

# Carillon

St Barnabas Episcopal Church

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

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**Happy Easter!**

What a privilege and a joy it was to walk with you through Holy Week and to celebrate Christ's resurrection. And it has only just begun!

"The Lord is risen indeed!"  
this is a life-changing, world-overturning proclamation  
that reorients our entire existence.  
This is more than a joyful feeling;  
it is a mission.

Christ is sending us out to be his witnesses to his love for us, and, more than that, to channel his love and healing to everyone we encounter and reach out to. We may find this too daunting a mission and be frightened by it. But the truth is, this mission is God's gift to each of us and by which we live the kingdom here on earth everyday. We don't have to go about worrying what we are supposed to do because Christ is with us and will show us those "good works he has prepared for us to walk in." Remember, we are the ones that Jesus "ate and drank with after he rose from the dead," and we are regularly at table with him. It is his life and power that are in us, and with him all things are possible!

During this Eastertide, may we attune ourselves to the living presence of the resurrected Christ who is revealing himself to us and through us. And may the Easter mystery we celebrate be evident throughout the lives we lead. Happy Easter.

Blessings,  
Laura+

# GLORIOUS SUNRISE SERVICE



Reverend Jim Brookings  
of the Methodist Church presented the Homily.



## VESTRY MEETING REPORT

The meeting was held on Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, but never mind the calendar—it was 93 degrees when the meeting adjourned and, for us, the first day of summer. And it was a happy day for Lynn Wilderson whose 9 year tenure with us was applauded, whose incredible growth in duties and responsibilities was meticulously outlined and then reviewed by the financial committee who suggested a raise in weekly payment which the Vestry unanimously approved—more applause!

The real focus of this meeting, other than required business, was outreach, outreach, and more outreach. Community outreach. And not just food for the poor. Help for our parishioners beyond the marvelous prayer chain that Victor manages. Help with transportation—help with meals—help with lonely empty hours. You have ideas, and you have skills. It's baseball season! Step up to the plate. Volunteer.

~Nancy Bye



## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that we have a wonderful resource in the St. Barnabas Library? It is a two volume set of books "Then Sings My Soul" by Robert J. Morgan.

Each book contains 150 of the world's greatest hymns and their stories. The author will help you become reacquainted with the hymns that strengthen and steady you. His books will revive your memories of many old favorites. Each book is organized on a time line from ancient to modern. Each hymn has an inspirational story connected to it.

Gloria Gaither, a modern song writer, wrote a powerful forward to the second book that is a fantastic read in itself. It revolves around an old childhood favorite which is probably in your memory bank to be looked at in a new way. "I love to tell the story for those who know it best ... Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long."

Let me hear from you when you find your special hymn.



St. Barnabas Choir, Altar Guild and Worship Committee enjoy an honorary get together at the Rectory to celebrate the marvelous work done especially over Holy Week and Easter.



## Parishioner Profile: Mary and Victor Levine

By Wendy Quinn

Most of us know Mary and Victor. They are foundations of the church. The *Carillon* is privileged to help you get to know them better.

Mary was born in Attleboro, Massachusetts, and Victor was born in England. After serving in the Army and graduating from college, both history majors, they met and married in New York City, where they lived until 1967. Following were birth of a son and daughter and residences in New Hampshire and Arizona.

Mary was raised Roman Catholic, but became disenchanted and was received into the Episcopal Church in Concord, New Hampshire. Victor did not have a religious upbringing and did not have much interest in it until discovering St. Barnabas, where he was baptized, confirmed and received in 2005.

The Levines moved to Borrego Springs in 1999 after a family reunion here and soon became active in St. Barnabas. There was no rector at the time, only a half-time vicar and morning prayer services. It was a small congregation, and they welcomed the intimacy.

Before retiring, Victor taught college classes, offered private literary instruction and worked as a literary agent. Mary was a clinical social worker. Since retirement, they are active in the church, Victor performing in the choir and Mary serving as a lay Eucharistic minister. They also do visitations, have served on the Vestry and Worship Committee, and volunteer at the Food Bank. Victor organizes the prayer chain, and Mary is a hospice volunteer.

In what little spare time is left, Victor and Mary like to walk and exercise, and Mary enjoys gardening. They have both served as Chaplain for the American Legion, and Victor is active in the New Moon Poetry Circle. They have no grandchildren yet, but are glad of it because their son and daughter have not yet married! Both the son and daughter work in the school system.

Mary ended our interview with a moving anecdote from her early association with St. Barnabas. Ron Shepherd was delivering a sermon which included a question, "What did you come to the desert to see?" Mary felt a message that said to her, "to die." It was a bit frightening, but on contemplation, she realized she had a long life ahead of her but she needed to be here as her final destination. Both Victor and Mary love living here, and we





The crafts and jewelry sent to St. Barnabas by the African Ministries was shared with the parish at the Holy Happy Hour on April 11th. The funds go to help in the care and education of African orphans in 8 Anglican dioceses in West Africa. The articles are made by native craftsmen in Kenya. So if you see someone wearing a carved wild animal necklace, you know they are supporting some of the 40 million orphans in Africa, half of whom have been orphaned by AIDS. Thank you for helping!

**HIPPITY HOPPITY—INDEED!**

Faye Dorsey, co-chair (now with Wendy Quinn) of the Women of St. Barnabas has taken over the Easter and Christmas basket project. This was originally suggested by Ernie Loza as a way to help some of the poor families in the valley and was picked up by altar guild directress Louise Jee as a good way of “giving recklessly” rather than spending (wasting?) a lot of money on flowers at holiday time. Having recently completed the Christmas basket project, some of us were dubious about spending the money, time and energy to do the same for Easter. Yes, you guessed it. Twenty huge baskets were filled to overflowing, decorated with real little Easter baskets, and delivered to the needy in Ocotillo Wells. Money was donated by the altar guild to help Haddon provide piles of canned food. Kathleen and TruValue donated the baskets again. Pete and Bob helped out with their donation of goodies. The Center Market enabled Nancy to buy at cost lotions, soaps, shampoos, T paper. Thy will be done! At their November meeting the Women will draw up a real plan for dealing with the Christmas baskets this year. Probably won’t work as well.

~ Nancy Bye

# BITS & PIECES



Irene Foster instructs the making of Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday.

## *Angels in our Midst*

From the desk of Nancy Bye

Who tapped me on the back in a parking lot in town and said, “Hi Nancy. I’m having a hell of a good time with your Laura!”

Who made it possible for Chuck and Mary Bennett to come to church together for the first time in several months?

Who will volunteer to deliver meals to the homebound during the summer months when regular drivers are away? Call Sonja at the Senior Center. 3116

## 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)>

## MAY PRAYER LIST

We pray for healing for  
Beverly Kuhrts, Lyn Loerke, 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 pot luck luncheon noon meetings on:

**Wednesday, May 5, 2010**

Meeting will be at the Parish Hall

Speaker is Peter Bergstrom,

Camp Stevens Director and Claudia Fortiner for the

Boys and Girls Club

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2010**

Hostess is Martha Mitchell, 1593 De Anza Drive

## APRIL MEETING

After a lovely luncheon on the patio at the home of Sue Salt, we met to decide how to share our funds with the community. These funds come from the Barnabas Bakers Events, the Talents and Treasures Sale, and sale of cards and cook books. It was decided to give to Horizon Hospice for Borrego Springs patients, Performing Arts Center, and water for 4 summer months to Slab City. We will do more research on the needs of the Boys and Girls Club for the summer, which may result in another donation. It was suggested we pay for the electricity we use at the Christmas Circle during our Events there, as they are having financial problems. Our program was a stirring presentation on the American Legion by Mary Levine, an Army veteran, and Mary MacDonald, Chaplain of the American Legion Auxillary. The next meeting is Wednesday May 5th at noon- a pot luck luncheon at the Parish Hall. We hope to have a program by the Boys and Girls Club representative. Officers for the next church year are Faye Dorsey- Chairperson, Wendy Quinn- Co-Chairperson, and Nancy Bye-Treasurer. All the women were thanked for their efforts and the effort of their husbands for ALL the recent events : the Bishop's visit, Bob Cassidy's memorial, the Installation of Laura, the welcome party for Laura and Lyle, the Bake Event and the creating of 20 Easter Baskets for the poor, the sale of African Jewelry, and all the delicious Happy Holy Coffee Hours. Well done!



Leading the lesson at the April Meeting are Mary MacDonald and Mary Levine

Enjoying patio lunch with Laura+, are Hostess Sue Salt, Ruth Otis, Louise Burmester and Nancy Bye



# Mark Your Calendar

## MAY

### SUNDAY SERVICES 8:30 AM

May 4, 11, 18, 25 Tuesday at 7:30 AM The Men of St. Barnabas @ Kendall's Cafè

May 4- 8:00 AM Worship Committee will meet

May 4-11:00 AM Mackay Memorial

May 5- Noon WOSB @ Parish Hall

May 17- 1:00—5:00 PM Food Bank Distribution

May 19 - 6:00 PM Sarah's Circle

May 20 - 3:00 PM Finance Meeting

May 24 - 8:00 AM Vestry will meet

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