

Benediction Weekly

May 8, 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.



A Prayer for all Mothers

Loving God, we thank you for all mothers – for all they mean or have meant, for the love they have shown and the care they have given. We thank you for the qualities of mothers – patience, kindness, concern and understanding. We thank you for the part they play in our lives, and we thank you for the opportunity to say what we so often mean to say but so rarely do. For mothers and motherhood, for children and families we bring you this day our grateful praise. Amen.

CALENDAR – This week at St. Benedict's: (at the church unless otherwise specified)

TODAY

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:15 am – Eucharistic Minister Training
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with music
- 12:30 pm – Lunch Bunch at Celia's Garden Café

Tuesday, May 10

- 5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck at 6:15
- 7:00 pm – “Active Hope” study-action group

Wednesday, May 11

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

Thursday, May 12

- 7:00 pm – Hollister Institute: “Finding Christ through Buddha”

Saturday, May 14

- 9:00 am – Men's Breakfast at Sea Pines Grill
- 5:30 pm – Saturday Evening Eucharist

Sunday, May 15 DAY OF PENTECOST

- 8:00 am – Contemplative
Communion Service
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music



You are invited to a
FREE screening of the film

“How To Let Go of the World and Love All the Things Climate Can't Change”

Josh Fox, Academy Award nominated writer and director of *Gasland* is currently doing a 12 country, 6 continent *Let Go And Love Tour* and will be in SLO tomorrow.

Monday, May 9th 6-9:00 p.m.
at the Fremont Theatre

Following the film, Josh Fox will lead a panel discussion on furthering SLO County's renewable energy revolution!!

This showing is being sponsored by a coalition of local environmental groups, including SLO Mothers for Peace, People of Faith for Justice, Citizens Climate Lobby, 350.org, No Oil Trains, SLO Clean Water, Ecologistics and others.

Next Sunday is Pentecost! The Day of Pentecost commemorates of the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples, and is sometimes considered to be the “Birthday of the Church!” You are invited to wear RED (or at least a touch of it) traditionally symbolizing the Holy Spirit, in celebration.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Minister: Bryson McKelvey; Chalice: Stef Shuman;
Lector: Judith Cadigan; Ushers: Michael Lucas & Marie Moore; Greeter: Bobbie Shields;
Altar Guild: Stef Shuman; Flowers: Elaine Goodman; Coffee Hour Hosts: Alice Welchert & Joan Ghilotti;
Tellers: Steve Cake & 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.

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

VESTRY / PARISH COUNCIL:

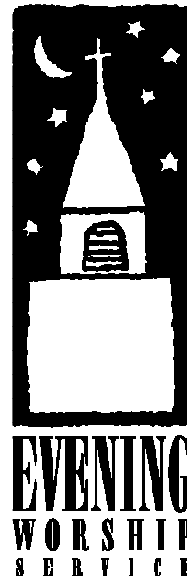
Maria Kelly, Sr. Warden
Anne Kanter, Jr. Warden
John Cribb, Francis Rivinus,
Lisa Gonzalez, Barbara Schippers,
Kathie West, Esta Kandarian
and Rod Morse.

Men's Breakfast this Saturday



Gather at the Sea Pines Grill at the Los Osos golf course at 9am this Saturday for the monthly Men's Breakfast. This is a no-host social time with no agenda - just breakfast and conversation.

Saturday Evening Eucharist



On the second Saturday of each month we gather at 5:30 for a quiet and gentle Eucharist. This service includes easy to sing music - most of which you won't find in the hymnbook, times of silence, Bible readings, poetry and reflection. For those who wish, it is followed by a simple soup supper.

Please join us this week!

Rector's Furlough

Caro+ will be furloughed May 16 through June 18. As usual, our Sunday morning worship will be ably led by our clergy team; the wardens Anne Kanter and Maria Kelly will be on hand to deal with the business of the church; and Celeste Pennington and Esta Kandarian will coordinate pastoral care. Danna is also in the office Tuesday through Thursday 9:30 to 12:30 and ready to help you with questions about scheduling and administration. Don't forget that our calendar and upcoming events all appear on the church website: www.stbenslososos.org

BLACK LIVES MATTER

Black Lives Matter: a Conversation About Race

Gather for an evening of short videos and interactive conversation on race. All are welcome! Youth and teens, too!

Facilitated by: Julie Lynem and Gina Whitaker
of Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Social Justice Committee
Co-Sponsored by Trinity UMC and St. Benedict's Episcopal Church

Monday, June 6, 6:30 pm
Trinity United Methodist Church 490 Los Osos Valley Rd. Los Osos

Light refreshments will be served. Childcare provided

Giving in April - St. Ben's General Operating Fund - Thank you!!

April Income: \$ 6,995	Monthly Income Budgeted: \$ 11,961	Difference: (\$ 4,966) shortfall
YTD Income: \$ 49,896	YTD Income Budgeted: \$ 47,843	Difference: \$ 2,053 surplus

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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