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The gift of the Holy Spirit ... The gift that keeps on giving!

Just a few weeks ago we celebrated the feast of Pentecost – the event of the Holy Spirit descending on the disciples as they were gathered together in the upper room in Jerusalem. The great and holy breath of God roared through that room like a giant wind and blew open the doors behind which they huddled, and Christ’s Holy Spirit ignited their hearts as with flame. They burst out of that room on fire with boldness to share the good news of Christ and the love, forgiveness and new life he gives – they were the living example of that transformation.

This is more than an historic event; it is the ongoing reality of life with Christ. We were given the gift of the Holy Spirit at our baptisms -- the Holy Spirit is ever with us and in us – opening our minds and hearts to reveal more clearly the truth of God and God’s purposes for our lives and for the world. “She” (often the Holy Spirit is referred to in feminine terms!) is Christ’s presence with us all the time and wherever we are, comforting us in our distress, giving us strength in our difficulties and trials, enveloping us in Christ’s love and binding all of us together in the mission of love.

The Holy Spirit is transforming us from the inside out to be more like Christ – the beloved children of God that we were made to be. She whispers in our souls’ ears and pulls on our hearts, guiding us, and gives us wisdom and courage to live and love as God’s beloved community. Hers is a fire we need not fear or try to snuff out; Hers is the breath of abundant life. She is blowing open the doors we hide behind and that separate us from one another and igniting us with love and courage to reach out to others with that love. The Holy Spirit is breathing Christ’s life-giving breath into us, and filling us with his loving kindness and healing forgiveness so that it is impossible not to breathe out that loving kindness to those around us.

The gift of the Holy Spirit keeps on giving in our lives – transforming us, and through us, transforming the world!

Blessings,
Laura+

A BIG
“THUMBS UP”
TO THE KIWANIS CLUB OF BORREGO SPRINGS
FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION
TO THE FOOD BANK.



WAY TO STEP UP

KIWANIS!



Easter Lilies in June!
Check them out on the
patio under the ficus tree!

VESTRY MEETING REPORT

The Vestry met on May 24, albeit with a skeleton crew, but we did manage to have a quorum. Summer is upon us!

David Leibert presented the Treasurer's Report, highlighted by discussion of our financial advisor, Gayle Tejada's, move from Smith Barney/Morgan Stanley to Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC. We have been happy with Gayle's services and voted to stay with her, provided there are no significant costs involved in moving the investments.

Chuck Bennett's Buildings and Grounds Committee Report concluded with a decision to compile a prioritized list of "capital projects." Future projects will be completed as funds are available, and include repair of the heating/air conditioning system, upgrades to the irrigation system at the rectory and church, and a new roof for the palapa.

The Vestry is discussing ways in which we can "be in holy conversation with each other about the mystery of life-long relationships." This is a quote from Bishop Mathes' letter urging us to review the Report of the Task Force on Holiness in Relationships and the Blessing of Same-Sex Relationships, which can be found at http://www.edsd.org/HolinessinRel_MMtmp579835e5/HolinessinRelationshipsReportJune2009.pdf. It presents both sides of the issue. Laura+ and the Vestry welcome your comments.

~Wendy Quinn for a vacationing Nancy Bye

In Flanders Fields

By: Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD (1872-1918)

Canadian Army

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



Leading the lesson at the April Meeting of the Women of St. Barnabas are Mary MacDonald and Mary Levine. The lesson was a report on this memorable war poem.

McCrae's "In Flanders Fields" remains to this day one of the most memorable war poems ever written. It is a lasting legacy of the terrible battle in the Ypres salient in the spring of 1915.

Mud days of spring

....for native American tribes of san diego

it's the mud days
of spring
where to the east
on a cloudless horizon
there early awakens
the primal one
opening one eye
of blazing fire
walking uphill
in the sky slowly
to be the day's
torchbearer
to creation below.

to native people
in the west
he is sky chief.
in stone are markings
how he comes and goes.

his morning fingers
are long and warm
reaching down low
to gently milk
the white breasts
on a snowy mountain.

gloves of gravity
pull trickles
of water
to gush and fall
downhill
where four-legged
guests gather
on mushy meadows
in hoof-deep puddles

to drink endless toasts
thanking the sun
for the journey
of melting
cool refreshment
so many miles.

this clear moving gift
has traveled
from afar
to be swished over
thick, swollen tongues
now sloppily
feasting
on long, wet grasses
they twist into
serpentine shapes
and swallow
over and over
without an eye's
blink of approval.

on future mornings
the big, black and white
sweet-faced creatures
will reciprocate
and payback the universe
for the blessings
of their days
when they surrender
to a farmer's firm hand
tendering to him
a liquid currency
of their own nature
in large deposits
the color of snow.

- POWERS NUGENT. C 2009

A SUPERB STEWARDSHIP LETTER!

Just in case you missed it we rerun the 2010-11 Stewardship Letter below. It is a stunner and it was a winner. We thank the committee for doing such an excellent job. Pledged support rose dramatically and is now above our meager budget. Mostly we thank our new rector, Laura Brecht for joining us, lifting us, restoring our souls as well as our feelings of confidence in St. Barnabas and ourselves. 2011 will be a wonderful year for our church!

~Nancy Bye

ST. BARNABAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PO Box 691
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March 25, 2010

Dear Friends,

Our prayers have been answered and our new full time priest is here.

Laura Brecht comes to us full of life, full of joy, full of energy and ready to guide us in new adventures and to inspire us this coming year at St. Barnabas. Lenten programs of healing and study are already underway.

To keep this energy going we need your help, your enthusiasm and your willingness to participate at all levels with your time, talents and some extrafinancial support.

Thank you for all that you have done and for your patience. Now it is time to enjoy the results of your request for a full time priest. Please join us as we start this new and exciting journey. The stewardship committee of St. Barnabas is asking you to take your commitment to your church one step higher. We are asking you to pledge above and beyond your pledge for 2010 to make up our large deficit.

God has great plans for us and we must do our part.

Faithfully your Stewardship Committee,

Bill Walker, Chairman
Sue Salt
Gary Westover

BITS & PIECES

Angels in our Midst

From the desk of Nancy Bye

WHO said “I met your new pastor on Easter Sunday morning. Isn’t she terrific?
Doesn’t she sparkle!”

WHO is going on a wonderful trip this spring to Prague , Vienna , Budapest ?

WHO is donating ten annual memberships for kids to the Boys & Girls Club?

WHO said, “*Come away by yourself to a secluded place and rest a while.*”

Does that sound like an invitation to Borrego Springs in the summer?

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>

JUNE PRAYER LIST

We pray for healing for
Al Christian, Beverly Kuhrts,
Jim Nugent, Kurt Levens, Guy Beaulieu,
Alan Kuehn, Fred Owen, Dan French,
Evelyn Parks, Mary Hunt, Tracy Alexander,
Joyce Girard, Joyce Martin,
Agnes Schleicher, Phil Brown

WOMEN OF ST. BARNABAS

Women of St. Barnabas welcome all women of the parish and guests to potluck luncheon meeting at noon on:

CANCELED WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2010

*Hostess is Laura+ with Sue Salt as co-hostess.
The meeting will be at the Rectory.*

MAY MEETING

The Women of St. Barnabas met on May 5, 2010 in the Parish Room for a delicious potluck lunch and two excellent speakers. After an opening prayer led by Laura+, Claudia Fortiner spoke regarding the Boys' and Girls' Club. The facilities are open all year and offer tutoring, field trips and recreational activities. Volunteers are welcome, particularly those with teaching or arts and crafts skills. Scholarships are available for those that can't afford the \$60 annual membership fee. WOSB voted to donate \$600 for ten scholarships and will discuss volunteer opportunities further at our next meeting.

Treasurer Nancy Bye reported that St. Barnabas is running an ad in the next Soroptimist phone book, and WOSB voted to pay the \$69 cost. Nancy also circulated an inspirational card which could be sent to those on our prayer list and will investigate printing options.

After lunch we heard from Canon Peter Bergstrom regarding Camp Stevens in Julian. Peter's photo and profile follow. Camp Stevens concentrates ONchildren's programs during the summer but offers opportunities for families and adult groups at other times. A family weekend is planned over Memorial Day, and all are invited to the dedication of their new chapel on June 6 at 3:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Women of St. Barnabas will be a potluck lunch June 2 at the Rectory. Sue Salt will help Laura+ as co-hostess.



Peter Bergstrom
Executive Director
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Peter has served as the Executive Director of Camp Stevens since 1972. He is also Executive Director of the national organization Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers, Inc., and is an honorary Canon of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles. He is a board member and one of the founders of the Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation, and serves on the Steering Committee of the environmental group, California Interfaith Power and Light. When not working, he may be found backpacking and fly-fishing in a favorite Sierra stream or fishing from a kayak in Baja California.

~Wendy Quinn

I want the St. Barnabas Prayer Chain of Eight to know that I was comforted knowing that prayers were being said for me. Thank you for this. I am much better now.
~ Lyn Loerke

Mark Your Calendar

JUNE

SUNDAY SERVICES 8:30 AM

June 1, 8,15,22,29 Tuesday at 7:30 AM The Men of St. Barnabas @ Kendall's Café

June 1- 8:00 AM Worship Committee will meet

June 2- Noon WOSB @ Rectory CANCELED

June 21- 1:00—5:00 PM Food Bank Distribution

June 24 - 3:00 PM Finance Meeting

June 28 - 8:00 AM Vestry will meet

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