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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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Forming in Christ

Every day and every way we are being molded into the person that we are becoming. Everything that we experience shapes us - every encounter and conversation, every choice we make, every action, and everywhere we focus our hearts, our souls and our minds. At our baptism, we are raised to a new life in Christ and commit to becoming like him. We are ever given “an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love God, and the gift of joy and wonder in all God’s works” so that we will indeed grow into “the full stature of Christ”. That is who we are as Christians – beloved children of God, ever becoming like our brother, Jesus Christ, who dwells within us, lovingly molding us to our true selves in him.

This molding and becoming is a lifelong journey; and it happens every moment of our lives, even to our last breath and beyond. Christ is ever-inviting us to know God and his love for us more fully and intimately.

“You did not choose me, but I chose you...” Jn 15:14-16

God is everywhere and in everything; we are constantly bumping into him but not necessarily aware of it. The joy is in being aware. We can grow in awareness and the ability to see and know God by *intentionally* seeking him and surrendering to his molding hand. Opportunities abound to see God in all of his manifestations and loving actions around us in our own lives and in those around us. But we learn to better recognize God in the world by praying, worshipping and studying his word in Scripture, and by sharing our questions and perceptions and experiences with one another – helping and encouraging one another.

A group of us at St. Barnabas have begun meeting to talk about our journeys of seeking God and our experiences of being formed by Christ.

**We invite you to join us and share the joy
of journeying and exploring together.
Just come as you are – a beloved child of God
Wednesdays 10-11AM
Parish Office**

Your sister in Christ, Laura+

SAVE THE DATE!

The St. Barnabas annual "Welcome Back Snowbirds" party is scheduled for November 13. This is always a special evening and a great opportunity to welcome back our seasonal friends, enjoy the camaraderie of those with whom we worship all year and of course satisfy our appetites with delicious food.

The format this year will be changed some from past tradition, and with your help and support it's sure to be a success. After selecting the perfect date – late enough for most snowbirds to be here and early enough to avoid conflicts with the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays – we found that our usual venue, the Roadrunner Club, was not available. Laura+ and Lyle have generously volunteered their home, a more intimate setting with less need for advance set-up.

Here's what we need from you. The menu will be potluck "heavy hors d'oeuvres" and desserts. Think of things that lend themselves to "grazing" as we mingle and socialize, rather than sitting down at a table to a full meal. That said, with this group I'm sure no one will go away hungry! We also need a few strong men and a truck to transport extra tables and chairs from the church to the rectory and back again, a clean-up crew and hopefully entertainment. (Haddon and Dave – this is a hint!) And of course don't forget to bring your beverage of choice.

Please contact Wendy Quinn or Laura+ if you can help. With the cooperation and teamwork of the St. Barnabas family this should be a night to remember.

~Wendy Quinn

Adrift

I

Bless us though we drift
Through the dark
Landscape of dreams

Help us to see
How time can shatter
The brazen image of self

So that as we rise
Above the pain
We are known to ourselves.

II

Watch over us as we pray
That in the coming gain
After the urban dark has fled

And our lives are airborne
We may in bated breath
Fall into the coming light

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NOVEMBER PRAYER LIST

We pray for healing for.....
for **Bob** Carrier, **Edith** Schmidt, **Kay** Sharkey, **Billie** Mobley, **Betty** and **Loyd** Born, **Nick** and **Cheryl** Criss, **Phyllis** Stoval and **Callie** Welch, **Virginia** Secor, **Robert** Gerber, **Bonnie** Beslow, **Tracey** Alexander, **Ron** Shepherd, **Jennifer** Levine, **Richard** Bye, **Frank** Crowley, **Tony** Ward, **Carol** Kittelson, **Hugh** McLean, **Kurt** Levens, **James** Carroll, **Paul** Carroll, **Robert** Heylman, **Dan** French, **Evelyn** Parks, **Agnes** Schleicher, **Joyce** Girard, **Peggy** Brown.

VESTRY REPORT

At its October 24 meeting, the Vestry began with a review of the Finance Report, which included discussion of surplus funds (!) in our Community Outreach account. Although we continue to make significant contributions in this area, much of it has been accounted separately through Borrego Serves or the Food Bank. We may divert some Outreach funds to these programs so that our balance sheet more accurately reflects our efforts.

Planning for an audit of the church finances is beginning with a checklist provided by the Diocese. We anticipate this occurring every four or five years and will begin to include a line item in each annual budget to cover the expense when it arises.

A meeting with facilitator Suzanne Foucalt to explain the Mutual Ministry Review process will be scheduled in December or January on a Sunday following the service. The Review would provide feedback from the congregation on church procedures and activities. All are welcome at the informational meeting and details will follow.

The Vestry continued its discussion of guidelines relative to the Memorial Garden, specifically whether to provide plaques for deceased members whose ashes are not interred there and whether there should be any change to the current practice of offering one cross and two plaques per plot. A committee was formed to address these issues.

The Cursillo, spearheaded by Louise Burmester and John Richen, has volunteered to spruce up the labyrinth in preparation for a tentative "full moon" party in November. Stay tuned for more information.

Bishop Mathes is conducting a series of Christian Formation sessions on our Episcopalian rites of baptism, confirmation, reception and reaffirmation. We look forward to more on this program. We concluded a productive meeting at 9:30 a.m. (early again!) and will meet again on November 28.

~Wendy Quinn

A Snowbird from Borrego Springs

What do we do when we leave Borrego for the summer?

A question that we Snowbirds must answer each year when we return to Borrego for the winter..... We drive away and return five or six months later and those who stay are a little curious as to what we actually do when not in paradise. We live on, we take physicals, we visit our children and grandchildren, play golf, walk in the mountains and some of us work and travel to places we have always wanted to see. Sometimes we actually drive down to Borrego, check our homes and then return to our summer paradise in the mountains. It's an interesting life, we have two separate groups of friends, two lives to live and we are a lucky group of people. We are called Snowbirds.

This year Cathy and I went to our cabin in the mountains for the fourth of July. We actually shoveled snow the first couple of days and then played a little golf. No fishing as we had to repair our cabin from the snow that was excessive this past winter. The lakes are full and the snow is finally gone but the repairs are constant and needed. We had friends from Borrego visit us that weekend and they told us about the great weather in Borrego this past month (June). They got to shovel snow. We belong to a musical group and spend way to much time learning all the new music and preparing for that weeks performance. Cathy loves to sing and dove into the music like a child experiencing candy for the first time. I just sing. I Marshal at the local Golf Course and that takes up some of my time each week. I am called both a Starter and a Roamer. That means that I get to start the golfers on the first hole and then later roam around and tell those golfers to either hurry up or slow down. A simple job that pays well – Ha-ha. Cathy belongs to the Women's group at the local golf Course where I Marshal. I believe she is one of the leaders of the group and is in charge of everything (at least I think so, as she is always doing something for them). Cathy also belongs to a group of friends and they are always doing something fun, not sure what they do but they are enjoying the activities and we men are not invited to participate. I also belong to a group that meets on Tuesday morning and we get to play politics for three hours. This group is made up of lawyers, doctors, judges, engineers and business people who wish to express their views so we have breakfast, argue and go away friends. We have been meeting for over twenty five years and we still have fun. This year I found out what hoarding is all about. A good friend has this hoarding disease and I and others were asked to clean out his home. He is sick and needed our help. It took eight (8) 40ft by 9ft wide dumpsters to just get the home so that someone could again live in the house. He has a pool and it will have to be drained and re-built before they can sell the home so that the bills from his medical problems can be addressed. I learned that one should throw away anything that you have not used in one year. Hoarding is a hateful disease. Sometimes we snow birds come back to Borrego at the end of summer just to slow down, play some golf and again see our Borrego friends. Church is a major part of our lives in both communities as are our friends and our involvement to make each community a better place to visit and live.

We are Snowbirds.

~Gary Westover

PET WELLNESS CLINIC KENDRA JIANNUZZI, D.V.M.

Coming to Borrego Springs!

Located at THE CENTER near Tish's Health Foods. Mondays and Tuesdays from 9 to 5.

Call for appointment beginning in November.

760-767-1243

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On October 4, 20 parishioners and others gathered in the church courtyard for the annual Blessing of the Animals. This typically takes place on the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, who was known for his love of animals. Over half those who attended brought their four-footed family members. Most were dogs, but we also welcomed two cats and for the first time a horse, appropriately named Spirit! Laura+ led a beautiful service including prayers, responsive readings and of course an individual blessing for each beloved pet. Afterwards we shared cookies, dog biscuits and fellowship. As always, it was a special afternoon for all who participated.

~Wendy Quinn

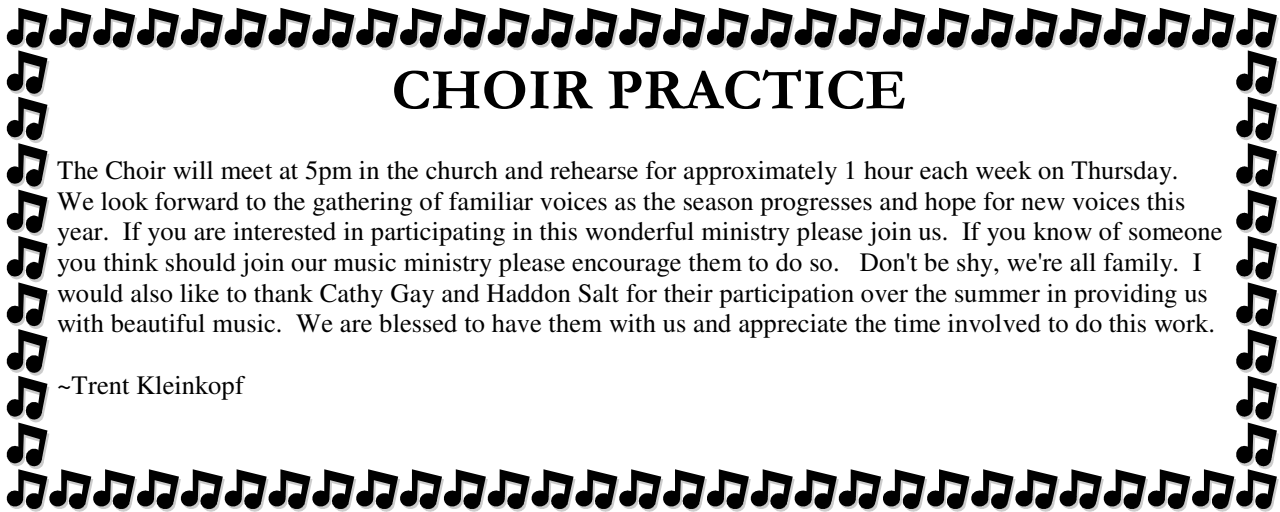


BITS & PIECES

The St Barnabas Prayer Chain of NINETEEN

.....continues to provide prayers to those in need.

We invite you to join us. We also invite those in need of prayer to let us know how we may help. All prayers and persons requesting those prayers are confidential and known only to those of us in the Prayer Chain. Contact Victor if you have prayers, questions, concerns: 767-7746 or <ravok1931@gmail.com>



CHOIR PRACTICE

The Choir will meet at 5pm in the church and rehearse for approximately 1 hour each week on Thursday. We look forward to the gathering of familiar voices as the season progresses and hope for new voices this year. If you are interested in participating in this wonderful ministry please join us. If you know of someone you think should join our music ministry please encourage them to do so. Don't be shy, we're all family. I would also like to thank Cathy Gay and Haddon Salt for their participation over the summer in providing us with beautiful music. We are blessed to have them with us and appreciate the time involved to do this work.

~Trent Kleinkopf



Lessons & carols
The traditional Christmas Eve Service—
Dec. 24th at 7:30 p.m.
then join us for a brief holiday Celebration in our
parish room with hot mulled cider & cookies

Looking for Drivers:

Need drivers who are willing to pick up folks from Mountain View Cottages (Assisted Living) and bring them to and from church on Sundays. Call Laura.+ Many Thanks! 760-767-3620
(laura.brecht@gmail.com)

WOMEN OF ST. BARNABAS LAUNCH NEW SEASON

Nancy Bye has agreed to chair the group for one more (!) season and because of extenuating circumstances the meetings will be held at her house (3880 Pecos Drive) in Deep Well on the first Friday of each month. The October meeting was highlighted by a report from Wendy Quinn on the last year, and a visit from Marjorie Schuessler and Jinny Perrin to introduce the Community Concerts series for this winter/spring.

The next meeting, November 4th, we'll enjoy a brief talk by Tish Wagoner on her health foods (oh so delicious!) and whatever she can tell us about the wonderful news that a vet is coming to our town. Very important business matters to be covered will include how we want to distribute funds, the bake sale, the "Welcome back Snow Birds" cocktail party on November 13th, refreshments after Lessons & Carols on Christmas Eve. The WOSB serve to air these projects that overlap with worship committee (Bonnie and Laura+) and vestry (Wendy, hospitality). Martha Mitchell has kindly agreed to organize the Christmas basket function at our December 2nd meeting. Come one, come all. PLEASE! We need your input, your ideas, and your charming selves to share a good potluck lunch and a glass of wine. Please RSVP nancy-bye@cableusa.com or 4781.

~Nancy Bye



Mark Your Calendar

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY SERVICES 8:30 AM

November 1 -8:00 AM Worship Committee

November 1, 8,15,22,28 Tuesday at 7:30 AM The Men of St. Barnabas @ Kendall's Café

November 3,10,17—7:00 AM Morning Prayer at the Rectory

November 3,10,17—5:00 PM Choir Practice

November 4—Noon Women of St. Barnabas @ N. Bye's Home

November 6—8:30 AM "All Saints Day"

November 21- 11:00—5:00 PM Food Bank Distribution

November 23-7:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Service @ St. Barnabas

November —Finance Committee -Date to be determined

November 28-8:00 AM-Vestry

December 2—Noon Women of St. Barnabas @ N. Bye's Home

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