



## St. Barnabas Episcopal Church Newsletter



2019

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### *Hello, Goodbye, and a Picnic*

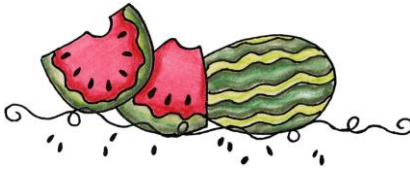
September 1 brings a new month and a new priest on our staff. The Reverend Bonnie Stewart has been unselfishly sharing her priestly gifts with us since her ordination in June. Now, after a few weeks of rest and relaxation, Bonnie is officially the Associate Rector at St. Barnabas. She will be employed at 15% time and will play a key role in worship, Christian education, and pastoral care. I am grateful to have Bonnie's life experience and infectious energy as part of our team. But, that's not all! The Reverend Deacon BJ Finch is also going to become a regular member of our Sunday worship team. She will serve at the altar weekly, except for fourth Sundays when she will serve as a Sunday school teacher. She will also participate in adult Christian education and lead special events like our annual Advent wreath making workshop. BJ and Bonnie are both available for your pastoral care needs, so don't hesitate to contact them, or me, if you have something on your mind or heart that might benefit from clergy attention.

Unfortunately, September also includes a farewell. We will host Greg Rainey's ordination to the diaconate at 2:00 PM on Saturday, September 7. While this is a joyful time for Greg, and all of us who have walked with him through the ordination process, my joy is muted by the fact that he has been assigned to serve as the deacon at St. Gabriel's. Our loss is St. Gabe's gain. Greg begins his new position on September 8, so his time with us is short. We also bid farewell to Rebecca, Thomas, and Claire. We will miss all four of you.

Last year we scheduled an outdoor service and picnic for the first time in several years, only to get rained out. So, I hope that you are all diligently praying for nice weather on Sunday, September 15, when we will try again. We will have fun music, great food, and sunshine (power of positive thinking). Please join us at Gabriel Park at 10:00 AM. We will be located right on Vermont Street, next to the park maintenance building. If you are not a fan of the outdoors or fear picnics, the 8:00 AM service will be held in the church, as usual. In all cases, St. Barnabas t-shirts are highly recommended. If you need one, there is a sign-up sheet in Grafe Hall. Please bring a lawn chair if you have one and sign-up to help. Finally, due to the picnic, there will be no Breakfast between the Services in September (the 15<sup>th</sup> is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday).

It's almost time to buy your tickets for the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dinner scheduled on November 10. Ticket sales commence on September 8 after the services. Tickets are \$40 per person in September and \$45 after October 1. My hope is that no one will miss this celebration due to financial limitations. So, if your current situation does not allow you to buy a ticket, please let me know and I will see that the cost is covered, no questions asked.

Have a great September, Blessings, Sean



## Our Annual Picnic and Outdoor Service is Sunday, September 15!

Please join us at Gabriel Park at 10:00 a.m. There is a **sign-up sheet** in Grafe Hall if you would like to bring something for the picnic. St. B's t-shirts are highly encouraged as well as folding chairs. The 8 a.m. service will take place as usual in the church.

*(Due to the picnic, there will be no Breakfast between the Services in September.)*

### Children's Fellowship News

Sunday school will begin on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Our curriculum for this fall includes Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Samuel, David, Moses, Elijah and Job. We meet at 10 am and return at the Peace. This year we will have several Sundays where we will ask children to return downstairs after Communion to finish up work on projects that need more time to complete. I will let you know beforehand when we plan to do this.

Deacon B.J. has graciously taken up the refurbishing of our children's altar. I don't know how many times this altar was moved since the 70's, however it was enough to have sustained several places where the wood had been gouged out on the corners. Deacon B.J. has fixed these areas and will be painting it a nice warm brown color to cover up the ancient antiqued white of the past. She deserves a medal for doing this and I really appreciate it! We are also planning for drapes or curtains for the window to have on the days when the sun is too bright and the room becomes way too warm for all of us.

Thanks to Aubin Spice and Meaghan Petty for teaching on our special Sundays in July and August. Thank you to all who have donated needed supplies to our program. So far, the only thing we need for this year is a dry erase board so if anyone has one that they are not using please let me know. I will create an updated wish list soon.

We are looking forward to beginning a new year. If you have any questions, please call me at **503 550 4609**. Thanks, Robbie Jessen.



## NOTES FROM THE WOMEN OF ST. BARNABAS

The Women of St. Barnabas will meet on Sunday September 8th following the 10:00 service. We will congregate in the back of the church after grabbing a cup of coffee and a snack at coffee hour.

Coffee hours: although we have some great teams in place, we are not getting additional parishioners signing up to help on any particular Sunday. We know everyone enjoys this time to visit and catch up with others. With the teams it is no longer a one-person show. Think about signing up today. We are there to help.

Rummage Sale: We have storage year-round. We are trying this to see if we can acquire more and better donations. You no longer need to wait until next May nears. We can take your "stuff" today. Leslie Coefield, Vicki Church, and Lisa Begley all have keys and can meet you almost any time to drop things off. The garage is across the street from the church at Shadow Hills apartments. See your neighbor cleaning things out - ask them for donations too! This yearly sale provides all the income the WoSB relies on for the year.

Shepherd's Door: With captains Cathie Price, Eva Calcagno, and Lisa Begley we continue to support Shepherd's Door women's residential recovery center in East Portland every other month. The remaining dates for 2019 are September 4th and November 6th. We plan, cook, and serve dinner for 40 women and their children who reside at the center for a year while getting their lives on track. We leave the church around 2:45 and return by 7:00 pm. You even get to eat dinner with the ladies! We need to know in advance if you plan to attend so we know we have enough help and can arrange carpooling. In November we will need a second driver. Please let Lisa know if you can help with that.

Oktoberfest Songs, Sausage, and Suds: Saturday October 19th from 6 - 8 pm. We celebrate with 3 rounds of 7-8 hymns each and lots of sausage, foot beer, beer, and wine. Grafe Hall is filled with such great energy. It is a wonderful family gathering. Lisa Begley will be accepting your favorite hymn requests to help put together our "play list". Please feel free to send them to [flamingolisa@msn.com](mailto:flamingolisa@msn.com). Judge will be playing the piano and Glenn will be leading the singing. A sign up will be on the WoSB bulletin board for attendance. This helps so we have the right amount of food to serve. Hope to see you there.

Portland Rescue Mission Ingathering: The WoSB will sponsor our 4th annual ingathering for the homeless as the winter months approach. We will be asking for your help in donating items for both men and women. We will list the items here so you can watch for sales this fall. A flyer will be available in the bulletin closer to the event. Items needed: blankets, sleeping bags, tarps, hand warmers, hats, scarves, gloves, and socks. If you have old coats and sweaters these would be great if they are still in good quality. We have storage now so if you want to "bag up" any donations now we can put them away. Any questions please feel free to contact any of the officers.

Holiday Tea: This will be Saturday December 7th from 1 - 3 pm. This is open to women, men, and children. We are excited to share that our guest speaker is Lily McFadden from Ronald McDonald House. More will be coming regarding this in later months.

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

## VESTRY Commission Corner

From the Assistant Rector:

**NEW THIS FALL:** Our worship is guided and informed by our Book of Common Prayer. But there is so much more to the prayer book than our Sunday worship. So, this fall, following the 10:00 AM service on Sept 22, 29 and Oct 13th, I will be offering "BCP 101 - Beyond Page 355". For three Sundays, come hear about the history and theology of the Book of Common Prayer. You will find out such things as why the words used for the introduction to the Lord's Prayer "we are bold to say" was once called "the most serious indeed the most shocking blot in the new book." So, come join me as we explore that little red book you see each week in the pews.

The Rev. Bonnie Stewart

### *70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update*

***Ticket sales begin!*** You will be able to purchase tickets for the 70th Anniversary Gala Dinner and Auction at the Mountain Park Clubhouse beginning September 8<sup>th</sup> after the 10am service and every Sunday thereafter through the middle of October. We will also be selling tickets between the services on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The ticket price is \$40 until October 1<sup>st</sup>. After October 1<sup>st</sup> the price is \$45 and will be \$50 at the door the night of the Gala. With your paid ticket you will enjoy music during the cocktail hour and auction, plus appetizers and a complimentary drink, a full buffet dinner, and dessert. Additionally, a selection of beer and wine will be available for purchase.

Proceeds from the Silent Auction will serve the St. Barnabas community and beyond. Funds will be directed to support Outreach activities such as the community dinners, Parish Life that encourages social connections, and the Challenge Fund which will allow us to advance our music, education and ministry programs.

For those of you who have already graciously offered up donations, services, gift baskets, vacation properties, etc. Please fill out the donor form and turn it in to either Eva Calcagno or Cathie Price. If it's easier to leave at the office there is a metal inbox identified for the Auction Donor forms. If you would like to contribute but aren't sure just what, feel free to reach out to Eva or Cathie. Our contact information is listed below.

Please support this 70th Anniversary celebration of St. Barnabas!

Contact information: Eva Calcagno: 503-890-2598 - email: [evac@teleport.com](mailto:evac@teleport.com)  
Cathie Price: 503-318-0057 - email: [catprice56@gmail.com](mailto:catprice56@gmail.com)

*If the ticket cost does not fit in your budget, please see Fr. Sean. No one will be turned away due to lack of resources.*



### *Monday Night Knit and Crochet returns:*

If you enjoy knitting or crochet join our friendly group on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. We knit hats, prayer shawls, scarves, and items of our own choosing.

September 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. in Rm 1

We are making hats and warm items for Portland Rescue Mission and have a prayer shawl ministry. Contact Sandy Hunnicutt for more information. [shunni@q.com](mailto:shunni@q.com) (you may also work on items at home and turn them in)

We will have a blessing of finished items on September 29<sup>th</sup> at the 10:00 a.m. Service.

## Christian Education and Youth Ministry



### Youth Mission Trip

During coffee hour on Sunday, **September 8<sup>th</sup>**, Ani Draper and I will present photos and talk about our experience of this year's Diocesan Youth Mission Trip.

### Sunday School

Summer's almost up, so please note that our Children's Fellowship during all 10am Sunday services will resume on **September 8<sup>th</sup>**. However, because of the outside service on **September 15<sup>th</sup>**, families are encouraged to attend with kids. Games will be available—both separate from the service and after it, as well.

### Book of Common Prayer 101

after the 10am Sunday services on **September 22<sup>nd</sup>** and **September 29<sup>th</sup>**, our Associate Rector, the Rev. Bonnie Stewart, will lead a class on our Book of Common Prayer. This will kick off **our new 101 class series**. These presentations with Q&A sessions will cover a variety of religious topics and will now be a staple in our church's programming.

### Bible Study

Any given **Sunday**, you're welcome to join our 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, Abraham has not yet been told to sacrifice Isaac

(Genesis 22). Handouts are available in the narthex on the long table. Please note: Because of the outdoor service on **September 15<sup>th</sup>**, Bible study won't be meeting that day.

### **Youth Group**

On **Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**, 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 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, September 18<sup>th</sup>**, at **6:30pm in Grafe Hall**, you are invited to watch a double feature: *La Soufriere* (1977) and *Wings of Hope* (2000). All are short documentaries by Werner Herzog, the master of oddly moving stories. *La Soufriere* has the documentary team visit the last man who remains on Guadeloupe, a volcanic island about to explode. *Wings of Hope* accompanies the sole survivor of a plane crash as she retraces her footsteps in the Peruvian jungle. Both are mesmerizing looks at unique personal trials. As always, there will be popcorn and refreshments.

**Aubin Spice, Director of Christian Education**



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### **Up-cycling for crafts**

If you use Altoid Mints I would like your empty tins for a craft project, both the standard size and the mini mint size. Thanks. ~ Sandy Hunnicutt



On September 29<sup>th</sup>, Christians everywhere are asked to use their digital devices intentionally; to share their life of faith with the world.

Social Media Sunday is an ecumenical effort to share the good news about building community with social media. Churches, individuals, and faith-based organizations are encouraged to share words, photos, images, videos and links about faith on social media sites, using the hashtag #sms19.

Started at Trinity Episcopal Church in Tariffville, Connecticut in 2013, Social Media Sunday has grown over the years since to include people of faith everywhere. With over 2.3 billion users of social media\* around the globe and 1 million new social mobile users added each day, going into the world to share good news requires using new tools to be where people are.

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/SMS19/?epa=SEARCH\\_BOX](https://www.facebook.com/groups/SMS19/?epa=SEARCH_BOX)

## ***Stump the Priest***



**Q:** How much has St B's grown in the last year? Or, few years?

**A:** Hmm... I'm going to dodge this question for the time being. If the same had been asked in May, I would have wowed you with our fantastic Average Sunday Attendance (ASA), we were nearing 100 people per Sunday, a 33% increase from 2014. Unfortunately, our summer attendance has been quite low in comparison and I suspect that our ASA has declined dramatically. To be honest, I haven't been able to motivate myself to do the math. Fortunately, our health and growth are not just measured in attendance statistics (which will improve as summer ends). We can also consider total pledges, additional programs offered, and new participants in ministry groups. We are ascending in all of those areas and I have no reason to be anything but joyful about the vibrant, wonderful parish family that you all have built and sustained. Well done and thank you!

*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](mailto:rectorstbarnabas@gmail.com) or [stbarnabas@hotmail.com](mailto: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

**Deacon Ordination for Greg Rainey**, September 7th at 2:00 p.m. here at St. Barnabas.

**Portland Rescue Mission at Shepard's Door**, volunteer for Sept 4<sup>th</sup> or Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheet is posted in Grafe Hall.

**Children's Fellowship / Sunday School** begins Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> during the 10 a.m. service. Bible study and time in the garden!

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

**Youth Group**. On Wednesday, Sept. 11th, at 6:30pm in Grafe Hall, we will meet every second Wednesday in 2019.

**Vestry Meeting**, Wednesday, Sept. 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Rector's Office. Guests are welcome. (Meeting each month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)

**Free Community Dinner**, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at 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.

**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.

**Breakfast between the Services**, is canceled for Sept, we will see you in Oct. This is sponsored by the Men of St. Barnabas. If you would like to help prepare and serve breakfast, please arrive in Grafe Hall at 8:45. Contact Keith Enos for more information.

**Outdoor Eucharist** and church picnic, Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup> at Gabriel Park.

**Movie Night RaSMaTaS** will be on Wednesday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Grafe Hall.

**Portland Rescue Mission** volunteer evening is on Friday, Sept. 28th. 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

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

**Choir practice** is on Tuesdays at 6:45 pm, beginning on September 10<sup>th</sup>. We welcome new voices. See Glenn Bjorkquist for more information. Welcome back!



**Blessing of the Animals**, Saturday Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Bring your pets in their carrier or on their leash for a short service and blessing followed by coffee and treats.

**WoSB** hosts **Oktoberfest, Suds Sausage and Songs** on Saturday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Newsletter Deadlines:** each 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday/Monday. Send articles to Sandy Hunnicutt at [shunni@q.com](mailto:shunni@q.com). (September 15<sup>th</sup> & October 20<sup>th</sup>)

### 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.

### Contact Information

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Aubin Spice	<a href="mailto:ymstbarnabas@gmail.com">ymstbarnabas@gmail.com</a>	414-326-4451
Cathie Dainton Piacente	<a href="mailto:stbarnabas@hotmail.com">stbarnabas@hotmail.com</a>	503-246-1949

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: John Engle	503-292-1139

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
Treasurer: Vicki Church (non-voting position)	503-841-6444
Worship: Rev. Sean Wall	503-246-1949

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**

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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](mailto:shunni@q.com)

## Fred Meyer Rewards – Personal Benefit & Charitable Benefit

Dear St. Barnabas Episcopal Church (YK685),

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to not just part of, but to help create a stronger community...

We encourage you to ask your supporters to link their rewards card to your organization. Community Rewards is easy to use. The more your supporters shop with us, the more money your organization will earn....

Thank you for being such an important organization in our community.

Community Rewards Staff

For April to June 2019 \* 16 Households earned St. Barnabas \$58.53

**[A Reminder on how to sign your Fred Meyer Rewards card up to support St. Barnabas.](#)**

Dear St. Barnabas Episcopal Church (**YK685**),

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to go beyond being a part of the community to also helping create a stronger community. We appreciate your participation in our Community Rewards program to help accomplish that mission!

We have recently upgraded our Community Rewards system, and as a result, your Non-Profit Organization (NPO) has a new account number. (**YK685**) Please reference the new number when contacting us for assistance. We recommend communicating this new number to your members, and updating any marketing materials with this change. While the previous number will continue to be associated with your organization, it will not be visible to your members when enrolling. New members can enroll by searching for either the **new number** or the **name of your organization**.

If you have any questions, please email [fmcommunityrewards@fredmeyer.com](mailto:fmcommunityrewards@fredmeyer.com) or visit our website at <https://www.fredmeyer.com>

Thank you for being such an important organization in our community, Community Rewards Staff.

## AMAZON Shoppers – Charitable Benefit

Rev. Bonnie Stewart has set us up to be able to link our personal Amazon purchases to the church.

On the Amazon website, go to smile.amazon.com <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/93-6012605>

