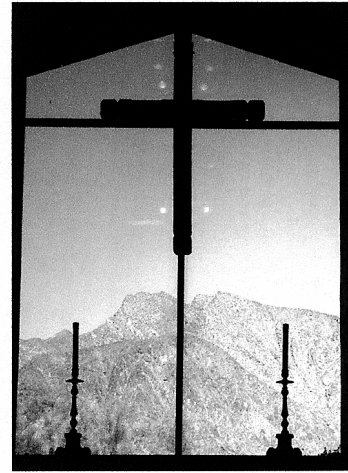


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🎵 Jesus' Hands and Feet and Golf Instructors!?!? 🎵

There are so many things that we can do to extend the love of Christ to each other and to bring hope and joy to the world. Each of us has wonderful gifts to share - as many and varied, as are our talents and interests! And when we dedicate our gifts to the service of Christ, nothing that we have to offer goes to waste. In everything that we do we are Christ's hands and heart, loving and healing and bringing hope to all those we encounter, not just those whose lives are closely linked with ours!

That is what being a Christian is about -- we gather as the church to worship, to learn and to be fed to **go out** and minister to the community and to the world. We are formed and fed by Christ to be Christ wherever we are and wherever he calls us. All we need do is open our eyes to see and notice the need and opportunities all around us. The need may seem too great or our idea too big, that we resist the nudge and hope that some other agency will take care of it. But when we do respond to Christ's gentle tugs on our hearts, we are surprised where it leads and what wonders happen!

A few weeks ago we heard the parables in which Jesus compared the kingdom of heaven to the tiny mustard seed that grows into a great tree where birds can shelter and build their nests. Well, that is how our faithful responses to Christ's nudges can grow, even from the simplest idea or the smallest beginnings, Christ puts his "miracle grow" into our efforts so they flourish.

We know about this at St. Barnabas. Here's a good example – as the hot days of summer vacation began for the children of Borrego, Tracey Alexander *noticed* children trying to play golf on the street. He thought that with all of the golf courses in town we could do something to teach them to golf and give them access to the courses. What a great opportunity to do something for the children that is fun and encouraging and will be fun for the community! He responded to Christ's nudge on his heart and shared the idea with Martha Mitchell and



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the ball got rolling! – the first “Borrego Youth Golf Event” was a tremendous success and what a gift and blessing for the whole community. Thank you Tracey and Martha and all, including Antoinette and Fred and the many others who contributed their enthusiasm, talent, time and treasure to make it happen!

That is an example of Christian love in action, of ministry! It doesn't all happen in church. It happens whenever and wherever we take the time to notice the opportunities to serve, and respond to Christ's urging. And we don't have to do it alone; others will help, by God's grace. Serving together, there is joy in God's heavenly kingdom that is right here, and it reaches out to gather more people in its embrace.

Keep noticing, keep responding, keep offering your gifts. We need them, the world needs them, and Christ will make them fruitful!

Blessing, Laura+

P.S. I am away for vacation this month and Frs. Al Smith and George Keith will be worshipping with you while I am away. See you in September, and until then, you are each in my prayers.

HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION

On July 5 my husband Jim and I set out to explore central California and take a welcome month's vacation. Among my goals was the promise to visit other churches and report back. Our first Sunday found us in Wofford Heights, on the shores of Lake Isabella. Coincidentally, right across the street was St. Jude's Catholic Church. Given the proximity and the fact that Jude is Jim's favorite saint, how could I not go there? It was a beautiful church, and the liturgy was similar to ours, although there were several prayers and hymns that everyone knew by heart except me. Oh, well. Father Iromenu gave an inspiring homily about communication, although due to his African accent I missed part of it. The next Sunday I located an Episcopal Church, St. Luke's, in Auburn. Again, a lovely setting. Their interim priest, Father Dan Williamson, was on vacation, so we had a Morning Prayer service. It was nice to get back to the familiar prayers, but no music. They are seeking a permanent Rector and having financial issues. Sound familiar?

What stood out for me in both services, although I found the worship inspiring, was the lack of the welcoming spirit we have at St. Barnabas. At St. Jude's, we did not wish one another God's peace during the service. They announced coffee and donuts afterwards (what, no sherry and deviled eggs?!), but not knowing exactly where it would be served in the large complex, I followed the crowd, which went directly to the parking lot! At St. Luke's I had time to wish peace to three people before the service resumed. Jim was waiting for me in the parking lot, so I forewent the coffee hour. I came away doubly thankful of our wonderful, welcoming congregation at St. Barnabas. These were both small tourist towns and didn't come close to us in my opinion as to welcoming visitors. Fabulous job, people! Miss you and see you in August.

~Love, Wendy

VESTRY REPORT

The Vestry met a week late this time, August 1, due to lack of members' availability in July. We were fortunate to have seven out of nine present during this time of year.

Richard White's written report included good news that the budget is only "off target" by \$218, a significantly accurate balance for this far into the year.

November 13 was tentatively selected for our annual Welcome Back Snowbirds dinner party. We need volunteers! Contact Wendy Quinn or any Vestry member if you can help.

Cathy Gay is working on a new church directory including photos. She will bring a prototype format to the next meeting, and we will arrange for photos at church or church events, or members can e-mail photos to Cathy. Details to follow.

We discussed evangelization and church growth, emphasizing the need to invite non-member friends and relatives to our services. Our website may also be expanded to include photos and sermons.

Plans are underway to repave Church Lane, a private road on land owned by the Methodist Church. A donor has stepped forward, but contributions from churches in the area may also be requested. Further discussion is needed.

The Vestry is dark in August but will resume its regular schedule on September 26. Meanwhile, please feel free to contact any Vestry member with your questions and concerns. Stay cool!

~Wendy Quinn

OUR GIRL FLIES SOLO

Cathy Gay, our local realtor, has established her own business, Anza Borrego Realty, Inc. Cathy has been representing buyers and sellers in the real estate market in Borrego Springs for 28 years. She retains her memberships in the National Association of Realtors, the California Association of Realtors, the San Diego Association of Realtors, and the Multiple Listing Service. She will now be working as a broker out of her home office and can be reached at 760-767-3455 or (cell) 760-519-2450. Of course, Cathy is our former senior warden who held St. Barnabas together after Alex+ left and before Laura+ arrived. She is our summer organist and a year-'round choir member. Does she play golf? Sure!

~Nancy Bye

AUGUST PRAYER LIST

We pray for healing for.....

for **Martha Mitchell, Ferrell Manning, Elizabeth N. Makuro, Dave Otis, Hiram Lewis, Michelle Thornton, Sylvia Paquin, Ron Shepherd, Phil Decker, Mary Mitts, Janell Vesci, Jennifer Levine, Richard Bye, Addis Ward, Mary MacDonald, Merryn Lorraine Oliveira, Frank Crowley, Tony Ward, Carol Kittelson, Hugh McLean, Nancy Groll, Bev Kuhrts, Kurt Levens, James Carroll, Robert Heylman, Dan French, Evelyn Parks, Agnes Schleicher, Joyce Girard, Peggy Brown.**

Saving your Address Book on Macintosh

By VA Levine

There has been, as you know, talk about criminal action on the Internet and the confusion it can cause. Computers can be hi-jacked and systems undermined. Irreplaceable documents can be lost. Address books can be wiped out.

The question is, how can you save that important information?

Backing up is the obvious answer and that is easily done. I approach it from the standpoint of the computer system I use and understand. So, I talk about what's worked for me and will work for you.

The following moves, therefore, are for Macs operating systems 10.4.11 and 10.5.8, pre-Intel models.

As events demonstrate, you need to backup your address book and do it on a periodic basis. The reasons are clear. The procedure is simple:

OS 10.4.11

- Click on 'Address Book'
- Go to 'File'
- Click on it
- Go to 'Backup Address Book'
- Click on 'save'.

OS 10.5.8

- Click on 'Address Book'
- Go to 'File'
- Click on it
- Go to 'Address Book Archive'
- Click on 'save'.

You can save the file in the usual way to: folder, CD/DVD or, if you choose, to an external disk or, more recently, an online cloud system.

Good luck. If I can help, email or call me.

~ **Victor Levine**

Safeguarding God's People

The next diocesan Safeguarding God's People training will be in Bay Park, San Diego at St. David's Episcopal Church. There will be another training on October 22 at Good Shepherd, Bonita. Both sessions run from 8:30am - 4:00pm and include lunch for a cost of \$30. For more information contact:

Registrar [Isabel Lynne](#), 619-481-5455.

Saturday, September 24
St. David's Episcopal Church
5050 Milton St., San Diego

Saturday, October 22
Good Shepherd
3990 Bonita Road, Bonita

HEY! Look what we did!

Here's how the Saturday, July 23rd Borrego Youth Golf Event was born. I saw a couple of neighboring kids kicking around a golf ball with a golf club in the dirt. I approached Martha Mitchell (LPGA Pro) and asked if she would mind giving a golf lesson to the local kids, and her response was "Not at all. I would love to!" Then in conversation with Dan Wright, I explained to him that Martha was on-board for giving a free golf lesson to all the kids in town, and I wanted to know if he would be willing to have this event at The Springs at Borrego. His answer to that was "Absolutely, that sounds like a great idea!", and added "I will even throw in a free round of golf." So we agreed upon a date, called the paper to get in the community awareness section and it was on. Then later that day I called and asked Dan if we could throw in a complimentary lunch and his answer "Yes, as long as you pay for it." That's when I started soliciting sponsors.

From the tentative beginning to the hugely successful ending, there was never an ill-spoken word. Through endless emails and phone calls the resorts, the sponsors, the Sun, and the volunteers were totally enthusiastic and cooperative. It shows what we can do with no money for gas or a vacation, and working night and day to make ends meet. I figured if we can't go on a vacation, let's bring the vacation to us.

Thank you to everyone involved. Now let's start planning the next one!

~Tracey Alexander

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@nethere.com>

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Ever wonder what's happening at other Episcopal churches in your area? Sign up to receive free email updates about events, stories from around the diocese, photos and more. "Bishop's Office News" arrives weekly on Wednesdays. "Diocesan News" arrives monthly during the first week of every month. To sign up, click here: <http://www.edsd.org/signup/> For more information, contact Hannah Wilder, hwilder@edsd.org, 619-481-5456.

Lay Eucharistic Visitor Training

Have you ever wanted to take the bread and wine made holy to those who are homebound? Attend this one-day training to learn about the history of the role, customs and canons, substituting for the clergy and much more. It is critical to the success of Lay Eucharistic Visitors and required by the Diocese of San Diego. For more information about the content of the training, contact: Rev. [Bob Nelson](#), 619-997-5629

To register, contact [Isabel Lynne](#), 619-481-5455.

Saturday, September 17
The Episcopal Church Center
2083 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.
San Diego 92107

9:00 am - 3:00 pm \$15

Pastoral Care Committee

Pastoral Care Committee. That's us. We bring support and care to folks in need of the prayers of St Barnabas. The work we do, under the guidance of Rector Laura, isn't limited to the St B. family but the bulk of it naturally falls within these environs.

We pray for the infirm on the Prayer Chain as well as those on the Sunday Prayer List. The daily Prayer Chain is confidential. The weekly Prayer List is public.

Besides prayers, we make visits to folks confined to their homes. We carry communion at their request it. Also, we phone, email (or snail-mail) others who are unable to join the assembled congregation on Sunday.

The other duty we perform is to cook and carry food to folks who are shut-in or otherwise not able to prepare the meals necessary to their survival.

We don't work in a vacuum. There are others who do similar work, who are often anonymous by choice. They, too, make home visits and provide meals to those who are unable to provide for themselves, and we are indebted to them.

The work is necessary and we urge you to get involved. Join us in the capacity most comfortable for you. By all means call, email or confront me and find out more about the important work we do. We'd be happy to include you. Just give us the word.

Contact: 760-767-7746, ravok1931@nethere.com or POB 444, Borrego Springs CA 92004.

~Victor Levine

Mark Your Calendar

AUGUST

SUNDAY SERVICES 8:30 AM

August 7, 14, 21, 28—8:30 AM Holy Eucharist with Rev. Al Smith

August 2,9,16,23,30 Tuesday at 7:30 AM The Men of St. Barnabas @ Kendall's Café

August 15- 12:00—5:00 PM Food Bank Distribution

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