

Benediction Weekly

October 2, 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.



Blessing of the Animals

There will be two opportunities for blessing animals today: 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.

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

TODAY

No 8am Communion Service or Bible Study
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, followed by Potluck
1 & 2 pm – Blessing of Animals @ SBCC & LOMS
4:00 pm – Sunday Session: “*Albert Jr. Band*”
4:00 pm – Down2Earth Event @ TUMS

Tuesday, Oct 4

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

Wednesday, Oct 5

7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Oct 6

4:00 pm – Healing Ministry Meeting
7:00 pm – Drop-in Dream Group

Saturday, Oct 8

9:00 am – Men's Breakfast at Celia's Garden Café
5:30 pm – Saturday Evening Eucharist

Sunday, Oct 9

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
9:20 am – Bible Study
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/music
12:30 pm – Lunch Bunch at Celia's Garden Café
4:00 pm – Sunday Session: “*Samba Loco*”

The Gates of Hope

by Victoria Safford.

Our mission is to plant ourselves at the gates of Hope –
Not the prudent gates of Optimism,
Which are somewhat narrower.
Not the stalwart, boring gates of Common Sense;
Nor the strident gates of Self-Righteousness,
Which creak on shrill and angry hinges
(People cannot hear us there; they cannot pass through)
Nor the cheerful, flimsy garden gate of
“Everything is gonna' be all right.”
But a different, sometimes lonely place,
The place of truth-telling,
About your own soul first of all and its condition.
The place of resistance and defiance,
The piece of ground from which you see the world
Both as it is and as it could be
As it will be;
The place from which you glimpse not only struggle,
But the joy of the struggle.
And we stand there, beckoning and calling,
Telling people what we are seeing
Asking people what they see.



Down 2 Earth: Workshop Event at Trinity United Methodist Church, 490 L.O.V.R., today from 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.

Albert Jr. Band will be featured at 4pm today in our ongoing series of “Sunday Sessions”, a music and reflections service. Albert Jr. Band is Albert Sanudo Jr. and Alek Speck, with a rotating roster of occasional guests. For Sunday Sessions at St. Ben's, Albert Jr. Band will be taking “a journey within” presenting songs exploring dreams, existence, travel, nature, romance and social justice.



LitLovers' Book Club Selection for October:

"The Blue Tattoo: The Life of Olive Oatman" - by Margot Mifflin, *non-fiction*

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Minister: Michael Lucas; Chalice Bearer: Esta Kandarian;
Lectors: Francis Rivinus & Alan Kiste; Ushers: Lisa Gonzalez & Connie Weldon; Greeter: Brian Spolarich;
Altar Guild: Pamela Bleisch; Flowers: Brian Spolarich; Potluck Hosts: Alice Welchert & Joan Ghilotti;
Tellers: Stef Shuman & Mary Ellen Rico; Intercessor: Lisa Gonzalez; Cantor: Anne Kanter; 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. 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

3rd 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.

Join Team St. Benedict's for the October 15 Hunger Walk + 5K Coleman Park, Morro Bay

Hunger in SLO County: 44,000 of our neighbors in San Luis Obispo County struggle with hunger. 40% are children and teens 18 years and younger. 15% are seniors, often on a fixed income. Many are working parents who are faced with choosing to pay for utility bills or buy groceries.

Hunger Walk + 5K is an opportunity to make a difference in our community by raising funds so that the Food Bank Coalition can continue to provide food to those in need throughout San Luis Obispo County. This is a 5K fun-run. Participants may run or walk the 5K route. There will also be a 1-mile loop for those who don't go the entire 5K.



To join Team St. Benedict's, as a participant or a donor, please speak with Pamela Bleisch

Information at <http://www.slofoodbank.org/events/hungerwalk5k>

SLO Canterbury Foundation presents: Chili Cook-off & Chicken BBQ with Silent Auction and Raffle

Sunday, October 15 4-6:30 pm

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1344 Nipomo St., SLO
\$10 before Oct 9, or \$12 at the door, \$ 8 child

Tablet Raffle: **Kindle Fire 7** or **iPad mini**

Raffle tickets available presale or at the event

Winner need not be present to win.

*Details on the flyer on our bulletin board. or contact
Canterbury Foundation at 805-543-7212 ext 13*



Hollister Institute – The Life and Writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Tuesdays Evenings or Thursday Mornings, beginning Oct 11 & 13

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.

There will be two class options: Tuesday evenings at 7:15 or Thursday mornings at 10.

October 11 & 13: What is the Church?

October 18 & 20: Living in Christian Community

October 25 & 27: Religionless Christianity

November 1 & 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.

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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