

Benediction Weekly

August 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.



People's Kitchen on Saturday

Please sign- up to serve and/or provide food

Potluck Lunch next Sunday

Don't forget items for our Prado Donation Box



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 w/music
7:00 pm – Film: *"Journey of the Universe"*

Tuesday, Aug 30

5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck at 6:15
7:15 pm – Hollister: Care for Creation

Wednesday, Aug 31

7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Sep 1

4:00 pm – Healing Ministry Meeting
7:00 pm – Drop-in Dream Group

Saturday, Sep 3

12 noon – People's Kitchen at Prado Day Center

Sunday, Sep 4

No 8am Service or Bible Study
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/ music followed by
POTLUCK & PRADO
A-G Dessert; H-R Salad & Bread; S-Z Main dish

Journey of the Universe

Film showing tonight at 7pm

Created and written by Tucker and evolutionary philosopher Brian Thomas Swimme, the one hour documentary is an epic story of cosmic, Earth, and human transformation.

Brian Swimme as narrator invites viewers to become fellow travelers on an exploration of the origins of the cosmos, the emergence of life, and the rise of humans. Filmed on location on the Greek island of Samos, the birthplace of the philosopher and mathematician Pythagoras, the documentary "weaves together the findings of modern science with enduring wisdom found in the cultural traditions of the West, China, Africa, India, and indigenous peoples to explore cosmic evolution as a wondrous process based on creativity, connection, and interdependence," say the producers.

If one had to condense Swimme's message to a few main thoughts, it would be for humans to be willing to walk their hearts back to the beginning of the universe, and once there, to begin appreciating the beauty, generosity and love which propelled it into existence. Beauty, generosity, pure generativity and love are his descriptions for the dawn of our 13.7-billion- year journey.

This film is the first offering in our "Season of Creation" series of films, books discussion, and Sunday liturgies and sermons.

In two weeks, St. Benedict's introduces "SUNDAY SESSIONS" – a series of Sunday concerts which also provide an opportunity for spiritual connection and reflection. Not a traditional church service but great music with some inspiration thrown in. Every Sunday from September 11 to November 20 at 4pm, followed by a jam session 5pm – 6pm. No charge, but your generous donation will keep the musicians coming back!

First session, September 11: "Wordsauce," an eight-piece Live Hip Hop/Funk band!

Re-register for Ralph's Community Rewards Program September 1st



Beginning September 1, Sign in to your online account at www.ralphs.com then go to > Community > Community Rewards-Re-enroll > Type # **83646** > Click on St Benedict's > Click Enroll. If you do not already have an online account, you must register on the website. If you don't have computer access, please call Ralph's at 1-800-443-4438 for assistance.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Donna Ross; Eucharistic Minister: Esta Kandarian; Chalice: Stef Shuman;
Lectors: Tom Pickering & Diana Hammerlund; Ushers: Ann Edwards & Rob Ross; Greeter: Margaret Fegan;
Altar Guild: Gigi Rivinus; Flowers: Alice Welchert; Coffee Hour Hosts: Joan & Bill Hayes and Joan Ghilotti;
Tellers: June Wright & Francis Rivinus; Intercessor: Laura Thompson; Cantor: Francis Rivinus;
Music Director: John Cribb. **Thank you 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.

Hollister Institute series co-sponsored by St Benedict's and Trinity United Methodist Church:

Care for Creation

Discussion series 7pm Tuesdays, Aug. 30 - Sept. 27

Climate change is a wake-up call that we need to transform our attitudes about the planet on which we live if there is to be anything left for our children and grandchildren to enjoy. This five week study group builds on the insights we gained from the Pope's encyclical Laudato Si; bringing together ecological science with Franciscan theology to help us understand new ways of looking at the relationship between humans, God and creation.

The Tuesday night class will be taught by Hollister Institute faculty: the Rev. Caroline Hall, John Horsley, Joe Morris, Bob Pelfrey, and the Rev. Barry Turner, and will be based on the book Care for Creation by Ilea Delio, Keith Douglas Warner and Pamela Wood. Participants may wish to read the book as a companion to the class. You may order your copy using the Amazon link on our website.

Discussion Themes

- August 30 Creation and Incarnation
- September 6 Creation as Family
- September 13 Creation and Contemplation
- September 20 View from the Center of the Universe; a film which uses recent advances in astronomy, physics, and cosmology to frame an exciting new way to understand the universe as a whole and our role in it.
- September 27 Creation and Conversion

We conclude the series with a "hands on" practical session at Trinity United Methodist Church on **Sunday, Oct. 2 at 4 pm**. Presentations and discussions are hosted by Barry Turner, Caro Hall, Bob Pelfrey, John Horsley, Joe Morris and Michael Eggleston.

SEPTEMBER 2016							Highlights
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
				1	2	3	1 - Healing Ministry Meeting, 4p 1 - Drop-in Dream Group, 7p 3 - People's Kitchen at Prado Day Center, 12n 4 - "Potluck and Prado" following 1030 service 6 - Hollister: Care for Creation, 7p 10 - Men's Breakfast at Celia's Garden Café, 9a 10 - Saturday Evening Eucharist, 530p 11 - Lunch Bunch at Celia's Garden Café, 1230p 11 - Sunday Sessions w/ Wordsauce, 4pm 14 - Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a 14 - Earthcare Meeting, 230p 15 - Parish Council Meeting, 630p 15 - Drop-in Dream Group, 7p 17 - Classical Guitar Concert, 1p 18 - Sunday Sessions w/ Melody Klemin, 4pm 20 - "Meet Me in Morro" at Dockside, 12n 24 - LitLovers' Book Club at Horsleys', 1p 24 - Contemporary Hawaiian Music Concert, 4p 25 - Sunday Sessions w/ Five Parts Devil, 4pm 28 - Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a
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Weekly Events: Tuesdays: Vespers 530p, Potluck 615p, and Hollister: Care for Creation, 7p Wednesdays: Choir Rehearsal 7p Sundays: Contemplative Communion 8a (except 1st Sun) Bible study 920a (except 1st Sunday) Holy Eucharist with Music 1030a Sunday Sessions program 4pm (starts Sep 11)							

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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