

# Carillon

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Our Mission: To Share the Love of Christ / Compartir el amor de Cristo

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## THE LENTEN SEASON

As we journey through Lent, we have the opportunity to begin to see ourselves as Christ sees us. He knows us through and through, and “from him no secrets are hid”, and yet, thankfully, he looks upon us with love. I hope that we will have the trust in him to let him open the petals of our inmost selves and reveal the beauty that is within that we may not even know about ourselves. As we take this time to examine our lives, sometimes it is too easy for us to be hard on ourselves when we remember our shortcomings or those times when our actions have fallen short. Maybe we want to avoid this self-reflection discipline altogether or we make the excuse that we just don’t have the time. Ah, but if we invite Christ on the journey of self-exploration, he offers us his compassionate and healing touch. We are forgiven even before we ask. Oh how tender and freeing it is to look into Jesus’ loving eyes as we bend the knee of our hearts.

Blessings in your journey through a Holy Lent,

Laura+

## Lenten Program of Special Opportunities for Study and Worship

### Sundays

Healing Services at the Sunday Eucharist. *You may receive anointing and the laying on of hands for healing of body, mind, and spirit.*

### Wednesdays 4-5PM

Lenten Study in the parish hall – We will read and discuss the Barbara Brown Taylor book, ***Speaking about Sin, The Lost language of Salvation.***

The book is profound and beautiful and very short. It is especially appropriate in Lent, this liturgical season of self-examination and repentance to help us experience the grace of naming our sins. The following from the back cover of the book describes it well:

"Contrary to the prevailing view, Taylor calls sin 'a helpful, hopeful word.' Naming our sins, she contends, enables us to move from 'guilt to grace.' In recovering this 'lost language of salvation' in our worship and in the fabric of our individual lives, we have an opportunity to 'take part in the divine work of redemption.'"

### Wednesdays 5-5:30PM

Compline in the church - the beautiful service for the end of the day upon retiring for the night (the last of the monastic "Liturgy of the Hours" in the day).

### Thursdays 7AM

Morning Prayer at the rectory during Lent. *If you are up and your schedule permits, please come join in Morning Prayer on the patio (weather permitting) or inside and share coffee afterwards*

## MORE APPLAUSE FOR CATHY GAY!



Earlier this month at the annual Diocesan Convention in San Diego, after the gala dinner, the Servant Ministry Awards were presented by Bishop Mathes. "They were given to a special few, recognized by clergy members as people whose ministries move beyond the walls of the church to affect the world beyond. Their ministries are life-giving to others and are characterized by humility, dedication, faithfulness and love of Jesus Christ."

We can be so proud that our own Cathy Gay was an honored recipient. In the program The Reverend Julia Christian writes, "Cathy Gay has been a faithful servant and leader at St. Barnabas for many years....faithfully and wisely leading the church through its time of transition....In her professional capacity as a realtor she is an effective evangelist....She is an inspirational servant to all who know her, thereby inspiring others to servanthood." Once again, Cathy—we lift our glasses! We are so proud of you!

~Nancy Bye

## VESTRY REPORT

### Your Vestry

Vestry Report Meeting of February 22, 2010

Yup, she knows what she's doing. Laura's first Vestry meeting was carefully planned and well run. She was agreeable when some suggested that her first service was a bit lengthy, and is pleased that Kathleen Killman has offered to get her a better microphone so that everyone can hear her interesting sermons.

The agenda dealt with important topics. The updated picture directory of parishioners is tabled for now so we can determine cost, new technology, and general interest. We will continue to have one service at 8:30 each Sunday. In September we will begin to plan for staffing (altar guild, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, choir and musicians) of two services, and more discussion of what it is we really want and need. The exciting news is that Bishop Mathes will be here March 14<sup>th</sup> for the ritualistic ceremony of installing our new priest followed by a gala reception. Our village and other clergy are urged to attend!

~Nancy Bye, Clerk to the Vestry

### MARCH PRAYER LIST

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

We pray for healing for

**Richard** Bye, **Chuck** Tremain, **Tracy** Alexander, **Joyce** Girard, **Joyce** Martin, **Agnes** Schleicher, **Phil** Brown , **Evelyn** Parks  
**Mary** Hunt, **Ann** White, **Fred** Owen, **Dan** French

## LOVE IN AN UNCERTAIN CLIMATE

by Victor A Levine

The inspiration for the uncertainty principle in my title came to me a few weeks after the end of the 3-week course that was originally called 'God and Man at Borrego Springs'. Dave Otis and I thought it up, and seven men attended — most but not all from St Barnabas. A course for men, we thought, might fly; it seemed worth trying, just to see. Never underestimate the curiosity of man or an abiding interest in knowing the Bible.

Dave's knowledge of the Good Book was inestimable and I thank him for sharing his knowledge with me and for his careful approach to both Old and New Testaments. That knowledge allowed us to jointly select relevant passages from 'Genesis', Paul's 'Letters' and the 'Gospels'. Our working segments for the course were: 'Who/what is God?'; 'The Mystery of Jesus'; and 'The Obligation to Love'.

During the 3-weeks we were together, we all did some mighty inspired thinking (and talking) about God and Jesus, following the readings. What I think we learned is what we'd only vaguely known before:

Love and the impulse to love lie at the center of the Biblical story about Creation and the game-changing arrival (and departure) of Jesus. Easy to say, of course, since the insight has been a staple for two thousand years. Not so easy to grasp is the meaning of the 'love' word or its application, to self and others.

It was untidy but that's how the course resolved itself, leaving us with the final question: what is love and why the obligation? We might not have solved that great mystery. But what we came to, in time, was the realization that the role of love (and intimate connection) was pivotal to all the readings. We also discovered that the relationship between God and humankind is very complex indeed. That is particularly true as it applies to Jesus (a new aspect of the Divine Maker) and us.

Towards the end of our 3 weeks, we came to accept a truth that love, in thought and action, might well explain everything worth knowing about ourselves. Without love — Jesus's reason for being — life is impoverished and we are trapped in a meaningless, existential spiral, much like the void that the Creator confronts in 'Genesis'.

Overall the exposure was worthwhile, if leading us to some pretty big issues. I have to admit that, at the end, I walked off in a daze, knowing we'd fallen into deep waters. I speak for myself, but suspect I was not alone in that.

Two books I found especially helpful were "The Puzzle of the Gospels" (Peter Vardy & Mary Mills), a sound intro to the historical and theological context of the Gospels. The second was John Armstrong's "Conditions of Love", a wide-ranging discussion on the phenomenon of love and the need for human (and divine) connection.



Priests Laura Brecht, Fr. Ron Barnes and Fr. Bill Kreiger  
Co-celebrants of the ECW Meeting held in El Centro.

## Regional ECW Meeting

The regional meeting of the Episcopal Church Women at St. Peter and Paul's Church in El Centro was attended by the Rev. Laura Brecht and Faye Dorsey on February 9th. Laura was co-celebrant with Fr. Ron Barnes of El Centro and Fr. Bill Kreiger of Yuma. Deacon Nancy Al-laire attended with women from Brawley. The communion service was followed by a delightful luncheon in the parish hall. Beautiful valentine decorations, flowers and gifts were created by the El Centro women's group. After introduction of the visitors, an accordianist who described himself as a snow bird entertained with a variety of music from religious to jazz. The most memorable part of the host church was the incredible, larger than life size, hand painted frescoes across the wall behind the altar depicting scenes of Jesus, St. Peter and St. Paul.

~ Faye Dorsey

The Vestry, Wardens and People of  
The Episcopal Church of St. Barnabas  
cordially invite you to attend  
The Celebration of a New Ministry  
instituting as Rector  
The Reverend Laura Brecht  
Sunday, March 14, 2010  
at 3 o'clock in the afternoon  
~ Reception immediately following ~  
2680 Country Club Road • Borrego Springs, California

## Blues for Bob

You were a sage man  
A gentleman for any age  
Yet your drollery was often wry  
And honed to amusing edge:

On being assured that all would be well  
And you should rest  
You said: "Forgive me; I'm a little nervous...  
I never died before."

Now owned by those iconic words  
You frolic in celestial space  
Filled with mirth at being named  
To so sacred a place;

Fare thee well rare man  
You were both poet and wit:  
A cosmic soul  
To your very last quip

## DID YOU KNOW?

One of Bob Cassidy's favorite hymns was "I, the Lord of sea and sky" by Daniel L. Schutte. It is the third in a series of ballad-style devotional songs in the green hymnal "Wonder, Love and Praise". It is WLP-812 when you see it in the bulletin and was the prelude music in the Cursillo service. The verses tell of God's love in creation and in response to the needs of the world. The refrain is about us. It is about discipleship and that is what makes it so powerful. "Here I am Lord." "I will go Lord." "I will hold your people in my heart." It fits right in with the other devotional songs about discipleship "You shall cross the barren desert" and "You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord" Wonder, Love and Praise is a great source for personal devotion and commitment.

~Bonnie Walker

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....

**Memorial Service for Bob Cassidy  
on Wednesday, March 10 at 2:00 PM  
St. Barnabas Episcopal Church**

## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY, 2010!

Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> was crystal clear, warm and sunny—a typical Borrego Springs winter day. The opening hymn on this last Sunday after the Epiphany was the uplifting "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies." And there, processing to the altar behind the choir, was our very own new rector The Reverend Laura Brecht. Father Al Smith, who has become such a dear friend to St. Barnabas, delivered a moving homily on the transfiguration and joined Laura at the altar.

It has been a long wait, nearly two years. The diligence of the calling committee paid off, as did our patience and resolve. And here we are at last! A real church again—alive and well and full of hearts and flowers, hope and promise. Thank you, Laura. Welcome!

~Nancy Bye

# BITS & PIECES

## LOOK WHO IS VISITING.....

SO GOOD TO SEE.....Nancy Stevens back for a visit in February.

LOOK FOR...Horace and Sheila McClelland will be visiting on March 9th until March 22nd. It will be good to see them!

## Congratulations to Faye Dorsey!

Her photograph, #B16 "Mother and Lamb" has been selected as an Honorable Mention Winner in the category Desert Animals in our Fourth Annual Anza-Borrego Desert Photo Contest. This means that her photo was on display at the Borrego Art Institute **Friday, January 29 – February 6.**

## 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](mailto:ravok@nethere.com)>

## HIPPITY HOPPITY

Easter bunnies will be preparing baskets for our needy rather than decorating our church with expensive wilting lilies. Please help--

Could parishoners bring Easter treats and personal items like soap, lotion, Kleenex, toothpaste, little toys for kids, etc. ?

Any questions call

Nancy Bye 767-4781

LLouise Jee 767-3674

Faye Dorsey 767-5542

"fill and wrap session" will be on Tuesday March 23 at 10:00AM.

Ernie Loza will pick up the Easter Baskets to deliver on April 1st

# WOMEN OF ST. BARNABAS

## FEBRUARY MEETING

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

### **Wednesday, March 3, 2010**

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

**March 25, 2010**  
**11:00 Wrapping Baked Goods**  
**Parish Hall**

**March 26, 2010**  
**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

### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2010**

Hostess is Martha Mitchell, 1593 De Anza Drive

On Wednesday February 3, the Women of St. Barnabas met at the home of Faye Dorsey for a pot luck luncheon and speaker. Jane Lilley was the co-hostess and saw that each person had a beverage and name tag so our new pastor, Laura Brecht, could become acquainted with everyone. Our speakers Dyana Penner currently Spiritual Advisor, and Lupe Gil, Volunteer Coordinator, gave an enlightening program on Horizon Hospice. It is located in Poway and is the only Hospice serving Borrego Springs. Hospice is a unique program of in-home care and support for families caring for a loved one with a life threatening illness. Hospice care involves both the patient and family or caregivers in providing supportive services to meet their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. We currently have 10 volunteers trained by Hospice in Borrego Springs at St. Barnabas. Each year we give a donation to Hospice to use for Borrego Springs patients.

To fund our efforts of community outreach, we have a Talents and Treasures sale coming up February 26th. Other fund raisers are bake sales before Easter and before Christmas, plus the sale of cards and cookbooks.

~Faye Dorsey



# Mark Your Calendar

## MARCH

SUNDAY SERVICES 8:30 AM

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

March 2—8:00 AM Worship Committee will meet

March 3—Noon WOSB @ Louise Burmester #82 Roadrunner Club

March 3, 17, 24 4-5 PM Lenten Study in Parish Hall

March 3, 10, 17, 24 5:00-5:30PM Compline in the Church

March 4, 11, 18, 25—7:00 AM Morning Prayer Service at the Rectory

March 7—8:30 AM Bishop Mathes will visit

March 10—2:00 PM Memorial for Bob Cassidy

March 14—3:00 PM Eucharist with the Bishop and Laura's Installation

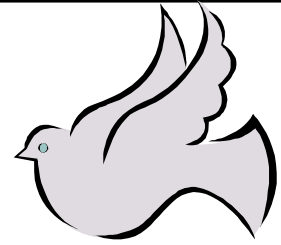
March 15— 1:00—5:00 PM Food Bank Distribution

March 18 — Sarah's Circle @ Martha Mitchell's home 1593 DeAnza Drive

March 18—3:00 PM Finance Meeting

March 22—8:00 AM Vestry will meet in offsite retreat

March 28—Palm Sunday



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