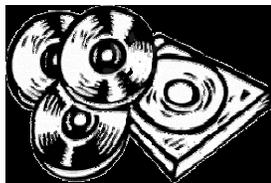


Benediction Weekly

April 10, 2016

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.



Café Musique's CD Release Party April 17 – 3pm

A performance celebrating Café Musique's 4th album: *Ebb & Flo* will be held at St. Ben's next Sunday. CDs will be available for sale. Described as "gypsy/swing/tango/folk/wild/classical," their music may sampled at <http://www.cafemusique.org/> \$20 tickets are sold at the door or still available at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2519001>. Café Musique recommends purchasing tickets ahead, as the shows have been selling out. Refreshments at intermission.

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 with music
- 12:30 pm – Lunch Bunch at Celia's Garden Café

Tuesday, April 12

- 5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck at 6:15
- 7:15 pm – "Active Hope" Study-Action Group

Wednesday, April 13

- 10:00 am – Intercessory Prayer Circle
- 2:30 pm – Earthcare Meeting
- 7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 14

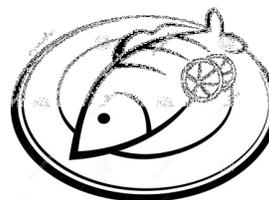
- 7:00 pm – "Finding Christ through Buddha"

Sunday, April 17

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music
- 2:00 pm – Deanery Meeting at St Paul's, Cambria
- 3:00 pm – Café Musique's CD release party

Sustainable Seafood:

What you should know about the Seafood you eat.



An informative presentation by local biologist Steve Hendricks. **Monday, April 18th 7pm at St. Ben's.**

What are the best seafood choices and why? Does it matter how seafood is harvested or farmed? What seafood is healthy / unhealthy for you? Explore various commercial fishing methods, including fish farming, and their impacts on the marine environment.

Steve Hendricks grew up on the Central Coast and holds a BS in Fish Biology from Humboldt State, and MS in Fish Biology from Oregon State and worked more than ten years as a fish biologist. He has taught biology at Cuesta and Hancock colleges the past 10 years. Steve is an avid fisherman who is concerned about the future health of our oceans.

Active Hope Study-Action group meets this Tuesday evening, following Vespers & potluck.

Learn more about this group led by Linda Seeley, based on the book *Active Hope* by Joanna Macy and Chris Johnstone, at our website, <http://www.stbenslososos.org/event-items/active-hope-a-study-action-group/>

"Finding Christ Through Buddha", a new Hollister Institute class, begins this week exploring the ways that an understanding of some aspects of Buddhism can enhance our experience of Christian spirituality. The key text will be *"Without Buddha I could not be a Christian"* by Paul F. Knitter. The class will be led by Rev. Caro+ and will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. on Thursdays, April 14, April 28, May 5 and May 12. More details available on our website, <http://www.stbenslososos.org/event-items/hollister-institute-class-2/>

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Donna Ross; Preacher: The Rev. Barry Turner;
Eucharistic Ministers: Bryson McKelvey & Stef Shuman; Lectors: Francis Rivinus & Judith Cadigan;
Ushers: Steve Hirahara & Ron Thompson; Greeter: Joan Hayes; Altar Guild: Pat Stoneman & Stef Shuman;
Coffee Hour Hosts: Judy Schloss & Pat Stoneman; Flowers: Brian Spolarich;
Tellers: June Wright & Elaine Goodman; 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. 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 Sea Pines Golf Resort Grill.

PEOPLE'S KITCHEN – Providing and serving food at Prado Day Center, 1st Saturday of odd-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.

RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND On the last Sunday of each month, the loose plate offering is designated to this fund to help those in need.

VESPERS AND CONVERSATION 5:30 pm Tuesdays. Vespers service using varying liturgies, followed by potluck supper.

VESTRY / PARISH COUNCIL:
Maria Kelly, Sr. Warden
Anne Kanter, Jr. Warden
John Cribb, Francis Rivinus,
Lisa Gonzalez, Barbara Schippers,
Elaine Goodman, Kathie West,
Esta Kandarian and Jo Oliver.

The Third Sunday of Easter—Year C

Welcome to our parish as we begin the third week of the church's celebration of Christ's resurrection. The theme of this Sunday's liturgy is Jesus' revelation of his risen life in the Holy Eucharist: the breaking of bread and sharing of the cup. This year we hear John's account of the meeting that took place between the disciples and the Lord on the shore of the sea of Tiberias. It culminated, as did so many of the resurrection appearances, in the Lord sharing food with his disciples and in that way making himself known to them.

The reading from Acts is the account of Paul's conversion from his stance an enemy of Christ and a persecutor of the church to its greatest missionary and preacher.

The second reading from the Revelation of John envisions the final conversion of the entire human race and of the whole creation. It seems likely that the image of the heavenly worship in this book was inspired by the author's own experience of the church's Eucharistic worship.

From the very beginning of the Church's life, the Holy Eucharist has been a major means of conversion to faith in Christ. The conversion which the Spirit has begun in us in Baptism is nurtured and deepened in Holy Communion. The risen Lord, made known to us in the breaking of the bread, continues his work of redemption in the lives of people in every time and place.

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People of Faith for Justice presents...

The Bible Cabaret Comedy Review
starring **Rev. Jane Voigts,**
“*The Irreverent Reverend,*”
with Steve Kadin on piano

An evening of playful exploration of the biblical text in the form of a variety show. Jane's monologues and characters tell the biblical narrative from "the comedic lens."

**Monday, April 25, 7pm at
UU Fellowship
2201 Lawton Ave, SLO**

Fundraiser for PFJ – Tickets \$20 at
<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2519670>

Wine and Snacks available for donation

ECW Day of Enrichment

The Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of El Camino Real invite all the women of the diocese to St. Paul's, Salinas on April 23rd, for their annual day of learning through workshops on many topics, for spiritual growth, education, and celebration.

The program will include **Holy Eucharist** with the Rev. Barbara Miller, St. James, Paso Robles, celebrant; **A Keynote Address**, from the Rev. Peggy Bryan, St. Andrew's, Saratoga, “*From Sidewalks to Cellblocks: Finding Love in All the 'Wrong' Places*”; and **Classes** on Bible Women; Godly Knitting; Social Justice; Speaking Your Values; and Zentangle.

\$25 registration includes lunch. Deadline April 15th. Details and registration forms available on St. Ben's bulletin board, or in the latest diocesan newsletter at <http://www.realepiscopal.org/newsletter/>

Training sessions for new Eucharistic Ministers will begin with Rev. Caro on Sunday May 1 and May 8 at 9:15 am. Anyone interested in serving in this vital ministry should speak with the Rector.



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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