

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church Newsletter



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Let's Continue the Climb!

The train of life just keeps rumblin' on. Summer has passed in a blink of the eye and fall is upon us. Now, we are looking forward to a full slate of activities over the next few months. One of my favorite events of the year is coming up on Saturday, October 19th at 6:00 PM – Oktoberfest. It is great fun to get the congregation together for singing and bratwurst. I hope that you will join us. In October, we also offer a Blessing of the Animals at 10:00 AM on the 5th. Of course, our 70th anniversary gala and auction will be here in no time (November 10). I give special thanks to all the people who have worked so hard to organize a successful event. If you have not purchased your tickets yet, please visit the table in Grafe Hall on Sunday morning (we can only accept cash and checks). Remember, if your budget does not permit a ticket purchase, and you would like to attend, please visit with me. The Saturday following the gala will be our first holiday bazaar in many, many years. If you like to bake, craft, be a cashier, or many other things, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please see the sign-up sheet in Grafe Hall.

With the onset of fall, for better or worse, also comes another ritual of the church calendar – stewardship. We can call it what it is, our annual fund-raising drive. Of course, very few people enjoy being asked for money, fortunately, the people of St. Barnabas are generous with their time and their money. While this fact ensures that stewardship season is not an unpleasant time, it is still fraught with concern about our ability to maintain and build programs into the future. As I am prone to say, we are on a steady climb at St. Barnabas. Year after year, we have more members and modestly larger revenue. This success has allowed us to add programs and personnel to lead those programs.

I am confident that we will continue on the climb and your ongoing support, in time and money, is the key to our ascent. But not only that, your honest input about where we are succeeding and where we need improvement is also vital to our continued success. Congregational life is not static; we are changing and evolving all the time. Sometimes change is necessary to improve our worship and programs, sometimes changes are made that simply do not fit with our culture. Please don't be shy about sharing your thoughts with me, or a Vestry member, about either category.

Our stewardship campaign will kick-off on Sunday, October 6. Following both services, we will offer a brief presentation on the current state of parish finances and our budget outlook for 2020. The discussion after the 8:00 AM service will be in the church; we will provide donuts and coffee. The presentation for the 10:00 service will be offered during coffee hour. The Vestry is working diligently to create a budget that meets the needs of our growing congregation and our 2020 fund-raising goal will be based on that budget. Please mark your calendars to come to church and the stewardship presentation on the October 6. Your participation and input are important.

Blessings, Sean

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 5th at 10:00 am

In celebration of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, bring your winged and 4-foot friends to the church for a short service and blessing. (All pets must be on a leash or in a carrier). They will receive an individual blessing and there will be treats for humans and canines. The blessing is held outside between the church and Grafe Hall on the paved breezeway.



70th Anniversary Update

Tickets will continue to be sold at coffee hour on Sundays. The price is \$45. The price rises to \$50 at the door on the day of the event.

If you are donating an item for the Silent Auction, please get your item turned in to Eva Calcagno or Cathie Price. Time is marching on!

Wine Donations for the Silent Auction



Would you like to make a donation to the silent auction but your budget is limited? How about donating a bottle of wine for the wine wall? We are seeking bottles of wine for this mystery auction item. Do you have a bottle at home from that hostess gift? Maybe it is not your preferred variety but someone else might love it? Or could you make a purchase of wine with a \$20 (or so) value?

Please bring your donation to the church office or to the Gala Ticket sales table at coffee hour. Your donation is very much appreciated.

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

Contact information: Eva Calcagno: 503-890-2598 - email: evac@teleport.com
Cathie Price: 503-318-0057 - email: 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.



Attention all Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: Please attend one of the training sessions scheduled on Wednesday, October 9, at 6:00 PM; Thursday, October 17, at 10:00 AM; and Sunday, October 20, at 11:15 AM. We are making changes to the liturgical flow, so this training is mandatory. If you cannot make it to one of the scheduled sessions, please contact Fr. Sean. Anyone who has not received training by October 31 will be removed from the schedule until training has been completed.

If you are interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, please contact Fr. Sean.

Thanks,
Sean



NOTES FROM THE WOMEN OF ST. BARNABAS

The Women of St. Barnabas met on Sunday, September 8th. We quickly recapped our old business. Our "pampering" gift baskets (yes, we had so many donations for this that it filled 2 baskets) were completed and paperwork was turned into the auction committee. Thank you to all who added to this - the winner will really enjoy. Father's Day breakfast was a big success. We tried to make a healthier fare to offer than in the past. We also made casseroles that were assembled the night before. This made for a much easier day of the event. Celebration Sunday was also a rousing success, celebrating a Baptism, Ani's graduation, and Bonnie's ordination. It was a wonderful day of happiness. Thanks be to God.

Under new business we discussed the annual Oktoberfest - Songs, Sausage, and Suds. This will be held on Saturday, October 19th from 6 - 8 pm. We will be serving brats, chips, root beer, beer, and wine. We will be singing 3 sets of 7 hymns each. Judge will be playing piano and Glenn will be leading the hymns. We have had a flyer (thanks Vicki) in the bulletin for people to request their favorite hymns. The list will have to be put together soon to allow Judge to have time to review what has been chosen. It's not too late yet but selections must be to Lisa Begley by the 6th at the absolute latest. We are asking for a \$5 donation to help defray the costs of food. However, don't let that stop you from coming - all are welcome. It is a fun, fall evening. Hope to see you there! (P.S. sign up in Grafe Hall so we know how many to expect)

October is also time to help prepare for the winter months ahead. The WoSB sponsor an ingathering of winter goods for Portland Rescue Mission. Please see flyer in the Sunday bulletins for items we are looking for. Items can be placed under the TV in the Narthex. Any questions please feel free to see Leslie Coefield. We were called into this ministry several years ago when we had a harder than usual winter and had too many of our fellow Christians dying in the elements. Let's make this drive a great success!!!

Our annual holiday tea is coming fast - December 7th. This is held from 1 - 3 in the afternoon in Grafe Hall. This year our guest speaker is Lily McFadden from Ronald McDonald House. Kris Lunda and Lisa Begley visited her last month and had a tour of the East Portland facility. It was an amazing visit and to know that she will bring a great deal of energy and information to our tea. For donations we are going to focus on their "Treasure Closet". Each child who enters their doors (whether it is a patient or sibling) receives a gold coin. This is used to pick out a gift from the treasure closet. It holds games, toys, art kits, etc. They ask that donations stay in the range of \$5 to \$15 per item. If you do not want to shop, we will also be having a good will offering taken at the event. A sign up will be posted soon for us to know how many people are participating. Please, please put your name on the list if you are attending. More details will come next month as Eva puts our press release and invite together.

Lisa Begley and Vicki Church have taken over as coordinators to our monthly serving at Portland Rescue Mission. This is the 4th Friday of each month. We are trying our hardest to make sure we have two drivers leaving church at 4:50. We "roll" silverware when we get there. The cook then goes over the meal and positions are taken in the serving line. We serve dinner from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. We need at least 8 people each month. It is busy and we serve anywhere from 275 to 325 people. They are very appreciative of the food and of us as help. It is incredibly fulfilling. Please see either of us if you have questions and/or are interested in serving. We need you!!!

Thank you all,

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



"I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but now I pray that he will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do, what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength. I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us, and we change things." Mother Teresa



St. Barnabas Does BottleDrop Now!

All the bottles and cans you bring to St. Barnabas will go toward a Youth Group fund. Make sure, though, to only use our non-profit **blue bags!** Please see Aubin for a bag.

Christian Education and Youth Ministry

Paternity Leave Announcement

As most of you know, Stephanie and I are expecting our first child this November. First things first: No, we don't know the gender, and no, we don't know the name—but we soon will have to! After discussions with Fr. Sean and discussions among the Vestry, it's been decided that, as soon as the child is born, I will be away for 12 weeks. All programs that I have going here at St. Barnabas need to and will continue without me for those three months, and I am planning on being back to begin Lent properly. Thank you for all the well-wishes and gifts!

Diocesan Convention

Thank you, Ani Draper, for presenting in September on this year's Diocesan Youth Mission Trip. She is now slated to help represent the YMT at this year's Diocesan Convention in Salem (October 25-26). I had also signed up to help, but someone close to me kindly pointed out that Stephanie will be in her 36th week at that time.

Book of Common Prayer 101

Our Associate Rector, The Rev. Bonnie Stewart, will lead the final class on the Book of Common Prayer after the 10am service on **Sunday, October 13th**. Thank you to The Rev. Bonnie for these three classes! Again, this 101-course kicked off **our new 101 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.

Youth Group

On **Wednesday, October 9th, at 7:00pm 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, October 16th, at 6:30pm in Grafe Hall**, you are invited to watch *The Night of the Hunter* (1955). Chosen specifically for the Halloween season, this classic stars Robert Mitchum playing a malevolent pastor with a criminal history. I promise you: it's gorgeously shot and ends well! As always, there will be popcorn and refreshments.

Portland Rescue Mission

From here on out, please direct all questions concerning our monthly outings to the Portland Rescue Mission Burnside location to Lisa Begley. I hope families will continue to volunteer there, and I won't be disappearing from the scene entirely. The sign-up sheet remains in Grafe Hall, and we'll continue to serve dinner **every fourth Friday**.

Aubin Spice, Director of Christian Education

Photo Gallery



The Children's Fellowship Room has been updated!

The altar in the Children's Fellowship room was built by A. Gordon Hobbs, Oct & Nov 1970. Rev. Dcn. BJ Finch sanded it down and refinished it in Sept. 2019. The wood now compliments the cross on the altar. New curtains have been installed this week to provide a filter from the bright sunlight. The curtain install team was Glenn Bjorkquist, Stephen & Robbie Jessen. Thank you, BJ, Robbie, Stephen and Glenn.



Greg Rainey's Ordination to Deacon, September 2019
Bishop Michael Hanley is center, Greg is to his left.

Stump the Priest



Q: Talk to me about the Discretionary Fund and the Food Pantry

A: I could talk with you for a long-time about our Discretionary Fund and the Food Pantry. The outreach that we provide the community through these two resources is substantial. On average, we help between ten and fifteen people every month and receive phone calls from more people who never actually arrive at the church for help. The primary areas of need are rent, utilities, gasoline, and food. Our visitors are diverse, and some are definitely more sympathetic than others. However, while I seek to be a good steward of the money you give to the Discretionary Fund, I try to err on the side of generosity. There are worse things than to be known as a church that is generous and kind to strangers. Our average financial assistance is around \$100.00. Not everyone needs or requests money; they just need a bag of food. Thanks to your generous support of the food cart, we can always offer people a nutritious selection of food. Thanks to Lisa Begley's effort to collect goodies from Albertson's, we also often have a treat that makes people smile.

Of course, this level of outreach has a financial cost, but it also taxes the congregation in other ways, primarily in the form of time. Cathie, Aubin, Glenn, and I all have some level of interaction with the people who come to us seeking help. I am mindful of the fact that time is precious, and we are implementing policies to conserve our time and money while also continuing to be the generous and kind people that we are called to be.

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

Blessing of the Animals, October 5th at 10:00 a.m. gather at the breezeway near Grafe Hall.

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

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

Free Community Dinner, October 12th 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, October 13th. 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.

Movie Night RaSMaTaS will be on Wednesday, October 18th at 6:30pm in Grafe Hall.

WoSB hosts **Oktoberfest, Suds Sausage and Songs** on Saturday, October 19th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Portland Rescue Mission volunteer evening is on Friday, October 25th. 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. We welcome new voices. See Glenn Bjorkquist for more information. Welcome back!

Portland Rescue Mission at Shepard's Door, volunteer Nov. 6th. Sign-up sheet is posted in Grafe Hall.

St. Barnabas Holiday Bazaar fundraiser, Saturday, November 16th.

WoSB Holiday Tea, December 7th. 1 - 3 in the afternoon in Grafe Hall. This year our guest speaker is Lily McFadden from Ronald McDonald House

Newsletter Deadlines: each 3rd Sunday/Monday. Send articles to Sandy Hunnicutt at shunni@q.com. (October 20th & November 17th)

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: 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, in every bulletin and on the web. Emails are in the church directory and at the church office.

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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
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

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