



St. Barnabas Episcopal Church Newsletter

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Busy, Busy, Busy

I am not sure that three busies are enough. There is a lot going on at St. Barnabas. Between the 70th anniversary planning and celebrating, Bonnie's ordination, the revitalization of our parish commissions, caring for our campus and the regular things that keep us busy month after month, it can be hard to stay on top of it all. Yet, we are doing a wonderful job of nurturing and growing the programs that make St. Barnabas wonderful. Yet, as always, with growth comes change. As you will read later in this newsletter, Greg Rainey - who will be ordained a deacon at St. Barnabas on September 7 at 2:00 PM - will be assigned elsewhere after his ordination. We will miss Greg, Rebecca, Thomas, and Claire, even as we celebrate the sharing of their gifts elsewhere.

Fortunately, it is not all loss for us. While we are still waiting for the final approval of Bishop Michael, we look forward to officially welcoming The Rev. Bonnie Stewart as our new Associate Rector. Our agreement with Bonnie is that she will work a 15% schedule that will include preaching one Sunday a month and presiding another Sunday each month. While we want to honor our deal and not ask her for more time than she has agreed to, she will also play an active role in other areas of parish life, including Christian education, pastoral care, and administration. Bonnie's official start date is September 1. We will see her around a little bit in July, but she and her wife, Megan, will be on a much-deserved vacation for the month of August.

Speaking of Bonnie, a hearty well done and thank you to the St. Barnabas family for turning out in force for her ordination and her first Sunday as a priest. At the risk of sounding paternal, I was so proud to watch all of you pour into St. John's! Great job, I know that Bonnie and Megan really appreciated your support.

With summer upon us, I want to thank the choir – including Glenn, our director, and Judge, our organist – for a wonderful year. They are on hiatus until fall and their fine singing will be missed. A warm thank you also goes out to Robbie Jessen and our Sunday School teachers. I am grateful for your diligence and patience. Finally, thank you to everyone who helped in providing wonderful celebrations in June. The Father's Day breakfast and coffee hour, and the reception for Celebration Sunday (Grad Sunday, baptism, Bonnie's first Eucharist) were expertly executed as always. Your efforts are much appreciated!

There is still much to keep us busy at church, but I hope that you all have a safe and sane 4th of July and wonderful summer.

Blessings,
Sean



VESTRY Commission Corner

Dear St. Barnabas Family,

I cannot adequately express how much your love and support have meant to me. I am excited to share with you that I have been approved to become a deacon! We are planning for my ordination at St. Barnabas on September 7 @ 2PM; I would love it for you all to be there! I had hoped to stay at St. Barnabas, but have been assigned to another wonderful parish, St. Gabriel. I will miss being with you, but I will carry St. Barnabas in my heart wherever I go.

Greg Rainey

From the Associate Rector

Alleluia and praise the Lord! That is what I keep saying to myself as I reflect on this past week. I am so grateful for your support – throughout my internship over the past year as well as at my ordination service. I think you were easily over 25% of the congregation on Saturday.

Looking ahead, both Megan and I are looking forward to being more involved in the life of St. Barnabas, beginning with hosting coffee hour later in July. I am sure Sean will have plenty for me to do as well, as I begin to preach and preside more often over the coming months.

Know that I am thrilled to be part of the St Barnabas community. I feel truly blessed to have the opportunity to serve you as your Priest.

Rev. Bonnie Stewart (Rev. Bonz)

70th Anniversary Update

Auction Items Needed for the St. Barnabas Gala November 10th

If you or your church group is planning to donate an item to the November Auction, please complete a donation form (available in the back of the church) and give it to Cathie Price or Eva Calcagno. We know November seems like a long time from now, but we are working over the summer to set up auction software and prepare for the best St. Barnabas auction ever! We do not need to receive your donations just yet, but a description of them, their value, photo images, etc. will allow us to enter all the data early.

If you have an idea for an auction donation but aren't sure, we are happy to discuss!
Thank you! Eva Calcagno, 503-890-2598 and Cathie Price 503-598-9363

By Eva Calcagno



NOTES FROM THE WOMEN OF ST. BARNABAS

The Women of St. Barnabas met Sunday June 2nd with a total of 16 members in attendance. We had several agenda items for discussion and got right down to business.

Coffee hour help seems to be a continued item for discussion. We have 5 great chairs for each week of the months but could use one or two additional team members for weeks 1, 4, and 5. Please see the poster on the WoSB bulletin board if you are interested. BUT....most of all we need members to sign up for any given week. The idea of the teams was to be back up if no one signed up and/or to assist anyone wanting to host a coffee hour. The captain would contact you to see if you would like help and where the team could assist. The teams are working well but we are not getting anyone to sign up as well. We know you all enjoy the social time in Grafe Hall following the 10:00 service so please take a minute to look at available times and see where you can help.

The rummage sale was an enormous success thanks to Leslie Coefield and the slew of volunteers. We added up 350 hours of service that many of you helped with. It was a great deal of work but was also a good time to visit with those you did not always have the chance to spend time with. We may be looking into different groups who would be willing to pick up the merchandise that did not sell. Leslie experienced a few glitches this year. The big news is that we will be keeping our storage locker all year long. We are available to accept donations any time. Leslie, Vicki Church and Lisa Begley all have keys and can meet you across the street at Shadow Hills Apartments for drop off. Furniture will be accepted with approval from Leslie Coefield. She is the only one who can give the o.k. on this.

The WoSB will be putting together a gift basket for the silent auction at our 70th anniversary dinner. We will be putting together a "pampering" basket. Vicki will be sending out an e-mail shortly to those who attend our meetings looking for donations to fill this. Any donation can be given to either Vicki or Lisa.

The Father's Day breakfast was a huge hit this year. A small group met to come up with our menu which was changed up a bit from years past. Egg casseroles (turkey sausage, vegetarian, and gluten free veggie), bacon, croissants and jam, granola-yogurt-fruit bar, and mimosas were served. No one left hungry.

Celebration Sunday was another big day at the church - we had graduates, Ani presenting the sermon, a baptism, and Bonnie's first Eucharist. It was a spectacular day filled with love. Coffee hour was quite the buffet and we had a great crowd to share it with. Thank you to all who brought something to share or who helped with set up, serving, and clean up. We do food well here at St. B's.

We are looking into some options for our holiday tea which will be shared at our next meeting.

Kay Martin discussed food bag preparation for the community dinner. Kay, Stu, Liz, Leslie, and Keith have been taking on this ministry for several years. They want to stress that it is not a closed group, and anyone can come and help fill the bags. However, she would appreciate a phone call ahead of time to know there will be more people helping and to let them know exactly what time this group is

meeting. It is usually done on Friday evening. Food has dwindled on the cart lately and it needs to get publicized again. Look for ideas of what to bring for donations in the Buzz.

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 8th following the 10:00 service.

Lisa Begley-President, Leslie Coefield-Vice President, Kris Lunda-Secretary, Vicki Church-Treasurer



How to Donate Altar Flowers

By Eva Calcagno

Is it a mystery to you how the flowers materialize on the altar each week? Have you thought about donating flowers but weren't sure how? Here's the scoop!

The short answer is that there is no wrong way to do flowers. The first step is to sign up for a specific week on the Flower Chart on the back wall of the church. The chart notes any special restrictions on colors such as purple for Lent or greens for Advent. You may bring flowers and greenery from your garden or you can buy cut flowers at the grocery or Costco, or bring potted plants that can be added to the church or your garden, or you can have a florist make an arrangement for you. You can even do non-floral arrangements! In the past we have had arrangements of canned food (for SW HOPE), mittens and hat trees for the homeless, and even a completed jigsaw puzzle of a bouquet! Or, maybe you just want to donate money and have someone else take care of it all – that's OK, too.

The nuts and bolts: Altar Guild prepares the altar area on Saturday mornings, usually at 9am. This includes flower arranging. So, deliver whatever you want to provide to the Sacristy on Saturday before your Sunday by 9am. Altar Guild will take it from there. If you can't get there on Saturday, connect with the Altar Guild Captain for your donation week and we'll figure out a plan. The Captains are:

First Sunday:	Eva Calcagno, 503-890-2598
Second Sunday:	Anita Galloway, 503-807-8047
Third Sunday:	Roberta Wiggins, 503-367-4255
Fourth Sunday:	Jackie Alexander, 503-332-3242
Fifth Sunday:	Rotates between teams so call Jackie!

If you prefer to donate money and have the Altar Guild purchase the flowers, talk to the Team Captain in advance. We'll make it work! The church office will contact you the week prior to your Sunday to ask you how you would be recognized and what tribute you would like printed in the Bulletin for the donation.



Christian Education/Youth Ministry

Graduation Sunday

On June 23rd, we celebrated our graduates. Ani Draper, who graduated from St. Mary's, gave a sermon, and the Rev. Bonnie Stewart, who just graduated from seminary and who was very recently ordained a priest, presided over the Eucharist. Thank you, Ani and Bonnie, and congratulations to all the different sorts of graduates we heard from!

Youth Mission Trip

August 3rd through the 10th, Ani Draper and I will once again head out with many others from our Diocese to the Good Shepherd Mission in Navajo Nation. We will spend the week working, exploring, learning, worshipping, and probably goofing off a bit. We will report back with photos and stories, as we did last year.

Vacation Bible School

Due to inadequate response, our Summer VBS has been cancelled. This is unfortunate, especially considering the number of people who volunteered their time with great enthusiasm. We can't pull it off without kids. Stay tuned for adjusted 2019 children's/family programming.

Sunday School

Rather than putting things on pause over the summer months, our St. Barnabas Children's Fellowship will meet on **the third Sundays of July and August: July 21st and August 18th**. Aside from the Bible lesson, we are planning to have fun in the garden on those days.

Bible Study

Any given **Sunday**, you're welcome to join the St. Barnabas Bible Study at **9am**. We most often meet in **Grafe Hall**. We work at an easy pace: one chapter of Genesis a week. As I write this, the Tower of Babel is about to topple (Genesis 11). Handouts are available in the narthex, in a transparent and plastic flyer container bolted to the brick wall near the entrance.

Youth Group

On **Wednesday, July 10th, 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 8:30pm. We'll continue to meet **every second Wednesday of the month**.

Movie Night

RaSMaTaS (Reverent and Serious Movies about Theology and Suffering, pronounced "razzmatazz") continues **every third Wednesday**. On **Wednesday, July 17th, at 6:30pm in Grafe Hall**, you are invited to watch *Days of Heaven* (1978). Although a dust bowl period drama starring Richard Gere, this movie was inspired by the Bible stories of Abraham and Moses in Egypt. Gotta say: It's stunningly beautiful to the eyes, ears, and heart. Some or all these factors led to the Library of Congress recognizing it as "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant" and formally preserving it in the National Film Registry. This is the real stuff, people. There will be popcorn and refreshments, as always.

Portland Rescue Mission

On **Friday, July 28th**, volunteers from St. Barnabas will feed hundreds at Portland Rescue Mission's downtown location (111 W. Burnside). Please let me know if you're interested. If you can't make it this month, note that we're set now to volunteer at Portland Rescue Mission **every fourth Friday of the month**. Dinner is served at 6pm, so we try to arrive well before that.

Aubin Spice, Director of Christian Education/Youth Minister



Biblical Garden news

The Biblical Garden is planted and thriving! We have commissioned elegant glass plant labels to let everyone know what's growing in there, but before that's finalized please let me know if you have any suggestions or questions, or anything else to contribute. We are thinking a good-sized bird bath, or such thing might be nice; those who frequent estate sales please keep your eye out for something suitable.

I hope you noticed the purple tulips around the electric sign last month (and might have cringed at the ghastly clash between the mauve color and the flashing red letters!); tulips are native to the Middle East, as are Narcissus (daffodils), already in place as the garden was tentatively planned. The lilac (lilacs come from Persia) was splendid and the almond tree (off the end of Grafe Hall, near the playground) covered in pink blossoms again just in its second year and now heavy with, well, almonds! The old bejeweled steppingstones fashioned long ago by (I believe) a St. B. Sunday School class have been repurposed as the River Nile, flanked by a shoulder-high "Sea of Reeds". Please stop and smell the jasmine twining itself around the railing, back entrance to the Hall, and find 3 Star of Bethlehem bulbs coming into full bloom, under the azalea tree near the lawn (behind the sign). The two small but thriving roses are "Damascus" roses; they are loving the heat! Catch them blooming again next year; the scent is intoxicating.

We should have labels before too long and the garden hopefully will make a bit more sense. Thanks for your patience; again, please contact me if you have any ideas about designing or adding plants, etc. Many thanks go out to all those who have been contributing to this project, particularly financially, to this labor of love. Lots of research thought and care!

Sally Willson
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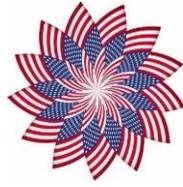


Photo Gallery

**Bonnie Stewart's Ordination to the Priesthood
June 22, 2019**



Bishop Michael Hanley with Bonnie



Bonnie and Meagan

The Feast of St. Barnabas – 70th Anniversary



Several folks contributed photographs this month: Eva Calcagno, Shelley Engle, the Price family, Cathie Dainton Piacente. Thank you!

Stump the Priest



Q: Last I heard we had a budget deficit. How are we affording an additional priest and why do we need one?

A: Thank you for asking a question that needs to be answered. It is true that we balanced the 2019 budget by covering a forecast deficit in revenue by using money from savings to cover the gap. The good news is that the money in the savings account was intentionally set aside for that very purpose. Furthermore, revenue for 2019 has exceeded our forecast and we have not tapped into the savings account to the degree anticipated. Additionally, we received a new pledge in June that will cover Bonnie's employment cost for the remainder of this year. For the short-term, we are in good shape. Of course, as we tackle next year's budget, we will have to reevaluate. While Bonnie's contract is for three years, she and I have talked extensively about our financial situation and she understands our limitations. We will adjust, as necessary, that both honor Bonnie's time and our budget realities.

Now, for the question of why? I believe that our church experience is enriched by variety of voices offering differing perspectives on our journey of faith. As a woman, Bonnie brings a clergy perspective that I cannot offer, and I believe that she will strengthen our message to the St. B's community and to the community at large. With her addition to the staff, we are able to extend our reach and the reach of the kingdom of God that we seek to share with the world. Bonnie's presence will also offer another source for pastoral care, please don't hesitate to contact her if you feel she is better able to offer support than I might be. She also brings a lifetime of experience as a businessperson and leader. Her insight will serve our congregation well.

Of course, Bonnie's presence will necessitate some changes. I will not be the only priest who presides at St. Barnabas. That will be strange for me, but good for us to hear a different voice from the altar. I will also preach a little less. Bonnie will preach one Sunday every month and I will preach the other three Sundays. Every other month, one of our other preachers, Deacon BJ, Jean Masonek, or Aubin will preach. Those months, I will only preach two Sundays. I am sensitive to the fact that you hired me to preach and I take that role seriously. My plan is to never have people other than me preach on consecutive Sundays and I will do the bulk of the preaching throughout the year. However, I believe that a diversity of perspectives will enrich our worship experience. The good news is, if you don't like the message of a given preacher, you won't have to wait very long to hear someone else.

If you have heartburn with any of this, please feel free to contact me. You can probably work it into a cup of coffee or a free lunch.

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.

70th Anniversary Dumpster Date

Every 70 years or so, it is good and right to part ways with some of the things accumulated over the previous seven decades. We are going to do just that the week of July 14. The office will be closed for routine business as we clean-out file cabinets and reclaim the furnace room and choir room from years of collected stuff. You can help in two important ways. First, if you know of something that you don't want to disappear, speak now or forever hold your peace. We will not be tentative about getting rid of things, so don't be tentative about asking for things to be saved. Second, we can use lots of help to sort through old files, make Goodwill runs, and toss things in the dumpster. Please let Sean or Cathie know if you can help. Thank you! Fr. Sean Wall

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

Summer Pledge reminder: Before you hit the road this summer, please remember to turn in your pledge payment to St. Barnabas. It helps to keep us running smoothly over the summer.

The **Church Office will be Closed:** Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

Free Community Dinner, the outdoor annual BBQ in July 13th, 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.

Youth Group. On Wednesday, July 10th, at 6:30pm in Grafe Hall, we will meet every second Wednesday in 2019.

Vestry Meeting, Wednesday, July 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Rector's Office. Guests are welcome. (Meeting each month on the 2nd Wednesday)

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.

Movie Night RaSMaTaS Wednesday, July 17th @ 6:30pm in Grafe Hall. Come see *Days of Heaven* (1978).

Breakfast between the Services, is Sunday, July 21st at 9:00 a.m. This month sponsored by the WoSB for Father's Day. If you would like to help prepare and serve breakfast, please arrive in Grafe Hall at 8:45. Contact Lisa Begley for more information.

Blood Pressure Checks: Sunday's this summer: July 21st & Aug. 18th Yes, these are the same dates as Breakfast Sundays!



Portland Rescue Mission volunteer evening is on Friday, July 26th. Gather in Grafe Hall to carpool at 5:30 p.m. We are serving every 4th Friday at 111 W Burnside. Please arrive at the PRM kitchen before 6 PM

Women of St. Barnabas meeting, Sunday, September 8th after the 10:00 a.m. service, post coffee hour.

Sunday Bible Study meets weekly at 9 a.m. Sunday Bible Study (which most often meets in Grafe Hall) will continue throughout 2019.

Choir is adjourned for the summer. See you in September.

Newsletter Deadlines: each 3rd Sunday/Monday. Send articles to Sandy Hunnicutt at shunni@q.com. (July 15th & August 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, Bill Bigas, John Engle, Anita Galloway, Dorrie MacGregor, Liz Martin, Cathie Price, 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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Christian Education: Anita Galloway	503-807-8047
Outreach: Cathie Price	503-598-9363
Parish Life/Pastoral Care: Elizabeth Martin	503-756-9295
Finance: Bill Bigas	503-974-9362
Stewardship: Dorrie McGregor	503-794-3993
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Worship: Rev. Sean Wall	503-246-1949

Other group's contacts:	
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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
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