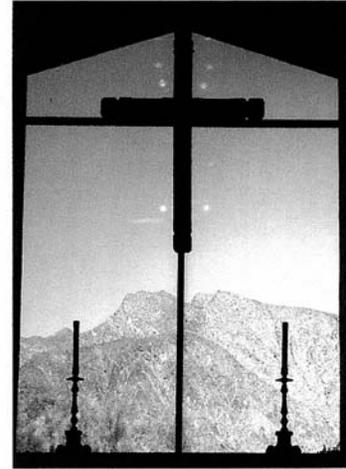


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LETTER FROM BISHOP MATHES

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In May, I shared with you a plan for the reorganization of our diocesan staff. In making major changes, I intend to accomplish three things. First, I believe it is critical that we live into a different way of being a diocese, more collaborative and less directive. With fewer personnel, we can live into the opportunity of being less staff driven, allowing greater participation from around our diocesan community. More importantly, I feel that our shared ministry will be richly blessed by having a bishop and staff focused on connecting and suggesting resources than trying to be the problem-solvers themselves. Secondly, and I believe also critical, is improving how we work as an office, especially in our financial affairs. And lastly, the reorganization reduces our diocesan operating costs.

I have made two appointments to implement the reorganization plan and reach these objectives. I have asked Julie H. Young to be Diocesan Treasurer, effective October 7, 2009, and I have called the Rev. Suzann V. Holding to be Canon to the Ordinary, effective December 1, 2009.

Julie is a life-long Episcopalian and member of our Cathedral. She graduated from Mary Washington College with a bachelor's degree in economics and received an M.B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley. She has extensive business experience in the transportation industry and almost ten years experience in non-profit management and finance. She most recently served as Associate Director of City Heights Community Development Corporation. I believe that Julie will be a tremendous asset to our diocese.

Suzi comes to the Diocese of San Diego after having served as Rector of The Church of Our Savior in Elmhurst, Illinois. She was previously Associate Rector at Trinity Episcopal Church, Wheaton, Illinois. Since 2006, she has coordinated the Practice of Ministry (field education) program at Seabury Western Theological Seminary. Suzi currently serves in numerous diocesan and provincial roles and is President of the Standing Committee in the Diocese of Chicago. A graduate of DePauw University with a B.A. in Political Science, she subsequently earned a Master of International Business from the American School of International Management (Thunderbird). Prior to attending Seabury Western and receiving her M.Div., Suzi spent seventeen years in various sales, marketing and management positions in the marketing services industry. I have the highest confidence in Suzi's ability to partner with us all in our ministry. I believe that she brings the experience, wisdom, temperament, and spiritual grounding necessary for this role.

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REPORT OF CALLING COMMITTEE

The Calling Committee has been tasked to develop a candidate to be submitted to the Vestry of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church to become the new rector. Many candidates have been sent to us from Canon Jenny Vervynck who is the current Diocese contact for developing new clergy for the churches of the Diocese.

We have been blessed with good candidates for the Committee to evaluate. Our Chair, Addis Ward and Co-Chair, Fred Jee have led the Committee over the last few months through the selection process given to us by Canon Vervynck.

There are many steps to the process and deliberate speed is applied to be sure all candidates are given a fair examination by the Committee. Candidates are screened by their responses to a set of generic questions, information supplied to Canon Vervynck, phone interviews, checking on references of the final candidates and focusing on a final candidate after all the steps have been taken for each applicant. The final candidate is invited to come to the parish and visit the community and the church and meet some of its members before the offer for employment is made by the Vestry. Consensus of the Committee must be reached before submittal to the Vestry is done for the actual hiring of the new rector candidate.

Given the deliberate nature of this process, the speed of candidate evaluation is slow to those not involved in the process. No decision is rushed to have the position filled. Whoever becomes the new rector will be the key to the future of this church. Therefore, we wish to get the most qualified, most devoted and most energetic person who will be the spiritual leader and community contact for our church. Their task will be difficult as they become familiar with the new surroundings, but their commitment to our goal of growing the church must be clear and enthusiastically pursued to ensure that St Barnabas Episcopal Church will continue to be a vital part of the Borrego Springs community.

~Fred Jee

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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 September 28 and is preparing for the fall.

There will continue to be one service at 8:30 as long as supply clergy is being used.

In October Father Juan will officiate on the 4th and 11th. Julie canceled out of the other two Sundays so they may be Morning Prayer. Alfred Smith will be with us November 8th, 15th and 29th.

St. Barnabas will not have a Thanksgiving service this year.

In other news, the irrigation systems for both the rectory and church are being repaired and improved, and the broken A/C unit in the Parish room will be replaced.

The calling committee continues its work and will meet with the bishop on the 15th. Applications are still being submitted for consideration.

Three members of the vestry finish their terms the end of the year and Haddon, David and Shirley are the nominating committee for new members.

The Food Bank continues to grow and has created great community spirit. Anyone is welcome to volunteer.

~Sue Salt

SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

Here we are coming to the end of another summer season. I want to take this time to once again thank all of you, the Vestry, the congregation, and all those of you that have stepped in to help the church through the summer. I especially want to thank LLouise Jee and Mary Levine for stepping up to the plate at the last minute to conduct Morning Prayer when one of our Supply Clergy was not able to attend services. The Vestry has decided to continue with Supply Clergy until we have a new Rector.

Another important ongoing program has been started by Haddon Salt, Outreach Chair, with Ernie Loza is the San Diego Food Bank distribution at St. Barnabas. These two men and all the volunteers also deserve special thanks.

The Calling Committee is working diligently to interview candidates for a new Rector and hopefully we will have one in place in the near future. Bishop Mathes will be meeting with the Calling Committee and me on October 15th. The Bishop's annual visit will be next February.

On November 21st, Steve Wendeltd from the Diocese will be at St. Barnabas to conduct a seminar on Evangelism. Please keep this date open and attend if possible. Bill and Bonnie Walker, Victor and Mary Levine, and Haddon and Sue Salt have attended Steve's conference so if you have any questions please feel free to ask them about it.

At the end of every three years, three members of the Vestry retire from service and three new members will be asked to be part of the Vestry. The Vestry is a very integral part of the running of the Parish and essential to the completeness of St. Barnabas. So I am asking all of you to be thinking of someone that you might want to see on the Vestry next year. You might even consider yourself as a Vestry member.

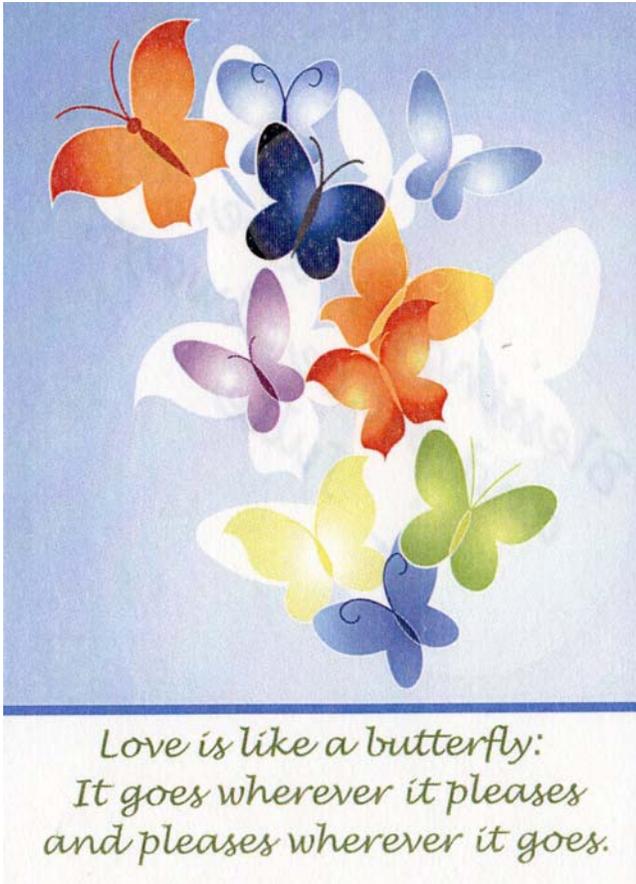
~Cathy Gay, Senior Warden

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1.....Finally, the economic circumstances that have affected so many of your own staffing decisions have come into play at the diocesan office as well. In the finance department, the responsibilities of three positions will be incorporated into the responsibilities of the new treasurer and her assistant, to be hired by Julie Young once she begins work. Thus, we must say goodbye to Sandy Williams, Accounting Manager, and Sue Embick, Accounting Assistant. Both Sandy and Sue have graciously agreed to support our new treasurer in her transition. I am very thankful to them for their willingness to do so. Sue will retire on October 15, 2009, and Sandy will end her service on October 31, 2009.

The congregational development activities handled by Jenny Vervynck and the administrative duties under Howard Smith will be part of Suzi Holding's responsibilities as Canon to the Ordinary. Howard will take on exclusive responsibility for diocesan fund development, and I will handle deployment activities for the foreseeable future. Jenny will conclude her ministry as a member of the Bishop's staff on October 31st so that she can receive a well-deserved sabbatical. A reception to honor Jenny's work will be held on a date to be determined in the very near future. You will receive more information about the reception in the coming weeks.

While all of these changes are underway, we continue with a busy fall schedule. In advance, I thank you for your work in our common life and for your prayers for all affected by this transition.

Faithfully,
The Rt. Rev. James R. Mathes
Bishop



~Lovely note card from Julia

THE WOMEN OF ST. BARNABAS

A new year is coming for The Women of St Barnabas. Please contact Faye Dorsey through E mail at fayedorsey@msn.com or by phone in Renton, Washington 425-271-5613 until October, when I will come to the desert where my phone is 760-767-5542.

Let me know if you would like to host a potluck luncheon meeting at your home or co-host with someone with a bigger home.

Also we need suggestions for programs you would like to hear or present. We will hear more about the food bank at our October 7 meeting at Nancy Bye's home. In November, we will be meeting at the Chamber of Commerce. Thanks,

~Faye Dorsey

A Chair for Elijah

Dear brother
That was your cup your chair

While you lived amongst us
And earned your place

Round the common table:
How we need you to fill it

Once more recall
How we lived

When you were with us:
How we heard your words

And now are bereft
But for our memories

Of that storied
Light within the desert

Now claimed by the deep night
Which becalms us:

We are left in your absence
Round the communal board

Needing once more
To be known to one another:

Once more feeling
The love we bear

Needing to save more
Than your place

Your cup
And your chair

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~Victor Levine

Welcome Pastor Jim!

Our Community United Methodist Church is lucky enough to have a new pastor. Jim Brooking, 57, is originally from upstate New York but most recently called Kauai home.

A bachelor, Pastor Jim says his work is his love. Ah, but another love is music! He is an organist, a pianist and an amateur hymnologist. We welcome him, his wit and enthusiasm, and hope he finds our desert life filled with beautiful music.

~Nancy Bye

The September Food Bank was a great success!

We had 176 families sign up and we gave out 290 bags of food. Families of one to three receive one bag of food. If there are four or more in the family they receive 2 bags. They are also provided an assortment of fresh fruit and vegetables.

The next food bank day is on October 19. We hope you will volunteer to help make up the bags of food. Show up at St. Barnabas at 1:15 and lend a hand.

~Mary Bennett

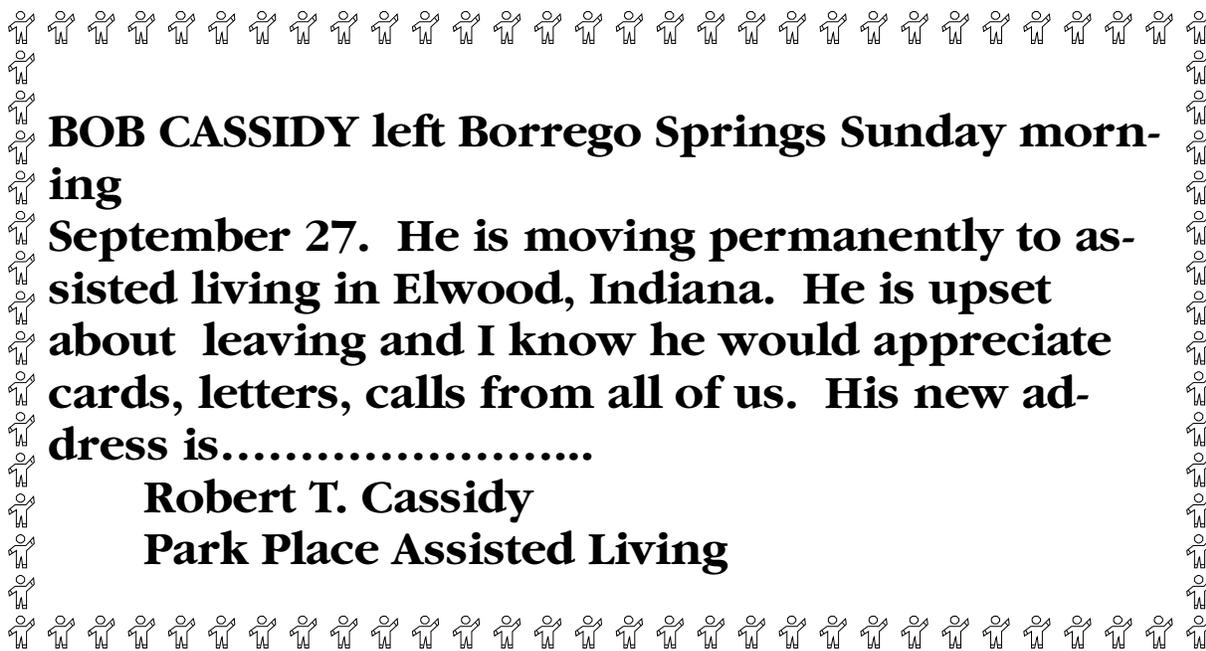
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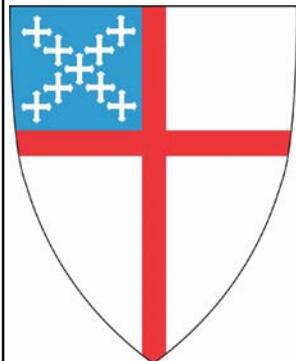
Just having fun with words! Some of us thought it would be nice to have an end of summer get-together in the courtyard on Sunday evening, October 4 at 4:30 . Bring your own beverage and a dish of something sweet or savory to share.

See you there. Or be square!

~Nancy Bye

 **BOB CASSIDY left Borrego Springs Sunday morning September 27. He is moving permanently to assisted living in Elwood, Indiana. He is upset about leaving and I know he would appreciate cards, letters, calls from all of us. His new address is.....**
Robert T. Cassidy
Park Place Assisted Living

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WOMEN OF ST. BARNABAS

FIRST FALL MEETING

will be at the home of Nancy Bye, 3880 Pecos Drive at noon on Wednesday, October 7. Haddon Salt and Ernie Loza will tell us about our very important Food Bank.

Pastor Jim will be our special guest

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!

~Nancy Bye

BORREGO SPRINGS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER 2009 AUTUMN SCHEDULE

FUNDRAISER.....
Wine Tasting Fundraiser
Oct. 24 at 11:00 to 3:00
after the Borrego Days Parade
at Borrego Outfitters
Gaye Foreman will be entertaining

READERS THEATER
November 4
HAMLET
by William Shakespeare
Directed by
Jonathan Mittleman

November 14
Opening Season Champagne Gala
The Euphorics—An *a capella* quartet

DOG IS MY CO-PILOT

Many will enjoy the wisdom, wit and insight provided by the collection of short stories and essays in *Dog is my Co-pilot*, compiled by the editors of *Bark* magazine. The book is divided into four categories. "Beginnings," "Pack," "Lessons," and "Passages." The first section includes "The Existence of Dog," relating a woman's experience raising a child who loved dogs from early childhood. The writer was not fond of dogs, but became a convert through her child's eyes. "Why we don't Play Chess" in the second chapter presents a humorous look at the writers' lives with a pack of miscellaneous adopted dogs, leaving little time for anything else but clearly told with love. A favorite excerpt from "Lessons" is "Ten Things my Dog Taught me that Made it Possible for me to get Married." The advice is all excellent and includes "If you want your hand to be licked, you might have to put it under somebody's nose"; and "Everything is forgivable, every moment contains eternity, and loving unconditionally doesn't mean you are a self-annihilating fool." The last section, as you might expect, includes some tear-jerkers. Many of course deal with saying good-bye to a beloved dog. One with a different slant that was very heartwarming dealt with the way in which two dogs (one adopted at the Blessing of the Animals at church) comforted their owner following her husband's debilitating accident. Any animal lover will adore this book, but even "non-dog people" can find a lot of meaningful and poignant food for thought regarding the human condition.

~Wendy Quinn

FROM THE DIOCESE.....

Diocesan Quiet Day Living With Courage

Quiet Day Conducted by Sr. Barbara Quinn,
RSCJ

Sr. Barbara Quinn of USD's Center for Christian Spirituality will lead a day of quiet prayer, teaching, reflection and discussion focusing on the role of the theme of "courage" as a way of getting at that hidden wisdom.

Schedule

- 9:00 am Continental breakfast
- 9:15 am Orientation and opening prayer
- 9:30 am First teaching: "The Challenge of Living with Courage"
- 10:45 am Second teaching: "Overcoming the Obstacles to Living with Courage"
- 11:45 am Lunch
- 1:00 am Third teaching: "To What Does Courage Call Me?"
- 2:00 am Closing prayer ritual

St. David's is located at 5050 Milton Street, San Diego, California 92110, in the Clairemont area of San Diego.

Registration is \$35. Registration deadline is Thursday, October 8.

Saturday, October 10
St. David's, San Diego
9:00am - 2:00pm
[Register here](#)

If you have questions, contact Susan Ward at 619-742-6540.



BARNABAS BAKERS

Please get those goodies together!

Our event at Christmas Circle brings in our income for outreach! We need your pickles, pastries, preserves, pies.

Friday, December 17th is our big day!

Pack and package in the Parish Room the day before: Thursday the 16th.

~Nancy Bye

Mark Your Calendar

OCTOBER



SUNDAY SERVICES 8:30 AM

Supply Clergy:

October 5—Fr. Juan Acosta

October 11—Fr. Juan Acosta

October 18-

October 25-

October 6, 13, 20, 27 Tuesday at 7:30 am

The Men of St. Barnabas @ Kendall's

October 19 Food Bank Distribution

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