

# Benediction Weekly

## November 6, 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.*



### November 13 is Pledge Ingathering Sunday

Please fill out your Pledge Card for 2017 and put it in the offering plate next week. Cards are being mailed to you, and will also be available at the church.

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

##### TODAY

NO 8am Service or Bible Study  
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, followed by potluck lunch  
4:00 pm – Sunday Session: *Sunshine & Stardust*

##### Tuesday, Nov 8

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

##### Wednesday, Nov 9

10:00 am – Intercessory Prayer Circle  
2:30 pm – EarthCare Meeting  
7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

##### Friday, Nov 11

4:00 pm – Healing Ministry Meeting

##### Saturday, Nov 12

9:00 am – Men's Breakfast at Celia's Garden Café  
5:30 pm – Saturday Evening Eucharist

##### Sunday, Nov 13

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service  
9:20 am – Bible Study  
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/ music  
12:30 pm – Lunch Bunch at Celia's Garden Café  
4:00 pm – Sunday Session: *Noach Tangeras*

Next Sunday at 3pm

The San Luis Obispo Ministerial Association invites you to share in the annual Thanksgiving Service:

### "Giving Thanks Together" An Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration

Through Music, Spoken Word, and Reflection



This year at Congregation Beth David, SLO

An offering will be collected for Prado Day Center, Restorative Partners, and the SLO Women's Shelter (You are also welcome to bring non-perishable food donations)

Refreshments & Child care provided  
Additional info: Rev. Stephanie Raphael  
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**Sunshine & Stardust** will be featured today at 4pm in our ongoing series of "Sunday Sessions", a service of music and spiritual connection and reflection. Sunshine & Stardust provides a mix of soul, blues, jazz, rock, folk and Americana, with a lyrical message of empowerment, freedom and unity. The music encompasses the highs and lows, the sunshine and stardust of the human experience and paints a melodic adventure all can enjoy. Holly Rohner (vocals), JJ Jackson (guitars/piano) and Anthony Donatelli (brass/wind)



#### ADVENT LECTIO DIVINA WITH ISAIAH THE POET

Thursday mornings, December 1, 8, & 15 - from 10-11:30am

Led by Donna Ross, Barry Turner and Carol McPhee



Our Bishop will be making her official visit to St. Benedict's on January 15. If you are interested in being Baptized, Confirmed, or Received into the Episcopal Church, please speak with the Rector.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Lucas & Sarah Chesebro;  
Lector: Judith Cadigan; Ushers: Connie Weldon & Lisa Gonzalez; Greeter: Bobbi Shields; Altar Guild: Pat Stoneman;  
Flowers: Lisa Gonzalez; Potluck Hosts: Carol Baker & Karin Cake; Tellers: Steve Cake & Mary Ellen Rico;  
Prayer Team Intercessor: Lisa Gonzalez; 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. 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.

**VESPER AND CONVERSATION** 5:30 pm Tuesdays. Vespers service using varying liturgies, followed by potluck supper.

**VESTRY / PARISH COUNCIL**  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

# STEWARDSHIP

*Great is thy faithfulness O God our Creator  
There is no shadow of turning in Thee  
All I have needed thy grace hath provided  
Great us thy faithfulness, God unto me.*

Great is thy faithfulness, God unto us. When we think about all that this little church has done in thirty years, we remember the vision and hope of the small group that first met in a room at the Methodist Church; we think of the excitement of buying the land and then the difficulty of building a church; we remember when things got so bad the diocese wanted us to close down; we give thanks for generations of faithful people who have given generously, prayed deeply and labored mightily to create the church that St. Benedict's is today.

Who we will be tomorrow and for the next generation depends upon each one of us. Church is not a spectator sport - membership in the Body of Christ calls us to sacrificial giving in every area of our lives. I hope that we will be remembered as the people who built for the future, the congregation who dedicated themselves to working for Christ in such a way that lives were changed and Los Osos was blessed, and who created a firm foundation upon which the church could continue to grow and evolve.

Between now and next Sunday, I ask you to prayerfully consider how you will support the work of the congregation in the coming year. Church is not free! It costs money to provide the services and the fellowship that we enjoy. It is because of the abundant love of God expressed through the generosity of the people of St Ben's that we are here today. It is because of God's love expressed through your generosity that we and many others will be here next year and the year after.

Thank you for your faithfulness,  
Caro+

## A Conversation about Race in America

Saturday, December 3rd 10am- 12pm Unitarian Universalist Fellowship SLO

In the homogenous community of SLO, it can be awkward and uncomfortable to confront matters of racial justice. The continued killings of unarmed African Americans at the hands of law enforcement, and the movement and actions that decry them, grab national headlines a few times a year. In our comfortable bubble, it can be tempting for some to turn a blind eye to our country's current and historical institutional racism. Sweeping these issues under the rug is not an option for the small population of African Americans living in our area, and so some of us joined together with like minded people who also wish to advance a local dialogue around race.

This Conversation about Race in America is a discussion guided by short videos, followed by small group discussion and sharing. This is the first workshop hosted by R.A.C.E. Matters SLO County, and we aim to provide a brave, compassionate space for dialogue.

**R.A.C.E. Matters SLO County**  
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**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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