



# St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

## October 2016 Newsletter

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*“Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.” (BCP; p.822)*

Dear Friends,

Unless you haven't noticed, our Presidential election is getting a little heated recently. Now, this is my 11<sup>th</sup> Presidential election. I must admit that I have never seen the likes of this. It has gotten ugly. On top of that, the coverage of it has become so unrelenting that many Americans are turning the TV's off and settling in with a “page turner” like War & Peace and a bag of Crunchy Cheetos. Others are stressed, angry, or heartbroken depending upon the level of tension and division among their family and friends.

I'd like to remind everyone of my sermon last Sunday. We are going to be OK. America is going to be OK. Our satisfaction and/or approval of the results of the election might not be high, but we will make it. While we may disagree on which one it was, many of us have already lived through the administrations of “the worst President in American history”. As we always have, America will survive.

We will awaken on the November the 9<sup>th</sup> and look one another in the eyes. What concerns me most is our willingness to make peace with and love those with whom we disagree. When my sister started a fight with me, my mother used to tell us, “I don't care if you like each other right now, but YOU WILL LOVE EACH OTHER. If not, you can go to your rooms!” No matter the legitimacy of our arguments (and, I would be happy to share mine with any and all privately), we must hold onto the relationships we have built. They are too precious and too necessary.

So, please do use the prayer above as we work our way toward November 8. Our choices are extremely important. No matter the result however, our work in the world will continue. There will be hungry people to feed, justice to strive for, and peace to seek out. And the only way we can make a difference in any of it is if we are together.

On the 8<sup>th</sup>, I will get to St. Barnabas around 6:00a.m. We are a polling site. People in our parish are preparing baked goods for sale. I will have the coffee pot and the baked goods outside with a couple of rocking chairs waiting for any weary souls who need to sit for a few minutes. The chapel will be open for anyone who would like a place for some quiet and reflection. If you would like to help (and we do need folks to help), sign up to staff the table on the sheet in the foyer.

On November 9, our work toward reconciliation will begin in earnest. Consider reaching out to those with whom you have disagreed. Remind them of your love and respect for them. Make special plans to be at St. Barnabas on November 13. Our service will revolve around reconciliation among ourselves, our families, our friends, our coworkers, and the wider community. Let us recommit to the healing of the human family and the Body of Christ. I offer this last prayer as a means toward that end.

*“O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”(BCP; p.824)*

*Yours in Christ,*

*Randall+*

A few more things:

We have several members who are going through times of difficulty, transition, and joy. Some are listed in our weekly prayers; some are not. We have members recovering from treatment for cancer, surgery, chronic pain, one illness I had never heard of, family struggles, employment struggles, disability, and other things. We have one family who has entered the Hospice program. We have two families who are going through moves. We have one family who awaits the birth of a child. We have two families who await new grandchildren.

We have two new families with beautiful young ladies included. One of these young ladies, Kaia, recently told her mom, "I like my new church. I like those people." Come and tell Kaia that you like her too!

As the next days and weeks go by, the needs of those suffering from the damage from Hurricane Matthew and the floods in Eastern NC will become known. We will let you know of those needs when we find them. In the meantime, don't forget about them.

Please do keep all of these people in your hearts and minds. Also, please do make Sunday mornings a priority, for yourselves, those who love you, and those who need you. Your presence and your prayers sustain and enrich us all. I think everyone associated with St. Barnabas will understand this. We absolutely care for one another. We absolutely welcome, embrace, and nurture anyone who comes to us. You are what allows this to happen. You are what sustains and enriches us so that we can go out into this world of ours and make a difference in the lives of those who feel alone or forgotten. Come and be nourished by one another's friendship. Come and be nourished by the life of God we receive at the table of God. In the words of Christ, "Love one another as I have loved you."

Peace be with you all.

### **Notes from Senior Warden**

Those of you who were in church Sunday (October 2) heard Jack Alford talk about the budget situation.

The bottom line is that if we continue as we are, money-wise, we will not be able to continue with a full-time priest after June of next year. He also stated that if each "pledge unit" gave \$250 more each year, starting with 2017, that we would be able to resolve that problem for a while at least. That amounts to 70 cents each day. I suggested that people could collect that each day in a jar and periodically donate, others suggested maybe a lump sum gift to the church at Christmas or another time of their choosing. Allen and I are putting 70 cents daily in a mason jar and will donate as it fills.

We also discussed what a great church St. Barnabas is and what good works the people here do and our expressed desire to grow the church. I read the Vision Statement the church adopted in January of this year and I suggest you all read that again. It is in the bulletin every Sunday and we should read it to keep us aware of what we all said was important to us in this church family. As part of this process, our Sunday School is discussing a program called "Invite, Welcome, Connect". I recommend it to all, as it discusses not only ways to connect more strongly with each other, but with the community around us.

Continuing with financial issues, I want to remind you about 3 up-coming fundraisers. The Monday Women's Group has discussed having a bake/coffee sale (opportunity for donation) on Election Day. We have done this in years past and find that not pricing items, but just having a basket for donations works really well. So if you are willing to bake something please let me know. These items need to be wrapped individually. Also if some people can sign up for times to attend the coffee/baked goods table, please let me know.

Also, we will be having a fundraiser at 10,000 Villages again this year on Friday, November 18, from 6:30-8pm. This is a great opportunity to do early Christmas shopping and has been a good fundraiser for us. Tell all your friends about it! Also on Saturday, December 10, we will have our famous Cookie Walk. Look for more details to come. Please put all these events on your calendar. Thanks and keep up the good work.

Mary Lee Rembert

## **FCP Food Drive**

This year the Friendship Community Partnership is organizing a five-church food drive instead of having a fall festival. The fall season is a wonderful time to share our bounty and good fortunes. Collection will occur during the month of October, ending on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Marked collection boxes will be provided, along with a list a desired food items. Donated food will be given to the Greensboro Urban Ministry. For additional information, please contact your FCP food-drive representative, Anne Carter, at St. Barnabas.



**Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk  
Sunday, October 16, 2016**

**NewBridge Bank Park, Downtown Greensboro  
Registration: 1:30pm  
Walk Begins: 2:30pm**

**[Crophungerwalk.org/greensboronc](http://Crophungerwalk.org/greensboronc)  
[GreaterGreensboroCROPWalk.org](http://GreaterGreensboroCROPWalk.org)**

## **Soles4Souls Shoe Collection**

First Lutheran Church, 3600 W. Friendly Ave., is collecting shoes for Soles4Souls, which distributes shoes globally. All shoes – any condition (except mold or mildew) are needed.

Please rubber-band shoes together and put in a box near Frank Moore's office, in the Community Center or at the north entrance, beginning Oct. 1. For more information, you may contact Frank at [frank@firstlutheran.com](mailto:frank@firstlutheran.com), 336-292-9125, Ext. 102.

## **Go Take a Hike with FCP - November 5**

On Saturday, **November 5, 2016**, the Friendship Community Partnership (FCP) is taking a hike at the Piedmont Environmental Center on Penny Road in High Point. The hike will follow a trail beside City Lake, starting at 10:00 am and ending

by 12:00 noon. It is for kids in grades 3-8 in the five FCP churches. Snacks and water will be provided. Transportation will be available, so plan to arrive at Persimmon Grove AME Church on Dolly Madison Avenue at 9:15 am. Vans will leave at 9:30 am, returning to Persimmon Grove by 12:30 pm.

Please contact Bill McNeil by November 1, if you and/or your kids plan to hike with us. You can contact him by email [mcneilplanning@gmail.com](mailto:mcneilplanning@gmail.com) or by phone (919) 622-3303.



Please make special note of our Ten Thousand Villages Fundraiser coming up on Friday evening, November 18<sup>th</sup>. St. Barnabas is given a percentage of the sales for that evening and it has been a very successful fundraising event in past years. It offers an opportunity to purchase unique handmade items that support fair trade and a global culture. Please do plan to attend and do a little early Christmas shopping.

## **One Step Further Food Pantry and The Servant Center**

The need for food in our community continues to grow at an alarming rate. The Servant Center also continues to feed up to 21 disabled veterans each day.

Food Pantry needs remain about the same from month to month:

- Protein sources might include canned tuna, salmon, Spam, peanut butter, dried beans and especially soups and stew as the weather gets cooler.
- Canned vegetables such as greens, mixed vegetables, peas, tomatoes, corn, and green beans
- Canned fruit
- Misc. Items such as dry milk, flour, rice, oatmeal, cereal, macaroni & cheese

***Thanks to everyone for your continued support and to those who deliver our food donations each week.***



The 2017 “Attractions” coupon books are still available and better than ever. At \$25, they are a great bargain. You get \$10-\$15 coupons to thirty of your favorite restaurants (like Liberty Oak, Positano, Cafe Pasta, Bravo, Mark’s, Wolfgang Puck Kitchen & Bar). There are hundreds of fast food “buy one, get one free coupons” to places like Elizabeth’s Pizza, Qdoba, PieWorks, Papa John’s, Penn Station, Salsarita’s, and Burger King. It also

offers coupons at stores like hgregg, Party City, Ace Hardware (which is redeemable at Home Depot and Lowe’s), and savings toward a new membership or renewal at Sam’s Club.

They make great gifts. Books are available in the parish hall with a payment envelope.

*Checks should be made out to St. Barnabas Church with memo notation, “Attractions book”.*



**October Birthdays**

- 14<sup>th</sup> – Edgar Menendez
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Roger McFarland
- 25<sup>th</sup> – JoEllen McFarland
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Pam Myers



- 7<sup>th</sup> – Pam & Bill Myers
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Dolores & Walt Wieselquist
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Jo Ellen & Roger McFarland

**You’re Invited To A Baby Shower  
for**

**Elizabeth Ignelzi-Alvarenga**

**Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1:00-3:00pm  
St. Barnabas Parish Hall**

**Hosted by Sarah & Judy Ignelzi**

**For Questions: Contact Judy Ignelzi at  
919-309-0001 or [jaignelzi@nc.rr.com](mailto:jaignelzi@nc.rr.com)**

**Gift Registry: Babys R Us, Target**

**Parish Directory Update**

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