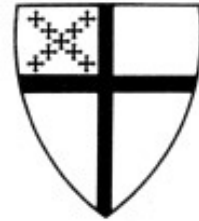


The New Newsletter
of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
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God says, "I am about to do a new thing!" (Isaiah 43:19)

Stewardship and pledge drive update. As of January 5, we had received sixty pledges for 2012, for a total of \$109,092. Still need to pledge? You can get a pledge form at the link on the parish website (<http://www.saintbarnabaspdx.org/>) or by contacting the parish office.

"Second Sunday Singers" will make a joyful noise on Sunday, January 8: Join us! Neither experience nor rehearsals are necessary. Simply report to the nave at 9:15 a.m.; we'll learn a simple song, and sing it during the 10:00 a.m. service. All ages are welcome.

Free Community Dinner: January 14, 2012. *From Carolyn Nelson:* I would like to begin by thanking all who helped with the community dinner over the past two years, including all of you who donated food and money to help with the meals! The Free Community Dinner, in collaboration with St. John the Baptist Episcopal Parish, is the second Saturday of each month from 5:00–6:30 p.m. here at St. Barnabas. Everyone is welcome to help or just come and eat and enjoy the fellowship. If you wish to help, the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in Grafe Hall. We always need cooks, prep cooks, servers, table-clearers, and clean-up crews. If you can take just a couple of hours once a month to help it is a great way to serve those in need and get to know our fellow parishioners at the same time. If you want to help but are unable to help the day of the dinner, we can use donations of food or money to help with this ministry. We have had several parishioners who have helped in this way and it has made a huge difference in budgeting our money and continuing our dinners. If you have any questions please contact me at 503-246-6763 or jcnelsoncondo@comcast.net, or call the parish office. Thank you for showing the community we care!

Youth event at Sky High Sports trampoline center, January 15. WE! Westside/Eastside Together is the Portland-area Episcopal youth group for Middle School and High School students. The next WE! event is at Sky High Sports in Tigard on Sunday, January 15, at 1:45 p.m. Please contact the parish office or Fr. L. D. by January 8 if you would like to attend so we can RSVP and arrange a carpool. PARENTS & GUARDIANS: **All the kids will need to bring a signed waiver from an adult parent or guardian.** They cannot jump if they don't have it. The waiver is available at

<http://por.jumpskyhigh.com/downloads.php>. Cost is \$10 (scholarships are available for any and all who need them).

BIG EVENT: Annual parish meeting: Sunday, January 22, 2012, after the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist. Please mark your calendar and plan to be at this very important business meeting. We will elect vestry (governing board) members, discuss the 2012 operating budget, and attend to other important parish business. Your presence will strengthen our parish and its ministries.

St. Barnabas Book Club meets January 22. We'll meet Sunday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks. Contact Ron & Marilyn Hudson at 503-620-3515 or Sandy Hunnicutt at 503-246-7952 for more information.

ANOTHER BIG EVENT: Bishop's Visitation on Sunday, January 29, 2012. This promises to be one of the most festive Sundays of the year! To assist with the festive coffee hour, please contact the day's hospitality coordinators Betty Dauntless and Jennie Armstrong.

Mass for St. Aelred, January 12 at St. Matthew's. *From the Oregon Episcopal Church News*: Integrity USA, the Episcopal Church's ministry to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people, cordially invites you to the annual Eucharist in honor of their patron saint, Aelred of Rievaulx. Bishop David Brauer-Rieke of the Oregon Synod of the Lutheran Church (ELCA) is the guest preacher. (Incense will be used.) A catered dinner will be served in the parish hall following the worship. Everyone is welcome! 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 12, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 11229 NE Prescott, Portland. For more information, please contact us at OregonIntegrity@gmail.com.

2011 Angel Sharing Tree: Thanks! *From Leslie Coefield*: The people of St. Barnabas deserve a sincere thank you for all the contributions to the 2011 Angel Sharing Tree sponsored by the Women of St. Barnabas. The Salvation Army's West Women's and Children's Shelter, that assists homeless and abused women and their children, was the organization selected to receive our donations. A wonderful collection of winter hats, gloves, scarves, socks, toiletries, diapers, groceries, pots and pans, sheets and blankets, cash, and Target gift cards were carefully packed and delivered by Leslie and Angela Coefield and Kay and Liz Martin just in time for Christmas. Many families will benefit from the generosity of our parish.

Pennies from Heaven: Help needed, please! We use the pennies and other coins for outreach through the Women of St. Barnabas, and in support of the West Women's Shelter. Please empty your coins into the pennies jars in the narthex on the resource table.

Announcing a New St. Barnabas Tradition:

Bring a Friend to Festival Sunday, beginning January 15!

With the New Year we begin a new tradition at St. Barnabas. One Sunday per month will be designated "Festival Sunday" and include special music, themes, activities, and celebrations. What do you need to do? Bring a friend to the Festival. The goal of Festival Sunday will be to increase attendance in the short term, and regular membership over the long term. We all have someone we can invite to church - family members who don't regularly attend, a neighbor or co-worker, a friend from the gym, that nice lady on the bus, someone. Or, you could look in the St. Barnabas Directory and call a parishioner you haven't seen for awhile and make a date for Festival Sunday. Better yet, would you be willing to pick up a parish member who can no longer drive to church? Participating in fellowship and worship is extra special for those who no longer get out of the house.

January 15 is the first Festival Sunday. For the 8 o'clockers, bring a friend to church and then treat them to the Men's Breakfast at 9 a.m. For the 10am regulars, make a date to bring your guests to breakfast and stay for worship. Hey, who can turn down a free breakfast? Since this date is the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. we will have a "dream" theme for the day. Members and guests will have the opportunity to add their personal dreams to paper clouds that will decorate Grafe Hall. What do you dream for the future - for yourself, for your family, for your community? What do you wish for St. Barnabas? The dream clouds will remain in Grafe Hall for the rest of the month for the Annual Meeting on the 22nd and the Bishop's visit on the 29th.

So, pick up the phone and call someone. Or drop a note in the mail to a friend. Make a date for Festival Sunday! I have a dream of full pews on Jan. 15!

And, for future reference, other Festival Sunday dates are:

Feb. 19: Men's Breakfast and last Sunday before Lent

March 18: Men's Breakfast

April 8: Easter Sunday (always a Festival Day!)

May 27: Pentecost and Tongues of Fire Chili Cook-off

June 17: Father's Day, and Women's Breakfast (men get the day off)

From Eva Calcagno

Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, February 4, 2012, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. *From the Women of St.*

Barnabas (WoSB): Please get your tickets in advance so that we may plan the food accordingly. Tickets will be available on Sundays Jan. 15, Jan. 22 and Jan 29, or at the door. Tickets are free (suggested donations: Adults \$5.00; children age 3-8, \$3.00; suggested family cap, \$20.) Additional donations to offset costs are always welcome.

Notes from the Pastoral Caring Committee. *From Lisa Begley:* Our Christmas outreach was a huge success but it couldn't have happened without everyone's help and support. We want to thank you all from everyone who helped prepare the supplies and who helped create the wonderful cards. We also want to thank those who helped bake cookies, buy the tins, fill the tins, and wrap the tins. And lastly to the volunteers who brought their smiling faces while delivering poinsettias, cookies, and cards. The parish office has already received much wonderful feedback. Thank you, thank you, thank you. Our next project is already in the works. This time we are working with the prayer shawl group. We have named Sunday February 12th "Caring Sunday." This is an opportunity for you to request a special prayer shawl knitted with love by one of the many members of this group for you to deliver after the Sunday service. All requests will have their shawl blessed at the altar during our Sunday service. If you are interested in a shawl you can contact Cathie in the office or notify Sheila or Mary Lou to get on the list. We will also be creating caring cards following the 10:00 service on Sunday January 8 and January 15. I know these dates are kind of early but with much excitement we have activities going on the next three Sundays leading up to the 12th.

Southwest Hope Feed The Hungry: "Souper Bowl Sunday" and more. *From Lisa Begley:*

Southwest Hope Feed The Hungry is a program sponsored by Neighborhood House in Multnomah Village each spring to help bring awareness to the huge need of hunger and to help rebuild food and supplies severely depleted during the holiday. Did you know that 30% of children in Oregon do not know where their next meal is coming from? The demand for food boxes has increased to a level of need that we can barely keep up. Neighborhood House has had to shrink their boundaries to who they can help in order to just keep up with the demands. Their grant dollars have been cut down so their ability to purchase from Oregon Food Bank has decreased. They need our help. Their campaign runs from the middle of February for two months. Many of our local churches are on board with St. Barnabas being represented by Lisa Begley and Max Calcagno. St. Barnabas will begin our campaign on February 5 with our annual "Souper Bowl Sunday". We will be having a special soup coffee hour and ask that each of you bring cans of soup to donate to our food cart. We will gladly take as many cans as you can donate. We would love to see our food cart full for the next several weeks. Ideas of what the weekly food and supply items might be will be listed weekly in the

bulletin. We will have more information to come as things are firmed up in the committee meetings. Thanking you all ahead of time for your caring and help in supporting this project.

Rummage Sale is coming in May. *From Mary Lou McClenaghan:* Yes, we will have our 14th annual rummage sale! May 4 & 5 will be the sale dates, with April 30-May 3 the staging days. As you gather things they can be stored in my garage. If you aren't able to lift your things, call and I will load them in my car. Please remember: No clothes, no seasonal decorations. Lightly used shoes are appreciated. Questions? Call me at 503-244-9036.

Choir Practice: Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m. in the nave. For more information please speak with Glenn Bjorkquist, 503-245-9024. New members are always welcome.

Prayer shawl knitters group: Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. in Barnabas House. Enjoy good company, good conversation, and maybe some knitting, too.

Third Sunday Breakfast. Breakfast is served by the men's group every third Sunday from about 9 a.m. until shortly before the 10 a.m. service. *Free!* (But donations are welcome.)

Vestry Meetings: The vestry (parish governing board) meets every second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Barnabas House. All parish members are welcome to attend. We set aside time at each meeting for parishioners' questions and comments.

About this newsletter: Submit items (electronically is best, but we also accept paper) to Cathie or Fr. L. D. in the parish office any time.

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