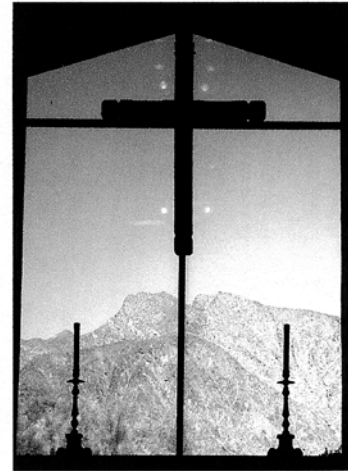


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## Glad to be back with you!

In one short month, Lyle and I have been hiking in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, cruising down the inland passage of Alaska and visiting family around the country! Mostly we visited family - our daughter Emily in L.A., our daughter Sarah in Boulder, CO, and my 97 year-old mother in Cincinnati. We had a lovely time with each of them, and encountered extremes of weather: torrential rain and steamy heat in Ohio, and a hailstorm in the mountains that blanketed the landscape with over an inch of white ice balls, and cold, rainy weather in Alaska! (One of my goals for vacation was to go somewhere that I needed to wear a fleece jacket; well, I got my wish and then some!).

Our trip to Alaska was gorgeous and spectacular. That wall of ice you see behind us is the Hubbard Glacier – the largest tidewater glacier in North America, and it is growing, unlike many other glaciers that are melting. It is 35 stories tall! While we were there, it calved from top to bottom, creating a huge standing wave that rocked our ship! The captain, who has made 150+ trips to the glacier, had never seen anything like it!

We are glad to be home with you!  
Blessings,  
Laura+ and Lyle



At the Fall meeting of the Bishops of the Episcopal Church that took place in Phoenix, Arizona Sept 16-21, The bishops issued a Pastoral Letter on immigration. Immigration was one of the many topics that they discussed in the course of the weeklong meeting. Prior to the bishops' regularly scheduled meeting, about 40 bishops, spouses and partners participated in a three-day visit to Douglas, Arizona, and Sonora, Mexico, to acquaint themselves with the way immigration law impacts people on both sides of the border. The pastoral letter and an accompanying "theological resource" are meant to give Episcopalians a way to more deeply study the challenges presented by the immigration debate. The letter follows:

### **A Pastoral Letter from the House of Bishops**

Phoenix, Arizona, September 21, 2010

*There shall be for you and the resident alien a single statute, a perpetual statute throughout your generations; you and the alien shall be alike before the Lord. You and the alien who resides with you shall have the same law and the same ordinance (Numbers 15:15-16).*

*So [Christ] came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God (Ephesians 2:17-19).*

Dear People of God,

Throughout our meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, we have reflected on the immigration crisis facing our host state, the United States, and all nations globally. A number of us visited the United States-Mexico border and saw first hand the many troubling and complex issues that face migrants, immigrants, the border patrol, local ranchers, and Christian communities seeking to minister to all of these groups. We are also mindful that similar border issues confront other nations represented in The Episcopal Church, especially countries in Europe, the Dominican Republic and Haiti, and Colombia and Ecuador.

Holy Scripture teaches us that all human beings are made in the image of God, and that Jesus Christ gave his life for all people. Furthermore, both the Old and New Testaments declare the importance of hospitality to resident alien and strangers, a hospitality that rests on our common humanity. All human beings are therefore deserving of dignity and respect, as we affirm in our Baptismal Covenant (Book of Common Prayer, p.305). So our gracious welcome of immigrants, documented or undocumented, is a reflection of God's grace poured out on us and on all. In this light:

- (1) Ours is a migratory world in which many people move across borders to escape poverty, hunger, injustice and violence. We categorically reject efforts to criminalize undocumented migrants and immigrants, and deplore the separation of families and the unnecessary incarceration of undocumented workers. Since, as we are convinced, it is natural to seek gainful employment to sustain oneself and one's family, we cannot agree that the efforts of undocumented workers to feed and shelter their households through honest labor are criminal.
- (2) We profess that inhumane policies directed against undocumented persons (raids, separation of families, denial of health services) are intolerable on religious and humanitarian grounds, as is attested by the consensus of a wide range of religious bodies on this matter.
- (3) We call on the government of the United States and all governments to create fair and humane immigration policies that honor the dignity of people on all sides of this issue. In the United States, we seek a reasonable path to citizenship for undocumented workers; a plan to reunite families; and a viable system for receiving temporary or seasonal guest-workers, with clearly identified points of entry. These measures would free the United States border patrol to concentrate its efforts on the apprehension of drug traffickers, terrorists, and other criminals, and not on ordinary people who are simply seeking a better life for themselves and their children.
- (4) We acknowledge the duty of governments to protect their people, including the securing of borders. The church has always respected this duty, which is grounded in government's Godgiven duty to protect innocent people and punish wrongdoers (Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17).
- (5) We recognize that racism and bigotry impact debates over migration and immigration. The Episcopal Church is committed to the eradication of all forms of racism, and decries the use of racial profiling in the arrest of persons suspected of being undocumented.

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## Vestry Report

### —September 20

Glorious cool morning, but only four Vestry members present for this meeting. We didn't have a quorum, so nothing official transpired except that David Leibert was able to appoint the four whose signatures could be used in transactions with Wells Fargo, our new investment home. We are following our long-time financial advisor, Gayle Tejada, as she moves from Smith Barney to Wells Fargo. This was David's last appearance as our treasurer. He has served diligently and effectively for three years during some very difficult times. He has kindly offered to serve through the end of the year as advisor to our new Treasurer, and may serve on the finance committee.

Our next meeting will be October 25<sup>th</sup> and we look forward to having everyone present so that we can deal effectively with a variety of issues that are cropping up.

~Nancy Bye

## FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Since Chuck Bennett, Lee Estep and I will be going off the Vestry in 2011, it is time we start thinking of someone to replace us. We are asking all of our St. Barnabas friends to help us find new members. If you have or someone you know has a calling, to come forth to fill these positions, please contact one of us. Laura+ plans to have a gathering of a couple of Vestry members and new prospects to help them discern if this is the right choice for them. - Peace

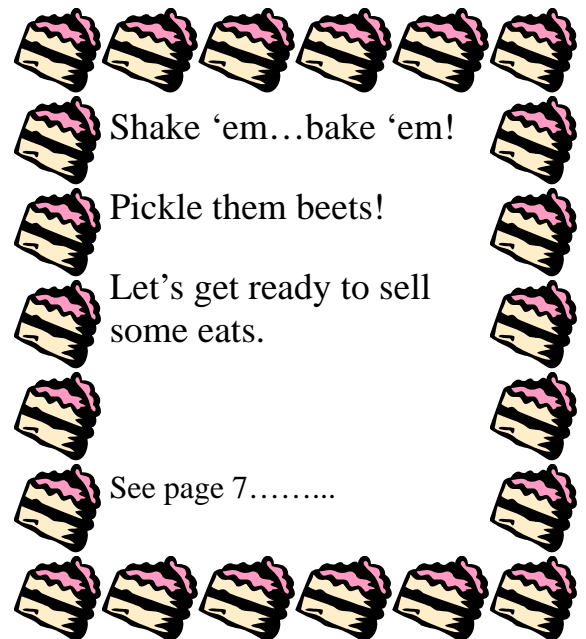

~Cathy Gay

**BLESSING of the ANIMALS**  
Horses, dogs, cats, birds, reptiles, fish, etc.

By The Reverend  
Laura Brecht

**Monday,  
October 4 at 4 p.m.**

Courtyard  
St. Barnabas Episcopal Church  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**



## Two for Frisbie

### Reveille

#### I

Arise with the Son  
And Father  
Green the unused day

Rejoice in the realm  
You often dreamed  
And so yearned for

Now with you  
It lives in the late self  
Which once drew breath

And now is dawn  
To a life that surpasses  
The banished dream

As a clouded glass  
Becomes pure  
Crystalline

### Taps

In the interval of a dropped eyelash  
you fled earth's gravity;  
in leaving your life merged with ours;

Now we live shorn of your chortle  
Your wayward take on our fragmented times;  
We are less for having lost the banter you used

to outface our mundane concerns  
but always with a nudge and a pixilated smile;  
first and last you were the prayer-giver

Now in recalling your slow clear voice  
Your wit broadcast wide; the ready sound  
Of wrought word and studious pause

We claim you ours  
for the long haul;  
So long buddy; addio; farewell

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## BARNABAS BAKERS— DECEMBER 10

Mark your calendars so you can be ready to package and price on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> and then be ready to haul stuff down to Christmas Circle (tables, chairs, coffee, goodies) at dawn on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup>. We've done this so many times now that it should be routine, but it's always a little different, always special. Then go get your aprons on and get cracking! Bake, preserve, jell. Remember that we've learned in this town our customers like small packages. We'll ask Laura to say a little prayer for the weather. We can bundle up snugly against the cold (yes, cold—can you *imagine*?) but we need the Lord's hand to calm the winds, please. Do you think Chuck Bennett might make cranberry-orange scones? They are Lynn Wilderson's favorite treat, and would be wonderful for breakfast on Christmas morning. Jingle bells, jingle bells.....ho! ho! Ho!

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(6) We confess our own complicit sinfulness as people who benefit from the labor of undocumented workers without recognizing our responsibility to them. We passively tolerate an economic and political system that accepts this labor from millions of undocumented workers, and which has received approximately \$520 billion in social security revenue from them--revenue from which they will never benefit. Yet at the same time we treat them as a threat.

(7) We do not discount the concerns of our fellow citizens regarding the danger uncontrolled immigration poses to our safety and economic well-being. We insist, however, that these concerns be approached within the broader context of a national commitment and covenant to inclusion and fellowship across all lines for the sake of the common good.

(8) We take seriously our commitment to and responsibility for our fellow citizens, as we strive to face the spiritual, moral and economic challenges of life in all sixteen nations represented in The Episcopal Church. We call on our fellow citizens to remember that the good of a nation lies beyond its own self-interest, toward a vision of a humanity restored in Jesus Christ, for in him "you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ" (Ephesians 2:13).

(9) We offer for additional study a theological resource, "The Nation and the Common Good: Reflections on Immigration Reform."

God's grace be with us all.



# BITS & PIECES

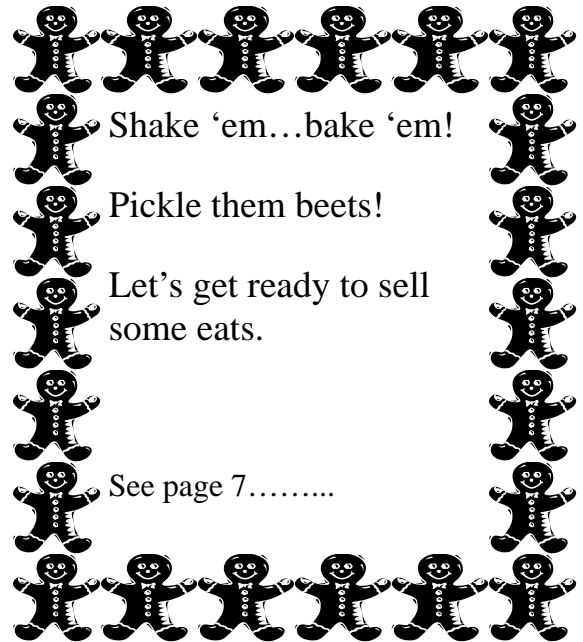
## *ANGELS IN OUR MIDST* *From the desk of Nancy Bye*

WHO conducted a lovely service for us on August 22<sup>nd</sup> in the absence of clergy?

WHO launders the altar linens every week?

WHO is fighting to keep our zoning safe?

WHO is back at the organ now, and  
WHO played for us during the long,  
hot summer?



Shake 'em...bake 'em!

Pickle them beets!

Let's get ready to sell  
some eats.

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**The St Barnabas Prayer Chain**  
**of Ten .....**  
.....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)>

**OCTOBER PRAYER LIST**  
We pray for healing for  
for Joan Reiter, Nancy Groll, Steve Hart,  
Walt Moore, Carole Thompson, Lynn  
Wilderson, Steve Mellor, Barbara Scott,  
Beverly Kuhrts, Jim Nugent, Kurt  
Levens, Guy Beaulieu, Fred Owen, Dan  
French, Evelyn Parks, Mary Hunt,  
Joyce Girard, Agnes Schleicher, and  
Peggy Brown.

## WOMEN OF ST. BARNABAS REPORT

The monthly meeting of the Women of St. Barnabas was held on September 1 at Louise Burmester's home. One of the highlights was having Laura+ back with us after a month's vacation. We enjoyed hearing about a seminar she attended in Colorado, a beautiful Alaskan cruise and time with family.

After the opening prayer, we got down to business. Nancy Bye outlined a program spearheaded by the Rotary Club, which involves provision of a trailer equipped with personal computers and supplies for students in Ocotillo Oasis who cannot afford their own. Instead of the traditional Christmas and Easter gift baskets, she suggested contributing to this effort. Rotarian Dennis Nourse will speak at the October 6 WOSB meeting so we can learn more.

The annual Blessing of the Animals will take place on October 4 at 4:00 in the Church patio area. Please bring snacks to share afterwards, and of course your animal companions of all kinds!

Other upcoming events include the Welcome Back Snowbirds party, an evening event at the Roadrunner Club on November 7 (watch for flyers around town and information in the Bulletin for details), and the annual Christmas bake sale on December 10. As always, we will need help with wrapping, pricing, selling, transporting, and most importantly baking! Mark your calendars.

As we finished the delicious potluck luncheon, Wendy Quinn offered information on Soroptimist International, a worldwide organization dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls. The Borrego Springs club concentrates on local scholarships, both scholastic and vocational, and raises funds by selling phonebooks, holding the Cupid's Caper fashion show/luncheon and organizing the annual home tour. Worldwide, Soroptimists fight domestic violence, poverty and disease and human trafficking. New members are always welcome.

The Women of St. Barnabas will meet next at Nancy Bye's home (3880 Pecos Drive) on October 6 for a potluck luncheon at noon. As we enjoy good food and each member's beverage of choice (BYO), we laugh, share experiences and offer support for those facing challenges. Please join us!

**~Wendy Quinn**

# Mark Your Calendar

## OCTOBER

SUNDAY SERVICES 8:30 AM

October 4—MONDAY Blessing of the Animals 4:00 PM

October 6—Women of St. Barnabas @ Nancy Bye's house

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

October 5—8:00 AM Worship Meeting

October 18- 1:00—5:00 PM Food Bank Distribution

October 25—8:00 AM Vestry Meeting

### LOOKING AHEAD:

November 4—Lems, Acolytes, and Chalice Training

November 7—"Welcome back Snowbirds" 5:00 PM RRClub

November 14—Ministry Fair

November 28-ADVENT

December 24- 7:30 PM Lessons and Carols

December 25- 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist

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