

# Carillon

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

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## Healing: A Theme for Lent

During Lent, we will continue our prayer book worship with a little extra something - a time for reflection and healing. Healing in body, mind and spirit is a powerful way to view the Lenten experience. Our life as human beings is a continual journey from brokenness and holeyness (being full of holes), to wholeness and holiness. Only through our faith can we find the healing and wellness that helps us move from being broken, fractured, and incomplete people to the wholeness and wholesomeness that God desires for us. And only through nurturing our faith and deepening our relationship with God can we hope to attain the holiness that God intends for all of us.

Healing takes many forms. There are the parables of healing in the Gospels that tell of miraculous cures of the blind seeing, the crippled rising, the mentally ill or demon-possessed being freed. There are stories of people's lives being made whole so that they may be restored to the community and the community of faith. Each of us carries within us a host of pains and hurts that inhibit us from being truly free and truly fearless and truly loving. During Lent, within our Sunday services, we will offer a time for healing prayers for those who wish to be set free and made whole from whatever burdens hobble them. You may request prayers for a family member or friend or for yourself as you prefer, and as your comfort level permits.

I hope that this focus during Lent will help you come to Easter with a new sense of joy, a deeper awareness of the innumerable blessings that God bestows on us daily, and the desire to embrace them always in your life.

*Julie +*

## **BREAKING NEWS!!!**

Save Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and make a special effort to be at church instead of all those other places that might distract you (like the golf course). Our bishop, the Rt. Rev. James R. Mathes will be our special guest preacher and celebrant! Our bishop is a truly thoughtful, inspirational, and effective leader. I had the pleasure of serving with him on the Diocesan Council during the first three years of his tenure and I am so impressed by his attentive concern for the direction of our diocese and the needs of our people and communities. This is a last minute gift to us, the people of St. Barnabas. He was not scheduled to visit us this year but a change in his schedule makes it possible for him to be with us. Come and see and hear Bishop Mathes on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. He is a joy and his presence among us will be a joy we can share together!

Julie+

## **Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, at an 8:30 service. Confusing, of course. A few arrived at 7:30 and a few more at 9:30. When settled, +-50 attended. Cathy Gay Oswald thanked us for supporting her in her rapidly expanding job as senior warden since Alex Nagy so abruptly departed, leaving her to hold the bag, so to speak. A quorum was established, info packets with written reports and ballots were distributed.

David Leibert gave a financial report (not bad, considering!) and Bill Walker reported 100% + in meeting 2008 pledges. Good for us!

L.Louise Jee reclaimed her rightful position at the vestry meeting table for three years. Some subtle spousal switches have Victor Levine replacing Mary Levine and Bonnie Walker replacing Bill. During announcements Victor noted that many people had not bothered to even pick up their issue of the January Carillon. We put a lot of time, thought and hard work into every issue of this newsletter. It is for you. If you don't want it we certainly know how to stop it. Kendall's served a lovely breakfast. Weather co-operated.

~Nancy Bye for Sue Salt

## **THE CALLING COMMITTEE OF ST. BARNABAS**

Canon Jenny Vervynk spent the morning of Sunday January 4<sup>th</sup> with us to help all of us focus on who we are as a parish and what we need to do to improve our lot. She questioned the rewards of participating in church life, the challenges, the opportunities, our mission. She will return on February 10<sup>th</sup> for more work with the committee. Addis Ward, co-chair, asks that we submit—each of us—a list of personal desires for traits in a new rector.

**PLEASE CALL** the members of the Committee, or otherwise get in touch with them with your questions, concerns, or ideas.

The nine members of the Calling Committee are:

1. John Drum: 767-3536; POB 1485 BS; <pojaarop@aol.com>
2. Fred Jee: 767-3674; POB 483 BS; <jeeology@yahoo.com>
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4. Kathleen Killman: 767-3335; POB 2358; <kklmn@adnc.com>
5. Sue Salt: 767-1058; POB 2562; <susesalt@gmail.com>
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8. Addis Ward: 767-5458; POB 639; <addbev@aol.com>
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Newly elected Vestry Members, L.Louise Jee, Victor Levine and Bonnie Walker with Senior Warden Cathy Oswald

## Dinner and Conversation In the Parish Room

For most of February and all of the Lenten season, we will gather in the Parish Hall for supper and conversation. For the three Sundays prior to Ash Wednesday, i.e. 2/8; 2/15; and 2/22, we will gather at 6 pm. Around the table, sharing food, our focus of discussion will be the best selling book, *The Shack*, by William P. Young. A parable about God, this book is a powerful discussion about evil, anger, healing, forgiveness, redemption, love, joy and celebration that invites thoughtful reflection. Order online at Amazon.com or pick it up at Costco or your favorite bookseller, begin reading and sign up to join us for 3 lively evenings in February.

On the Sundays, in March, we will shift focus and time to watch and discuss movies. Using Hollywood releases, we will look for themes of evil, healing, redemption and love found in seemingly secular movies. To allow time to view the movies, we will begin these evenings at 5 pm, then share supper and conversation. Please sign up for all these evenings so we can be sure to provide food for all.

~Julie+

COPIES OF "THE SHACK"  
WILL BE AVAILABLE  
IN THE PARISH ROOM—  
SELLING FOR \$10 EACH.



**Outgoing People's Warden Bill Walker reporting on Stewardship at the Annual Meeting**

## **Vestry Retreat Report**

On January 26<sup>th</sup>, at The Palms at Indian Head, we had our first Vestry meeting of the year. This was considered a Vestry Retreat which started at 8 AM and ended about 3 PM and was led by Julia+. We enjoyed devotions in the morning, at lunch and at the closing of the meeting. The Vestry had many energizing discussions, covering many topics, a short Bible study from 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, selected our new Junior Warden, Haddon Salt, selected new committee chairs and finally set some goals for the coming year. Many thanks to David Leibert for his hospitality at The Palms.

~ Peace, Cathy Gay Oswald, Senior Warden



**OUR VESTRY IN ACTION!**

**DON'T FORGET**

**The 2009 Budget for St. Barnabas  
is posted in the Parish Room**

## TALENTS AND TREASURES

IT IS TIME FOR OUR  
TALENTS AND TREASURES SALE  
THIS IS JUST FOR US—  
FOR OUR CONGREGATION!

We bring together our gifts that share our talents:

Carving, Painting, Quilting, Sewing—ie. Table runners, pillowcases, pot holder. Gift wine bags, stone work, writings, jewelry that is specially made for us, white elephants to sell, gift certificates for a cocktail hour or dinner, rides on off-road vehicles, massage, rides for an elder for shopping or appointments, homemade dessert once a month for 3-4 months, crosses made from barbed wire, fresh fruit from your trees, gift membership for BSPAC or Community Concerts, photography gift cards, music for a party at someones home, sitting with a shut in to respite a caregiver.

**FEBRUARY 22 AFTER BOTH SERVICES**

Information: Call Faye Dorsey 767-5542



**12th Night Party at the Rectory was enjoyed by all!**

**From:** Grace Church [mailto:episcopalchurch@elltel.net]

**Subject:** Added announcements

The furnace (apparently) thawed itself out and is now working, **Praise Be To God!**  
in the event this happens again, here are some tips:

1. Rush to the front of the sanctuary. That will warm you up, and you'll avoid the draft in the back of the church.
2. Invite your neighbors and friends, and sit 12 people to a pew.
3. Seat yourself near the pulpit. Much hot air can be emitted from that area.
4. Wear thermal underwear (in the appropriate liturgical colors, of course).
5. Wait for an unfamiliar hymn --- and then watch the sparks fly!

(Courtesy of the Lutheran church)

~submitted by Ann Nourse

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## Of Greek Fire

Did you know when  
You came out of a desert  
Of homespun  
Locusts and wild honey

That you'd become  
The baptizer of one  
Who would transcend you?  
Or did the logos

Sear you  
With the burning fever  
Of Greek fire  
That would not submit

To common reason?  
Was there a day  
When you knew  
You had been chosen

Gateway to the ages  
And would hear  
The divine warrant spoken  
In a voice

Of quiet passion  
That you would become conduit  
John: herald & witness  
To prime invention?

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### COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

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I asked if I could have this space to remind people of the wonderful opportunities for outreach at the Frugal Coyote Thrift Shoppe. Over the past few weeks of our communal lives together we have discussed in various settings and events what it means to be St. Barnabas. So, who are we? Some of the common themes I have noticed are our desire to do more outreach, our abundant love and support for each other, and our need to grow our congregation.

At the Frugal Coyote volunteering allows for building relationships with people you might not otherwise have the opportunity to become acquainted with. What better way to build our congregation? As a volunteer I am frequently amazed at the opportunity for helping others and building friendships. I see on a daily basis the need in the local community for the items that are donated by others.

The Frugal Coyote Thrift Shoppe partially funds The Borrego Springs Children's Center. The Center is a private, non-profit school. It provides preschool, full day and half day care for children in our local community. They also provide after school care for Head Start and Kindergarten.

We can do a great deal of community outreach by donating our treasures and our time at the Frugal Coyote. And who knows, they just might have something we are looking for.

The Frugal Coyote is located at 580 Circle J Drive. Store hours are Monday thru Saturday from 8am to 1pm. Donations are accepted from 8am to 12pm. To volunteer your time contact the store at 760-767-4608.

~ Trent C. Kleinkopf

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**PLEASE DON'T NEGLECT OR FORGET**

**TO FILL IN YOUR PARISH DATA BASE FORM!**

It will be very helpful to a new rector so he or she knows what our population is like—who we are, etc.

# 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 February.

## **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 REFRIGERATOR NEEDED**

**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 Lynnise or drop her a line at**

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**THE TALENTS AND TREASURES  
SALE  
WILL BE HELD  
FEBRUARY 22nd 2009  
After both services...**

**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**

## **PLEASE NOTE**

**WHEN CHAIRS AND TABLES ARE REMOVED FROM THE CHURCH— PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE HAVE AN ALANON MEETING AT 8:00 AM ON SATURDAY. THEY RELY ON THE CHAIRS AND TABLES! SO PLEASE RETURN PROMPTLY!**

The Carillon always welcomes additional writers and stories for publication.

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## Mark Your Calendar

### FEBRUARY

February 1 - Morning Prayer at 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM  
February 3, 10, 17, 24: Tuesday at 7:30 am The Men of St. Barnabas  
@ Kendall's Café  
February 8, 15, 22 -6:00 PM SUNDAY NIGHT SUPPER (Parish Room)  
February 10- 12:00 noon Women of St. Barnabas @ Sue Salt's house  
February 10-1:00 PM Jenny Vervynk will meet with the Calling Committee in  
the Parish Hall  
February 15-Bishop Mathes Visit  
February 18 -6:00 Sarah's Circle @ Ruth Otis's house  
February 18-6:00 Men's Group  
February 19- 3:00 pm Finance Committee meeting  
February 21-Memorial Service for Francis Brainerd  
February 23-8:00 AM Vestry  
February 24-5:30 PM Mardi Gras Party at the Rectory  
February 25-4:00 PM ASH WEDNESDAY Holy Eucharist



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