



St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

Easter 2015 Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

In about a week, we will celebrate God's resurrection of Christ: the Truth, the Way, and the Life. Humans attempted to render this call to hope, justice, and peace invalid by putting the one who enfleshed it to death. Over and over, Christ called people to embrace a new Truth, live in a new Way, and bring a new Life into the world. He respected the poor, women, the non-religious, the sinner, the politician, those who saw themselves as more righteous than he, and those who had given up any hope and saw themselves as being unworthy of love. He refused to allow social standing or custom to prevent forgiveness, healing, reconciliation, and restoration. He refused to stand in awe before the power of religion or secular authority. He refused to succumb to the inertia of evil or hopelessness. For this he was killed! For the world, he was raised! To this, we are witnesses. To this new hope, we are called and commissioned.

Over the 50 days of Easter, we will read how the risen Christ engaged those who were afraid of that calling. We will read about the apostles who hid away from the very things and very people that Christ came to redeem. We will read that, even in the isolation of their own fear, they could not avoid God. Christ came to them in their fear. He showed them the results of fear and hatred in his wounds. He calmed them as a parent tenderly soothes a frightened child. He said, "Peace be with you. Receive the Holy Spirit", the mind of God, the hope of God, the way of God. He inspired them and sent them out. In spite of their shame, their fear, and their hopelessness, Christ came alive for them and to them. From there, he sent them out to tell the story of how they came to hope again.

Many in our world have given up or given in. Some are isolated behind doors nailed shut by fear, anger, greed, violence, or oppression. Some fill every silence with distractions and diversions. Some find themselves living as if they were dead already. There is a reason why a show called "The Walking Dead" resonates so much in our world. This is the death that put Jesus in the tomb. God did not and could not leave him there. God called a new Jesus, a resurrected Jesus out of the darkness of that tomb. A new Way, a new Truth, and a new Life were raised from that death.

It is my belief that God calls us into the work of resurrection. In a world that succumbs to the inertia of evil and violence, I believe we are called to resurrect peace. In a world that exploits God's people and creation, I believe we are called to resurrect honor and dignity. In a world where many are shut off because of fear, I believe we are called to resurrect compassion, courage, and hope. In a world that divides and enslaves many for the comfort of a few, I believe we are called to resurrect justice. In short, I believe we are called to actively engage the world and bring the Way, the Truth, and Life out of the tomb.

Our hope is not in vain. God raised it! We must leave our own tombs to follow and re-engage this world. Before Christ left his apostles, he told them that they would experience what he experienced, that they would continue what he began, and that he would be with them always. It's time to get to work. Please know that I remain....

Yours in Christ,

Randall+

Holy Week, 2015

Our celebrations of Holy Week begin on Sunday, March 29, 2015. We will read the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem which initiated the horrible events of the week. Although the service includes a reading of the Passion, it was not part of the original celebration. The Passion was included later, because the church had little confidence that people would attend Good Friday services. The thought was that everyone should hear the Passion before hearing the Resurrection. I am fully confident that the St. Barnabas People will observe the whole story of Holy Week which is told in our Liturgies.

Our Holy Week observances will process through the liturgies of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. These three days are referred to as the "Triduum". On Thursday at 7:00 p.m., we will gather in the church to recall Christ's admonition that we serve one another as he has served us. This is enacted through the fellowship of the table and the washing of feet. On Good Friday, we will have three liturgies focusing on Christ's humiliation and death. Those services will be at 7:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. On Holy Saturday, our Great Easter Vigil will begin at 8:30 p.m. with the lighting of the new fire. We will read through our salvation history from Creation, through the Flood, the Passover, and then celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter.

Although we have no "days of obligation" other than Sunday in the Episcopal Church, the days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday come as close as we get. These three days, the "Triduum", tell our story. They tell it the same way Passover services tell the story of Judaism, the same way the services of Ramadan tell the story of Islam. I would like to encourage you to plan to attend these services the same way we would plan to observe Christmas Eve. As Christians, this is one of those counter cultural things that we are asked to do. The theology of these liturgies establishes our place in God's world and serves as the foundation to all of our notions of justice, peace, and hope.

Please do make every effort to be a part of our Holy Week celebrations. Also, please be aware of my prayers for us all as we prepare to live out our own notions of resurrection and new life in a world so desperately in need of both.



Palm Sunday
10:30 a.m. Entrance Into Jerusalem
The Passion of our Lord

Maundy Thursday
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Liturgy

Good Friday
12:15 pm. & 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgies

Holy Saturday
8:30 p.m. - The Great Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday
10:30 a.m. Festive Easter Celebration
(No 8:30 a.m. Service)

Please remember in your prayers: David Aycock, Amy & Family, Layla Fox, Troy Yow and Family, Anne Marie and David Franklin, Bettie Jo and Don Wilson, Shannon Buckner, Tara & Lisa Childress, Rowene Clark, Jeremy S., Bishop Curry, Roger McFarland, Marvin Aycock, Cassie McKee, Jin Joe White, Robbin Bach, Jennifer Niven, Davilynn Furlow, Herbert Menendez, Jenny Smith, Lydia James, 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. For those who have died: Warren Wilson.

Parish Cleanup Day

St. Barnabas will conduct its annual spring cleanup this Saturday, March 28, and we are looking for volunteers to help spruce up the church grounds for

Easter. We will be doing pine mulch spreading, bush trimming, flower planting, and other small cleanup tasks.

We will begin at 9 am and with more participants the task will be completed by noon, if not sooner. Please bring shovels, rakes, hedge/tree clippers, and wheelbarrows. Mark them with your names so they don't get misplaced. Thank you!

Pam Myers



Hi, St. Barnabas' Friends! Again this year, I am part of the Servant's Heart Team in The Human Race. I live in an apartment run by Servant's Heart and participate in their Day Program, and I am so happy that two of my best friends from Bell House now share the apartment with me.

This year's race is on Saturday, April 18. I am looking forward to being in it, and am hoping for good weather! I have always appreciated the donations from friends at St. Barnabas'. If you would like to donate again, supporting Servant's Heart, I have an online page at <http://thehumanrace.kintera.org/elizabethmlong> Or, if you want to donate with a check, please make it to **The Human Race** and put "**Servant's Heart**" on the memo line, with my name beside it. You may give the check to my mom or me at church, or please mail it to my mom at 3034 Lake Forest Dr., Greensboro 27408. She will take the donations to the HR headquarters.

Thank you very much for all of your support!

Ready to roll -- Elizabeth Long

Piedmont Together

On April 2, Piedmont Together is having a summit on social equity in Winston-Salem. I invite all the parishes and missions in the Greensboro and Winston-Salem convocations to encourage members to come to the summit. Let's have an

"Episcopal caucus"--I'll wear my clerical collar so that they can recognize me and sit together. We can talk about how we can work together to answer God's call in these complex--but exciting--times. As regional deacon, I can then support the partnerships that emerge from our reflection on what God is calling us to do.

Register: www.Piedmonttogether.org

Beth McKee-Huger

Godly Play Workshop Offered April 25

Calling all those interested in Godly Play: The Diocesan Children's and Youth Department is offering a half-day Godly Play workshop in conjunction with Good Shepherd - Raleigh. The workshop will cover the basics of the Godly Play curriculum as well as investigate how the components are used in different congregations. This event is open to participants who are new to Godly Play as well as to attendees who are currently using the program and want to fine-tune their skills.

The cost of the workshop is \$12 and includes lunch. You may register online through the Diocesan website.

2015 Mowing Volunteers

Mowing season is fast approaching and we are in need of volunteers. We hope to have two people mow each week so the task will not be quite so time consuming. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Thanks to Doug Meacham, Bill Myers and Luis Navarro who have already volunteered.

Trash/ Recycling Volunteers

Thanks to our March volunteer, Luis Navarro, for taking trash/recycling to the street for Tuesday morning pickup and returning cans afterwards.

Volunteers are needed for April and May. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board if you are interested in helping.

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. **Soups are especially good this time of year with the cold weather.**
- ✓ **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



March Birthdays

- 2nd – Ann Fincke
- 2nd – Alex Saenz
- 4th – John Maddocks
- 13th – Warren Wilson
- 15th – David Priestley
- 27th – Maria Menendez

April Birthdays

- 4th – Robert Dickson, Tony Davies
- 5th – Betty Brown
- 22nd – Carolyn McLean
- 25th – Larry Shirley
- 28th – Betsy Crawford



March 8th – David & Chris Merriman

April 1st – Betsy & David Crawford

April 17th – Ann & David Long

Parish Directory Updates

Addition:

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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!

Stop Hunger Now

Join the movement to end hunger in our lifetime! Help us reach our goal to package 73,000 plus meals on Saturday, April 18th. Working together we can create a world without hunger.

When: Saturday, April 18, 2015

Where: Christ UMC, 410 N. Holden Rd. Greensboro, NC

Contact **Steve Danford**, danford@uncg.edu or **Frank Moore**, frank@firstlutheran.com