

# Benediction Weekly

## September 11, 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.*



**California's Annual Coastal Cleanup Day** takes place this Saturday along more than 2,000 miles of coastal and inland shoreline. Local efforts are being organized by **EcoSlo**. The St. Ben's team will be cleaning up Morro Strand and the Toro Creek area from 9am to 12pm. Please wear your St Benedict's T-shirt and consider carpooling. For more information contact Caro+.

### 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  
12:00 pm – Living Cosmology webcast  
12:30 pm – Lunch Bunch at Celia's Garden Cafe  
4:00 pm – Sunday Session: "**Wordsauce**"

#### **Tuesday, Sep 13**

5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck at 6:15  
7:00 pm – Hollister Institute: Care for Creation

#### **Wednesday, Sep 14**

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

#### **Thursday, Sep 15**

7:00 pm – Drop-in Dream Group

#### **Saturday, Sep 17**

Beach Clean up Day

#### **Sunday, Sep 18**

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service  
9:20 am – Bible Study  
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/music  
4:00 pm – Sunday Session: "**Melody Klemin**"

## Today is Fauna Sunday

*in our September observation of  
Season of Creation*



**Celebrate all living creatures**

### Hollister Institute

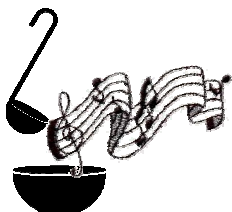
Our discussion series on Care for Creation: A Franciscan Spirituality of the Earth, by Delio, Warner & Wood, continues at 7pm on Tuesdays.

Sept. 13, Creation and Contemplation

Sept. 20, Film: *View from the Center of the Universe*

Sept. 27, Creation and Conversion

We'll conclude the series with a "hands on" practical session at Trinity UMC on Sunday, Oct. 2 at 4 pm.



**"Wordsauce,"** an eight-piece Live Hip Hop/Funk band, will play at 4 o'clock this

afternoon in the first of our series of free **Sunday Session** concerts with an opportunity for spiritual connection and reflection.

Followed by jam session at 5pm. Band info at: <http://wordsauce.com/>

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

August Income: \$ 8,054	Monthly Income Budgeted: \$ 11,961	Difference: (\$ 3,907) shortfall
YTD Income: \$ 90,146	YTD Income Budgeted: \$ 95,687	Difference: (\$ 5,541) shortfall

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Ministers: Bob Pelfrey and Judy Schloss;  
Lectors: Alek Speck & Francis Rivinus; Ushers: Margaret Fegan & Rod Morse; Greeter: Ann Edwards;  
Altar Guild: Diana Hammerlund; Flowers: Pamela Bleisch; Coffee Hour Hosts: Gigi Rivinus & Ann Lucas;  
Tellers: Steve Cake & Carol Baker; Intercessor: Judy Schloss;  
Music Director: John Cribb. Thank you 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 10am.

**LITLOVERS' BOOK CLUB** - Discussion and fellowship. 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 1pm in members' homes.

**LUNCH BUNCH** - lunchtime social gathering following church, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays at Celia's Garden Café.

**MEET ME IN MORRO** - lunchtime social gathering, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at varying restaurants in Morro Bay.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** - morning social gathering, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays 9am at Sea Pines Golf Resort Grill.

**PEOPLE'S KITCHEN** - Providing and serving food at Prado Day Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of odd-numbered months.

**POTLUCK AND PRADO** on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 6:30pm  
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.

## **Living Cosmology: Dwelling within the Journey of the Universe A Webcast with Mary Evelyn Tucker Introduction and Closing Comments by Richard Rohr 64 minutes; Join us in The Great Room after church, TODAY**

We are living in a time of immense challenge on every front—socially, politically, ecologically, and spiritually. As Thomas Berry suggested, we need a new story to reorient and ground ourselves to meet these challenges. Mary Evelyn Tucker tells such a story—an epic of evolution—that has the potential to bring together the best of modern science and the humanities, including religion, spirituality, and philosophy. This more unified perspective can give us a sense of where we have come from and how we belong. Indeed, a comprehensive story of Universe, Earth, and humans will inspire the Great Work of transformation in our times. Tucker invites us to participate in the creative flourishing of the Earth community. Father Richard Rohr will offer a brief introduction and closing comments.

**Mary Evelyn Tucker** is a Senior Lecturer and Research Scholar at Yale University. She teaches on religion and ecology. Tucker has worked closely with Thomas Berry and Brian Swimme, and she frequently collaborates with her husband, John Grim. Tucker's books include **Journey of the Universe**, **Living Cosmology**, and **The Sacred Universe**.



## **Tour the Sargent House Art Exhibit on September 11**

The public is invited to a free art exhibit today from 2 pm to 5 pm, in the 1896 Sargent House at 154 Central Avenue in Salinas, at the Offices of the Diocese of El Camino Real. Visitors can tour the first new collection of more than 45 art masterpieces, on loan from regional artists. It's also a rare chance for the public to tour the Sargent House, restored by the diocese in 2015 to be its new offices. Refreshments will be included.

The exhibit will showcase the works of more than 12 renowned artists in the Central Coast and South Bay Area and represents the creative passion of these artists and their vibrant creations are presented in a variety of art forms, including oils, watercolors, photographs, weavings, sculptures, and mixed media. While much of the artwork is on loan, some pieces are available for purchase. The exhibit will continue through October, however appointments are recommended.

"This art provides the final magical component that gives the classically structured Sargent House the warmth and beauty of the 21st Century," said Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves. "In its capacity as a revitalized historical landmark, we hope to offer Sargent House as a welcoming venue and outlet for exhibition of the area's many outstanding artists on a regular basis."

More info at <http://www.realepiscopal.org/>



### **Register now for Ralph's Community Rewards Program**

*Sign in* to your online account at [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com) to enroll or re-enroll in the community rewards program. St. Benedict's is #83646. If you don't have computer access, please call Ralph's at 1-800-443-4438 for assistance.

**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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