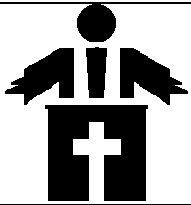


Benediction Weekly

June 12, 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.



Please welcome the Rev. Mark Hall as our guest celebrant this morning. Fr. Hall is retired from the Diocese of San Joaquin where he was Canon to the Ordinary. He now lives in Oceano.

Thank you for joining us!!

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
12:30 pm – Lunch Bunch @ Celia's Garden Café
2:00 pm – Deanery Meeting

Tuesday, June 14

5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck at 6:15

Wednesday, June 15

7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 16

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

Saturday, June 18

7:00 pm – Slack Key Guitar concert: Steven Espaniola
Details: www.santamariahula.org/

Sunday, June 19

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
9:20 am – Bible Study
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music
Followed by "Blessing the Future" group discussion

Speaker Here Today

Ms. Elaine Archer, Director of Housing Management for San Luis Obispo Housing Authority, will be guest speaker at the SLO Deanery meeting here this afternoon. Her presentation will address the lack of affordable housing in our area with a discussion of types of affordable housing, funding challenges and new development challenges. This will be a most interesting and timely presentation; all are welcome. Meeting at 2pm, speaker at 2:30.

LESSONS of BIBLE WOMEN for the 21ST CENTURY WOMAN

Leave your busy life to Refresh, Reflect and renew! The Mary Lou Thompson Retreat, sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women of El Camino Real, will be held July 21-22 at the St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista. For more information, please contact ECW President Diane Lovelace at DiLovelace@aol.com or 408/263-8945. Registration forms available on bulletin board.

Hollister Institute Class: Embracing an Adult Faith - Thursdays at 7pm, beginning June 30

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 confront some of Christianity's most fundamental 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. Session topics: God, Jesus, Salvation, Community, and Practice. Discussion will be led by Rev. Caro+.



Lit Lovers' Book Club for June: "Kum" by Rudyard Kipling

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

May Income: \$ 8,064	Monthly Income Budgeted: \$ 11,961	Difference: (\$ 3,897) shortfall
YTD Income: \$ 57,960	YTD Income Budgeted: \$ 59,804	Difference: (\$ 1,844) shortfall

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Mark Hall; Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Schloss & Diana Hammerlund;
Lectors: Bryson McKelvey & Bob Pelfrey; Ushers: Esta Kandarian & Connie Weldon and Steve Hirahara;
Greeter: Margaret Fegan; Altar Guild: Gigi Rivinus; Flowers: Bryson McKelvey;
Coffee Hour Hosts: Joan Hayes & Diana Hammerlund; Tellers: June Wright & Francis Rivinus;
Prayer Team Intercessor: Judy Schloss; 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
Rod Morse and Ken Kenyon.

Proper 6: The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost — Year C

Welcome to our parish. Today's gospel reading from Luke deals with the forgiveness of sin. This event is typical of Jesus' attitude toward those whose life outside the moral law and social convention made them objects of scorn to the "proper" people and the leaders of religion. It was Jesus' announcement of God's forgiveness, even of those regarded as unforgivable by conventional religionists, which intensified the opposition to him and led to his rejection and death.

In the first reading, David's repentance for ordering the death of Bathsheba's husband, Uriah, results in God's forgiveness. Although David is forgiven, the child from his sinful relationship dies. This discomfiting ending makes it clear that our sin brings bad results even though we are forgiven. We must remember that even though God freely forgives us when we repent, the harm our sin causes remains. Thus, our assurance of God's forgiveness is no reason to take sin lightly.

Our reading from Galatians deals with the acrimonious debate in the early church over whether one must be Jewish and obey Jewish law in order to become a Christian. Paul reminds the "Judaizers" that the Hebrew scriptures teach that our relationship with God is established by faith not, by obeying the law.

We are called by God's Spirit to gather as a people accepted by God based on faith. Having been forgiven generously by God, we are called to share with everyone the love and mercy of God.

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St. Benedict's Blessing the Future Campaign Vision Plan 2017-2037

What do we want St. Benedict's to look like in ten year's or twenty year's time? We are embarking on a Vision Plan for St. Benedict's building and land. We want input from the congregation in order to design this future vision for our church facility. Over the next few months, we will be drafting a plan that will cover short-term and long-term needs for our facilities. With a plan in place, we will be ready to take full advantage of future gifts and to develop the Blessing the Future Campaign.

There are several steps in the planning process, as outlined in the letter from Caro+ being distributed this morning. For the first step in the process, we want to hear everyone's wishes for the building and grounds. All ideas are welcome at this time, and we've created three simple ways for you to share your information. Please consider your responses prayerfully, and pick from the following:



Attend a short meeting after the 10:30 service on **June 19th** to participate in a group brainstorming session.



Fill out the short survey available today from the ushers and bring it back to church by **June 26th**



Fill out the survey online, available now at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TBVTTKD>

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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