

Benediction Weekly

May 29, 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.



Potluck Lunch Next Sunday

---and don't forget to bring contributions
of non-perishable food items for Prado Day Center

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

Tuesday, May 31

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

Wednesday, June 1

7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, June 5

NO 8am service or Bible Study
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/music, followed by
Potluck Lunch

May 19th Parish Council Meeting Highlights:

- We welcomed Ken Kenyon and Rod Morse to the vestry as newly appointed members to complete the terms vacated by Elaine Goodman (Ken) and Jo Oliver (Rod).
- We were able to sell some of the stock we were given (when the price went up briefly) and are using just over \$250,000 to pay down the bank loan.
- The new audio-visual system for the sanctuary will be installed in June.
- The county is requiring that we remove all the pipes from the aborted fire sprinkler system OR complete installation. Without an installed system we will not be able to expand or build anything else on the property. We are sending a letter of intent to remove the existing system, but right now we are researching the current cost of completing the installation before our permit expires in 2018.
- We have hired Adrienne Harris as a consultant to help us develop long-term plans for the building and grounds, e.g. columbarium, parking lot expansion, etc.
- The Abundance Shop will be moving to a larger, single-story building further down 9th Street. The lease starts July 1.
- We are hoping that on Saturday July 9th we can celebrate both St Benedict's Day and the completion of the Great Room project.

Submitted by Anne Kanter

Rector's Furlough

Caro+ is on furlough 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. (See contact numbers on back page.) Visit the church website: www.stbenslososos.org for our calendar and upcoming events.

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

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Donna Ross; Preacher: The Rev. Mary Elizabeth Pratt-Horsley;
Eucharistic Minister: Diana Hammerlund; Chalice Bearer: Stef Shuman;

Lectors: John Horsley & Rob Ross; Ushers: Steve Hirahara & Marie Moore; Greeter: Ken Kenyon;
Altar Guild: Stef Shuman; Flowers: Alice Welchert; Coffee Hour Hosts: Joan Hayes & Gigi Rivinus;

Tellers: Francis Rivinus & Bryson McKelvey; 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 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.

Proper 4: Sunday closest to June 1—Year C

Welcome to our parish. As we take up the Gospel of Luke, which we began reading after Epiphany, Jesus has completed the teaching called “the sermon on the plain” and we begin to hear of stories about his ministry, especially healings. A Gentile centurion asks Jesus to heal his slave. That Jesus would deal with a centurion and that the centurion would care about the health of a slave were both surprising. God’s care for all people is revealed in this story.

The first reading reflects what was a new concern for Judaism after the Exile (even though the story is of Solomon long before). The Torah had commanded Israel to care for the strangers in their midst but now the foreigners are to be called into membership in Israel. Centuries later, this class of God-fearing Gentiles was an important group in the missionary work of the early church.

The inclusion of Gentiles within the church was a painful issue. Paul’s letter to the Galatians, which we begin reading today, is largely concerned with the controversy this raised for Christians. The Judaizers (Christians who insisted that only Jews could be baptized) were troubling the church in Galatia. Paul insists that the gospel is for all people. Those who claim otherwise are preaching a false gospel.

We gather in Eucharist to proclaim the universality of God’s love for all people: a foretaste of our being gathered into the eternal joy of God’s Reign. We are sent forth to call all people into this family and to minister to all in the name of Christ.

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June 2016							Highlights
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11	5 - "Potluck and Prado" following 1030 service 6 - "Black Lives Matter" at Trinity UMC, 630p 8 - Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a 8 - Earthcare Meeting, 230p 11 - Men's Breakfast at Sea Pines Grill, 9a 11 - Saturday Evening Eucharist, 530p 12 - Lunch Bunch at Celia's Garden Café, 1230p 12 - Deanery Meeting w/Speaker on Affordable Housing, 2p 16 - Parish Council Meeting, 630p 16 - Drop-in Dream Group, 7p 18 - Hawaiian Guitar Concert, 7p 21 - "Meet Me in Morro" at Bayside Café, 12n 22 - Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a 25 - Lit Lovers' Book Club at Stef Shuman's, 1p 26 - Earthcare: Ecology Walk of the Elfin Forest, 2p 26 - Classical Guitar Benefit Concert, 630p 30 - "Embracing an Adult Faith" Hollister class begins, 7p
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30			
<p><u>Weekly Events:</u> Tuesdays: Vespers 530p, Potluck 615p Wednesdays: Choir Rehearsal 7p <u>Sundays:</u> Contemplative Communion 8a (except 1st Sun) Bible study 920a (except 1st Sunday) Holy Eucharist with Music 1030a</p>							

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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