

Benediction Weekly

July 3, 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.



We are going to celebrate St. Benedict's Day and the Great Room completion on **Friday, July 15**, starting at 5pm.
Food provided - bring a beverage to share!
If you'd like to help, please contact Anne Kanter.

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

TODAY

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, followed by potluck lunch
Visitors are welcome to join us!

Tuesday, July 5

5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck at 6:15
7:15 pm – Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 6

7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 7

7:00 pm – Embracing an Adult Faith
7:00 pm – Drop-in Dream Group

Saturday, July 9

9:00 am – Men's Breakfast at Sea Pines Grill
5:30 pm – Saturday Evening Eucharist & Supper

Sunday, July 10 ST. BENEDICT'S DAY, OBSERVED

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
9:20 am – Bible Study
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, followed by potluck lunch
12-5:30 pm – SLO Deanery Booth @ Pride in the Plaza

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

Next Steps

The Vision Plan project kicked off in June with a survey and brainstorming meeting with the congregation. Members voiced their ideas of what they envision St. Benedict's will need. We also collected ideas from church documents to create a list of items for the congregation to consider. All ideas generated will be on display at the church for your help in prioritizing them. Between July 3 and 17, there will be posters in the church listing the ideas for the building, the grounds, and possible future buildings at St. Benedict's. We hope you will take time to look at the list and vote for your top 5 highest priorities. Only the top priorities that are most feasible will be fleshed out for the draft and final Vision Plan.

If you can't participate in person, fill out the online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZN256G9>

Help us craft a coherent plan of how to use the land that God has blessed us with.

Online Giving! Now you can make donations, pay your pledge and buy tickets for the Jazz Concert on-line. Just go to the church website: www.stbenslososos.org and go to the bottom of the Home page or to the Support Us page. It accepts all major credit cards and debit cards



Saturday Evening Eucharist this week.

Join us at 5:30 for a gentle alternative worship service, followed by a simple supper.

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

June Income: \$ 10,026
YTD Income: \$ 68,037

Monthly Income Budgeted: \$ 11,961
YTD Income Budgeted: \$ 71,765

Difference: (\$ 1,935) shortfall
Difference: (\$ 3,728) shortfall

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Minister: Judy Schloss; Chalice: Rob Ross;
Lectors: Diana Hammerlund & Ann Lucas; Ushers: Michael Lucas & Esta Kandarian;
Greeter: Marie Moore; Altar Guild: Sarah Chesebro; Flowers: Pamela Bleisch Strawn & Reva Strawn ;
Potluck Hosts: Ann Lucas & Anne Kanter; Tellers: Bryson McKelvey & Mary Ellen Rico;
Prayer Team Intercessor: Laura Thompson; Cantor: Anne Kanter; 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

3rd Thursdays at 6:30pm
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.

LOOKING AHEAD

July 7 - PFJ TO SHOW DOCUMENTARY FILM

People of Faith for Justice presents: *An Act of Love* - the award-winning documentary about the trial that rocked the United Methodist Church and the minister who risked it all for his son. Screening on Thursday, July 7, 6:30 pm at the United Church of Christ, SLO. Special appearance by the Rev. Frank Schaefer for a Q & A after the film. No charge for admission, but donations to PFJ appreciated.

July 10 - SAN LUIS OBISPO DEANERY AT CENTRAL COAST PRIDE

The eight San Luis Obispo Deanery churches will be sponsoring a booth at Central Coast Pride on Sunday, July 10, at Mission Plaza in San Luis Obispo. Anyone in the San Luis Obispo area Episcopal churches is invited and encouraged to join us. If you are interested in helping us out with setup, staffing, and cleanup, please contact Jeff Diehl (jdiehl@albionenvironmental.com). The festival will run from noon to 5:30pm, but setup will begin at 8:30am. This is a great opportunity to tell lots of people about God's inclusive love for all.

July 30 - SAFECHURCH TRAINING IN ARROYO GRANDE

St. Barnabas, Arroyo Grande, will be hosting SafeChurch training sessions on Saturday, July 30th. Safeguarding God's Children, for those working or volunteering with children, will be 9:00AM - NOON and Safeguarding God's People, for anyone who has a pastoral role with others, will be 1:00PM-3:00PM. The SafeChurch programs, which provide important knowledge about potentially significant safety risks, are required of all clergy, diocesan employees and congregational employees. It is also highly recommended for wardens, vestry members, lay Eucharistic visitors, pastoral visitors, youth leaders, Confirmation sponsors, acolyte leaders, choir directors, church school teachers and volunteers working in a congregation on a regular basis.

August 21 - ST. BENEDICT'S ANNUAL JAZZ CONCERT

Darrell Voss & 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, to St. Ben's on Sunday, August 21. This is a major fundraiser for St. Benedict's, and volunteers will be needed to help with all aspects of the concert. Be sure this is on your calendar!

August 27 - ERIC LAW TO HEADLINE YOUTH MINISTRY CONFERENCE

For the first time in nearly 15 years, The Diocese of El Camino Real is offering a full-day conference for people who are in ministry with children and youth. Mark your calendars for "*First We Belong: Relationship Centered Children's & Youth Ministries*," a day-long conference with The Rev. Eric Law on Saturday, August 27, in Salinas. Eric Law, an Episcopal priest, is the founder and executive director of the Kaleidoscope Institute, the mission of which is to create inclusive and sustainable churches and communities. For more than 20 years, he has provided transformative and comprehensive training and resources for churches and ministries in all the major church denominations in the US and Canada.

October 16 - CHILI COOK-OFF ANNOUNCED

Canterbury Club's Annual Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction fundraiser will be Sunday, October 16, at St. Stephen's, SLO. Please keep that date open and let Berkeley Johnson know if you'd like to have a chili entry this year. It's also never too early to begin gathering and requesting silent auction items, so please keep this in mind over the coming weeks and months, and contact Berkeley if you have something to donate: canterburyslo@gmail.com

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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