

Benediction Weekly

July 30, 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.



People's Kitchen this Saturday – Sign up to serve or provide food.

Potluck & Prado next Sunday – Bring a dish to share for lunch at church and donations of food items for Prado Day Center. In August, we are especially requesting donations of peanut butter, jelly/jam, or graham crackers for nutritious breakfasts.

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/ healing prayer

Tuesday, August 1

5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck

Wednesday, August 2

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

Thursday, August 3

7:00 pm – Drop-in Dream Group

Saturday, August 5

12 noon – People's Kitchen at Prado

Sunday, August 5

NO 8am Service
9:20 am – Bible Study
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/ music
12 noon – Potluck lunch



The Laundry Love initiative consists of regular opportunities to help people who are struggling financially by assisting them with doing their laundry. For those living below the poverty line, washing clothes presents both a logistical problem and a financial hardship. Laundry Love partners with local laundromats in cleaning the clothes of those living in shelters, motels, cars, garages and on the streets. The idea was born at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Ventura, California. The story of Laundry Love began with T-Bone (Eric), a homeless gentleman who said, "If I had clean clothes I think people would treat me like a human being."

For the complete guide, How To's, and FAQ's go to LaundryLove.org, or attend the informational meeting at St. Benedict's on August 16. (time to be announced soon.)

- Barbara Murray-Hirahara

Rev. Caro+ will be on Vacation July 31 - August 12

During her absence, church business will be managed by Sr. Warden Anne Kanter or treasurer Lisa Gonzalez. The clergy team will be available for spiritual counsel. Pastoral care concerns should be addressed to Celeste Pennington. Contact Danna in the church office Tuesday through Thursday 9:30 to 12:30 for scheduling and administrative matters.



Next LitLovers' Book Club reading selection:
The Signature of All Things, by Elizabeth Gilbert
Discussion will take place at June Wright's home
at 1 pm on Saturday, September 23. Join us!

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Minister: Brian Spolarich; Chalice Bearer: Esta Kandarian;
Lector: Janelle LaFond; Ushers: Rob Ross & Alan Kiste; Greeter: Marie Moore; Altar Guild: Sarah Chesebro;
Flowers: Laura Thompson; Coffee Hour Hosts: Joan Hayes & Joan Ghilotti;
Tellers: Steve Cake & Alice Welchert; 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. 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 10am.

LITLOVERS' BOOK CLUB - Discussion and fellowship in members' homes. 4th Saturdays 1pm (Suspended till September)

LUNCH BUNCH - lunchtime social gathering following church, 2nd Sundays at Celia's Garden Café.

MEN'S BREAKFAST - morning social gathering, 2nd Saturdays 9am at Celia's Garden Café.

PEOPLE'S KITCHEN - Providing and serving food at Prado Day Center, 1st Saturday of even-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
The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall, *Rector*
Anne Kanter, *Sr. Warden*
Pamela Bleisch, Lisa Gonzalez,
Esta Kandarian, Barbara Schippers,
Francis Rivinus, and Kathie West.

18th Annual Jazz Concert - Sunday, August 20th, 3pm



This concert will feature the sound of the vibraphone, played by Darrell Voss, joined by Dave Becker on saxophones, Marshall Otwell on piano, Bob Bennett on trumpet, and Ken Hustad on bass. The band will offer a variety of Swing and Latin Jazz selections, featuring a tribute to some of the Vibe Masters: Lionel Hampton, Milt Jackson and Cal Tjader (requested by last year's enthusiastic audience). This All-Star line-up is sure to please, with a beautiful blend of familiar melodies,

harmonies, and improvised excitement. Complementary snacks and beverages will be served on the veranda, with wine and beer for sale. This year, the Silent Auction will feature hand-sewn quilts, in addition to goods donated by local growers and Los Osos businesses. Tickets \$25, on sale now online at our website, at Boo Boo Records in SLO, or at the Abundance Shop. *To volunteer to help, please sign up on the board at church, or contact Pamela Bleisch Strawn at 805-602-1240 or Diana Hammerlund at 805-471-6759.*

Grace Notes: Hospitality

- If you can walk easily and you arrive before the service starts, please choose a parking space further away from the church and leave the closer ones for those who have mobility issues or who arrive late.
- Please consider sitting in the middle of a pew rather than at the end. It's very off putting for newcomers to have to clamber over you and feel like they're being a nuisance just trying to sit down.
- We will give priority in the back pew on the south end for families with children. You can sit there, but please be prepared to move if a family shows up. We don't want them to leave because there's no space for them.
- Please wear your name tags. If yours has become lost or damaged and needs replacing, let Stef know.

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS AT ST. BENEDICT'S

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- 2 - Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a
- 3 - Drop In Dream Group, 7p
- 5 - People's Kitchen at Prado Day Center, 12n
- 6 - Potluck + Prado 12p
- 9 - EarthCare Meeting, 230p
- 12 - Men's Breakfast at Celia's Garden Café, 9a
- 12 - Saturday Evening Eucharist, 530p
- 16 - Laundry Love Mtg, time tba
- 16 - Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a
- 17 - Drop In Dream Group, 7p
- 20 - Annual Jazz Concert, 3p
- 22 - Parish Council Mtg, 715p
- 29 - Healing Ministry Meeting, 2p

Sundays:

Contemplative Communion 8a (except 1st Sun)
Bible study 920a
Holy Eucharist with Music 1030a

Weekly Events:

Tuesdays: Vespers 530p, Potluck 615p
Wednesdays: Choir Rehearsal 7p

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. 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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