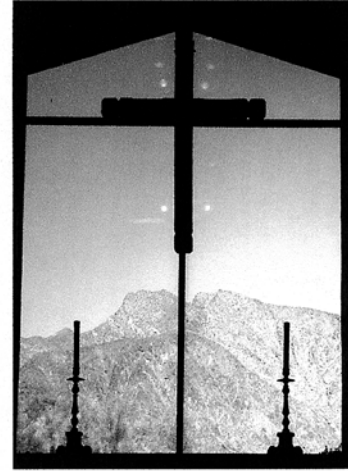


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Our Mission: To Share the Love of Christ / Compartir el amor de Cristo

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This month on Valentine's Day it will be a year since I began to serve here at St. Barnabas as your rector. Every day has been a joy and a blessing getting to know you and experiencing the rhythms of life in Borrego throughout the seasons. (Having been here through the summer Lyle and I now feel like seasoned Borregans!) When we first arrived, I remember how everyone we met would smile and affirm what a wonder community this is and such a special place. It surely is, and every day Lyle and I thank God for having called us here.

In all the dear folk of St. Barnabas I have experienced such a strong love and caring for this community and the people in it and also a great love and appreciation for God's beautiful creation in this lovely place. Our congregation is full of the spirit of welcome and hospitality and I have seen it in action in how warmly and enthusiastically we greet new people who come to St. Barnabas, and how rapidly we respond to needs in the community that come to our attention. Each of us and together we exude a joy and excitement in all that we do that shines the love of Christ in this place and beyond. It is truly a great honor and deep joy to grow and share in the love of Christ with all of you. I thank you so much for having called me here and the blessing that all of you are to me and each other, to Borrego and the world. And I pray that we will continue growing in God's wisdom and love and living the dream that he has for each of us and as a community of faith.

Happy Anniversary and God's blessings on us all!

Annual Meeting, January 16, 2011

It was a smooth, good-humored, and skillfully orchestrated plenary meeting, during which the 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes were approved, nominated members for the new Vestry were identified, while outgoing members were recognized for their service. Special thanks were extended to Cathy Gay for her service as Senior Warden, especially during the period preceding Rector Laura's arrival in March, 2010.

The three Vestry nominees: Tracy Alexander, Josie Blucker and Brad Tidwell, were elected unanimously, followed by convention delegates Louise Burmester and Marka Mitchell and alternates Cathy Gay and Jim Bennett. No alternatives were named from the floor.

Rector Laura conducted the proceedings with dispatch, while reminding us that we, (Rector and congregation,) were the light of Christ, and therefore under a solemn obligation to serve others. That service, she said, covered the regular connections we maintained with members of the St Barnabas, as well as those represented by the Food Bank and Borrego Serves, in addition to the other, organized ways we have chosen, with God's help, to act in the name of Jesus.

Laura cited our work as the fulfillment of God's dream and urged us to live our faith more fully in reaching out to help those in need, especially on the local level. Our faith, she emphasized, is what sustains us, now and always.

Despite the fact that we were currently below target on pledges, Finance Committee Chair, Dave Leibert, pointed out, the bright side was that our principle at Wells Fargo is increasing with the recovery of the economy and the interest on our principle covered the shortfall in our 2010 budget.

Seen from January's perspective, Rector Laura suggested we should be of good heart and not be overly concerned that we might end the year in the red. Rather, she suggested, we should put our faith fully to work as we go about the task of ensuring the continuation of our sacred lives.

In terms of the current level of pledges, pledge director Bill Walker stated that the call for increased pledges had been largely successful, though the \$94,000 goal for 2011 had yet to be reached. At present, he stated, we are at \$81,000 pledged. He urged timely cooperation from those who had not yet pledged.

A printed agenda was circulated to the congregation that provided background information on the 2011 budget and details on the range of Vestry commitments which continue into the new year and beyond.

~VA Levine

Vestry Meeting— VESTRY REPORT

The new Vestry met on January 24 and welcomed new members Tracey Alexander, Josie Blucker and Brad Tidwell. Laura+ announced that L. Louise Jee would serve as the new Senior Warden, and after discussion, Tracey was unanimously elected as Junior Warden. Congratulations and thanks to both.

David Leibert presented the Finance Report in Richard White's absence, and Stewardship Chair Bill Walker highlighted the need for more pledges.

Upcoming events include commissioning of the Vestry and Alison Royle's lecture on her work in Africa (both on January 30), the six-week Inquirers' Class beginning January 27, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (you can still participate if you miss a session or two), and the Bishop's visit on March 6.

The meeting concluded with the Committee Reports. The Parish Life/Hospitality and Hospitality Committee still needs a Special Events Coordinator and more writers for the *Carillon*, so all you social butterflies and aspiring authors please talk to Wendy Quinn or Lynn Wilderson. The Buildings & Grounds Committee is looking at our gardening services and how the schedule and scope might be improved.

Our next Vestry meeting will be the all-day retreat at the Rectory on Saturday, February 26.

~Wendy Quinn

ST. BARNABAS CLEAN-UP DAY

A small but mighty team of volunteers focused on cleaning and organizing the church storage areas on January 13. Laura+, Marian Tremain and Wendy Quinn dedicated a couple of hours to removing stored items, sweeping out closets and arranging like items together. A lot of trash was generated, as well as donations for the Frugal Coyote. It was amazing how much was accomplished by a few people in a short time, thanks to Laura+'s organizational skills, suggestions from her assistants and leg work by all. If you can't find something, please ask one of the clean-up crew members. (Not to say this wasn't a ton of fun, but let's try to keep it organized so we don't have to do this again for a while!) Thanks to all.

FEBRUARY PRAYER LIST

We pray for healing for
for Addis Ward, Hiram Lewis, Tony
Ward, Bob Guy, Carol Kittelson, Mary
McDonald, Nancy Bye, Merryn Lorrain
Oliverira, Hugh McLean, Larry Johnson,
Nancy Groll, Walt Moore, Lynn
Wilderson, Barbara Scott, Beverly
Kuhrts, Kurt Levens, Guy Beaulieu,
Dan French, Evelyn Parks, Mary Hunt,
Joyce Girard, Agnes Schleicher, and
Peggy Brown.

TWELFTH NIGHT

Over thirty party-goers enjoyed another festive celebration of Twelfth Night/Epiphany on January 9, hosted by Laura+ and Lyle at the Rectory. All enjoyed their warm hospitality, lovely home and of course the potluck hors d'oeuvres. While we feasted and enjoyed assorted beverages, Dave Otis and Haddon Salt entertained us on the piano and violin. We owe thanks to the Three Wise Men for visiting the Christ Child twelve days after His birth. It is a beautiful part of our Biblical history, not to mention a great excuse for a party!

~Wendy Quinn



Louise and Tracey enjoy a snack and discussion

Irene, Lyle and Ruth Celebrating the evening!

Joya looking festive!



Addis

I

**Welcome home
We waited
For word**

**And the news
Of your arrival
Took awhile**

**We were afraid
You might not
have time to stop**

**Because of a more
Pressing commitment
Made in an urgent place**

II

**Glad to see you
Weathered the trip
Good to hear your voice**

**From what we heard
It was hard-going and
For a moment in doubt**

**But now you stand before us
On this sacred ground
Smiling and regaling us**

**With the tale of the path endured
And the pleasure it is to be
Once more with family**

**At the end of the long road
Worn yet standing tall
That is all we ever prayed for**

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BITS & PIECES

**WANTED
ANYONE HAVING A
PAPERSHREDDER THAT IS NOT
BEING USED, THE CHURCH
OFFICE WOULD LOVE IT, HAVE
BEEN WANTING ONE FOR
YEARS, BUT DON'T WANT TO
SPEND THE MONEY!
CALL LYNNIS @ 760-767-3914**

Report Sexual Misconduct

As part of our ongoing commitment to creating a safe haven for everyone, please be reminded that our diocese values the tenet of our baptismal covenant to "respect the dignity of every human being." Part of the way we live into that is to train people in the prevention of sexual misconduct. Another part that goes hand-in-hand with training is reporting incidences of sexual misconduct. Our bishop, the Rt. Rev. James R. Mathes, takes reports seriously and investigates them thoroughly and confidentially. If you believe you have experienced sexual misconduct of any kind, please contact Bishop Mathes immediately: bishopmathes@edsd.org, 619-481-5450.

The St Barnabas Prayer Chain of Eleven

.....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 <ravok@nethere.com>

WOMEN OF ST. BARNABAS REPORT

JANUARY 2011

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The Women of St. Barnabas met on January 5, thanks to the hospitality of Diane Hydoski and chairmanship of Ann Nourse in the absence of Co-Chairs Faye Dorsey and Wendy Quinn. As usual, a delicious potluck lunch was enjoyed by all.

All agreed that we need more volunteers for the Christmas events (bake sale and charity baskets). We may try a different fundraiser next year and urge everyone to help.

Martha Deichler addressed the group regarding her project to provide a trailer and computers for students in Ocotillo Wells who do not have Internet access, and Ceci Viall spoke about her work with Voix Libres, an international humanitarian association which operates in Bolivia to offer alternatives to child labor in the mines, fields, garbage dumps and streets.

Diane Hydoski has volunteered to serve as the new WOSB Treasurer. Thanks, Diane! We still need a Special Events Chair, so please consider it. You don't need to organize every event, just make sure there is a coordinator. This covers such things as the Welcome Back Snowbirds Party, Blessing of the Animals and Feast of St. Barnabas.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 2 – at the Rectory.. Watch your bulletin, come to church and please join us!

~Wendy Quinn

WANT TO WRITE?

The Carillon is interested in obtaining writers!

**Call or email Lynn (767) 3914 or lynnisw@yahoo.com or Wendy Quinn at quinns@cableusa.com.
The deadline for each issue is the 16th of the month emailed to lynn.**

INTERESTED IN GARDENING?

Camp Stevens offers one-day gardening workshops throughout the Spring, featuring theory and hands-on practice on their 2 ½ acres of organic gardens, orchard and farm. Topics include Starting Your Own Compost Pile, Introduction to Beekeeping and Pruning & Caring for Deciduous Fruit Trees. One-day workshops cost \$60/person and include lunch. Find out more and register at www.campstevens.org.

Mark Your Calendar

FEBRUARY

SERVICES 8:30 AM

February 1—8:00 AM Worship Meeting

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

February 2—Noon Women of St. Barnabas @ Rectory

February 3,10, 17, 24 10:00-11:30 Inquirers' Class

February 5, 12, 19, 25— 5:00 PM Compline

February 2—4:00 PM Borrego Serves

February 14— 12:30—5:00 PM Food Bank Distribution

February -16—6:00 Men of St. Barnabas

6:00 PM Sarah's Circle

February 26—8:00 AM—3:00 PM Vestry Retreat

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