

Benediction Weekly

May 15, 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.

Pentecost



The Apostles were in Jerusalem that day for the Feast of *Shavuot* (meaning weeks), a pilgrim festival when all adult Jewish men gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the wheat harvest and give thanks for the goodness of God. Since it occurs 49 days after the first day of Passover (i.e. the 50th day, including Passover itself), Hellenistic Jews gave it the name Pentecost (πεντηκοστή, or "fiftieth day"). And since 49 days equals seven weeks, it became a "week of weeks." Therefore, it was also called the Feast of Weeks.

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, May 17

12:00 pm – "Meet Me in Morro" at Dockside
5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck at 6:15

Wednesday, May 18

7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 19

6:30 pm – Parish Council Meeting
7:00 pm – Drop-in Dream Group

Saturday, May 21

1:00 pm – Lit Lovers' Book Club at Horsleys'

Sunday, May 22

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

Black Lives Matter: A Conversation About Race

Gather for an evening of short videos and interactive conversation on race. Facilitated by: Julie Lynem and Gina Whitaker of Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Social Justice Committee and Co-Sponsored by Trinity UMC and St. Benedict's Episcopal Church

Monday, June 6, 6:30 pm
Trinity United Methodist Church, Los Osos

Diocesan Spring Conference: "Living Room Conversations: Respecting, Reconciling, and Appreciating Differences"

Joan Blades, who helped start MoveOn.org and founded livingroomconversations.org, is the featured speaker for this conference and will share insights and tools for creating hospitable dialogue around difficult issues.

\$25 fee includes lunch. Details and registration at www.realepiscopal.org/event/spring-conference-2016/

Saturday, May 21 at St. Paul's, Salinas

Save the Date for St. Benedict's Annual Jazz Concert - Sunday, August 21st at 3pm

Darrell Voss and the Real Time Jazz All-Stars will bring an exciting mix of Jazz, including a



tribute to vibraphone masters Lionel Hampton, Milt Jackson, and Cal Tjader. Also, arrangements of classic American jazz standards that will feature the Real Time All Stars..... Bob Bennett, Trumpet; Dave Becker, Saxes; Marshall Otwell, Piano; Dylan Johnson, Bass; and leader Darrell Voss, Vibraphone, Drums & Percussion. *Join us!*

Giving in April - St. Ben's General Operating Fund - Thank you!!

April Income: \$ 6,995	Monthly Income Budgeted: \$ 11,961	Difference: (\$ 4,966) shortfall
YTD Income: \$ 49,896	YTD Income Budgeted: \$ 47,843	Difference: \$ 2,053 surplus

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Ministers: Bob Pelfrey & Stef Shuman;
Lectors: Tom Pickering & Francis Rivinus; Ushers: Esta Kandarian & Steve Hirahara; Greeter: Ken Kenyon;
Altar Guild: Gigi Rivinus & Sarah Chesebro; Prayer Team Intercessor: Louisa Beeler; Coffee Hour Hosts:
Judy Schloss & Pat Stoneman; Tellers: Stef Shuman & Judith Cadigan;
Music Director: John Cribb **Thank you all for your service!**



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

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

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

EARTHCARE - A discussion/action group to formulate local solutions to environmental concerns. Second Wednesdays at 2:30 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.

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,
Kathie West, Esta Kandarian
and Rod Morse.

Announcing a new Hollister Institute program:

Embracing an Adult Faith

Five weeks starting Thursday June 30 at 7pm

Join Caro+ in a small group discussion to revisit some of Christianity's most fundamental questions: Who is God? What does salvation mean? What place does Jesus hold in contemporary Christian faith? Each session of this five-week class will be introduced by a video of scholar Marcus Borg in dialogue with a small, diverse group of adults as they honestly — and sometimes painfully — confront the big questions and work together toward authentic answers. The video will be followed by our own discussions of the questions raised and questions and ideas of our own. There are no stupid questions and no locked in stone answers.

The five sessions cover God; Jesus; Salvation; Community and Practice

We all get to revisit our ideas about God and the world as our faith matures. This class will be helpful for those who have recently started worshipping at St. Benedict's as well as those who would like an opportunity to think more deeply together.

Discerning a Call to Ministry? Sign Up for June 11 "Discovery Day"

On June 11, the diocesan Commission on Ministry will sponsor its annual workshop on discernment, which offers the opportunity for those already engaged in active ministry to renew their call to a particular ministry or to explore new ways to respond to God's call.

"Discovery Day—Lay, Priest or Deacon?" is a required first step for anyone discerning a call to ordained ministry, but in no way is it limited to such individuals. We explore and celebrate the ministry of **all** the baptized and look at ministry development in each of the four orders: laity, deacons, priests, and bishops. We will include information about the opportunity for licensed lay ministries, a way to help people focus on and train for a particular area of ministry in the parish.

The workshop will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salinas from 10 am to 3 pm. (9:30 coffee and gathering). Following the workshop, participants may choose to participate in a 12-week exploration called Inquirers Group to enhance their appreciation of how the four orders of ministry complement each other in fulfilling the mission of the Church, and to discern where they fit into that mission. **Note: Inquirers Group and Discovery Day are both required for those seeking ordination.**

To register, email Dottie Fuller by June 7 at dotfuller@aol.com.

Please list "Discovery Day" in the subject line and mention your parish in the email.

A donation of \$10 for lunch and materials is requested at the door.

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; The Rev. Barry Turner, 784-0670; or The Rev. Faye Hogan, 541-4595. Call Celeste Pennington with pastoral care & prayer chain requests, 771-8974.

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