

The Steeple Bell

of St. Barnabas Parish



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Greetings from Our New Rector

Dear Saint Barnabas Church Family,

It is with great anticipation and joy that Mary Ellen and I look forward to coming to Denver to share in the ministry of Saint Barnabas. (Or, I should say, back — as we are both Denver born and raised!) We are delighted at the prospect of life and ministry shared with you and getting to know each of you.

As I write, this is the First Sunday of Epiphany and I'm reminded that Epiphany is a season of light. It begins with the light of a star guiding diligent seekers and closes with the story of Jesus' transfiguration upon the mountain top where he shone like the sun and even his clothes were white as light. That light, the light of the Star and the light within Jesus is none other than the light revealing that God had, in the person of Jesus, indeed come into the world. In the one named Jesus, those around him, in the stories that open and close the season, experience a dual epiphany: They came to understand who Jesus is and because of that they came to understand who they must be.

James Joyce spoke of such an experience of epiphany as a moment when the essential nature of something—a person, a situation, an object — is perceived in a flash of insight or a moment of sudden intuitive understanding. As Joyce says "Its soul, its whatness leaps to us from the vestment of its appearance."

We are looking forward to share with you, the folk of the Parish of St. Barnabas, the opportunities God gives to let the soul, the "whatness" of St. Barnabas leap out from the vestment of appearance to the community in which you worship, fellowship and minister.

May God bless us all as our lives in Christ come together. We ask for your prayers as this new chapter opens in the life of Saint Barnabas.

Yours in Christ,

Paul+ and Mary Ellen Garrett

Please see Rector Profile, page 8.



The Rev. Paul and Mary Ellen Garrett will be joining St. Barnabas Parish the end of March, after celebrating Easter Sunday with the parishioners of St. Bartholomew's in Estes Park. They will use the time of transition to complete their service to their current parish and community and wish fond farewells to their friends.

Meet Our Candidates for the Vestry

Mary Duell



Mary Duell graciously agreed to serve as Vestry replacement in November when Lynn Hoffman became Senior Warden. The term completed, Mary is running again. Follows is an excerpt from her profile in the December issue of Steeple Bell.

Mary's connections to St. B's dates back to when Ed Oster-tag was rector. Her father was an Episcopal priest and

with Ed presided over the memorial service at St. B for Mary's daughter Amy who died in 1988 from leukemia. Mary's surviving daughter, Rachel, promises to present her with a grandchild in March.

What Mary likes best about St. Barnabas is its welcoming spirit and focus on social responsibility and inclusiveness.

Jack Unruh



My wife Eloise led me to St. B's in her search for a faith community in the early 1990's. Father Al and many others made me irresistibly welcome, gradually ending a 30-year un-churched spiritual walkabout. As I've been drawn into our unique

Episcopal culture, I have served (or serve) on the Restoration Committee, Personnel Committee and Adult Forum Steering Committee, and been a delegate to the 2007 Diocesan Convention.

The year ahead calls for a dedicated and compassionate responsiveness from all of us as our new rector feels her or his way into the demands of leading a now very hungry parish. I would be honored to assist this long-anticipated transition as a 2008 vestry member.



Meredith Wakelyn

Back in 1997, I used to pass by St. B's as I was driving home from my job as a Social Worker for a local child protection agency. Growing up outside of Washington, DC, I had been an extremely active member of my Episcopal parish, but it had been over 10 years since I had attended church regularly and I was feeling the need for spiritual renewal. I knew nothing about St. B's, but I loved the historic building and the giant oak tree in the yard, and so Paul and I visited a handful of times. It was only after the birth of our son, William, and the aftermath of 9/11 that we began coming on a regular basis. Like many people post 9/11, we were yearning for a sense of spiritual connection and community in a world that suddenly felt so lost and disconnected.

We were immediately made to feel welcome at St. B's, and we were thrilled to discover that we had chosen a church that shared our beliefs that all people should be welcome at God's table. As our family continued to grow with the birth of our daughter, Maggie, I became more actively involved in the Parents of Young Children (POYC) Group. During this recent time of transition in our church, it has been such a blessing to watch the children and families of St. B's change and grow. I hope that by serving on the vestry at St. B's I can represent the many wonderful families here and model for my own children the importance of being an active participant in our church community.



John Lind

St. Barnabas has been my spiritual family community since August 2005. My partner, Christopher Conroy, and I arrived on the doorsteps of St. B one Sunday evening and immediately knew we had found a home. In the past 2.5 years, I've been connected with the eve-

ning community and have been involved in the liturgy service through getting others to read the scriptures, by welcoming new faces into our community, and by actively participating in events that surround our evening community.

I believe a few of my gifts to this community are my ability to make valuable human connections and my genuine sense of accepting all people, where diversity, different life experiences, thoughts, and personal styles are deeply valued. I also feel like my communication and organizational skills are strengths of mine. I would like to serve the St. Barnabas community by becoming a member of the vestry.



Cate Wiley

My daughter, Claire, and I joined St. Barnabas in 2000, when Claire was five. We were looking for a church community with a strong children's program, and we certainly found it here! Most recently, I served as the chair of the Profile Committee and as a member of the Rector Search Committee,

which was a terrific learning experience. Claire and I live near Cheesman Park, and I teach in the English Department at CU-Denver. I enjoy teaching and writing poetry.

What I would like to accomplish: St B continues to live through a difficult and lengthy time of great transition. So much changes with the new rector. What do we want to keep as a community? What do we want to change? What will change despite our wishes? How can we keep faith with each other and with the Church during this time? I want to explore these questions.

Your Participation Is Important

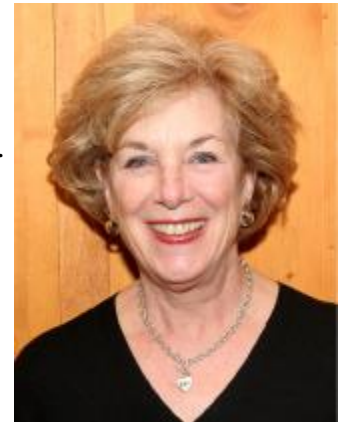
St. Barnabas Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 3, 11 a.m.
Marshall House

- Vote for Five Candidates for Vestry
- Review, discuss and approve the 2008 Budget
- Hear about Parish Achievements and Challenges
- Talk to Parish Leaders about Your Concerns

Visit with friends over bagels.

Jody Will

I have been a member of St. Barnabas for almost three years. I was a longtime member of Good Shepherd in Englewood when we lived in that area. At Good Shepherd, I was a member of the Vestry and the Altar Guild as well as other committees.



I am a recently retired nurse psychotherapist having been in private practice for many years working with children, adolescents and their families, both birth and foster. Following my cancer diagnosis in 1999, I worked for my oncologist as an in-house psychotherapist for three years. I returned to private practice where I continued working with cancer patients and others.

I was privileged to be a part of the Search Committee's quest for a new Rector at St. Barnabas. I would like to apply as a candidate for the Vestry to work with the new Rector helping implement his ideas for our dynamic Parish. This is a time of transition for the St. Barnabas community. As a member of the Vestry, I want to help the Church mission. I'm a good listener and want to help St. Barnabas continue to be inclusive and welcoming to all viewpoints.



Janet Manning

St. Barnabas is a very important part of my life and I appreciate all that I have received as a member of this parish for the past 10 or 11 years. I began my association with St. B's even before I started attending here as a representative from another parish to the Virginia Ervin Fund Committee.

I've been a member of the Finance Committee for six years and also served on the Legacy Society, Stewards for Life, and Every Member Canvas steering committees. I am an EFM graduate and am currently active in the Benedictine Way group. I've also served as a volunteer for Share the Care, Arts on Vine, Newcomers, Auction, and Sunday School. At the Diocesan level, I was a member of the Transition Team for the selection of the Episcopal Bishop of Colorado in 2002-3. I have served in leadership positions in a number of area nonprofits and am currently a member of the Board of Trustees at Iliff School of Theology.

Being elected to the St. Barnabas Vestry would be an honor for me. I would bring experience in non-profit leadership and management, along with a "big picture" look at the financial aspects of the church. I care deeply about what happens at St. B's and view this opportunity as a way to serve God and Church as we move forward into a new phase of our history.

Did You Know That...?

By Jim Scheffe

In the 1970s, when Father Gil Dahlberg was rector, St. Barnabas initiated "Barney Awards" to recognize parishioners for their Outstanding Service. At the Annual Meeting a stained glass plaque with the image of St. Barnabas' steeple was presented to those being honored. The artist who designed and executed the plaque was Gil's wife Pat. The material she used was the stained glass removed from the parish house when it was remodeled as Lukens Wing. On the east wall of Lukens Wing, north of the main doors to the sanctuary, there is a framed plaque with the names of seventy-five parishioners

SEARCH COMMITTEE CONCLUDES

By Cheryl Volmert

The Rector Search Committee concluded many months of intense deliberation and discernment at the end of November. We were fortunate to have many excellent candidates for the position. We enthusiastically recommended the finalists to the Vestry, and we are delighted with their thoughtful choice of the Rev. Paul Garrett to be St. B's next Rector.

I am extremely grateful for the hard work, insight and collaborative spirit of the members of the Search Committee: **Tina Clark, Jana Everett, David Ford, Alec Juhan, Wills Long, Ed Trujillo, Cate Wiley and Jody Will.**

I would also like to acknowledge the significant contributions of the Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley and the Rev. Bill Martin to our search process.

To the parents and the Parish:

On Dec. 16th, after the pageant and the gifts for volunteers were over, I was surprised to learn that other plans had been made. On behalf of the parents, Meredith Wakelyn gave me a gorgeous bouquet of roses. She then handed me a card and a gift box. The card was signed by the parents and inside the box, I found a beautiful bronze Tree of Life Cross. Parishioners joined in as they stood and clapped.

I was overwhelmed by gratitude. Tears of happiness welled up and I don't remember exactly what I said. But, I know I wanted to thank everyone.

However, the celebration didn't stop there. It continued in Lukens Wing. Tristan Powers had set up a table with goodies for the coffee hour (bagels, cream cheese, etc. plus a special chocolate cake which read "Thank you, Ms Jane"). What an extraordinary celebration!

As I reflect on my ministry and how grateful and surprised I was, I am aware of the continual generosity and kindness I experience in the St. B's community. Together, we make a good team!

Thank you... thank you. I wish blessings for one and all in this New Year.

With gratitude,

Jane Schmitz

VOICES ON VINE

Features Leading Lady of Denver Theatre



The fabulous **Kathy Brady**, beloved by Denver theatre audiences, will give us a preview of the Stories on Stage experience in a dramatic reading **at St. Barnabas, Saturday, January 26 at 7 p.m.** Brady is in her 21st season with the Denver Center Theater Company where her credits include *BERNICE BUTTERFLY*, *PICNIC*, *THE MISER*, *THE CRIPPLE OF INNISHMAN*, *THE WINTER'S TALE*, *THE BEAUTY QUEEN OF LEENANE*, *THE RIVALS*, *A CHRISTMAS CAROL*, *APPALACHIAN STRINGS*, and *A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM*. In addition to work at the Denver Center Theatre, Ms. Brady is a frequent performer with Stories on Stage where she will read *THE THRILL OF THE GAME*, Feb. 10.

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. It's an 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, wood-working, sculpture, 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 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 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, Feb. 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.

News from the Every Member Pledges Campaign 2008

By Roger Mattison

WOW! What a wonderful and strong response we've had to the 2008 Every Member Pledges Campaign. Thank you to each of you who has completed a pledge.

**93 Pledges—\$252,592.
87% of our year's goal!**

You have been incredibly generous – at this time, St. Barnabas has 93 pledges, bringing us to a total of \$252,592. This is 87% of our goal.

We continue to place our congregation in a strong position to welcome a new Rector. The Stewardship Committee will continue to talk with people about completing a pledge – so important in giving our new Rector an adequate budget for the coming year. We continue to show that we are a committed and enthusiastic parish as we grow spiritually and within our community.

If you have not yet sent a pledge, please consider it at this time. Pledge forms will continue to be available in Lukens Wing on the "sign-up" table.



What A Team!

By Jane Schmitz

December 16th, the Sunday School delighted the congregation with "The Very Important Christmas Pageant," the story of the birth of Christ told with humor, mystery and awe. Costumes, performance and song came together to tell of faith, hope and new birth. All of our young stars did a marvelous job!

At the end of the service, volunteers from June - December were called forward and given a thank you gift. These seven months include: Art Camp, the Family Ministry Peach sale, Family Advent Workshop, and Fall Sunday School.

Part of the gift included a star ornament. A star ornament was chosen because just as St. B's children are our young stars, parents and those who participate in Family Ministry are stars too. The star ornament is a symbol of all St. B's caring, talented, and willing volunteers. Working together creates a successful Family Ministry program.

The following volunteers deserve high praise:

Carol Anderson, Deb and Rick Angell, Helen Barron, Jill and Joe Bednarek, Warren and Becky Blanc, Doreen Burbach, Karen Burgess, Tina Clark, Mary Erickson, Steve Fink, Barbara Farley, Catherine Forington, Timothy Hepp, Lisa Kellogg, Cindy Lees, Coupar and Jen Lester, Melanie Lindahl, Janet Manning, Roger & Barbara Mattison, Andy Martin, Sandy Ortiz, Wendy Piburn, Brian Price, Jessie Rathburn, Chris Schmidt, Judy Trujillo, Meredith Wakelyn, Jolene Whitney.

Volunteers matter; in St. B's constellation, you are stars. Thank you for sharing your time and talent with St. B's Young Stars.

Health Fair

Sunday February 10
Following services in Marshall House
Hosted by Share the Care and
Congregational Health Partnership

Bonfils Blood Drive

March 10, 10a.m-2 p.m.
Marshall House

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

January

- 16 Bill Miles
Keith Wier
- 18 Monica Pino
- 21 George and Cornelia Gibson
- 22 Amy Reid
- 23 Karen Esten
Mary Anne Luty
Deaven Jefferson
- 24 Tom Potter
Vicki Hesse
Spencer Jefferson
- 25 Kent Hopkins
Judy Trujillo
Jody Will
- 27 Jack Fields
- 28 Jolene Whitney
- 30 Adam Burns

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)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, January 13

Adult Forum, 11 a.m.

Monday, January 14

Benedictine Way, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 16

Vestry Meeting, 6 p.m.

Thursday, January 17

Education for Ministry (EFM)

Sunday, January 20

Adult Forum, 11 a.m.

Monday, January 21

Office Closed

Benedictine Way, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 24

Education for Ministry (EFM)

Saturday, January 26

Voices on Vine with Kathleen Brady, 7 p.m.

Sunday, January 27

Blood Pressure Sunday

Adult Forum, 11 a.m.

Monday, January 28

Benedictine Way, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 31

Education for Ministry

Sunday, February 3

Annual Meeting and Brunch, 11 p.m.

We Love You Too, Debbie!

"I am so grateful to be a part of the St. Barnabas community and am grateful for the many kindnesses expressed to me. Thank you for your prayers, good thoughts, and wonderful food delivered at the drop of a hat. I am indeed blessed by all of you and looking forward to feeling better soon! With love and thanks,

Debbie Spooner"

A Profile of Our New Rector

A native Coloradoan, the Rev. Garrett grew up in Denver and attended St. John's Cathedral. He received his BA in Social Work and Social Sciences from Colorado State University, in 1981 and worked as a counselor with troubled youth at Larico Youth Homes in Fort Collins.

He met his late wife, Diane Perkins in Fort Collins. They were married in 1984. Four years later in 1988, he earned his Master of Divinity degree at The Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Diane died in 1989.

Sponsored by St. Paul's Church in Fort Collins, he was ordained in 1991 by Bishop Barbara Harris, the first woman to be consecrated Bishop in the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

Following ordination he served 3 congregations in Massachusetts prior to returning to Colorado in 1997 to become Rector of St. Bartholomew's in Estes Park. In Massachusetts he served on the Diocesan Congregational Resource Committee, the Boston AIDS Action Committee and was a member of the Massachusetts Clergy Association.

Locally he has served on the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Colorado, is president of The Estes Valley Interfaith Alliance, is Past-President of the Board of the Estes Valley chapter of Habitat for Humanity and currently serves on the Board of the Colorado Episcopal Foundation.

He met his wife Mary Ellen Cuthbertson, a regional Celtic and Marimba musician and teacher of the African instruments Mbira and Marimba, in 1998. They were wed September 5, 1999. He and Mary Ellen helped St. Bartholomew's establish one of the first parish Legacy Societies in the diocese. Both work with local and international efforts for peace.

In making the announcement of the Rev. Garrett's appointment on Sunday, Jan. 13, Vestry warden Lynn Hoffman requested the members of the search committee, the vestry and junior warden, Mary Erickson join him at the foot of the altar. The announcement which followed a year and a half long search process was greeted with cheers.

Cheryl Volmert, Search Committee chair, pointed out that *Rev. Garrett's qualifications corresponded to the priorities identified at congregational meetings at the beginning of the search process:*

- Strong homilist / Challenging sermons
- Excellent counseling skills
- Collaborative leadership style
- Success in stewardship and capital campaigns at St. Bart's
- Spiritual / Strong prayer life
- Focus on social justice / Involved in peace movement
- Knows St. Barnabas / is attracted by demographic and spiritual diversity of the parish / eager to work with young families

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