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WELCOME WELCOME WELCOME..... NEW RECTOR

WELCOME TO LAURA BRECHT.....

Hello new friends and brothers and sisters at St. Barnabas. What a great blessing and joy it is to be called to be your rector. Lyle and I are very eager to get to know each of you and you us.

We come to you by way of Sewanee, TN where I attended seminary. But, it was a long and precious journey discerning my call to priesthood.

My path to Borrego Springs began in a rural community, outside Cincinnati, OH where I was raised in a large (five sisters and a brother), devout Catholic family. I went to college at the University of Colorado in Boulder, and there I grew to love hiking and camping and to care passionately for the environment. Leaving the mountains with tears streaming down my face I headed east, and went to graduate school at Harvard in urban planning.



My first planning job was writing zoning regulations on Martha's Vineyard, where I then met Lyle, my future husband. He was doing a research project at MIT to finish a graduate degree in ecology from the University of Minnesota. We married and went back to Cambridge, MA where my husband got his MBA from Harvard. We then moved to rural northern Baltimore County, MD where we raised our two daughters, and were active members of our church, St. James Episcopal Church, Monkton. Continued on Page two.....

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During my career as an urban planner and environmental consultant, I noticed that my greatest joy was in caring for people. In my parish, I began visiting the sick and homebound, and then began to volunteer at a local hospital doing spiritual support. This ministry gave me new life and I wanted to do it all the time. God opened the door, and I was called to be a chaplain at Johns Hopkins Hospital and a campus chaplain at Towson University. Serving in these ministries I felt the strong and undeniable pull on my heart to priesthood. I entered the official discernment process in the diocese of Maryland.

Our daughter Sarah presently lives in Boulder, CO where she went to college and works for an energy engineering and sustainable design consulting firm. Our daughter Emily just moved to Los Angeles from Washington, DC where she was working as a digital media consultant making films for the U.S. military services. Two of my sisters presently live near San Diego.

I am delighted to make Borrego Springs my new home!

~Your new Rector Laura Brecht

OPINION

By Nancy Bye

Communion can be defined as common participation on a mental or emotional level...especially on a spiritual level. *Community* can be defined as a feeling of fellowship with others as a result of sharing interests, attitudes, and goals.

I believe our cohesiveness as a group has developed and grown stronger in the last two years because we have only had one Sunday morning service at St. Barnabas. The church nave easily seats all of us and our guests. It is wonderful to be able to share *Holy Communion* with all our friends. I know that many agree with me, and I hope Laura will.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CALLING COM- MITTEE MEMBERS!

All of us at St. Barnabas appreciate the many hours and months on this most difficult process! We thank you all!!!!

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VESTRY REPORT

Your New Vestry

Your Vestry for 2010 met the bright Monday morning of January 25th. New members Martha Mitchell, Wendy Quinn and Gary Westover cheerfully climbed aboard this energetic locomotive to help us run the church and its properties, and to help us meet our goals. Bill Walker, stewardship chair, gave a hopeful report on how his work is going. He has an accurate five year history for guidance. David Leibert went over the final figures for 2009 in his treasurer's report. Thankfully, both Bill and David have agreed to continue in these jobs through 2010.

Our new priest Laura Brecht has asked Cathy Gay to be our senior warden this year and she has agreed. Lee Estep will serve as junior warden. Chuck Bennett saw to it that the rectory was ready to welcome Laura and Lyle when they arrived on the 24th. Lynn is has had cable internet service installed at the rectory and the St. Barnabas office. Victor announced that the prayer list chain has grown from 9 to 25! He also suggests getting cups with our logo(?) as a fundraiser. Cathy announced there will be a welcoming Mardi Gras party for the new rector at Sue and Haddon Salt's lovely home the evening of the 16th of February. The Women of St. Barnabas will provide a potluck supper.

~Nancy Bye, Clerk to the Vestry

FEBRUARY 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
Evelyn Parks

THE JUST ONES IN OUR MIDST

There is the legend that in every generation and in every community, there are 36 Just Ones. They are here now, in this place, 36 Just men and women. They are unknown to us and to themselves. As long as they live, the Almighty will sustain the world. Though they are hidden from sight, they do their work by ministering to others.

They are unaware of how critical they are to the continuation of humankind. Yet, they are among the many who pray to alleviate the suffering of others or by visiting the ill or isolated. Often they are unsung. This is true of Lay-Eucharistic ministers and others who help them.

Many, unsung because unknown, have their own ministries and do not court publicity. They deliver meals or visit the aged and those confined to their beds. Others help to distribute food to families in dire need. Some work with hospice groups whose task is to smooth the way of those entering the final stage of life.

Some join in a dedicated Prayer-Chain which offers daily prayers for those in crisis. Some serve because they need to justify their place in the world, irrespective of religious belief.

The range of motives is broad and open-ended. What the Just Ones do is often unknown or simply overlooked. They don't ask or need to be recognized. They work because they are driven by a core belief which animates them and gives meaning to their lives.

In the end, the work, turns on divine cooperation. How does one know where to begin to ensure the ongoing integrity of a world that always seems on the verge of disintegration. And yet it recovers—time and again.

In quiet moments of your life, those of you who read this might have wondered if you were one of the Just Ones, whose unknowing destiny is to hold the center of things together and, in so doing, earn divine support for continuation of life.

Think about it. You could be one of the thirty-six, always needed because of the special strengths which characterize your own life and passions. It might sound like a preposterous idea. In the end, it might turn out not to be so wild or preposterous.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....

**Memorial Service
for Bob Cassidy
on Wednesday, March 10 at 2:00 PM**

STARS SHINE ON EPIPHANY

The annual January party at the Rectory, usually celebrated on the Twelfth Night after Christmas or on Epiphany, is always a festive way to begin the new year. This year's January 6 event was certainly no exception. Starring the Men of St. Barnabas as cooks, servers and clean-up crew, guests were treated to gifts of wonderful food, drinks and companionship throughout the evening.

Upon arrival we enjoyed potluck hors d'oeuvres on the patio and assorted beverages served by bartender extraordinaire Richard White. Many gathered around the cozy fire pit in the back yard. After an inspiring grace by Frisbie Killman, the guests were seated at beautifully set tables. Then Executive Chef Haddon Salt and his team went to work. Identified by their crowns, the men served 64 guests a meal truly fit for a king (or queen). The roast beef was outstanding and came with all the delicious trimmings. After our hardworking crew cleared the tables, those that still had room for dessert (many, after seeing the scrumptious selection) headed for the potluck buffet and enjoyed the grand finale.

All agreed it was a special evening and the Men of St. Barnabas truly shone. Thanks, guys!

~Wendy Quinn



Judy Settle visits with Hugh and JoAnne McLean

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

In reviewing the lectionary for the coming year, you will note that the majority of the Gospel readings are from Luke. As we listen to his words, it is interesting to reflect on what we know of Saint Luke, his life and teachings.

Luke was a Gentile, physician and artist who often accompanied Saint Paul in his travels. He claims not to have been an "eye-witness and minister of the word from the beginning," but wrote from the best available sources of information, probably with Paul's assistance. In addition to relating the story of Christ's life, death and resurrection, Luke's Gospel emphasizes universal salvation for all people. His unique passages include the parables of the good Samaritan and the prodigal son. Luke is considered to be the patron Saint of physicians and artists, and his feast day is celebrated on October 18.

~Wendy Quinn



A lovely and delicious dinner was served by the Men of St. Barnabas.....

ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 10, 2010

Senior Warden Cathy Gay called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. with a resounding “WOW!” What a year this has been for all of us, but especially for her. She thanked all the members of St. Barnabas. We have somehow held together for two very difficult years without a rector.

A quorum was established. John Drum moved that the minutes from last year’s meeting be approved; 2nd from Addis Ward. Nominees for the new vestry were introduced: Martha Mitchell, Wendy Quinn, Gary Westover. Nominees from the floor were invited and after a pause Addis moved that nominations from the floor be closed; Second from Jim Bennett. Fred Scott moved that new members be accepted by acclamation and the 2nd from David Leibert received cheers. 2011 Convention Delegates are Shirley Viapando and Bill Walker with Alternates being Louise Jee and Bonnie Walker. Outgoing vestry members David Leibert, Haddon Salt and Shirley Vialpando received certificates of recognition for their three years of service.

All acknowledged the good work of David Leibert who will stay on for another year as treasurer. As the economy recovers so do our church funds and David thanked his team for their efforts. Stewardship chair Bill Walker gave an articulate plea for support.

Cathy announced that our new priest Laura Brecht will arrive early in February. Applause! There was more applause for visiting rector Al Smith, for Cathy and for the Men of St. Barnabas for serving an elegant and delicious 12th Night dinner. The cheery group adjourned to the holy happy hour after a blessedly brief (20 minutes!) meeting.

~Nancy Bye for Sue Salt



Cathy Gay begins Annual Meeting while Mary Levine looks on.....

WE LIFT A GLASS... TO CATHY GAY !

Alex Nagy certainly knew what he was doing when he appointed Cathy Gay as his senior warden. In the nearly two years since his departure she has held this church together. She has conducted annual meetings. She has regularly and efficiently brought us supply clergy—so desperately needed and appreciated in these difficult times. She has been the leader of the vestry, never an easy task. She has filled in as organist when Bonnie is away. She sings in the choir. She has arranged several huge memorial services. Now she is launching a Bible study class, and will help Laura Brecht rise to the task and opportunity of being our new rector. Cathy, you are one amazing woman. We need you, we love you, and we thank you. Oh yes, we raise a glass to you. Bravo!

~Nancy Bye

BITS & PIECES

“THE BORREGO POETRY SEMINAR”

Meets at 6:00 pm every fourth Wednesday (February 26) 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.

DID YOU KNOW.....

St. Barnabas Choir and Musicians do wear a different symbol.

The shape, a triangle, represents the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Created by local glass artist, Bretta Matson, the dichroic glass process creates an image in each triangle, and is for the flame of the Holy Spirit. Dichroic glass dates back to at least the 4th century AD, an interesting time in the history of the church.

The ribbons that the Lay Leaders and the choir wear change with the seasons of the church.

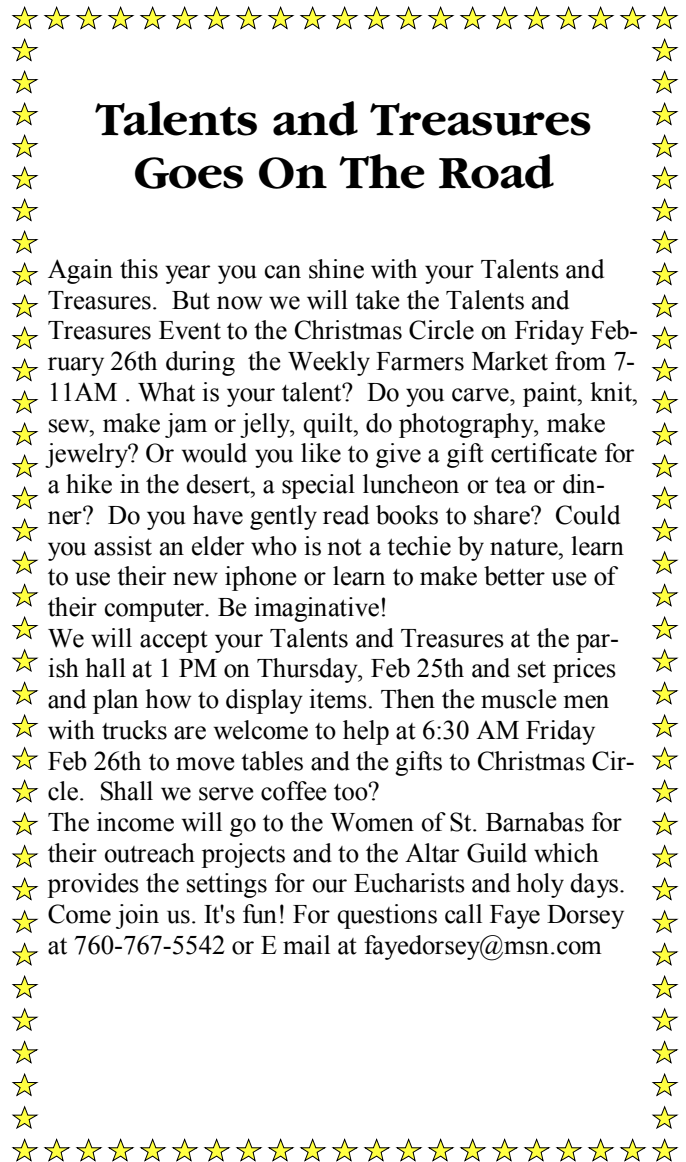
The current color is green, representing the season between Epiphany and Lent.

~LLouise Jee



Talents and Treasures Goes On The Road

Again this year you can shine with your Talents and Treasures. But now we will take the Talents and Treasures Event to the Christmas Circle on Friday February 26th during the Weekly Farmers Market from 7-11AM. What is your talent? Do you carve, paint, knit, sew, make jam or jelly, quilt, do photography, make jewelry? Or would you like to give a gift certificate for a hike in the desert, a special luncheon or tea or dinner? Do you have gently read books to share? Could you assist an elder who is not a techie by nature, learn to use their new iphone or learn to make better use of their computer. Be imaginative! We will accept your Talents and Treasures at the parish hall at 1 PM on Thursday, Feb 25th and set prices and plan how to display items. Then the muscle men with trucks are welcome to help at 6:30 AM Friday Feb 26th to move tables and the gifts to Christmas Circle. Shall we serve coffee too? The income will go to the Women of St. Barnabas for their outreach projects and to the Altar Guild which provides the settings for our Eucharists and holy days. Come join us. It's fun! For questions call Faye Dorsey at 760-767-5542 or E mail at fayedorsey@msn.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, February 3, 2010

Hostess is Faye Dorsey, Villas Borrego #23
Speaker- Arlana Holland, Horizon Hospice

February 25, 26, 2010

Talents and Treasures Sale
All creative people are invited to bring your handiwork to the Parish room on the 25th
Gift certificates welcome

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Hosts Louise Burmester and Wendy Quinn
82 Roadrunner Club
Jonathan Mittleman will speak for the Performing Arts Center

March 26

Bake Event @ Christmas Circle

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

VILLAGE GUIDE—2010

In 2008 the vestry refused to fund an ad in the launch edition of the Chamber of Commerce Village Guide—2009. However, the Men of St. Barnabas agreed to buy us a 1/4 page ad with distribution to 10,000 visitors, businesses and residents. This year we reran the ad (10% discount) but paid for by Nancy Bye, Cathy Gay, Fred & Louise Jee, Lyn Loerke, Jonathan Mittleman, and Richard White. Thank you!

~Nancy Bye

For Bev: Fare Well

I

She is in that far country
who once walked here in grace
and now rests full weight
Upon the heart

She who found joy in life
Touched our secret places
And helped us to deny
Our ancient doomsongs:

II

She knew our value
And could smile
Could blueeyed see there
A prime virtue:
We throve in her glow
We loved her and yet knew
She would come once only

III

Fare thee well love and lover
Gone your way:
Walk truly in beauty
And in grace

IV

You shall not stray
From our regard
So long as sun rise
We will sing down our doomsongs
And serenade your passage:

Your voice shall be
Our massed refrain
Free of loss and emptied
Of pain.

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Mark Your Calendar

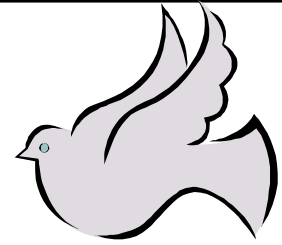
FEBRUARY

SUNDAY SERVICES 8:30 AM

Supply Clergy:

February 7—Rev. George Keith

February 14 - Rev. Al Smith



February 2, 9, 16, 23 Tuesday at 7:30 am The Men of St. Barnabas @ Kendall's Café

February 2—8:00 AM Worship Committee will meet

February 3—Noon WOSB @ Faye Dorsey

February 15— 1:30—5:00 PM Food Bank Distribution

February 17—4:00 PM Ash Wednesday—Rev. Laura Brecht

February 18—3:00 PM Finance Meeting

February 22—Vestry will meet

February 25 —1:00 PM bring your Talents and Treasures to the Parish Room

February 26 —7-11 AM Talents and Treasures @ Christmas Circle

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