

Benediction Weekly

June 25, 2017

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.



Next Sunday is "Potluck & Prado"

Please bring something to share for lunch,
and your food donations for the Prado Day Center box!



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

Monday, June 26

7:30 pm – PFJ Interfaith series, Mosque of Nasreen

Tuesday, June 27

2:00 pm – Healing Ministry Meeting
5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck supper

Wednesday, June 28

11:00 am – Mary Elizabeth interment svc – LOVM
2:30 pm – Earthcare subcommittee meeting
7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Thursday, June 29

7:00 pm – Thinking Person's Guide to the Bible

Sunday, July 2

No 8am Service
9:20 am – Bible Study
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, followed by potluck

At 11am on Wednesday there will be a brief service across the road to inter Mary Elizabeth's cremains. Everyone is welcome but please be on time as it will be brief.

Los Osos Community Dinner July 3rd

It's St. Benedict's turn to host the Community Dinner at Trinity United Methodist Church at 5pm on July 3rd. Free dinners are available in Los Osos on the first and third Mondays to provide support for those who are living on the edge, as well as being a place to grow community.

If you can help to provide food (it's hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings!), or to help serve on the night, please sign up on the board in the Great Room or talk to Barbara Hirahara for more details.



From People of Faith for Justice:

The next in the "Opening Doors of Interfaith Understanding" series will be A Muslim Celebration of EID, 7:30 pm on Monday June 26 at the Mosque of Nasreen, 1136 Walnut St., SLO.
There will be a Discussion of The Divine Milieu by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin.



News News

Our bi-monthly newsletter, *The Benediction*, will be out next week. If you have any photos, announcements, or articles to be included, please get them to Kit by Tuesday, June 27th
Email her at kit.gould1@gmail.com or call 805-234-8364.

Call for Volunteers for Central Coast Pride, July 9, 2017

The Episcopal Churches in the San Luis Obispo Deanery are sponsoring a booth at Central Coast Pride at Mission Plaza in San Luis Obispo on July 9. We need volunteers to help set up the booth starting at 8:00am and then to staff the booth in 1-hour shifts from noon to 5:30pm. This year we'll be handing out **Diversity Jelly Beans**...you can't predict the flavor from the color of the bean. Last year, our booth was a great success thanks to all those who helped out. If you'd like to join the fun this year, or if you have questions, contact Jeff Diehl (jeffreyldiehl@gmail.com). We invite everyone to stop by and sample the jelly beans.



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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Minister: Esta Kandarian; Chalice Bearer: John Horsley; Lectors: Bryson McKelvey & Alek Speck; Ushers: Connie Weldon & Margaret Fegan; Greeter: Marie Moore; Altar Guild: Sarah Chesebro; Flowers: Joan Ghilotti; Coffee Hour Hosts: Diana Hammerlund & Judy Schloss; Tellers: Francis Rivinus & Stef Shuman; Intercessor: Louisa Beeler; Music Director: John Cribb



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. 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 10am.

LITLOVERS' BOOK CLUB - Discussion and fellowship in members' homes. 4th Saturdays 1pm (Suspended till September)

LUNCH BUNCH - lunchtime social gathering following church, 2nd Sundays at Celia's Garden Café.

MEN'S BREAKFAST - morning social gathering, 2nd Saturdays 9am at Celia's Garden Café.

PEOPLE'S KITCHEN - Providing and serving food at Prado Day Center, 1st Saturday of even-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
The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall, *Rector*
Anne Kanter, *Sr. Warden*
Rod Morse, Jr. *Warden*
Pamela Bleisch, Lisa Gonzalez,
Esta Kandarian, Barbara Schippers,
Francis Rivinus, and Kathie West.

Proper 7: Sunday closest to June 22—Year A

Welcome to our parish. Last Sunday we heard Jesus give instructions to his twelve disciples as he prepared to send them out to proclaim the gospel. Today that passage continues with his warning to them that they will encounter opposition to the message and even may have to suffer for it.

The first reading continues the story of Abraham and Sarah. Before the child promised them was born, they decided to help God out by Abraham getting a son by the slave girl, Hagar. However, once Isaac was born Sarah demanded that Hagar and their son be sent away. God cared for them, however, and Ishmael became the ancestor of the Arabs, as Isaac was the ancestor of the people of Israel.

In the second reading, Paul sets forth the meaning of baptism. It is nothing less than a participation in the death and resurrection of Jesus. The terms used here in the original Greek means that we have already died with him in baptism and are in the process of being raised with him into the resurrection life. Thus, our old identity is gone and our new identity is as members of Christ's Body.

We gather as church to respond to the same call that was made to the twelve apostles and to Jeremiah and the prophets. It is not always easy to be followers of Christ. We must expect to find that our message is not always popular nor will we always be well treated for proclaiming it. However, as the people of God we find that God's grace is always available in Word and Sacraments. We are upheld in the experience of those who have gone before us and above all by the example of Jesus dying and rising in our midst.

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JULY HIGHLIGHTS AT ST. BENEDICT'S 2 - Potluck + Prado 12p 3 - Community Dinner, TUMC 5p 5 - Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a 6 - Hollister Inst: Thinking Person's Guide to the Bible, 7p 6 - Drop In Dream Group, 7p 8 - Men's Breakfast @ Celia's Garden Café, 9a 8 - Saturday Evening Eucharist, 530p 9 - ST. BENEDICT'S DAY, Observed 12 - EarthCare Meeting, 230p 16 - Parish Council Meeting, 1230p 19 - Intercessory Prayer Circle, 10a 20 - Drop In Dream Group, 7p 25 - Healing Ministry Meeting, 2p 30 - Healing Service, 1030a Coming August 20th: St. Ben's Annual Jazz Concert						
Weekly Events: Tuesdays: Vespers 530p, Potluck 615p (except July 4) Wednesdays: Choir Rehearsal 7p Sundays: Contemplative Communion 8a (except 1st Sun) Bible study 920a Holy Eucharist with Music 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. 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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