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St Barnabas Episcopal Church



Our Mission: To Share the Love of Christ / Compartir el amor de Cristo

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KEEPING THE FAITH IN DIFFICULT TIMES

For anyone who has turned on the television, the radio, connected to the Internet or picked up a newspaper, it's hard to miss the fact that the worldwide economy is in crisis. Unless you live in a cave, you've heard dire warnings and even gloomier predictions on a daily basis. For those of us who rely on investments to provide part or all of our income, we have seen them diminish in value by substantial amounts. Many of us are looking at ways to reduce our expenses. It's easy to say, 'I have to pay the mortgage/rent. I have to pay the utilities. I have to put food on the table, so I can't cut these items.' It's easy to look at our discretionary expenses and lump our pledged donations to the church into this category.

But there's a serious fallacy with this thinking. First, the church has its own expenses that are necessary to keep it operational. It too has to pay utilities and put food on the table (bread and wine). It has salaries and taxes and operating expenses that are fixed as well. The reality is that if you want the church to be there for you when you need it, it has to be there for everyone whenever anyone needs it - day in-day out, week in-week out, year in-year out. Therefore, our pledged donations to the church can not be discretionary items in our budget that we reduce or omit whenever it suits us.

But there is a much deeper, more significant issue involved in this discussion. If we consider our support of the church to be a discretionary item, we are, in effect, saying that God is a discretionary part of our lives. Not so! Each of us has a relationship with God that is exceptionally personal and mutual. At home, at work, at play, in every aspects of our lives, God is present with us and to us, whether we are aware of it or not. Each one of us is special, important, beloved by God. We are *never* discretionary to God. When we gather on Sundays, we engage in a mutual conversation with God, hearing the Word of God and responding with our petitions and prayers, and most especially with a great prayer of thanksgiving for all the ways God has blessed us now and throughout the ages. Hopefully, this is a dialog that you continue throughout the week.

As we approach our season for making a commitment to God and the church, it is my fervent prayer that even though you will realize that there are discretionary items in your budgets, St. Barnabas is not one of them. I encourage you to be faithful and generous in your giving as God is always faithful and generous in blessing us.

May God's blessings of love and joy and peace be with you throughout this New Year,

~Julie +

STEWARDSHIP

a better way of thinking and responding

STEWARDSHIP is about sharing some of the abundance that God has given us. It's not a once a year thing, it's an all year thing. It's sharing your talents and your time as well as your treasure. Think about it, spending more time caring, connecting and being committed to your community of faith. Think about giving every week instead of once a month or once a year. Would it make you feel different? Think about sharing your talents with your faith community. Think about we and us instead of me and my. The call to serve God begins with stewardship.

It's the people that make the church.

Having coffee after church.

Inviting a friend to St Barnabas.

I hope you read my stewardship letter about a better way of thinking and responding. Stewardship is nothing less than a complete lifestyle, a total accountability and responsibility before God. Stewardship is what we do after we say, "we believe."

~ Bill Walker Stewardship Chairman

COME TO THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION!

Our annual gathering as one diocesan family will happen at Good Samaritan on February 6 and 7, 2009. This year's convention boasts dynamic speakers, a service project, a festive Eucharist with participation from every congregation and a special address from our bishop. Convention is the biggest diocesan event of the year; come hear the speakers and take advantage of these opportunities! All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Sign up by visiting the Convention web site: www.edsd.org/Convention09. Or call the Office of the Bishop: 619-291-5947.

REGISTER EARLY

Convention registration is now available online here. Check-in will be at Good Samaritan from 12:00 –4:00 pm on Friday, February 6, 2009. We'll walk to the Marriott for our Gala dinner. When you arrive at the Marriott, you will receive your dinner ticket and parking voucher. Parking is \$6.00. The cost of the dinner is \$65 until January 15. After the 15th, the price increases to \$75.

THE CALLING COMMITTEE OF ST. BARNABAS NEEDS YOUR INPUT

We need your thoughts on what you want in a permanent priest. The January 4 workshop after the service is the time to express your opinions- so plan on attending. You need to think about the role that St. Barnabas plays within the Borrego Community. But you also need to consider how the Church, both local and national, is meeting your current needs. Beyond that you have to ask yourself what both entities have to do to fulfill their obligations in the future.

Please call the members of the Committee, or otherwise get in touch with them. Tell them about your own needs and desires as they touch on St Barnabas and its future in the community.

The nine members of the Calling Committee are:

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DON'T FORGET

THE ANNUAL MEETING

January 18—one service 8:30 AM

Be sure and sign up to attend the
delicious brunch
(\$10 suggested donation)
after the Annual Meeting.

Senior Warden's Report

**She's gone and yet
she remains here
with us.....**

Jill was a person set apart who, at the same time, was deep in the thick of things, especially in her concern for more effective readings of Scripture.

She used to tell me, "project, project." She might well have also been talking about the art of connection at which she excelled always, while typically dominating a room with her presence, announced always by her large voice, her intelligence and enthusiasm.

It isn't easy to miss a person who was so vibrantly awake and so vital to the life of St Barnabas. What I sense is that she set off a series of reverberations that have not ended with her demise, nor will they, any time soon.

She's gone and yet she remains here with us. The history of prior days continues to shape our memories of Jill, will continue to exercise our minds and lay claim to those of us who knew and loved her.

Easy to say, she'll be missed but it's a fact. The sense of loss will always recur whenever we think of her, yes, being both present and fully, fully accounted for.

Farewell.

~ Victor Levine

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**THE 12TH NIGHT AT THE RECTORY.
BRING APPETIZERS AND FRIENDS.....**

JANUARY 11 AT 5:00 PM

The year 2008 has brought some significant changes in our world, nation, our church and to some of us our personal lives. Some of the changes have been good and some not so good. Change can also bring to us new adventures, new friends and new ways of doing things that have become routine in our lives. I want to address the changes that have occurred at St. Barnabas this year. First our dear Rector and his wife, Alex+ and Nancy+, decided it was time that they moved on with their lives. We sent them off to Canada with a party and our best wishes for their future. We were left, perhaps, feeling a little shocked, deserted and wondering what was going to become of us. With the support and diligence of our Vestry members we made it through the hot summer months with an inspiring array of supply clergy. We heard the Word brought to us by six wonderful priests. At the end of the summer the Vestry contracted with Rev. Julia Christian to be our Interim while we work toward calling a new Rector. Julia+ has also brought some changes to our lives, new ideas, and sermons that leave us with a feeling of love for one another. Now how can we as church members help Julia+ feel welcome? There is one way I know that would show support for the thoughtful work she is doing and that is to attend the services, listen to the Word and thank her for the time she is spending with us.

~ Peace, Cathy Gay Oswalt, Senior Warden

**THANK YOU,
THANK YOU,
THANK YOU,**

from me and from the family of Jill Bennett to all of you at St. Barnabas for the wonderful tribute given her on November 22. The service with the beautiful Homily, the words spoken by family and friends, the beautiful music and then the reception with an abundance of food prepared by the Women of St. Barnabas and finally the warmth and love that surrounded us and the memory of Jill. It meant so much to us.

God bless you,

Jim Bennett

ELECTIONS AND VESTRY NOMINATIONS

The Annual Meeting will take place on January 18th after the single 8:30 service. At that time new vestry members will be elected and delegates chosen for the 2010 diocesan convention. The budget for 2009 will be presented.

The vestry are responsible for the financial affairs of the parish and the care and upkeep of parish properties. They are also responsible for assisting the rector in the spiritual development of the parish. They are your representatives and serve you and the Church. The convention delegates are your voice at the annual convention.

The vestry Nominating Committee have chosen three nominees for vestry and two nominations for the 2010 convention. They were chosen because the committee believed that they had made solid contributions to the welfare of the parish and the community and that by their actions they have shown their faith and commitment. They are as follows:

LLouise Jee

LLouise Jee has been a member of St. Barnabas for over twenty years and has been an active member of the choir and the altar guild. She accompanied her husband here when he began his service at the Park, and she is a lover of the desert. She has served previously on the vestry and as Junior Warden. An expert with her needle, she has designed and created vestments and altar hangings. She designed and created our parish banners. She has taught in the local school and now is employed as a cartographer at the Park. She has served as wardrobe mistress at the Performing Arts Center for countless productions. St. Barnabas has many memories for her and it was in this church that she brought up her children. Above all, she is a committed Christian and an informed member of the congregation.

Victor A. Levine

Victor, a native of London, England is a Korean War Veteran and a graduate of Columbia and Claremont Graduate University and taught at the University of Maine and New England College. Victor has been attending St. Barnabas since the summer of 1999 shortly after his arrival in Borrego. He is an active member of the choir, a reader, and has been a regular contributor to the Carillon. He has served on the Education Committee which was active in planning and participating in the Lenten programs. He enjoys the men's group, and has worked as a volunteer at the Thrift Store and for Horizon Hospice. Presently, he and his wife are co-chaplains at the American Legion Post here in Borrego. He has a deep commitment to St. Barnabas. It was here he was baptized and confirmed.

Bonnie Walker

Bonnie Walker, formerly an Illinois high school mathematics teacher, has lived in Borrego 9 months of the year, since her retirement spending the other months on a Canadian island. She joined St. Barnabas over 12 years ago when Bishop Ron Shepherd and Ann came to serve here. She plays the organ faithfully throughout those months she is here. She has taught a Bible class for three years, served on the vestry and was interim treasurer. As an active member of the Worship Committee, she and the choir director work with the interim rector to plan and prepare the music for the services.

Nominations for 2010 Convention are:

Delegates:

Addis Ward and Haddon Salt

Alternates:

Louise Burmester and Sue Salt

If you would like to nominate others for these positions, please confer with your nominee and then submit the name to Cathy Gay prior to the 14th of January. This will allow for a more orderly preparation of ballots. Nominations will be taken from the floor, but the nominee must agree, and must be present.

~ Mary Levine

VESTRY NEWS

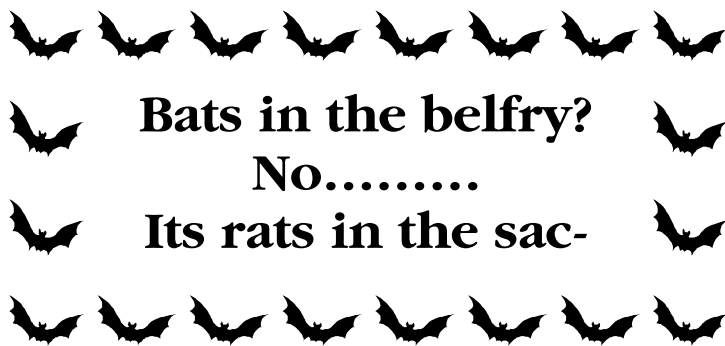
The last meeting of the current sitting vestry was on a cold, blustery morning. New members Victor Levine, L.Louise Jee, and Bonnie Walker will be introduced at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 18th at **8:30 followed by breakfast (\$10, please)**. The new vestry's usual --"getting to know you" and planning the next year retreat will be from 9-3 on January 26. In the past this important event has been held at Camp Stevens, De Anza Club House or the rectory; this year your new vestry will gather at The Palms at Indian Head.

Jenny Vervynk will be here for an **8:30 service** on January 4th to guide us and the calling committee through the process of selecting a new rector. This January will be an important month for all St. Barnabas parishioners. Bill Walker will be launching the stewardship drive with his usual verve. Julie+ promises to speak to this topic from the pulpit several times. Heads up, and pens poised! January 25th will be the pledge ingathering, and will reflect our dedication to our wonderful little church. Hear what the spirit is saying!

The finance committee reports are not uplifting, but they are calming because we have not floundered during these difficult financial times. David Leibert and his team will watch every dime coming in and going out.

Ask Sue and Haddon Salt about their personal outreach to the orphanage just over the border in Mexico. It may give you a fresh outlook and a new focus for 2009.

~Nancy Bye for Sue Salt



There are visitors that we want to sign in the guest book and then there are some who we prefer to depart, leaving us unmolested. The Sunday before Thanksgiving, calling cards had been left in generous supply, scattered throughout the church. They were all on the floor beside the altar, in the sacristy, and next to the cross stand at the back of the church. We were so privileged to have such a guest! On Monday, November 24th at the Vestry Meeting, we mentioned the calling cards and decided that the pest management guy ought to be called. He would have the social skills to

deal with our guest and her needs. Wednesday was the day to prepare for the Thanksgiving Eucharist. We had plans to celebrate, as did our guest. The credence table was set, the wine in the cruet, the unconsecrated host in the ciborium, and the bouquet of sunflowers and chrysanthemums, in harvest gold and yellow carefully arranged in a tall vase in the niche. The dozen extra chrysanthemums were in a vase beside the sink in the sacristy.

All was set and we only needed for 8:30 am on Thursday morning to arrive for the celebration to begin, our celebration. Our guest had a different schedule and different needs to meet. She was preparing a nest in the apartment house (Sacristy vestment drawers) for the coming cold season. Up through the Piscina drain she had carried two dozen, or so, barrel cactus seed pods and carefully placed them in the ground, first and second floors. She then trimmed the chrysanthemums to level with the vase top, and carried them to the ground floor. The white rose from the previous Sunday was on the first floor with some paper towel, carefully shredded in 1/2 inch squares. From the fourth floor she went and got a selection of the red silk communion veil, and about a 4 inch square was enough color for the second floor, together with some olive green silk from a stole, with the glorious fringe. The heirloom embroidery on the red veil was too old and tough to chew, so it was neglected. The bees wax candles in the first floor had some interesting string in the center, and that was also tugged on until the necessary amount was gained for the nest. A lovely white embroidered cloth for the credence table was too rich for the second floor so only a small sample was take, just enough to get her head through. And then there must be bread. All thirty wafers were taken and distributed between the ground and second floor, and the flowers were arranged carefully, on every floor. Everything was ready, and winter could come. She was out gathering more food.

Thanksgiving Morning! Oh my! We celebrated, we planned, we plotted and we acted. True value and Sam Webb had ELECTRIC traps. Fred Jee had a shop vac. L.Louise had the keys. By noon, the apartment house was clean, the ground floor had been removed, and have-a-heart (cage) and electric traps were set with that universally enticing glue of peanut butter. An email was sent to the vestry, and we kept in touch. Friday morning Fred found our visitor in the electric trap at the ground floor, and she received a proper burial befitting her station in life.

The Organ repair man came on Friday because the organ was taking an unscheduled holiday. Our guest had visited the organ, but it was a short tour and she left without seeing the sights.

~ L.Louise Jee

BITS & PIECES

“YOUNGER NEXT YEAR”

Returning support group that will focus on all the important things that keep us young. I will deal with goal setting, nutrition, exercise, life style and staying connected. Join Bill Walker in the Parish room at 4:00 pm on Thursday afternoons throughout January

LOCAL MAN WANTS WORK ASSISTING ELDERLY AND DISABLED

Can do the following:

- 1) Water leaks & Energy savings
- 2) Cleaning ,Vacuuming ,Cooking
- 3) Dog walking
- 4) Planting, etc.

Available 8 hrs per week
\$3.00 per hour Worker / Elderly and disabled Only/

Please call Tracey S. Alexander (767-9818)

WHITE ELEPHANT COLUMN

The orphanage is in need of a refrigerator. If anyone is replacing an old one the orphanage could sure use it.

Call Ernie Loza 760-445-5360.

For inclusion, or suggestions to help the column be more useful, call Lynniss or drop her a line at

lynnisw@yahoo.com

THE TALENTS AND TREASURES SALE WILL BE HELD LATE FEBRUARY 2009

**.NOW IS THE TIME TO PLAN
YOUR ART PROJECT, JEWELRY,
QUILTING, PAINTING, ETC. ETC.**

**REMEMBER: The proceeds from
this sale stay right here in St.
Barnabas with funds divided between
the Women of St. Barnabas and the
Altar Guild!**

**Information: Call Faye Dorsey
767-5542**

**PLEASE NOTE THE
PARISH RECORD DATABASE
INFORMATION SHEET
enclosed in your Carillon!
It is most important that you fill out and
return to the church office.**

The Carillon always welcomes additional writers and stories for publication.

Email Lynniss @
lynnisw@yahoo.com

WOMEN OF ST. BARNABAS— NEW DATES!

Once again the Barnabas Bakers came through, netting us nearly \$800 for our local outreach efforts. December 12th was a cold dark morning at Christmas Circle with rain threatening. We couldn't have done it without our pre-dawn set-up guys. Thank you and extra cookies for Chuck Bennett, Fred Jee, Hugh McLean, Jonathan Mittleman, and Bill Walker. They made it all happen—along with Jean Smith!

Wednesday, January 7

Nancy Bye, hostess for potluck lunch
Meet the new principal and the students
we sponsored in '08 events.
With Shirley Vialpando, plan
for '09 Camp Stevens, ambassadors, etc.

Tuesday, February 10

Sue Salt, hostess for potluck lunch
Ernie Loza will tell us about his charities
and how we can help him.

Wednesday, March 4

Faye Dorsey, hostess for potluck lunch
More work on our ever growing
photographic history.
Planning for summer activities.

Thursday, April 2—help Irene Foster
with palm crosses

Packaging for Spring Barnabas Bakers

Friday, April 3

Barnabas Bakers—Christmas Circle—7 a.m.

Shall we do the Easter Holy Happy Hour?

WHAT AN IDEA!

Check out the St. Barnabas
cookbook

“HEAVENLY DELIGHTS”

for tasty bites, desserts
or appetizers to
prepare for the 12th Night Party

ALL OF US HERE AT ST. BARNABAS
WISH OUR

KITTY PHELPS

GREAT HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN
HER NEW HOME IN LOUISVILLE,
KENTUCKY. KITTY WILL BE LIVING
WITH HER BROTHER AND SISTER-
IN-LAW.

KITTY, PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH
WITH US HERE IN BORREGO
SPRINGS.

KITTY'S NEW ADDRESS IS:

Kitty Phelps
1301 Scholar Street
Louisville, KY 40213

Telephone is 760-803-7558
(FYI she is using her cell phone based in
760 area)

Mark Your Calendar

JANUARY

January 6, 13, 20, 27: Tuesday at 7:30 am The Men of St. Barnabas
@ Kendall's Café
January 4- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist with Canon Jenny Vervynck followed by
Workshop for Calling Process **BE SURE TO BE THERE!**
January 7- 12:00 noon Women of St. Barnabas @ Nancy Bye's house
January 11 - 5:30 pm 12th Night Party at the Rectory
January 18- 8:30 am Holy Eucharist followed by ANNUAL MEETING and
brunch
January 21 - Sarah's Circle
January 22- 3:00 pm Finance Committee meeting
January 25- PLEDGE INGATHERING at both services
January 26-8:00 am-2:00 pm Vestry Retreat at The Palms at Indianhead



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(Please print clearly)

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Spouse (Partner): _____ Date of Birth: _____

Borrego Street Address: _____ Phone: _____

Borrego Postal Address: _____ Email: _____

Alternate Address: _____ Phone: _____

(Area Code)

City, State, Zip _____

Baptized: _____

Date Church City, State

Confirmed: _____

Date Church City, State

or Received: _____

Date Church City, State

Anniversary: _____

Parish involvements & interests: (Currently or would like to be; please mark with X)

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| Usher | _____ | Music Ministry | _____ |
| Greeter | _____ | Outreach Ministry | _____ |
| Choir | _____ | Hospice volunteer | _____ |
| Cursillo | _____ | Bldg. and Grounds | _____ |
| Other Activities | _____ | | |

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