

The Encourager

The Mission of St. Barnabas Church is to live and spread the Gospel of Christ as disciples making disciples.

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Prayer for the Selection of Our Next Rector

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the hearts and minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

A Message from Father Jim

I have just finished making the June calendar and am once again shocked at how drastically things wind down in the life of the church during the summer months. Choir rehearsals are ended and the last choir Sunday is June 12th. That is also the last day of Sunday School. There will be no mid-week service and Bible Study during July and August as well as no Dinner and a Movie.

As a priest I always view this “summer slowdown” in programs with mixed feelings. In one regard it allows me to get some much-needed rest and relaxation and rejuvenate myself for a couple of months. But then I look ahead to September and dread the energy expenditure it takes to get everything up and running again. But what worries me most of all is that during the summer months people get into the habit of *not attending* church. Make no mistake, attending church is a habit and not attending church is a habit. The good news is that although we may not think much about God during July and August, God does not stop thinking about us.

God never takes a vacation so perhaps while you and your family are away on vacation you might still carve some time out of your day and give it to God. There are several ways you can do this. All you need is a Book of Common Prayer. If you are ambitious, as a family you could read Morning Prayer on Sunday morning or Evening Prayer on Sunday evening. There are two options for each of these services that may be found on pages 37 to 126 of the Book of Common Prayer. I would be more than happy to show you how to read these Offices and how to find the lessons for each day. An Order for Compline is a wonderful way for a family to end a warm summer night. This service can be found on page 127 of the prayer book and I also have some separate Compline booklets I would be happy to give to you. Finally, there are Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families that may be found on pages 137 to 140 of the prayer book. These services may be done in the morning or at noontime or in the early evening or at the close of the day take and only take a few minutes.

Again, if you are interested I would be more than happy to show you and your family how to use these services, so please consider remembering God this summer as he is remembering you.

Help for the Hearing Impaired

We have installed our new “Hearing Assistance System” in the church. The ushers will know how this system works. You can use either regular headphones or a loop if you have a hearing aid.

Monthly Youth Sunday on June 5th



Kids, our monthly Youth Sunday will take place on June 5th. You will be our greeters, take the offering, bring the offering to the altar, read our lessons, have a special talk with Fr. Jim and then join him around the altar rail for the consecration of the bread and wine. We hope all the children will be in church on this Sunday as this will be the last Youth Sunday until next Fall.

Laying on of Hands and Anointing on June 5th



We will not have a full Monthly Healing Service on June 5th but Fr. Jim will perform the laying on of hands and anointing following the 10 o'clock service.

Holiday Bazaar Organizational Meeting



There will be an organizational meeting for the annual Holiday Bazaar on Sunday, June 5th in the Guild Room following the 10:00 a.m. service. Our goals are to welcome all bazaar participants, gather contact info, decide on date of bazaar, choose main raffle prizes; bring new items to the table. All are welcome!

Dinner and a Movie



Dinner and a Movie will take place on Friday, June 10th. We will watch a movie that was originally made for HBO titled "Taking Chance." The movie stars Kevin Bacon and portrays the remarkable true story of one soldier's death in battle, another soldier's journey of discovery and a nation's reverence and gratitude toward its war dead. Bacon plays Lt. Colonel Michael Strobl who volunteers to escort the remains of Lance Corporal Chance Phelps back to his hometown in Wyoming.

Bring your dinner, a comfortable chair if you like and perhaps a box of tissues.

Last Day of Sunday School



The last day of Sunday School will be June 12th, St. Barnabas Day. We hope all the children will be here for the parish picnic.

Save the Date for St. Barnabas Day and Parish Picnic



We will be celebrating our Patronal Feast Day, St. Barnabas Day on Sunday, June 12th. On that day we will also hold a parish picnic on the church grounds. The church will supply hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls, condiments and beverages. We ask that you bring some type of salad or dessert to share. You might also want to bring a lawn chair or blanket with you.

Lemonade and Iced Tea in the Park



Our last “regular” coffee hour will be on Sunday, June 5th. The parish picnic will take place after church on June 12th. On June 19th we would once again like to serve iced tea and lemonade in the park and are looking for volunteers to set this up as we did last summer. If you are willing to do this please speak to Fr. Jim so we can make up a schedule.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



We would like to wish a Happy & Blessed Father's Day to all the Dads here at St. Barnabas Church.

Music Notes



HYMNS

In these weeks following the festival of Pentecost, I'm thinking of how we share something in common with the early church – those apostles who had received the gifts of the Holy Spirit and were discovering how these gifts could be used to tell the story of the gospel.

In between the death of Jesus and the writing of the first gospel, there were 30-50 years in which the early Christians simply told stories of Jesus in what is called the “oral tradition.” These stories were of the shared memories of his life, miracles, death and resurrection. Scholars believe that these stories consisted of prayers and hymns passed on from generation to generation.

Perhaps one of the oldest stories of the life of Jesus was the hymn which St. Paul quotes in Philippians 2:

*...so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth, and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord...*

Paul seems to quote this as an *established* hymn in the Christian community. Similar stories and hymns eventually were written down and developed into the written story of the gospels.

Today, the poetry and imagery of our hymns tell our story. Our hymns reflect what we know of our faith and they reveal the shared story of our community. These hymns come from previous generations in order to touch our hearts and spirits. The hymns we sing today will also reach toward future generations to leave a history of our faith and our story – an oral tradition of our own experiences of the risen Christ.

I find this tremendously exciting! For me, it connects the roles of preacher and musician. Every time we sing a hymn, we are preaching what we know and believe about Jesus.

So the next time you sing a hymn – preach your faith. Sing your heart out!

Ted Platt

Director of Music

Episcopal Church Women- United Thank Offering Spring Ingathering



The blessings of this congregation are many, and have been reflected in our annual spring collection. At the recent Diocesan Spring Ingathering 2016, hosted by St. David's on the Hill, our church donated \$722.00 !!!! The Episcopal Church Women founded this program in 1889, collecting pocket change to supply missionaries in rural areas with clothing and supplies. Today, U.T.O. is strong and firm as an important mission endeavor of the whole church. It is not a fundraiser but a discipline in giving thanks for the many small blessings in your daily life. Although our collection is held in the spring, the U.T.O. service of thanksgiving is held twice a year. Collection boxes are available in the narthex if you would like to continue to collect your change for the next Ingathering in November.

~ Sincerely, Joan Schofield, Coordinator ~

Volunteers Sought to Water Grass Seed



As you know, the church has an ongoing project to beautify the Dorothy Mayor Park next door which is owned by St. Barnabas. Several invasive trees were taken down, the stumps were ground out, and loam was put in and seeded. We are looking for one or two volunteers who might come by in the morning to simply water the seed. Without consistent moisture the seed will not germinate.

We are Seeking to Hire a New Sexton

*Help
Wanted*

Our sexton, Frank Adams, has had to tender his resignation because of a change in his full-time employment. We are seeking to hire a new sexton to work part-time for about 12 hours per week. According to Diocesan regulations we cannot hire a parishioner for this position but if you know anyone who is retired, or a young mom who is looking to make some extra money while the kids are in school please have them call Fr. Jim.

In Memoriam

Gifts have been given to the Memorial Fund of St. Barnabas Church in memory of Doris Newell by Mr. and Mrs. Steven Chamberlain, Mr. and Mrs. James Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Seddon and Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Solinger.

Please Keep Up Your Pledge This Summer



As you know, the church must pay its bills all throughout the year. We ask that you do your best to keep up your pledge during the summer months as we primarily rely on our pledges to meet our commitments.

Thank You!!

First of all, we want to thank all of you who worked so hard to help make the Diocesan Eastertide Confirmation such a wonderful celebration: Ted Platt and the choir, acolytes, greeters, and those who helped out in the kitchen.

Thank you also to Richard Carr and Bob Boss for painting the bathrooms off of Steven's Hall.

Erratum

Last month we made an error when we listed the members of the teams who are responsible for the process of calling a new rector for St. Barnabas. The following shows the correct team members.

TRANSITION	
Convener	Team Members
Fr. Jim	
	Bonne Simonian
	Joan Schofield
	Heidi Seddon
	Joe Rodrigues
	Cheryl Marble
FAREWELL	
Convener	Team Members
Joan Newell	
	Eleanor Menzies
	Richard Budlong
	Dianne Whitehead
	B.J. Lynch
	Cheryl Marble
	Marilyn Davis
	Julie Mixner
	Joan Schofield
WELCOME	
Convener	Team Members
Mike Marsh	
	Christine Lindopp
	Gail Frueh
	Richard Budlong
	Ron Bonenfant
	Joan Schofield
	Audry McIntyre
COMMUNICATIONS / WEBSITE	
Convener	Team Members
Kristen Marcks	
	Pete Fontaine
	B.J. Lynch
	Emily Seddon
	Stephen Colella

PRAYER	
Convener	Team Members
Robin Beckwith	
	Norma Barker
	Peter Michaelson
	Wanda Michaelson
	Amy Salisbury
	Kathy Fraits
	Sheila Laurenza
	Marilyn Davis
	Jean Suppappola
	Maureen Volk
	Steve Marcks
	Susanne Berry
	Megan McGoran
PORTFOLIO	
Convener	Team Members
Eric Simonian	
	Paul Schofield
	Kathy Fraits
	Tammy Salisbury
	Heidi Seddon
	Jessica Iozzi
DISCERNMENT	
Convener	Team Members
Stan Schofield	
	David McIntyre
	Joan Newell
	Angie Marcks
	Jim Mixner
	Beth Marsh
	Christine Lindopp
	Stephanie VanPatten

FOOD DONATIONS



During these hard economic times, hunger is on the rise. Thanks to your ongoing support, the Community Food Bank has made a difference in the lives of many Warwick residents! Donations of non-perishable foods are gratefully accepted at St. Barnabas Church on Sunday mornings. You may hand your donation to one of our ushers or place it in the Food Basket at the back of the church. All of the food collected is then brought to the West Bay Community Food Bank in Buttonwoods. Many thanks to Dave Hartley who delivers these food items to the Food Bank on our behalf!

June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Exploring Sunday's Scriptures	2 7 pm Boy Scouts	3	4
5 3 Pentecost 8 am Holy Eucharist 10 am Holy Eucharist 12 noon Laying on of Hands and Anointing	6 7:30 pm AA Meeting	7 7:30 pm AA Meeting	8 10am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Exploring Sunday's Scriptures	9 7 pm Boy Scouts	10 6 pm Dinner and a Movie	11
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