



St. Barnabas Episcopal Church Newsletter

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Relax... Now, Get Busy!

I hope that all of you have had an opportunity to take a deep breath after the busy holiday season. So many people did so much good work at St. B's that it would be folly to try and name them all. I started to make a list and it just got too long. So, I offer a general thanks to everyone who made our Advent and Christmas programs and worship so successful. While I have vowed not to name names, I do want to say a special thanks the Choir and Choir Chimes, and the Altar Guild. I appreciate all your hard work.

Lest you think that the busyness is over, there is more good stuff on the horizon. This year, 2019 (wow) marks the 70th anniversary of St. Barnabas. In those seven decades this parish has grown from the first Episcopal Church west of downtown, flourished, and planted other parishes; like St. Bartholomew's and St. James. We (I use "we" for the current generation of parish members and all those who preceded us) have baptized, married, and buried thousands of people. We have worked tirelessly to feed our neighbors. We have served the community as a gathering place for civic meetings, dance troupes and 12-Step programs. We have sold an amazing amount of junk rummage. We have been an anchor in Hillsdale/Multnomah Village for as long as most people can remember. Most importantly, St. Barnabas has served as the church home to countless people who found (and continue to find) joy, solace, inspiration, support, friendship, and spiritual nourishment in this place that was no more than a thought in the minds of Fr. Francis Ball and the handful of families who dared to dream big in 1949. It is only right that we celebrate the legacy of their dream by marking this 70th anniversary with recollections of our storied past and renewed dreams for a bright future. Over the course of the next twelve months, we will celebrate our anniversary through special programming, capped off with a gala event in the fall. If you would like to help with planning, please let me know.

Speaking of anniversaries, this week marks the fifth year of my ordination and my fifth year as your priest. I am so grateful that the Search Committee and Vestry rolled the dice on a priest who wasn't even a priest yet. Serving with all of you is a great joy to me and I am thankful to be your Rector. After five years here, I can no longer blame my missteps on rookie mistakes. Yet, with your patience and support, we will continue to forge a bright future. Thanks to all of you, we are trending in the right direction. Well done!

Now, it's our job to show Bishop Michael that we are thriving. He will be worshipping with on Sunday, January 13. Let's knock his socks off with great attendance. We will confirm five people (four teens and one adult) and enjoy a nice reception (there will be cake!). The Bishop will also take questions during Coffee Hour. Please join us.

Sunday, January 27 brings our Annual Meeting. We will elect new Vestry members and present our 2019 budget. The budget discussion is an important one. As we grow, we need to proactively manage our resources and your input is vital. Please mark your calendars and come to the meeting. I hear you, I dislike

meeting too, but this is important. To sweeten the (chili) pot, we have moved the chili cook-off to the Annual Meeting. So, there will be lots of good chili and cornbread to sustain us as we chart the future of St. B's. As we build for the future, we will look to fill our commissions with people who have a passion for ministry or a desire to serve. Keep your eyes peeled for information about the roles and responsibilities of our eight commissions: Buildings and Grounds, Pastoral Care, Worship, Finance/Stewardship, Outreach, Christian Education, Parish Life, and Communications. More information will be provided at the Annual Meeting.

I wish you a wonderful 2019, full of health, happiness, and a vibrant relationship with your faith.

Merry Christmas (It's still Christmas).

"Christmas isn't a season. It's a feeling"

Edna Ferber



Vestry nominations. So far, we have two persons nominated for vestry:

Bio for Bill Bigas

Bill Bigas and his wife Suzanne are very happy to be members at St. Barnabas. Formerly at Christ Church, Bill served on the vestry there and learned about the skills needed for a vestry member. He is a team-spirited person and has a strong connection to the Episcopal faith.

Bill grew up in Seattle and spent 40 years in California before retiring back to the Pacific Northwest in 2009, now living in Lake Oswego. He and Suzanne together have four children, all living in California.

Bill worked as an electronics and system engineer in the defense business for 42 years. He has worked in management and understands business and finance. Bill has an undergraduate degree and two master's degrees. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time outdoors, reading, travelling, and working on his computer.

Bio for John Engle

I have been attending St. B's now for a bit over a year after spending almost 40 years at Christ Church. At that parish I served as a youth volunteer, Sunday School teacher, Vestry member and Sr. Warden.

My wife and I enjoy the open and engaging attitude of our church home at St. B's. She sings in the choir and has helped with several volunteer projects over the past year.

Professionally, I obtained my dental degree from UCLA, subsequently completed a residency in pediatrics at the U. of Oregon Dental School and an NIH fellowship in Biomaterials. I most recently served as Chairman of Pediatric Dentistry at OHSU prior to retirement in 2017. Currently I serve on the Board of a non-profit community medical clinic.

My goals for service on the Vestry are quite simple. Support the parish and the Rector to the best of my ability. St. B's should continue to grow and prosper as a vital part of the community with worship, service and outreach. To that end I look forward with optimism.



Bill Bigas – Vestry Candidate 2019 - 3 year term



John Engle – Vestry Candidate 2019 - 3 year term

Interested in serving on the Vestry? Contact Fr. Sean for information on what vestry service entails. Vestry service can be a very personally enriching way to serve your parish. Our annual meeting will be held January 27, 2019. We are looking to fill two vestry positions to be voted into service at that time. Leslie Coefield and Justin Reel have completed their terms of service. Thank you, Leslie and Justin!



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Did you make a resolution to increase your community outreach or be a more active participant in one of the church's ministries? Do you want to support Portland women who are working to recover from addictions, rebuild their lives and explore their faith? Do you like to cook or put on dinners for a group and NOT have to do the dishes? Do you have about 4 hours every other month you can volunteer (OK, really, who doesn't have a few hours every other month to spare...)? Resolve to join the Shepherd's Door Outreach team!

Every other month, a group of St. Barnabas folks prepare, cook and serve dinner to the women and children at the Shepherd's Door residential treatment facility in east Portland. This is one of the ministries supported by Portland Rescue Mission that St. Barnabas has adopted. We depart St. B's parking lot about

3pm, drive to the facility, prepare and cook the meal at their kitchen, serve the meal to the residents and staff, and then get to eat and visit with people. There are about 25 women who reside there, some with their children, and we prepare about 45 meals. Shepherd's Door kitchen helpers clean up afterwards and wash the dishes. We are back at church between 6:30 and 7pm. Easy peasy. In addition to being an easy and fun ministry, I feel good about helping women who are really overcoming a lot of issues and rebuilding their lives and their families.

There are three team leads for this program: Lisa Begley, Cathie Price and Eva Calcagno. We are happy to answer your questions and would love for you to join us on one or more of the following dates: January 2nd, March 20th, May 1st, July 10th, September 4th and November 6th.

Email me evac@teleport.com, or call me (503-452-8360) if you want more info. Here's a link for more info about Shepherd's Door: <https://www.portlandrescuemission.org/recovery-programs/shepherdsdoor/> Peace!

Anniversary Update!!

I would like ask everyone who has mementos and photos of the olden days of St. Barnabas to consider lending them to us for inclusion in the anniversary exhibits. This would also include written memories if anyone wants to contribute them. We have three now, from Dick Foley, Nancy Stevens, and Mary Rooper, but would love to have more.

Betty Woerner



NOTES FROM THE WOMEN OF ST. BARNABAS

We send a big thank you to all of you who visited our giving tree in the Narthex and selected tags for donations for our food pantry. Your response to our empty shelves was overwhelming. It is so great to see them filled again. Each month 16 - 20 food bags are filled and distributed at our community dinner. The pantry is also available to Fr. Sean when he receives a request for some help. So many of our neighbors continue to have the daily struggle of deciding between paying for medication, rent or food. We have made a difference to many who come to us for a helping hand. The need is ongoing so let's try to continue to see our Sunday food cart filled. Thank you again and God bless.

Coffee hour will continue to be a "team sport" at least through March of 2019. What does this mean to you? We definitely encourage members to sign up for a particular week. However, with our team concept you will not be left by yourself. Team captains will contact you to see what you may want/need in help for that particular Sunday. Do you want help with set up? Do you want help in providing treats? Do you want help serving? Or do you want help in clean up? All of these options are available to you provided by the weekly captain and their team. Give it a try and sign up today on the poster on the WoSB bulletin board in Grafe Hall.

Our Annual Meeting is coming soon - January 27th. **We will be having our annual Chili Cook-off early** (conflicts with Pentecost and Graduation Sunday for 2019) and we again are asking for your help. Are you a great chili maker? If so, please consider adding your favorite creation to the 8 pots requested. Is baking corn bread more of your calling? Well, we need that too. Visit our sign up and add your name today!!!

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 3rd following the 10:00 service. We will meet in the Narthex after grabbing a cup of coffee and a treat. If you are interested in becoming an officer, please see Lisa Begley.

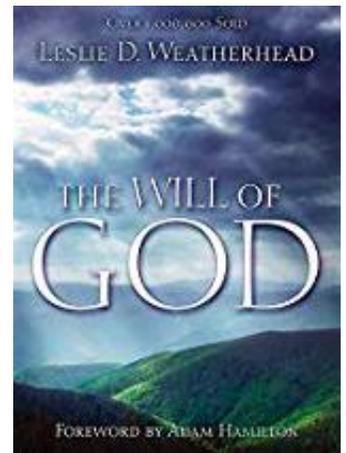
Thank you. Lisa Begley-President, Leslie Coefield-Vice President, Liz & Kay Martin-Secretaries, Anita Galloway-Treasurer



The Will of God

Have you ever been in a situation where something bad happened and someone said, “Well, we just have to accept it as God’s will”? Have you wanted to smack them? I’ve been there. But 30 years ago, I was introduced to a book called “The Will of God” by Leslie Weatherhead, and it is not an exaggeration to say that it changed my life. Weatherhead was a Methodist minister who led a congregation in central London during the Second World War. To say that people in England at that time were experiencing an onslaught of inexplicable disaster would be an understatement. Weatherhead tackled the question of how terrible things happen if God is in control with deep understanding and inspiration. Although some of his examples betray his historical context, particularly with regard to women, his insights are nonetheless extremely valuable.

On February 17th I will be leading a discussion after the 10:00 service on important subject. The book is \$9 on Amazon, and also available for Kindle. an easy read of 85 pages in fairly good-sized type. I will put a sign-up sheet the Parish Hall and hope you will join me! Jean Masonek



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Christian Education/Youth Ministry

Christmas Pageant

Thank you to all the kids who participated in the Christmas pageant. The additions of speaking parts and different scenes proved interesting! Thank you, as well, to all the adults who helped this happen, especially and of course including Kiki Dainton Piacente, Susan Mahon, and Robbie Jessen.

Confirmation

Confirmation classes are complete! On **Sunday, January 13th**, the Bishop will be visiting us, and he will confirm four kids and one adult. Congratulations to them all, and we hope everyone can make it out to support them.

Youth Group

On **Wednesday the 9th**, at **6:30pm** in **Grafe Hall**, Youth Group for kids 12 and up will meet. I hope every kid

can make it! There'll be pizza, games, reading, discussion, and then we'll close with evening prayer by 8:15pm.

Sunday Bible Study

Congratulations to all those who finished 2018's Bible Challenge. It's a serious achievement! Thank you to all those who gave it a shot, as well. The **9am Sunday** Bible Study (which most often meets in **Grafe Hall**) will continue in 2019, and the readings are much, much lighter: we'll be discussing the Gospel of Luke a chapter at a time while at the same time working slowly through the Apocrypha. Please feel free to join in! A listing of the weekly readings is available on the usher's stand in the narthex.

Movie Night

RaSMaTaS (Reverent and Serious Movies about Theology and Suffering, pronounced "razzmatazz") continues! On **Wednesday, January 23rd, at 6:30pm in Grafe Hall**, you are invited to watch *Babette's Feast* (1987). A favorite of both Rowan Williams, former Bishop of Canterbury, and Pope Francis, this warm, kind film tells the story of two sisters, their remote Danish village in the 19th century, and the Parisian refugee they take in.

Portland Rescue Mission

On January 25th, volunteers from St. Barnabas will feed hundreds at Portland Rescue Mission's downtown location (111 W. Burnside). Please sign up in Grafe Hall or tell me you're interested. Apologies to those who had previously signed up to volunteer on January 8th – we're set now to volunteer at Portland Rescue Mission **every fourth Friday of the month**.

Aubin Spice, Christian Education Director/Youth Minister

Photo Gallery



God Bless our St. Barnabas Choir, with 12 wonderful voices!



Women of St. Barnabas sponsor annual Christmas Tea



St. Nicholas visits

Stump the Priest



Fr. Sean

Q: Why do we see the Bishop so infrequently?

A: Actually, we are pretty lucky to see him as often as we do. He has seventy congregations to visit - several of them a great distance away – and only fifty-two Sundays in a year. He has diocesan business to attend to, as well as House of Bishops meetings and all the other meetings bishops must suffer through

(another reason I'm glad I'll never be a bishop). Oh, and he has a life, a family, a garden, dogs, etc. As I said, we're lucky to see him once every two years. So, let's treat right by showing up on Sunday, January 13. Plus, it is good and right to support our confirmands. Please come!

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

Bishop Michael is visiting on January 13, 2019.

Annual Parish Meeting will be held Sunday, January 27th, 2019 after the 10 a.m. service

Free Community Dinner, January 12th, 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 **January 14th and 28th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Nursery. 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@q.com

Vestry Meeting, Wednesday, January 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the Rector's Office. Guests are welcome.

Breakfast between the Services, is Sunday, January 20th at 9:00 a.m. The Men's Group always puts together tasty fare. If you would like to help prepare and serve breakfast, please arrive in Grafe Hall at 8:45. See Keith Enos for more information.

Choir practice is on Tuesdays at 6:45 pm. We welcome new voices. See Glenn Bjorkquist for more information.

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.

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

Women of St. Barnabas meeting, Sunday February 3rd after the 10:00 a.m. service, post coffee hour.



Day-Timer's Potluck – February Valentine's Day Potluck. More information will follow soon. Sandy Hunnicutt shunni@q.com

Newsletter Deadlines: each 3rd Sunday/Monday. Send articles to Sandy Hunnicutt at shunni@q.com. (January 21st and February 18th)

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
Junior Warden, Buildings & Grounds: Dorrie McGregor	503-794-3993
Christian Education: Anita Galloway	503-807-8047
Outreach: Pastoral Care: Cathie Price	503-598-9363
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:

Altar Guild President: Jackie Alexander	503-332-3242
Organist: Lewis Needham	503-628-2430
Music Director: Glenn Bjorkquist	503-245-9024
Men's Group: Keith Enos	503-244-6195
Women of St. Barnabas (WoSB): Lisa Begley	503-245-2378
Children's Fellowship Coordinator: Robbie Jessen	503-246-4035

Newsletter Submissions: Sandy Hunnicutt shunni@q.com

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