

# Benediction Weekly

## September 25, 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.*

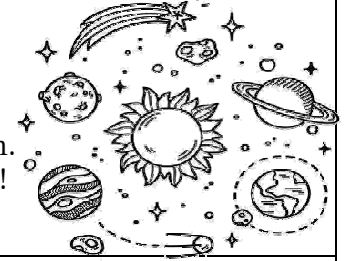
### Today is Cosmos Sunday

in our September observation of the Season of Creation

Come to the final discussion, "Creation and Conversion" on Tuesday at 7pm.

Fr. Barry will bring his telescope for stargazing, if the weather cooperates!

Dress warmly.



**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
- 2:00 pm – SLO Deanery Mtg & ECR Budget Info at St. Paul's, Cambria
- 4:00 pm – Sunday Session: *"Five Parts Devil"*

#### Tuesday, Sep 27

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

#### Wednesday, Sep 28

- 10:00 am – Intercessory Prayer Chain
- 7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

#### Sunday, Oct 2

- No 8am Communion Service or Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/music  
Followed by Potluck Lunch
- 1pm & 2 pm – Blessing of Animals @ SBCC & LOMS
- 4:00 pm – Sunday Session: *"Albert Jr. Band"*
- 4:00 pm – Down2Earth Earthkeeping Event @ TUMS

### *St. Francis' Day Observed, October 2:*

*Holy Eucharist* at 10:30am,  
followed by our monthly potluck lunch

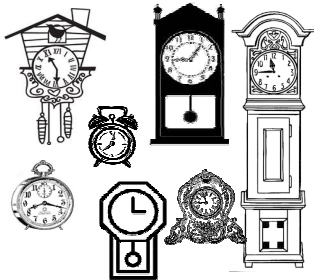
#### *Blessing of the Animals*

This year there will be two opportunities for blessing animals: the first will be at 1pm at the South Bay Community Center on the side lawn, and the second will be at Los Osos Middle School field at 2pm.

#### *Down 2 Earth*

Workshop Event at Trinity United Methodist Church, 490 L.O.V.R., Oct 2nd 4-6pm. As the Season of Creation draws to a close, please join us for free Earthkeeping workshops including water conservation, container gardening, and soil and composting. Co-sponsored by TUMS & St. Ben's.

***Five Parts Devil*** will be featured at 4 o'clock this afternoon in our ongoing series of "Sunday Sessions", a music and reflections service. Five Parts Devil is a San Luis Obispo based trio, composed of Paul Lewolt – Guitar and Vocals; Scott Conroy – Bass and Vocals; and Alek Speck – Drums. They provide generous amounts of obscure Americana, roots music, traditional Rockabilly, classic Nashville and Bakersfield music and guilty pleasures.



**St. Peter's Readers' Theater will present Agatha Christie's murder mystery, *"The Clocks"*** adapted and directed by Jonniepat Mobley, on ***Sunday, Oct 16*** at 3 p.m. in Morro Bay. Hercule Poirot, played by John Cribb, will exercise his "little grey cells" once again in the solving of the mystery. We have a great cast of nine, from St. Peter's, St. Benedict's and the community. Join us after the show for a glass of sherry and cheese and biscuits in the St. Peter's Parish Hall. Tickets \$15 at the door.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Minister: Alan Kiste; Chalice Bearer: John Horsley;  
Lectors: Bryson McKelvey & Brian Spolarich; Ushers: Rob Ross & Esta Kandarian; Greeter: Bobbi Shields;  
Altar Guild: Stef Shuman; Flowers: Gigi Rivinus; Coffee Hour Hosts: Connie Weldon & Carol Baker;  
Tellers: Bryson McKelvey & Francis Rivinus; Intercessor: Louisa Beeler; 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.

## Hollister Institute – The Life and Writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

October 13 - November 3, 10am

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German Lutheran pastor, theologian, anti-Nazi dissident, and key founding member of the Confessing Church. His writings on Christianity's role in the secular world have become widely influential, and his book *The Cost of Discipleship* became a modern classic. This DVD-based class will consider the major themes of Bonhoeffer's writing and speaking, his resistance to Nazism and how his beliefs continue to impact the church today.

Thursday October 13: What is the Church?

Thursday October 20: Living in Christian Community

Thursday October 27: Religionless Christianity

Thursday, November 3: Come and Die

The conversations will be led by Caroline Hall+. Everyone is welcome, and participants can expect to be challenged with some new ideas about Christian community and our response to the Gospel. If there is interest this can run Tuesday evenings as well so please let Caro+ know if you would come to an evening class.

### Lennie Erickson's Eclectia Lecture Series

St Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 545 Shasta Ave., Morro Bay  
Six Thursdays at 1:30 - 3:30 pm ~ \$15 for series (or \$3/class)

Oct 13 **Phoebe Hearst & Julia Morgan: A Conversation**

~Donna Crocker & Marj Sewell

Oct 20 **Can We Change Climate Change?**

~Sharon Rippner

Oct 27 **Five Days in Mar Saba Monastery in the Judean Desert**

~Jeff Wheelwright

Nov 3 **What is Mindfulness & How Do We Practice It?**

~Carole Maurer

Nov 10 **From Glass Art to the 2016 Election**

~Jim Huchthausen

Nov 17 **The Legendary Wits of the Algonquin Round Table**

~Sidney Symington

### OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS AT ST. BENEDICT'S

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#### Weekly Events:

**Tuesdays:** Vespers 530p, Potluck 615p, and

**Wednesdays:** Choir Rehearsal 7p

**Thursdays:** Bonhoeffer Class, 10a (begins Oct 13)

#### Sundays:

**Contemplative Communion** 8a (except 1st Sun)

**Bible study** 920a (except 1st Sunday)

**Holy Eucharist with Music** 1030a

**Sunday Sessions program** 4pm

2 - "Potluck and Prado" following 1030 service

2 - Blessing of the Animals, 1p + 2p

2 - Earthcare Workshops, 4p at TUMS

6 - Healing Ministry Mtg, 4p

6 - Drop-in Dream Group, 7p

8 - Men's Breakfast at Celia's Garden Café, 9a

8 - Saturday Evening Eucharist, 530p

9 - Lunch Bunch at Celia's Garden Café, 1230p

12 - Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a

12 - Earthcare Meeting, 230p

15 - Hunger Walk, Morro Bay, 8a

16 - Chili Cook-off at Canterbury, 4p

18 - "Meet Me in Morro" at GAFCO, 12n

20 - Parish Council Meeting, 6p

20 - Drop-in Dream Group, 7p

21 - Gratitude Dinner, 6p

22 - LitLovers' Book Club, 1p

26 - Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a

30 - Healing Service, 1030a

**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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