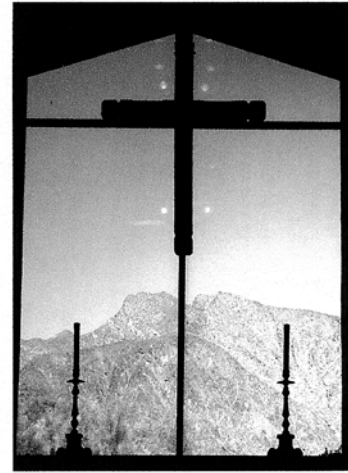


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St Barnabas Episcopal Church



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The Symbols of Advent

Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

Historically, the primary sanctuary color for Advent was purple. More recently churches are using blue. This reflects the change from a season of penitence and fasting (as in Lent) to the emphasis on anticipation and hope.

The beginning of Advent is a time for decorating the church with evergreen boughs, wreaths or trees. Some churches have a special service when the church is decorated and the Advent wreath is hung. The evergreens symbolize the new and everlasting life through the birth of Jesus. The Advent wreath is an increasingly popular symbol both at home and in the church. The circle reminds us of God's endless mercy. The greenery speaks of hope and renewal. The candles symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of his son. One candle is lit each Sunday in Advent and they have different meanings. The pink candle is usually lit on the third Sunday and symbolizes joy. Pink roses are often used on that Sunday to decorate the church and it is often called Gaudete Sunday from the Latin word for "rejoice". The fifth candle, in the center, is white and called the "Christ Candle". It is traditionally lit on Christmas Eve.

~Nancy Bye

“Did You Know?”

paraphrased by Bonnie Walker

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is the Christmas Eve service held in King's College Chapel, Cambridge, England. The Festival was introduced in 1918 to bring a more imaginative approach to worship. The opening carol is always 'Once in royal David's City'. The broadcast of the present service has millions of listeners worldwide.

Wherever the service is adapted, its strength comes from the lessons, the words of the Bible. The main theme is the development of the loving purpose of God. The center of the service is still found by those who consent to follow where the story leads.

At St. Barnabas, our adaptation of this service will take place on Christmas Eve at 8:30P.M.

During this season
Of expectation
Join us in an old-fashioned
English service of

LESSONS & CAROLS

8:30 PM
Christmas Eve
Join us at 8:15 PM for Carols

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

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PRAYER FOR CALLING A RECTOR

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

VESTRY REPORT

Your vestry met on November 23 and continues doing the work of St. Barnabas.

- Christmas will be celebrated with Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve. Carol singing will be at 8:15 with the service at 8:30. This will not be a Eucharist and the community is invited, so please come and bring a friend.
- The slate was presented for three new Vestry members. They are Martha Mitchell, Wendy Quinn and Gary Westover. Delegates to convention are Shirley Vialpando and Bill Walker with alternates LLouise Jee and Bonnie Walker.

Your calling committee continues its work in finding a new rector.

~Sue Salt

BIBLE STUDY

Now that Winter is approaching quickly this is being repeated.....

I have had several people ask me to start another Bible Study at St. Barnabas. I am giving this much thought but need to get some information from all of you:



- Is there someone who would like to assist me in the program?
- Do you want a structured or unstructured type of Bible Study?
- Would you want to read one Book at a time instead of the Lectionary Study?
- Would you want to start with the Old Testament or the New Testament?
- Would Monday night at 5 PM work for you? That is the time we had the study in the past.

If we have enough people to respond then I would consider starting a Bible Study in the fall.

Please contact me at cbgay1998@yahoo.com or call me at 767-3455.

~Cathy Gay, Senior Warden

DECEMBER PRAYER LIST

We pray especially for **Michael** Smith serving in Afghanistan .

We pray for healing for
Tracy Alexander
Joyce Girard
Joyce Martin
Agnes Schleicher
Phil Brown

DECEMBER THANKSGIVINGS

BIRTHDAYS:

- 2 Lyn Loerke and Martha Jee
- 3 John Visser
- 4 Fred Scott and Lee Estep
- 12 Bob Cassidy
- 13 Correne Ilsley
- 15 Nancy Stevens
- 16 Myra Lewis
- 19 Rose Ross
- 22 Barbara Scott
- 30 Joya Hoyt

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Victor and Mary Levine (1964)

Thinking Prayer-Chain

Things have moved along since I suggested we start up a Prayer-Chain at St Barnabas. We used to have one. We haven't had one for awhile. Now we have one again. Bravo.

Consider what it has begun to provide, in concert with the prayer list, via our newly formed society of helpmates whose prayers are now supporting our comrades in their hour of need.

Our hope is that we may help them return to their healthy and productive selves. Indeed, we might even hope to enhance their recovery—perhaps even speed it up, just a little.

We've begun with seven members of the congregation: Betty McKee, Sonja McGrath, Martha Mitchell, Carol Sargent, Fay Dorsey, Mary Levine and Victor Levine. In the past week we've added Anne Marie and hope to add more in the coming weeks.

Our plan is to offer a service that will be sustainable over the long haul because of the continuing need for our prayers and support.

It is a great commission and well-hallowed by time. It is what we need to do as members of this church—all the more reason because some of our members are a growing part of the year-round population in Borrego.

Our compelling reason is that there are folks out there, both within the church and outside, who need us. We can do no less than respond generously.

The Prayer-Chain will of course provide the service only with the expressed permission of the ailing person. That is important, in the same way as obtaining permission to list the sick and ailing in the weekly Church Bulletin.

I hope you'll consider joining us. We shall be performing God's work here on this plane—not a small issue and, I suspect, for most of us, the reason why we signed on in the first place.

Do think about it. In acting in to meet a real need, we observe the basic law of our faith: to serve as Jesus served, and love as he loved. Think about what we can achieve.

Ask yourself, at day's end, why we are here if not for the loving of one another and, in pursuit of that goal, to be useful to others.

Give me a call. I'm at 760/767/7746 or, if you like email me: <ravok@nethere.com>.

~Victor Levine



STAY YOUNG WITH BILL WALKER!
Join Bill on Thursdays at 4:00 PM in the Parish
Room beginning December 3.

The Cursillo Movement

Many of you have asked about this movement called Cursillo so I thought I would again try and explain what the movement is and why Cursillo exists.

First, I believe you have to go back to the year 1942. It was in Spain that year that the women became rather tired of their men not participating in church or getting involved in their local community. The women decided to talk to their priests about reigniting the fire in their men and reminding them that church and community was important in their life. It took a few more years to get the program going but the results became clear as the men returned from the three day weekend ready to become more involved in their church and in their community. The movement was started and has grown to become a world wide movement.

So what is learned when one attends a Cursillo weekend?

We call this the four parts of the Christian ideal and they are presented to those who attend the three day weekend.

1. *Living* life in Grace
2. *Spreading* life in Grace
3. *Sharing* life in grace
4. *Witnessing* to life in Grace

Each day has an element of growth, spirituality and the ability to reach out and change the world in Christ 's name. The first day of the weekend is called *PIETY*, The second day is *STUDY* and the final day is *ACTION*. *PIETY* is living a life of grace, *STUDY* is growth and finally *ACTION* is the on going process of growth with Christ . It is after one leaves the weekend that life starts to change and we become more in tune with Christ , Church and community. The new Cursillo member realizes that he is not alone but has many to help him spread Christ's love. We have a term we use to help us as we start to put into practice the *ACTION* part of this movement.

“Make a friend, be a friend and bring a friend to Christ ”

In Borrego Springs we gather each Monday at St Barnabas and pray for those who are in need of our prayers. We are both Catholics and Episcopalians that share a common belief that we can make a friend, share our friendships and hopefully bring a new friend to Christ. We believe we can actually make a difference.

Would you like to join us?

~Garrett Westover
St Barnabas Church

OUR BEV

She was elegant, intelligent, articulate, attractive. Her skills at golf and bridge were legend. She was tall and witty and the unflappable mother of five; she died in October after a blessedly brief and brave battle with lung cancer. She was very active in St. Barnabas and served on the Altar Guild and Women of St. Barnabas; did anything that needed to be done—bake sale, hostess, fund raising, co-editor of our cookbook. We missed her when she and husband Addis summered in Nebraska. Now we will miss her forever. Beverly Ward was a wonderful friend.

~Nancy Bye



BITS & PIECES

“THE BORREGO POETRY SEMINAR”

Meets at 6:00 pm every fourth Wednesday (December 23) in the Library’s Community Room. Writers, song-writers and nonwriters are welcome. Bring pieces to read finished or not. Please make 10 photocopies to give and share at our gathering.

NOTE FROM ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Reverend Robert A. Nagy Vicar of St. Thomas sent St. Barnabas a wonderful letter thanking us for the gifts of cookware and a cookbook we gave as our gift to their new church. He states, “It will be fun to use it in our brand new kitchen! We are looking forward to trying your church



**BORREGO SPRINGS
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
2009 SCHEDULE**

December 5
7:30 PM Nigro & Schroeder
Guitar and Flute

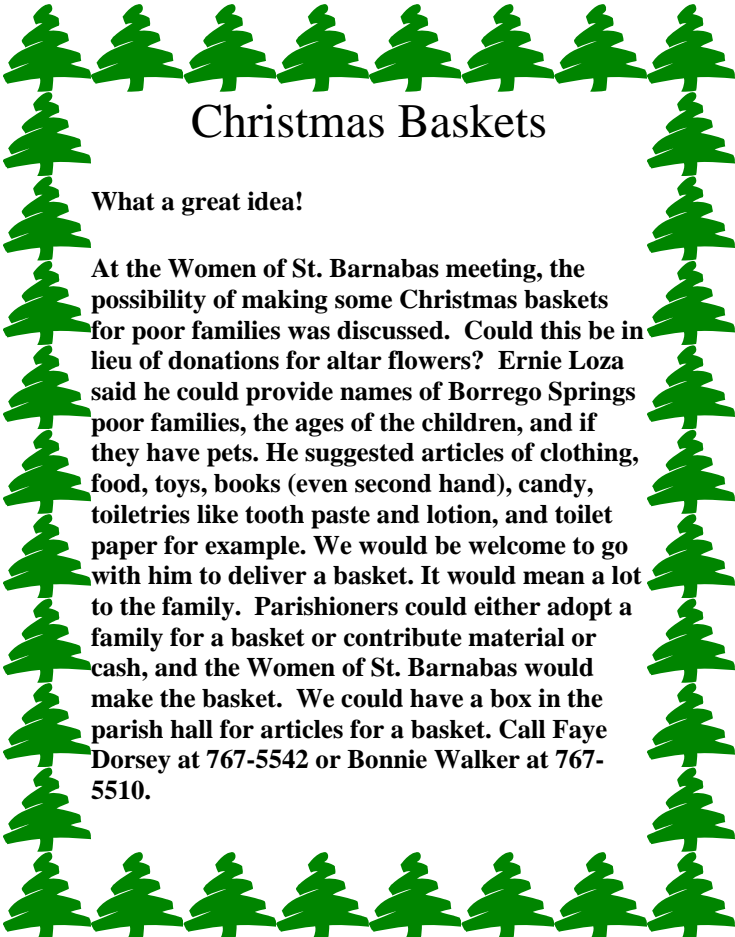
December 12
2-5 PM Winetasting Fundraiser at
Borrego Outfitters--\$10
7:30 PM Variety Show:
“Christmas—Cowboy Style”

December 13
3 PM “Christmas—Cowboy Style”
Matinee

Talents and Treasures

Do you have a special talent you can share?
Are you a knitter, wood carver, metal artist, jewelry maker, stitcher, painter, cook, host or hostess? Do you have any "treasures," you know good stuff you no longer can fit in a smaller home, or discover when "spring cleaning"? Well, we have the perfect opportunity for you! We will again have a Talents and Treasures Sale in February. An item or a gift certificate for a dinner, tea, round of golf, or trip to the city would be perfect. It has been suggested that as part of our outreach, we might share the Talents and Treasures event with the community at Christmas Circle on Farmers Market Day. What do you think? If you wonder where the money will go, it is divided between the Women of St. Barnabas and our Altar Guild. And it is fun too.

~Faye Dorsey



Christmas Baskets

What a great idea!

At the Women of St. Barnabas meeting, the possibility of making some Christmas baskets for poor families was discussed. Could this be in lieu of donations for altar flowers? Ernie Loza said he could provide names of Borrego Springs poor families, the ages of the children, and if they have pets. He suggested articles of clothing, food, toys, books (even second hand), candy, toiletries like tooth paste and lotion, and toilet paper for example. We would be welcome to go with him to deliver a basket. It would mean a lot to the family. Parishioners could either adopt a family for a basket or contribute material or cash, and the Women of St. Barnabas would make the basket. We could have a box in the parish hall for articles for a basket. Call Faye Dorsey at 767-5542 or Bonnie Walker at 767-5510.

WOMEN OF ST. BARNABAS

December 17

Parish Hall wrapping/preparation for the
Barnabas Bakers Event 12-2 PM

December 18

Barnabas Bakers Event at Christmas Circle.
Meet at the parish hall at 6:30 AM to move
tables, chairs, coffee makings and baked goods to
Christmas Circle. Event is from 7AM-11AM,
can you help?

Women of St. Barnabas welcome all women of
the parish and guests to pot luck luncheon noon
meetings on:

Wednesday, January 6, 2010

Hostess is Ann Nourse, 3302 Running M Road.
Speakers- L Louise Jee and Ann Nourse
Anza Borrego Desert State Park

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

Hostess is Mary Bennett, 3261 Broken Arrow
Speaker- Arlana Holland, Horizon Hospice

February- (date to be decided)

Talents and Treasures Sale
All creative people are invited to
begin your handwork Gift certificates welcome

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Hostess is Louise Burmester, 82 Roadrunner Club
Speaker from the Performing Arts Center
TBA

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Hostess is Sue Salt, 323 Ocotillo Circle
Speakers are Mary MacDonald and Mary Levine
on the American Legion

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Hostess is Ann White, 3275 Broken Arrow
Speaker is Peter Bergstrom,
Camp Stevens Director

Oooooops!

I left out of the "minutes" or report of the
Women of St Barnabas a report on Pearl
German, who was a recipient of a scholarship for
studying to be a Home Health Care Worker. She
is now working at the Assisted Living Facility
and loving her work there.

~ Faye Dorsey

November Meeting of the Women of St. Barnabas

We met at the Chamber of Commerce for our monthly
meeting and shared a gourmet pot luck luncheon. Our
speaker was Kimberly Williamson, Director. She shared
some interesting facts about then and now. In 1928 the
Borrego Boosters Club was formed with goals of better
publicity about the valley, better roads, and to create a
community hall. In 1929 the group was formally
incorporated as the Borrego Valley Chamber Of Commerce.
In 1931 the Chamber published a promotional brochure
inviting outlanders to "Live! In Borrego Valley-California's
Wonderland". The current Mission Statement is: "We
provide leadership and act as a catalyst in creating a vibrant
economic environment that supports business growth and
attracts people to visit and live in Borrego Springs".
Kimberly is the only paid employee and called her
volunteers in the office and at the Sundowners, her angels.
More angels are welcome! Each member at the luncheon
meeting was given a packet of information (ask Faye if you
want a packet too).

Other business included signing up for the Holy Happy
Coffee Hour, and planning for the Christmas time Barnabas
Bakers Event at the Christmas Circle during Farmers'
Market. Wrappers and pricers are needed on Thursday,
December 17th noon to 2 PM, bring your sandwich or
snack. On Friday at 6:30 AM we need trucks and hearty
people to move tables, chairs and the wrapped baked goods
to the Christmas Circle. Then we need helpers to sell the
tasty wares and give out free coffee. It is a fun thing to do,
come join us and tell all your friends and neighbors to come
for holiday treats to share. Jean Smith volunteered to be the
cashier.

Christmas baskets for poor families was discussed. Nancy
Bye will provide you with further information about this
effort.

~Faye Dorsey, Chairperson

Mark Your Calendar



DECEMBER

SUNDAY SERVICES 8:30 AM

Supply Clergy:

December 6, 13, 20, 27 —Fr. Juan Acosta

December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Tuesday at 7:30 am The Men of St. Barnabas
@ Kendall's Cafe

December 14— 1:30—5:00 PM Food Bank Distribution

December 17— Noon to 3:00 PM Women of St. Barnabas wrapping for
Bake Event

December 17—3:00 PM Finance Meeting

December 18—7:00 AM WOSB Bake Event at Christmas Circle

December 24—8:15 PM Carols

8:30 PM Christmas Eve "Lessons and Carols"

Fr. Juan Acosta

December 25—8:30 AM Christmas Day Holy Eucharist Fr. Juan Acosta

St. Barnabas Carillon

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