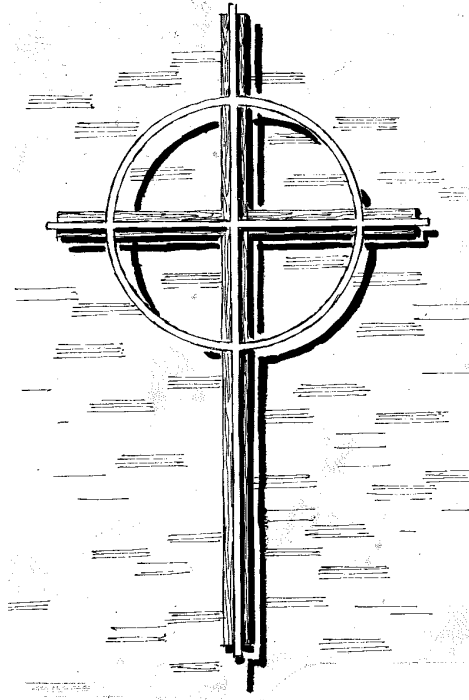


St. Barnabas Episcopal Church 2008 Annual Report



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Mission Statement:

*A community of believers serving Christ by welcoming the diversity of all God's Creation,
creating a sanctuary of peace and love for the spiritual and personal growth of all
who seek the Lord.*

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Staff

Rector – The Reverend L. D. Wood-Hull
 Office Administrator – Cathie Dainton Piacente
 Music Director and Sexton – Glenn Bjorkquist
 Nursery and Child Care – Chris Renwick
 Organist – Lewis Needham

2008 Vestry

Rector, L. D. Wood Hull	
Ken Ross	Sr. Warden, Treasurer
Sandy Hunnicutt	Jr. Warden, Stewardship
Carolyn Nelson	Outreach Liaison
Janet Hummel	Fellowship Liaison
Barbara Peters	Clerk of the Vestry
Elaine Chapman	Pastoral Care Liaison
Emile Lemoine	Buildings & Grounds Liaison
Elizabeth “Betty” Dauntless	Communications Liaison

Delegates to Convention 2008: Betty Dauntless, Sheila Dougherty, Doris Patke
 Alternate to Convention 2008: “Pat” Patke, Ken Ross

St. Barnabas Altar Guild Report for 2008

Eva Calcagno, President

The Altar Guild cleans and maintains the altar, vestments and vessels, and prepares for and cleans up after services. This includes arranging flowers, cleaning linens, decorating the church for holidays and holy days, and assisting with special services like weddings and funerals. The Altar Guild is 14 members strong and growing, but we are always willing to accept new members! Members are assigned to one of four teams of 3-5 people, each serving one weekend per month. Total time commitment per person is 2-4 hours per month. The Altar Guild maintains a separate bank account and has about \$1400 at this time. Funds are used to buy altar flowers if none are donated, or to pay for replacement and repairs to altar vessels and linens. In 2009 the Altar Guild will also coordinate a fund drive to purchase additional altar vestments including new Priest's robes, Deacon's stoles, frontals (those things that hang down the front of the altar), and communion sets. Details will be forthcoming!

Current Altar Guild officers are:

Eva Calcagno, President
Beverly Davis, Treasurer

Julie Egan, Vice President
Carolyn Nelson, Secretary

Buildings and Grounds

Vestry Liaison: Emile Lemoine

It's been a busy year for buildings and grounds projects at St. Barnabas. We began with an inspection or "walk around", identifying those areas of the facilities which were in most urgent need of attention. We compiled and prioritized a list which we've been working on since, although items do seem to get added to it at about the same rate we take them off.

Volunteers helped to do their share of the projects, especially Art Hildebrand, Frank Wiggins, Keith Enos, and David Piacente. Art did numerous projects in order to get Barnabas House up to par, and Frank built nice new pews for the Sunday school. Many more came to help when we painted the children's Sunday school area and organized a lawn cleaning party over the summer. Thanks to everyone who helped.

Major projects which required outside contractors were: sidewalk repairs identified by an outside risk assessor, water heater repairs, furnace repairs, electrical upgrades in Barnabas House, and refrigerator repairs in Grafe Hall. Unfortunately, these repairs were considerably more expensive than we budgeted for at the beginning of the year.

There's still much more work to do, but we're whittling away at the list slowly but surely. Here's a partial list of the things we still need to do: provide an A/C powerpack for the lectern microphone, repair the bench in front of church, clean the church carpets, repair the leaking roof of the church, paint parking lot lines at Barnabas House, install curb stops in the church parking lot, unplug the downspouts at St. Barnabas, repair kneelers in the church, paint the deck at Barnabas House, paint Barnabas House Fascia, and paint window frames of church near entrance.

COMMUNICATIONS '08

Vestry Liaison: Betty Dauntless

Janet Hummel deserves many kudos for design and maintenance of our website.

Doris Patke keeps us well informed with all aspects of producing The Messenger newsletter.

Our executive assistant Cathie Dainton Piacente graciously provides information which keeps us headed in the right directions at all times.

In the works are both a new directory and brochure to give visitors an overview of St. Barnabas.

Our "Come and See" banner was donated by a generous parishioner.

A vestry poster is in the narthex; pictures and titles provided by Sandy Hunnicutt.

Parishioners are to be commended for their positive, everyday communications with friends and business contacts.

We all appreciate those fresh faces joining us in the pews. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

St. Barnabas Fellowship Committee Report

Vestry Liaison: Janet Hummel

Social Events of the Congregation

Mission Statement: Have fun! Develop friendships! Integrate St. Barnabas members, friends, and neighbors by providing 1-2 social events per month, that don't require a lot of work, or a budget.

Scheduled Events: First Friday Monthly Potluck & Game Night, 6 PM Grafe Hall. Bring a pizza or salad or other simple dish to share. Bring your own place settings (so nobody has to clean up!).

The Events Committee will plan some events where there is enough interest from the congregation. A few ideas have been presented: Car pool to events such as: Garden Tours, classes at the Trinity Cathedral, Corn Maze, Wine Tours. Classes at St. Barnabas, such as: Prayer, Bible, creating Emergency Kits. Movie and popcorn nights. Games – Bridge; Bowling; Glow-in-the-dark Bowling; Golf, Miniature Golf. Hiking. Holiday parties. Please contact anyone in the Vestry for more ideas.

Helping other groups: We are in the process of compiling a list of on-going monthly and recurring yearly events that other St. Barnabas committees plan. It is our goal to help the other

groups advertise and generate more interest among parish members to get involved, and to promote friendships and bonds with other followers of Christ to support each other in our journey with God.

Annual St. Barnabas Outreach Report

Vestry Liaison: Carolyn Nelson

2008 Projects

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. \$200 was 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 \$1000 toward outreach projects this year; **Grauer Back-to-School Project:** we collected a barrel of school supplies for this project in which we are in partner with St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 13 other churches, social service agencies and businesses created to respond to the back-to-school needs of over 600 low-income children in SW Portland. Distribution day was August 9th and many of our parishioners helped on giving day; **SW Hope: Feed the Hungry:** food was collected for this project in which we are in partner with St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and other faith organizations to help feed the hungry in SW Portland. This project was launched in 2006 and was held during February and March and raised over 75,000 pounds of food just in 2008; **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 fundraisers and donations; **Blanket Drive:** As much as \$800 was donated making it possible to purchase approximately 120 blankets. 50 new blankets were also donated making a total of 170 blankets taken to homeless shelters; **Giving Basket:** individual parishioners picked a person to buy a gift for and they were taken to the clients of Aging Services at the senior center of Neighborhood House totally 20 gifts.; **Sharing Tree:** items such as sox, mittens, gloves, hats, and toiletries were collected and taken to William Temple House during the holidays; **Tuesday Morning Quilt group:** quilts were made by the quilters of St. Barnabas and taken to White Shield and Good Samaritan for babies of indigent mothers; **William Temple House:** items collected in the collection bin in the entry way to Grafe Hall were taken to their thrift shop to be sold; **Undie Sunday:** in August new underwear was collected for school age children 5 through 18 and taken to William Temple House to be distributed to those in need; **Newspaper bin:** the paper bin, in the church parking lot was picked up 8 times this year bringing in over \$700 for outreach projects; **Loaves and Fishes:** a dedicated team of women from St. Barnabas serve on a regular basis once a month as well as other times during the month; **Easter Baskets:** 50 Easter baskets for children were filled by volunteers who gathered in Grafe Hall and given to William Temple House. The parish gave donations to fill the Easter baskets; **Baskets for our Parishioners:** spear headed by Sheila Dougherty 15 Easter Baskets were donated by parishioners and taken to members of St. Barnabas who are unable to attend church; **Marnell McClenaghan:** Marnell has brought us numerous projects during the year from her place of business Standard Insurance of stuffing

envelopes or folders, bringing in over \$600 for outreach projects: **E.R.D.:** (Episcopal Relief and Development Fund): this year the project was NETSFORLIFE and parishioners donated approximately 55 nets; **U.T.O.:** coordinated by the Women of St. Barnabas and collect in May of this year.

Listed are organizations donated to out of Outreach funds:

Dougy Center	Sisters of the Road Café
Hopewell Hospice House Center	YWCA Yolanda House
Fisher House Foundation, INC	SW Community Health Center

Many parishioners here at St. Barnabas have without hesitation answered God's call by stepping forward though out the year and generously given to many of the projects listed in this report to help folks in our community and beyond who are in need. It has been a true heartwarming experience for me to be involved in this mission of great faith.

Thank you for that opportunity, Carolyn Nelson

Stewardship Campaign Results

Vestry Liaison: Sandy Hunnicutt

I want to thank everyone who has participated in this years' stewardship campaign. We returned to the more traditional fall Stewardship Campaign this year. We changed our program format and met in small groups, in parishioners' homes or at Barnabas House, for study, discussion and fellowship.

Our study focused on the part of The Lord's Prayer about "our daily bread" as illustrated in the story of the Israelites' journey in the wilderness. (Exodus 16:1-21). We also discussed how this relates to current day economic events and our own needs. Meeting in small groups provided an opportunity for members who did not know each other to meet, and time to ask questions of Fr. L.D. and vestry members.

We have received 58 pledge cards for \$91,938. This is a similar dollar amount to 2008. I am expecting a few more cards may trickle in. We recognize that many are impacted by the current economic struggles and truly appreciate each and every pledge made. If you have not returned your card, please do so now. The vestry will be using this information as we finalize the budget for 2009. Thank you, once again.

By Sandy Hunnicutt

Stewardship Chair
Jr. Warden

The St. Barnabas Sunday School program has gone through a few changes over this last year. For the winter and spring of 2008 youth K-8 participated in the Sunday School Program. The curriculum was rather traditional and class was held each week.

Summertime was a story and crafts with different adult volunteers lending their time and talents each week. In addition, the Sunday school area went through some much needed "redecorating." Freshly painted walls, new window coverings and a shampooed carpet ...it looks great! Even the children's chapel inherited its own set of pews.

Since the Fall of 2008 the program has experienced more changes. Our weekly lessons have moved away from a traditional curriculum to more interactive lessons. Youth in grades K-5 attend the classes while the older youth, 6th grade and above remain upstairs with the adults. Everyone gathers in church at the beginning of the service and then the youth and their teachers process down to the Sunday School area. All are reunited back upstairs before communion. Classes are held the first three Sundays of the month with the 4th and occasional 5th Sunday designated as all age services.

I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to my fellow Sunday School Teachers: Lizzie Wood-Hull, David Piacente, Sheila Dougherty, Mae Orendorff, Anita Galloway, Elsa Lemoine, and Emile Lemoine.

Gratitude also to Eva Calcagno and Liz Martin who helped teach in the winter, spring, and summer of 2008.

Our program has been and continues to be successful because of dedicated teachers, fabulous youth and all the support and encouragement we receive from parents and grandparents. We are truly blessed.

Rector's Annual Report 2008
January 25, 2009

To my colleagues in ministry:

The year 2008 was our first full calendar year together. I spent much of the year as “the new guy,” learning my way around St. Barnabas, discovering this parish’s habits and traditions, and getting acquainted with many of you. Naturally, with a new rector come a few new ways of doing things. I am grateful for the patience and generosity with which you have greeted these changes.

Human life is full of contrasts, and our common life in 2008 was no exception. It was a year of blessing and challenge, excitement and stress, joy and sorrow. We celebrated the baptisms of two beautiful children and we grieved the deaths of beloved parishioners. We were invigorated by successful outreach projects that assisted the needy even as we watched our own financial assets shrink rapidly. We welcomed some wonderful new members, yet we missed the presence and ministry of some other members who have curtailed participation because of infirmity or reasons unknown. In all of these normal ups and downs of parish life, we have seen abundant reason for hope and encouragement. I have no doubt that the Holy Spirit is leading our parish into an exciting (though unknown) future.

Renewal: Two Key Examples

You and I have been working together to renew and refresh several aspects of our common life. I shall not outline all of them here, but I would like to highlight two of the most important of them: (1.) the role and place of children and youth in our parish and (2.) our common worship.

Children and youth. We have taken the first steps toward a new vision of the full inclusion of children and youth in everything that we do at St. Barnabas. Probably this is most apparent in our liturgy, where young people now serve regularly as lectors, acolytes, ushers, and greeters. Beginning in September, 2008, Sunday School (for Kindergarten through 5th grade) has been limited to the first three Sundays of each month in order to lighten the teachers’ load and, more importantly, to ensure that the whole parish, without segregation according to age, worships together at least once each month. I have begun conversations with the leaders of the various ministries and programs of the parish, from Altar Guild to outreach ministries, encouraging them to find ways to incorporate children ever more fully into their normal activities. These first steps have been very successful and, by and large, enthusiastically received, but they are only our first steps. I look forward to working with ministry leaders in the months to come to continue this work of inclusion and incorporation. I believe that the full inclusion of children and teenagers not only is the best way to train them, but also breathes fresh life into our whole parish’s worship, programs, and ministries.

Worship. Apart from the increased participation of young people and a handful of minor liturgical changes, our Sunday morning worship looks and feels more or less as it did when I arrived in November, 2007. However, during 2008 we had the opportunity to experience, on a temporary basis, some very different ways of worshipping. Most striking was our summer experiment of worshipping for three Sundays in Grafe Hall. This smaller space put us closer to one another and to the altar table, enabling us to worship in a more intimate and interactive (though perhaps at times more chaotic) fashion. Many parishioners provided useful feedback, most of it strongly positive. (A full report of your feedback is in the making, but my preliminary conclusion is this: Most people valued worshipping in the close semi-circle around the altar table, but disliked the Grafe Hall location.) We have not yet begun incorporating into our normal worship what we have learned in our experiments; this is a project for 2009 and beyond.

Strategic Planning for Mission and Ministry

In addition to the renewal outlined above, we have begun planning a deliberate renewal of our parish on a “big picture” level. In November, 2008, your vestry (elected governing board) began working with facilitator Paula Franck to create a strategic plan for our future. We continued the planning process in an all-parish meeting with Paula in December. We now launch a task force (which *all* parishioners are invited to join) that has been charged with (1.) articulating St. Barnabas’s identity and mission and (2.) planning concrete steps to accomplish our mission. Put another way, our task is to dream big dreams, and then to make those dreams reality.

Late in 2008 your senior warden updated the parish on our financial situation in light of the global economic downturn. The news was mixed: while the sagging market dragged down the value of our investment accounts, the fact that we had investment accounts in the first place is a great blessing, for these investment accounts have allowed us to fund our ministries at their present, robust levels. It is clear, however, that absent a huge and rapid recovery in the stock market early in 2009, our present rate of withdrawals from investments is not sustainable. We must increase non-investment revenue, decrease expenditures, or both; and we must do so soon. Please know that your parish leadership is watching our finances carefully, and we shall continue to keep you fully informed of our situation. Please also know this: your parish leadership is determined to remain focused on the parish’s mission. In our strategic planning task force we shall dream big dreams first, and plan how to fund them second. We must not allow our finances to drive our ministries; it must be the other way around.

Thanks to My Colleagues

I consider each member of this parish my colleague in ministry. Many of my colleagues deserve special recognition. In 2008 I worked with a terrific vestry, a group full of energetic leaders and wise advisors: Ken Ross (senior warden and treasurer),

Sandy Hunnicutt (junior warden), Barbara Peters (clerk), Elaine Chapman, Carolyn Nelson, Sean Coelyn (who resigned near the beginning of the year), Betty Dauntless, Janet Hummel, and Emile Lemoine. The members of the parish staff—who are not only skilled but deeply devoted to the parish’s mission—were a blessing: Cathie Dainton Piacente (administrative assistant), Glenn Bjorkquist (sexton and music director), Judge Needham (organist), and Christina Renwick (nursery attendant). I praise and thank the many other parishioners whose volunteer efforts, most of it done quietly and behind the scenes, made this parish function. Terrified of inadvertently leaving out an important name, I shall not attempt name all of you; but you know who you are and I hope you know how grateful I am for your ministry.

I am grateful to each member of this parish and to God for the blessing and privilege of being in ministry with you as your rector. 2008 was a great ride!

Faithfully yours,

L. D. Wood-Hull+

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