



The Encourager

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS

DECEMBER 2011

EUCCHARISTIC LECTIONARY YEAR B

SUNDAY WORSHIP

7:45 AM RITE I HOLY EUCHARIST
9:00 AM RITE II HOLY EUCHARIST
11:00 AM RITE II HOLY EUCHARIST

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

FOR ALL AGES
SUNDAYS 10:00 AM

WEEKDAY WORSHIP

WED. 6:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST
THURS. NOON
HOLY EUCHARIST & HEALING - CHAPEL

CLERGY AND STAFF

RECTOR: THE REV. JEFF HAMMOND
ASSISTING PRIEST: THE REV. DR. DYANA ORRIN
PARISH SECRETARY: RACHAEL COLE
PARISH RECEPTIONIST: NICOLE MANSFIELD
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LAY PASTORAL MINISTER: MOREY WELDON
LAY MINISTRY COORD.: STEVE NEALE
MMO DIRECTOR: VICKIE JUNELL
CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR:
KAREN WELCH
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NURSERY DIRECTOR: MADELINE CLANTON
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See inside for a listing of activities!

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BY FR. JEFF

The Advent Question: *What are you waiting for?*

We are a nation often associated with hustle and bustle, especially in the days before Christmas, but much of that time is spent waiting- standing in line, idling in our cars, waiting for the beep. Will all of this waiting make us better? Will it fulfill us?

I ask each of you:

What are you waiting on to make you whole?

What is it that you have pinned your hopes on?

These are questions to ponder during the four weeks before Christmas that make up the season of Advent. Think of Advent as an opportunity to get our priorities in order as we anticipate the coming of the Christ into our lives; an opportunity "to make room in our inn" so that we don't miss out on the breaking in of God to our world.

Advent is the time when we, through both self-discipline and shared practice, awake to the realization that God has broken into time.

So turn off the gloom of TV News, jettison your expectation for a perfect Christmas, and be instead a welcoming light that invites Christ and those we love into our homes and hearts.

What are you waiting for?

Angel Tree

Beginning Sunday, November 27th, the Angel Tree will be decorated with the names of those in need of our help. Please take time to select an angel from the tree, shop, wrap and return the gifts to the tree. Complete instructions including dates are in the Parish Hall.

Happy shopping.... happy giving.

VESTRY ELECTION

This January, at our parish meeting, we will elect three new vestry members for a three-year term. The canons of the church state that candidates must be "lay members in good standing, of at least 18 years of age, and who are currently financial supporters of the parish and mission programs of the church."

While these are the basic requirements, I thought it would be helpful for those of you who might be interested in standing for election or nominating someone, to know more about the expectations of a vestry member.

- Monthly meetings will be held at the church on a specified day of each month. A list of those dates will be provided at the first meeting. Vestry members are expected to attend no less than 9 of those meetings. One or more all-day retreats will be scheduled during each calendar year.
- Vestry members are expected to be significant contributors to the life of the church, in their giving of their time, treasure, and talent. Members should be visible in their faithful attendance to services and events at St. Barnabas.
- Vestry members should enter into their commitment with a genuine desire to serve and to grow spiritually, being willing to put aside personal agendas for the good of the whole church and the glory of God.

To nominate someone, please contact one of these members of the Nominating Committee: **Mike Wuest, Walt Biddle, Cindy Scroggins, Marcia Manhart, Bud Parish, Ceci McMurrey, and Shelly Kothmann.**

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, January 22nd following the 11:00 am. service

DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, Dec 7th	MMO Christmas Caroles	1:30pm Parish Hall
Thursday, Dec 8th	Young Families Potluck	5:30pm Parish Hall
Friday, Dec 9th	Pledge Cards Due	
Wednesday, Dec 14th	Hill Country Community Orchestra As a part of Wednesday Holy Eucharist	6:00pm Parish Hall
Thursday, Dec 15th	Angel Tree Gifts delivered to Needs Council	
Saturday, Dec 17th	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	10:00am Church
Sunday, Dec 18th	Christmas Pageant	11:00am Worship
Saturday, Dec 24th	Christmas Eve Services	4:00pm & 10:00pm
Sunday, Dec 25th	Christmas Day Service	10:00am
Monday, Dec 26th	Office Closed	
Friday, Dec 30th	Office Closed	

CALLING ALL PROSPECTIVE DAUGHTERS

If you would like to know more about the Order of the Daughters of the King...

If you would like to consider the possibility of becoming a Daughter...

If you have a heart for a life in Christ...

If you can give eight weeks (January 21 through March 31) to a discernment process that would help you determine whether a lifetime commitment to prayer, service, and evangelism is right for you...

You are invited to an invitational tea on Saturday, January 7, 2012. (See invitation below.) Daughters will gather to meet you and give you a glimpse of what being a Daughter of the King is all about...

We look forward to our time together.

If you have questions, you may call
Jane Elwood (830) 992-2697
Sherry Brown (830) 896-0900
Karen Welch (325) 347-6929



*You are Cordially Invited to Join
The Daughters of the King
For Tea*

Saturday, January 7, 2012

10:30 am.

801 Triple Creek Road

*At 11:00am, Jane Elwood will give a presentation about
The Order of the Daughters of the King
and the upcoming discernment process*

*It is our hope that you will prayerfully
consider this invitation to
become a Daughter of the King*

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR FREDERICKSBURG NURSING HOME

A holiday shopping experience was set at the Fredericksburg Nursing home by the St. Barnabas chapter of the Daughters of the King. The residents once again used Monopoly money to purchase gifts for their family and friends complete with gift wrapping.



A MESSAGE FROM HOLY TRINITY OAXACA

This past Saturday we went to a village near Oaxaca to witness the dedication of the translation of the New Testament from Spanish into the indigenous language of this village. The language is Zapotec in nature. However, a village separated by ten miles may have a completely different form of Zapotec. The process of translation was started 40 years ago. The lady in one of the pictures completed the project after the death of her husband 17 years ago. Susie and I were honored to attend by invitation of some members of our congregation. Thought you would like to see this moving dedication. It was necessary for us to leave before the food was served but we hear that it was fantastic.

Peace and Blessings
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COMMUNITY OF HOPE

The next Community of Hope class will begin in the time frame of mid January to early February. If you have a desire to help those in our church or community who are in need and would like some training, support and structure to help make it happen, please consider participating in Community of Hope (COH). It is an excellent spiritually based Pastoral Care Training Program. To find out more about COH, pick up a brochure in the church office or contact Steve Neale at 990.1497. Also feel free to talk to any of the following COH Caregivers who recently completed the course: Cindy Beeman, Jane Good, Richard Mickelson, Cydney Mickelson, Nan Mosley, Bud Parrish, Lyda Slaton, Judy Taylor, Tom Taylor, Karen Welch, and Morey Weldon.

YOUNG FAMILIES MEET ON THE 9TH

Hi everyone!

We know we all have extremely busy schedules but make time to come and visit your old St. Barnabas pals!

POTLUCK AND NOOMA

Thursday, December 8 • 5:30 - 8:ish • St. B's Parish Hall

Arrive around 5:30, bring a dish. Mingle, eat, drink, be merry! Then we will probably watch a Nooma video or have some discussion topic lead by Julie A. the Great. There will be 4 childcare providers. One to supervise the teens, oversee homework or wii. One for the mass of younger kids who will probably do a Christmas ornament or project and then watch a short video (maybe?). Another for any youngins under two and one more to float to wherever is needed. Put it on your calendar! Don't forget! We miss you!

Gina Seracen, 992-1306

The Sprouts - 3, 4 & 5 yr olds

What is God teaching us in our Bible stories?

Ewan - true love

Taylor - to learn about GOD & Jesus, to love people. to pray to GOD, to be nice

Reece - to listen to GOD



Ewan Rudolph, Taylor Harris, Reece Harris



OUR CHILDREN BLESS THE FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to everyone who helped with our food drive for the Fredericksburg Food Pantry. Loads and loads of non-perishable food items were delivered by our Sunday School children.



MMO NEWS



Our Mom's Morning Off Program wishes to thank Fire Chief Wallace Britton for his recent visit. Chief Britton has graciously supported the program for many years by providing a very exciting, very positive fire safety program for our students. Students always enjoy seeing the fire truck and participating in the fire hose demonstration. We appreciate the time and dedication that Chief Britton has put into the presentation each year.

Wallace helped students spray the fire hose during the November 2nd fire truck visit.



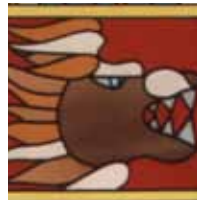
Thank you to Carolyn Bailey for volunteering to dress up as a firefighter during the fire truck visit. Wallace Britton explains to students that, in an emergency situation, a firefighter is there to help.

Please help us welcome our new student volunteer, Katya Walker. Katya has been helping our teachers and students each Wednesday, and we are pleased to have her join our MMO family.

Remember to attend our Christmas carol event on December 7th in the St. Barnabas Sanctuary at 1:30 p.m. There will be a cookie and fruit reception in the Parish hall immediately following the performance by the 3's and 4's classes. *It is likely that Santa and his Elf will visit the children.* All families are welcome and encouraged to attend both the performance and the reception.

We plan to invite Paige House residents to join us for this Christmas celebration. Our students will present the guests with very special Christmas cards they have made prior to the event. This promises to be a very enjoyable afternoon! Contact Vickie Junell at 997-6595 for more information.





DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2nd Julie Alvarez
- 3rd Stirling Greenlee
Robert Lastovica
Regina Harbison
Shari Massengale
- 5th John Phelps
Marion Edmonston
- 6th Dianna Green
Seth Hughes
- 7th Jake Plesko
Scott Wuest
- 9th Julie Roseberry
- 11th Evelyn Clifton
Jennifer Eggleston
Shane Spruiell
- 12th Richard McDonald
Betsy Setterbo
- 13th Nancy Wareing
- 15th Charles Green
- 16th Laura Robertson
- 17th Mike Wuest
- 18th Ann Shafer
- 19th Logan Lastovica
- 20th Jack Thompson
- 22nd Lindsey Nigh
- 23rd Finn Alban
- 27th Nick Bishop
- 28th Jack Wynne-Smith
- 29th Beth Swanzy Kelly
- 30th Andrew Alvarez
Marley Clements
Bud Parrish
Della Potucek
- 31st Nancy Grimes
Karen Welch

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3rd Ray and Stacy Rodgers
- 4th Nick and Gerry Bishop
- 17th Carl and Vickie Luckenbach
- 20th Terry and Hadley Young
- 24th Mitch and Emily Leland
- 25th Grady and Joan Puryear
- 26th Charlie and Linda Wilson
- 27th Aurther and Ann Shafer
- 28th David and Pat Tuttle

LAY MINISTRY TRAINING

For current and new
Lectors
Intercessors
Chalice Bearers
Saturday, December 3
9:30 – 11:00
or
Tuesday, December 6
5:30 – 7:00
New lay ministers are most welcome!

PLEDGE CARD REMINDER

While giving an offering to God is an imperative, filling out a pledge card is considered a courtesy extended to the leadership of the church so that a budget can be produced. Please fill out your pledge card and return it to the church either by mail, by dropping it in the collection plate or bringing it by the office by Dec. 4th.

MEETINGS & MINISTRIES

Alcoholics Anonymous
Sun Mon Tues Wed Fri Sat.
8:00 p.m. CEB
Spanish Speaking Meeting
Sunday & Monday
6:30 p.m. CEB
Thurs, Closed Meeting
(Women) CEB 7:00 p.m.

Al-Anon
Monday 6:30 p.m. - CEB
Friday 8:00 p.m. - CEB

Bible Study - Library
Monday 7:00 a.m.

Women's Book Study
Wednesday 10:00 p.m. - CEB

Knitting of Prayer Shawls
Wednesday 2:30 p.m. - CEB

Bible Study
Thursday 10 a.m. - CEB

Bell Choir
Wednesday 4:30 p.m. - CEB

Choir Practice
Thursday 7:00 p.m. - Room 133

Daughters of the King
2nd Saturday of Month
9:30 a.m. - Parish Hall

Men's Breakfast
Thursday 7:00 a.m. - Parish Hall

MMO (Mom's Morning Off)
Mon & Wed. 9:00 a.m.

St. Jerome Library Guild
1st Thursday of Month - 10:00 a.m.

Boy Scout Troop 137
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. - CEB

Vestry
3rd Monday 6:15 p.m. - Parish Hall

It's Time to Order Christmas Poinsettias

Please order a Poinsettia to adorn the church during Christmas.
A list is in the office. The cost is \$15.

A "THANK YOU" NOTE FROM BOB.....

I was overwhelmed by the CELEBRATE BOB PARTY and the outpouring and sharing of friendship. There is nothing like being surrounded by good friends and sharing a wonderful meal and of course, swapping stories. I thank everyone who came, sent cards, letters, gifts, and made it such a delightful day. Most importantly, thank you all for being wonderful friends, and being the beautiful creations of a loving God.

There are so many people to thank and please forgive me if I leave anyone out. Just check it off to old age and a flawed memory. Just know that I love each and every one of you. Always have and I always will.

I want to thank our Rector Jeff, Senior Warden Mike Wuest and the Vestry for providing the delicious meal and organizing the program; Maggie Gillespie for the astounding floral arrangements; Barbara Johnson and her thoughtful and caring kitchen crew, Elizabeth and Harvey Coe, Andrea Norwood; the Cookie ladies, Ann Shafer, C. C. Gibbons, Nancy Steinbach, Jeannine Frost, and Barbara Johnson; the speakers and story tellers Fr. Jeff, Ralph Greenlee, Mayor Tom Musselman, Mike Gillespie, and Bill Smallwood, and of course the wonderful letter (read by Ralph Greenlee) from our former rector and the one who hired me, The Reverend Stephen Kinney, who I dearly love, re-

spect, and admire. Thanks also to our very dedicated office staff; Rachael Cole, Nicole Mansfield, and Marilee Pankrat, who designed the cute invitation. They printed, labeled, mailed, scheduled, coordinated, telephoned and a myriad of things necessary to make this such a memorable event. Also to Charlene Gish who prepared the wonderful photograph display!

And now, "JOANIE HARRIS" !!!!! There should have been a drum roll there----imagine you heard one. With the strong support of Ralph and Stirling Greenlee (another drum roll, please), she coordinated, arranged, and produced this wonderful party. I could never thank them enough. They did so with the quiet grace and peace that they are known for. Thanks be to God.

This is what I would have said at the party but I was too overcome with surprise and joy. To conclude with a paraphrased quote from Mr. Rogers, "It was a wonderful day in the neighborhood."

May God continue to bless our lives, this parish, our community and our nation,

Bob

ST. BARNABITE HONORED FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mary Lou White was honored with the Kermit Kothe Award at the Chamber of Commerce "Fun After Five" mixer held on November 17th. The award is presented to individuals demonstrating excellence in service to the community's youth through the Boys & Girls Club. It is named in honor of Kermit Kothe who has been a friend to youth and staff of the Club since its beginning. Prior Kermit Kothe Award winners include Karl & Mary Ransleben and Michael Fontenot.

Mary Lou served as President of the Board of the Boys & Girls Club from 1998 to 2003. During her term, the Fredericksburg Youth Center elected to become affiliated with the Boys & Girls Club of America which greatly expanded the youth development programs available to Fredericksburg youth. Mary Lou and Ross Hinton also established an annual Shopping Tournament event which has become the signature fundraising event for the Club. She stayed actively involved with the Shopping Tournament for four additional years after her term as Board President expired.



The Boys & Girls Club serves children ages 6-18 with youth development programs offered after school and in the summer. Over 100 youth participate in the after school program each day and this past summer the average daily attendance was 165. There are many volunteer opportunities available at the Club including homework aides, mentors, reading partners, and gardening helpers. If you are interested, please contact the Club Manager, Lee Miller, at 997-9833.