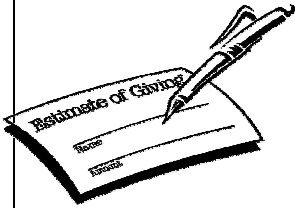


Benediction Weekly

November 13, 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 Pledge In-gathering Sunday. Please fill out your financial pledge card for 2017 and put it in the offering plate this morning. Cards were mailed to your home this week, and are also available at the church. If you cannot complete it today, please mail in your card or return it as soon as possible.

Thank you!

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
- 12:30 pm – Lunch Bunch at Celia's Garden Café
- 4:00 pm – Sunday Session: *Noach Tangeras*

Tuesday, Nov 15

- 12 noon - Meet Me in Morro lunch group at Dorn's
- 5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck at 6:15

Wednesday, Nov 16

- 7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Nov 17

- 6:00 pm – Parish Council Meeting
- 7:00 pm – Drop-in Dream Group

Friday-Sunday

Parish Retreat, Mount Calvary, Santa Barbara

Sunday, Nov 20

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/ music
- 4:00 pm – Sunday Session: *Lulu and the Cowtippers*



Mark Your Calendar

“Spiff the Church” All-Parish Workday:

Saturday, December 3 from 9am till done.

Christmas Concert with the St. Benedict Singers:

Saturday, December 17 at 3pm

Blue Christmas Service:

Sunday December 18 at 5pm

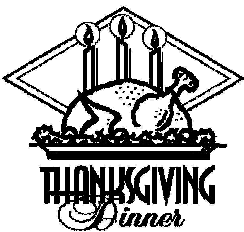
Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist:

Saturday, December 24 at 8pm

Christmas Day Eucharist:

Sunday, December 25 at 10:30 am,
Followed by Brunch

noach tangeras will be featured today at 4pm in our ongoing series of “Sunday Sessions” services of music and spiritual connection and reflection. Morro Bay musician Noach Tangeras is a singer/songwriter and acoustic guitarist. Her Americana style and soulful sound have strong roots in folk, country, blues, and rock.



We will have a Thanksgiving Day dinner at the church on Thursday, November 24, at 1pm. This is always a fun and delicious event. Everyone is welcome and so are your friends and family. Look for sign-up sheets if you plan to come.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Donna Ross; Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Minister: Esta Kandarian;
Chalice Bearer: John Horsley; Lectors: Joan Hayes and Bob Pelfrey; Ushers: Marie Moore & Rob Ross;
Greeter: Ken Kenyon; Altar Guild: Stef Shuman; Flowers: Joan Ghilotti; Children's Chapel Teacher: Pamela Bleisch;
Coffee Hour Hosts: Laura Thompson & Anne Kanter; Tellers: Bryson McKelvey & June Wright;
Prayer Team 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. 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.

SOLIDARITY WITH STANDING ROCK, SIOUX NATION

The Dakota Access Pipeline is a new, approximate 1,172-mile, 30-inch diameter, pipeline that will connect shale oil fields in North Dakota to Patoka, Illinois. The pipeline is intended to transport approximately 470,000 barrels of light crude oil per day with a capacity as high as 570,000 barrels per day or more.

The current construction route of the pipeline would run under the Missouri river, which is the Sioux Nation's water supply, over its treaty lands and through sacred areas. The pipeline was originally planned to go close to Bismarck, ND but was moved because federal regulators saw it as a potential threat to the city's water supply. A Reuters analysis showed that Sunoco Logistics, the company which will run the pipeline once it is operational, has had more pipeline leaks than any of its competitors.

First nations people and their allies are protesting the pipeline construction through their sacred lands and close to their water supply through the courts and with camps and protests. The law enforcement response has been fierce and has included the use of rubber bullets and pepper spray. The standoff near Standing Rock centers around two issues: water quality and sacred lands.

The Episcopal Church stands with the people of Sioux Nation in protecting their sacred lands and calls on the government to uphold the treaties which give first nations people rights over their land. The Diocesan Convention last week sent a message of support and took up a collection to support the First Nation people in their protest.

Please hold the people of Standing Rock in your prayers.

Advent Lectio Divina with Isaiah the Poet

Thursday mornings at 10 am (December 1, 8, 15)

Led by the Revs. Donna Ross and Barry Turner, and poet Carol McPhee.

Isaiah was a great prophet; he was also a great poet. This Advent we'll hear readings from Isaiah, and pair them with readings from modern poets. We hope to listen deeply, and to focus on these questions:

- In light of the poem, what do you hear Isaiah saying?
- In light of the prophet, what do you hear the poet saying?
- From what we've heard and shared today, what do we believe God is saying to us in our time?

Dec 1 Isaiah 2:1-5 and "The Hostages", by Muriel Rukeyser

Dec 8 Isaiah 11:1-10 and "There was a Child went Forth", by Walt Whitman

Dec 15 Isaiah 35:1-10 and "Another Planet", by Dunya Mikhail

Christmas Bazaar

Christmas Bazaar at St. Luke's, Atascadero

Friday, December 2, 4-6:30 pm

and Saturday, December 3, 9am-3 pm

Plenty of ideas for gifts and your upcoming holidays

with homemade foods, jams, jellies, handmade knitted and crocheted items, casserole dish carriers, handmade items for the children in your lives, and homemade dog biscuits for your furry canine friends. Please come join us!

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 5318 Palma Avenue Atascadero

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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