



St. Barnabas Episcopal Church Newsletter



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**A Believe
Outloud Parish**

What Excites You?

The practice of faith is a multi-dimensional experience that asks us to engage with God and each other in a variety of ways. One of the challenges of nurturing a vibrant congregation is understanding what educational programs, outreach opportunities, fellowship events, and congregational worship offerings create excitement, encourage participation, and inspire spiritual development. To help with this, the Vestry and staff will soon begin a series of surveys designed to identify where the parish's passions lie.

The first survey will focus on our outreach programs. It has been said that our outreach efforts are a mile-wide and an inch deep, preventing us from fully engaging in any program. Furthermore, we are surely missing outreach opportunities that would excite our congregation. The forthcoming survey will help us identify which of our current programs are sustainable, which ones lack enough support to continue, and what we should consider adding. I have no doubt that there will be disappointment if we must step away from some of long-term outreach connections. Yet, Jesus reminds us, in John 15:2, that God cuts off every branch that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. Even though St. B's needs to do some pruning, it will lead to new growth in service to the community.

The next survey on the docket focuses on our fellowships programs. We sponsor many parish events and it would be helpful to know which ones are popular, which ones have grown stale, and what events we should consider adding to the calendar.

The surveys will be sent out via Survey Monkey. For those of you who do not use a computer, we will have paper copies available. I hope that everyone, in every age group, will participate.

On an unrelated subject, the first two windows purchased through the Adopt-a-Window program have been installed in Aubin's office. They actually open and then stay open – a big improvement. And, when they are closed, the double pane glass will help keep the outside temperature outside. Thank you, Betty Woerner, for your gift. Three additional windows have been sponsored and will be replace the windows in the Sacristy and the window behind the Christmas cactus. These new windows will conserve energy, save money, and enhance the appearance of the building.

Have a great August. Oh, by the way, if you have been away this summer, I've missed you.

Blessings,
Sean

Christian Education and Youth Ministry Happenings



Bowling Outing a Success

Last month, a bunch of us headed out from St. Barnabas to bowl at Tigard Lanes. I think it's safe to say some of us were out of practice (and some of us had never even been "in practice"), but we had a hoot and a half nevertheless! Those bumpers can really come in handy. If you have any interest in another bowling trip, please let me (Aubin) know!

Youth Mission Trip 2018

I will be away on the first Sunday of August and the rest of that week, accompanying Ani and Elizabeth Draper on our Diocesan Youth Mission Trip. We will be heading out to the Navajo Nation, working our way from the cathedral in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to Good Shepherd Mission in Fort Defiance, Arizona, where we will make ourselves useful and get culturally informed. Expect a photo reel presentation during coffee hour on **Sunday, August 12th**.

Shepherd's Door

On **Wednesday, August 15th**, middle schoolers, high schoolers, and families in general are encouraged to be a part of the volunteer team heading out to Shepherd's Door, a shelter for women and their young children. We'll be cooking, serving, and sharing a meal. If you or your kids have any interest in preparing, serving, or eating the food: some of us will be meeting beforehand in Grafe Hall before 3:30pm, and we'll carpool to the shelter, cook, and then serve the meal before 5:30pm. Whenever you might be able to show up or however you'd like to contribute, your effort would be appreciated!

Youth Group

On **Thursday, August 30th**, at 6:30pm in Grafe Hall, there'll be a Youth Group for kids 12 and up. I hope every kid can make it! There'll be pizza, so parents don't need to be too worried about dinner. We'll be playing a game, talking about a reading from scripture, and then closing with evening prayers in the chapel, ending at 8:15pm.

Movie Night

RaSMaTaS (Reverent and Serious Movies about Theology and Suffering) continues! On **Wednesday, August 22nd**, at 6:30pm in Grafe Hall, we'll see *A Moment of Innocence* (1996), a sweet and true story of a retired police officer meeting with a man – the film's director – who had assaulted him during the Iranian revolution, many years ago. Together, the retired police officer and the director relive their first meeting by restaging and filming that fateful day from both of their perspectives. Besides for an interesting story of reconciliation, expect popcorn and refreshments, as always.

Portland Rescue Mission

On **Friday, August 31st**, volunteers from St. Barnabas will be meeting at Portland Rescue Mission's downtown location on Burnside to feed hundreds of people dinner. Serving begins at 6pm, and many of us will be a half hour early. No food prep required, just energy. High schoolers and mature middle schoolers are encouraged to come. If transportation is an issue, we can bus together. Carpooling is available, as well. We'll all be out by 7:30pm.

Adult Formation: Novel Discussion Group in September

Come next month, I'd like to put together a novel discussion group for adults. I've already heard some recommendations from parishioners, and I'd like to make sure to be acting with those in mind, so please let me know what novel might interest you. Keep an ear open for an announcement towards the end of the month.

Aubin Spice, Christian Education Director/Youth Minister



We have a small group of people who keep our grounds watered and the flowers looking great. Please join in a big thank you to all those who watered in the July heat! And also big thanks go to Jean Dilworth and the Garden Guild. Please help out in August if you can.

Contact Jean Dilworth or Sally Willson.

Day Timers Fellowship

Our second summer field trip will be to the **Oregon Garden on Monday, August 6th**. Contact Eva Calcagno to join us and for the details. evac@teleport.com or 503 890-2598.

Join us again for a fellowship potluck, on Wednesday, August 22nd at noon in Room 1. Plates and utensils will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Contact Sandy Hunnicutt for more information. shunni@q.com 503 246-7952.



August is favorite Hymn Month!!



The favorite hits hymn requests are in. We will be singing your favorite hymns at the 10:00 AM service during the month of August. So come and sing with joy in your heart. The hymn you are singing may be the favorite of the person sitting next to you.....

Photo Gallery

RaSMaTaS (Reverent and Serious Movies about Theology and Suffering)

Ready to view All Saints – July 2018



Stump the Priest

Question: It is uncomfortable to talk about, because I have no plans to die soon, but I wonder if I should do some advanced planning for my funeral.

Answer: I absolutely encourage advanced memorial service planning. On the surface, it may seem a little morbid, but it does not have to be. We (you and I) will sit down and talk about your favorite hymns, your favorite Bible readings, we will share stories, laugh, maybe cry a little, but it will be fun. By the end of the appointment, we will have a document that will save your family from trying to figure out what you would like done at your service. You will keep a copy, I will keep a copy and we will stash them away for several decades until the time comes for your service. It is easy, and not morbid.

If you would like to plan your memorial service, give me a call and we will schedule an appointment. We have tentative plans for a memorial planning adult forum later in the fall, watch for details.

You may submit questions for Fr. Sean to answer in the Stump the Priest section of our Newsletters! Questions may be emailed to rectorstbarnabas@gmail.com or stbarnabas@hotmail.com, or just drop him a written note.



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

Free Community Dinner, August 11th, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Volunteers always welcome and needed! The cooking/set up starts at 2:00 p.m. Signup sheet is on the bulletin board in Grafe Hall.

Monday Night Knitters will meet **August 13th and 27th** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sandy Hunnicutt. 7025 SW 14th Ave. We currently are working on scarfs, hats, prayer shawls and more. Beginners and crocheter's are always welcome. Contact Cathie in the church office or Sandy Hunnicutt at shunni@g.com

Breakfast between the Services, is Sunday August 19th, at 9:00 a.m. This is a long time activity of the Men of St. Barnabas. If you would like to help prepare and serve breakfast, please arrive in Grafe Hall at 8:45. See Keith Enos for more information.

Vestry Meeting, Wednesday, August 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the Rector's Office. Guests are welcome.

Day Timers' Potluck Lunch, Wednesday, August 22nd at noon in room 1

RaSMaTaS Movie, Wednesday, August 22nd at 6:30 p.m. Grafe Hall.

Women of St. Barnabas the next meeting is Sunday August 26th following the 10:00 service

Youth Group, Thursday, August 30th at 6:30 p.m. Grafe Hall.

Volunteer at Portland Rescue Mission, Friday, August 31st for dinner.

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.

Outdoor Eucharist and Picnic, Sunday, September 16th.

Race for the Cure Sunday, September 16th

Choir has adjourned for the summer. Practices will resume in September. 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

Newsletter Deadlines: each 3rd Sunday/Monday. Send articles to Sandy Hunnicutt at shunni@g.com. (August 20th & September 16th)

Church Office Hours

Parish Administrator, Cathie Dainton Piacente's hours, Mon-Thurs, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 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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The St. Barnabas' Vestry members are Leslie Coefield, Anita Galloway, Dorrie MacGregor, Liz Martin, Cathie Price, Justin Reel, and Betty Woerner.

If you have questions, issues, or comments, all of us are willing to talk. Vestry meetings occur the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Meetings are held in Fr. Sean's office. Visitors are always welcome.

Our phone numbers are listed in each newsletter and in every bulletin. Emails are in the church directory and at the church office.

Senior Warden Betty Woerner 503-244-1593
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Parish Life: Elizabeth Martin 503-756-9295
Pastoral Care: Leslie Coefield 503-244-6195
Finance/Stewardship: Justin Reel 503-201-2281
Incoming Treasurer: Vicki Church (non-voting position) 503-841-6444

Other group's contacts:

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Women of St. Barnabas (WoSB): Lisa Begley 503-245-2378
Children's Fellowship Coordinator: Robbie Jessen 503-246-4035

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About this newsletter: Got news? Submit items (electronically is best, but we also accept paper or even phone calls) to Cathie in the church office by the last Monday of the month for inclusion in the next month's Newsletter. Or send them directly to Sandy Hunnicutt at shunni@q.com