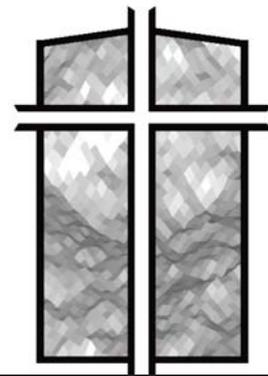


St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

# The **SALTER**

*You are the salt of the Earth.* Matthew 5:13



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## WELCOME!

Rev. Michael Dunnington,  
Priest-in-Charge



### September at St. Barnabas'

*September 2 — Labor Day (Office will be closed)*  
*September 8 — Program Year Begins*  
*September 11 — Vestry Meeting*  
*September 14 — Croppettes*  
*September 19 — Bunco*  
*September 20 — Parish Luncheon*

## FALL PROGRAM begins September 8

8:15 a.m.

Christian  
Education

9:00 a.m.

Choir

10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist



### FRIDAY LUNCH

Our September  
Lunch will be  
September 20 at  
12:00 p.m.

Sign-up sheets are  
on the table outside  
Tudor Hall.

# REFLECTIONS

## DO NOT BE AFRAID! I WILL BE WITH YOU!



The Rev. Michael Dunnington  
Priest-in-Charge

This is my first Salter greeting to you since becoming your Priest in Charge at the beginning of August. The reason I headed my words to you with “Do not be afraid; I will be with you,” is because some form of that line is probably the most frequently used one in the entire Bible.

We find it being used in the Hebrew Scriptures on a number of occasions. When Abraham is having doubts about God’s promise to him, God says to him, “Do not be afraid.”

When Moses is tending his father-in-law’s sheep and sees the burning bush, God tells him that God would be with him

in the coming conflict with Pharaoh. When the prophets receive their calls from God, and object that they are unworthy or incompetent, God always reassures them and says that God would be with them always. And we could find lots of other examples.

In the Christian Scriptures, our best example is Mary, the Mother of Jesus. When she is rightfully troubled by Gabriel’s remarkable greeting, Gabriel tells her, “Do not be afraid, Mary!” This comes in Luke’s Gospel, right after John the Baptist’s father, Zechariah, is also greeted by Gabriel. Again, Gabriel says, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah!” In another place, when Joseph is questioning his relationship with the now pregnant Mary, the angel says, “Joseph, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, ...”

I hope that, during my time with you, I can reassure you that you shouldn’t be afraid of an unknown future and that, just like our Biblical ancestors, God will be with us as we move into that future.

Our Senior Warden, Dennis, has written elsewhere about the process of discernment we will be going through, so I won’t repeat his description. I will simply say again that our job will be to “patiently listen to God’s call.”

Like Abraham and Moses, like the prophets, and like Zechariah, John the Baptist, Mary, Joseph, and Jesus, and many others over the course of salvation history, we don’t know where that call from God will take us. But we can be certain that we don’t need to be afraid, and that, as we discern our part in God’s mission to this world, God will most definitely be with us in the journey.

Peace,  
The Rev. Michael+

*Reverend Michael Dunnington joined our staff effective August 1, 2019 as Priest –in –Charge. Rev. Dunnington will celebrate Holy Eucharist on Sundays, be in the office and visit shut-in Wednesdays as well. Rev. Dunnington and his wife Lesley live in Ballwin, Missouri.*

# Message from the Senior Warden

I am sure there are some questions regarding our discernment process. Some of you have approached me to get an update. It has been a couple of months since my last article on that subject. To recap a bit: Rev. Canon Joe Chambers who was the Canon to The Ordinary for our Diocese attended our Vestry meeting on May 8 to give us a high level overview of the process and options available to us for our future spiritual leadership. You may be aware that Rev. Joe has moved on to the position of Chief of Staff for The Diocese of Texas. His last day with our Dioceses was August 1. The Rev. Doris Westfall has been called by the Bishop to be the Interim Canon to The Or-



Dennis Haefner

Before Rev. Joe left he put me in touch with Rev. Michael Dunnington to secure leadership for St. Barnabas during our discernment process. I am happy to report that we have entered into an agreement with Rev. Dunnington to be our part time Priest-in Charge. While we have an agreement with Rev. Dunnington for six months, which started August 4 and ends January 26, 2020, we will revisit the agreement on or before January 15, 2020. The six month agreement does not mean we will have completed the discernment process by January 26. The six month agreement is fairly standard in the Episcopal Church and it often extended. Rev Dunnington has informed me that he is flexible.

For now, we are getting to know him, and he us. Rev. Dunnington and I have had several conversations so that he can gain an understanding of who we are. Rev. Dunnington and I have also met with The Rev. Canon Doris Westfall. She is active about the Diocese visiting parishes getting to know folks and understanding our needs. We discussed with her visiting the Parish within the next few months. She would like to worship with us and visit with the Vestry. We must keep in mind that as a Diocese we also be calling a new Bishop. I feel it safe to say that the new Bishop will have great interest the path we will take after patiently listening to God's call.

To review: We have a newly called Priest-in-Charge, the Diocese has a newly called Canon to the Ordinary, and the Diocese will be calling a new Bishop. We will need to be patient and listen for God's call to us.

At the announcements during the August 18 service I mentioned that we asked for and received some additional capital maintenance funds from the Bishop. We are extremely grateful to Bishop Smith so that we can take care of some needed repairs. We have already completed the repairs to the sidewalk on the South side of the entrance. The parking lot resurfacing and two new air conditioners will be next. We expect the parking lot resurfacing to be completed within the next 5 weeks. I would like to thank Kelly Snyder and Dusty Hassler for working diligently to make it possible for those repairs to be completed.

Your friend,

Dennis Haefner, Senior Warden

# EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

*Seeking Sharing Serving*



The St. Barnabas' ECW met throughout the summer months to keep in touch without formal meetings and did the following:

**June 19** Tour of Missouri Botanical Gardens arranged by Lana Maggart

**July 22** Lunch and shopping at Josephine's Tea Room coordinated by Karen Birt

**August 14** Attended "Assisted Living-The Musical," at Westport Playhouse arranged by Karen Birt

**August 1-31** Dress for Success—Coordinator, Mary Anselmo

We meet the second Wednesday of each month September through May. We will begin our new program year on Wednesday, September 11 at 10:00 a.m. All women of the parish are welcome to attend. Just bring a sandwich to share if you stay for lunch. If you cannot stay this month, come for the meeting.

We will discuss plans for the year, which will include chili cook-off, dessert lottery, shoe boxes for operation Shoe Box, and other adventures. Come and help plan the year.

## Upcoming Events:

**Saturday December 7, 2019:**

Christmas Elves' Marketplace Coordinator, Karen Birt

**Wednesday September 11:** ECW Meeting; 10:00 a.m. Bring a sandwich to share!

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS OCTOBER 6, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.

St. Barnabas will once again celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi with a pet blessing. The service will be held on Sunday, October 6, at 11:30, following morning Eucharist. Pet sitting will be provided in the court yard during Eucharist, so bring your dog or cat to church with you! In the event of rain or mud. Pet sitting will take place in the undercroft. Water will be provided.

Dogs must be on leashes, and cats should be in carriers. Beloved stuffed animals are also welcome, and can join us in the church or nursery. Other pets are welcome as well, although snakes may be blessed from pictures.

If your pet does not travel or socialize well, bring a photo to the blessing. Invite your families, friends and neighbors!



## September 2019 Serving Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship Leaders</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Bursars</u>	<u>Babysitters</u>
9/1 9:00 a.m.	Holly Garrett Harry Goff	Harry Ragland Debbie Haefner	Ethan Grames	Harry Goff	Carol Stout John Holmes	Diana Howarth	Jim Hollenberg Dennis Haefner	Ryden Grames Julie Manton
9/08 10:00 a.m.	Lana Maggart Carol Stout	Holly Garrett Diana Howarth	Harry Goff	Holly Garrett	John Palmer Jim Hoefener	Arbie Hollenberg	Dave Palmer John Palmer	Ryden Grames Dusty Hassler
9/15 10:00 a.m.	Ron Grames Clark Burton	Lynn Grames Ron Grames	Dusty Hassler	Lynn Grames	Jim Birr Karen Birr	Diana Howarth Terry Toolen	John Palmer Dusty Hassler	Ryden Grames Arbie Hollenberg
9/22 10:00 a.m.	Harry Goff Lynn Grames	Mary Dobbs Nancy Heinze	Kelly Snider	Lynn Grames	Lana Maggart Nancy Heinze	Carol Stout Nancy Heinze	Dusty Hassler Jim Hollenberg	Ryden Grames Deb Palmer
9/29 10:00 a.m.	Holly Garrett Karen Birr	Clark Burton Dennis Haefner	Ethan Grames	Lynn Grames	Jim Birr John Anselmo	Diana Howarth Terry Toolen	Jim Hollenberg Dave Palmer	Ryden Grames Sharon Howe
10/6 10:00 a.m.	Clark Burton Carol Stout	Sharon Love Susan Oris	Dusty Hassler	Harry Goff	Jim and Arbie Hollenberg	Arbie Hollenberg	Dave Palmer Dennis Haefner	Ryden Grames Debbie Haefner

**Please contact the office at 837-7113 to report any changes  
in the CALENDAR of SCHEDULES**



# SEPTEMBER

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

1 <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Holy Eucharist	2 <b>Labor Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>  <b>7:00 p.m.</b> N.A. (u)	3 <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Al-Anon (th)	4	5	6	7 <b>9:00 a.m.</b>  Weekly Maintenance
8 <b>Fall Program Begins</b> <b>8:15 a.m.</b> Christian Education <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Choir <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Holy Eucharist	9 <b>6:45-9:15 p.m.</b> Boy Scouts (th)  <b>7:00 p.m.</b> N.A. (u)	10 <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Al-Anon (th)	11 <b>10:00 a.m.</b> ECW (th)	12	13	14 <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Croppettes (th)  <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Weekly Maintenance
15 <b>8:15 a.m.</b> Christian Education <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Choir <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Holy Eucharist <b>11:45 a.m.</b> Vestry Meeting	16 <b>6:45-9:15 p.m.</b> Boy Scouts (th) <b>7:00 p.m.</b> N.A. (u)	17 <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Al-Anon (th)	18	19 <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Bunco (th)	20 <b>12:00 p.m.</b> Parish Luncheon (th)	21 <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Weekly Maintenance <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Gourmet Group (off site)
22 <b>8:15 a.m.</b> Christian Education <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Choir <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Holy Eucharist	23 <b>6:45-9:15 p.m.</b> Boy Scouts (th) <b>7:00 p.m.</b> N.A. (u)	24 <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Al-Anon (th)	25	26	27	28 <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Weekly Maintenance
29 <b>8:15 a.m.</b> Christian Education <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Choir <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Holy Eucharist	30 <b>6:45-9:15 p.m.</b> Boy Scouts (th) <b>7:00 p.m.</b> N.A. (u)		<p><b>Looking Forward-</b></p> <p><b>October 6 – Blessing of the Animals</b></p> <p><b>October 26 – Trunk or Treat</b></p>			



**BAPTISM**  
**July 21, 2019**

Luke Garrett by  
Rev. Michael Dunnington  
Parents—B.G. and  
Michelle Garrett



**AUGUST BLESSINGS**  
**August 4, 2019**



Anniversaries—represented by  
Leslie Dunnington & Mary Dobbs

**BACK PACK BLESSING— August 4, 2019**



Cameron Graham, Kelsey Sinclair,  
Leah & Arwen Milton and Rev. Dunnington

Michelle Garrett September 5  
 David Palmer September 8  
 Andrea Bogue September 14  
 Holly Garrett September 17



## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Sylvian Robbins September 22  
 Lana Maggart September 25  
 Kieran Murphy September 29

**Please remember our members  
 who are unable to attend - Rosalie Cox,  
 Jeanne Geise, Sara Henry, Yvonne Jones,  
 Cornelius Manuel, and Kieran Murphy.**

*Please  
 remember  
 St. Barnabas  
 in your will.*



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**Webmaster:** Ron Grames

**Vestry:**  
**Sr. Warden:** Dennis Haefner (2018)  
**Jr. Warden:** Dusty Hassler (2021)  
**Clerk:** Debbie Haefner

**Members:**  
 Karen Birr (2022)  
 Clark Burton (2021)  
 Susan Oris (2020)  
 Deb Palmer (2020)  
 Kelly Snider (2020)  
 Ron Grames (2022)

**Convention Delegate:**  
 Debbie Haefner (2020)  
**Alternate Delegate:**



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