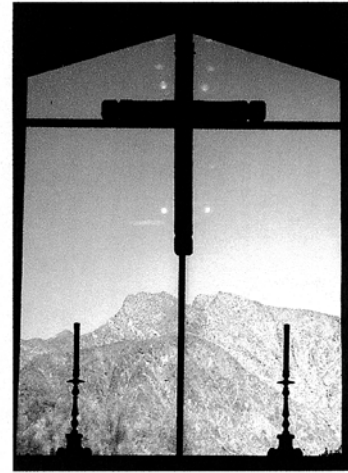


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“Alleluia, Christ is risen!”

On that first Easter morning the women came to the tomb carrying fragrant ointment to anoint Jesus’ body in death, their hearts heavy with grief. But when they arrived there, they found his tomb empty. All the gospels proclaim this glorious truth; and that he appeared in resurrected body to Mary and to his disciples. The resurrected Jesus was no floating soul or apparition, but touchable flesh, flesh that walked and talked, and cooked and ate fish.

What Jesus’ resurrection means for us is that Christ has overcome death, and in his victory he has opened to us everlasting life. Jesus died for us to break the grip of sin and death on our lives so that we too will be resurrected in physical body and live with him in his kingdom of love. We have new life in Christ and nothing can ever separate us from the love of God in him. That is our faith, and our hope and our joy in the midst of all the trials of our lives.

Christ lives, and this new life is ours right here and now. We need not fear anything, even the great adversary death, because Christ is there with us in it, through it, and brings us home to him and our loved ones and all the saints. In heaven, we will have bodies; we will recognize one another, and we will love one another, and all God’s children. Let’s start living that new life here and now. Happy Easter!

“The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia”

Laura+

VESTRY RETREAT

At 8:00 a.m. on March 22 the Vestry members (Lee Estep, Cathy Gay, L. Louise Jee, Victor Levine, Martha Mitchell, Wendy Quinn, Bonnie Walker and Gary Westover) met at the Rectory with Laura+ for an all-day retreat. Chuck Bennett was unable to attend and was missed.

We started the morning by reviewing some Respectful Communication Guidelines: Take Responsibility for what you say and feel without blaming others; use Empathetic listening; be Sensitive to differences in communication styles; Ponder what you hear and feel before you speak; Examine your own assumptions and perceptions; Keep Confidentiality; and Trust ambiguity, because we are not here to debate who is right or wrong. The discussion produced some valuable insight, and all the participants learned something or gained a new perspective.

The next exercise was a Bible study session which involved three readings of the same passage from John involving the incident where Jesus invited anyone in the crowd who was without sin to cast the first stone at an adulteress. When no one did, Jesus added that he did not condemn her and bade her go and sin no more. After the first reading, each participant said a word or phrase evoked by the passage. The second time, we gave a short explanation of our interpretation of the story; and following the third reading, each member was asked what God was asking of him/her as they listened. Again, a stimulating discussion ensued.

Before lunch we prayed and took Holy Communion around the dining room table, against the background of the beautiful desert landscape in Laura+'s backyard and beyond. Everyone enjoyed take-out sandwiches from Calico's and especially the salad and brownies, homemade by Laura+.

The afternoon business meeting centered on review of 2009 goals and setting new ones for 2010. This is a work in progress, but highlights included church organization, spending oversight, and fostering harmony, all continued from last year. Among the new ideas were development of a yearly church service and activity calendar, more training and record-keeping, seeking new volunteers, memorializing procedures and committee responsibilities and including parish member profiles in the *Carillon*.

Our final task was to assign Vestry members to the various committees: Worship, Pastoral Care, Finance, Outreach, Buildings & Grounds, Parish Life/Hospitality, Communications, Christian Education and Gifts & Memorials. There is more work to do, but we got off to a good start before it was time to adjourn at 3:15 p.m. Thanks to Laura+ and the Vestry for an enlightening and educational day.

Wendy Quinn

Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

March 14, 2010 was the day that Laura Brecht was installed as the new rector of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Borrego Springs, California. It had been a long wait for the members of this tiny church in a desert valley, and they greeted the day with joy and thanksgiving. After the induction, Bishop Mathes presented the new minister to the congregation, saying, "Greet your new Rector." We were thrilled to hear the words of the closing prayer, "We pray that Laura may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life."

It was a special treat to have our beloved Horace McClelland here from Canada with Sheila; he read the letter of institution. Also sharing this happy day with us were Rev. George Keith of the booming "Lift up your hearts" and Father Juan Acosta, our own Christmas season savior. The church was packed, and it was very moving to have Addis Ward serve once more as our crucifer. The closing hymn, *Lift High the Cross*, was sung with unusual gusto—as it will be many times hence. Thanks be to God!

~Nancy Bye



Barbara Scott and Fr. Juan Acosta enjoying refreshments and conversation.



Bishop Mathes with candidates for reception



Bishop Mathes and Laura at her installation.

BISHOP'S VISIT

On March 7 the St. Barnabas congregation was honored by a visit from Bishop Jim Mathes. We got started with a good laugh when most turned to the wrong page for the Opening Sentence and were clueless as to the responses. After a fresh start all went fine. The Bishop's inspiring Homily reminded us of the many ways in which God speaks to us in our daily lives.

A highlight of the service was the presentation of candidates for reception into the church. Bishop Mathes and the congregation welcomed Josie Blucker, presented by her friend and neighbor, Joanne McLean; Carol Sargent, presented by her mother, Martha Mitchell; and Jane Percival, presented by her friend, Lee Estep. It was also an important day for Jean Smith, who reaffirmed her faith. Lynniss Wilderson stood in for Nancy Bye as her presenter. Jean particularly enjoyed the catechism instruction which she and the candidates for reception received in the weeks prior to the March 7 ceremony.

After the service everyone enjoyed the Holy Happy Hour, hosted by Jean Smith, Maggie and Faye Dorsey. It was a special day for all the participants.

~Wendy Quinn

MARCH PRAYER LIST

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

Tootie Hatch, Tracy Alexander, Joyce Girard, Joyce Martin, Agnes Schleicher, Phil Brown , Evelyn Parks, Mary Hunt, Fred Owen, Dan French

WELCOME, LAURA & LYLE

Sue and Haddon Salt's beautiful, spacious home was nearly filled to capacity on February 28 as parishioners and other guests gathered to welcome Laura+ and Lyle Brecht to St. Barnabas and to Borrego Springs. The Lord blessed us with perfect weather, so we were able to enjoy the sunny patio/pool area while Haddon prepared lunch. It was a special treat to feast on homemade fish and chips by "H. Salt, Esq." himself, along with coleslaw and pot stickers and of course plenty of cold beverages. Second helpings were requested by many, and decadent desserts followed. Besides the special menu and ideal setting, the highlight of the event was the opportunity to get to know Laura+ better and meet Lyle. They are two delightful and welcome additions to our community, and we look forward to their friendship and service to the church and the entire region. Many thanks to the Brechts for joining us and to the Salts for hosting a wonderful afternoon!

~Wendy Quinn



Our hosts, Sue and Haddon Salt with our Guest of Honor
Laura



Martha Mitchell and daughter
Carol Sargent enjoy the party!

Smiles are prayers of thanksgiving

Adapted from an essay by Garrison Keillor on Episcopalians and their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese. From John V. Drum, expert (retired)

Episcopalians believe in prayer, but would practically die if asked to pray out loud.

Episcopalians like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas.

Episcopalians believe their rectors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify them that they are there.

Episcopalians believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship campaign or when passing the offering plate.

Episcopalians feel that applauding for their children's choirs will not make the kids too proud and conceited.

Episcopalians think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while passing the peace.

Episcopalians drink coffee as if it were the Third Sacrament.

Episcopalians feel guilty for not staying to clean up after their own wedding reception in the Parish Hall.

Episcopalians still serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color of the season and Episcopalians believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously.

And finally, you know you are an Episcopalian when:

- It's 100 degrees with 90 percent humidity and you still have coffee after the service.
- You hear something really funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can.
- When you watch a Star Wars movie and they say, "May the Force be with you," you respond with "and also with you."
- And lastly, it takes at least 10 minutes to say goodbye.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know what is special about Taize' chants? They are meditative songs - some are found in our green hymnal Wonder, Love and Praise. Ubi Caritas (831), Bless the Lord my Soul (825) and O Lord, hear my pray'r (827) are examples used at our Healing Service or Communion.

Singing is one of the most important forms of prayer. These Chants are easily learned and can become an important part of individual or group prayer life.

I particularly like "In the Lord"

**"In the Lord I'll be ever thankful
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near."**

The tune as in other hymns helps us to remember the words. The repetitive singing continues in the silence of our own hearts.

~Bonnie Walker

BITS & PIECES

VOICES FROM THE LABYRINTH

Following are a sampling of entries in the Labyrinth Log - - -

- March 19, 2001 The outline of the labyrinth was completed on this morning.
- 3/21/01 Like walking the journey through life, full of turns, but one true pathway.
- 4/3/01 Walk the path of life in faith knowing He walks with you.
- 7/17/01 Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

There were 41 entries between 3/19 and 7/17/2001. Since Then, the Labyrinth log has accumulated over one hundred pages with over 400 individual entries from persons the world over. A sampling of recent entries follows:

- 1 Jan 09: This ring changed my life! It's a beautiful thing (So. Carolina)
- 23 Feb 09: Magically, beautiful place -- thank you (New Zealand)
- 23 Feb 09: Gorgeous experience, very peaceful and reassuring! This had been, is, and always will be a place of safety and nourishment (Annapolis, MD)
- 25 Feb 09: I returned to walk the maze again, four years after my cancer diagnosis. Although not cured, and imperfect in body, mind, and spirit, I am well.
- 1 Mar 09: --- is here because her heart is broken - - - shattered because the ones she loves are gone forever. She has made many mistakes and knows it. She cannot complete this walk without stumbling, falling or crying. Maybe some day she will. I will try and try again. - - - - -
- 15 Mar 09: Life is full of twists and turns. Just help me to focus on you Lord. Praise God.
- 24 Mar 09: Wonderful to find a labyrinth so far from home. I went into the Labyrinth burdened and came out peaceful. Thank you Lord. (BC Canada)
- 1 May 09: Thank you
- 1 May 09: May our circles be unbroken

~David Otis

The St Barnabas Prayer Chain

of Eight

.....continues to provide prayers to those in need.

We invite you to join us. We also invite those in need of prayer to let us know how we may help. All prayers and persons requesting those prayers are confidential and known only to those of us in the Prayer Chain. Contact Victor if you have prayers, questions, concerns: 767-7746 or <ravok@nethere.com>

WOMEN OF ST. BARNABAS

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

Wednesday, April 7, 2010

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

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2010

Hostess is Martha Mitchell, 1593 De Anza Drive

Talents and Treasures Event

For the first time, the Women of St. Barnabas, assisted by many of the men, held the Talents and Treasures Event in the Christmas Circle. It was one way to make our Church and the creativity of our parishoners visible to the Community. Twenty nine of us pitched in and made the day a great success. Over \$1200 will go to the community outreach projects of the WOSB and to the Altar Guild. Thank you all,

~Faye Dorsey

MARCH MEEING

The regular meeting was held Wednesday, March 3rd at the lovely home of Louise Burmester with Wendy Quinn as co-hostess. Our speaker was our own Jonathan Mittleman sharing his inspiring vision for the Performing Arts Center. He talked about some of the outreach to the school children. And said they were grateful for our generous contribution. We shared a delicious pot luck luncheon while we made plans for a very busy month. The Bishop came on March 7th. Bob Cassidy's memorial was March 10th. Then the Bishop came again on March 14th for Laura's Installation. The March 26th bake sale was discussed next. And finally March 30th was the day to create Easter Baskets for Ernie Loza to take to the poor families.

All women of the parish and their guests are always welcome to attend the monthly meetings. The next meeting is Wednesday, April 7th at noon at the home of Sue Salt. The speakers will be Mary MacDonald and Mary Levine on the American Legion and Auxillary. We heard the summer meetings are usually around a pool!

~Faye Dorsey

Mark Your Calendar

APRIL

SUNDAY SERVICES 8:30 AM

April 1- 4:00 PM Maundy Thursday Eucharist

April 2 - 4:00 PM Good Friday Service (Church will be open for meditation 12-3)

April 4—6:20 AM EASTER Sunrise Service with Communion to follow

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist

April 6, 13, 20, 27 Tuesday at 7:30 am The Men of St. Barnabas @ Kendall's Café

April 6- 8:00 AM Worship Committee will meet

April 7- Noon WOSB @ Sue Salt 323 Ocotillo Circle

April 19- 1:00—5:00 PM Food Bank Distribution

April 21 - 6:00 PM Sarah's Circle

April 22 - 3:00 PM Finance Meeting

April 26 - 8:00 AM Vestry will meet

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