



# The Steeple Bell

of St. Barnabas Parish



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## SEARCH COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR FREQUENT FLIER MILES

*By Cheryl Volmert, Chair*

The Search Committee conducted a marathon of telephone interviews on Sept. 18, 19 and 20. We met each evening in the Diocesan Office and conferred with each of our remaining seven candidates for approximately 45 minutes. We asked each candidate the same nine questions which covered liturgical preference, preaching, Christian education, pastoral care and counseling, spiritual formation, conflict resolution and self care. We were impressed with the range of experience, thoughtfulness and spiritual depth of our candidates.

The Search Committee met again on Wed., Sept. 26, after we each individually took the time to review all the materials we had assembled. That evening we decided which candidates we believe are good matches for our parish and began to make plans to visit each of them. (Please email Cheryl Volmert at [volmerts@earthlink.net](mailto:volmerts@earthlink.net) if you can donate frequent flyer miles to help defray travel costs.) We hope to complete the visits in the month of October and bring two or three names to the Vestry in early November. Please keep the Search Committee, the Vestry and our candidates in your prayers as we move through this exciting period of discernment.

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW SENIOR WARDEN

On Saturday the Vestry appointed me as Senior Warden. I can honestly say that this position is not one that I ever sought or thought I would do. Mary Lou, in announcing her resignation, did what she felt was the best for St. Barnabas, not what she may have wanted. My sincere hope is that we all can put the past behind us and if that involves forgiving those that may have hurt us in the past, we need to have the maturity to do that.

The Vestry's goals are to put the fuel back in the engine and get the bus moving in the right direction. St. Barnabas' fuel comes from all of you – the parishioners who take on causes, start projects, join committees and work to make a difference in our lives and the lives of those we touch. Your energy, dedication, enthusiasm, and spirit are the fuel St. Barnabas needs.

The Vestry hopes to work collaboratively with each committee by empowering that committee to get its work done. I am convinced that one of the engines that makes St. Barnabas work is the creativity, expertise, and effectiveness that is unleashed when groups work together.

The Search Committee has worked tirelessly in order to find some excellent prospects for the new Rector. The Stewardship Committee has infused new enthusiasm into our campaign. These two and all the other committees need us to help make them work. I am convinced that with all of your involvement the bus will be back on the road and in the right direction.

Thanks to all of you,

**Lynn Hoffman**

## BANNERS BLESS SANCTUARY DURING SUMMER MONTHS

By Ken Phillips



The appliqué banners that hung in the raredos (behind the altar) for the Pentecost/Summer season are the work of parishioner Ken Phillips (with the assistance of Eileen O'Brien and Mary Cook). They were commissioned a number of years ago by Fr. Al Halverstadt to help celebrate a special summertime liturgical celebration in honor of the gift of Creation.

The panels depict the work of creation as animated by the Holy Spirit (symbolized in all the spiral forms.) There are a variety of fabrics employed, including sheers, velvets, batiks and satins. In addition there are surface treatments that use metallic foils and hundreds of hand-sewn beads (including some given by parishioner Carolyn Starbuck).

The central "canopy" banner suspended from the ceiling was finally completed this year (07) with the assistance of Eileen O'Brien and Alec Juhan. This seven sided banner indicates the Seven gifts of the Holy Spirit which Catholics and Anglicans believe the Holy Spirit gives to people to further their sanctification and help "complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them." These gifts are enumerated (approximately) in Isaiah 11:2-3.

Aquinas says the first four of these gifts (wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and counsel) direct the intellect, while the other three gifts (fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord) direct the will toward God.

Theologians consider the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be supernatural and permanent qualities given by God that are magnified after the Sacrament of Confirmation; that make one attentive to the voice of God; that render one susceptible to the workings of actual grace; that make one love the things of God; and that, consequently, render one more obedient and docile to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit.

### SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES SCHEDULE

(All services begin at 5:30 p.m.  
unless otherwise noted)

**October 7** Liturgy with Blessing of the Animals (in remembrance of Francis of Assisi's Feast day Oct. 4)

**November 4** All Saints/All Souls Liturgy  
Bring photos of your dearly departed.

**November 11** Sandy's Last Sunday  
Reception Following Liturgy

**December 16** GAUDETE SUNDAY  
Reception after Eucharist.  
Caroling in the neighborhood.

**December 30** NO SUNDAY EVENING  
SERVICE

**December 31** NEW YEARS EVE  
SERVICE 6 p.m.  
Followed by Year's End Celebration



## SCAPES OF LIFE, OCT. 5 – 7, 2007

St. B's first art show of the season, "Scapes of Life," opens Friday, October 5, with a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception from 5-7:30 p.m. in Lukens Wing. The exhibit features "Wild Scapes" by wilderness photographer, William J. Brahmstedt, "Urban Scapes" of downtown Denver by photographer Ellen Janasko and "Spirit Scapes", stone sculpture from the Chapungu Gallery in Loveland, Colorado, featuring the work of artists from Zimbabwe. The exhibit will be open Sat., Oct. 6 from 1 – 4 PM and Sun., Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to noon.

William Brahmstedt and Ellen Janasko are both local photographers. Mr. Brahmstedt, who has a studio on South Broadway, composes his nature scenes with large format and digital cameras. To view his work, go to <http://www.brahmstedt.com/> Ms. Janasko, a parishioner, recently completed a month long show at the Back Stage Coffee House at the Denver Performing Arts Complex. The Chapungu sculptures returned to the Botanic Gardens again this summer, after receiving rave reviews from art critics and the viewing public. To learn more about the Zimbabwe artists and their work go to <http://www.chapungusculpturepark.com/>

You can help make the weekend a success by volunteering. Please contact Elizabeth Hepp at 303-322-9084.

## SOUP FOR YOU— WATER FOR PEOPLE

By Bobbi Siersma

Water for People Soup Project is beginning this month and will continue through April 2008! We are very excited about the possibility of making a real difference in the lives of the people in a village in Malawi Africa. See posters in Lukens wing for stories and details. Communities in Malawi are living with no access to safe water. The effects on their lives are profound.

A little history--- for the past three years Africa has been calling to me (Bobbi Siersma). I have been looking for where to respond to God's call and saving a stack of ideas. Last year I took a sabbatical from volunteer work to rest and pray. I took my stack of ideas to the Snowmass Monastery and during my stay there it became very clear that Water for People was the place for me. So several other parishioners joined me in raising \$2,000 for seed money, and the Vestry matched it so now we have \$4,000. Given how St. B's is a great place for eating and cooking Karen Hoffman and I are developing the Soup Project.

So let me fill in the details. Karen and I will be cooking soup once a week and freezing it in 2-4 serving containers. We will have two different soups each week, one old fashioned favorite and one a little adventurous. We will be asking for input on your preference and also how many vegetarians we have who would like soup. We will accept donations for the soup which will all go to Water for People.

To drill a well and provide sanitation for a village, \$12,000 is needed. I believe we can raise that amount of money and enjoy great soup! All ingredients and containers will be purchased with the \$4,000 seed money. Many hands make light work so here are the volunteer opportunities.

1. Soup eaters
2. Cooks—prep work-- Bobbi or Karen will supervise for the first two months. We are cooking on Wednesday, but this could be negotiable if we have a team who prefers another day or time.
3. Shopping-- Bobbi is planning to shop once a week and needs help loading and unloading supplies.

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## Repair and Rebuild

By Rev. Sandy

The Episcopal Church's House of Bishops met recently in New Orleans. Their deliberations about the future of our church in the life of the worldwide Anglican Communion are what made the news and caught our attention. But the bishops did some other things too. They spent one day of their time together visiting sites in New Orleans destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Their purpose was to participate in and encourage the repair and rebuilding of these sites and of the life of the community in New Orleans. One of the Bishops noted ironically that they spent one day at a field site and four days in meetings. He came away believing the order should have been reversed.

Bishop Gene Robinson of New Hampshire preached a sermon on the Sunday at Grace Church in New Orleans. His text was Micah 6:8, whose familiar verses go as follows:

God has told you, O mortal, what is good: and what does the Lord require of you. But to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Bp. Robinson pointed out something probably none of us has ever noticed. In our Book of Common Prayer, in the Catechism (p. 847), using the familiar question-and-answer format, the following question is asked:

What response did God require from the chosen people?

The answer:

God required the chosen people to be faithful, to love justice, to do mercy, and to walk humbly with their God.

Bp. Robinson challenged this:

Micah said no such thing. He said we have to DO justice, not love it. Loving generates treatises and ideologies, and leads to self-righteous claims about how open-minded we are. Doing justice requires us to repair and rebuild—in New Orleans—and in every community where we are planted.

To this he added:

And this is not to mention repairing and rebuilding our own internal landscapes so that they are aligned and inspired by the fierce compassion of the living Christ.

And so, in our own lives, we are required to repair and rebuild our own internal landscapes, repair and rebuild our own families, repair and rebuild our own communities, and yes, repair and rebuild our own parishes.

What we hang onto for dear life in carrying out the responsibilities for repairing and rebuilding is that we are given what is required to do it: the love of God, the everywhere presence of the Holy Spirit, and the fierce compassion of the living Christ.



***St. Barnabas***  
**Every Member**  
**Pledges**  
**Campaign**  
**2008**

**Sign up now to attend a Potluck**  
**Dinner or Lunch/Brunch!**

*Whether you've made your pledge or intend to pledge, join your brothers and sisters at St. Barnabas for a good meal and stimulating conversation. It's a great way to make new friends and renew old acquaintances.*

*On the next page pick a date and location convenient for you and call the host(s) OR sign up in Lukens Wing. Your host will ask you to bring an appetizer, salad or dessert.*

<b>Date/time</b>	<b>Host(s)</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Phone/email</b>	<b># Guests</b>
<b>Dinner Sun., Oct. 7 4 P.M.</b>	Joe and Jill Bednarek	615 Ash St. Denver 80220	303/333-6308 joejill1@mindspring.com	20
<b>Dinner Tues., Oct. 9 6:30 P.M.</b>	Dee and Bill Frazier	1559 S. Syracuse St. Denver 80231	303/751-4107 ddfrazier@comcast.net	8
<b>Dinner Thurs., Oct. 11 6:30 P.M.</b>	Velinda Varnado	492 S. Pennsylvania St. Denver 80209	303/237-7358 720/810-4989 (cell) vvarnado@hotmail.com	8
<b>Dinner Fri., Oct. 12 6:30 P.M.</b>	Burley and Irene Shepard	1150 Vine St. #303 Denver 80206	303/625-3043	4
<b>Dinner Wed., Oct. 17 6 P.M.</b>	Melinda Cabell	651 Garfield St. Denver 80206	303/355-9500 mmcabell@earthlink.net	8-12
<b>Lunch Fri., Oct. 19 12 noon</b>	Toni and Tom Potter	515 S. Magnolia Lane Denver 80224	303/377-4671	12
<b>Brunch Sun., Oct. 21 12:00 P.M.</b>	Grace and Bob Nelson	2235 Locust St. Denver, CO 80207	303 388 1046 wedesigndenver@aol.com	8
<b>Dinner Wed., Oct. 24 6 P.M.</b>	Barb and Roger Mattison	2063 Elm St. Denver , CO. 80207	303/322-4878 rambjm@comcast.net	10 - 12
<b>Lunch Sun., Oct. 28 1 P.M.</b>	Al Withrow and Boo Hardie	1059 Columbine St. Denver 80206	303/570-5507 boohardie@yahoo.com	10 - 15
<b>Dinner Sun., Oct. 28 6 P.M.</b>	Jana Everett	1301 Wazee, 3F Denver 80204	720/904-9498 jana.everett @cudenver.edu	6
<b>Dinner Sat., Nov. 3 6 P.M.</b>	Lynn and Karen Hoffman	9981 Wagner Lane Westminster 80031	303/465-1753 lynnkarhoffman@ earthlink.com	10
<b>Brunch Sun., Nov. 4 12 noon</b>	Susan Bender and Sue Gallanter	6451 Crestbrook Dr. Morrison 80465	303/697-4860 s.gallanter@comcast.net	20
<b>Dinner Fri., Nov.9 6 P.M.</b>	Hildegard White	1373 Bellaire St. Denver 80220	303/320-1409	12

## A FUN FUNDRAISER FOR KIDS

*By Jane Schmitz*

**POYC AIDS WALK** on September 16<sup>th</sup> was a wonderful experience. Not only was it a “kid-size” walk, but everyone had fun. Look for more pictures on the bulletin board in Lukens wing. Thanks to St. B’s, POYC raised \$670 (kids donated \$7).

Donated funds are designated for the Children’s Hospital Immunodeficiency Program which works directly with children who have AIDS (the program

receives 70% of the money and the Colorado AIDS Project receives 30%).

Organizers Meredith Wakelyn and Tina Clark deserve a round of applause for promoting the POYC AIDS Walk. Experiences like this teach children compassion and outreach.

Pictured below are many of our parents and children who participated in the AIDS Walk. Once again, St. Barnabas came through with support for a good cause. **Thank you one and all!**



### HEALTH ALERTS

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE: BLOOD PRESSURES WILL BE TAKEN ON THE THIRD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21.**

**FREE FLU SHOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE LATER THIS MONTH. DATES AND TIMES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE WEEKLY BULLETIN AND BY EMAIL.**

## VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

At the September 29, 2007 meeting, the resignations of Mary Lou Fenili, senior Warden, Kevin Lindahl, Treasurer, and Wills Long, Finance Committee Chair, were accepted. Lynn Hoffman was elected Senior Warden replacing Mary Lou Fenili.

Lynn Hoffman expressed the Vestry's appreciation for Mary Lou Fenili's dedication, hard work and many accomplishments during her service as Senior Warden. He also thanked Canon Bill Martin for his assistance. Lynn announced the vestry position he had just vacated was open. It was decided that the congregation should be informed of this opportunity to serve St. Barnabas. Lynn announced that he, Judy Ward, and Melinda Cabell would temporarily take charge until the Finance Committee was reformed and a Treasurer appointed.

Vestry member, Judy Ward recommended that the annual meeting be scheduled in February and will check the by-laws to confirm that this is appropriate. Discussion of the audit report will be rescheduled at a time that is mutually convenient for auditor Bob Leaman and the Vestry.

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4. Distribution of frozen soup—After all Sunday services—7:45 and 9:30 a.m. and the 5:30 p.m. service,

We would like volunteers to step forward and work in pairs to accept donations and distribute soup. This shouldn't take long and with lots of volunteers we are hoping for a once a month commitment. Please be patient with us. We will be learning as we go along and will try to be flexible.

I am so excited to be sharing in this project. I love what one of the Water for People board members said, "We must do this, not because we are rich, but because we are human."

Many Blessings,

Bobbi Siersma

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### **Friday, October 5**

"Scapes of Life" Art Opening, 5-7:30 p.m.

### **Saturday, October 6**

"Scapes of Life," 1-4 p.m.

### **Sunday, October 7**

Sunday School, 9:25 a.m.

"Scapes of Life," 10 a.m.-noon

Adult Forum, 11:00 a.m., Report and discussion by Diocesan Convention Participants

### **Monday, October 8**

Benedictine Way, 6:30 p.m.

### **Wednesday, October 10**

Vestry Meetings, 6 p.m.

### **Sunday, October 14**

Sunday School, 9:25 a.m.

Adult Forum, 11:00 a.m., Marcus Borg

### **Monday, October 15**

Benedictine Way, 6:30 p.m.

### **Sunday, October 21**

Blood Pressure Sunday (*note change-3rd Sun.*)

Sunday School, 9:25 a.m.

Adult Forum, 11:00 a.m., Jack Finlaw reports on House of Bishops Meeting in New Orleans

### **Monday, October 22**

Benedictine Way, 6:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday, October 23**

Dances of Miriam

7 p.m. Lukens Wing

### **Sunday, October 28**

Sunday School, 9:25 a.m.

St. Barnabas Time, 11:00 a.m.

### **Worship Services**

- ◆ Sunday 7:45 a.m.
- ◆ Sunday 9:30 a.m. (music)
- ◆ Sunday 6:30 p.m. (informal)
- ◆ Wednesday 10:00 a.m.

## OCTOBER ADULT FORUM PROGRAM

The Adult Forum is planning a busy and engaging Sunday series in October that should provide something to interest everyone. Open to all, the Forum begins at 11 a.m. in Marshall House.

**October 7: Our delegates to the Diocesan Convention** will offer their reflections and observations of all the happenings at the Convention, and we will discuss what it means to St Barnabas. Andrew Pasini will lead.

**October 14:** Eloise May, Helen Barron, and Jack Unruh will conduct an informative discussion on the ideas presented by Marcus Borg in his recent presen-

tations and workshop at St. Andrew's Methodist Church. The materials are headlined: "**Beyond Literalism: Reclaiming Christian Language for Today's Christianity.**" This should be a lively and stimulating session!

**October 21:** Do you remember when Jack Finlaw visited our Forum to help us understand the issues facing the Anglican Communion? Jack combines fascinating insider knowledge with a tolerant approach to evolving official attitudes. He is returning on the 21st to help us understand and integrate into our thinking the **outcomes of the recent House of Bishops meeting in New Orleans**. There is much to absorb and much to ponder--we know you will gain greatly by participating.

## OCT. BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

2 Andrew Pasini  
 4 John Betts  
 5 Jim Matkin  
 Merisa Trujillo  
 6 Jim Matkin & Sean Middleswart  
 8 Rachel Blanc  
 9 Susan Bender  
 Dana Gielissen  
 David Millis  
 10 Rick Friesen  
 George Churchill  
 Joshua Carlson  
 12 Kevin Lindahl & Ben Fiedler  
 13 Paul Kosempel  
 Shelby Test-Peralta  
 Alexis Grant  
 Karen Burch  
 14 Meghann Mayes  
 15 Janet & Judy Wallace

16 Claire Bednarek  
 Lucas Bednarek  
 Francesca Sica  
 Marla Stauth  
 17 Claire Wiley  
 Scott Varholak  
 19 Andres Trujillo  
 20 Aviella Trujillo  
 Kent Mueller & Elizabeth Izant  
 21 Bill Lundgren  
 22 Heidi Carlson  
 George Morton Cobb  
 24 Darrell Martin  
 Kevin Fluke  
 Judy Goebel  
 Elizabeth Izant  
 26 John & Jane Foster  
 Ken Phillips & Alec Juhan  
 29 Janet Frazier  
 30 Virgil Miller  
 Francis Lyon  
 31 Stan Siefer

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