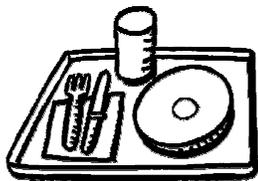


Benediction Weekly

February 28, 2016

St. Benedict's Church is an inclusive Christian community that celebrates the divine in all beings, and inspires spiritual growth through joyful sacramental worship, loving service, creative expression, thoughtful inquiry and commitment to social justice.



Peoples' Kitchen - Saturday at Noon

Potluck & Prado - Sunday following the service



CALENDAR - This week at St. Benedict's:
(at the church unless otherwise specified)

TODAY

8:00 am - Contemplative Communion Service
9:20 am - Bible Study
10:30 am - Holy Eucharist with music

Tuesday, Mar 1

5:30 pm - Vespers, followed by potluck at 6:15
6:00 pm - Vestry/Treasurer training at St Stephen's

Wednesday, Mar 2

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Mar 3

10:00 am - Hollister Institute: "Things Hidden"
7:00 pm - Drop-in Dream Group

Friday, Mar 4

6:30 pm - Timber Hawkeye Book Launch

Saturday, Mar 5

12:00 pm - Peoples' Kitchen at Prado Day Ctr

Sunday, Mar 6

No 8 am Service or Bible Study
10:30 am - Holy Eucharist with music,
followed by Potluck Lunch:
A-G Dessert; H-P Salad & bread; R-Z Main dish
(And please bring donations of breakfast items for Prado)



EARTHCARE

March 9th, 2:30-4pm

The regular meeting of Earthcare (formerly The Green Group) to discuss global problems and formulate local solutions. For more information, please contact Bob Pelfrey at bobpelfrey@charter.net.

March 10th, 3-5pm

Earthcare: Mustard Eradication Project.
Where Nipomo Street deadends near Willow Street.
Please join Caro+ and Alice W. for mustard weed eradication. Bring a hand fork and a black bag for your weeds. From South Bay Blvd. turn east on Nipomo Street. See you there!

VIA DOLOROSA: A Quiet Morning of Art and Meditation March 12th, 9:30am - 12:30pm

Participants in this workshop will be invited to use poetry and collage or mixed media to reflect on the mystical relevance of crucifixion in the spiritual life. Join us as we reflect on Christ's journey from his betrayal to his death on the cross and how this is mirrored in our own lives and daily experience. Led by the Rev Caroline Hall and Elaine Goodman

Serving God and the People of St. Benedict's this Week:

Celebrant: The Rev. Barry Turner; Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Minister: Stef Shuman;
Chalice: Rob Ross; Lectors: Diana Hammerlund & Janelle LaFond;
Ushers: Ron Thompson & Michael Lucas; Greeter: Laura Thompson; Altar Guild: Stef Shuman;
Coffee Hour Hosts: Pat Stoneman & Margaret Fegan; Tellers: Francis Rivinus & Mary Ellen Rico;
Cantor: Anne Kanter; Music Director: John Cribb **Thank you for your service!**

Keeping in Touch during the Week. For counsel & spiritual care, please contact any of the clergy:

The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall, 704-5826; The Rev. Mary Elizabeth Pratt-Horsley, 528-7497;

The Rev. Donna Ross, 235-5117; or The Rev. Barry Turner, 784-0670.

Call Celeste Pennington with pastoral care & prayer chain requests, 771-8974.

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**On-Going
Activities
at St. Ben's**

BIBLE STUDY - Come join us for Bible Study at 9:20 a.m. every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month.

DREAMS & SPIRITUALITY GROUP - First and third Thursdays, 7-8:30 pm.

HEALING SERVICE - a time for prayers for healing at the 10:30 service on 5th Sundays.

HOLLISTER INSTITUTE - Opportunities for stimulating discussion and thoughtful exploration for everyone, whether or not they are members of a church. See website.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER CIRCLE - Prayers for the community and the world. 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 10am.

LITLOVERS' BOOK CLUB - Discussion and fellowship. 4th Saturdays 1pm in members' homes.

LUNCH BUNCH - lunchtime social gathering following church, 2nd Sundays at Celia's Garden Café.

MEET ME IN MORRO - lunchtime social gathering, 3rd Tuesdays at varying restaurants in Morro Bay.

MEN'S BREAKFAST - morning social gathering, 2nd Saturdays 9am at Sea Pines Golf Resort Grill.

PEOPLE'S KITCHEN - Providing and serving food at Prado Day Center, 1st Saturday of odd-numbered months.

POTLUCK AND PRADO on the 1st Sunday of each month donations to Prado Day Center are collected, and potluck lunch follows 10:30 service.

RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND On the last Sunday of each month, the loose plate offering is designated to this fund to help those in need.

VESPERS AND CONVERSATION 5:30 pm Tuesdays. Vespers service using varying liturgies, followed by potluck supper.

VESTRY / PARISH COUNCIL:
Maria Kelly, Sr. Warden
Anne Kanter, Jr. Warden
John Cribb, Francis Rivinus,
Lisa Gonzalez, Barbara Schippers,
Elaine Goodman, Kathie West,
Esta Kandarian and Jo Oliver.

Parish Council Retreat

The Parish Council held its annual planning retreat at the end of February and welcomed new members Esta Kandarian, Jo Oliver, and Barbara Skipper. Thank you Pam Bleisch, Michael Lucas and Celeste Pennington for your faithful service. On Friday night we met at the church and gave thanks for all that has gone well this past year. We were grateful for many things including the Abundance Shop, Sunday worship, the music program, the clergy team, the newsletter, the Altar Guild, the prayer ministry and God's presence with us.

On Saturday we met at the lovely home of Rob and Donna Ross - thank you for hosting us! We read I Corinthians 12 together and thought about how everyone has an important role in the Body of Christ expressed in St Benedict's. We considered our Core Values, and Goals for 2016.

The Goals are

- (1) Building and Fund Development: engage a consultant to host a congregational workshop during the summer to result in an agreed Building and Grounds plan by Oct 1, and complete the Blessing the Future Campaign plan and establish initial funding of the endowment by Sept 1.
- (2) Welcoming: develop a more effective system for welcoming guests and integrating new members, and then educate the congregation. By Dec 31
- (3) Service and Social Justice: create a team who will provide dynamic leadership in the areas of community service and social justice.
- (4) Process: implement a useful and functional operations manual, with a draft by June 1, make sure the Parish Council is fully familiar with it and make it part of our congregational culture.
- (5) Formation: Continue to provide opportunities for spiritual exploration without judgment for living as God's people in the world, utilizing Bible Study, Quiet Days, Retreats; and develop a Hollister Institute Steering Committee by Sept 30.

We also elected Anne Kanter as Junior Warden - thank you Anne!

If you have questions please ask one of the Parish Council members for clarification: Maria Kelly, Anne Kanter, John Cribb, Elaine Goodman, Lisa Gonzalez, Esta Kandarian, Jo Oliver, Francis Rivinus, Barbara Skipper, Kathie West, and Caro Hall+

March 2016

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Highlights

- 1 - Vestry/Treasurer Training at St. Stephen's, 6p
- 4 - Book Launch with Timber Hawkeye, 630p
- 5 - Peoples' Kitchen at Prado Day Ctr, 12p
- 6 - "Potluck and Prado" following 1030 service
- 9 - Earthcare Mtg, 230p
- 9 - Chamber of Commerce Mixer, 515p
- 10 - Mustard Eradication, Nipomo & Willow, 3p
- 10 - Parish Council Meeting, 630p
- 12 - Men's Breakfast @ Sea Pines Grill, 9a
- 12 - Quiet Morning, 930a
- 12 - Saturday Evening Eucharist, 530p
- 12 - Soup for Syria, 7p
- 13 - Lunch Bunch @ Celia's Garden Café, 1230p
- 15 - Meet Me in Morro lunch @ GAFCO, 12n
- 19 - Spruce up workday, 930a
- 20 - Palm Sunday
- 23 - Blessing of Oils & Renewal of Vows w/ Bishop Mary, 630p at St Paul's Cambria
- 24 - Maundy Thursday Liturgy, 7p
- 25 - Good Friday Liturgy, 12n; Stations of the Cross 2p
- 25 - Tenebrae at Trinity United Methodist, 730p
- 26 - Great Vigil Liturgy, 730p
- 27 - Easter Day

Weekly Events:

- Tues: Vespers 530p, Potluck 615p
- Weds: Choir Rehearsal 7p
- Thurs: Hollister: "Things Hidden" 10a (to 3-17)
- Sun: Bible study 920a (except 1st Sunday)

Bi-weekly Events:

- Drop-in Dream Group, 1st & 3rd Thurs, 7p
- Intercessory Prayer Circle, 2nd & 4th Weds, 10a