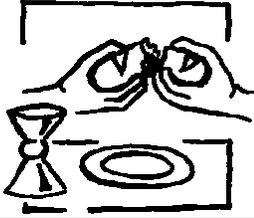


Benediction Weekly

January 8, 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 Service this Saturday at 5:30

Once a month, on the second Saturday, St. Benedict's has an evening Eucharist service with music, using liturgies from a variety of sources. The service is followed by a simple soup supper.

Join us!

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

Monday, Jan 9

- 5:00 pm – Brainstorming Meeting to Help Homeless

Tuesday, Jan 10

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

Wednesday, Jan 11

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

Thursday, Jan 12

- 10:00 am – Hollister Institute: God of Becoming

Friday, Jan 13

- 3:30 pm – Healing Ministry Meeting

Saturday, Jan 14

- 9:00 am – Men's Breakfast at Celia's Garden Café
- 5:30 pm – Evening Eucharist, followed by supper

Sunday, Jan 15

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Bishop's Visit: Holy Eucharist w/Confirmation and Reception

Bishop's Visit Next Week at 10:30 service



Please plan to be here to welcome Bishop Mary next Sunday for her regular visitation. Following the service and coffee hour she will be blessing the Abundance Shop.

Coming Soon...

Prayers for our Country, January 19th at 7pm.

On the eve of the Inauguration, we will have a special service to pray for our country at this time of change. Everyone is welcome, regardless of political beliefs!

Annual Parish Meeting will be held on January 29th after the 10:30 service. Lunch will be provided. Agenda topics include: Election of Vestry members and Deanery/Diocesan Delegates; Discussion of the Vision Plan for further development; 2017 Budget Decisions; Planned giving and Endowment fund presentation; Special Awards. Please contact the nominating committee: John Cribb and Maria Kelly, for information about serving on the vestry or convention delegation.

Exploring our Spiritual Gifts, February 4, 9:30-12:00

At a workshop to help us identify the unique gifts we have been given and discern the calling God has for us today, Rev. Caro+ will lead us in Bible Study and a variety of exercises. Pre-registration is required as an on-line assessment is involved. Contact Danna at office@stbenslosos.org if you will attend.

New Hollister Institute Class : God of Becoming and Relationship, by Rabbi Bradley Artson

Thursday mornings, 10 am - January 12, 19, 26 and February 2

Starting this Thursday, we'll be discussing a pioneering book on process theology, *God of Becoming and Relationship*, by Rabbi Bradley Artson. In past Hollister discussions we have touched on ideas from process theology; now we welcome Rabbi Artson's clear perspective, which adds so much to our understanding. To focus on the nature of God – instead of the differences between Jews and Christians – we're going to consider Jesus as a rabbi and teacher, along with other rabbis through the ages. Each week, we'll prepare for the discussion by reading a few short chapters in Artson's book. When we meet, we'll share our own thoughts, reactions, and/or insights from the reading. Again, all points of view are welcome, expected, and encouraged in these Hollister discussions.

To register for the discussions, contact Donna Ross at donnaross@charter.net

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Preacher: The Rev. Mary Elizabeth Pratt-Horsley;
Deacon: The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple; Eucharistic Minister: Bryson McKelvey; Chalice Bearer: Judy Schloss;
Lectors: Francis Rivinus & Judith Cadigan; Ushers: Esta Kandarian & Marie Moore; Greeter: Bobbie Shields;
Altar Guild: Pat Stoneman; Coffee Hour Hosts: Diana Hammerlund & Carol Baker; Tellers: June Wright & Stef Shuman;
Prayer Team Intercessor: Judy Schloss. 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. 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 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*
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.

Brainstorming Meeting to help the Homeless

Everyone is invited to attend a brainstorming meeting on Monday, January 9, at 5 pm at the church. The subject is how we can take concrete actions to make a difference in the lives of our homeless neighbors. Examples might include having a warming center at St. Benedict's, supporting the work of Hope's Village SLO, working to repeal ordinances that criminalize being homeless. Alice Welchert is the contact person for this ad hoc gathering.

meanwhile...

Cold Weather Kits

Sharon and Shelley are putting together kits for the homeless, which will contain sleeping bags, tarps, warm socks, etc. If you can help, please consider putting a contribution in an envelope or check marked "KITS" and putting that into the collection plate. \$20 will put together a kit, but give what you can. And, if you have sleeping bags, blankets, stocking caps, coats, woolen socks, tarps, please bring them to the church or drop them by the Abundance Shop.

People of Faith for Justice invites you to

COURAGEOUS AND HOLY RESISTANCE: THE LEGACY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING

Sunday, January 15 at 3:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church, 981 Marsh St. SLO.

Interfaith service in word and song, followed by interactive workshop "Nurturing Non-Violence." We'll learn tools for peaceful resistance in troubled times! Guest Speakers: the Rev Eugenia Gamble - Nipomo Community Presbyterian Church, and Dr. Jay Adams - Facilitator, Alternatives to Violence Program. Contributions will be accepted for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Fund dedicated to assisting students in the San Luis Obispo area. www.peopleoffaithforjustice.org

Spiritual Journey Groups Forming

Have you ever wanted to know more about the people next to you in the pew? Or wondered how we all ended up here together? This is your opportunity.

During Epiphany/Lent, spiritual journey groups will meet three times, once a month in January, February and March. Each group will have about 6 members. At each meeting there will be time for prayer and brief sharing together, and then two members will have 20 - 30 minute each to share their faith story in any way they wish. There will be some ground rules so that this will be a confidential and safe space to talk and get to know one another in a deeper way. The groups will meet at the church unless a group member wants to invite the group to their home.

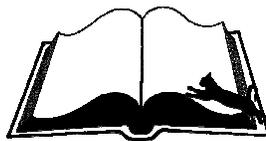
If you want to participate, please email Danna (office@stbenslososos.org) no later than Jan 15, and tell her which of the following times would work for you: Monday evening; Tues morning; Wednesday morning; Wednesday evening; Thursday afternoon; Saturday morning; Sunday afternoon. She will do her best to fit everyone into a group in a timeslot that works for them.

Lectio Divina with the Prophet Isaiah

Listen for the *Word that gives meaning.*

Lectio for January 9-13

Monday	Isaiah 61:1-4
Tuesday	Isaiah 61:5-7
Wednesday	Isaiah 61:8-9
Thursday	Isaiah 61:10
Friday	Isaiah 61:11



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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