

The Steeple Bell

of St. Barnabas Parish



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Annual Meeting Recap

A Quorum of 115 people was present at the St. Barnabas Annual Meeting on Sunday February 3, 2008. There was a spirit of cheerful optimism among the congregants. And for good reason! People were happy to hear that our new rector, the Rev. Paul Garrett would be joining us the Sunday after Easter.

The church financials finished the year in the black. The Water for People soup project was resuming, and we had a superb slate of candidates for the Vestry. Five new Vestry members were elected by paper ballot and in absentia by sealed envelopes and e-mail to the office. Our new Vestry members are: Mary Duell, John Lind, Janet Manning, Meredith Wakelyn and Jody Will.

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Three of the new Vestry members will serve for three years, one for two years and one for one year. The terms of all five new members will be determined by drawing straws at the first meeting of the Vestry on February .

As Acting Rector, Deb Angell proposed that Lynn Hoffman and Karen Esten be elected to the posts of Senior and Junior warden respectively. The motion was carried by voice vote and was unanimous.

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respectively.**

Vestry member and Finance Committee Chair, Judy Ward, gave a thorough explanation of St. Barnabas' financials for 2007 and 2008, presenting the Consolidated Balance Sheet, Statement of Activities, Operating Income and Expenses for 2007 and the 2008 Budget Recommendations. The Operating income and expense report is posted on page 3 of this issue. Judy also explained that last year the church went through an audit for the first time in years. As a result, a number of issues had to be dealt with and a financial statement showing all church assets was required. This had been completed except for the contents of the building which will have to be inventoried. Judy Ward and the members of the finance committee were thanked for all their hard work. To read the complete draft of the minutes of the annual report, including committee reports, go to <http://www.stbdenver.org/vestry/index.htm> and scroll down to Minutes.

By-Law Change

A proposal to change the by-laws concerning use of funds in the Lukens' Second Century Endowment was proposed, discussed and passed. As specified by Fr. Lukens, at the inception of the endowment, the principle is restricted from use and a portion of the interest generated by the Endowment may be used in the proportion of 75% to outreach and 25% for capital improvements for the buildings or grounds (excluding normal maintenance).

The change in the bylaws was to clarify the restriction against use of the principle and to specify that **only a unanimous vote of the full Vestry could alter that condition** "upon finding that a financial crisis exists, which justifies the extraordinary measure of invading the principle."

Larry Volmert asked to be put on record as saying "Passage of this resolution, which reiterates the allocation of endowment funds as 75% to outreach and 25% to capital improvements should not be interpreted as restricting future considerations of allocating a greater percentage to capital improvements if that is judged to be appropriate."

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

By Roger Mattison

Everyone at Saint Barnabas should congratulate themselves for a fantastic response to the Every Member Pledges Campaign. The amount pledged just a few days before the annual meeting is very close to \$256,000--more than at this time last year. There are 97 pledging members of the congregation with a few promises to respond that will bring the total over 100. The number of pledges is approaching the number at the time of the annual meeting in 2007 and this response has come during a long transitional year. While the pledge campaign officially ends with the annual meeting the Committee is looking forward to designing a continuing stewardship strategy with Father Garrett soon after his official arrival. We will be meeting with the Vestry and the Finance Chair to focus on financial needs going forward as we turn this corner in the life of our community. Again---THANK YOU

Parishioners Honored

Mary Erickson thanked the three retiring vestry members, Jim Hill, Melinda Cabell and Andrew Pasini. They were each presented with a painting of the church by Tom Potter.

Lynn Hoffman thanked Mary Erickson for five years of commitment to St. Barnabas as a vestry member and Junior Warden. She was presented with a collage of pictures of St. Barnabas and some gifts to enjoy in retirement.



**Bobbie Blanc
Receives
"Barney"
for
"Lifetime
Achievement"**

Jim Scheffe presented Bobbie Blanc with a "Barney Award" for many long years of service to St. Barnabas. She was baptized and worshipped here all her life, except for a short break during WWII. As Jim said, "she stuck with it." Bobbi steps down this year as chair of the Altar Guild after many years of service

"Barney Awards"

Fashioned from the stained glass of the parish house when it was remodeled as Lukens' Wing in the 1970's.

Lynn Hoffman presented Barney awards to both **Kevin Lindahl** for his years of service as chairman of the Finance Committee and **Cheryl Volmert** for her excellent leadership of the search committee.

St Barnabas Comparative 2007-2008 Summary Budget

	<u>2007 RESULTS</u>	<u>2008 BUDGET</u>
INCOME		
<i>Operating income</i>		
Plate	10,274	20,000
Pledges	289,030	244,510
Total	<u>\$299,304</u>	<u>\$264,510</u>
<i>Other Income</i>		
Interest/Dividends	(97)	3,000
Earnings 1260 Vine Fund	7,500	3,000
Building Use	4,038	4,000
Fund Raising Net of Expenses	31,735	24,000
Grocery Certificates	6,000	7,000
Family Ministry Grant	20,000	20,000
Other	5,876	200
Transfer from Accruals for Sabbatical	4,000	-
Prior Year Net Income Rollover	17,028	46,000
Total	<u>\$96,080</u>	<u>\$107,200</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$395,384</u>	<u>\$371,710</u>

Plea From the Altar Guild

Serving on the Altar Guild is both a sacred privilege and is of deep spiritual significance because the Communion Table is the center of our Christian worship.

We work in four teams, each taking one week of the month. We like to have three people on each team because some months each of us team members may be unavailable. On Saturdays we clean and set up for the Sunday services. On Sunday one member cleans up and resets for the 9:30 service. and another cleans up after the 9:30.

We will train you and would love to have your help and participation. It is a nice way to get to know some different parishioners and it is meaningful, quiet work. Please call Bobbie Blanc at 720-327-5908 or Rhondda Grant 303-321-1566.

EXPENSES	2007	2008
Rector	77,285	95,650
Search for new Rector	7,088	-
Other Clergy Expense	23,625	21,160
Family Ministry	36,999	41,213
Administration	75,002	71,239
Building & Grounds	51,811	52,913
Worship	1,988	5,300
Music	19,900	21,822
Special Events	1,428	1,500
Adult Christian Educ.	1,458	1,625
Outreach	3,920	5,290
Communications Cmte	453	3,000
Stewardship		1,500
CHUM Dues	600	600
Diocesan Pledge	29,448	26,451
Regional Pledge	5,363	5,290
Health Cabinet	12,547	13,475
Newcomers	-	1,000
Vestry Retreat	-	2,000
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>\$348,915</u>	<u>\$371,028</u>
TOTAL INCOME OVER		
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>\$46,469</u>	<u>\$682</u>

Reception
To Welcome
Our New Rector and His Wife
Paul and Mary Ellen Garrett
March 28th
4 – 8 PM.
Marshall House



Water for People Continues

By Mary Erickson

The Water for People project came into being because of an inspired vision from Bobbi Siersma. She did thorough research and planning, and it began in September 2007. With the help of many volunteers, two kinds of soup are made each Wednesday, and stored in the freezer in pint and quart containers. On Sundays people at church can give a donation to the St. Barnabas Water for People project, and take home delicious soup.

In December 2007 a check was sent to Water for People in the amount of \$2,500. This is a fine milestone. Our goal at St. Barnabas is to contribute \$12,000 for the cost of a new well in Africa. This well will provide clean water for a village that did not have water available.

In order for all proceeds from the soup to go directly to the Water for People project, Bobbi secured \$4,000 for soup ingredients. She got \$2,000 in private donations, and then applied for a \$2,000 grant from the Virginia Ervin Fund, knowing that grant from the Virginia Ervin Fund requires a 100% match. The Ervin Fund did grant \$2,000 to the Water for People Project. Thus, the project at St. Barnabas began with \$4,000 to pay for soup ingredients.

Unfortunately Bobbi became ill in October and is unable to continue as the leader of the project. However, Bobbi's dedication to getting everything in place before beginning, gives us a project that can now be continued by other members of our congregation.

Eight women have stepped forward saying, "We want this to continue and we will figure out how to make it happen." The women are Lynette Emery, Rhondda Grant, Elizabeth Hepp, Sher Mangan, Mary Kelly O'Donnell, Crystal Potter, Toni Potter, and Irene Shepard. Soup was again available on Sunday, February 3 and each Sunday after that.

Soup is made on Wednesday mornings from 9:00-12:00. Please sign up at the Water for People bulletin board, for a Wednesday when you can come and help. Walk-in volunteers are always welcome too.

Outreach projects are so important. They feed our souls, and this one also feeds us with good soup as we contribute to build a well that will provide clean water for a village in Africa. We are grateful to Bobbi for getting this win-win project started, and grateful to all the people who will continue in the future.



Weekly Donations Add Up

Sunday School kids in Children's Chapel (from 3years old through early teens) collect money for the Water for People Project each week. The emphasis has been on participation, not the size of the offering. Often part of their allowance, the offering varies from pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters to several dollars. As of February 3, 2008, the children have donated a total of **\$103.60**. They are a caring and generous group

Winter into Spring for the Sunday Evening Service

Lenten services for Sunday evening will begin with a period of quiet centering prayer. We will also use a chant setting for the prayers of the people and use a special sung introduction for the Eucharistic prayer. The focus of the liturgies will be on quiet prayer, meditation, and reflection; how does the Word move us to deeper conversion?

The AGAPE service will continue as a lay-led event on February 24th and March 30th. The sharing at these shared word/shared meal liturgies is increasingly rich. Come check out the vibrant faith life that is revealed as folks talk about the resonance of the weekly Scripture in their daily lives. The table is open to all. Many folks have been bringing something to add to the simple supper which has become a wonderful banquet at times.

Lent culminates in the Triduum celebration, which includes the Holy Saturday Vigil evening service, a creative, liturgically expressive, and wonderful celebration. The Evening Service folks take the lead on this and they hope that the whole St. Barnabas Community will consider experiencing this center point of the Christian liturgical year.



Arts on Vine
Eleventh Season: 2007 - 2008

All Parish Art Show
February 22 – 24, 2008

Calling all St. Barnabas artists, writers, poets, performers!!

The 2008 All Parish Art Show and Coffee House is just around the corner. The weekend of February 22 – 24 is the opportunity for all of our talented artists to show off (and potentially sell) their art. This show is for all ages and for all media, visual and performance.

For the **All Parish Art Show**, enter your paintings, drawings, photographs, crafts, jewelry, needlework, woodworking, sculpture, etc. etc. etc.

For the **All Parish Coffee House**, offer your original writing, selected reading, musical performance or whatever you'd like to share in a Coffee House atmosphere.

Visual artists may submit up to five (5) pieces of hung art and additional bin or table art. Please fill out the Arts on Vine / All Parish Art Show form available in Lukens Wing to let us know the number, type and size of pieces submitted.

Performance artists for the **All Parish Coffee House** may submit a performance of up to 10 minutes. Again, please fill out the Arts on Vine / All Parish Coffee House form including details about your performance and the estimated time.

The **All Parish Arts on Vine weekend** will include an **opening reception, 5:30 – 7:30 on Friday**, February 22, exhibition on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, and the **Coffee House performance** with refreshments on **Saturday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m.**

The All Parish Art Show and Coffee House has a tradition of demonstrating the incredible talent of the St. Barnabas community. Please help us to make the 2008 show the best one ever!

Questions? Call Judy Trujillo at 303-985-3818 or Elizabeth Hepp at 303-322-9084.

Adult Forum To Experiment with Contemplative Practices

On the last two Sundays in February (February 17 and 24) the Adult Forum will meet in a different format and try out alternative ways of worship.

On Sunday, February 10, the Adult Forum met in the sanctuary to have an experience of the Benedictine Way and an introduction to the Lectio Divina.

On Sunday February 17, we will be back in Marshall House where we will be led by Danan Henry of the Denver Zen Center. We will try out meditation in the Zen fashion (a style many faiths are finding compatible with their beliefs). No, we will

not have to sit on the floor if that does not work for us. Come and see how this approach might work for you and then join in our discussion.

Finally, on Sunday February 24, we will offer an experience of Taize-style worship, led by people who can show us how to adopt it to our time and place. Experiences of Taize are offered several places in the Denver area -- usually at night when the full benefit of candles can be realized. Come and see how it feels for you and give and give us your feedback.

Still curious? You could phone Brian Price or other members of the committee: Helen Barron, Jack Keables, Jack Unruh, or Velinda Varnado. Better still: come and see for yourself!

St. Barnabas Auction 2008

It's time to get ready for our annual **FUN-d Raiser**, the Annual Auction. For those new to St. Barnabas, this is the one night where you can set your social calendar for the entire year. The Auction works on "donations" from the parishioners. These donations follow the St. Barnabas principle that we like to be in community with one another, and that doesn't mean just Sundays. It is the best way to meet new parishioners, and acquaint yourself with those that attend other services.

Donations come in the form of lawn clean-up, hikes, book talks, walks, Your special dish made for someone's party, interior design/garden consultation, cabin getaways, dinners (themed or unthemed), thrift shop shopping, game nights, ANYTHING that gets people together.

We have a silent auction and an oral auction (with live auctioneers). A delicious, free spaghetti dinner is served, and a babysitter is also provided free of charge.

To participate, you need to fill out a donor form and make a poster about your event. Forms and poster board will be Lukens wing. Donor forms are due back to the Auction table BEFORE March 23rd (yes, we know that's Easter Sunday). Posters are due by April 4th. You can be an angel and turn these in earlier too.

This year's Auction is **Saturday, April 5th at 5:00 PM**, and is held at St. Barnabas. We take credit cards the night of the Auction, and checks after that night.

There are sign-up sheets in Lukens Wing for Dinner (we need a count), and volunteer duties.

We do need volunteers the day of the event. We need people to set up for dinner, hang up the posters, clean-up, and do data input for the auction items. We also need people to be on the Auction Committee to help us plan the event. By the time you get the Steeple Bell you will only have about 6 weeks until the event.

Family Potluck and Lenten Workshop

Saturday, March 15 at 5pm families will gather at St. B's for our annual Lenten Workshop and Potluck. Children with the help of parents and young people will have an opportunity to go to several stations to make a Lenten craft. Bring your family for fun, food and creation. Questions? Contact Jane Schmitz at 303-388-6469 or jschmitz@stbdenver.org for further information.

POYC Calendar for 2008

A Parents of Young Children (POYC) committee met to map out the 2008 activities. In the next couple of weeks, a Calendar will be sent to each family. The next few months include: Sat., March 15 - 5pm - Family Potluck and Lenten Workshop; Sun., March 23 - Easter (egg hunt after the 9:30 service); April 5 - Auction (with child care); April - formation of a committee to plan October's POYC Retreat; May 17 - Parents Pause - Hosting the parents at their home, Celeste and Hal Richardson will provide a main dish (others bring sides and dessert). Kids will go to the home of Barbara and Conor Farley.

Watch for news of Lenten Services

Go to www.stbdenver.org

**Good Friday, March 14
7:30 p.m.**

Stations of the Cross followed by the choir's presentation of Francis Poulenc's *Stabat Mater*.

Sharing our Gifts

On Sunday, February 24th, Ken Phillips will preach during both morning services at 7:45 am and 9:30 am.

During the 9:30 service our worship will resemble the Sunday evening service. The format of the early service, at 7:45 won't change on the 24th.

B i r t h d a y s a n d A n n i v e r s a r i e s

February

- | | |
|----|---|
| 1 | Kieran Nelson
Jana Thompson |
| 2 | Oksana Ross
Elizabeth Cadol & Chris Bartlett |
| 4 | Janet Manning
Deb Angell |
| 5 | Alex Martin |
| 6 | Savannah-Anne Carlson |
| 7 | Bob Goodyear |
| 8 | David Noble |
| 10 | David Gartland |
| 12 | Ed Trujillo
Chris Schmidt
Alexandra Thompson
(Jan McPhail's niece) |
| 13 | Jeff Manville |
| 15 | Celeste Richardson |
| 16 | Bob Nelson |
| 18 | Pat & Heather Gorham |
| 19 | Brian Price
Jesse Lyon
Jill and Joe Bednarek |
| 22 | Karen Hoffman
Oliver Farley |
| 23 | Beth Angell
Erin Denholm
Tammy Giessinger |
| 24 | Kent Mueller |
| 25 | Mike Angell |
| 27 | Alexa Hoegberg |
| 29 | David Bell (Prefers it go on 28 th in
stead of March 1 in non-leap years) |

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, February 17

11 am Adult Forum, Zen style worship

Monday, February 18

Office Closed: Presidents' Day
Benedictine Way, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 20th

Vestry Meeting, 6 p.m.

Thursday, February 21st

Education for Ministry (EFM)

Friday, February 22 - 24

All Parish Art Show Weekend
Opening Reception 5:30-7:00 pm

Saturday, February 23

All Parish Coffee House 7 - 9 pm
Marshall House

Sunday, February 24th

9:30 Service : Contemporary Service Format
11:00 am Adult Forum: Taize style worship
Blood Pressure Sunday: Brady Rm All Services
All Parish Art Show Concludes: Lukens Wing

Monday, February 25th

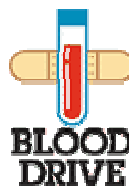
Benedictine Way, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 28th

Education for Ministry (EFM)
Benedictine Way, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 6th

Education for Ministry



St. Barnabas Blood Drive Sunday, March 8 Marshall House

Joan Jarboe and Bonfils Blood
Bank make it painless, fun and easy!



ST. B SUMMER ARTS CAMP
 EXPERIENCE • EXPERIMENT • EXPLORE
 HAVE FUN WITH THREE NEW PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS!

Camp features visual arts, storytelling, movement and song. Campers will discover creative ways to express peace. No prior arts experience necessary!

WHERE: St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 1280 Vine St., Denver

WHEN: 10 am to 3 pm., June 16 – 20, 2008 with a presentation on Sun, June 22 at the 9:30 service

COST: \$100/child (partial and full scholarships available). Includes games, lunch, & Popsicle break

AGES: For those who have completed first grade up to sixth grade

CONTACT: Jane Schmitz, 303-388-6469 or jschmitz@stbdenver.org

Camp is limited to 20 children, so register soon! Registration deadline is Wednesday, May 28.

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