

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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Some “FatherLee” thoughts . . .

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.” John 14:5-6

It brings me great comfort to know that the disciple Thomas, someone who walked countless miles with Jesus, ate with him, slept next to him, and witnessed, first-hand, the healings and miracles of Christ, Thomas, had to ask the question, “How can we know the way?” I have decided that his uncertainty of faith is found in his choice of one word: know. How can we KNOW the way? The fact is that “the way” is probably something that cannot be known. It is not some theory that can be proven on a chalkboard, no formula to be memorized, no schematic to be charted on a map, no 3-D rendering on the computer to be conceptualized. The way of Christ is not something easily known.

However, time after time, we are invited by Jesus to WALK the way. We do not necessarily find knowledge while walking with Christ, but we experience the truth and the life of Jesus. This journey is a means for us to participate in what God is doing on earth. Along the way, we witness the boundless love of God, watch the compassion of our Savior, grasp the forgiveness given so freely by our Lord, and experience the peace of Christ which passes all understanding. In this participation, we are humbled by what God does for others and slowly become open to receiving, for ourselves, the outpouring of God’s grace, mercy, and love.

From the earliest part of Christianity, people have traveled to Jerusalem to walk the steps that Jesus took from the moment Pilate decided to crucify him to when his body was placed in the tomb. For those people who were unable to make the pilgrimage to Jerusalem, the church eventually began the practice what we call The Way of the Cross, or Stations of the Cross. It is a means of gathering together to participate in the ultimate action of Jesus. Through the cross, we have confidence in God’s love for us, that we are redeemed and loved, and can hold fast to the hope of everlasting life.

I invite you, therefore, not to merely pursue knowing the way, but to participate in the way that leads to truth and life. The best way is through worshiping together Sunday mornings. Our weekly thanksgiving of God’s love helps us engage the way, the truth, and the fullness of life.

In addition, Friday nights at 7:00 p.m. during Lent, March 3 through April 7, we will walk The Way of the Cross from the Book of Occasional Services. This worship service will only last about 30 minutes. An optional, brief study will follow this service to examine the fourteen Stations of the Cross, a few stations each week, and should conclude a little after 8:00 p.m. It is my belief that by walking with Christ in his suffering during Lent, appreciating the depth of his sacrifice, we will more fully comprehend the glory of Easter.

One more opportunity you will notice on Tuesday and Thursday mornings is an abbreviated Morning Prayer service. This gives us another chance to pray for this world, this nation, our church, our friends, family, and even our enemies.

In short, the more we participate in the way of Christ on this earth, the more we understand the truth of Christ in our lives, and the more we enjoy life, both abundant life here and life everlasting in the world to come. I am very much looking forward to journeying with you as we follow our Savior, who is the way, the truth, and the life.

In Christ,

Fr. Scott Lee

Welcome Our New Rector!!

Sunday, March 5th
Coffee Hour
with a Celebration Cake to
Welcome Fr. Scott

Sunday, March 12th
Silver Tea
following 10:00 a.m. service
with finger sandwiches and desserts to
Welcome Fr. Scott, Ashley, Kara and Savannah

All are invited!



Lent Begins

Lent begins this year with Ash Wednesday falling on March 1st. There will be two services that day. The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 12 noon and 7:00 p.m. The imposition of ashes will be offered at both services. There will be no mid-week Eucharist and Bible Study that day.

Healing Prayers on March 5th



If you feel you are in need of healing prayers and the laying on of hands and anointing, we give you this opportunity on the first Sunday of the month. At the end of each service simply move to the front pews of the church. After the priest greets those leaving church he will go to the altar rail and invite you forward for prayers and anointing.

Monthly Youth Sunday on March 5th



Kids, our monthly Youth Sunday will take place on March 5th. Kids will be greeters, take the offering, bring the gifts to the altar and have a special talk with Fr. Lee. We hope all the children will be in church on this Sunday!

Daylight Saving Time



Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 12th. Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday evening or you may be arriving at church just as the service is ending.

Music Notes



Music for Lent sometimes can cause us to think of somber, sorrowful and even sad music - all played in a minor key! Yet some of the most beautiful and triumphant music has been written for the Lenten season. The images of the season of Lent have been an enormous source of inspiration for composers throughout the centuries.

In a way, Lenten music began even before the Church did! Jesus and the apostles sang Passover hymns on the night of the Last Supper as recorded in the gospels of Matthew and Mark. The earliest Christians often sang of the passion and death of Christ when they gathered as communities around the Eucharist. Music of Johann Sebastian Bach provided some of the most beautiful melodies and poignant texts of the Lenten season. Bach's musical compositions of the passion stories of the gospels of Matthew and John are some of the most loved oratorios in the music world.

Indeed, the music of the Lenten season is different. We will sing the *Kyrie* (Lord, have mercy) in place of the *Gloria* and, of course, we will not use the word *Alleluia* in any of the liturgical texts or hymns. But one thing the texts of the hymns for Lent will do, perhaps better than any other season of the liturgical year, is touch our own hearts when we encounter the difficulties of our lives. Hymns depicting the 40 day descent of Jesus into the wilderness, speak of our own wilderness journeys. Omitting *Alleluias* and singing of "fasting" speak of those times when our life is not complete and how we yearn for a fulfilling, joyful life. Finally, the one most powerful overall theme in the music of Lent is love. God's offering of love in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus - the love which we are called to reflect in our own lives as we embark upon our wilderness journey, together.

Ted Platt

Director of Music

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

The Sanctuary is decorated at Eastertime with beautiful plants and spring flowers given as memorials for our deceased loved ones or in thanksgiving for significant events or people in our lives. Easter Memorials and Thanksgivings are typically \$25. However, we gratefully accept any donation you wish to make. Please print the names of loved ones whom you would like remembered or those persons or events you would like to give thanks for this Easter.

Please submit no later than Sunday, April 9th.

In Memory of _____

In Thanksgiving for _____

Easter Memorials and Thanksgivings Given By:

Name _____

Telephone _____ Pledge Number _____

*Kindly make check payable to St. Barnabas Church and note
"Easter Flowers" on memo line.*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Ash Wednesday 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes No Bible Study	2 10: 00 a.m. Mornings with Mary 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	3 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Study of the Stations.	4 Boy Scout Ham & Bean Supper Schweitzer Hall
5 First Sunday in Lent 8 am & 10am. Holy Eucharist Youth Sunday Laying on of hands and anointing for healing will follow each service. Welcome Celebration with cake for Fr. Scott.	6 7:30 pm AA Meeting	7 10: 00 a.m. Mornings with Mary 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	8 10 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir	9 10: 00 a.m. Mornings with Mary 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	10 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Study of the Stations.	11 
12 Second Sunday in Lent 8 am & 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Silver Tea Celebration to welcome the Lee family into our Church Family.	13 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm AA Meeting	14 10: 00 a.m. Mornings with Mary 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	15 10 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir	16 10: 00 a.m. Mornings with Mary 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	17 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Study of the Stations.	18
19 Third Sunday in Lent 8 am Holy Eucharist 10 am Holy Eucharist	20 7:30 pm AA Meeting	21 10: 00 a.m. Mornings with Mary 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting	22 10 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir	23 10: 00 a.m. Mornings with Mary 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	24 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Study of the Stations.	25
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