

Benediction Weekly

June 11, 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.



Trinity Sunday

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
- 2:00 pm – SLO Deanery Mtg. at St. Stephen's SLO

Tuesday, June 13

- 5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck supper

Wednesday, June 14

- 2:30 pm – Earthcare Meeting
- 5:00 pm – Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:00 pm – Choir Practice

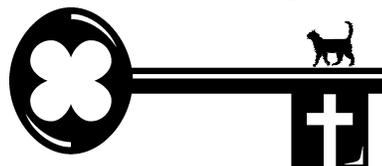
Thursday, June 15

- 7:00 pm – Thinking Person's Guide to the Bible
- 7:00 pm – Drop-in Dream Group

Sunday, June 18

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/music
- 12:30 pm – Parish Council Meeting

The church building has been entirely re-keyed with new locks. Old keys will no longer get you access. If you are someone who has regular duties here that necessitates your having a key, please contact Danna in the church office to have one issued to you. Keys are individually numbered and are stamped "do not duplicate." If you are someone who only occasionally needs access you may still use the key box, but the combination will be changed monthly, and so it is important that Danna knows who is using it.



Stations of the Cosmic Christ

Many of you will have heard of theologian Matthew Fox who developed Creation Theology with its idea of original blessing instead of original sin. Now he has worked with two artists to develop "Stations of the Cosmic Christ" which invite us, like the Stations of the Cross, to go deeper into the mystery which is the Christ. In these 16 stations, we are invited to a mini walking pilgrimage in which we meditate on the seven "I am" statements that Jesus makes, and the nine events in the life of Jesus that are cosmic based including the Nativity, Baptism, and the Transfiguration. Our Earthcare group has arranged to bring the Stations of the Cosmic Christ to St Benedict's in October and they will be here through Christmas. In addition, Matthew Fox will be with us the first weekend in December. He will present workshops on Friday and Saturday and then preach on Sunday morning. These talks will be open to the public. Mark your calendar now for this extraordinary opportunity.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Barry Turner; Preacher: The Rev. Donna Ross;
Eucharistic Ministers: Bryson McKelvey & Diana Hammerlund; Lectors: Tom Pickering & Ann Edwards;
Ushers: Michael Lucas & Esta Kandarian; Greeter: Joan Hayes; Altar Guild: Diana Hammerlund; Flowers: Lisa Gonzalez;
Coffee Hour Hosts: Pat Stoneman & Stef Shuman; Tellers: Mary Ellen Rico & Judith Cadigan;
Intercessor: Judy Schloss; 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. 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*
Rod Morse, Jr. *Warden*
Pamela Bleisch, Lisa Gonzalez,
Esta Kandarian, Barbara Schippers,
Francis Rivinus, and Kathie West.

World Refugee Day

Every year on June 20, the international community celebrates World Refugee Day. The Episcopal Church joins with individuals and communities to honor the resilience, hope, and innovation that refugees around the world embody.

Currently, there are over 65 million displaced persons around the world, and of those, 21 million are refugees. Refugees are people that have had to flee their home country due to persecution based on religion, race, nationality, or membership to a particular social or political group. The Episcopal Church's foremost response to the refugee crisis is through Episcopal Migration Ministries, the Church's resettlement agency that partners with the federal government to resettle refugees and offer them new life in communities around the U.S.

Refugee resettlement is a final option for refugees—it is a life-saving option for individuals who cannot return home or integrate into the country into which they fled. Refugees who are resettled to the U.S. undergo extensive & lengthy vetting and are partnered with one of nine resettlement agencies, such as Episcopal Migration Ministries, to receive tools to assist them as they integrate, thrive, and become self-sufficient.

On this World Refugee Day, Episcopalians can join in celebration and in prayer to honor the dignity of each refugee. While refugees face often unimaginable situations and loss, refugees are individuals who bring untold skills and talents that reflect the indomitable human spirit. As people of faith, we must recognize those individual hopes and dreams as we answer the call to love as Jesus loved and welcome the stranger.

Get involved in the ministry of refugee resettlement:

Stand to Support Refugees: <http://www.episcopalmigrationministries.org/stand-support-refugees-statement/>

Advocate for refugees: <http://advocacy.episcopalchurch.org/RefugeeAdvocacy>

- Lacy Broemel
<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com>

Los Osos Community Dinners

Starting in May, St Benedict's Homeless Outreach group has been working with other groups and congregations to provide a free community dinner in Los Osos. This is intended to provide support for those who are living on the edge, as well as being a place to grow community. Dinners are available on the first and third Monday at 5pm at Trinity Methodist. St. Benedict's is committed to providing a hot meal once every two months.

Our next date will be July 3rd.

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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