

# EACH WEEK AT ST. BARNABAS

Day	Item	Time	Place
Sundays	Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8am	Church
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	10am	Church
	Godly Play	9:50am	Room with a View
Monday—Friday	Church Office Hours	9am-Noon	Office
Mondays	Reunion Prayer Group	11am-noon	Parlor
	Library Coordinator in Announcements Due	1pm-4pm By 5pm	Library Send to info@stbbi.org
	Centering Prayer	9am	Church
Tuesdays	Lectionary Bible Study	6:30pm	Parish Hall
Wednesdays	Healing Eucharist, Rite II	9am	Church
Thursdays	Choir Rehearsal	7:30pm	Choir Room
Saturdays	Altar Guild	9am	Church

## ST. BARNABAS STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Presiding Bishop & Primate | The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry  
 Bishop of Olympia | The Right Reverend Gregory H. Rickel  
 Rector | The Reverend Karen Haig

Assisting Priests | The Reverends Dr. Judith M. McDaniel, Nancy Tiederman, Dr. Jan C. Heller and Jim Friedrich  
 Assisting Priest for Contemplative Ministries | The Reverend Patricia Rome Robertson  
 Deacon | The Reverend Dan Fowler  
 Director of Music | Paul Roy

Parish Administrator | Cera Rodriguez  
 Bookkeeper | Julie Houck  
 Kitchen Manager | Jamie Villella  
 Sexton | Tom Clark  
 Interim Tenders | Cathy & Will Nickum  
 Godly Play Coordinator | Sue Thompkins  
 Housekeeper | Natalia Perez

Senior Warden | Bethany Anderson  
 Junior Warden for Buildings & Grounds | Randy Krause  
 Junior Warden for the People | Rosalys Peel  
 Vestry Members | Carolyne Myers, Linda Maxson, Dave Teves, Will Nickum,  
 Paul Castanon, Roger Clairmont  
 Clerk of the Vestry | Barbara Bolles  
 Treasurer | Mike Killion Treasurer Emerita | Carol Milton  
 Chancellor | Katherine Bolles  
 Convention Delegates | Barbara Bolles, Katherine Bolles, Stu Case, Su Beecham  
 Alternate Delegates | Karen & Tom Beierle  
 At-Large Delegates | Joan Collins, George Robertson

Day School Director | Julia Lampa  
 Teachers | Kristi Barr, Debra Rogers, Amy Prentice, Mary Feeney, Karen Kolthoff

For more information about St. Barnabas Episcopal Church,  
 visit our website at [www.stbbi.org](http://www.stbbi.org) or call the church office at 206/842-5601.



### Worship & Prayer

#### SUNDAY

8am  
 Holy Eucharist Rite I  
 followed by coffee and  
 community in the  
 Church Parlor

10am  
 Holy Eucharist Rite II  
 followed by coffee and  
 community in  
 the Parish Hall

#### TUESDAY

9am  
 Centering Prayer  
 in the Church

#### THURSDAY

9am  
 Healing Eucharist  
 in the Church

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## WELCOME TO ST. BARNABAS

### THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

We are delighted to welcome you to St Barnabas Episcopal Church. We hope you'll participate fully in our celebration through singing, prayer, hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ and coming to communion. If you are visiting or have been with us only a few times, we invite you to fill out a **blue pew card** so that we might get to know you and help you to know a bit more about us. If you have questions, please email our rector, Karen Haig, [revkaren@stbbi.org](mailto:revkaren@stbbi.org). Welcome!

### For Visitors and Newcomers

**LARGE PRINT PRAYER BOOKS (BCP) & DIGITAL RECEIVERS FOR AUDIO AMPLIFICATION** are available during services for those requiring hearing assistance. Please ask an usher.

**GLUTEN FREE EUCHARISTIC HOSTS** are available for those who need them. Please ask the priest at communion.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AGES 4-11** is offered at 9:50am each Sunday during the school year. Drop-off is in the library (please ask an usher for directions). At St Barnabas, children participate in Godly Play, a Montessori-based curriculum designed to immerse children in Bible stories where they can experience God, discover and explore their innately spiritual nature, and wonder together about the marvelous things God is doing! Children join their families in church for Communion. If you have questions, please contact the church office, [info@stbbi.org](mailto:info@stbbi.org) or Rev. Karen, [revkaren@stbbi.org](mailto:revkaren@stbbi.org).

**WE WELCOME ALL CHILDREN IN CHURCH, AND WE EXPECT THEM TO BE CHILDREN!** We also know that sometimes parents become uncomfortable with extreme wiggles, giggles, howls or hollers. If your little ones need a break, feel free to bring them to the Parlor (just across the plaza), where there is plenty of room to roam. We stream live audio from the church into the Parlor, so you won't miss a thing. There are Kid's Bags in the church entry, filled with crayons, puzzles and pictures to color. You'll also find a nursery at the end of the hallway, where there are rocking chairs and lots of amusement for little ones.

**COFFEE & COMMUNITY** Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parlor after the 8am service and in the Parish Hall after the 10am service.

**WELCOME TABLE** Visitors, newcomers and members are invited to the Parish Hall after the 10am service to learn about parish events, to volunteer for programs, and to learn more about our community. Be sure to sign up for a name tag when you visit the Welcome Table.

## Wednesday Evenings at St Barnabas: Who Was The Apostle Paul?




Join us on Wednesday evenings, October 23rd – November 20th as we explore the life, personality, themes and writings of St Paul, the Apostle so many people love to hate and the writer of one third of the New Testament!

Together we will come to a deeper understanding of Paul's context and faith, learn about his world view, about the early church and about Paul's place in helping the church come to fruition. Join us in the parish hall as early as 6:30, bring something to eat or drink as you'd like, and join us for program and conversation beginning at 7:00. Our conversation last Wednesday was fabulous!

**Questions? More info?**  
**Contact [revkaren@stbbi.org](mailto:revkaren@stbbi.org).**

## Kids' Pantry Drive



In the summer St. B helped supplement Kids' Pantry Bags for children who receive free breakfast and lunch during the school year. Helpline distributed approximately 175 bags each week for 10 weeks this summer, filled with nutritious food to be sure those children did not go without during break. Thank you all for your generosity.

Helpline hopes to distribute 400 bags during the Christmas break. St. Barnabas has been asked to help again to fill the bags for these children in need. We hope to collect 400 granola bars and 400 fruit cups to fulfill nutritional needs the federal subsidies do not cover.

Please open your hearts and donate throughout November so these bags can be filled for a December 2nd distribution during the school break. Place your donations in the basket at the base of the font or in the box inside the parlor doors. We know that well-nourished children are well equipped to learn!

**Please do not take your Kids' Pantry bag donations to Helpline! We need to keep count and donations that go directly to Helpline won't go to the Kid's Pantry. Thank you!**

## Stories of Gratitude...from George Robertson



My name is George Robertson. My wife, Patricia, is one of our assisting priests. This story is partly about my stewardship journey, but mostly about our journey. When Patricia read a draft of this, she wanted me to name it – so, this is the “Sermon on the Amount.”

I was born in Texas and grew up in Tennessee. I grew up in the Southern Baptist church. I learned the value of giving each Sunday from my Mother, even though I had very little to give. When I was in college, I was active in the Baptist Student Union and was Stewardship Chair – that is when I started to understand what stewardship is really about.

I discovered the Episcopal Church when I was in graduate school in Pittsburgh and fell in love with it. I was particularly drawn to the outreach work that Church of the Redeemer was doing.

Patricia and I met at church and married a couple of years later, moving to the Boston area so she could go to Episcopal Divinity School. Over the years, we have been a part of nine different churches in six dioceses.

To us, stewardship is really about developing a right relationship with God. It certainly helps that the money is going to churches to do good works. But supporting the church is secondary – our relationship with God is primary.

God has given us everything that we can see, touch, smell, hear or feel. God's gifts include:

all of creation;  
life itself, in all its diversity;  
love;  
Jesus, our Savior and role-model;

and personal gifts of memory, reason, and skill, and the opportunities to use them. Money is a by-product of these gifts and giving back a portion of these gifts is one way that we are good stewards and express our gratitude for God's amazing gifts.

The Biblical standard of giving is the Tithe, or 10% of your income. We really learned this when we were at St. Thomas in Sunnyvale, California 30 years ago. In the Rector's stewardship address, he told us exactly what his income was, and exactly how much he was giving back to the church – 10%. He talked about Proportional Giving as a way of working toward a tithe.

After hearing him, we went home and computed our current giving, which was 2% at the time. We then increased our giving by 1% each year until we reached a 10% tithe, and we have never looked back.

But, when Patricia became Vicar of St. Ambrose in Foster City, she challenged me – we were tithing on our net income and she thought we should be tithing on our gross income.

We compromised for several years – tithing on her gross income and my net income. I finally came to realize that I was clinging onto something that was God's gift and should be returned. So, we have been tithing on our gross income for the last 20+ years.

But wait, there's more – as Kirk said a few weeks ago, there are no former tithers. In our experience, we kept increasing our giving beyond the tithe. We are no longer planning our increases as we used to – we just naturally want to give whatever we can.

We also tithe in our wills – when we pass on to greater glory, the first 10% will go to the church.

I encourage each of you to seek your right relationship with God and God's gifts. And I highly recommend proportional giving as a tool to help you work towards your goal.

## TONIGHT! CONTEMPLATIVE HOLY EUCHARIST

Our next Contemplative service is on November 17th at 5pm.

Do you long for more silence in your worship? Would you like to sink more deeply into chant, reflection, Word and Sacrament? Join us in the church on the third Sunday of the month for A Contemplative Holy Eucharist. This service is a wonderful way to steep ourselves in the Holy as we prepare for the week ahead.

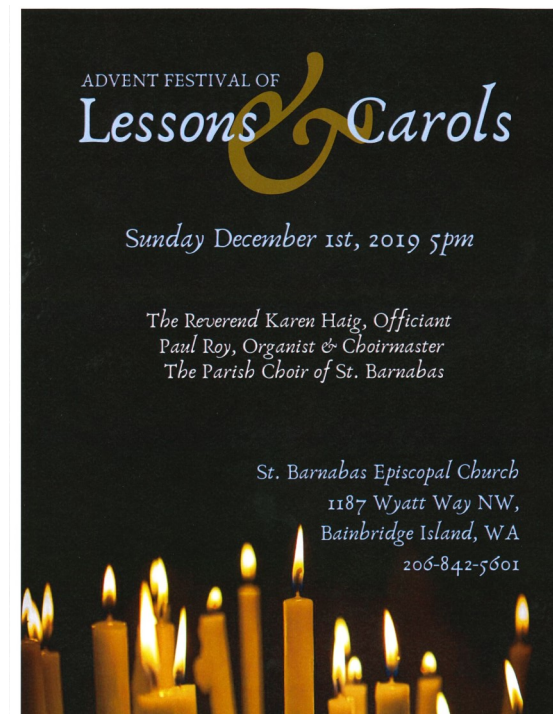
Questions? Contact Rev. Karen,  
[karen@stbbi.org](mailto:karen@stbbi.org) or 206 842-5601.

## WOMEN'S COFFEE (BRING A CUP!)

November 20th at 10am, in the parish hall

St. Barnabas Women's Coffee will gather this next Wednesday, November 20th at 10 AM in the Parish Hall. In addition to enjoying each other's company, we will be putting the finishing touches on Christmas gifts for those in our parish family who are currently home bound and those individuals in assisted living who attend Devotions. There will be a small silent auction to increase our funding and rumor has it that a 1998 St. Barnabas cookbook featuring treasured recipes from former church members will be available for sale! We'll have the opportunity to write another round of greeting cards to our friends who are presently under the weather. Please bring a stamp or two for postage and thank you for your past support. And lastly, please look in your pantries for granola bars you may have as well as fruit cups for the Kid's Pantry. Helpline House provides supplemental food to school children during vacation times who receive free breakfast and lunch. Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday!

For questions or more information, please contact Robin Cook, [robinscook@yahoo.com](mailto:robinscook@yahoo.com).



## AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHANCELLOR

*How we got here*

Last year, after a committee of dedicated parish members completed its assigned task of reviewing and providing suggested amendments to the current Bylaws of the Vestry, Reverend Karen requested that several attorneys attending our church review the revisions to ensure their legal adequacy. Prior to reading the Bylaw revisions, I requested a copy of the Articles of Incorporation that created the business arm of our church so that I could be sure that the Bylaws were in compliance with the Articles.

*But wait, there's more!*

When I reviewed the Articles, I knew immediately that they were in need of revision. They were the original Articles, approved in 1964, and listed the true name of our church as “The Rector, Churchwardens and Vestrymen of Saint Barnabas' Parish, Bainbridge Island, Kitsap County,” not “St Barnabas Episcopal Church” as I anticipate most of us think is the name of our church. In addition to the outdated name, the state law pertaining to non-profit corporations has changed fairly significantly over the last 55 years since the church was originally incorporated. I also felt fairly confident that The Canons and the Constitution of the Episcopal Church and of the Olympia Diocese had been amended within that time period, so I read those documents to ensure that any revisions to the Articles would be in compliance with the current Canons.

*Action taken*

Upon being appointed the church's chancellor in January of this year, I drafted a revised version of the Articles that would bring them into the 21st century by complying with all current governing authorities (the Episcopal Church, the Olympia Diocese and state law). After thorough review by your Vestry, the final version was approved at the Vestry's October 20 meeting and will be referred to you for a vote at the church's annual meeting on January 26, 2020.

*Required 60-day notice*

You may wonder why you are receiving this now when you will not be voting on this for more than two months. For a valid vote to occur, you, the voting members of the church, must be provided a minimum of 60 days notice, along with a copy of the recommended revisions to the Articles, prior to the scheduled vote.

*Access to documents*

You can access on the church's website copies of:

1. the original 1964 Articles of Incorporation;
2. the resolution approved by the Vestry;
3. a redlined version of the Articles of Amendment (showing the recommended revisions to the original Articles); and
4. a clean version of the Articles of Amendment (how the Articles will read after the congregation's approval).

Hard (paper) copies of these documents will also be available in the church office if you would prefer them in that form.

*Let's talk!*

If you have any questions at all, or would like to discuss the recommended revisions or anything about the process, please don't hesitate to contact me by e-mail at [municipallawcenter@gmail.com](mailto:municipallawcenter@gmail.com) or by telephone at (405) 630-5961. I would be happy to speak with you on the phone or meet with you in person, at your option. It is important to me that you have a full understanding of the revisions prior to voting on January 26 so that your vote is well informed.

Respectfully, Katherine Bolles, Parish Chancellor