

Benediction Weekly

September 3, 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 FOREST SUNDAY

During September St. Benedict's will once again join churches around the world as we celebrate the Season of Creation. Each Sunday we will focus on a different aspect of the natural world.

This week at St. Benedict's

(at the church unless otherwise specified)

TODAY

9:20 am – Bible Study

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, followed by potluck

Monday, September 4

5:00 pm – LO Community Dinner at TUMS

Tuesday, September 5

5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck

Wednesday, September 6

10:00 am – Intercessory Prayer Circle

7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Thursday, September 7

7:00 pm – Drop-in Dream Group

7:00 pm – Mystics: Hildegard of Bingen

Saturday, September 9

9:00 am – Men's Breakfast at Celia's Café

2:30 pm – All Strauss Concert

5:30 pm – Saturday Evening Eucharist

Sunday, September 10 -- LAND SUNDAY

8:00 am – Contemplative Communion Service

9:20 am – Bible Study

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/ music

September is Cereal Month at Prado!

PB&J August was so stupendously successful -- the BEST PB&J month in the history of the world!! Now it's time to kick it up a notch and make Cereal September the best Cereal Month in the history of the UNIVERSE!!! Cold cereal, instant hot cereal, granola, shredded wheat,



bran -- choose what you want and BRING IT ON!!! Goal??? Providing breakfast for kids so they don't go to school hungry, and for adults of all ages so they can have a better start to their days.

Welcome Neighbors signs are Here!

They cost less than expected so please make a donation of \$15 if you are able, less if you're not. Please take them home and put them up.

Ralphs and Food4Less Community Rewards

Your contributions through this program expired on September 1st. Please call 1-800-443-4438 or visit www.ralphs.com or www.food4less.com to re-enroll. St. Benedict's NPO number for both sites is 83646.

Hurricane Response from Episcopal Relief & Development

Please see the insert in today's bulletin for ways to respond to the needs of those affected by Hurricane Harvey, or visit <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-harvey-response>.

Concert this week - All Strauss All the Time – 2:30pm Saturday

Soprano Karen Dunn and pianist Louis King perform music by Richard, Johann and Oscar Strauss. The concert, sponsored by St. Benedict's Church, features the Four Last Songs (Richard Strauss), Arias from Fledermaus (Johann), and Walzertraum (Oscar), as well as various piano solos.

The suggested donation is \$10 at the door.

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Eucharistic Minister: Jim Arnold; Chalice Bearer: Lisa Gonzalez; Lectors: Tom Pickering & Bob Pelfrey; Ushers: Rob Ross & Esta Kandarian; Greeter: Bobbie Shields; Altar Guild: Diana Hammerlund; Flowers: Elaine Mason; Potluck Hosts: Connie Weldon & Joan Ghilotti; Tellers: Alice Welchert & Stef Shuman; Intercessory Prayer Team: Lisa Gonzalez; Cantor: Anne Kanter; Music Director: John Cribb **Thank you all for your service!**



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)

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

Hollister Institute Program starting this week...

Seeing Creation through the Eyes of the Mystic

Join us to explore the world of creation through the eyes of four very different people of mystical vision. Thursdays in September 7 – 8:30pm



Hildegard of Bingen (Sept 7) was a genius who has been considered the equal of Leonardo de Vinci. Living in 11th century Germany she had visions, wrote books, music and morality plays. Seeing clearly the connection between human and cosmos, she was a pioneer in many areas not least stewardship of the earth. This session will include music and the option of artwork, but no experience is necessary!
Led by Caro Hall+.

Others in the series: Mary Oliver (9/14), John Muir (9/21), and Teilhard de Chardin (9/28).

More info on our website <http://www.stbenslososos.org/hollister-institute/>

Fall 2017 Eclectia Lecture Series at St Peter's Morro Bay

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| Sept 21 | <i>Bruce Badrigian</i> | Genocide and its Historical Significance: Past, Present, & Future |
| Sept 28 | <i>Margaret Webb</i> | The Blue Planet: Our focus for seven generations and beyond |
| Oct 5 | <i>Dan Dow</i> | The Ethics of Prosecution |
| Oct 12 | <i>Anne Brazil</i> | Making a Musical Masterpiece |
| Oct 19 | <i>Henriette Groot</i> | War Without Violence: Listening to Gene Sharp, Gandhi, and their followers |

Five Thursdays at 1:30 – 3:30 pm \$10 for series (or \$3/class)

Celebration of the 2017 Honored Women

Holy Eucharist with Bishop Mary and United Thank Offering Ingathering

In October, the Episcopal Church Women will honor a woman from each of our congregations in the Diocese of El Camino Real – women who proclaim their faith through their lives and actions – for the congregation, the diocese, and the community.

Program: *Peace in Stressful Times*

9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Saturday, October 7th

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Gilroy

Bring a Donation: food item for Santa Maria Urban Ministry

Registration including lunch = \$25. Deadline September 23rd.
Make checks payable to **ECW**. Send registration with check to:
Diane Lovelace, 1641 Country Club Drive, Milpitas, CA 95035
Please include name, address, phone, email, and church name.

For more information, contact ECW President Diane Lovelace at DiLovelace@aol.com or call 408-813-4080.



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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