



St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

Pentecost 2017 Newsletter

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Dear Friends in Christ,

June 4 is Pentecost Sunday. Some of us long term Anglicans might remember it as Whitsunday. We might even remember the week that follows it as Whitsuntide. How did we come to call it that, you ask? Well, as we all know, Brits can't talk right. After a few too many pints, they started to slur White Sunday, the traditionally Anglican term for what is now Pentecost, into Whitsunday. Until 1978, they extended their "revelry" or "recovery" by keeping Whit Monday as a national holiday. I'm sorry; I digress.

Pentecost occurs on the 50th Day after Easter and Passover. On that day, Christians celebrate the gift of God's Spirit to the early church. On that day, we recall that God broke down the walls that separated the Apostles and all the others who had gathered together in Jerusalem to celebrate Shavuot. Shavuot is the feast celebrating God's gift of the Law to Moses on Mt. Sinai. For those who would continue to be part of the Jesus movement over the next centuries, a feast developed that was separated from the Jewish festival of Shavuot.

In Acts, Luke describes the events of the day that would become Pentecost:

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because

each one heard them speaking in the native language of each."

Now, I am of the opinion that this event, while extraordinary, was simply a return to the place of unity and understanding that we all know is possible. God was doing for them what they would not do for themselves, not what they could not do for themselves. Like us today, they seem to have become more committed to maintaining their divisions instead of repairing them. These divisions had led to violence, hatred, fear, and oppression. They had justified the worst within us. God seems to have been reminding them of the best within them.

Unfortunately, that unity did not survive the moment. When they left, most returned to the well-worn habits that had caused all the pain in the first place. If they didn't return to those habits on their own, the political powers that existed convinced them and required them to abandon their hopes for peace and understanding. We all know the history that has nurtured our present resentments, fears, and bigotries.

On June, the 4th, we at St. Barnabas will pray for one another and for the world. We will pray to the imagination that will allow us to become what God intends for us to become. We will be asked to commit ourselves to a particular area of ministry in the community. Those are the four areas of ministry that we committed to last year as we developed our Vision Statement:

Social Justice, The Environment, Accessibility, & Active Compassion

Each of our Vestry Members has committed to one of these areas. They will be here to recruit you. Please consider one of these areas. Your particular ministries in those areas will be quite negotiable. They can range from intercessory prayer to hands-on work or manual labor. The

point is that we all join together in some way to recreate the just, peaceful, loving world that God intends.

Between now and Whitsunday, please do pray and consider you place in these ministries. With all of our hands on deck, we can and will do “greater things” as Jesus described them. Know that my prayers are with you all, and I ask for your prayers for one another and myself. I remain....

Yours in Christ,

Randall

How Randall Gets 3 Weeks Off

I will be having ankle surgery on June 21 at Duke Hospital. The surgery will be a “Total Ankle Replacement” on my left ankle. Google it if you like, but do avoid the video of an actual surgery. It ain't pretty. I will be in the hospital for 2-3 days and at home recovering for 2-3 weeks. During that time, Father Prevatt has graciously agreed to supply for us. After about 4-5 months, I'll do it again on the right side. Pray for Wanda.

Community Prayer List – The Reynolds family, Shirley Mace, LaVerne Tooley, Emma & David Brame, Marie Franklin, Charlotte Partrick, Kari Foote, Anne & Bill Williams, James Robert Allen, Holly Ackerman, Cheryl Corpening, Jennifer Corso, Tony Lynch, Mel Kreigsman, Herbert Menendez, Eugene Finocchi, Kate, Mary Smith, Maria De Jesus, Ann Fincke, Judy Brown, Frances Foote, James Hoots, Christopher Wolfe, George, Walter, Evelin, & Alex, Bob Donaghy, Debbie Felker, Jennie Johnson, Bonnie Pruit, Linda Lewis, Carolyn McLean, Chris Meacham, Tiffany Patrick, Davilynn & Bill Furlow, Marvin Aycock, Peggy Reeve, Rose Mertz. For those who have died: Donald Reynolds.

Joy to You!

**To the Wonderful St. Barnabas' Family
Thank You!**

For food and flowers, prayers, cards and calls, visits and garden vegetables, woodworking and

good wishes, more food and flowers, for your time, your presence, your gifts, and just plain ol' goodness....your company on our difficult journey made it all more bearable for Chip, and for Matt, Jonathan, and me.

Peace, Love, and Joy....Diene Harper Marble

Lenten Soup Suppers

Many thanks to Anne Carter, Tony Davies, Marcia House, Jane Kasai, Ann Long, Jackie Maisano, Elda Menendez, Christine Merriman, Pam Myers, Nancy Poulos, Mary Lee Rembert and Lyn Ryan for the wonderful soups and breads and muffins.

A special thank you for Jane Kasai and Betty Priestley for helping me set up every Wednesday morning and to Ann Long, Christine Merriman, Lyn Ryan and others who helped with clean-up.

Looking forward to next year!
Marcia

2017 Mowing & Grounds Volunteers

Thanks to Bill Myers, Jack Alford, Doug Meacham and Randall for mowing each week and for those who can be seen out trimming trees, pruning shrubs, spreading pine needles, etc. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to help with mowing. Bill Myers, our Jr. Warden, will contact volunteers as needed.

Several people have volunteered to maintain a flower bed or landscaped area this year. That is a tremendous help and most appreciated.

One Step Further and The Servant Center Food Pantry

As the school year comes to an end soon, we will experience an even greater need for food. One Step Further food pantry needs remain the same:

- ✓ **Protein Sources** such as canned tuna, salmon, beef stew, soups, Spam, and peanut butter, dried beans
- ✓ **Canned Vegetables** such as greens (turnip, collard, mixed greens), mixed vegetables, peas, tomatoes, corn, and green beans.
- ✓ **Canned Fruits**
- ✓ **Misc. Items** such as dry milk, flour, rice, oatmeal, cereal, macaroni & cheese.

The kitchen at the Servant Center Shelter can use items that can be used for cooking in large quantities like rice, dried beans, canned vegetables and flour.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support and to those who help in delivering our food donations each week.

Family Service of the Piedmont

The churches of the Friendship Community Partnership received a letter of thanks from Tom Campbell, President & CEO of Family Service of the Piedmont. He expressed his thanks on behalf of all the families who were helped by your donation of diapers, wipes, cleaning supplies, towels and clothing. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Trash/ Recycling Volunteers

Thanks to Marcia House for taking our trash/recycling cans to the street for the past few months. Our trash/recycling pickup is early Tuesday morning. ***If you are interested in helping, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.***

New Parish Directory

Karen is working on a June 2017 Directory. If you are new to St. Barnabas and would like to be included in the new directory or have changes to be made, please let Karen know via email: stbarnabasgreensboro@gmail.com or call the office (336-294-1282). She should have a draft ready by early June. At that time, an email copy will be send out for you to check your information. If you don't have email access or can't open the attachment, copies of the draft will be out in the narthex for changes or additions needed.

Parish Directory Update: Additions & Changes:

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May Birthdays

- 1st – Wendy Wheeler
- 4th – Jane Kasai
- 7th – Peggy Reeve
- 13th – Dora Speight
- 18th – Ethan Whitman
- 25th – Bill Myers
- 29th – The Rev. Bill Poulos
- 29th – Tony Saenz

June Birthdays

- 2nd – Nancy Poulos
- 5th – T.J. Bland
- 8th – Natalia Barskevicius
- 12th – Andra Taylordean
- 14th – Dale Finocchi
- 23rd – Allen Rembert
- 24th – Elizabeth Long, Sarah Long
- 25th – Jack Alford
- 27th – Rowene Clark

July Birthdays

- 7th – David Crawford
- 8th – Wanda Keeney
- 11th – Anna Heroy
- 11th – Ayla Anderson
- 14th – Patrick Keeney
- 23rd – Ann Davies
- 24th – Kelli Saenz
- 28th – The Rev. Richard “Dick” Smith,
Dirk Taylordean

- May 4th – Ann & Bill Fincke
- May 22nd – Sandra Ritter and David Gardiner
- May 31st – Ann & Tony Davies
- June 7th - The Rev. Bill & Nancy Poulos
- June 9th – Tony & Kelli Saenz
- June 20th – Dirk & Gayle Taylordean
- July 9th - T.J. & Leslie Bland
- July 17th – Randall & Wanda Keeney