

# The Steeple Bell

## of St. Barnabas Parish



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### Sharing Our Journey: Marking Time and Making Time

Rev. Deb Angell

*"The pace of modern life is frantic. We rise early in the morning to face the relentless demands of the day and then the seeming swiftness of the coming of night. We have so little time, or perhaps more appropriately stated, we make so little time to acknowledge and honor the many transitions in our lives — those moments given to us by God that alter the shape, direction, and quality of our days."*

*(From Marking Time: Christian Rituals for All Our Days by Linda Witte Henke. Morehouse.)*

How do we mark time? How do we keep track of the passing of days and months and years? Many of us mark the passing of time when we participate in the worship life of our faith community. Each Sunday we come together to hear the Word of God and to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Empowered by the Holy Spirit we leave the *sanctuary* of St. Barnabas to do the work that God gives us to do in the world.

As Lent draws to a close, there will be many opportunities to remember Jesus' final journey and celebrate his glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday.

**Sunday, March 2** The fourth Sunday within Lent, marks the halfway point between Ash Wednesday and Easter. On this Sunday known as Laetare Sunday or Rejoice Sunday, we remember that even in the midst of Lent we can celebrate and rejoice as we anticipate the joy of Easter.

### HOLY WEEK 2008

**Sunday, March 16 The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday** marks the beginning of Holy Week. We remember Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem that was marked by the crowds, who were in Jerusalem for the Passover, waving palm branches and proclaiming that Jesus was the messianic king. The liturgy begins with the blessing of palm branches, a scripture reading and a triumphal procession into the church. The mood of the morning changes as we become participants in the drama of Jesus' passion, his final journey to the cross.



**Wednesday, March 19** we celebrate the Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. Come spend some time reflecting on this week that is set apart from all other weeks.

### THE EASTER TRIDUUM

A triduum is a space of three days devoted to special prayer and observance. The Easter Triduum begins at dusk on Maundy Thursday and continues until Easter Sunday. It is helpful to think about the worship that we share during these three days, as one continuous liturgy. Come make time to Share Our Journey.

**Thursday, March 20 Maundy Thursday.** Maundy comes from the Latin word *mandatum* which means to give or to entrust. We remember that Jesus washed his disciples' feet. He gave them instructions about the Eucharist and he gave his disciples a new commandment.

*“A new commandment, I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you; you ought to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

*(John 13:34-35)*

**Thursday evening at 5:30 p.m.** we share our annual **Paschal meal.** After the meal **we gather at 7:30 p.m.** for foot washing, which is optional, and to remember the last supper that Jesus shared with the disciples. The washing of feet is a reminder of Jesus’ command to serve one another. At the conclusion of this Eucharistic service, the remaining bread and wine become our reserved sacrament for Good Friday. We strip the altar; a practice that symbolizes not only the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples but also the stripping of Jesus by the soldiers prior to his crucifixion and we leave the church in silence.

**Thursday Evening Vigil begins** at 9:00 p.m. and ends at 7:00 a.m. Friday morning. Following the example of the apostles whom Jesus asked to watch and pray with him after the Last Supper, we watch and pray with Jesus in a Garden of Repose.

**Friday, March 21 Good Friday services at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.**

Good Friday is the second day of the Easter Triduum. During the Good Friday service we pray the Solemn Collects, spend time venerating the cross and we receive the Body and Blood of Christ from the reserved sacrament

**Friday, March 21 Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m.**

Friday evening, we recall the story of Jesus’ passion, death and resurrection. Just like pilgrims in the past, we enter into the mystery of Jesus’ gift of himself when we walk from station to station-recalling Jesus’ last journey. The choir will present selected movements from Poulenc’s *Stabat Mater* when we conclude the stations.

**Saturday, March 22 The Easter Vigil 7:30 p.m.** On Holy Saturday we celebrate the Easter Vigil, the third day of the Easter Triduum. We proclaim with fire and song that “Christ is Risen.” The Paschal candle is lit for the first time. We listen to the scripture stories of God’s interaction with humankind from creation through to the resurrection. During this service new Christians may be welcomed into the community through baptism. We renew our baptismal promises. The Alleluia box is opened and the Alleluia is returned to the Altar. The celebration of the Easter Eucharist begins with the Easter acclamation “Alleluia, Christ is Risen.”

**Sunday, March 23, Easter Sunday  
The Sunday of the Resurrection**

**Sunday Morning services 7:45 and 9:30 a.m.**

The Alleluia box is open; we light the Paschal Candle and begin our Festive celebration of Easter Sunday. A potluck brunch will take place between the morning services.

The **Easter Egg Hunt** begins following the 9:30 a.m. service.

**Friday, March 28 All Parish Reception in Marshall House 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Come meet and greet our new rector, Paul Garrett and his wife Mary Ellen.

**Sunday, March 30 7:45 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Eucharist.**

Welcome our new rector as he preaches and presides for the first time at St. Barnabas.

*Many blessings to you and yours*

*DEB Angell+*

## Welcoming a New Pastor

*By Tom Ehrich (reprinted with permission)*

Other than common-sense civility – be nice, be patient, be fair - what advice would I give a congregation about welcoming a new pastor?

I would say, first, this moment of newness matters. Take it seriously. Revolving-door clergy happen, in large part, because new pastorates start poorly. A succession of short-term pastorates squanders resources.

Second, be honest. Calling committees rarely tell enough truth to prospective clergy. They're selling, after all, not confessing. Sales brochures aren't a basis for serious work, however. The "best foot" that you put forward, like the pastor's best foot, now needs to be joined by "the rest of the story."

This means more than bad news. It means being honest about your roles in the bad news. It takes an entire village to drive members away, to perpetuate old arguments, to undermine budgets and to allow infrastructure to deteriorate.

Third, let go. Let go of old wounds and frustrated expectations. Why burden the new pastor with unresolved issues from a former pastorate? If you didn't deal with them when the former pastor was here, or during the immediate aftermath, that's your burden to bear, not the new pastor's.

Let go of control. No community - church, family, marriage, workplace - can thrive if some are addicted to control. Forcing a new pastor into a box might satisfy your desire for safety, comfort, privilege or power. But it undermines trust and endangers tomorrow. Daily bread comes from God, not from your firm hand on the wheel.

Fourth, listen and learn. You want your new pastor to feel capable, wise, and empowered to dream, think and act. To draw the best out of your pastor, be a listener. Ask questions like, "What is your

This is more than stroking a clerical ego. It also is the best way for you to learn. Fresh eyes see differently. Fresh ears hear what you have stopped hearing. Fresh imagination dares to dream. You should encourage that freshness, not feel threatened by it or try to bury it in your words.

Fifth, refrain from the satisfaction of pouncing. You can assume that your new pastor will make mistakes. Not recognize people, not know local customs, not manage staff effectively, not make good decisions. It takes time for any leader to be effective. If you catalog mistakes and pounce on them, you only delay the onset of effectiveness and, quite likely, undercut confidence.

I know it feels good to catch your new pastor in error. But that is a child's form of feeling good. Be a partner in making progress, not a predator pouncing on weakness.

Finally, see the new pastorate for what it is: a fresh start. You might have wanted continuity, not a fresh start. You might be weary of the young-colt gawkiness of a new pastor - the amazed discoveries that aren't really discovery to you, the bright ideas that sound uninformed, the changes, intended or unintended, that strike you as unnecessary - but future vitality doesn't lie in your avoiding weariness, it lies in the freshness of a new leader.

In our journeys with God - as individuals and as communities - each day is a new day, each step must be forward to Canaan, not backward to bondage, and each valley must be filled with the grace of God, not with accumulated resentments, fears, stale bread, stale arguments and stale ideas.



Photo by Jim Esten

## SHARING OUR JOURNEY

*Different ways to tell the story*

*By Deb Angell*

During this short season following the Feast of the Epiphany, we get glimpses of who Jesus was and is and will be in the future. We celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany. We remembered how the wise men traveled afar to find the Christ child who was born the King of the Jews. They followed a star that shined brightly. Are there stars that we can follow? If so, where is your star leading you? Who gets to hear your story?

We heard the story of Jesus' baptism in the river of Jordan by John the Baptizer. We listened to John the baptizer tell others that Jesus was the "lamb of God." What do we tell others about our faith? Are we as certain as John the Baptizer?

Last September, I met for the second time Dale Hathaway, a priest from Hawaii. During an early morning walk around the lake at a conference center in Louisiana, we shared our stories and I asked a few questions. I remembered Dale from high school, but didn't know that we both graduated from Colorado College. Since he is often quiet, I wanted to know more. How is God working in Dale's life? I discovered some of the answers in the essays he published on his BLOG.

A BLOG is a web site, a collaborative space, where you can tell your story and share what you know. As I read Dale's BLOG, his faith journey became clearer. He wrote about Malcolm Muggerridge, a witty British journalist whose conversion to Christianity was captured by the media of his day. The quotes that Dale included in his BLOG not only captured Muggerridge's faith, but Dale's as well.

*The Church must be in God's hands because, seeing the people who have run it, it couldn't possibly have gone on existing if there weren't some help from above...."*

*Malcolm Muggerridge*

*"Every happening, great and small, is a parable whereby God speaks to us, and the art of life is to get the message."*

*Malcolm Muggerridge*

What quotes, sayings or scripture passages help define your life?

What passages define our lives together?

What stories will St. Barnabas' new rector really hear?

How will we communicate? A Blog?

Much joy for the journey.

May God's peace be with you, always.

## St. Barnabas' Annual Auction Saturday, April 5

**Donor Forms Available In Lukens Wing  
Due Saturday, March 22**

Share Your Interests, Talents, Gifts

Volunteers Needed for Set-up, Food Prep, Data Entry

For more info: Contact Karen Hoffman

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## MARCH ADULT FORUM Evangelicals and Episcopalians Together:

**An Informal Dialogue  
Free and Open to People  
of all Denominations**

**Sunday, March 2, 11 AM**

Kate Carpenter presented a short overview of the evangelical movement—its history, tenets, adherents, power, and successes. She then led us into a discussion of our experiences and personal relationship to evangelism, and of the lessons the Episcopal Church might learn from the successes of many evangelical churches.

**Saturday Evening, March 8, 6 PM**

You are invited to share a simple meal and participate in an evening of thoughtful conversation with other local Christians at St Barnabas. Dinner begins at 6 pm; dialogue follows in a World Café format from 7 – 8:30 pm. Join us as we engage in an ecumenical conversation that, through careful listening and sharing, can foster mutual understanding and respect between people within our respective faith traditions.

*RSVP to Brian Price 303-349-7931. Let us know if you will need child care for this event.*

**Sunday, March 9, 11 AM**

The Adult Forum will review our progress in the last year, and discuss our response to the Forum sessions over the past several months. We will talk more about what you would like to see more—or less—of. All this is in preparation for the arrival of the new Rector, who we believe will be very interested in leading us forward.

For more information or to RSVP,  
contact Brian Price  
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## PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

*by Jack Keables*

The adult forum's series on Contemplative practices suggested things you might try to help broaden your religious life. Here are some ways you might follow up on practices that looked promising to you.

1. Benedictine Way – Monday nights (1-3 Mondays) 6:30 at St Barnabas
2. Denver Buddhist Culture Center – 303-935-3889
3. Contemplative outreach of Colorado – 303-698-7729
4. Taize Worship – Calvary Baptist Church – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month; 6:30 pm 303-935-3889
5. Regis University – 303-458-4100 (Liturgist's Office) "*Showing up Gets You Half Way There!*"

## The Earliest Easter

The date of this coming Easter is quite early this year. Easter is always the 1st Sunday after the 1st full moon after the Spring Equinox (which is March 20). This dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify Passover, which is why it moves around on our Roman calendar.

Here's the interesting info.

This year is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see the rest of our lives! And only the most elderly of our population have ever seen it this early (95 years old or above!) And none of us have ever, or will ever, see it a day earlier !

Here's the facts :

- 1) The next time Easter will be this early (March 23 ) will be the year 2228 ( 220 years from now ). The last time it was this early was 1913 (so if you're 95 or older, you are the only ones that were around for that!)
- 2) The next time it will be a day earlier, March 22, will be in the year 2285 ( 277 years from now.) The last time it was on March 22 was 1818. So, no one alive today has or will ever see it any earlier than this year!

## St. Barnabas Auction 2008

The Auction Committee

*This year's Auction is **Saturday, April 5th at 5:00 PM.***

It's time to get ready for our annual **FUN-d Raiser**, the Annual Auction. For those new to St. Barnabas, this is the one night where you can set your social calendar for the entire year. The Auction works on "donations" from the parishioners. These donations follow the St. Barnabas principle that we like to be in community with one another, and that doesn't mean just Sundays. It is the best way to meet new parishioners, and reacquaint yourself with those that attend other services.

Donations come in the form of lawn clean-up, hikes, book talks, walks, Your special dish made for someone's party, interior design/garden consultation, cabin getaways, dinners (themed or unthemed), thrift shop shopping, game nights, ANYTHING that gets people together.

We have a silent auction and an oral auction (with live auctioneers). A delicious, free spaghetti dinner is served, and a babysitter is also provided free of charge.

To participate, you need to fill out a donor form and make a poster about your event. Forms and poster board will be in Lukens wing. **Donor forms are due back to the Auction table BEFORE March 23<sup>rd</sup>** (yes, we know that's Easter Sunday). Posters are due by April 4th. You can be an angel and turn these in earlier too.

This year's Auction is **Saturday, April 5th at 5:00 PM**, and is held at St. Barnabas. We take credit cards the night of the Auction, and checks after that night.

There are sign-up sheets in Lukens Wing for Dinner (we need a count), and volunteer duties.

We do need volunteers the day of the event. We need people to set up for dinner, hang up the posters, clean-up, and do data input for the auction items. We also need people to be on the Auction Committee to help us plan the event. By the time you get the Steeple Bell you will only have about 4 weeks until the event.

## Family Potluck and Lenten Workshop

Saturday, March 15 at 5pm families will gather at St. B's for our annual Lenten Workshop and Potluck. Children with the help of parents and young people will have an opportunity to go to several stations to make a Lenten craft. Bring your family for fun, food and creation. Questions? Contact Jane Schmitz at 303-388-6469 or [jschmitz@stbdenver.org](mailto:jschmitz@stbdenver.org) for further information.

## POYC Calendar for 2008

A Parents of Young Children (POYC) committee met to map out the 2008 activities. In the next couple of weeks, a Calendar will be sent to each family. The next few months include: Sat., March 15 - 5pm - Family Potluck and Lenten Workshop; Sun., March 23 - Easter (egg hunt after the 9:30 service); April 5 - Auction (with child care); April - formation of a committee to plan October's POYC Retreat; May 17 - Parents Pause - Hosting the parents at their home, Celeste and Hal Richardson will provide a main dish (others bring sides and dessert). Kids will go to the home of Barbara and Conor Farley.

### Reception

**To Welcome  
Our New Rector and His Wife  
Paul and Mary Ellen Garrett**

**Friday  
March 28<sup>th</sup>**

**4 - 8 PM.  
Marshall House**

## B i r t h d a y s a n d A n n i v e r s a r i e s

### *March*

- 2 Conor Farley  
3 Mary Pond Duell  
Steve Fink  
4 Bryan Clark  
6 Jim Esten  
Terry Whitney  
8 Becky Martin  
9 Page Haguewood  
Tracy Wagers  
12 Marian Hall  
Amy Campbell Martin  
13 Rebecca Bohlen  
15 Rhondda Grant  
Phil Brimmer  
17 William Kosempel  
Tom & Theresa Kanan  
Pascal Perez  
18 Carol Anderson  
Judy Ward  
19 Joe Bednarek  
Elizabeth Sherman  
20 Victoria Gallanter  
Colin Test  
27 Andrew Volmert  
28 Toni Potter  
29 Georgia Humphrey  
30 Lou Vila  
Eloise May  
Colin McCue  
31 Jennifer Rogers  
Anne Wesley & Mary Ann Luty

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

*Sunday, March 9, Fifth Sunday of Lent*  
11 am Adult Forum

*Monday, March 10*  
Benedictine Way, 6:30 p.m.

*Wednesday, March 12*  
Eucharist followed by Bible Study 10 a.m.  
Vestry Meeting, 6 p.m.

*Sunday, March 16*  
*The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday*  
Adult Forum, 11 a.m.  
No evening service

*Monday, March 17*  
Benedictine Way, 6:30 p.m.

*Wednesday, March 19*  
Eucharist followed by Bible study

*Thursday, March 20*  
Paschal Meal, 5:30 p.m.  
Worship Service, 7:30 p.m.  
Vigil: 9 p.m. to midnight

*Friday, March 21*  
Prayer Vigil: 6 –7 a.m.  
Worship Service: 7:00 a.m. and noon  
Stations of the Cross, 7:30 p.m.  
Choir's presentation of Poulenc's Stabat Mater

*Saturday March 22*  
The Easter Vigil, 7:30 p.m.

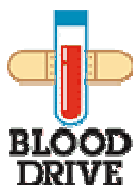
*Sunday, March 23*  
Eucharist Services: 7:45 and 9:30 a.m.  
Potluck brunch between services  
Easter Egg Hunt: 11:15 a.m.

*Wednesday, March 26*  
Eucharist followed by Bible Study, 10 a.m.

*Friday, March 28*  
*Reception for the Rev. Paul Garrett and Mary Ellen Garrett, 4 –8 p.m.*

*Sunday, March 30*  
Morning Services, 7:45 and 9:30 a.m.  
Agape Meal, 5:30 p.m.

### St. Barnabas /Bonfils Blood Drive Saturday, March 8



10-2 p.m.

Marshall House  
Share yourself!



**ST. B SUMMER ARTS CAMP**  
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Camp features visual arts, storytelling, movement and song. Campers will discover creative ways to express peace. No prior arts experience necessary!

**WHERE:** St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 1280 Vine St., Denver  
**WHEN:** 10 am to 3 pm., June 16 – 20, 2008 with a presentation on Sun, June 22 at the 9:30 service  
**COST:** \$100/child (partial and full scholarships available). Includes games, lunch, & Popsicle break  
**AGES:** For those who have completed first grade up to sixth grade  
**CONTACT:** Jane Schmitz, 303-388-6469 or [jschmitz@stbdenver.org](mailto:jschmitz@stbdenver.org)

Camp is limited to 20 children, so register soon! Registration deadline is Wednesday, May 28.

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