

# Benediction Weekly

## December 31, 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.*



# Epiphany Star Party

## Saturday at 6:30 pm

**Coming up at St. Benedict's**  
(at the church unless otherwise specified)

### **TODAY**

- 8:00 am – Contemporary Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/ healing service

### **Monday, Jan 1**

- 5:00 pm – Community Dinner at Trinity UMC

### **Tuesday, Jan 2**

- 5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck

### **Wednesday, Jan 3**

- 10:00 am – Prayer Circle
- 7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, Jan 4**

- 7:00 pm – Drop-in Dream Group

### **Saturday, Jan 6**

- 6:30 pm – ☆ Epiphany Star Party

### **Sunday, Jan 7**

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

## **Los Osos Community Dinner**

Tomorrow night at 5pm, St. Benedict's will be hosting the Community Dinner at Trinity United Methodist Church in Los Osos. There are sign-up sheets at coffee hour for food and servers. These free dinners bless guests who need help putting food on the family table and all of those who hunger for community.

## **Potluck next Sunday**

As always on the first Sunday of the month, we will have one service at 10:30, followed by a potluck lunch. Starting next Sunday, we are re-instituting the practice of *suggesting* food assignments based on last name. January rotation is:

- A-G** Main dish;
- H-R** Dessert;
- S-Z** Salad & bread

## **Mutual Ministry Review**

Each year we pause to ask, how are we doing? How well are we answering God's call? How has God blessed us this past year? What do we need to change or rethink? This year we will also be asking you to review the draft Five Year Mission and Ministry plan. Watch your inboxes for a copy of the draft Five Year Mission and Ministry plan and some questions for your feedback. We will also have paper copies available for those of us who can still use paper and pen, and there will be some opportunities for getting together for those who prefer to talk than to write.

*Thank you in advance for your participation in this important discernment process!*

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Preacher: The Rev. Barry Turner; Deacon: Sharon Dalrymple; Eucharistic Minister: Brian Spolarich; Chalice Bearer: Esta Kandarian; Lectors: Joan Hayes & Bob Pelfrey; Ushers: Alan Kiste & Connie Weldon; Greeter: Ann Edwards; Coffee Hour Hosts: Ann Lucas & Alice Welchert; Altar Guild: Lisa Gonzalez; Tellers: Bryson McKelvey & Stef Shuman; Guest Musician: Jan Swanson

***Thank you for your service!***



**BIBLE STUDY** – Sundays at 9:20 am

**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. 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 10am.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** – morning social gathering, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays 9am at Celia's Garden Café.

**PEOPLE'S KITCHEN** – Providing and serving food at Prado Day Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of even-numbered months.

**POTLUCK AND PRADO** on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 12:30pm  
The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall, *Rector*  
Anne Kanter, *Sr. Warden*,  
Pamela Bleisch, Lisa Gonzalez,  
Esta Kandarian, Barbara Schippers,  
Francis Rivinus, Kathie West



**Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Following 1030 Service**

*People of Faith for Justice presents...*

## **A Commitment to Nonviolence: Remembering MLK** **Sunday, January 14, 3:00 PM** **1st Presbyterian Church, 981 Marsh St., San Luis Obispo**

Speakers include Rev. Eugenia Gamble of Nipomo Community Presbyterian Church. Music provided by the choir of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. Workshop follows 4:15-5:00 PM - Compassionate Communication and Living United, Rick London, CEO United Way, SLO

This event is free and open to the public. An offering will be taken to support the Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund.

[www.peopleoffaithforjustice.org](http://www.peopleoffaithforjustice.org)  
[www.facebook.com/PeopleofFaithforJustice/](http://www.facebook.com/PeopleofFaithforJustice/)



*EarthCare presents...*

## **Journey of the Universe:** **An Epic Story of Cosmic, Earth, and Human Transformation**

EMMY® Award-Winning Film for Best Documentary

Written by Brian Thomas Swimme & Mary Evelyn Tucker

**Showing at St. Benedict's Thursday, January 18 at 7pm**

From the Big Bang to the epic impact humans have on the planet today, this film is designed to inspire a new and closer relationship with Earth in a period of growing environmental and social crisis.

synopsis available at <http://journeyoftheuniverse.com/synopsis/>

### **JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS AT ST. BENEDICT'S**

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- 1 - Community Dinner at Trinity UMC, 5p
- 3 - Prayer Circle, 10a
- 4 - Drop-In Dream Group, 7p
- 6 - Epiphany Star Party, 630p
- 7 - Potluck + Prado 12p
- 10 - EarthCare Meeting, 230p
- 13 - Men's Breakfast at Celia's Café, 9a
- 13 - Quiet Day with Stations of the Cosmic Christ, 930a
- 13 - Saturday Evening Eucharist, 530p
- 14 - Remembering MLK at 1<sup>st</sup> Presb. SLO, 3p
- 17 - Prayer Circle, 10a
- 18 - Film: Journey of the Universe, 7p
- 18 - Drop-In Dream Group, 7p
- 21 - Parish Council Meeting, 1230p
- 28 - Annual Parish Meeting, following 1030 service
- 30 - Healing Ministry Meeting, 2p

Sundays:  
Contemplative Communion 8a (except 1st Sun)  
Bible study 920a  
Holy Eucharist with Music 1030a

Weekly Events:  
Tuesdays: Vespers 530p, Potluck 615p  
Wednesdays: Choir Rehearsal 7p

**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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