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THE EVERY MEMBER PLEDGES FOR 2008 CAMPAIGN

Invites You to Dinner (or lunch) and Discussion

Campaign kick-off in September

Like good conversation? Like to go to dinner or lunch with friends? The Every Member Pledges for 2008 Campaign at St. Barnabas will include pot luck dinners and lunches with discussion geared toward learning more about our congregation and our vision.

Each Sunday through September at our worship services, parishioners from all walks of life will talk about what St. Barnabas means to them – why this congregation and its outreach and support are so important. We will be asked to sign up for pot luck dinners or lunches and make a *pledged commitment* to St. Barnabas to support our wonderful programs and activities.

Pot luck meals in October

The pot luck meals will take place in October and early November. Hosting a pot luck means providing space at your home for 6 – 12 people; providing beverages and plates, cups, napkins and flatware; and setting a date – either a week day evening or a weekend day or evening. The Stewardship Committee has posted 12 meals on sign-up sheets in Lukens Wing. People will sign up to bring a specific dish to a specific meal. The Stewardship Committee will also send a discussion leader to the dinner or lunch. If you can host or co-host a meal, contact Anne Bryan at 303-871-7599 or abryan@du.edu or Velinda Varnado at 303-237-7358 or yvarnado@hotmail.com.

Mail-in pledge opportunity also available

If you find you can't attend a pot luck, don't worry! The Every Member Pledges for 2008 Campaign will also include mailed-out information with a response envelope.

Our Goal

The goal for our Every Member Pledges for 2008 Campaign at St. Barnabas is just that: *that every member looks within herself or himself and pledges generously for 2008 as we have been given to so generously. Thanks in advance for your help and support!*

Roger Mattison, Stewardship Chair, 303/322-4878, rambjm@comcast.net

EKKLESIA OF GOD

Rev. Sandy Boyd

What is the meaning of Ekklesia?

The New Testament model for church is defined by the Greek term Ekklesia. The meaning of Ekklesia is not accurately conveyed by our English word "church". The Greek roots for Ekklesia mean "to call" and "out." In other words, Ekklesia denotes a people "called out" to be and do something together.

The "Assembly" of Israel was called out by God through the Covenant. Early Christians understood themselves to be a people called out by God to embody and live the Good News in Christ. They were not establishers or organizers of a religion.

They were not an association gathered for pursuing their own purposes, religious or otherwise. Their

identity as community had its sole ground in the call by God in Christ. What its members had in common was the call itself.

What is the focus of Ekklesia?

This Ekklesia came into being as a result of the initiative of God. It existed only by the grace of God and depended on God who called it. It was thus "Divinely instituted," but this did not mean that the community itself was divine. The Ekklesia always looked and was pointed beyond itself, responsible to its call by God.

Directed toward the Kingdom of God, the focus of the Ekklesia was on what lay ahead. At the same time, it was to be a sign of the transformed world which God had promised in Jesus Christ. In some ways, it could be described as a "dress rehearsal" for that promised Kingdom of God.

What differentiates Ekklesia?

We humans – mostly unconsciously -- take some specific human community as our model for the Christian community. Humans create communities for specific and commonly identified purposes. A club is a voluntary association of people gathered to achieve some specific humanly-designated goal. A corporation is created to provide services and/or products for sale.

As the Ekklesia of today, in the here and now, we are not a club or a corporation. We are a covenant people called out to share the new life of God in Jesus Christ. We are called to point the world to the coming Kingdom of God. At the same time, entirely human as we are, we are always in need of the grace and forgiveness of God as we fall short of being the Ekklesia we are called out to be.

How is Ekklesia relevant to our lives?

In our Apostle's Creed, we proclaim belief in "the holy catholic Church." This descriptor "holy" does not indicate that we live up to our identity in Christ. Rather we are set apart and dedicated to answering the call of God in Christ. "Catholic" does not refer to a specific human institution, but rather to

our desire to reflect the wholeness of Christ in our common life. We are pointers to the life in Christ that will be fulfilled in the coming Kingdom of God.

The first work of the Holy Spirit is the creation of community.

It is as members of this community that we come to have a conscious share in the new life which Christ embodies. Our faith tradition holds to the importance of participation in the Christian community because it understands that religious ideas are transmitted through social networks. Even the person who doesn't formally belong is shaped in some way by the religious tradition of his or her culture. Religious faith is concerned with matters which involve not the individual alone but the community.

God's purposes include other people, and our relationship with God necessarily involves our relationship with other people. When Jesus talked about the Kingdom of God, he was describing human life perfected and fulfilled. In this, he was conveying the nature of the community envisioned by God. God involves us with God's work in Christ in such a way as to involve each of us with one another.

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ARTS ON VINE COMING THIS FALL

The Arts on Vine 2007-08 season is starting this fall with three events:

Saturday, September 15 at 7:30 pm: Oboe Recital by John Rasmussen, frequent St. B. worship service performer, and music teacher.

October 5 – 7 “Scapes of Life”

Opening Reception: Friday, October 5, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

“Wild-Scapes” Photography by Bill Brahmstedt,

“City-Scapes” Photography by Ellen Janasko and

“Spirit-Scape” stone sculptures from the Shona Sculptors of the Chapangu exhibit at the Denver Botanic Gardens.

Sunday, November 11, 3:00 pm: Concert by The 3/4 Trio with Katherine Thayer, violin; Peggy Lyon, piano; Michael Marecak, cello; and Shirley Marecak, cello, playing Mozart, Piazzolla and Mendelssohn.

ST. B'S RESPONSE TO PROPOSED COVENANT

A response to the Draft Anglican Covenant has been drafted and signed by participating St. B's parishioners. It will soon be sent to a variety of stakeholders in this passionate issue. The Covenant itself would establish a new litmus test of beliefs and practices for Anglican churches to “achieve” membership in the Anglican Communion (to which all currently belong). The response going out from St. B's members is posted in Lukens Wing. The Draft Anglican Covenant and a hurricane of commentary and opinion on all sides can be found online at

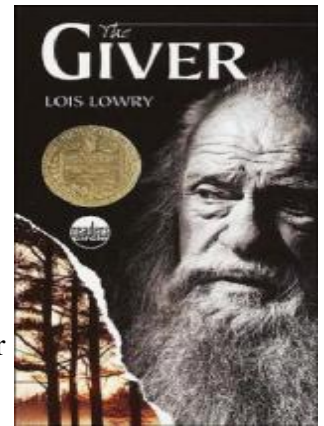
www.anglicancommunion.org/commission/

Notes from Barnabas Time: Aug. 28

- ◆ Sandy Boyd plans To leave Nov. 11.
- ◆ Existing staff to “mind the gap.”
- ◆ Search Committee targets Advent for selection of 2-3 rector candidates to Vestry.
- ◆ Vestry choice only the beginning of negotiation process.
- ◆ *Expectation of new Rector on-board sometime after the new year.*
- ◆ *New refrigerator installed , with many thanks to anonymous financial angel.*
- ◆ *Next Barnabas Time , Sept 30: Water for People, and Stewardship Visioning.*

AN ADULT FORUM FOR ALL AGES

Can life be too settled, too safe, too carefully planned? Is free will worth all the trouble it can get us into? For Sunday, September 16 and 23, we invite you to read and discuss with us a powerful story of shattered illusions and awakening moral independence—*The Giver*, by Lois Lowry. (It can be purchased in paperback at the Tattered Cover (10% off at reserve desk) or most bookstores for \$6.50.



Newbery Medal Award Winner

Velinda Varnardo will lead our discussion. In this quick-to-read novel, a young person is chosen to learn the secrets behind a remarkably planned-out, comfortable, but also highly regimented society—a society that trades free will for safety and predictability. The themes of this novel apply equally to our political lives and our spiritual journeys.

A Newbery Medal Award winner, *The Giver* was written originally for teens, and we hope to engage some of St. Barnabas' best and brightest youth in sharing their perspectives on this book with us. Get your copy and join us at 11 a.m. in Marshall House, September 16 and 23. For more information, call

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SHINGLES VACCINE

Joan Jarboe R.N., B.S.N., Parish Nurse

Shingles, also known as Herpes Zoster, is a painful skin rash that often blisters. Shingles usually occurs on one side of the face or body and lasts two to four weeks. The main symptom is pain, often severe pain. Other symptoms are fever, headache, chills, and upset stomach. Unlike other viruses, it rarely causes pneumonia, hearing problems, blindness, encephalitis or death.

In one out of five individuals, severe pain can continue even after the rash clears up. This is known as post-herpetic neuralgia. Shingles is caused by Varicella Zoster virus, the same virus that causes chickenpox. Only someone who has had a case of chickenpox or has had the chickenpox vaccine can get shingles. The virus stays in your body and can reappear many years later to cause shingles. You can not catch shingles from another person. However, someone who has never had chickenpox or the chickenpox vaccine could get chickenpox from someone who has shingles.

Shingles is more common in people 50 and older, but can occur at a younger age. It is also more common in people with a weakened immune system due to cancer, chemotherapy, or steroids. One million people a year in the United States get shingles.

A vaccine for shingles (Zostavax, made by Merck) was licensed May 25, 2006, by the FDA. In clinical trials the vaccine prevented shingles in about one half of the people 60 years of age or older. It can also reduce the pain of shingles.

A single dose of vaccine is recommended for adults 60 years of age or older. Zostavax does not treat shingles once it develops or post-herpetic neuralgia (pain after the rash is gone). Studies indicated that the vaccine is most effective in the 60-69 years of age range. It also provides some protection for older groups.

Zostavax is not covered under Medicare Part B, but is covered under the Medicare Part D program. Check with your insurance company for coverage. At this point most insurance companies do not pay for the vaccine. The cost is \$150.00, and some clinics require cash payment.

One million people a year in the United States get shingles.

Shingles vaccine should not be given in the following situations:

- ◆ Life-threatening allergic reaction to gelatin; an allergic reaction to the antibiotic neomycin, or any other component of the shingles vaccine.
- ◆ Report any type of allergic reaction to your doctor.
- ◆ Individuals with a weakened immune system due to HIV/ AID; treatment with drugs that affect the immune system such as steroids, chemotherapy or radiation treatment.
- ◆ A history of cancer affecting the bone marrow or lymphatic system, such as leukemia or lymphoma.
- ◆ Active or untreated tuberculosis.
- ◆ Pregnant woman. Women should not become pregnant at least for three months after receiving the vaccine.
- ◆ Anyone with a severe illness or with a temperature greater than 101.3.

The vaccine can cause an allergic reaction, however, serious problems have not been identified with the vaccine thus far. Mild reactions such as soreness, redness, swelling, or itching at the site of the injection have occurred in one individual in three. Headaches have occurred in about one person in 70.

Signs of a serious allergic reaction include difficulty breathing, hoarseness, wheezing, hives, paleness, weakness, a rapid heart rate or dizziness. These usually occur within the first few hours following the vaccination. If these symptoms occur, notify your health care provider immediately.

Since the drug is so new, some clinics may require a waiver of liability form prior to receiving the vaccine.

Make Your Pledge for Colorado AIDS Walk, Project Angel Heart



Sunday, Sept 9, is the annual Colorado AIDS Walk. My name is Harry Chance, I will again be walking for Project Angel Heart (PAH). Since St. Barnabas is where PAH started, I hope we can continue to support them. For those of you who don't know, PAH supplies nutritious meals not only to AIDS patients, but to cancer victims as well.

Any amount you feel you can give is welcome. If any of you care to walk with me, you're welcome to do that. I can take cash or checks made out to AWC (AIDS Walk Colorado) or you can go to the website and donate online at www.aidswalkcolorado.org. Select "donate", then "sponsor a participant."



CHOIR CALL

September... Leaves start showing their colors, the air gets a little crisper, the wind blows with a little more bite, and the beautiful voices of the St. Barnabas choir can be heard ringing through the church.

Please join the choir beginning on Thursday, Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. for our first rehearsal of the season! If you enjoy singing, laughing, learning, and music, this is the place for you to be! Please join us for a year of wonderful music. If you have any questions, please call David Bell, choir director, at 303-777-7493.

Meet The Vestry

Lynn Hoffman

Lynn grew up on a farm in Iowa where he learned how to work hard. Lynn completed his undergraduate degree at Cornell College (before they changed to the block program) in mathematics and chemistry. He served as a Marine Corps Lieutenant in Vietnam and was awarded The Purple Heart. Lynn continued his education after his military service and completed a PhD program at the University of Iowa in business. He recently retired after teaching 30 years at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley Colorado, where he taught small business and human resources.

Lynn continues to be active in community and service organizations and enjoys reading, biking, skiing, hiking, relating to friends and working in his shop. Lynn and Karen have been together for 25 years and are blessed with one spoiled dog and a cat who lets them live with her. From previous marriages (yes plural) they have a son, a daughter and two grandsons.

In Lynn's words, "St. Barnabas is blessed to have a vestry that is very capable, knowledgeable, and active, so it has been a pleasure to work with them as we move through all these transitions. If I can help – even minutely - keep this wonderful community together, my vestry term will be successful. "

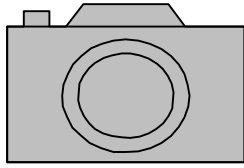
SOUP "SALES" FOR WATER FOR PEOPLE

The weekly soup distribution for the Water for People project will begin Sunday, October 7. The goal is to raise enough donations to fund digging one well in a Malawi village through the Water for People Program based here in Denver. Watch for a presentation on the well project at Barnabas Time on Sunday September 30, 11 am. Bobbi Siersma would appreciate help with soup preparation and distribution. Give Bobbi a call at 303-377-1639. To find out more about this wonderful project that brings water to villagers in Africa. Go to Water for People's website—

www.waterforpeople.org.



**ST BARNABAS
PEOPLE**



WANTED

Your photos of St. Barnabas activities for inclusion in the Steeple Bell and for display on the website and bulletin board are appreciated. Please identify individuals by name and position in photo when you email them to Carol at office@stbdenver.org



Welcome
Katelyn Campbell, daughter of Ian and Michelle Campbell, baptized August 5, 2007, by Rev. Sandy Boyd at the 9:30 a.m. service •

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Bobbi Siersma
Tom and Judy Ward
- 2 Caroline Corrigan
- 4 Preston Bender-Marcoux
- 5 Nathan Gorham
Maggie Wakelyn
- 6 Melinda Cabell
- 8 Carolyn Starbuck
Polly Gibb
- 9 Jim Steed
- 10 Larry Volmert
- 11 Sondra Lee
- 12 Jane Schmitz
Teagan Bohlen
- 14 Preston Izant Mueller
Tori Meyers
- 15 Alice Potter
- 18 Larry Douglas
- 19 Tom and Toni Potter
- 21 Karen Burgess
- 23 Christopher Conroy
- 26 David Gartland and Carrie Corrigan
- 27 Elizabeth Schmitz
Carson Everett
Dennis Kennedy
- 29 Maddie O'Connell
Claire O'Connell
- 30 Kate Gallanter

If you were not listed or have a correction, please inform Carol Anderson, parish administrator at 303-388-6469.

From the Vestry

A Follow up on the Rector Evaluation Process

The Vestry again wants to thank everyone for helping shape the evaluation instrument and the process and especially for taking the time to fill out the survey instrument. The positives from this experience are that we have a process and an instrument that can be used with the permanent rector. With respect to the process we learned that the parishioners need more time to complete and return the forms. The instrument worked well and can be fine tuned to a new rector's strengths and weakness. The written comments were summarized into categories and then tabulated as to how often they were mentioned.

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Rector Evaluation Process continued

The most commonly mentioned written categories were presented to the Interim Rector in a private counseling session. The process was successful because the Interim Rector worked hard to address the Vestry's main concerns.

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

The Vestry met on Wednesday, August 8 and August 27 in Marshall House. Members of the parish are welcome to attend vestry meetings held on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Meetings begin at 6 p.m. with a brown bag dinner.

Plans for autumn worship services are well underway with on-going planning on integrating children into adult worship.

The peach sale was very successful as was the Sunday school planning meeting and brunch held Sunday, August 19.

The personnel committee, headed by Eloise May, reported on progress and presented an organizational chart to the Vestry.

Roger Mattison reported on plans for the "Every Member Campaign" described in this issue. Roger sees this as a three-year commitment of his time.

Sandy Boyd described a meeting attended by concerned staff and a city homeless outreach worker who provided helpful guidelines and a promise of assistance in dealing with St. B's overnight visitors.

Bob Goodyear has stepped down as Treasurer after many years of service. The Vestry plans to acknowledge and thank him for his many years of service. Kevin Lindahl will serve as the Interim Treasurer and continue as the Chair of the Finance Committee until a new Treasurer is appointed.

Delegates to the Diocesan Convention are Andrew Pasini, Chair, Melinda Cabell, Nadine Cochran, Mary Duell, and Jack Unruh.

Official minutes of the Vestry and agendas for upcoming meetings are available in a notebook in Lukens Wing and will be available soon on line. The next Vestry meetings will be held Wednesday, September 12 and 26.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, September 9 Start Up Sunday

Sunday School, 9:25 a.m.

Melanie Lindahl, mission experience

Adult Forum, 11:00 a.m.

Aids Walk Colorado (See p. 5)

Evening Service resumes at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 15

Oboe Recital, John Rasmussen

7:30 p.m., Lukens Wing

Sunday, September 16

POYC Aids Walk

Adult Forum, 11:00 a.m., "The Giver"

Sunday, September 23

Sunday School, 9:25 a.m.

Adult Forum, 11:00 a.m., "The Giver"

Tuesday, September 25

Dances of Miriam

7:00 p.m. Lukens Wing

Saturday, September 29

Karaoke and Cocktails

Open to Parish

\$10 admission includes cocktails

(friendly wagers welcomed)

Stay "tuned" for details

Sunday, September 30

Blood Pressure Sunday

Newcomers Recognition

Barnabas Time, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, September 12 & 26

Vestry Meetings, 6 p.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.

START-UP SUNDAY

September 9, 2007 at 9:25 am



Celebrate the opening of Sunday School!

- ◆ Children 3—5 years old go to Godly Play
- ◆ Children 1st grade through 5th grade, attend Seasons of the Spirit, a multi-age curriculum
- ◆ The nursery is available for children 3 and under

Parents need to turn in the Sunday School registration form.

For the opening Children gather in Children's Chapel (upstairs, next to the nursery). Following the opening children will go to their classrooms.

THE EMERGING ALLIANCE OF RELIGION AND ECOLOGY

The Iliff Women's Alliance is hosting a lecture by **Mary Evelyn Tucker**, international scholar and activist in Religion and Ecology, on Wednesday, October 10, 2007, at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall at Iliff. Cost of the lecture is \$10. Janet Manning, St. Barnabas activist and Iliff Board Member, is hosting a patron reception at 5:30 p.m. at her home, 2395 S. Columbine St. Cost of the patron reception, including lecture, is \$50.

Tucker's talk will explore some of the movements in the United States and abroad to illustrate the dynamic emergence of religious environmentalism. She views the deterioration of the environment around the globe as a moral, as well as an ecological issue, especially in light of the impact on future generations. For reservations contact Mary Underwood at munderwood@iliff.edu or 303-765-3113.



CHANGE A LIGHT CHANGE THE WORLD

The Governor's Energy Office (GEO) and Colorado Interfaith Power & Light (COIP&L) have invited St Barnabas to join in the 2007 Colorado "Change a Light, Change the World" Campaign for Congregations. The campaign has two components, both of which are being offered at no cost to us: (1) educational and promotional materials and (2) compact fluorescent light bulbs (one for each of members that participates).

This is an opportunity for us to practice creation care/social justice spirituality. Irene Shepard brought this opportunity to the attention of the Vestry. It was discussed at Barnabas Time, Sunday, August 26, and received an enthusiastic response. More to follow.

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