



St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

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Dear Friends,

If you will recall our Stewardship Letter this year, it asked people to do a few things. One was participating in our Annual Pledge Drive. To those who have submitted their pledges, thank you so very much. You enable us to continue our work here in Greensboro and make differences in the lives of many people. If you haven't returned a Pledge Card, please consider doing so. It is a privilege for us who have some means to share what we have for the benefit of others and the Church. The other things were listed this way:

Let us all consider a simple promise to God and to one another. May we promise to:

PRAY DAILY for one another and the world around us.

WORSHIP WEEKLY in community.

READ, STUDY, & LEARN for our own spiritual and emotional growth.

CARE for ourselves and one another seeking joy, health, and well being.

HONOR ALL as children of God.

TEACH OUR CHILDREN that they may be graceful members of the community.

GIVE GENEROUSLY toward the healing of God's Creation.

ACTIVELY VOLUNTEER & SERVE in the Parish and in the Community.

It is the last promise that I would like to speak to today. Whether you know it or not, the people of St. Barnabas are **ACTIVELY VOLUNTEERING AND SERVING** hundreds within Greensboro and outside Greensboro. Since most of you won't toot your own horns, please allow me to do it a bit. The list that follows will be incomplete. Much more work is being done quietly, without fanfare or notice by most. This is some of what the people of St. Barnabas do:

Bereavement Counseling
Translators

Hospice Care for adults and children
Scouting

English as a 2nd Language
Community Gardening

Work with the Physically Disabled
Literacy Training

Art Instruction
Hunger Programs

Horsepower

Housing Programs

Music Ministries

Environmental Sustainability

Medical Transportation

Drama/The Arts for the Disabled

Urban Ministry Meals
"Beautiful People"

Transitions from Jail/Prison

Farm Worker Ministry

Battered Women & Children Care

Hospital Chaplaincy

Friends for the Homeless and Mentally Ill

Meals on Wheels

American Legion

Ronald McDonald House

Anti-Racism Work

Support for Haiti

Support for The Congo

International Student Exchange

Alcohol and Drug Addiction Treatment
Writing

Work with the Learning Disabled
Immigration Support

Civil Rights for Gay and Lesbian Persons
Rotary

Wildlife Habitat Restoration
Peace Advocacy
Retirement Counseling
Carpentry & Home Repair
Refugee Resettlement
Inter-Faith Relationships
Medical Care of the Undocumented
Teaching

As you can see, we are a busy bunch. Our time together on Sundays is but a fraction of who we are and what we do. Because of my place as vicar of the congregation, I have the opportunity to come to know what our many of our members are doing quietly. I look out over our congregation each Sunday feeling a sense of awe when I pause to consider it all.

Each week, we gather together to support one another and to be nourished with the life of God in Eucharist. From that place, we are sent out by Deacon Beth to be the hands, heart, and voice of God in the world. Often, she says, "Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord." From the list above, please know that your friends, brothers, and sisters are listening. May we honor one another for the work that is being done. May we continue to support one another for the work that is yet to be done.

If I were God (which Wanda tells me I'm not), I would look at you all and say, "Well done good and faithful servants!" Then I might suggest Beth change the Prayer Book and say, "Go in Peace to Love and Serve Some More!!"

Please know that it is my honor to be here with you all. Please know that I remain...

Yours in Christ,

Randall J. Keeney

Deacon's Dialogue:

Thank you for your prayers and love during my mother's illness and move to heaven. She was ready to be flying around seeing all the people she loves in heaven, rather than be unable to move independently the way she was during her last three months. She continued to "adopt" people into her family until the end: her caregivers, friends of her daughters, Africans, "neighbors" who are experiencing homelessness, anyone needing to belong to a loving family. All my sisters, Ray, and her nursing assistant (and newest "daughter") Tiffany were with her when she died, holding her hand and singing hymns in Tshiluba and English. Since then, we have been cleaning out her

apartment and dividing things to give away, but we are celebrating her life, not mourning her death. The pain is gone, the joy is here.

Mama had been an incredible caregiver for Father and for Grandmother, yet she turned enthusiastically to reaching out to God's other children right after their deaths so that gave us an example of faith and living into God's kingdom. I think I surprised my co-workers and board members when I showed up for work the next day, instead of showing respect for the dead. But, like the quote from Mother Jones, "Pray for the dead, fight like hell for the living." The homeless infants in car seats while their mamas try to find housing, the older man with disabilities struggling to keep his apartment after years of homelessness, the Montagnard refugees facing foreclosure after being laid off from their jobs, the single dad whose house is making his son's asthma much worse: these are the people to work for now that Mama doesn't need me to rub her feet.

Again, thank you for your prayers. It is time to fight like hell for people to have a roof over their heads. Join me at the Housing Summit (see details). Amen.

Beth McKee-Huger

Please remember in your prayers: Gale Edwards, Matthew Principe', Edward Nehliey, Ann McCurdy, Chuck Smithers, Sheri Martin, Ray & Beth McKee-Huger and family, Bill Fulmer, Cinith Howington, Betty Brown, Warren Wilson, Vera, Apryl, & James, Christopher Wolfe, Liz Warren, Helen & Clarence Parker, Imogene Long, James Smith, Timothy Best, Jean Olmstead, Jimmy Estes, Anne McKee, Peggy Reeve, Thornton Wierum, Ali Broshar, Lola & Leonard Goff, William Olson, Rose Mertz, Ron Tellier, and for the caregivers of the sick. For those who have died: James Smith, Anne McKee, Steve Warren.

If you would like to have someone or something listed for prayer, please call or email the parish (294-1282 or office@stbarnabasgreensboro.net).

Sunday School Schedule

February 5 - Discussion of the Parable of the Good Shepherd and how that applies to us today

February 12 - Make Valentines to be distributed to residents of Greensboro Manor and Whittier Nursing Center at Friends Homes

February 19 - Discussion of different religious denominations before some of the congregation attend joint choir performance of several different churches

February 26 - First Sunday in Lent- Discussion of different kinds of crosses as we prepare to make crosses for the Gardiner Memorial Nature Trail behind the church

March 4 - Begin to make crosses

March 11 - Lenten lessons and activities

March 18 - Complete the crosses

March 25 - Lenten lessons and activities

April 1 - Palm Sunday - make palm crosses

April 8 - Easter - No Sunday School. Bring flowers for the cross.

After Easter we will begin a series of lessons and activities in the garden about sustainable gardens. We look forward to an exciting Sunday School program and hope all of you will want to participate. If you have any suggestions or would like to help, let us know.

Nancy Poulos, Mary Lee Rembert, and Father Randall

Ash Wednesday Services

February 22, 2012

7:30 AM, 12:15 PM, & 7:00 PM

Shrove Tuesday

The event is still in the planning stages. A meal will be served from 6:00-8:00 PM. Details will follow at a later date.

MEMORIES

What a wonderful lady. We will all sure miss Anne McKee – her big smile, her very up-beat attitude, her kindness, and her wonderful example. If you are thinking about giving a contribution in her memory, please consider Beth's Deacon's Discretionary Fund. I am sure that would please Ann, and it certainly can't hurt having somebody with her influence in heaven looking down favorably upon us.

HandyCable Network: Recycling Computers

Carole McLean and Kim Greene are working with a wonderful program called HandyCable Network. This program "enriches" the lives of people with special needs by teaching them technology skills" to reuse and recycle old computers, monitors, etc., For more information, see the St B Website or call 209-7360 or info@handycapable.org.

Smaller-Scale Recycling

The recycling box is available for used CFL bulbs, batteries, wine corks, cell phones, and plastic caps from milk bottles. Just drop them in and they'll be recycled.

Book Recycling

If you have not seen the bookshelf Luis Navarro built for the book donations, take a look at the back of the parish hall. The shelves look great and make it easy to donate books you have finished and find something new to read.

Community Garden

It's February and time to think about the community garden. If you're interested in having a plot, talk to Pam or Bill Myers or Ann Davies.

FLOORS THAT SHINE

Did you take a gander at how nice the floors in the parish hall look these days? Bright and shiny....and clean! Boy they look a lot better. So let's all give a big thanks to Edgar and Elda and their little elves. So not only do Edgar and Elda keep the church looking good every week, but they also give us little treats like soap and towel dispensers in the bathrooms, and clean, waxed floors. Thanks be to God.

Housing Summit 2012

Green & Healthy Makes Sen\$e

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

8:15 am -2:00 pm

Emerald Event Center

2000 E. Wendover Avenue

The Housing Summit will be a tremendous opportunity for inspiration, networking, and new partnerships. Shirley Franklin, CEO of Purpose Built Communities (www.purposebuiltcommunities.org) and former Mayor of Atlanta, will be the keynote speaker. Energy efficient healthy homes are a smart investment—for homeowners, neighborhoods, rental owners, public officials, lenders, and developers. Preventing housing deterioration helps educators and health care providers, homeless prevention groups and refugee advocates.

Mayor Robbie Perkins will present awards to outstanding organizations for their contributions to Greensboro in the areas of Housing Our Neighbors, Building Healthy Homes, and Sustaining Neighborhoods.

Hand Chimes and "Thanks"

To all my friends at St. Barnabas,

Many thanks for the gift you gave me on Christmas Eve. This is the greatest church in the Diocese because of the wonderful and loving people in it. I can't wait to get back. This has been quite an unpleasant experience (my broken knee).

We will start with the hand chimes again as soon as we can when I return. You did a great job Christmas Eve and I look forward to hearing them again.

Peace and Love,
Betty B.

PAC the House!

Bell House is again participating in The Human Race, sponsored by The Volunteer Center. Bell House is going retro this year with the theme of Pac Man, and their goal is to "PAC the House with donations." St. Barnabas' members have been steadfast supporters of Bell House, and Elizabeth, Chris and I are greatly appreciative of your donations. Any of us are glad to accept your tax-deductible contributions directly, with checks made out to **The Human Race (memo: Bell House in Elizabeth's and/or Chris's names)**, or donations may be mailed to Carrie Cummings, Bell House, 2400 Summit Ave., Greensboro, NC 27405. The website for online donations has been set up at [Human Race-Bell House](#), with both Chris and Elizabeth listed.

The Race is on **Saturday, March 31, 9:45 A.M.**, beginning at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex. You are welcome to walk along with us and enjoy the after-party refreshments and awards ceremony.

As always, thank you very much for donating to Bell House in The Human Race.

All of the residents and I appreciate your generosity!
Ann Long

Counselors

The Rev. Rocky Rachal is an Episcopal priest with over 20 years of ordained experience. He is beginning a Spiritual Direction practice for individuals and groups. Rocky is trained through the Haden Institute and uses a Jungian perspective for direction. If you are interested in entering into a relationship of spiritual direction, please call him at [336-707-5983](tel:336-707-5983) or email him at "rocky.rachal@gmail.com". Rocky will be meeting with individuals and groups in the new Parlor in St. Barnabas Administrative Building. His hours will be determined by his appointments.

Melissa Malone, M.Ed., BCN is a Neuro/Biofeedback Trainer and Learning Specialist. She has a Master's degree in learning disabilities and is a board certified Neurofeedback provider. She works with children and adults who are experiencing challenges related to attention, learning, and performance. Melissa will be meeting with individuals in the new Parlor in St. Barnabas Administrative Building. Her hours will be determined by her appointments. If you or others would like to contact her, you may call her at 404-668-3492 or email her at "mmalone.01@gmail.com".

Leslie R. Bland, P.L.L.C., has opened a practice, Country Hills Counseling, at 603 Dolley Madison Rd., Suite 208. Leslie has a Master of Arts in Counseling and is a Licensed Professional Counselor in NC and a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor with over 24 years of experience in counseling with Mental Health Agencies, State Agencies, Independent Living Programs, Developmental Services Programs, Supported Employment Programs and Crisis Intervention Clinics. Also on staff is Leslie's husband, The Rev. T.J. Bland, Sr. T. J. has an Associate Degree in Divinity. He has over 15 years of experience in Career Planning, Life Skills Training and Socialization, experience with Pastoral issues and outreach to the Community.

The practice specializes in disability-related issues and rehabilitation counseling to cope with life-changing disabling conditions and accompanying lifestyle changes. They also offer help with depression and anxiety, career counseling and development, and grief and loss issues. They may be contacted at (336) 662-3982 until Feb. 15th. After mid-February, contact them at (336) 285-7501, Fax. (336) 662-3982 or lrblan105@gmail.com.

Trash & Recycling Volunteers

February – Bill Fincke
March – Bill Fincke

A sign-up sheet is located on the main bulletin board.

St. Barnabas has a new email address.

We're changing, and we trust upgrading, Internet Service Providers, and very soon the Clearwire email address that we've been using forever will go away.

Starting now, please send email to office@stbarnabasgreensboro.net instead. The Clearwire account will work for a little while longer, but we can't quite say when it will stop working. So just to be sure, we ask that you please start using office@stbarnabasgreensboro.net right away.

Thanks – Tony

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Thanks for your continued support of The Servant Center. Current needs are for protein sources especially soups with meat, canned tuna, salmon, Spam, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, oatmeal, dry milk, and macaroni & cheese. Soups and stews are especially good as the weather turns colder.

Jo Ellen & Roger McFarland



February birthdays

- 2nd – Evan Campfield
- 3rd – Gayle Taylordean
- 6th – Yvonne Needham
- 7th – Sam Heroy
- 9th - Ray Huger, Karen Meacham, Leslie Bland
- 13th – Hannah Keeney
- 16th – Pam Peterson
- 18th – Jim Landon
- 20th – The Rev. Randall J. Keeney
- 22nd – Duncan Taylordean
- 26th – Eric Campbell

Community Events

Choir Festival 2012

Come out to enjoy a very special **11 am Morning Service at New Garden Friends Meeting on February 19, 2012.** Persimmon Grove AME, Collins Grove UMC, and New Garden Friends are worshipping together in song and in praise!!! There will be a combined choir. This service has been phenomenal in the past! What a wonderful way to enjoy fellowship together! It will be a great day!

A potluck dinner will be served immediately following the service. Feel free to bring your specialty.

I look forward to seeing all of you there!! If you have any further questions or need directions, please go to www.ngfm.org or call the church office (336) 292-5487.

Lavinia Jackson
Persimmon Grove AME

Living the Golden Rule

How much do we really know about the rich variety of faith traditions in our community?

For 17 years, The National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) has brought together individuals of all faiths for an afternoon of fellowship and community building as they tour houses of worship across the Triad. The Interfaith Tour offers a unique opportunity to hear from a diverse group of leaders in our faith community and develop a stronger appreciation of different belief systems. Through the Interfaith Tour and other programs, NCCJ seeks to promote understanding and respect among all cultures, races and religions.

NCCJ is delighted to announce the 2012 Interfaith Tour in Greensboro – **Sunday, February 12 from 2 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.** This year's tour will give guests an opportunity to visit houses of worship from the Muslim, Jewish, and Christian faiths:

- Temple Emanuel, 1129 Jefferson Road, Greensboro
- Saint Pius the Tenth Roman Catholic Church, 220 State Street, Greensboro
- The Islamic Center of Greensboro, 2023 16th Street, Greensboro

Check-in will begin promptly at 1:45 p.m. at Temple Emanuel. Immediately following the conclusion of the tour, NCCJ Youth Ambassadors will facilitate small-group discussions about how individuals from different faith groups can work together to foster understanding. Guests will have an opportunity to converse over light refreshments at the Islamic Center.

Individuals and groups are welcome. If you would like more information or want to register for the tour, contact

Ashley at abowman@nccjtriad.org, by phone at 272-0359 ext. 16 or visit www.nccjtriad.org.

Parish Directory Update

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

Directory Additions:

Carol Hutchenson
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Randy & Maggie Neustel
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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.

With warmest thanks,
Karen Bagley