

# Benediction Weekly

## August 6, 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.*



### Evening Eucharist this Saturday at 5:30 pm

On the second Saturday of each month, St. Benedict's has evening worship with music and using varying liturgies, followed by a simple supper. The Celebrant this time will be the Rev. Barbara Miller, Rector of St. James' PR

#### This week at St. Benedict's:

(at the church unless otherwise specified)

#### TODAY

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

#### Tuesday, August 8

5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck

#### Wednesday, August 9

2:30 pm – EarthCare Meeting  
7:00 pm – Choir Practice

#### Saturday, August 12

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

#### Sunday, August 13

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service  
9:20 am – Bible Study  
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/ music

*People of Faith for Justice presents....*

### Opening Doors of Interfaith Understanding First Presbyterian Church 981 Marsh Street, SLO Monday, August 14, 7:30 PM

- AGENDA -

**Welcome and Mission Statement** Rev. Luanne Griguoli  
**Who Speaks for Islam? ...**  
...discussion led by John Esposito and Dalia Mogahed  
**Sunset Prayer (8:30 pm)** Dr. Hisham Assal  
**Mary, Mother of Jesus...**  
...discussion led by Rev. Lori Adoff and Fr. John Nisbet  
**Introduction of next meeting and Closing Remarks....**  
Rev. Luanne Griguoli

#### People of Faith for Justice:



*We are an interfaith alliance in San Luis Obispo County, California, promoting peace and justice for all. We believe that God's inclusive love is the basis for promoting compassion, generosity, non-violence, and respect for diversity.*

*We seek to influence public discourse and to enhance the quality of life through ongoing education and strategic advocacy. We work through the four pillars of: Human and Civil Rights, Peace and Non-Violence, Economic Justice, and Environmental Justice.*

St. Benedict's is a Sustaining Congregation of PFJ.



#### Rev. Caro+ will be on Vacation through August 12

This week during her absence, church business will be managed by treasurer Lisa Gonzalez. The clergy team will be available for spiritual counsel. Pastoral care concerns should be addressed to Celeste Pennington or Laura Thompson. Contact Danna in the church office Tues-Thurs 9:30 to 12:30 for scheduling and administrative matters.

### St. Benedict's 18th Annual Jazz Concert - Starring the Darrell Voss Jazz Quintet Sunday, August 20th, 3pm

Join us for a lively afternoon of Swing and Latin Jazz selections, featuring a tribute to some of the Vibe Masters: Lionel Hampton, Milt Jackson and Cal Tjader. Complementary snacks and beverages will be served on the veranda, with wine and beer available for sale. This year, there will be a Silent Auction featuring 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.*

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Donna Ross; Eucharistic Minister: Stef Shuman; Chalice Bearer: Ann Edwards;  
Lectors: Tom Pickering & John Horsley; Ushers: Esta Kandarian & Lisa Gonzalez; Greeter: Bobbie Shields;  
Altar Guild: Judy Schloss; Flowers: Joan Ghilotti; Potluck Hosts: Barbara Schippers & Alice Welchert;  
Tellers: Steve Cake & Diana Hammerlund; Intercessory Prayer Team: Lisa Gonzalez; 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. 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 10am.

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

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

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

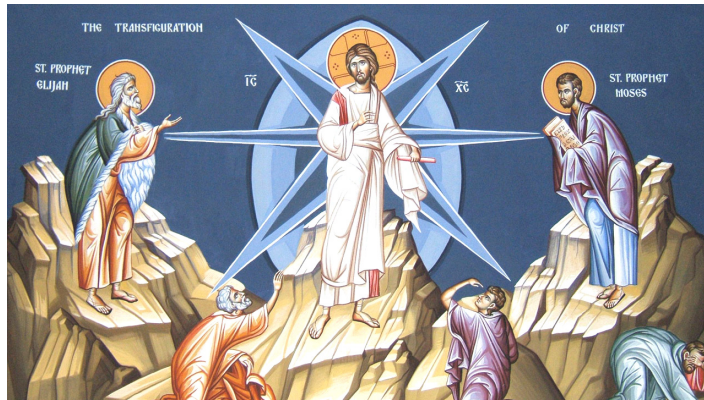
**PEOPLE'S KITCHEN** - Providing and serving food at Prado Day Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of even-numbered months.

**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, Lisa Gonzalez,  
Esta Kandarian, Barbara Schippers,  
Francis Rivinus, and Kathie West.

## The Feast of the Transfiguration



**August 6** is the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ, which commemorates Jesus' unveiling as the Son of God, and his radical change of appearance while in the presence of Peter, James and John on a mountaintop.

The Gospel of Matthew records that Jesus "was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light." At this moment Moses and Elijah appeared, and they were talking with Jesus. Peter, misunderstanding the meaning of this manifestation, offered to make three "booths" (or "dwellings") for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. A bright cloud overshadowed them and a voice from the cloud stated, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The disciples fell on their faces in awe, but Jesus encouraged them to arise and "have no fear." When the disciples looked up, they saw only Jesus (*Matthew 17:1-8*).

The Transfiguration is also mentioned in two other gospel accounts (*Mark 9:2-8* and *Luke 9:28-36*) and is referred to in the Second Letter of Peter, which records that "we were eyewitnesses of his majesty" and "we were with him on the holy mountain" (*2 Peter 1:16-18*).

The Transfiguration is a pivotal moment because it revealed Christ's glory prior to the crucifixion, and it anticipated his resurrection and ascension. It also prefigures the glorification of human nature in Christ. Some think that the setting on the mountain is significant because it becomes the point where human nature meets God, with Jesus acting as a point of connection between heaven and earth.

Celebration of the Transfiguration began in the eastern church in the late fourth century. The feast is celebrated on August 6, which is the date of the dedication of the first church built on Mount Tabor, which is traditionally considered to be the "high mountain" of the Transfiguration. There are scholars, however, who believe the Transfiguration occurred either on Mount Hermon, which borders Syria and Lebanon, or on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem.

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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. 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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