

# Benediction Weekly

## June 19, 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.*



**There will be a parish meeting today**, following the 10:30 service, to brainstorm ideas for the future use of our buildings and grounds. We want input from the congregation in order to design a vision plan for our church facility. If you can't stay for the meeting please fill out the survey form to voice your thoughts. 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.

### 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  
Followed by "Blessing the Future" group discussion

#### Tuesday, June 21

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

#### Wednesday, June 22

10:00 am – Intercessory Prayer Circle  
7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

#### Saturday, June 25

1:00 pm – Lit Lovers' Book Club @ Stef's home

#### Sunday, June 26

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service  
9:20 am – Bible Study  
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music  
2:00 pm – Earthcare: Elfin Forest Ecology Walk

### Ecology Walk of the Elfin Forest 2 p.m. Sunday, June 26th

Join St. Ben's Earthcare group on a pleasant, one-mile stroll along the bluffs overlooking Morro Bay. This ecology walk will be led by Joe Morris and is co-sponsored by the local chapter of the Sierra Club. Learn about native plants, birds and lichen, invasive plants adapting to this beautiful preserve and their uses by the Chumash. Directions: From South Bay Blvd. in Los Osos, turn west onto Santa Ysabel toward the ocean, then right on 17th Street, parking at the dead-end. For more info, please call Joe Morris at 805-549-0355.

### *"Lessons of Bible Women for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century"*

Mary Lou Thompson Retreat, at the St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista July 21-22. Sponsored by Episcopal Church Women of El Camino Real. Register by July 18. Forms available on our bulletin board.



Lit Lovers' Book Club Discussion of "Kim" by Rudyard Kipling

Saturday at 1pm at Stef's house. Call for directions & parking info: 528-4475

### 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+.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Minister: Janelle LaFond; Chalice: Diana Hammerlund;  
Lector: Alan Kiste; Ushers: Michael Lucas & Marie Moore and Brian Spolarich;  
Greeter: Bobbie Shields; Altar Guild: Carol Baker; Flowers: Brian Spolarich;  
Coffee Hour Hosts: Ron & Laura Thompson and Barbara Schippers;  
Tellers: Ellen Goodman & Diana Hammerlund; Prayer Team Intercessor: Celeste Pennington;  
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. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 10am.

**LITLOVERS' BOOK CLUB** - Discussion and fellowship. 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 1pm in members' homes.

**LUNCH BUNCH** - lunchtime social gathering following church, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays at Celia's Garden Café.

**MEET ME IN MORRO** - lunchtime social gathering, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at varying restaurants in Morro Bay.

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

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

**POTLUCK AND PRADO** on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 7: The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost — Year C*

Welcome to our parish. The liturgy today has as its central sign God's power to save and restore human life to wholeness. The gospel reading is about the man possessed by a legion of demons. The man had been abandoned by his neighbors. Jesus has compassion and drives out the demons, restoring the man to his right mind and to his community.

Today's reading from the epistle to the Galatians is a continuation of Paul's teaching concerning salvation by faith. It is that faith which brings us into a living relationship with God. That relationship transcends all human distinctions. No one is outside God's family. The sign and meaning of that relationship is baptism, the sacrament in which we are adopted as God's children and in which we are united with Jesus in his dying and rising.

The liturgy of the Eucharist brings us together as those who in baptism have "put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female," for in this liturgy we are all one in Christ Jesus. God does not reject those who are far from God, not even those who are living in disobedience. As Christ healed the demoniac and God forgave the unfaithful of Israel, so the divine compassion is operative in our lives today.

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**Only Time Will Tell**

**Poetic Justice Project (PJP)** will be presenting a new play titled *Only Time Will Tell* which depicts personal journeys of incarceration and reentry. The play is being held at St Barnabas' Episcopal Church in Arroyo Grande on Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm and Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. PJP is also giving its first performance at Unity Chapel of Light in Orcutt on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The tickets are \$15 and available at the door or by calling Brown Paper Tickets, 1-800-838-3006. Come and support this fine organization in their rehabilitation goals of providing art instruction to prisoners, people on parole and probation, and youth at risk of incarceration. PJP is the only theatre company in the state comprising formerly incarcerated actors appearing in plays that examine crime, punishment and redemption. See Alice Welchert for details.

**San Luis Obispo Deanery At Central Coast Pride 2016**

The eight San Luis Obispo Deanery churches will be sponsoring a booth at Central Coast Pride on **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](mailto: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.

**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

**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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