

# The Steeple Bell

## of St. Barnabas Parish



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### Join in Start-Up Sunday at St. B on Sept. 13

All are welcome to St. Barnabas Episcopal Church on **Sunday, Sept. 13**—known as Start-Up Sunday—as we return from summer breaks. Services are at 7:45 and 9:30 a.m. with a special contemporary service at 5:30 p.m.

Beginning Sept. 13 through May, child care services and Sunday School are offered on Sundays from 9:15 a.m. to noon on the second floor. Throughout the year, the Families in Faith program activities give support and encouragement to parents, as well as provide a faith community for infants and children. For more information about Families in Faith and St. B's educational programs, contact Jane Schmitz, family minister, at [jschmitz@stbdenver.org](mailto:jschmitz@stbdenver.org) or phone 303-388-6469.

The Adult Forum is scheduled at 11 a.m. following the 9:30 a.m. sung service. Participants share their spiritual journeys, explore other faith traditions, grapple with ethical issues, and discuss the ideas of contemporary theologians and philosophers. All are welcome to attend.

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church is a diverse community of people who celebrate spirituality, extend hospitality, practice stewardship, seek justice, cherish inclusivity, and encourage inquiry.

For more information about St. Barnabas Parish, go to [www.stbdenver.org](http://www.stbdenver.org) or call the church office at 303-388-6469.

### Lederhosen and Dirndls optional at Oktoberfest

Join your friends at St. Bs on **Saturday, Sept. 26** to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Oktoberfest. The original festival occurred in Munich in 1810. Today it is a 16-day festival held from late September to early October.

St. B's one-night only fest will cram in all the fun of its Bavarian model—dancing, dining, drinking and fun for all—children and adults.



Dirndls and lederhosen are not required apparel to join in the polka and other "easy to learn" dances. Whether you're vegetarian or strictly prefer American food, you'll have plenty of menu choices including, bratwurst, hotdogs or veggie dogs with kraut, pretzels with mustard and apple crisp cones. Frosty beer or root beer will be offered to quench your thirst.

The auction committee, host of the event, has kept the price affordable for families and individuals. Children under six attend free; the charge for children over six is \$5 with a \$30 maximum per family. There is a \$10 charge for individuals.

You won't want to miss this *gemütlich* occasion. Sign up on the table in Lukens Wing or email Carol at [office@stbdenver.org](mailto:office@stbdenver.org). Payment by check or cash will be accepted in advance or on the evening of the event.



Sharing Our Journey

## Pray without ceasing

*“Always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people. Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”*

—1Thessalonians 5:16-18

As a community of faith we come together to praise God, to give thanks for all the blessings of this life, to share the Word of God, to pray lifting up our concerns to God, and to share the Body and Blood of Christ. We come together to become what God is creating us to be, the Body of Christ.

During the last few weeks, as members of Christ’s body, we’ve come together to pray for healing and hope after Paul Garrett+, the rector of this parish, suffered a heart attack. We’ve prayed for and continue to pray for Paul, his wife Mary Ellen, and for his family. Because there was a sense of urgency in the air, on the evening on August 13, we held a prayer service for Healing with Thanksgiving and Hope. The service was well attended and many came forward requesting prayers for themselves and others.

It seems to me that it’s time to offer a healing service on a regular basis.

What will the healing service be like? When will it take place? How can I be involved?

During the next few weeks I would like to work with others to develop an ongoing Healing Service. Our starting point might be the Public Service for Healing found in the Book of Occasional Services for the Episcopal Church. To schedule a new worship service we will check the Master Calendar.

If you would like to learn more about healing services, would like to participate in the development of the service, and/or would like to participate in the Healing Service, please let me know.

Yours in Christ’s love,  
Deb Angell+

A Sunday Option:

## CONTEMPORARY SERVICE BREAKS OUT OF ROUTINES

There are any number of Sunday morning traps that can limit church attendance—a 7 a.m. tee time, *Meet the Press* and other TV news shows, a telephone call from a distant sibling, or a self-indulgent sleep-in. The 5:30 p.m. contemporary service will assuage any misgivings about skipping the morning services. Thanks to evening service minister Ken Phillips and friends, newcomers to the evening liturgy enjoy a warm welcome and inspiring experience.

On the first three Sundays of the month, participants take their seat in a circle in Lukens Wing and process into the Sacristy for the Eucharist. On the fourth Sunday, congregants gather around a table in Marshall House for the Agape service and potluck meal. Although the music and prayers are different, the main elements of the service remain the same—the readings, the gospel and Eucharist.

What distinguishes the contemporary service is its intimacy, sharing and a renewed awareness of God in our lives. It is a peaceful way to end the week and obtain spiritual strength.



*A potluck meal follows the service on the last Sunday of each month.*

If you haven’t attended a 5:30 p.m. service, alter your Sunday morning routine and experience the refreshingly different and spiritually satisfying approach of this innovative service. You’ll meet some of the members of the St B family who attend earlier services and be embraced by a new and interesting group of congregants who will share with you their fellowship, wisdom and prayers.

From the Rector

## Return to the Vision



Well, here we are with the summer marching on and so much has been going on!

As you know, perhaps one of the most historic General Conventions of the Episcopal Church was concluded in Anaheim, California. History was made in that the Church finally stood up and by a 3 to 1 margin basically said that everyone baptized into the body of Christ and who is a

member of the Episcopal Church is a *full* member of the Episcopal Church and while we value the ties of the Anglican Communion nonetheless "God has called and may call such individuals [LGBT Christians] to any ordained ministry" in the church.

While not actual – full-steam-ahead – removal of all restraint in developing a uniform ordination policy it finally admits the truth we have been striving to honestly live for some time now: we are a diverse church and all are welcome.

The convention was also historic in that it authorized intentional study of, theological reflection on, and preparation of liturgical forms for the blessing of same-gender unions to be submitted to the next Convention.

As I understand it, in relation to both the resolution regarding holy orders (Ordination) and development of proper liturgy, the caveat was put in place that local circumstances and conditions have to be pastorally taken into account. Thus in states where civil union/marriage is now an option for same-gender couples, dioceses in such states might find it pastorally necessary to move forward with liturgical blessings.

Many will see this as descriptive rather than prescriptive. Others will see this as substantially saying that the Episcopal Church has moved yet another beat out of step with much of the rest of the Anglican Communion. I am of a mind that it is simply the Episcopal Church coming full circle and re-adhering to both its foundational principles and the foundational principles of the Anglican Communion.

If you take a look at both the preface to the 1789 Book of Common Prayer, the Chicago Lambeth Quadrilateral and the Lambeth Conference Reso-

lution 11 (found on pages 9-11 and pages 876-878 of the *Book of Common Prayer*) they make it clear that the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America was conceived and birthed as an INDEPENDENT Church. While desiring to maintain continuity with the liturgical practice of and remain in spiritual fellowship with the Church of England and recognizing the desirability of an organic unity (but not sameness) with other churches on this continent, nonetheless the foundational vision of PECUSA was as a Church once and always dedicated to independently shaping its practice and its future "as may be most convenient for the edification of the people, 'according to the various exigency of times and occasions'."

As the first exterior province of what would become the Anglican Communion right at the start we prayerfully determined to be both true to our heritage from and in continuing relationship (communion) with the Church of England. But that communion would be, as I interpret it, primarily a spiritual communion not a contractual one. While some argue that our actions "break the communion" I would say that the Anglican Communion, as seems to be the case from our two foundational documents, is a *spiritual fellowship not a contractual entity*. Thus, while it can be ignored or slighted, since it is not based on a contract, the Anglican Communion cannot be broken. For some this might seem to be indulging in splitting hairs but to me it properly frames how we ought to relate to each other.

These documents laid out some basics as to what it means to be part of the human organizational body of Christ as Churches in fellowship, in Communion:

- Holding Holy Scripture as the revealed word of God;
- Seeing the Apostles Creed and the Nicene Creed as sufficient (not complete though!) statements of the Christian Faith;
- Baptism and Supper of the Lord consistently administered being the two sacraments ordained by Christ;
- The Historic Episcopate locally adapted.

But these basics were formulated as just that—basics. They were conceived as starting places in Communion not ending places. This is especially clear in the last of the four clauses regarding the historic Episcopate.

The Episcopate, these documents indicate, was conceived to be an order of ministry, stretching back to the Apostolic Church (the church of the

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## Episcopal Foundation challenges us to act

More than one billion people – one-sixth of the world's population – live each day under the weight of extreme poverty. While income poverty is part of the problem, the dimensions of human poverty are much greater. Pandemic disease, widespread conflict, environmental degradation, chronic hunger, and a lack of access to education are all both causes and effects of human poverty. In order to meet the challenge of addressing global poverty in all its dimensions, world leaders in 2000 created the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), a set of eight quantifiable targets designed to cut poverty in half by the year 2015. The MDGs envision rich and poor nations working together in partnership to combat poverty.



In 2000, 181 countries began the new century by signing the Millennium Declaration pledging a massive global mobilization

against poverty. Out of this historic covenant came eight measurable, interwoven goals to be completed by 2015: (1) Cut in half income poverty and hunger; (2) Achieve universal primary education; (3) Promote gender equality and empower women; (4) Reduce child mortality; (5) Improve maternal health; (6) Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases; (7) Ensure environmental stability; and (8) Develop a global partnership for development with targets for aid, trade and debt relief.

The 74th General Convention adopted Resolution D 006 supporting the Millennium Development Goals. That resolution also calls upon the United States to contribute 0.7% of its budget to international aid, and calls upon all diocese and parishes to contribute at least 0.7% of their budgets to support programs that foster economic development in the world's poorest countries.

### Dioceses of Colorado and Jerusalem

Building on the Colorado Episcopal Foundation's 2008 **More Than a Match** campaign the foundation is asking the people and congregations of Colorado to assist the efforts of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem to reduce child mortality and improve maternal health in the Holy Land.

The Diocese of Jerusalem operates health-care institutions throughout its geographic boundaries. Operating in some of the most difficult and conflict scourged environments in the region; these institutions provide care and services for more than

50,000 patients every year. These patients span all ages, from conception to the end of life. The health-care services they receive are comprehensive, from routine checkups to the most complicated and sophisticated surgical procedures. But common to all the institutions and varied services is one overriding commitment: to provide the best care possible to anyone who needs it, regardless of age, gender, religion, political affiliation, or ability to pay.

### Diocese of Jerusalem Healthcare Institutions Penman Clinic, Zebabdeh

Associated with St. Matthew's Parish, the clinic's services are available to all 60,000 people of the area regardless of their faith and is an important primary care facility.

### St. Luke's Hospital, Nablus

Named for the gospel writer and physician, St. Luke's is a general hospital of 60 beds that provides general and sub-specialty care. Established more than 100 years ago, St. Luke's was one of the first hospitals in Nablus and needs to renovate its facilities.

### Al Ahli Arab Hospital, Gaza City

The hospital occupies a beautiful campus, a haven of peace in the middle of one of the world's most troubled places. The hospital provides some of the finest care in the region including the only mammography machine in Gaza.

### Princess Basma Center, Jerusalem

Founded in 1965, the center is a referral center for the evaluation, rehabilitation, and education of children with special needs and their families. The Center also now houses the Diocesan Health-care Research Center.



### Will St. B meet the challenge?

*The Colorado Episcopal Foundation is promoting a greater awareness of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG's) in the Diocese of Colorado. Last year, the Foundation issued a challenge to congregations to provide money to be added to a grant to further the work of health care institutions of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. I would like to see our congregation take up this challenge! What can we do to make a difference? .....Paul+*

## Need to schedule an event?

The vestry has made scheduling a meeting or event a lot easier.

1. Consult the big calendar above the sign-up table in Lukens Wing to see if space is available at your preferred times.
2. Fill out a scheduling form. The form is available on the sign-up table in Lukens Wing and at [www.stbdenver.org/events](http://www.stbdenver.org/events). Fill out and email the form to Carol Anderson at [office@stbdenver.org](mailto:office@stbdenver.org). Be sure to complete all information on the form.
3. Return the form to Carol. She will confirm with you and add the event to the Master Calendar, web calendar and outlook calendar.
4. Do you want more publicity for your event? Email your event information to Mary Kelly O'Donnell, [mkellyo@comcast.net](mailto:mkellyo@comcast.net). She will prepare a release, send it to news outlets, and forward the news release to Ray O'Loughlin, Steeple Bell editor, and to Timothy Hepp, communications co-chair, to ensure your event is publicized in Steeple Bell and on the website.
5. Check the calendar above the sign-up table in Lukens Wing to find out what's going on at St. B's. You're welcome to attend vestry meetings scheduled on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

### Check out St. B's Website

To confirm dates and times of St. Barnabas events, check the monthly calendar posted on the St. Barnabas website ([www.stbdenver.org](http://www.stbdenver.org)) Click on "calendar" on the upper right hand side of the home page.

### Experience Benedictine Way

"We meet the first three Monday evenings of each month beginning at 6:30 for two hours of quiet worship, supper, teaching and prayer," notes Pat Long.

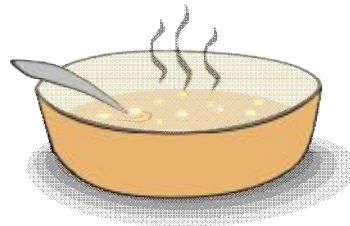
All are welcome! See the St. B's web site for more details.

## Soup Group plans to get cooking

The Soup Group is getting together to discuss making soup this coming fall and winter. We would love a few more people to join us on Wednesday mornings to chop, prepare and cook soup. We were a tad short handed last time, especially those days any of us could not

make it.

We would also like to know which were your all time favorite soups over the past two years. We figure if you can remember a soup six months later, it must have been



good. We want to make the soups you enjoy. Tell us the bummers, too. A few containers of frozen soup are in the freezer.

Speak to any of us: Rhondda Grant, Elizabeth Hepp, Sher Mangan, Mary Kelly O'Donnell, Toni Potter, Crystal Potter and Irene Shepard.

### From the Rector (from page 3)

apostles' life times and ministries) that provided continuity in teaching and organizational structure. But it was also conceived to be a responsive ministry, one that had to adapt to the needs of the locality in which it resides.

It seems quite clear that the Episcopacy was expected to adapt to the needs of, rather than force conformity (sameness) from, the "nations and peoples called of God into the unity of his Church."

So, if this is the case, this Convention has asserted that what we as the Episcopal Church are doing (e.g., consecrating Gene Robinson as Bishop and other bishops ordaining gay clergy, granting Episcopal consent to same-gender blessings) is consistent with our foundational vision—which was the foundational vision of the Anglican Communion!

Well, that's my take on where we are and part of what the convention accomplished.

Yours in Christ,

Paul+

## Bishop O'Neill visits St. Barnabas



On June 14, Bishop Rob O'Neill joined our St. Barnabas community in welcoming new members of the Episcopal Church, confirming longtime members, and celebrating St. Barnabas Day with worship, fellowship, strawberries and champagne. The bishop also stayed for the Adult Forum discussion.

### Jane Schmitz leaving Family Ministry in January

Family Minister Jane Schmitz has announced her plans to leave St. Barnabas and retire in January 2010. Jane joined the staff in 2001 to build the Family Ministry program at St. B.

Since then, Sunday School has grown from one mixed-age class to three classes for different age groups. Parents of Young Children began in 2002 and has grown to become Families in Faith and include all parents and children. In 2002, Jane initiated Music Camp in the summer and it is now Arts Camp with a huge participation of young people.

Jane said she plans to spend more time with her two grandchildren and get busy on the "long list of things I put off for someday."

"It's been a pleasure and privilege to work with St. B's congregation as Family Minister and I look forward to many more years of happy participation as a member of St. B," said Jane.

"We all sincerely thank Jane for her creative, loving, thoughtful and grace-filled ministry, faithfully carried out here in the midst of this parish family," said Father Paul in response to Jane's resignation.

A search is underway to find a replacement for Jane.

### St. B gardens lookin' good

The weatherman must not have known that we scheduled a garden clean-up Saturday morning, Sept. 5. No rain (we had been rained out twice already this year). Lots of sunshine. Not too hot. Eleven people—Elizabeth and Timothy Hepp, Joe and Sally Megeath, Mike Erickson, Sher Mangan, Jim Scheffe, Bill Frazier, Jody and Kemper Will, and Helen Barron—came prepared with gloves and tools and spent nearly four hours digging, pruning, and clipping. The gardens needed it after wonderful summer rains. The results speak for themselves. Professionals could not have done a better job, and, as a bonus, we all had a good time. Thank you all very much for your hard work. —*Jim Scheffe*



# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## September

1	Betsy Friesen
1	Bobbi Siersma
1	Tom & Judy Ward
4	Carol & Keith Wier
4	Beth Hoegberg
4	Jim Sawtell
5	Nathan Gorham
5	Maggie Wakelyn
6	Melinda Cabell
9	Jim Steed
12	Mary Ellen Garrett
12	Jane Schmitz
14	Preston Izant Mueller
14	Tori Meyers
15	Alice Potter
18	Larry Douglas
19	Tom & Toni Potter
21	Karen Burgess
23	Christopher Conroy
26	David Gartland & Carrie Corrigan
27	Elizabeth Schmitz
27	Carson Everett
27	Dennis Kennedy
29	Maddie O'Connell
29	Claire O'Connell
30	Kate Gallanter



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## October

Bo Hawkins
Jim Matkin
Merisa Trujillo
Jim Matkin & Sean Middleswart
Rachel Blanc
Susan Bender
David Millis
Rick Friesen
Kevin Lindahl & Ben Fiedler
Paul Kosempel
Alexis Grant
Janet & Judy Wallace
Lynn Herlinger
Claire Bednarek
Lucas Bednarek
Francesca Sica
Marla Stauth
Claire Wiley
Scott Varholak
Andres Trujillo
Aviella Trjillo
Kent Mueller & Elizabeth Izant
Bill Lundgren
Ken Phillips & Alec Juhan
Janet Frazier
Virgil Miller
Francis Lyon
Stan Siefer
Hal Richardson



## Schedule of Services, Activities and Meetings

Sunday Services: 7:45 and 9:30 a.m.  
Contemporary Service: 5:30 p.m.  
unless otherwise noted.

Adult Forum: 11 a.m. Sunday,  
Marshall House unless otherwise announced.

St. Barnabas Time: 11 a.m.  
Sunday TBA  
Marshall House unless otherwise announced.

Benedictine Way:  
1st, 2nd, and 3rd Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study and Eucharist:  
Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Education for Ministry (EFM):  
Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.

Soup preparation: Wednesdays, 9 a.m., kitchen

Blood Pressure Checks: last Sunday of the  
month

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR AUCTION 2010!

The legendary St. Barnabas Auction is set to happen on Saturday, **March 13**. Theme for this year's event will be the Luck o' the Irish.

### *Sweet peaches, Sweet success*

St. B's is amazing! Even in this difficult economy, we sold 312 boxes of peaches this year, netting a little over \$3,000 for the Family Ministry Program.



I'm so grateful to all of you who bought peaches and for those of you who sold peaches to your friends, coworkers and families.

During the peach sales I had a bad case of sciatica (back/disc sent referral pain down my right leg numbing my foot). I am very thankful for help from the following volunteers: Cate Wiley, Elizabeth Schmitz and her friend, Tracy as well as Gregg Marberry and his friend, Nick. With their help, the truck was unloaded in no time.

The peaches are sweet and the St. B's community is remarkable! Family Ministry couldn't have asked for more. Thank you, thank you.

—Jane Schmitz, Family Minister

### A New Curriculum

Beginning Sept. 13, first through third graders will experience a new Sunday school curriculum—

**Rock Solid: Building a Heart of Faith.** This curriculum is designed to be a fun as well as a biblically sound curriculum. The cornerstone of **Rock Solid** is Matthew 7:24, the story of the wise man who built his house on rock. It includes multi-sensory activities, crafts, stories and games, supplemented by an interactive Web site at [www.IAmRockSolid.com](http://www.IAmRockSolid.com).

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