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Please remember: T.E.A.M.
The need is always present.
Please donate as often as possible.



Mother's Day Breakfast
May 13 at 9:15 a.m.



Dollar and Dish
Friday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m.
Hosted by
John and Deb Palmer

Vision and Mission

Our vision for St. Barnabas Episcopal Church is to build and to sustain a vibrant and diverse community centered around common worship, fellowship, service, and education.



The mission of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, a parish for all people, is to extend God's gracious love and hospitality to each other and to the community by providing worship that inspires, opportunities for service and growth on life's journey, and a sacred place in the heart of Florissant where people can find wholeness and strength.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 20 Pentecost Sunday-**WEAR RED**

May 27 Summer schedule begins. One service of Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.

May 28 Memorial Day - Office closed

Presiding Bishop Curry: Easter 2018

Message from the Holy Land

“Hatred does not have the last word. Violence does not have the last word. Bigotry does not have the last word. Sin, evil do not have the last word. The last word is God, and God is love.”

Hello on Palm Sunday from St George’s Cathedral in Jerusalem.

There is a passage in the 27th Chapter of Matthew’s gospel where religious leaders, political leaders come together once again after Jesus has been crucified and executed, after he had been buried in the tomb. Once again they come together to seal the tomb, to make sure not even a rumor of his resurrection will happen. And this is what some of them say:

Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may go and steal him away and tell the people he has been raised from the dead. And the last deception will be the worse than the first.

It is easy to overlook, and sometimes convenient to forget, that Jesus was executed, Jesus was crucified by an unholy alliance of religion, politics, and economic self-interest.

Politics represented in Pontius Pilate, governor of the Roman Empire, representative of that very empire and all of its power.

King Herod, who heard Jesus at one of the trials, representative of the Herodian and economic self-interest at the time.

The Chief Priest, representative of religious aristocracies who had a vested interest in the status quo.

These three powers came together - economic, religious and political - to crucify the one who taught love the lord your God, love your neighbor, and actually live that way.

The truth is the message of Jesus was unsettling to the world then as it is unsettling to the world now. And yet that very message is the only source of hope in life for the way of the cross, the way of unselfish living, the way of sacrificial living, seeking the good, the welfare of the other before one’s own unenlightened self-interest. That way of the cross is the way of love. That is the nature of love. And that way is the only hope for the entire human family.

The reality is the way of Jesus was a threat to the way that the world is, and hope for the way the world can and will be.

But on that third day after the crucifixion, when by the titanic power of God, by the power of the love of God, Jesus was raised from the dead. God sent a message and declared that death does not have the last word. Hatred does not have the last word. Violence does not have the last word. Bigotry does not have the last word. Sin, evil do not have the last word. The last word is God, and God is love.

On our pilgrimage here, we stopped and spent two days in Jordan. In Amman, Jordan, we were able to spend some sacred and blessed and painful time with Iraqi Christians. These are Christians, many of whom are Anglican, who have fled their country in Iraq because of war and violence and hatred and desecration. They have given up everything, refusing to renounce their faith in Jesus Christ. And there in Jordan, with the help of the Anglican Church there and many other relief agencies, they are at least safe, hoping to find safe and permanent homes in other countries.

In the course of our conversations, and listening to them, at one point I found myself quoting a hymn, a song that many folk have heard around Easter, certainly in our country. And I didn’t expect a response. You probably know how it goes – it says, “Because he lives,” referring to Jesus and his resurrection, “because he lives, I can face tomorrow.” When I quoted that song, those who have lost their homes, people who have lost everything except life itself, those who have lost loved ones, actually responded to the words of that song. When I said, “Because He lives I can face tomorrow.”

When I said Jesus is alive, He's been raised from the dead, I saw them lift up their heads and respond with the words amen, hallelujah.

My brothers and sisters, evil could not stop him. Death could not stop him. Violence could not stop him. For the love of God, the heart of God, the reality of God is stronger than anything else. And Jesus really rose from the dead on that first resurrection morning.

God love you. God bless you. And, may this Easter season be the first day of the rest of our lives. Amen.

**The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church**

Mother's Day Breakfast

Please join us for our special Mother's Day breakfast on Sunday, May 13.

All women and their children are invited. Please sign up and list the number in your party so we can plan accordingly. We will be serving from 9:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet available on the table outside of Tudor Hall.



**Please remember your pledges!
They are very
important for the life of this parish!**



Tax Law Update

If an individual is over 70 1/2 years old and required to make a RMD (required minimum distribution) from their IRA (individual retirement account), they should be eligible to make a QCD (qualified charitable distribution) from their IRA. The QCD can be used to satisfy the RMD requirement but is not considered taxable income and therefore reduces the adjusted gross income and still allows the new higher standard deduction to be taken. The QCD must be made to a qualified 501(c) (3) organization and a confirmation from the charity must be received. St Barnabas does qualify as do most charities you would normally show on your tax return. Consult your tax advisor and your financial institution for more information.

John Palmer

T.E.A.M. Theme For May Breakfast

T.E.A.M. is in need of breakfast items.

SUGGESTIONS:

- Canned fruits: peaches, pineapple, pears
- Cereals: hot and cold
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Breakfast bars
- Dry milk

Thank you,
Jim Hollenberg

UTO

Just a gentle reminder to empty your blue UTO box, count your coins, and write a check to St. Barnabas. Indicate UTO on the memo line. The spring UTO Ingathering is Sunday, May 20.



What are
you
Grateful
For?

Dessert Lottery



Bakers still wanted!
Show off your skills
with a homemade
donation to the
Dessert Lottery.
The sign-up sheet is
still on the table.



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

Seeking Sharing Serving

The active E.C.W. at St. Barnabas is a dynamo. We have the most dedicated handful of women ever known to mankind and I could not be prouder of them. At our meetings we try to balance needs for the parish and our outreach project. This year with the shared presidency, we are more in tune with the purpose of E.C.W. and each woman has more of a feel of ownership within the group.

We have started a real friendship with the women of St. Stephen's. Our parish has been so supportive of all our projects and we thank you. Without your support, E.C.W. would be unable to shine in the parish or community.

For the May luncheon, we have chosen Hendel's to show our gratitude for their generous Sweet Heart Basket donation. Please join us and sign up to attend. Help us celebrate a very good year and share in our fellowship.

Dates to remember:

May 6 – Dessert Lottery after the 10:45 Eucharist

May 9 – E.C.W. meeting at 10:00 a.m. (hopefully at church)

Lunch at Hendel's at 11:00 a.m.

The Dessert Lottery still has openings for bakers to sign up to bring a homemade goodie. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, 13 for \$10 or \$20 for a wingspan. You could be taking home a sweet treat for the price of a ticket.

Mary Anselmo

HAPPY EASTER



Dusty Hassler and Arwen Milton



Beautiful Easter Flowers on the Altar



Leah and Arwen Milton and Dusty Hassler



Kennedy Brown



Kyan Landers and Rosie Ragland



Thatcher Ragland



Teghan Gear and Ra'Sun Ford



Declyn Brown



Jack, Logan, Amanda, Charlie Graue



Logan Graue and Debbie Haefner



Layla Graue

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00 a.m. Al-Anon (u)	2	3 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	4	5 9:00 a.m. Weekly Maintenance
6 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist ECW Dessert Auction	7 7:00 p.m. N.A. (u)	8 10:00 a.m. Al-Anon (u)	9 10:00 a.m. ECW 7:00 p.m. Vestry (u)	10 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	11	12 9:00 a.m. Weekly Maintenance
13 Happy Mother's Day 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:15 a.m. Mother's Day Breakfast 10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist	14 7:00 p.m. N.A. (u)	15 10:00 a.m. Al-Anon (u)	16	17 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	18	19 9:00 a.m. Weekly Maintenance
20 Pentecost Sunday UTO Spring Ingathering 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist	21 7:00p.m. N.A. (u)	22 10:00 a.m. Al-Anon (u)	23	24 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	25	26 9:00 a.m. Weekly Maintenance
27 Trinity Sunday Summer Schedule 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist	28 Memorial Day Office Closed 7:00 p.m. N.A. (u)	29 10:00 a.m. Al-Anon (u)	30	31 10:00 a.m. Bible Study		

May 2018 Serving Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship Leaders</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Bursars</u>	<u>Babysitter</u>
<u>5/6</u> 8:00 a.m. <u>10:45 a.m.</u>	Harry Goff Clark Burton Ron Grames	Harry Goff Holly Garrett Andria Sinclair	<u>C</u> Dave Sinclair	Harry Goff	Nancy Heinze John Holmes Jim and Arbie Hollenberg	Vivian Hartsfield Janetta Roberts	John Palmer Dave Sinclair	Ryden Grames Sheron Howe
<u>5/13</u> 8:00 a.m. <u>10:45 a.m.</u>	Carol Stout Karen Birr Dave Sinclair	Carol Stout Lynn Grames Harry Ragland	<u>C</u> Kelly Snider	Harry Goff	Andrea Bogue Jim Hoefener Vivian Hartsfield Janetta Roberts	Arbie Hollenberg	Dave Sinclair Jim Hollenberg	Ryden Grames Gwen Ragland
<u>5/20</u> 8:00 a.m. <u>10:45 a.m.</u>	Holly Garrett Lynn Grames Harry Goff	Holly Garrett Susan Oris Sharon Love	<u>C</u> Ethan Grames	Harry Goff	John Holmes Nancy Heinze Lana Maggart Karen Birr	Carol Stout Nancy Heinze	Jim Hollenberg Dusty Hassler	Ryden Grames Arbie Hollenberg
Summer Schedule Begins <u>5/27</u> 9:30 a.m.	Lana Maggart Dave Sinclair	Ron Grames Debbie Haefner	<u>C</u> Dusty Hassler	Harry Goff	John Palmer Mary Johnston	Diana Howarth Terry Toolen	Dusty Hassler Debbie Haefner	Ryden Grames John Palmer
Pentecost Sunday <u>6/3</u> 9:30 a.m.	Karen Birr Clark Burton	Mary Dobbs Nancy Heinze	<u>C</u> Meri Grames	Lynn Grames	Dave Sinclair John Anselmo	Arbie Hollenberg	Debbie Haefner Dave Palmer	Ryden Grames Arbie Hollenberg

Please contact the office at 837-7113 to report any changes in the schedule. Thank you!

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Vestry

Senior Warden: Dennis Haefner (2019)
Junior Warden: Kelly Snider (2020)
Clerk: Marlene Martens

Vestry Members:

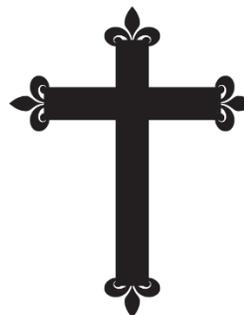
Sally Boyd (2019)
Clark Burton (2021)
Dusty Hassler (2021)
Diana Howarth (2019)
Susan Oris (2020)
Deb Palmer (2020)

Convention Delegate

Debbie Haefner (2020)

Alternate Delegate

Diana Howarth (2020)



*Please remember
St. Barnabas in your will.*

PARISH FAMILY

**Please remember our members who are
unable to attend:**

**Rosalie Cox, Jeanne Geise, Betty Hoefener,
Sara Henry, Yvonne Jones,
Cornelius Manuel, and Kitty Whitling.**

10 Rules of Respect Rule #5

Be careful how you interpret me– I'd rather do that. On matters that are unclear, do not feel pressured to interpret my feelings or thoughts. It is easy to misinterpret intentions. Assume the best of me and ask if you have questions about my intentions.

Our St. Barnabas family has covenant with our rector and each other to live by 11 "Rules for Respect." We will highlight one each month in our Salter as a reminder.



Grames	Ronald	7-May
Howarth	Diana	7-May
Miller	Joan	9-May
Nwaobasi	Sam	15-May
Miller	Bill	22-May
Sinclair	Kelsey	28-May

Happy Birthday to all of you!