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CHRISTMAS BASKETS

“Giving Recklessly...”

When Father Al Smith was here one Sunday in November he mentioned the need for “giving recklessly” in a homily. The next Sunday Louise, Directress of the Altar Guild, announced that we would not bank the altar with poinsettias this year at Christmastime, but that all donations received for Christmas flowers would go toward preparing baskets for the needy. She then merrily hopped aboard a plane headed for Rome and went off on a Mediterranean cruise.

So Kathleen Killman and I went into high gear. She worked with Jim at Tru-Value to get us a wholesale price on 25 plastic laundry baskets. I talked with our local dentist to get us wholesale toothbrushes and queried Roger at the Center Market about reasonably priced toiletries. The dentist (who wishes to remain anonymous!) GAVE us 100 dental kits with brushes, paste and floss. The Center Market GAVE us 25 large bottles of dry skin lotion, 25 bottles of shampoo and 48 bars of soap—all things that cannot be bought with food stamps and consequently are real luxuries for poor people. Talk about “giving recklessly”! Please make an effort to thank them all for their generosity.

A self-appointed task force gathered in the parish room to assemble the baskets. Mary Bennett brought bottles of detergent, each adorned with a candy cane. We had towers of toilet paper and Kleenex, more soaps and lotions, cookies, candies, fresh fruits. Haddon Salt had arranged for cartons of canned goods from the San Diego Food Bank. Kathleen art-directed filling and decorating the baskets. They were heaped, and looked so festive! Haddon and Honorary Mayor Ernie Loza, along with some Mrs. Claus, took care of delivering them to very grateful and happy folks in Ocotillo Wells. WELL DONE!

~Nancy Bye

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Jean Smith



STEWARDSHIP

It's that time of year again, and we have many new and great things happening at St. Barnabas. We **will** have a new Priest who is enthusiastic and ready to take the wheel of St. Barnabas, setting a new and exciting course. Are you ready for this beginning to travel into new territory and become dedicated Christians in our community and in our personal lives?

As always we need your support, your enthusiasm and your financial backing for the coming year. Your pledge is important at this time. We want to move forward together with confidence to meet our goals and obligations and this is up to each and every one of us.

We want all members of St. Barnabas to be part of the journey we are undertaking. We want all members to become closer to Christ in their journey. It is going to be a fantastic year. Please join us.

Faithfully your Stewardship Committee,

Bill Walker, Chairman
Sue Salt
Gary Westover

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

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THE BOOK LADY IS RETURNING

Our friend, Kathryn Bunch, is beginning her rounds of all San Diego parishes with a visit to St Barnabas on Sunday, January 17th. She'll be joining us for the Eucharist at 8:30, then provide us with an opportunity to look over, and purchase, some recently published Christian literature along with an excellent selection of children's books.

Kathryn has told me that she likes to begin her year with a visit to St Barnabas, where she is always welcomed with a generous helping of Christ's love. I know this year will be no exception.

If there is a particular book that you've been seeking, you can email Kathryn at k.b.books@hotmail.com and she will be happy to order it for you and, with any luck, bring it with her on the 17th.

~Shirley Vialpando

VESTRY REPORT

The good news is that **we finally have a contract with a new rector, Laura Brecht.** Look for her in February.

- There will be a Twelfth Night dinner at the rectory on January 6 put on by the Men of St. Barnabas and everyone is welcome.
- Cathy Gay is starting a Bible study on January 18 at 5:15 p.m. in the parish hall.
- The budget for 2010 was presented and approved, and hopefully we will all be supportive of our church and new rector.
- Our annual St. Barnabas meeting will be January 10 during which new vestry members will be elected. We look forward to seeing you there.
- Calling committee report: The calling committee is happy to announce a successful calling of a new rector, Laura Brecht. We are excited to bring her and her husband to Borrego Springs and know they will be a wonderful addition to our church and community. She will start in February.

~Sue Salt

JANUARY 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

Senior Warden's Report Goodbye to 2009 and Hello to

Another year has passed and I want to thank each and every one of you, the Vestry, the Calling Committee, for your support since we have been searching for a new Rector. We are a wonderful congregation, very supportive in every aspect of our relationships. What more could a gal ask for? We will continue our efforts to reach the goal of having a new Rector in place in 2010. In the meantime, our Vestry will meet regularly to conduct business as usual. We have been blessed in 2009 with good heart-warming homilies from our visiting clergy. Our Junior Warden, Haddon, along with Ernie Loza, started the SD Food Bank program at St. Barnabas which is helping so many people in the community. The Women of St. Barnabas, the Altar Guild, the Men of St. Barnabas, and many others have held us together in fellowship. Repair work has been done on the Rectory and the men volunteered to clean up the landscaping.

I have had a very positive response to starting a Bible study group. Beginning January 18th, we will meet in the Parish Hall on Monday nights at 5:15 p.m., please come and join us. We will start an informal study of the Gospel Book of John. We will read and discuss what we have read, share our thoughts and then maybe after the study we can enjoy a bite to eat together.

Again many thanks to all. I couldn't have done this Senior Warden position without you.

~Cathy Gay

JANUARY THANKSGIVINGS

BIRTHDAYS:

Bill Calder—January 18
Elsa Chambers Young—January 21
Alex Nagy-January 24
Jane Martin—January 28
Horace McClelland—January 31

NEWS FROM THE NORTH

In a lovely old-fashioned hand-written letter on pretty paper, Barbara Scott tells us what she and Fred have been doing in Idaho the last few months. They have been harvesting eggplant, squash, beans, corn, tomatoes, leeks, peppers, cucumbers, apricots, peaches and apples. Celebrated an anniversary “on the river”.

But she was really writing to tell us of some of the activities at the churches in nearby Lewiston. There is an outreach program called “Family Promise” that houses homeless families for a week at a time in each participating church. Many of the churches, including the Scotts’ *Church of the Nativity* were built in the last century, have large kitchens and basements (remember those?). Families arrive at 5 p.m. each day when volunteers greet them to help with homework, problems, or emergencies. Volunteers bring dinner and food for breakfasts and lunches. At 7 a.m. the families go to the Day Center where they can shower, do laundry, find help with job and housing hunting, and send the kids off to school. This is a project of Interfaith Hospitality Network, which operates in 39 states to help homeless families achieve independence at a third the cost of traditional shelters.

~Nancy Bye

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CONVENTION

February 12 and 13, 2010

Notice is hereby given that the 36th Annual Convention of the Diocese of San Diego will be held at First United Methodist Church in Mission Valley , San Diego. All people of the diocese are invited to attend Convention, particularly the gala dinner on Friday evening, the festive Eucharist on Saturday morning and the Bishop’s Address on Saturday afternoon. During the gala dinner, we will hear from the world renowned speaker, Brian McLaren, and Bishop Mathes will honor outstanding service award recipients from around the diocese. The ever-popular diocesan slideshow capturing peak moments throughout the year will entertain dinner attendees as well. Saturday’s Eucharist will crown the Convention activities and this year’s choir is composed of choristers from around the diocese. Attending the Eucharist is a wonderful way to experience the spiritual unity of our diocesan family. Bishop Mathes’ address reports on the progress we have made as a diocese during the past year and invites us to collectively look to the future. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Pre-Convention Budget and Resolution Hearings are opportunities for every person of the diocese to view the proposed diocesan budget and read proposed legislation and offer their ideas and insights. Three meetings in different parts of the diocese allow ample time for everyone to participate. The hearings will be:

- Saturday, January 9
10:00am -11:30am
St. Margaret’s, Palm Desert
- Tuesday, January 12
7:00pm - 8:30pm
St. Paul ’s Cathedral
- Thursday, January 14
7:00pm - 8:30pm
St. Thomas , Temecula

All available convention materials, including proposed changes to the constitution and canons, proposed resolutions, and nominee bios, can be viewed at www.edsd.org. Click on the button that says “Convention 2010.”

In response to the deaths of Beverly Ward and Bob Cassidy, this sonnet by John Donne (born 1572), metaphysical poet and Dean (appointed 1621) of St Paul's in London. Died 1631).

**DEATH, be not proud, though some have called thee
Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so:
For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow
Die not, poor Death; nor yet canst thou kill me.
From Rest and Sleep, which but thy picture be,
Much pleasure, then from thee much more must flow;
And soonest our best men with thee do go--
Rest of their bones and souls' delivery!
Thou'rt slave to fate, chance, kings, and desperate men,
And dost with poison, war, and sickness dwell;
And poppy or charms can make us sleep as well
And better than thy stroke. Why swell'st thou then?
One short sleep past, we wake eternally,
And Death shall be no more: Death, thou shalt die**

~suggested by Victor Levine

NEW VESTRY MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED

Having completed their three-year term on the sitting vestry, David Leibert, Haddon Salt and Shirley Vialpando formed the nominating committee for new members. They will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 10 and serve until 2013.

MARTHA MITCHELL, an Episcopalian since birth, is a year-round resident golf pro who served on the vestry some years ago. At that time she said at an off-site meeting, "If everyone would do just one thing..." Now she says, "I feel I can serve the church with more help if I'm closer to the working part of it."

WENDY QUINN moved to Borrego Springs full time five years ago when she retired after nearly forty years of secretarial work in the legal field. She feels she has found her ideal spiritual home here at St. Barnabas. She "is honored to have been nominated...and would be proud to serve the church in that capacity."

GARRETT (GARY) WESTOVER serves on the Finance Committee. He has served on vestries in San Rafael and Novato where he now summers and sings in his wife's church choir there. He says, "I made my Cursillo weekend over 30 years ago, but am still active in that movement." He is a Rotarian, golfer and retired engineer.

~Nancy Bye

WOMEN OF ST. BARNABAS

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



HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

The semi-annual bake sale on December 18 turned out to be another rousing success. A mouth-watering array of goodies awaited the eager shoppers. Traditional favorites including cookies, cakes, muffins, brownies and candy were plentiful, as well as new and/or unusual items such as steamed persimmon pudding, chutney and pickles. Volunteers were hard pressed to identify the best sellers among so many popular choices, but all agreed that fudge is a perennial favorite. Proceeds reported at the holy happy hour on December 20 had risen to \$742 at last count, and sales were continuing! All earnings are returned to the hard-working Women of Saint Barnabas, bakers and sale organizers, for use throughout the year in support of their many causes. Good work, ladies, and congratulations!

~Wendy Quinn



BAKE SALE IN ACTION

WRAPPING FOR BAKE SALE

Mark Your Calendar

JANUARY

SUNDAY SERVICES 8:30 AM

Supply Clergy:

January 3—Rev. George Keith

January 10, 17, 24—Rev. Al Smith

January 21 - Morning Prayer

January 5, 12, 19, 26 Tuesday at 7:30 am The Men of St. Barnabas
@ Kendall's Café

January 6—Noon WOSB @ Ann Nourse

January 6—5:30 PM 12th Night at the Rectory

January 9—2:00 PM Memorial Service for Bev Ward

January 10—Annual Meeting and Election of Vestry Members

January 17— Stewardship Sunday & Book Sale

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

January 18—5:15 PM Bible Study Begins

January 21—3:00 PM Finance Meeting

January 25—Vestry will meet



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