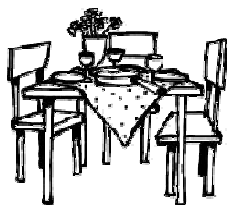


# Benediction Weekly

## February 12, 2017

*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.*



*Lunch Bunch Today*  
*Celia's Garden Café, 12:30 pm*

**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  
12:30 pm – Lunch Bunch at Celia's Garden Café

### **Tuesday, Feb 14**

5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck

### **Wednesday, Feb 15**

5:30 pm – C of C Mixer at Abundance Shop  
7:00 pm – Choir Practice

### **Thursday, Feb 16**

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

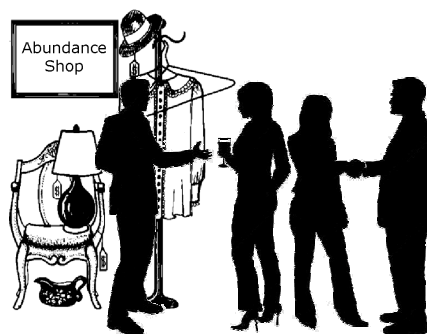
### **Sunday, Feb 19**

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service  
9:20 am – Bible Study  
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/music  
2:00 pm – Deanery Mtg. at St. Barnabas', AG

### **Los Osos Chamber of Commerce Mixer**

Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Abundance Shop  
2025 9th Street

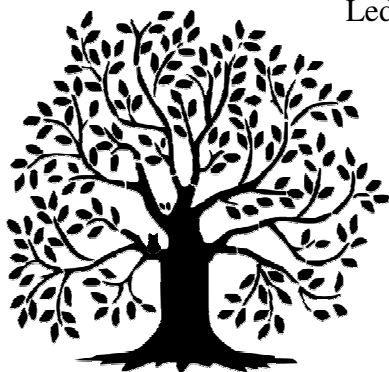


Join us at the Abundance Shop for the monthly Chamber Mixer for refreshments, good conversation and a chance to browse the shop's goodies!

*Coming up in March, a new Hollister Institute discussion...*

### **The Worshipping Community: Praying with the God of Becoming and Relationship \***

Led by Donna Ross with Carol McPhee, Ann Edwards,  
Roz Malone, & Ruth Turner



**March 2** Why do we gather in community?  
**March 9** Why do we reflect on sacred texts?  
**March 16** Why do we pray?  
**March 23** How do we make peace?  
**March 30** How do we share the gifts of God?

March 2-30, from 10:00-11:45 am.

Email [donnaross@charter.net](mailto:donnaross@charter.net) to register

\* Inspired by Rabbi Bradley Artson's *God of Becoming and Relationship*

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Donna Ross; Preacher: The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple;  
Eucharistic Ministers: Sarah Chesebro and Esta Kandarian; Lectors: Margaret Fegan & Ann Edwards;  
Ushers: Marie Moore & Rob Ross; Greeter: Bobbie Shields; Flowers: Brian Spolarich; Altar Guild: Diana Hammerlund;  
Intercessor: Judy Schloss; Coffee Hour Hosts: Laura Thompson & Barbara Schippers;  
Tellers: Alice Welchert & Judith Cadigan; Music Director: John Cribb



**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 Celia's Garden Café.

**PEOPLE'S KITCHEN** - Providing and serving food at Prado Day Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of even-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**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 6:30pm  
The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall, *Rector*  
Anne Kanter, *Sr. Warden*  
Pamela Bleisch, Francis Rivinus,  
Lisa Gonzalez, Barbara Schippers,  
Kathie West, Esta Kandarian  
Rod Morse and Ken Kenyon.

## *Lit Lovers' Book Club selection for February:*

Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis  
by J.D. Vance

Hillbilly Elegy is a passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis—that of white working-class Americans. J. D. Vance tells the true story of what a social, regional, and class decline feels like when you were born with it hung around your neck. His grandparents were “dirt poor and in love,” and moved north from Kentucky’s Appalachia region to Ohio in the hopes of escaping the dreadful poverty around them. But as their family saga plays out, we learn that this is only the short, superficial version. The family struggled profoundly with the demands of their new middle-class life, and was never able to fully escape the legacy of abuse, alcoholism, poverty, and trauma so characteristic of their part of America. A deeply moving memoir with its share of humor and vividly colorful figures, Hillbilly Elegy is the story of how upward mobility really feels. And it is an urgent and troubling meditation on the loss of the American dream for a large segment of this country.

Discussion: Saturday, February 25th, 1pm at June Wright’s home. *Join us!*

You’re invited to the next event in the ongoing discussion series  
**OPENING DOORS OF INTERFAITH UNDERSTANDING**

## **A Taste of the Trees: Tu Bishvat Seder Discussion of Interfaith Environmental Ethics**

Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.n.  
Congregation Beth David  
10190 Los Osos Valley Road, SLO

*The Opening Doors series is jointly sponsored by  
People of Faith for Justice and the SLO Ministerial Association*

## ***Lectio Divina with the Prophet Isaiah***



On weekdays, listen for a word.  
On Saturday, re-read the **whole** passage:  
What do you hear now?

***Lectio* for February 13 - 18**

Monday	Isaiah 50: 4
Tuesday	Isaiah 50: 5
Wednesday	Isaiah 50: 6
Thursday	Isaiah 50: 7
Friday	Isaiah 50: 8-9
Saturday	Isaiah 50: 4-9

## **St. Benedict’s Annual Mutual Ministry Review and Time and Talent Survey**

If you took one of these forms last week please return it (completed) to the box at the back of the church – and please put your name on it! If you didn't take one, please do today and return it next week.

Check our website  
[www.stbenslososos.org](http://www.stbenslososos.org) under News  
for downloadable copies.

**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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