



St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

May 2015

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Dear Friends,

As many of you have heard and read, we are hosting The Rev. Thomas Brackett for a day of conversation about St. Barnabas' place in the community and our mission within it. Thomas is the Missioner for New Starts and Mission Initiatives for the national Episcopal Church. Everybody who attends and loves St. Barnabas is urged to attend. The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. We will end about 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Practically every mainline church in the United States is going through a transition of sorts. Our culture is changing. Although most Americans identify themselves as believers, most are not attending a place of worship or participating in a faith community regularly. What was assumed as a normal part of cultural life 20 – 30 years ago can no longer be assumed. The notion of "build it and they will come" is becoming less and less viable as a way of sharing the faith and cultivating a community.

Many of us have been reading and discussing People of the Way by Dwight Zscheile as a way of preparing for the 9th. It is only 130 pages and costs on \$14.26 on Amazon. While it is insightful, reading it is NOT a prerequisite for the day.

St. Barnabas has held a valuable and vital place in the faith community of Greensboro for over 40 years. As the American culture changes, so must we. Our faith and hope remain consistent and growing. The way we engage and live with the world around must evolve and change so that we can remain vital to a wider world and those whom we hope to serve.

Between the foundation of the insights of Dwight Zscheile and a parish conversation facilitated by Thomas Brackett, we couldn't do much better in addressing these issues. Our success or failure

will hinge on our commitment to and participation in this process. Please do set May 9, 2015 aside for this good work. Please remain active and participate in the conversations and work that will continue afterward. This will be a process instead of an event. Millions have worked faithfully over the centuries to pass along the hope that Christ brings to the world. Let us do our part in passing it along to others. Let us find a new place in the world, a new way to serve the world, and a new way to live together in community.

As I close, I offer a prayer for our community. Please pray it with me,

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Please know that I remain...

Yours in Christ,

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Parish Conversation Day with Father Thomas Brackett

May 9, 2015, 9:30-2:30 PM
Lunch will be provided.

Please remember in your prayers: Donnie Virgil, Jr., Pat Springer, Valerie Marshall, Jeremiah Meyer, Elda Menendez, Georgia Amick, Judy & Jerry Brown, Carla Morgan, Roger Maynard, Benny Patrick, Jr., Christopher Meacham, Eve Meacham, Amy Thomas & Miranda, Layla Fox, Troy Yow and Family, Anne Marie and David Franklin, Bettie Jo and Don Wilson, David Aycock, Shannon Buckner, Tara & Lisa Childress, Rowene Clark, Jeremy S., Roger McFarland, Marvin Aycock, Cassie McKee, Jin Joe White, Robbin Bach, Davilynn Furlow, Herbert Menendez, Jenny Smith, Lydia James, Bianca Ruiz, Julie Newell, Monica Franco, Lucy Acosta, Mary Sayers Green, Carter Cummings, John, Charlie & Cheryl Kail, Carol, Pam Bello, James Clark, 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.

End of Sunday School – May 17, 2015

May 17th will mark the end of our Sunday School year. Thanks to all who participated.

Lenten Soup Suppers

A huge thank you to Jane and Chuck Kasai for helping to set up every Wednesday morning and for their help in the kitchen.

We couldn't have had our Soup Suppers without the delicious soups and/or breads from the following: Joee Barbour, Leslie Bland, Betty Brown, Ann Davies, Tony Davies, Tracy Hensley, Marcia House, Jane Kasai, Ann Long, Jackie Maisano, Jo Ellen McFarland, Karen Meacham, Christine Merriman, David Merriman, Pam Myers, Sue Navarro, Nancy Poulos and Mary Lee Rembert.

I appreciate Ann Carter, Stephanie Edwards, Jane Kasai, Christine Merriman and Mary Lee Rembert for helping with clean-up.

We're looking forward to next year's Lent.
Marcia House

Kudos to Marcia House for organizing our Lenten Soup Suppers and her help in making them a resounding success again this year.

Trash Volunteers

Thanks to our April volunteer, Bill Myers and our May volunteer, Tony Davies. A sheet is on the bulletin board for volunteers.

2015 Mowing Volunteers

Thanks to mowing volunteers, Bill Myers, Doug Meacham, Jack Alford, Luis Navarro and Joe Barbour. If you are interested in volunteering but have not yet signed up for another season of **mowing.... we really need you.** A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.



On Saturday, May 9, 2015, Letter Carriers in our area and across the nation will perform double duty on their routes delivering the mail and collecting food donations to benefit hunger-relief organizations, including ours, during the 23rd Annual Letter Carriers' **STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE. It's easy to participate!**

On Stamp Out Hunger Day (Saturday, May 9, 2015), simply place your non-perishable food donations in a grocery bag next to your mailbox. (No glass please.) Area letters carriers working closely with our organization and other benefiting organizations will ensure that your donations reach those in need in our community.

Stamp Out Hunger Drive Comes at Critical Time

The Stamp Out Hunger Drive comes at a time when holiday donations are long gone and the majority of children who depend on free and reduced school meal programs will soon lose access to this important source of nutrition. Donations to the "Stamp Out Hunger Drive" are an important way area residents can help Second Harvest Food Bank and its partner network assist struggling families in local communities during the weeks school is closed for summer.

Get Your Group Involved!

We encourage civic groups, faith communities, schools and other area organizations to organize special collection efforts in support of the "Stamp Out Hunger" drive. Second Harvest Food Bank can provide food collection bins and posters to support your efforts. For more information, contact Joseph Kilar at 336.784.5770 or [e-mail him](#).



May 10, 2015



Thanks for your continued support of The Servant Center.

Food Pantry needs include:

- Canned Food: – corn, peas, green beans, carrots, fruit cocktail, peaches, pears, soup, spaghetti sauce, ravioli, beef stew, salmon and tuna. (Soups and stew are especially good during colder weather.)
- Bagged/Boxed Foods: – macaroni & cheese, pasta, oatmeal, cereal, jelly, shelf-stable milk, and peanut butter.
- Personal Items: – deodorant, paper towels, disposable diapers, shampoo, toilet paper, paper towel, and toothpaste.

May

- 1st – Wendy Wheeler
- 4th – Jane Kasai
- 7th – Helen Shirley
- 7th – Peggy Reeve
- 11th – Chuck Kasai
- 12th – Cecilia Rembert
- 13th – Dora Speight
- 17th – Michael Short
- 18th – Ethan Whitman
- 20th – Luis Navarro
- 25th – Bill Myers
- 27th – Lil Barrett
- 29th – The Rev. Bill Poulos
- 29th – Tony Saenz



- May 4th – Ann & Bill Fincke
- May 22nd – Sandra Ritter and David Gardiner
- May 31st – Ann & Tony Davies



Congratulations to Edgar & Elda Menendez on the birth of their grandson, Jaxon David Speight Aquino, born April 20, 2015, 7 pounds 11 ounces and 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches long. Both mother and baby are doing great.

Parish Directory Update

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!

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