

The Salter

You are the salt
of the earth.
Matthew 5:13

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July 4th Celebration

Come join the St. Barnabas' family on Sunday, July 4th, to watch the fireworks. This has become a great event to gather early, grill on the patio, then the youth will sell blizzards and snow-cones, pop corn and manage parking in our lot...It's a great time for fellowship and celebrate Independence Day!

Friday Lunch

Schedule:

July and August will be on the third Friday of the month: July 16th and August 20th. The next Friday lunch will be on July 16th at noon. Please sign-up in Narthex.



Vacation Bible School

The date for this summer's Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be, Saturday, July 24th.

Relay For Life

Aug. 6th & August 7th are the dates for the Relay For Life fundraiser that will be held at Hazelwood Central High School at 15955 New Halls Ferry Road, from 6pm til 6am.



This is sponsored by the American Cancer Society in order to raise money for all those who suffer from this disease. All are welcome!

Spiritually Charged Celebration a New Ministry: The Rev. Renee L. Fenner

June 24, 2010 represented many things: the fifth anniversary of The Rev. Fenner's ordination as a priest, the 50th anniversary of the Rev. Emery Washington's ordination to the diaconate, the Feast of the Nativity of John the Baptist, and one rocking, celebratory, spiritually charged worship service at St. Barnabas' Church during which Renee Fenner became the Rector per acclamation of the congregation and per the blessing and affirmation of Bishop George Wayne Smith.

Those in attendance were very moved by the energy of the worship service and made the following comments: "My favorite part was when the Bishop asked if we were ready to accept Renee as our rector. There was a loud, resounding "We Are!!!" "I think that [describing the service] is like music – music is for expressing emotions you can't put into words. The best I can do is say that we should be able to live off the energy of that night for months to come."

"There was such a sense of joy in the room and you could truly feel God's presence blessing us and uniting us as a parish family." The source of the emotion and energy came from three congregations from Renee's life; St. Alphonsus "the Rock" Catholic Church, Christ Church Cathedral, and St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church, Florissant, came together in one nave to celebrate and renew Renee's ministry.

"Jesus was definitely in the house!"

The service was described as: beautiful, emotional, inspiring, great music, uplifting, the best in years, moving, soulful, with strong spirit-filled, congregational singing. "It was great to have such a full church" (180 present). "I thought the installation ceremony...reaffirmed we have the right candidate. The Bishop did a wonderful job, and how about "the Rock" choir? There was such deep, soulful passion in their singing." "Leah and the choir were truly uplifting...I felt the Holy Spirit!!" "I loved the emotion that the Rev. Renee showed to express her appreciation."

Words of praise from one of our supply priests, the Rev. Emery Washington, Sr.: "Alice and I were blessed to witness the confluence of several strands of hopes and aspiration for St. Barnabas Episcopal Church and their new rector, the Rev. Renee L. Fenner -- St. Barnabas' search for a new rector, the role of women as they take their rightful place as rectors of major churches in this diocese, and the dream of many Roman Catholic sisters to exercise their ministry for the whole church. Congratulations to the Rev. Renee L. Fenner and St. Barnabas. May you have a long and prosperous ministry in North County!"

"We are truly blessed to have Reverend Renee." From a former Cathedral member and now St. Barnabas' parishioner: "God's grace and mercy be always with you, Renee." □ From friends and parishioners of St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

Looking Ahead

Fall Schedule:

Sept. 12th: Worship services at 8am & 10:45am.
Choir at 9:00am.
Sunday School at 9:45am.



VESTRY NOTES



The following notes are a summary of the actual vestry minutes, which are posted each month on the bulletin board outside the church office. Parishioners are invited to attend vestry meetings unless a closed session is called.

Sr. Warden, Dave Sinclair opened the June 9, 2010 meeting with prayer. Eight of the nine vestry members were present, also present were the Rev. Renee Fenner, Karen Birr, Clerk to the Vestry, Mike Dobbs, finance committee member, and Judy Skinker representing the kitchen committee. The minutes of the May 12, 2010 Vestry meeting were approved as amended.

Finance: Treasurer, John Palmer presented the May Statement of Condition. Highlights of the Statements: Pledge payments as of May 31st are **\$54,445**, which is over budget by \$4,976. Operating receipts are **\$67,048**, which is over budget by \$6,100. Year to date expenses are **\$58,631**, which is under budget by \$13,840, resulting in a surplus of \$8,417.

We received the gas bill for the amount of \$3405. This was our first bill for 2010 since the gas meter was broken and had to be fixed. May's bill was \$108. An audit will be done on Wednesday, June 23 with St. Timothy's Episcopal Church's treasurer, Alice Fitch, and assistant treasurer, Rick Sharp.

Kitchen Fund: Judy requested suggestions from the Vestry regarding the stoneware dishes previously purchased that now has been replaced by Corel dishware. Dave Sinclair gave Judy a list of charities to call, and Gateway Shelter, which was Dave's preference, gratefully accepted the dishes.

Building and Grounds: (Dennis Haefner, Junior Warden): Narthex Beautification Committee: Clark Burton, Mary Anselmo, Debbie Haefner, Dusty Hasler, Ed Manton, Holly Garrett, Dennis Haefner and The Rev. Renee Fenner are the members of this committee. They met on Sunday, May 30th. They will come up with a list of what they think could be done.

They will then come to Vestry for final approval

Computers/Software: (Debbie Palmer): Software –Debbie distributed examples of parish directories that can be assembled by our new software. It was decided to use the line after line with names, addresses, email addresses and cell phone numbers with main phone numbers on the right side. They

will also have groups and leaders included. A visitor's packet will be created.

Outreach: (Harry Goff, Sharon Howe, Bob Weisgerber): TEAM/Hunger Fund: checks for \$295 will be sent to both T.E.A.M. and the Diocesan Hunger Fund. ECM Birthday Party: Our next opportunity to host the County Juvenile Detention Center birthday party is Friday, September 10 at 6pm.

Communications/Pastoral Care: (Ron Grames, Cam Murphy): Website: The redesign is finished, except for adding the mission statement. The Rev. Renee Fenner's sermons can now be streamed on our website.

Worship Services/Altar Guild: Thursday, June 24 is the installation service for the Rev. Renee Fenner. The book "Enriching our Worship" will be used. Rehearsal for this event will be Wednesday, June 23. There will be a reception following the service in Tudor Hall. Bishop George Wayne Smith, Archdeacon Mark Sluss, Mike Dobbs, Holly Garrett, Terri Denicke and Joy Nwanganga will participate in the service.

Youth Group/ Christian Education: Vacation Bible School: We will not be joining St. Stephen's Church for planning vacation Bible school. Rafting Trip: The float trip will be July 15-17, 2010.

Rector's Report: (The Rev. Renee Fenner): On June 28th, she will have been at St. Barnabas' for 3 months. She thanked everyone for making these 3 months very enjoyable.

Old Business: Vestry Retreat: we might use John Knox church for the Vestry Retreat. July would be a good month since there is no Vestry meeting. Cell Tower: Ron reported that we now have a 5-yr guaranteed contract with U.S. Cellular paying us \$765 per month.

Next Meeting: As there will be no vestry meeting during July, the next meeting will be –

Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at 7pm. □

Mike Dobbs, for the vestry





Just a Word...

It has been a few days now since our Celebration of New Ministry on the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. And what a celebration it was! An overflowing church, nearly two dozen clergy, two choirs, and a reception unlike any other! And God was praised!!!

While it would be easy to continue to bask in what was, we must now turn our focus to what we can accomplish as a "new" parish family here in North County. Bishop Smith challenged us in his sermon to be as radical as John the Baptizer was in proclaiming God's kingdom and the Messiah who was to come. For us, it means a *radical* commitment in how we will live, work, and worship together. It also means that we must make a *radical* commitment to reach out and invite in those brothers and sisters in our neighborhood and in our community. How we will accomplish this will take a lot of sharing, visioning, brainstorming, and prayer! And then, ACTION!

As I have said earlier there is a BIG difference between being involved and being committed. I strongly encourage each of us to look at how we can work together as partners in the mission of Christ's Church. I strongly encourage each of us to explore how we can better use our gifts of **time, talent and treasure** for the greater good and to God's glory. Is God calling YOU to do something *radically* and totally different than you have in the past?

I am up for the task. Let's do it TOGETHER!

God's blessings to you and to those you love!

Your sister in the Redeemer,
Rev. Renee+



SENIOR WARDEN

June 24th was the formal ending of our search process. For the last two years we have grown together as a parish family. We have overcome and endured and we are a stronger congregation. That night was very important to our church family and the service was incredible. I received many complements after the service.

And I let everyone know I am only a small part of this family. The last two years I have depended on our members to keep our church going. With each challenge, we seem to get stronger and stronger. I was very pleased and very proud to be a member of St. Barnabas' Church. I appreciate everyone's participation and thank you for a great night.

As the Sinclair family is preparing for our annual summer vacation to beautiful Tybee Island, Georgia, I want to take this opportunity to discuss several items. The first item is attendance. We have done an excellent job with our attendance over the past two years. In fact, since the Rev. Fenner has come to St. Barnabas' Church our attendance has increased. However, in the past years during the summer our attendance has trended down to between 50 and 70. I realize that the congregation usually takes vacations during the summer, but if you are in town please make every effort to come to our church. We welcome everyone at St. Barnabas' Church. If you have children, relatives, or friends visiting please bring them to our church.

Another item that I wanted to mention was scheduling and participation for our services. I know since we are now on our summer schedule and with worship now starting at 9:00am, we have to get up earlier and it is harder to make it to church on time. All participants in the service need to be at the church before 8:45am. If our participants aren't ready by 8:45am then they are at risk of being replaced. If you are scheduled and you can't participate, then it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Please do not call Amy and have her try to find a replacement. You are much more familiar with the roles of our participants in the service. If everyone arrives at the last minute, then you can feel the tension in the service. We want our services to be positive and uplifting, without stress or tension.

My final item is about financial responsibility. This is more a pat on the back than anything else. We have been doing a GREAT job keeping our financial obligation to St. Barnabas current. During the summer while on vacation, we need to make sure we remember our church. We are going to have a very hot summer, which means high air conditioning bills. Please try to keep your pledges current.

As I mentioned above, my family will be at the beach from June 26th to July 4th. If you need to contact me during this time my cell phone number is 636-634-1917. I just received a new phone and it is still breaking me in. So if I accidentally hit the wrong button and hang up, it was not on purpose and please try again.

Faithfully yours,
David Sinclair



JR WARDEN

Building and Grounds

The Narthex Beautification Committee met on Sunday June 6 to begin the planning process. I asked each member to make a list of ideas for committee to review. We plan to meet again on June 27 to review all ideas and to develop a list of workable items.

The annual July 4th "Protect the Church Grounds and Fireworks Watch" will start at 4pm on July 4th. The grill will be set up for barbecuing your favorite meat. Bring a side dish to share and join in the fellowship. I am asking for volunteers to help with set up and takedown of the tent, tables, and equipment. Come join us for a good time. □



Dennis Haefner
Jr. Warden

Ask us and you shall receive

If you do not have a name badge for the worship service, or you are not receiving our monthly newsletter, *The Salter*, or you are new to our church and have not told the church secretary your birthday (or it did not appear in the newsletter), or you know someone who is ill or in the hospital...please inform Amy, in the office, and we will do our best to serve you. If we slip and forget, please remind us.

Thank you.

Christian Education

Vacation Bible School



This summer's Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held on Saturday, July 24th.

Our focus this summer will be the Genesis story of Noah's Ark (Genesis 6:5-9:19). Please sign-up to volunteer to help (crew?) or attend (passengers?) on the sheet provided in the Narthex. We are planning plenty of fun activities (stories, crafts, games, songs) at St. Barnabas in the morning, and then a field trip (weather permitting) to check out some of the flood survivors in the afternoon. □

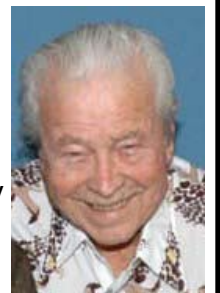
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NEW PRAYER BOOKS NEEDED!

Many of our prayer books (The Book of Common Prayer) are beginning to look tattered and torn. Some pews are even short of them! Would YOU be willing to help raise monies for or donate a new book?

Carlos "Buddy" Moreno Turns 98!



On July 14th, Buddy Moreno will turn 98. He has enjoyed a very full life including being a member of the famous Harry James Band, his own St. Louis band with Perri, his wife being a singer. Buddy spent many years with Perri whom he really cherished per statements from his children, Julie and Rick. If you would like to send Buddy a card, please contact the church office for information.

ECW Summer Activities

Hello to all the women of St. Barnabas. I hope you are relaxing this summer and taking care of yourself. One way to pamper yourself is to join the ladies for the "Just for Fun" activities. Holly Garrett is the contact person for our July 14th. outing. We will go to the St. Louis Zoo! To avoid the possible heat of the day we will carpool from St. Barnabas at 9 am.. There is a tram so walking everywhere is not necessary! I plan to pet the stingrays and visit the penguin and puffin house. We will eat lunch at the Boathouse in Forest Park.

Mary Anselmo is the contact person for our August 11 outing. We will go to the History Museum! Coincidentally our Red Hat Chapter has chosen the same day to tour the Vatican Splendors so we will join them and receive the discounted group rate of \$17 per person for the tour. We will carpool from St. Barnabas in the morning at a time yet to be determined. Lunch will be at the Museum in the new Bixby's Restaurant. Please sign up on the sheets in the Narthex and remember to call the contact person if you are unable to go.

The Chocolate Covered Strawberries were a great success! Thanks to all the ladies who helped.



There are no fundraisers planned for July or August. Did I just hear a huge hooray? Don't worry we will be back in the fall with many opportunities for you. A big thank you to everyone who participated in the fundraisers. Without your support the monies we give to various organizations could never happen. The Socks Hamper is waiting to be filled with comfy socks of all sizes for recipients at Room at the Inn. Be generous to those who are starting over. Remember many are but a paycheck or two away from being on the street! □

Mary Anselmo.

Giving with Gratitude

A week ago I was listening to Charles Osgood on KMOX radio. I was amazed by the news he reported about a recent dinner meeting that Bill Gates and William Buffett had organized among their billionaire friends. The guests included Ted Turner, Oprah Winfrey, Donald Trump, and nine others.

The principal topic was how each of these philanthropically inclined billionaires had arrived at their individual plans for intentional giving. Charles Osgood added that the members replied, when questioned, that gratitude and not guilt was behind their giving. And that is the way that God asks us to respond... joyfully and with gratitude. Their challenge in giving as a group is a total of \$600 billion. A website was reportedly set up to facilitate the information gathering and the giving.

Does this surprise us? Well, Jesus did say that it would be easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God. The scriptures also tell us that all things are possible with the LORD. The beneficence of these very wealthy persons is one such example of God's power.

But this should not humble us. God asks us to give a portion of what we have, and to give it freely to Him. And that is what 71,800 St. Louisans and their neighbors did at the recent Komen Race for the Cure as \$3.3 million was raised. Each person was giving back to society and to God from what he/she had. Someday, hopefully, a cure for breast cancer will be found. In the meantime, women who do not have the financial means can receive free mammograms.

What can each of us do? Someone could have made it 71,801 persons participating in the Race for the Cure. Other causes are presented to us daily, some on the news, some by the faces of the homeless (most of whom are children), the victims of natural disasters and home fires, and the Jerry Lewis MD Telethon will be a national call to action on Labor Day weekend.

Each Sunday during our worship service there is an opportunity to give in thanksgiving as the offering plate is passed making giving a part of ones worship, as Jacob so did in the desert. Jacob gave of what he had, and he gave it as he worshipped God and gave Him thanks. (Genesis 28:22). □ Mike Dobbs

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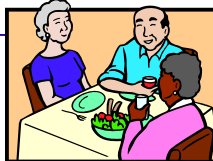


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PARISH FAMILY



Pastoral Care



Visitations were made in June to Jim Willerton and Buddy Moreno. Holy Communion was given to Margaret McCoy and Lorraine Horton.



This Salter is combined for July and August. The next Salter will be mailed Thursday, September 3rd.

Have a great summer!

Tony Bertolino	July 2
Joseph Bosch	July 3
Max Burnham	July 3
Vivian Hartsfield	July 5
RaSun Ford	July 9
Ed Manton	July 9
Buddy Moreno	July 14
Ryden Grames	July 18
Bruce Vantine	July 21
Bethany Tudor	July 25
Abigail Haefner	July 28
Kenneth Hoppe	July 29
Lydia Stillman	July 29
Richard Lair	July 30
Dorothy Bertolino	August 1
Renee L. Fenner	August 2
Brian Boyd	August 4
Lorraine Horton	August 4
Pat Hoppe	August 5
James Ashby	August 9
Kene Chukwuano	August 11
Betty Hoefener	August 13
Lynn Grames	August 16
Thomas Tudor	August 16
Jim Howe	August 18
Mary Anselmo	August 24
Cam Murphy	August 27
Happy Birthday!	