



St. Barnabas Episcopal Church Newsletter

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Fr. Sean

The Melissa just had surgery edition. In other words, this will be short. [I will be out of the office \(mostly\) until February 20.](#) However, I am available for any congregational needs. As for Melissa's surgery, it was major but not serious. She will be up and around in the next few weeks.

We are entering a busy period at St. Barnabas. Lent begins on February 14, Ash Wednesday. We will have services at noon and 7:00 PM. [Before the ashes, share in pancakes and sausage at our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on Tuesday, February 13, 5:00-6:30pm – don't forget about the pancake flipping contest.](#)

Lent Madness kicks off at coffee hour on Sunday, February 11. The first day of Lent Madness voting is Thursday, February 15. We will have a bracket contest again this year. The owner of the winning bracket will receive a St. Barnabas branded sweatshirt (or something similar, if you wish) and a Golden Halo mug. The runner up will receive a Golden Halo Mug. Brackets are due to me by Ash Wednesday.

The SW Hope: Feed the Hungry Campaign begins on February 11 with Souper Bowl Sunday. We will have homemade soups and bread during coffee hour. Each Sunday in Lent there will be a theme for items to contribute to the Neighborhood House Foodbank. St. Barnabas is hosting the SW Hope Interfaith Kick-off on the afternoon of the 11th from 3:00-4:00 PM. There will be brief remarks from an Imam, Rabbi, and a Pastor, along with refreshments. Please consider joining us.

Have a great February!



Join us for the Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on **February 13th** from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in Grafe Hall. These fluffy pancakes will be crafted by our vestry.

**Ash
Wednesday**

Lent Begins February 14th. Join us for services with disposition of ashes at Noon or 7 p.m.

Lent Madness 2018 is happening at St. Barnabas!



If you are new to Lent Madness or St. Barnabas we invite you to join us each Sunday in Lent at coffee hour to learn about various Saints and church history. Starting Feb. 11th, we will discuss our favorites for the week ahead and see who others like and why.

The bracket and voting is similar to that of college basketball's March Madness. Bracket booklets are available from the parish office and also can be purchased online for \$3. They explain the program (created for education and fun) and give the descriptions of the saints. Descriptions are also available online and voting each day takes place online – **one vote per person per day please!**

If you wish to compete with fellow parishioners Brackets are due to me no later than Feb 14th. Fr. Sean is known to give out some nice swag prizes.

To learn more go to www.lentmadness.org

St. Barnabas will participate again this year with the SW Hope Food Drive to support Neighborhood House which is located in Multnomah Village and is part of the Oregon Food Bank.

SW HOPE Begins February 11, 2018!

The Emergency Food Box Program

Neighborhood House operates the largest food pantry on Portland's West Side, currently providing emergency food boxes for over 1,400 individuals each month. This year, our goal is to collect 200,000 pounds of food (\$1 = four pounds of food) over the course of the SW HOPE campaign. We are serving more people than ever, and this amount will allow us to feed our hungry neighbors for three months.

What Is SW HOPE?

Since 2007, the SW HOPE community food drive has aimed to combat the sharp decline in giving that occurs after the New Year. In partnership with 40+ local faith and community organizations, the annual campaign works to keep the spirit of generosity alive all year long by keeping the Neighborhood House Emergency Food Box Program shelves fully stocked.

2018 Event Dates

Interfaith Kickoff

Sunday, February 11

From 3:00 to 4:00 pm, join local faith leaders and Neighborhood House Executive Director Chris Chiacchierini at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church for coffee, snacks, entertainment, and conversation.

Salvadore Molly's Dine Out to Donate

Monday, February 19

From 4:00 pm to close, 20% of all proceeds from sales will go to SW HOPE.

SW HOPE Craft Fair

Saturday, March 10

From 9:00am to 3:00pm, shop for locally made goods at St. Andrew's Church. All vendor fees support SW HOPE.

www.SWHOPE.org

SW HOPE CRAFT FAIR - March 10th 2018

If you wish to be more involved with this year's SW HOPE fundraising, how about the Craft Fair? There is still room for vendors at the craft fair, if you have creative groups or individuals who might be interested. See the attached flyer for more information.

Saturday, March 10, 2018
From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
At St. Andrew's Presbyterian
3228 SW Sunset Blvd

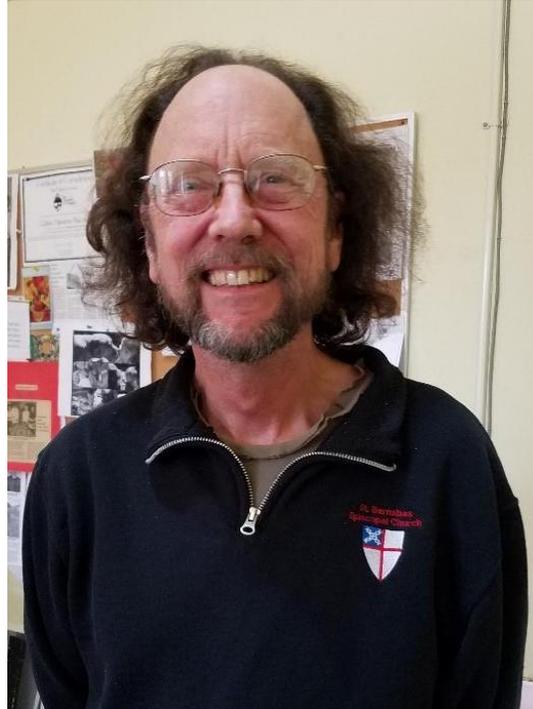
Crafts • Jewelry • Clothing
Decor • Housewares
Accessories • Treats



The 2018 Flower Chart has open dates... Do you have a birthday or anniversary to celebrate, or a person you wish to memorialize, altar flowers are a nice gesture. In summer months you might choose to bring flowers from your home garden. Did you know that the Flower Chart hangs on the back wall of the Narthex? Ask Jackie Alexander, Altar Guild, President or any Altar Guild member for more information and details for delivery of flowers.



Our Coffee Hours are wonderful, but only if someone signs up to help each Sunday, please see the sign-up sheet in Grafe Hall to choose a Sunday that works for you. If you're new to hosting coffee hour, it's always fine to ask someone to co-host. Ask Lisa Begley, Leslie Coefield, Kay Martin or any member of the Women of St. Barnabas for more information.



Staff & Parish Member Bio - Glenn Bjorkquist: Music Director & Sexton for St. Barnabas

Well, the first thing to know is that I am one of those persons who aimlessly wander through life. That explains how I came to hold two positions on the St. Barnabas staff. I wandered into it. You can blame Fr. Ted Rodrigues. He said I could have the job as sexton if I wanted it without even asking me if I know how to clean. Anyone who has been to my house has to wonder. It was also Ted who asked me to direct the choir while a search for a permanent director was conducted. As it turned out, I became the permanent director, and I have been doing it for nineteen years. I have enthusiasm and passion for choral music. When I was nineteen years old and in the choir at my church in San Francisco, I had mystical experiences while singing, that opened for me world upon world of surpassing beauty.

Since going out into the world on my own, I lived in Boston for two years, in San Jose for ten years (In which city I became an Episcopalian, by the way), and in Portland for thirty-two years. I have three children: Kathy, Bill, and Robin, and two grandchildren: Laylah and Clara.



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Revised as of 8/1/2017 - Stock or Mutual Fund Gifting Instructions

The Diocese of Oregon provides a 'transfer and sell' service for members desiring to gift stock, mutual funds, or other securities to congregation(s) within our diocese **and the DTC number below has changed.**

The Finance Office of the Diocese requires an instruction letter (it can be in the text of an email to sallyp@diocese-oregon.org) from the donor, documenting what securities are being gifted and which congregation(s) will benefit.

 When securities arrive in The Diocese of Oregon's account, they often deposit without any notation regarding who donated them, so **the instruction correspondence from the donor is very important.**

The simplest procedure for transferring stocks, mutual funds, or other securities is to instruct the donor's broker to electronically transfer the securities to The Diocese of Oregon account at Merrill Lynch. There is no cost for making this transfer. Specific instructions are at the end of this letter.

Upon receipt of the gift, the Finance department at the diocese handles the following:

Sends donors written documentation of the date and amount of securities received

Sells the securities on your behalf, and

Mails the church a check for the net proceeds

If you choose to gift stocks or other securities, send instructions to:

Merrill Lynch DTC participant number 8862

Account name: The Diocese of Oregon

Account number: 54F-04031

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Photo Gallery will return

You can submit a photo or contact me at shunni@q.com. Sincerely, Sandy Hunnicutt, Editor/News Gatherer



Stump the Priest

Q: What is the reason for Ash Wednesday?

A: I pilfered this straight from the Internet:

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God.

The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the forty days of penance, and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins -- just as Adam, the first man, was turned out of Paradise because of his disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church again until Maundy Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution. Later, all Christians, whether public or secret penitents, came to receive ashes out of devotion. In earlier times, the distribution of ashes was followed by a penitential procession.

(<http://www.catholic.org/lent/ashwed.php>)

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

Monday Night Knitters, we will meet Monday February 5th, 12th and 26th at 7:00 p.m. Join us for a night of knitting in Room 1 or Chapel, stay tuned. We currently are working on preemie hats, prayer shawls and more. Beginners and crocheters are always welcome. Contact Cathie in the church office or Sandy Hunnicutt at shunni@q.com

Free Community Dinner, February 10th from 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.

SW Hope Soup Bowl Sunday February 11th, join in a soup meal/coffee hour.

SW Hope Interfaith Kickoff meeting will be held here at St. Barnabas for all churches involved in the program at 3:00 p.m. Come and learn more about the program to support the food banks. (Article on page 3)

Vestry Meeting, Wednesday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Rector's Office. Guests are welcome.

Men's Breakfast 3rd Sunday between the services, February 18th See Keith Enos for more information. If you would like to help prepare and serve breakfast, please arrive in Grafe Hall at 8:45.

Women of St. Barnabas the next meeting is March 18, 2018.

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

Choir Practices are every Tuesday at 6:45 pm. See Glenn Bjorkquist for more information. We welcome new voices.

Join us for The Bible Challenge / Adult Bible Study each Sunday in 2018 Between the 8 and 10 a.m. services, starting at 9 a.m.

Newsletter Deadlines: each 3rd Sunday/Monday. Send articles to Sandy Hunnicutt at shunni@q.com. (February 18th & March 18th)

Church Office Hours

Parish 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

Director of Christian Education, Aubin Spice: Mon-Thurs 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. or by appointment. **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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