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# St. Barnabas Episcopal Church Newsletter October 2016



## Praise & Gratitude

### The Annual Stewardship Campaign Kicks off this Month

Stewardship time is upon us and we are poised for an exciting month of sharing and celebrating. We will begin on Sunday, October 9 with a short “Epistle of Gratitude” from one of our parishioners, followed by a hellfire and brimstone sermon warning about the eternal perils of giving too little to the church. Not really! I just wanted to see if you’re paying attention! I will, however, talk about the good work St. Barnabas does in the community, and the vibrancy of our congregation. I am also contractually obligated to reference Bible passages that encourage you to give, so you’ll get some of that as well. However, what interests me most is hearing how St. B’s enhances your lives, spiritually, socially, and intellectually. If you would like to share your thoughts in writing, jot down a few sentences and hand them to me or email me at [rectorstbarnabas@gmail.com](mailto:rectorstbarnabas@gmail.com). We’ll include your reflections in an upcoming bulletin. If you feel called to share a brief “Epistle of Gratitude” with the congregation, that can be arranged too, just let me know that you’re interested.

Your stories of gratitude serve as a reminder that there is great value in supporting St. B’s with our hard earned dollars. Tell us with your words and show us with your pledge. The amount of your pledge is not nearly as important as your willingness to share in the collective support of St. Barnabas, an important instrument of God’s love in the community – more on that over the next few Sundays.

We will wrap-up the campaign with a catered luncheon following the 10:00 AM service on October 30. I cannot think of a better way to thank all of you than with a meal that you can just enjoy – no set-up, no serving, no clean-up, just eating and appreciating each other. Eleanor’s Signature Catering will provide us with a lunch of Chicken Salad, Fruit Salad, Spinach Salad, bread, assorted cookies, lemonade and ice tea. Thank you to one of our generous families for making lunch possible.

Watch your snail mailbox and email inbox next week for your 2017 pledge card.

**Bishop Michael** will worship at St. Barnabas on December 11. During his visit, he will perform Confirmations, renewal of baptismal vows and reception into the Episcopal Church. If you are interested in any of these things, please talk to Fr. Sean. The Women of St. Barnabas will provide a reception following the 10:00 AM service.

### **St. Barnabas Children's Sunday Fellowship**

We have welcomed three new children to our group this year! Our curriculum, *Weaving God's Promises*, is structured after the *Book of Common Prayer*. The theme is how we are called by God to live in loving community with one another. The heart of the curriculum is in telling the story. Right now, we are studying Genesis and learning how loving God and loving our neighbors are so closely connected. Class sessions include (1) telling the story (2) worship and (3) an activity which includes options for both young and older children. Our session begins at 10:00 am and the children return to church at the Peace. All children in K-6 grade are welcome!

You will see a mural displayed in Grafe Hall which our children made. Please take a moment and admire their interpretation of the Creation story.

Parents/Grandparents who have questions about our Children's Fellowship please feel free to contact me by phone or via email anytime.

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### **Liturgical Training Coming Up!**

Thank you to all of you who read our Scripture and serve at the altar, your work is greatly appreciated. To ensure that we stay sharp, it's time for Eucharistic Minister (EM) and Lector training. There are three training opportunities scheduled in November – **Sunday, Nov 13, 11:30 AM; Wednesday, Nov 16, 6:00 PM and Thursday, Nov 17 at 10:30 AM**. All EM and Lectors must attend one of scheduled dates or contact Sean to coordinate an alternative date. All three meetings will cover the same material, so there is no need to attend more than one meeting. Please RSVP to the office ([stbarnabas@hotmail.com](mailto:stbarnabas@hotmail.com) or 503-246-1949). Thanks again!

Acolytes, new and old alike, we are gathering after church on December 4 for pizza and practice. We'll take suggestions for how to make acolyting more enjoyable and offer some training so that no one feels uncomfortable while serving at the altar. As the date approaches, we'll coordinate a car pool so that parents don't have to wait around.

If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, or Acolyte, please see Sean or just come to a training session.

## Experiment with the Prayers of the People

On the First Sunday of Advent (Nov 27), we are going to begin an experiment with having parishioners write the Prayers of the People for our Sunday worship. One set of Prayers will be used for each liturgical season, except during Pentecost when will use a new set of Prayers every month. The Book of Common Prayer establishes guidelines for the Prayers (p. 383), we will discuss those guidelines and other considerations during one of two workshops on October 27 at 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM. You only need to attend one session, but if you want to participate, you must attend one. Please feel free to see Sean with questions.



### *Adult Education*

#### *Just in time for Halloween and All Saints' Day*

We hope you'll join us for a four-week discussion group on C.S. Lewis' classic parody, *The Screwtape Letters*. Screwtape is a senior demon mentoring his nephew Wormwood, via a series of letters, in the fine art of corrupting his human "patient". For those of you who wended your scholarly and challenging way through *Mere Christianity*, know that *Screwtape* is an easy read—funny and fast-moving. But in amongst the humor are zingers and "gotchas" about how a Christian can easily be led off the path. We will be meeting at 6:30 on the four Wednesday evenings in October. Even if you can't attend every session, come when you can!

Jean Masonek would like to know.....WHAT DO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?

I have really enjoyed doing our three discussion groups so far: the BCP, Mere Christianity, and now The Screwtape Letters. I'm eager to keep going! I have lots of ideas, but I would very much like to know what YOU want to talk about. Is there a particular book or subject that would really catch your interest? Please let me know!

Also, I would like to know if there is interest in doing a daytime group in addition to an evening group. Please let me know if this would better meet your needs!

You can email me at [jeanmasonek@gmail.com](mailto:jeanmasonek@gmail.com) or call me on my cell at 646-660-3308. Or even drop your suggestions in the offering plate! Thanks!

Our Community Dinner is Saturday, **October 8th** (and every second Saturday). Please join St. Barnabas' signature ministry. We feed 40-50 people every month and it takes many people to prepare the food, set the tables, serve the meal and clean-up. The more hands on deck the better. Food preparation begins at 2:00 PM, food service begins at 5:00 and clean-up at 6:00. No need to come early and stay late, an hour or two at any time during the afternoon is a big help. Thanks!



For several years, our signature outreach program has been the Community Dinner. By all accounts, it is a successful ministry that benefits our neighbors and offers our parishioners an outlet for service. Yet, based on the current level of parish volunteer participation, it seems appropriate for the congregation to review our commitment to the dinner. Therefore, over the next three months, we will assess every facet of the program to ensure that a majority of the congregation can actively support it. If you have an opinion, please email Fr. Sean and our Senior Warden, Betty Woerner.

**Don't forget Breakfast between the Services on October 16th at 9:00.**

Each month we are treated by the men of the congregation to a yummy breakfast. All men (even the young ones) are invited to help with prep, serving and clean up. Arrive at 8:00 am to help out and 9:00 to meet up and eat.

### Property and Campus News

As you may have noticed, Grafe Hall has been a little chilly the last couple of weeks that is because the furnace is dead. The Vestry has approved \$22,000 to install a new high efficiency furnace with air conditioning. There are actually two furnaces in Grafe Hall, one for the upstairs and one for the basement. The basement unit still works, but the new, more efficient system will replace both units.

In addition to replacing the furnace, the Vestry has also decided to do some infrastructure work required for future bathrooms. The additional work includes installing a higher capacity water line, moving the current natural gas line, replacing the electrical panel, and removing the chimney stack. This will cost about \$55,000.

The work is scheduled to begin this week. After we finish this project, we will have approximately \$220,000 left in the building fund.



## Earthquake and Emergency Preparedness

Like many organizations we are significantly lacking in Earthquake and Emergency Preparedness. There's no time like the present to get start putting together a kit. We are looking for:

- Two (2) large plastic storage containers with lids
- Flashlights, new or used in good working order and the batteries to power them.
- First Aid kits or parts thereof
- 2 ½ gallon water jugs with spigot

For more information on what we'll need, please speak to Sally Willson, our Earthquake Preparedness Coordinator, 503-577-6347.

### Grounds Keeping Update:

Spurge Laurel, an invasive species, is in several areas on our property. The City of Portland helped us identify it and the need to eradicate it. There is one large plant on basement level of the church building, outside the windows by Room 4 (also previously known as a nursery). Glenn has been working at this piece meal, and so could you! Please ask Cathie or Glenn where it is, ready & waiting to be removed down to and including the roots.

Jean Dilworth continues to weed, rake and has a planting plan for the berm on the Idaho Street side of the parking lot. Please ask Jean how you might help her on the berm or other areas she has targeted that need more work.

Sally Willson has an active plan for the grounds at the parking lot entryway closest to Grafe Hall from Vermont Street, all the way to the entry door to the PKS preschool. See Sally to learn more.

**Prayer Chain Emails:** Recently we had an electronic hiccup and it affected the list of members who receive emails for the Prayer Chain. Please email [stbarnabas@hotmail.com](mailto:stbarnabas@hotmail.com) if you need to verify that you're on the list, or wish to be added.

I try to send only one Prayer Chain email a week, however, there are times when urgent prayer needs come up and you might receive several in a week.

Once you receive and read the email, all we ask of you is to pray! If you would like a copy of some prayers to use, we suggest the prayer booklet used at our Thursday service in the Chapel.

Please speak to Cathie Dainton Piacente to receive the prayer booklet or if you have questions. The best email is [stbarnabas@hotmail.com](mailto:stbarnabas@hotmail.com).

## Stump the Priest



**Question:** *“Why isn’t there a presence candle in the Sanctuary?”*

A: I wish there was one.

Did that help? Too brief, perhaps. A presence candle is also known as the Sanctuary Lamp. It is a candle or light, often in a red hurricane lamp, hung in the Sanctuary near the aumbry or tabernacle, to indicate the presence of Christ found in the reserved sacrament stored there.

I’m guessing that didn’t help very much either – lots of church talk. The reserved sacrament is the bread and wine consecrated at the Sunday service and set aside for people who can’t participate with the community at the Eucharist. I regularly use the reserved sacrament to offer Communion to our shut-ins and hospital patients.

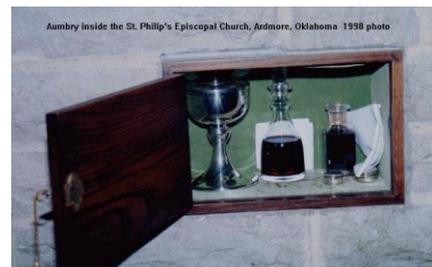
An aumbry or tabernacle is the place where the reserved bread and wine are stored. An aumbry is usually a cabinet in the side wall of the sanctuary, near the altar. A tabernacle is a more ornate, free-standing cabinet that is normally placed behind the altar.

We don’t have a Sanctuary Lamp because our aumbry is hidden away in the Vesting Sacristy (where the altar party gets dressed for the service). I’m not sure why the aumbry was not included in the sanctuary when the church was built (I have my suspicions) but I would like to have one added in the future.

Tabernacle



Aumbry



Our Aumbry



Sacristy Lamp

Remember, questions are always welcome, just email Sean at [rectorstbarnabas@gmail.com](mailto:rectorstbarnabas@gmail.com).

**St. Barnabas Vocation Statement:** As followers of Jesus Christ, the people of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church are called to learn, serve, welcome, and celebrate.

**Believe Out Loud Welcoming Statement:** At St. Barnabas Episcopal Church we believe there is a place for everyone around God's table. With love and respect, we welcome all people into our community. Whatever your beliefs or background, your sexual orientation or gender identity, your race or ethnicity, your age or family structure, abilities or disabilities; wherever you are on life's journey, your presence is a blessing. We cherish the diversity you bring to us.

### **Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars**

**First Tuesday Knitting Group** 10:00 a.m. in Room 1 (Prayer Shawls and more) followed by the **First Tuesday Pot Luck/Brown Bag Lunch Bunch.** Everyone is welcome to join in the potluck lunch at noon.

**St. B's Team at Loaves & Fishes** at Multnomah Center each 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**St. Francis Pet Blessing,** Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Bring your furry, feathered or scaled friends. Human friends and neighbors are welcome too.

**Free Community Dinner,** October 8<sup>th</sup> 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Volunteers always welcome, the cooking starts at 2:00 p.m. Signup sheet is on the bulletin board in Grafe Hall.

**Celebrate Oktoberfest,** with sausages, suds and songs. October 15<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Sign up in Grafe Hall, \$5 donation to the Women St. Barnabas is suggested.

**Second Sunday Singers** meet on the Second Sunday of each Month! No experience required, just show up at 9:15 AM. and join the Second Sunday singers. You'll learn and perform a song that day.

**Vestry Meeting,** October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Rector's Office. Guests welcome.

**Men's Breakfast 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday between the services,** October 16<sup>th</sup>. See Keith Enos for more information.

The next meeting for the **Women of St. Barnabas** is Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Young Couples/Adults Social Evening** Monday, Oct 24, 6:30-8:00 PM in Grafe Hall. Food and childcare will be provided. Please RSVP to rectorstbarnabas@gmail.com and note if you need childcare.

**Monday's** at 7:00 pm. Join our weekly night of knitting in Room 1. We knit prayer shawls, hats and more. Beginners and crocheters are always welcome. Contact Cathie in the church office or Sandy Hunnicutt at [shunni@q.com](mailto:shunni@q.com)

**Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – Happy Halloween** (No knitting tonight)

The next meeting of the **Altar Guild** is Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday, December 11, 2016** Bishop Michael Hanley will be here for a Bishop's Visit.

**Help St. Barnabas by using your Fred Meyer Rewards Card:** Do you have a Rewards card? If so you can help the St. Barnabas budget just by using your card. Rewards card members can link their cards to the community organization of their choice (i.e. St. Barnabas). Then every time you use your card, Fred Meyer will make a donation to the church. You pay nothing extra and you do not lose your Rewards points – it's free to you! Go to the Fred Meyer Rewards website and link your card to St. Barnabas. Our community rewards number is 85160. Here is the link:  
[http://www.fredmeyer.com/company\\_information/FM\\_Community/Pages/community\\_rewards.aspx](http://www.fredmeyer.com/company_information/FM_Community/Pages/community_rewards.aspx)

### **Church Office Hours**

**Office Administrator**, Cathie Dainton Piacente's hours, Mon-Thurs, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Rector**, Father Sean's Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. or by appointment. Father Sean is available by phone for emergencies.

**Please note:** It is always good to call ahead to be sure that the individual you want to see is in the office, 503-246-1949.

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