



St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

February 2015 Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

Lent draweth nigh unto us. For those not familiar with the Liturgical Kalendar (the “K” and the “a” make that Anglican), Lent is the 40 days prior to Easter when we are called to reflect, prepare, and repent before the feast to come. It loved by all for its stirring hymnody and uplifting Bible readings. If we wanted, we could make it about sackcloth and ashes, death and doom, diets, and easily tossed resolutions, or we could avoid it altogether. While many might vote for the latter, I was just throwing that out as a teaser. No can do! We have to do something with it, so what about this:

I propose we begin a process of congregational examination and visioning. St. Barnabas has changed over the years. It has been a long time since St. Barnabas engaged this. As our world changes, evolves, or devolves, we might envision new ways of being “church” in the community. Your vestry has been hoping for this for some time.

Beginning on Sunday, February 15, at 9:30 am, you are all invited to come and initiate that process. I propose that we use a book written by Dwight J. Zscheile entitled, People of the Way: Renewing Episcopal Identity. Father Zscheile was the guide for our Diocesan Clergy Conference in 2013. His work is very highly regarded. The President and Dean of Virginia Theological Seminary referred to his book this way: “People of the Way is a work of sheer genius...”. If you would like, you can order the book on Amazon for about \$13.

I am talking with The Rev. Thomas Brackett who is the Missioner, New Church Starts & Missional Initiatives Diocesan and Congregational Ministries Episcopal Church Center. Thomas lives in Asheville, NC. He is willing to come and help us with this.

As we begin, I offer the invitation to a holy Lent from the Book of Common Prayer. Although I like to kid about things, Lent is actually a gift for us. It

encourages us to slow down and intentionally set about the work of renewal and resurrected life. That invitation reads:

Dear People of God:

The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need, which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

Please do come and be a part of this. Please do come with an open mind and hopeful heart. St. Barnabas' best days are in front of us. It is our mission to light the lamp that will lead us. Please know that I remain...

Yours in Christ,

Randall+

Ash Wednesday – Feb. 18, 2015

As I said earlier, Ash Wednesday and Lent are almost here. We will have two liturgies with the Imposition of Ashes at St. Barnabas on Ash Wednesday, one at 7:30 am and one at 12:15 pm. At 7:00 pm on Ash Wednesday, all are invited to

The Church of the Redeemer for our traditional Convocational Service and the Fast-ending reception that follows. If you would like to bring some sort of common dish to share at the reception, please feel invited to. The ladies at Redeemer would certainly appreciate it.



Shrove Tuesday Supper

On Tuesday, February 17, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm, the Shrove Tuesday Dream Team will be serving pancakes, eggs, pork of some sort, juice, and coffee. Dream Team members know who they are or are being told by God who they are as we plan for this momentous occasion. The Dream Team will meet after Eucharist on Sunday, February 15th, to plan the evening. We need all the help we can get.

Lenten Wednesday Meditation and Soup

Beginning on February 25 and continuing each Wednesday through March 25, you are all invited to come to St. Barnabas for an evening of Eucharist, Meditation, and simple meals of soup and bread. Our normal Wednesday evening Eucharist will begin at 6:00 pm. That service will conclude with the exchange of God's Peace. At 6:30 pm, we will re-gather to hear a meditation offered by one of our parishioners. A SIGN UP SHEET IS ON THE NARTHEX TABLE FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO OFFER 5-15 MINUTE MEDITATIONS.

Marcia House is organizing the meals on these Wednesdays. If you are interested in helping with the meals or providing our sustenance for the evening, please speak with Marcia. Help might include setting up, serving, and/or cleaning up. Please do come!

Leslie Bland

As many of you know, The Reverend Leslie Bland (That sounds good, doesn't it?) was ordained to The Sacred Order of Deacons on January 24, 2015. The service was absolutely beautiful. Please

do offer her your congratulations for her ordination and your condolences as she comes to understand what she has gotten herself into. Leslie is "temporarily" assigned to St. Barnabas. At some point, the odds are that she will be assigned elsewhere. In the meantime, we will simply enjoy her time with us and listen to her as she brings the needs of the world to us and calls us to serve.

One Last Thank You!

It would be impossible for Wanda and I to thank you enough for your patience and your support over the last months and years. As you know, our lives were turned upside down when my sister, Ann, was diagnosed. In the 2 ½ years that followed, our lives became very much enmeshed with her disease. Your never failing support for us, your patience with us when emergencies cropped up, your time visiting with Ann, your prayers, and your willingness to minister to us was a profound gift. Thank you.

Please remember in your prayers: Shannon Buckner, Tara & Lisa Childress, Jeff Campfield, Rowene Clark, Tony Davies, Jeremy S., Bishop Curry, Roger McFarland, Marvin Aycock, Cassie McKee, Jin Joe White, Robbin Bach, Jennifer Niven, Davilynn Furlow, Carla Morgan, Herbert Menendez, Jenny Smith, Lydia James, Warren Wilson, Bianca Ruiz, Julie Newell, Monica Franco, Lucy Acosta, Jeremy Wood, Mary Sayers Green, Carter Cummings, John, Charlie & Cheryl Kail, Carol, Pam Bello, James Clark, Patricia McTavish, Bill Shives, Myra, Grace Prevatt, Kelley Rich, Jenene Edwards & Family, Liz Warren, Imogene Long, Jean Olmstead, Peggy Reeve, Ali Broshar, William Olson, Rose Mertz. For those who are in wheelchairs and for the caregivers of the sick.

Altar Flowers

The 2015 calendar to sign up to give altar flowers is posted on the bulletin board. If you have a special date that you would like to give the flowers, now is the time to sign up. Otherwise, we all have ongoing reasons for being thankful or just wanting to beautify the church. If everyone would sign up for 1 or 2 Sundays during the year, we would have flowers every Sunday.

When you have signed up to give flowers, someone from the Altar Guild will contact you ahead of that date to ask you about your intentions for the flowers

(i.e., thanksgiving for.., in memory of.., etc.) and to ask how you want to handle it. If you want to bring the flowers yourself and place them, that would be lovely. You can bring either loose flowers of your choosing or prepared bouquets available in many places, and we can supply you with vases and other materials you might need. If you would like the Altar Guild to arrange the flowers or help you arrange them, we can do that. If you have mobility problems that would make it difficult for you to get the flowers to the church, we can buy the flowers, place them, and let you know about the cost. Two normal-sized arrangements can usually be done for \$20-\$25, depending on what flowers you prefer.

Thanks so much.
Sue Navarro

New Vestry Members

Congratulations to our new Vestry members: David Harvey, Chris Merriman and Mary Lee Rembert. Also many thanks to our outgoing members: Leslie Bland, Bill Fincke and David Merriman for their service over the past three years.

Tony Davies has agreed to serve as our Senior Warden for the next year. A new Junior Warden will be elected at the February meeting. Mary Lee Rembert will be our new Clerk.

Vestry Meetings

Vestry will now meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 5:00 P.M. **Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 10th.**

Anyone wishing to serve at services at St. Barnabas:

If you are interested in serving as a Chalice Bearer, Reader of Lessons, Usher, Acolyte, or Lay Eucharistic Minister to take Communion to those who are shut-in or in nursing homes, please contact The Rev. T.J. Bland, Deacon with your request. We are always looking for people to minister to others in these special ways!

Training in all these areas is provided by Father Randall, and T. J. and Leslie Bland, Deacons. Feel free to call the Church Office or The Rev. T.J. Bland at (336-662-3982) for more information.

Attractions Books

We now have several extra Attractions books for a cost of \$25. Checks should be made out to St. Barnabas Church with *memo: Attractions book*.

Trash/ Recycling Volunteers

Thanks to our volunteers who take trash/recycling to the street for Tuesday morning pickup and return cans afterwards. Thanks to Jack Alford, our January volunteer.

A volunteer is needed for February. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board if you are interested in helping.

The Shepherd's Center Annual Auction Gala

"Friday Night Fever", the 22nd Annual Auction Gala being presented by The Shepherd's Center of Kernersville will be held on Friday, February 20, 2015 at 7 p.m. There will be themed baskets, trips, sporting events, and home décor opportunities. Danny Jefferson will be our auctioneer so you know it will be a fun-filled evening for all attending. The event is being hosted at the Koury Private Aviation Hangar. We would love to have you join us! Cost is \$50/person. To make reservations please contact Debbi Butner, 336-996-6696 or debbi@shepctrkville.com

"The Shepherd's Center of Kernersville is an interfaith ministry of volunteers which champions and sustains older or disabled adults."

Housing Summit 2015: Housing Choices for Healthy Aging.

Register now for February 25, 2015, 8:30 AM-3:00 PM, *George K's Event Center, 2108 Cedar Fork Rd., Greensboro, NC, 27407*

Highlights of Housing Summit 2015:

- Hear report on Aging in Guilford County
- Share ideas for expanding fair, safe, affordable housing choices for all ages and preferences
- Choose workshops about housing issues from homeownership to homelessness and the impact of housing on health
- Enjoy continental breakfast and buffet luncheon at George K's event center

Register now for Housing Summit 2015. Print the brochure [HousingSummit2015](#) and mail in the registration form with your check or register online at <http://www.eventsbot.com/events/eb976208957>.

2015 NCCJ Interfaith Tour

Sunday, February 22, 2015

Come away with understanding, respect, and appreciation of some of the differences in belief and worship styles of different religions!

Free Event
Registration: 1:45-2:00 p.m.
Beth David Synagogue

Tour: 2:00-5:00 p.m.

- ◆ Beth David Synagogue
- ◆ Dormition of the Theotokos

Greek Orthodox Church
◆ The Islamic Center of Greensboro

Reception: 5-5:30 p.m.

The Islamic Center



When you are buying groceries you can do a lot of good by bringing home something to donate. Please select one or more canned or non-perishable food items:

- ✓ **Protein Sources** such as canned tuna, salmon, beef stew, soups, Spam, and peanut butter.
- ✓ **Canned Vegetables** such as greens (turnip, collard, mixed greens), mixed vegetables, peas, tomatoes, corn, and green beans.
- ✓ **Canned Fruits**
- ✓ **Misc. Items** such as dry milk, oatmeal, cereal, macaroni & cheese.

Many thanks for your continued support.
Roger & Jo Ellen McFarland



February Birthdays

- 1st – Karina Lawson

2nd – Evan Campfield
3rd – Gayle Taylordean
7th – Sam Heroy
9th - Ray Huger, Karen Meacham
13th – Hannah Keeney
16th – Pam Peterson
18th – Jim Landon
20th – The Rev. Randall J. Keeney
22nd – Duncan Taylordean

Birth Announcement

Wendy and David Wheeler proudly announce the birth of a granddaughter, Chloe Shuxing Wheeler, born January 21, 2015 in Los Angeles, California. Matt and Shan Wheeler are the proud parents.

Parish Directory Updates

Addition:

Stephanie Edwards
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Stephmo74@gmail.com

Correction:

Email address for Doug Meacham:
dmeacham001@yahoo.com

If you are new to St. Barnabas and would like to be included in future updates, please contact the office at 294-1282 or by email: office@stbarnabasgreensboro.net with complete information (address, phone #, email address, birthdays, anniversary, etc). Thanks!

Dear Friends at St. Barnabas,

Many, many thanks for ALL the ways you have supported me on my journey towards ordination; especially, the lovely cards I have received, the food you all prepared for the reception after the ordination, your gifts to me, and the very generous gift of money for my Discretionary Fund!

I am still in the process of writing individual Thank You notes for the gifts, but wanted to make sure that everyone in the parish knows just how Special you all are to me! The Lord's Peace and Blessings to you all!

Leslie +

*Thank
you*

I would like to thank everyone for your most thoughtful and generous Christmas gift. It is truly a blessing to be part of the St. Barnabas family.

Karen Bagley

Thanks to the Parish for your generous Christmas gift. I truly feel blessed and am most appreciative.

Karen Meacham