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Our Mission: To Share the Love of Christ / Compartir el amor de Cristo

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Reflections from the Desert

February 12th: a Parish Celebration

On Sunday, February 12th, come at 9:30am to pray, at 10:30am to meet and at 11am to feast with parishioners and guests in our friendship courtyard for a catered brunch with champagne and live music! It has been a long standing tradition at St. Barnabas to hold our annual parish meeting the day after our Diocesan Convention.

Our clergy and elected delegates will meet on February 10th and 11th at St. Dunstan's in San Diego. The highlight of this convention for me will be the modeling of conversation between our bishop and the bishop of the Rio Grande (Texas) who hold different theological points of view but will disagree agreeably. They will show us how to listen and value rather than disdain an opposite point of view. We can experience for ourselves the dynamic of this respectful exchange.

The next day we will gather for one Holy Eucharist at 9:30am, followed by the 10:30 meeting during

which we will: thank Martha Mitchell and Judy Settle (for three years) and Mary Levine for (filling out a 10 month term of) faithful service on the vestry and Nancy Bye as our clerk; hear Margaret Orenyak report on our financial health; accept the annual budget; elect by acclamation Jill Bennett, Mary Levine and Bill Walker to the Vestry; Victor Levine and Ann Marie Tidwell as delegates and Brad Tidwell and Polly Mason as alternates to Diocesan Convention for 2007. I will then highlight the last 12 months from your clergy's vantage point.

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After prayer and meeting, we will celebrate with a catered champagne brunch. We know the food will be tasty because it will be prepared by Kendall's. We know the music will be light, sparkling and fun because Dave Otis will play on the keyboard. But that is just the framework. However, all of that will be the background to the main ingredient for the memorable morning: your conversation, remembrances and hopes for our common future as a community of faith.

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Love's in the Air

Love's in the air but surely you'd noticed. Once again we will be in the season of flowers and chocolates and St Valentine cards which we will send to those we love.

At the same time we will commemorate the loving acts of the mythical St Valentine who is said to have delivered letters from jailed Christians to their loved ones during a period of Roman persecution.

But it isn't only as individuals that we celebrate the coming of St Valentine's Day or the importance of love in our relationships, especially our marriages. It is also institutions, like the Episcopal Church with its emphasis on renewal and specifically on marriage, and its reminder that nothing in this world is to be taken for granted and that includes perfect marriages. Even those need to be periodically renewed if they are to fulfill the original hopes which fueled them. Sounds like a serious proposition and it is. Question is, how does one organize an experience that will help renew one's marriage?

Enter *Marriage Encounter*. You'd think it had been around a long time. In fact it was founded in Spain in 1960. It came to the US in 1967 and took Episcopal expression in 1971.

“...encourages attending couples to look at themselves as individuals, at their marriage as a shared endeavor and their relationship to God.”

A 1997 General Convention resolution recognized “the importance of lifelong commitment to...the marital relationship” and urged congregations “to develop ways to encourage...healthy marriages, including marriage retreats such as Marriage Encounter.”

A recent survey of Episcopal Marriage Encounter (EME) shows that the divorce rate of couples attending EME since its inception is less than 2%, compared with the 50% national average.



How Marriage Encounter Weekend works is straightforward. The weekend begins on Friday evening and ends

Sunday afternoon. Sessions are presented by a clergy couple and lay couple who talk about their marriage experiences in a way that encourages attending couples to look at themselves as individuals, at their marriage as a shared endeavor and their relationship to God. Following those sessions, couples discuss the topic in the privacy of their own room.

The underlying purpose of the weekend is to help husband and wife develop a better understanding and acceptance of each other via the use of a dialog technique taught by the presenters.

EME is not a marriage clinic or group counseling session. Rather, it is a private experience between couples, where the emphasis is on them and their personal relationship to one another and to God.

The cost of the weekend is \$45. That is the only fixed cost. The weekends are funded by confidential donations from attending couples, the hope being that all may attend, regardless of financial considerations.

Dates and places for California in 2006: Pleasanton, April 21-23; Long Beach, May 5-7. Contact Joe & Cindy Thompson for Long Beach: Zephbunny@aol.com. For Pleasanton: Curt & Arlene McClelland, curt@sbcglobal.net or 2191 Casa Mia, San Jose CA, (408) 371-5581.

For more information, 1) call (800) 795-5683, 2) check the Episcopal Marriage Encounter web-site: www.episcopalme.com or 3) log into Worldwide Marriage Encounter: www.wwme.org.

Victor A. Levine



Revelers, clockwise from top left: Alice Whitaker, Fred Jee; Alex Nagy+, Rodney & Nancy Stevens; Judy Settle, Martha Mitchell & Kathleen Killman; Virginia Reniers, Martha Mitchell & Marty Phillippi; Dorothy Mackay & Bonnie Walker; Scott, Debbie & Gabe Sweeney & Helen Vanderslice; Dave Otis; Mayo Goffard, L.Louise Jee & Shirley Vialpando. Photos by Nancy Nagy+.

ST. BARNABAS ADOPTED BUDGET 2006

	2006	2005		2006	2005
Income(Contributed support):					
Pledges	104,523.00	110,000.00	Water	1,500.00	1,500.00
Open Plate	20,600.00	19,600.00	Total property	15,304.00	19,470.00
TOTAL	125,123.00	129,600.00			
Outreach:					
Episcopal Mission Share	15,000.00	10,639.00	Purchased services:		
Community Outreach (local)	1,700.00	2,400.00	Accounting fees	0.00	1,620.00
Total Outreach	16,700.00	13,039.00	Contingency Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
			Professional fees Office	6,000.00	6,000.00
Church Other expenses:					
Advertising	800.00	1,000.00	Total purchased services	7,000.00	8,620.00
Books, subscriptions, reference	100.00	125.00			
Conference & Convention	625.00	625.00	Clergy Salaries & Expenses:		
Equip.Rental & Maintenance	600.00	400.00	Clergy Pension	7,800.00	8,700.00
Membership dues	150.00	250.00	Clergy Salary	45,000.00	43,800.00
Postage	850.00	850.00	Supply Clergy (4 Sundays)	400.00	
Printing & Copying	700.00	350.00	Gardener	1,600.00	1,600.00
Supplies	1,700.00	1,700.00	Health/life Insurance	11,367.00	18,600.00
Total other expenses	5,525.00	5,300.00	Housekeeping	1,200.00	1,200.00
			Internet Access	635.00	635.00
Property:					
Gardener	3,000.00	3,000.00	Mileage	1,500.00	1,600.00
Housekeeping	2,600.00	2,600.00	Rectory insurance	871.00	
Insurance	4,704.00	7,000.00	Rectory Property Taxes	2,053.00	
Propane	300.00	120.00	Rectory Maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.00
Property & Plant Maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.00	SDGE	2,500.00	2,400.00
Property Taxes	110.00	2,200.00	Telephone	2,250.00	2,250.00
SDGE	1,400.00	1,380.00	Trash	256.00	256.00
Telephone Church	190.00	190.00	Water	1,200.00	1,130.00
Trash	500.00	480.00	Workman's Comp	790.00	
			Payroll processing	172.00	
			Total salaries & expenses	80,594.00	83,171.00
			TOTAL	125,123.00	129,600.00

Using Your Change for Change

Blue Boxes are available in the rear of the church for our annual United Thank Offering campaign that began Sunday, Jan. 29th.

Last year, the UTO committee made grants to 131 various projects and programs throughout the country and the world, totaling \$2,710,247.22

Merely by putting coins in these little Blue Boxes, thanking God each time we feel thankful for His special blessings, we join with all other dioceses

making possible such projects as a homeless kitchen renovation in Georgia, a new preschool in Georgia, a soup kitchen for the homeless in New York, a playground and classrooms in Alabama and so many other wonderful causes.

So with your regular thanks to God with coins for the Blue Boxes, you participate in wonderful ministries all over the world. Start today and bring your cash or check to the UTO Ingathering on Sunday, February 26th.

Helen Vanderslice, chair

The Armed Forces Quilt

I often wonder if civilians have any idea how huge a war time Army is. Peace time Army is tiny in comparison.

When my first grandchild, Jesse, discovered my collection of Army shoulder patches, I had no trouble keeping him amused when I baby sat for him. I was not surprised, years later, when he asked me to make a quilt for him. He knew I was enjoying making quilts for my daughters and his special request was to make a quilt using my collection.

My father had commanded a separation center after WWII at Ft. Meade, MD and on one visit I found that the Quarter Master would complete my collection since the Army had to have all the patches to complete homecoming soldier's uniforms. So with the help of my brother-in-law (a retired Lt. Gen.) I made the pictured quilt correctly placing the patches properly.

First square had the three parts of the Army—Ground Forces, Air Force, and Service Forces. Eisenhower's Su-

preme Headquarters, next. 4 Army Groups followed, then 15 Armies, 35 Corps, and McArthur's two commands in the South Pacific. Divisions 1 through 22nd were regular army, National Guard Divisions were 31st through 49th, and reservist followed ending with the 106th Division. The Armored Divisions were numbered 1 to 20 and included Tank Destroyer Divi-

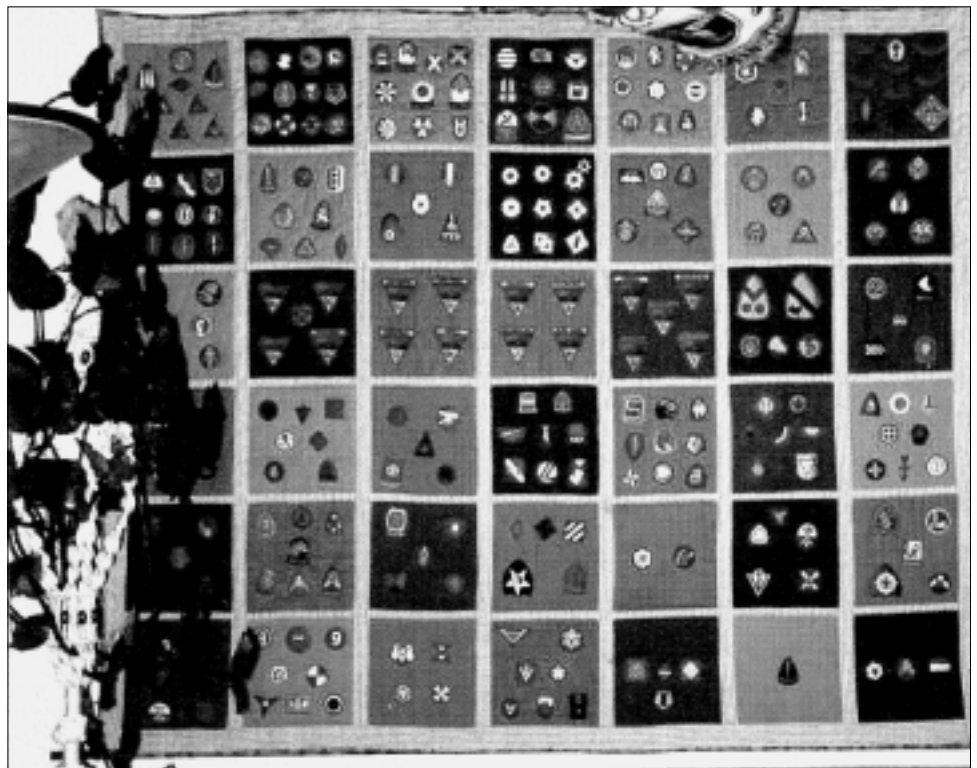
The quilt is pictured here, hanging on a wall with a plant partially blocking the left row.

sion Air Forces numbered 20 Divisions, and like Armored Divisions were attached to fighting Divisions. The rest of the quilt held patches for various districts around the world where our troops were stationed to protect those areas.

I reserved the fifth and sixth bottom row squares for "Operation Fortitude". Before the invasion, soldiers on leave were fitted with fake patches and sent around England in the hopes Germans would decide a large Army was to be stationed across from Calais while our real plans were otherwise. It worked and the German Army assembled their best troops around Calais and felt the landings in the south were a trick to pull them away from Calais. Our beach-head landing was bad enough and I feel the special shoulder patches may have saved many lives.

I hope that one day, my grandson will donate his quilt to the Army Museum which has not been built yet, but in the meantime it hangs in his family home in Leadville, CO. And yes, I served in WWII as a Physical Therapist in the 13th Gen. Hospital stationed in Australia, New Guinea, Philippines, and Japan.

Judy Settle



Vestry Report

by Nancy Bye

The first meeting of the new year marked the end of three years of service on the vestry for Martha Mitchell and Judy Settle. Judy handled our advertising and publicity, and Martha the program to meet, greet and involve newcomers. Martha is well-known to us for saying, "If every person would just do one thing..."

And we echo this because there are so many opportunities at St. Barnabas. We still need someone to monitor and inventory supplies (coffee, sugar, TP, PT, soap, etc.). Kathleen Killman has even volunteered to fetch since she goes over the hill so often, but we should have a list on the refrigerator in the parish hall of what is running low.

Mary Levine graciously and competently completed the term on the vestry that Trent Kleinkopf abruptly resigned early last year. She is a nominee for the "class of '06-'09". Her special role has been that of liaison between the vestry and the worship committee.

Alex+ has accepted my resignation as clerk to the vestry. I am pleased to hand that job off after six plus years, and look forward to continuing to be the reporter to the Carillon for the vestry.

On a crisp January morning the vestry trooped outside to have Alex show us the configuration of the concrete-masonry-unit (official terminology—please use it!) that will be built to divert any abundant flood waters from our buildings and parking lot. The project will begin and end within three weeks and is expected to cost \$18,000. Your vestry approved (with an abstention from John Drum) this work as outlined in the contract from Steve Pretot with much pro bono input and advice from Richard Grenfell, colleague of the late Rob Chambers.

We are delighted to have a report from Alex+ that includes the fact that attendance for our December

services was up—way up! In general, things are quite tidy as we prepare to seat a new vestry for 2006. Budget is done and approved, annual report is done and approved, stewardship drive is well underway and looking good. Your vestry will sponsor the Hearts & Flowers brunch (see below) immediately following the general meeting at 9:30 (ONE SERVICE!) on February 12th. We look forward to celebrating with you and of course will hope for your modest contribution to help defray the costs for this joyous occasion.



Hearts & Flowers

A beautiful, bounteous buffet brunch in our lovely courtyard! Sunday, February 12th we will have one service at 9:30 a.m., followed by our annual meeting, followed by a party!

For you who are not so fleet of foot, or who feel tweaks in back, knee or hip when standing in line—not to worry. Immediate seating has been arranged for you and you will be well cared for. Seconds on bacon if you like, extra jelly or honey, a cold sparkling mimosa, and refills of fresh, hot coffee. Please be seated.

Imagine the delightful sound of a strolling violinist—our own handsome Haddon Salt. Hear the deft and elegant piano music of our keyboard master Dave Otis. Gather for a friendly time together where we can talk, laugh, and enjoy each other's company. Bring hats and sunglasses, and be prepared to have a lovely morning in God's happy house.

Nancy Bye

The People's Corner

by John Drum, The People's Warden

Celebrating Lent

LENT: A time for grief and sorrow or a time for joy and thanks?

I have sometimes wondered why Lent is observed in sorrow. Many churches drape the cross in black. Some change choir vestments to black and some even replace the processional cross with one of black wood. Some have a silent processional.

Many of these practices have become traditional over the centuries. When questions are asked, responses

are generally that it is a time of mourning or dread of the coming death of Jesus.

I am reminded that our faith is based upon this death. No death, no resurrection. No lasting Christianity. So it seems to me that it would be more fitting if Lent were a time for celebrating the joyous creation of our faith.

Let our music and our messages be filled with anticipation of this event that created the biggest impact on the human race in all of history.

Jesus told his friends what was to be his fate, and the reason for it. They didn't believe him. But the resurrection did occur and God's church was established and survives because of this momentous event.



Mobile Book Store Comes to Borrego

Kathryn Bunch-Hoyecki of K-B Books visited St. Barnabas on Jan.8th, and brought with her a mobile religious bookstore. Formerly manager of the Cathedral Bookstore, Kathryn has taken her inventory on the road, visiting parishes throughout the San Diego area.

While Kathryn offers a variety of religious titles, she also has a large selection of prayer books, prayer book/hymnal combinations, and Bibles. Engraving is available. For more information, or to place an order, call Kathryn at (619) 235-9465.

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Yes, we have prayed much, studied hard, contributed generously, welcomed everyone and therefore we have much for which to be thankful to the God of abundance. Not being satisfied with the good of the past, we will recommit ourselves to the mission God has willed for us as we articulate it: "to share the love of Christ/compartir el amor de Cristo."

So, circle your calendar, invite your friends and be part of the annual celebration we call our annual meeting/parish feast.

Sincerely,
Alex+/Nancy+

Mark Your Calendar

February

Sun. 5th African crafts for sale after each service.

Sun. 12th One service only, **9:30am** followed by annual meeting and brunch.

March

Wed. 1st Ash Wednesday, Holy Eucharist with ashes at **4pm.**

Sun. 12th Bishop Mathes' annual visit. Holy Eucharist at **9:30am** only.

Don't Miss Out!

Sunday, February 12th

- ♥ One service only at 9:30am
- ♥ Annual Meeting
- ♥ Hearts and Flowers Brunch



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