

Benediction Weekly

September 17, 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.



TODAY IS WILDERNESS SUNDAY

During September St. Benedict's is joining churches around the world as we observe the Season of Creation. Each Sunday we focus on a different aspect of the natural world. Today we celebrate nature in the wild spaces of the world.

This week at St. Benedict's

(at the church unless otherwise specified)

TODAY -- WILDERNESS SUNDAY

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/ music
- 12:30 pm – Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, Sept 19

- 5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck

Wednesday, Sept 20

- 10:00 am – Intercessory Prayer Circle
- 7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Thursday, Sept 21

- 7:00 pm – Mystics: John Muir
- 7:00 pm – Drop-in Dream Group

Saturday, Sept 23

- 1:00 pm – Book Club at June Wright's home

Sunday, Sept 24 -- RIVER SUNDAY

- 8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/ music
- 3:00 pm – Readers' Theater: "**Sandition**"

Hollister Institute Program continues...

Seeing Creation through the Eyes of the Mystic

Join us to explore the world of creation through the eyes of people of mystical vision. Thursdays in September, 7-8:30pm



John Muir (Sept 21), who is best known for his exploration of the Sierra Nevada, founding of the Sierra Club and championing of wilderness areas. wrote,

"The sun shines not on us but in us. The rivers flow not past, but through us. Thrilling, tingling, vibrating every fiber and cell of the substance of our bodies, making them glide and sing. The trees wave and the flowers bloom in our bodies as well as our souls, and every bird song, wind song, and tremendous storm song of the rocks in the heart of the mountains is our song, our very own, and sings our love."

Long-time Sierra Club outings leader, Joe Morris, discusses the life of John Muir—especially his years in Yosemite in the 1870s. He will recount Muir's personal transformation into a wilderness visionary and founder of the environmental movement in America. Joe has visited Muir's boyhood home in Scotland, his residences in California, and has hiked in many of Muir's favorite places.

Next week: Teilhard de Chardin, led by Barry Turner.

St. Ben's 30th Anniversary Jubilee Party: Fri, Oct 6, 6pm

Join us as we celebrate our 30th anniversary with a free BBQ dinner and music by Five Parts Devil.



Rev. Caro+ will be on Vacation from September 18 to October 3. In her absence, contact Sr. Warden Anne Kanter for church business. The clergy team will be available for spiritual counsel. Pastoral care concerns should be addressed to Celeste Pennington. Contact Danna in the church office Tuesday through Thursday 9:30 to 12:30 for scheduling and administrative matters.

REMINDERS

- This month has been designated "Cereal September" for breakfast item donations to Prado Day Center.
- Re-enroll for Ralph's Community Rewards: 1-800-443-4438 or www.ralphs.com St Ben's org number is #83646.
- Hurricane Response: <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-you-can-do/>
- To make a contribution for Shire/Canterbury ads in Mustang Daily, contact Brian Spolarich or Janelle LaFond.
- The Shire's Enchilada Cook-off fundraiser will be held October 8th at St. Stephen's, SLO.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Minister: Alan Kiste; Chalice Bearer: Michael Lucas;

Lector: John Horsley; Ushers: Brian Spolarich & Marie Moore; Greeter: Elaine Mason;

Altar Guild: Lisa Gonzales & Pat Stoneman; Flowers: Brian Spolarich; Coffee Hour Hosts: Ann Lucas & Stef Shuman;

Tellers: Bryson McKelvey & Francis Rivinus; Intercessory Prayer Team: Celeste Pennington;

Music Director: John Cribb **Thank you all 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. 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 10am.

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*,
Pamela Bleisch, Lisa Gonzalez,
Esta Kandarian, Barbara Schippers,
Francis Rivinus, Kathie West

"Restorative Justice: Reconciling with my Sister's Killer"

On Monday October 9th at Old Mission San Luis Obispo, Restorative Partners is hosting "Restorative Justice: Reconciling with my Sister's Killer," a presentation by author Jeanne Bishop. Bishop is a public-defender and anti-death penalty advocate who challenged herself to the journey of transformation and healing. Sister Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking* says of Jeanne: "The criminal justice system in the United States, which deems some people unworthy of redemption --even children who commit serious crimes --urgently needs to hear voices that speak for mercy and restoration. Jeanne Bishop's is such a voice."

4:30 - 6:00 pm **Pre-Event: Meet the Author**

\$100 Ticket (purchase on restorative partners website) includes fine foods, drinks, and signed copy of *Change of Heart* by Jeanne Bishop

5:30 - 6:30 pm **Main Event: Presentation by Jeanne Bishop:**

"*Restorative Justice: Reconciling with my Sister's Killer*" (Free will donation)

6:30 - 8:30 pm **Connect with local service providers**

Restorative Partners is a non-profit organization that serves people impacted by crime. We provide a wide range of restorative justice services and programs designed to meet diverse needs. Our approach is based on transformation and accountability. One of our goals is to offer educational opportunities in the community to address current needs. In a world full of so much suffering and violence what could be our response? Who can help us with the challenges of healing and restoring hope?

Restorative Partners, Inc. - 4251 S. Higuera St. Suite 102 - San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

restorativepartners.org

New Hollister Discussion in October....

Jesus: The Human Face of God

Thursday mornings, October 5 – November 2 (10:00–11:30 am) at St. Benedict's

Consider joining us as we reexamine the life of Jesus through eyes of writer and poet Jay Parini.*

Today many Americans think Jesus never existed – and that Christians are people who are willing to believe anything, even things that are patently untrue. But a century of study by archaeologists, historians, linguists and other scholars has revealed convincing evidence that Jesus of Nazareth did exist. While the church built on Jesus' life hasn't always followed his teachings, his life and teachings can still guide us in our time – witness the life and teachings of Martin Luther King, Jr. for just one example.

Discussions will be led by the Rev. Donna Ross, with creative assistance from musician Ann Edwards and poet Carol McPhee. To register for this discussion email donnaross@charter.net.

NOTE: You can begin reading JESUS now at <http://faithmatters.us/category/jesus/>

* To hear an interview with the author, go to

http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/religion-july-dec13-jesus_12-25/

Lute Song Recital Sunday, October 8, 4:00pm – 5:30pm

The community is invited to Renaissance-era lute songs, solos and duets, featuring soprano Katherine Arthur and lute players James Bishop-Edwards and Sam Shaloub. Arthur and Edwards will perform songs by Thomas Campion. Edwards will also play lute solos and lute duets with Shaloub. Arthur, who teaches voice at Cal Poly, has appeared as a soloist with the Southwest Chamber Music Ensemble, Santa Barbara Oratorio Society and Pacific Repertory Opera. James Bishop-Edwards has been a performer, teacher, composer and recording artist for over 35 years. Admission is a suggested \$15 donation at the door, students \$5.



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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