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THE DAY OF PENTECOST AND THE SEASON THAT FOLLOWS

On May 31st, the great festival of Pentecost marked the culmination of the revelation of God - God as Spirit. From birth to death, from creation to resurrection, from barren absence to abiding presence, God is forever with us, within us, behind us, before us, beside us, beneath us, above us, to win us, to comfort us, to restore us, in quiet, in danger, in the hearts of all that love us, in the mouth of friend and stranger. (Adapted from Hymn 370, verse 6, attributed to St. Patrick, translated by Cecil Frances Alexander.) Never again will we be alone, no matter what or where or when.

We celebrate the day with great fanfare, but what about the weeks that follow? We are tempted to look at them as ordinary time, meaning that it's trivial or unimportant. In reality, the reference to the season after Pentecost as Ordinary Time means that it is counted by ordinal numbers - first, second, ... 23rd, 24th, last. In truth, it is neither trivial nor unimportant. This is the time for us to be as fruitful and productive as possible.

There is much to do this summer by those of us who will be in Borrego Springs for much of the season and those of us who will be elsewhere. The Calling Committee will be busy at work, reviewing and evaluating prospects to choose the next rector, guided by the Holy Spirit. Those who attended the Evangelism Workshops held throughout the Diocese and those who heard them speak in May will hopefully be busy allowing the Holy Spirit to spark our imaginations to develop ideas for helping St. Barnabas become more visible, more inviting, more welcoming, more present in the community. (Maybe by the time we all gather again in the fall, we'll all be wearing sharp-looking new polo shirts with the St. Barnabas logo on them!) Because of the absence of so many members during the summer, the Finance Committee and the Vestry will be watching carefully to make sure we are good stewards of our diminished financial resources. May we all be inspired by the Holy Spirit to be generous and regular in our giving all summer long to ensure that St. Barnabas is still able to keep its doors open in our absence.

The Holy Spirit, like the wind, goes where it will, and we all know how much the wind blows in Borrego Springs! May the presence of the Holy Spirit be with you wherever you find yourself this summer, and may this season be an extraordinary time when you use the bountiful gifts of the Spirit for the building up of St. Barnabas.

Blessings of Love, Joy and Peace,

~Julie+

MIXED EMOTIONS

Robb Fuesler, United Methodist Church minister is moving away. He, his wife and two kids will be relocating to Atascadero. In the fall his son will go off to college, so many changes are in store for this family. We wish them well in their lovely new coastal town. At the same time we are saddened to see them leave us because they have been such a boon to our community. Vaya con Dios, Robb!

~Nancy Bye for St. Barnabas

Dear Men of St. Barnabas,

You so kindly sponsored the St. Barnabas ad in last year's Village Guide, and we are sure you will want to do it again. If we run the same ad with minor copy changes we are entitled to a 10% discount—about \$325. If each of you would be kind enough to

send \$25 to Richard White, at Box 2218

we will take care of the details. This booklet is distributed to over 10,000 visitors to our valley. Thank you, and Godspeed!

Sleepin' Around? Or Stayin' Home?

We know what the snowbirds are doing—they have flown away. We thought you might like to know what some of our "year rounders" are up to. Elsa Chambers will be right here. Kathleen and Frisbie will be here except for occasional business forays for her to help design interior spaces for our military. Jonathan Mittleman will be working at Montesoro four days a week, and devoting his free time to our Junior Theater in July and Readers' Theater once each month this summer. The Byes will be here—she is working on Borrego Days, the Village Guide and some ABDNHA projects. Sonja McGrath will be in town for a while before going abroad! Elaine Diner will stay here until mid-July when she goes up north and starts "sleeping around". Let us know what you are up to!

~Nancy Bye

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Vestry Report

Your vestry continues to work for you. The PA system in the church is working well and greatly appreciated, especially by those in the back pews. Boxes are being made for the backs of the pews so information about St. Barnabas.

Ernie Loza made a presentation on behalf of the San Diego Food Bank. They are interested in bringing free food to those in need in Borrego Springs. This is a once a month program, starting June 15, (continuing the 3rd Monday each month). It requires that the food be picked up in San Diego and brought to St. Barnabas for distribution. We plan on serving numerous families that day and are excited about this opportunity to obey the calling to "love one another and feed the poor." We hope that volunteers from the churches and community will become involved. Interested volunteers are urged to contact Haddon Salt at 767-4817.

As we go into summer, supply clergy will come on Sundays. It is always interesting hearing a different voice every week.

~Sue Salt

SAINT OF THE DAY
ST. BARNABAS
JUNE 11

Barnabas, a Jew of Cyprus, comes as close as anyone outside the Twelve to being a full-fledged apostle. He was closely associated with St. Paul (he introduced Paul to Peter and the other apostles) and served as a kind of mediator between the former persecutor and the still suspicious Jewish Christians.

When a Christian community developed at Antioch, Barnabas was sent as the official representative of the Church of Jerusalem to incorporate them into the fold. He and Paul instructed in Antioch for a year, after which they took relief contributions to Jerusalem.

Later, Paul and Barnabas, now clearly seen as charismatic leaders, were sent by Antioch officials to preach to the Gentiles. Enormous success crowned their efforts. After a miracle at Lystra, the people wanted to offer sacrifice to them as gods—Barnabas being Zeus, and Paul, Hermes—but the two said, “We are of the same nature as you, human beings. We proclaim to you good news that you should turn from these idols to the living God” (see Acts 14:8-18).

But all was not peaceful. They were expelled from one town, they had to go to Jerusalem to clear up the ever-recurring controversy about circumcision and even the best of friends can have differences. When Paul wanted to revisit the places they had evangelized, Barnabas wanted to take along John Mark, his cousin, author of the Gospel, but Paul insisted that, since Mark had deserted them once, he was not fit to take along now. The disagreement that followed was so sharp that Barnabas and Paul separated, Barnabas taking Mark to Cyprus, Paul taking Silas to Syria. Later, they were reconciled—Paul, Barnabas and Mark.

When Paul stood up to Peter for not eating with Gentiles for fear of his Jewish friends, we learn that “even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy” (see Galatians 2:1-13).



Comment:

Barnabas is spoken of simply as one who dedicated his life to the Lord. He was a man "filled with the Holy Spirit and faith. Thereby large numbers were added to the Lord." Even when he and Paul were expelled from Antioch in Pisidia, they were "filled with joy and the Holy Spirit."

~Taken from www.americancatholic.org

“O Canada! Terre de nos aieux... O Canada! Our home and native land!”

.....the opening lines of the Canadian national anthem.

Hello everyone, greetings from Holy Trinity, Sooke, BC – paradise of the North!

Greetings as well from the two retired clergy here who preceded us at St. Barnabas: Canon Horace (Sheila) McClelland and Bishop Ron (Ann) Shepherd.

Can you believe it? It's been one year since we said “thank you” for seven years and two months among you at St. Barnabas. What a farewell that was at the White House – home of Richard and Ann White!

Nancy Bye and Lynniss Wilderson offered us an opportunity to bring you up to date on our activities. Three areas of interest would be our first impressions, our ministry and our efforts toward dual citizenship.

Upon our arrival in the parish on June 1, 2008, we received a warm Canadian welcome. Our parishioners immigrated from England, Scotland, Holland and other parts of Canada. We found the people to be polite, gracious, faithful Anglicans. Together we accomplished much good.

The island of Vancouver and the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia just celebrated their 150 anniversary. The parish was established almost 100 years ago. On April 4, 2005, the church building burned to the ground. Recently there have been a couple of splits in the congregation. With the rebuilding of the sanctuary in 2007, the bishop worked very hard to reunite the two main groups. We are continuing that effort.

Average Sunday worshipers in 2006, were 36; in 2007, 38; in 2008, 47 – an increase of 24%. In April of 2009, we averaged 65. As St. Paul observed, some planted, some watered, God gave the increase. Our youngest boy is two; our youngest girl is four month's old. Her mother just called to set a July 19 date for Brynna Leigh's baptism. We have six children in Sunday school. We have two 20 year olds; two 30 year olds and the rest of us are of mature age!

Since all the vestments burned in the fire, Nancy has sewed new vestments for Advent, Lent, Easter and she is just finishing up for Pentecost. She sang the Exultet at our first Great Easter Vigil and preached in the rain (I held the umbrella) during the Ecumenical Sunrise service. She edits our monthly parish news letter. She serves on the Diocesan Commission on Ordained Ministry. She has also

visited the ladies three times last year at the Pocatello Women's Correctional Facility.

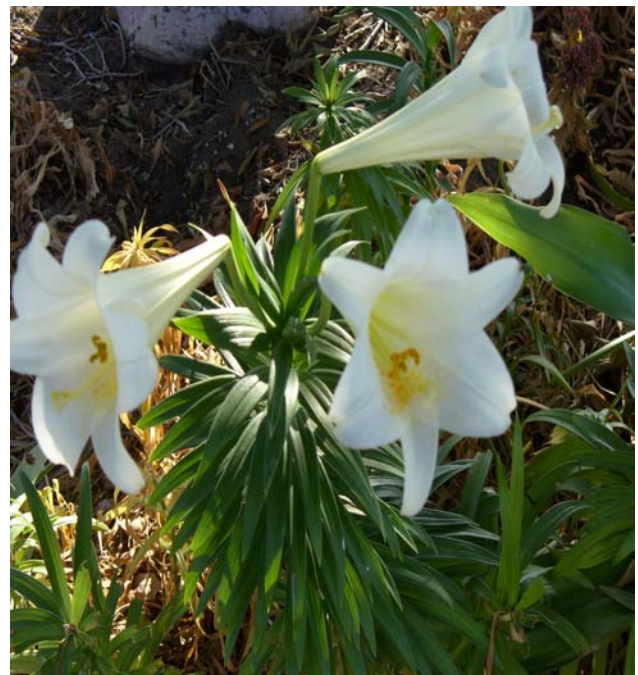
Clergy specializing in congregational development – growing the congregation – are not currently in abundance here. Consequently, I was nominated by the Provincial authorities for fast track for permanent residence leading to dual citizenship.

We are happy. We pray daily for all of you and for the Calling Committee. We read the Carillon.

You can keep up with us and see more of us on our website: holytrinitysookebc.org.

Sincerely,

**QUICK.....
Check out the lilies at
ST. BARNABAS
photo by lynniss**



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Hope your day is filled with joy
Lots of calls and lots of toys

Memories abound right now
Of childhood pleasures fondly remembered

Times of play and times of strife
All what makes the living life

Thoughts of.....
Treasures, cards and letters sent
From islands far away
While defending all we know as dear to us
As patiently we wait at home

Romping, playing catch
Using dolly's best rain boot

Birthday party's terrible snow when I
Was only six and sure the day was ruined
You showed up with party guests
To make the sun shine on my day

All these and millions more make up the
Life and love we share.....

Love to you on
FATHER'S DAY

Several years ago I wrote this to my father as his Father's Day gift. I found it in some papers the other day and it brought up such good memories I dusted it off for you.

My father passed away in March 2000, of Alzheimers. He did not know me the last time I saw him.

~lynnis

Catholic saints are holy people and human people
who lived extraordinary lives.

Each saint the Church honors responded to God's invitation to use his or her unique gifts.

God calls each one of us to be a saint.

CURIOUS

Tired of the heat?
Bored with the summer hiatus?
Lonesome for absent friends?

Why not rent a movie and enjoy a quiet afternoon in your air-conditioned home. The Curious Case of Benjamin Button sounds a bit far fetched – a baby born with the characteristics of an old man who gradually gets younger – but having won multiple Academy Awards, based on an F. Scott Fitzgerald story and starring Brad Pitt, it seemed well worth a try. It was.

Beneath the odd plot lies a wealth of symbolism and wisdom about the human condition. The story is told through flash-backs from Benjamin's diary as it is read to Daisy, his long-time love on her death bed, by their daughter. As Benjamin "ages" from an infant who looks eighty to a senior citizen who looks like a child, his mind progresses normally. He falls in love with Daisy at first sight. She is a child and so is he, mentally, but he looks like her grandfather. They wait years until their minds and bodies are at the same level. There are a number of poignant sub-plots, such as Benjamin's reconciliation and eventual forgiveness of the father who abandoned him, Daisy's challenges in her career as a ballet dancer, and experiences associated with both World Wars. Some of the dialog was particularly thought-provoking. Daisy asks, "What's it like growing younger?" Benjamin replies, "I can't say. I'm always looking out my own eyes." Can't we all relate this view to ourselves?

Later, as Daisy ages and Benjamin moves toward childhood, "It's never too late to be whoever you want to be" bears pondering.

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button is rated PG-13 and offers an entertaining diversion while leaving you with a lot to think about afterwards.

~Wendy Quinn

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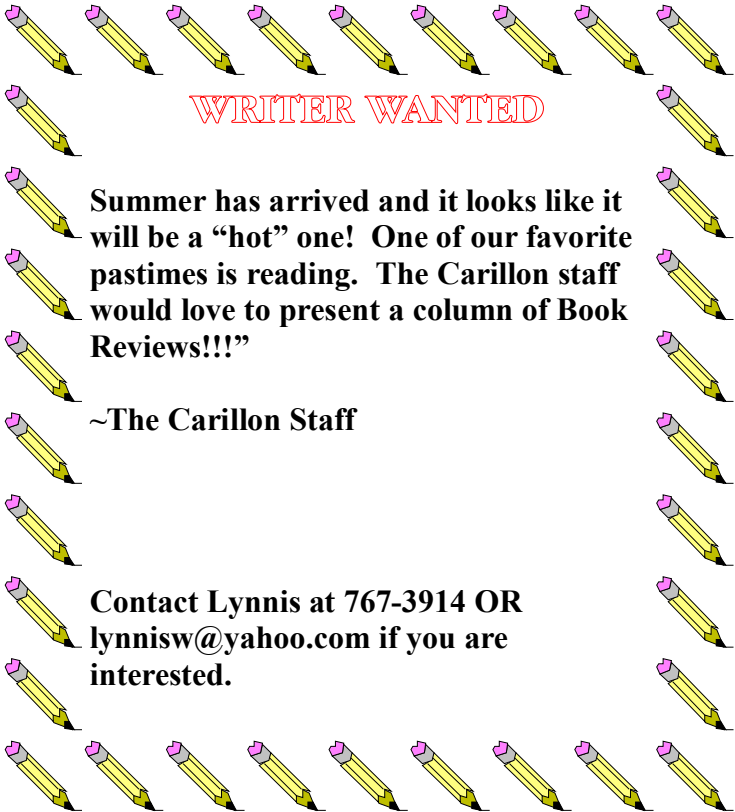
**BORREGO SPRINGS
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
2009 SUMMER SCHEDULE
READERS THEATER**

June 24, 7:30 PM
Director Jonathan Mittleman
A SONG AT TWILIGHT
by Noel Coward

July 17 & 18 7:30 PM
Jr. Theater Performance

August 26, 7:30 PM
Director Austin E. Custodia
**THE WONDERFUL ICE CREAM
SUIT**
by Ray Bradbury

September 30, 7:30 PM
Co-directors Austin & Jonathan
SPEED THE PLOW
by David Mamet



WRITER WANTED

Summer has arrived and it looks like it will be a "hot" one! One of our favorite pastimes is reading. The Carillon staff would love to present a column of Book Reviews!!!"

~The Carillon Staff

Contact Lynnise at 767-3914 OR lynnisw@yahoo.com if you are interested.

WHITE ELEPHANT

WANTED

Laptop computer, Mac or PC
Cassette tape-deck
Victor: 760/767-7746 or ravok@nethere.com

FOR SALE

5-Disk Auto CD Player
Victor: 760/767-7746 or ravok@nethere.com

For inclusion, or suggestions, call Lynnise or drop her a line at lynnisw@yahoo.com

WORKSHOP ON EVANGELISM

Several weeks ago we attended a workshop on evangelism that reset our thinking about what that word means.

The workshop was presented at the Episcopal Church of the Apostles by a member of the Bishop's staff, Reverend Steve Wendfeldt, who offered a view of the church as an organization that needed to apply modern techniques if it was to survive the rigors of today's cultural climate.

Those techniques included a variety of approaches that have proved effective: focused advertising, deeper involvement in community affairs, new long-term outreach programs which include all members of the community.

Some examples: partnering with private and public institutions to achieve social ends; offering services to deprived members of the community; focusing on helping individuals and families in areas of special concern to the Church, such as weddings and funerals; sharing church space for public events,

Based on Wendfeldt's gung-ho approach, the fact is churches that are actually following such a regimen, (with an awareness that calls for continuing attention to how well they perform) will be the institutions that ensure their survival over both the short- and the long-term.

Echoing Wendfeldt, current efforts to attract and hold members are not working because they depend on the outmoded notion that 'pushing one's line' is not quite respectable. That notion in today's culture is no longer feasible or even defensible.

According to Wendfeldt the idea of evangelism, in the old sense of knocking on people's doors or buttonholing them (or of colonizing them), is neither appropriate nor, more to the point, any longer effective.

To survive in this new cultural environment, the Episcopal Church needs to think in a new way. That means accepting the necessity for serious change. Accept that necessity or, according to Wendfeldt, die.

In the coming weeks, others who attended the workshop will be talking about their shared experience. Those, in addition to us are: Bonnie and Bill Walker; Sue and Haddon Salt.

Good thinking from

~Mary and Victor Levine

IT'S NOT TOO LATE

EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

One remaining workshop to help your congregation tell its faith story will be held:

June 6 at Church of the Good Shepherd, Bonita
The workshop is \$15 per person, includes lunch,
8:30 am - 2:30 pm and is open to all.

If you have questions or to make reservations,
please contact the Rev. Canon Steve Wendfeldt:
steve@edsd.org or 619-291-5947 ext. 305.

ST. BARNABAS LILIES BLOOM
A little late, but still the
EASTER season.....

photo by lynniss

~Alex+/Nancy+



Mark Your Calendar

JUNE



SUNDAY SERVICES 8:30 AM

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Tuesday at 7:30 am

The Men of St. Barnabas @ Kendall's

June 7 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist

St. Barnabas Feast Day

June 14 8:30 AM Morning Prayer Service

June 15 Food Bank Distribution

June 17 6:00 PM Men's Group

June 21 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist FATHER'S DAY

June 18 3:00 PM Finance Committee meeting

June 22 8:00 AM Vestry

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