Your servant in Christ,  
Gary

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