



Romans 15:5

THE BEACON

ST. BARNABAS: BRINGING ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE WORLD

The Newsletter of St. Barnabas Anglican Church
April 2008

Special Dates

April 6, 13, 20, & 27 Evening Prayer

April 11 & 12 Healing Mission

You Too Can be Healed, a Healing Mission sponsored by the Westlake Chapter of The Order of St. Luke, will be held Friday, April 11, and Saturday, April 12, at St. Barnabas. The Mission will be led by the Rev. Don Baustian with three teaching sessions and closing with a Healing Service on Saturday afternoon. Don, a deeply spiritual man, is much sought after: this is one of his few appearances this year. In addition to Don's teachings there will be workshops: *Inner Healing Prayer*, *Youth and the Healing Ministry*, *What is the Order of St. Luke*, *Healing from Drug and Alcohol Addition*, and *Embracing the Healing Power of Christ*. A registration fee of \$20 includes a continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Pick up a flyer, call 440-871-6200, or email: osl-westlake@aol.com. For more information, see page 6.

April 18—Friday New Comers Dinner!

April 19 —Saturday Greeters Meeting 9:00 AM
Ushers Meeting 10:30 AM

April 23 Wednesday Lector's Training 7:00 PM

April Sermon Schedule:

April 6 Mark 1:1 – The story of Jesus through Mark's eyes.
April 13 Don Baustian – Order of St. Luke
April 20 Mark 1:2 – 8
April 27 Mark 1:9 - 20





**CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY**

KIDVENTURE

Is it really the middle of March?!

WOW! I am amazed at how fast this school year has gone. I have had a wonderful time interacting with your children; what a blessed bunch of kids. As most of you are aware we have had some changes to our Sunday morning line-up and it has been a growing time in the Lord for all of us. As the year winds down there are some new things happening.

First is....

The **Summer Sunday School** session starting on **Memorial Day weekend**.

The **summer teaching schedule** will be going up on the board outside the office. ***Please give freely of your time and love this summer.*** Lessons are preplanned and great fun for all.

Second is...

CALLING ALL HEROES!

BIBLE ADVENTURE AWAITS!

It is VBS Time –well almost!

We are gearing up for an adventure on the high seas learning about some of the Bible's heroes. We will find that we can be heroes for God right now. Moses, Gideon, Paul, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego all have our adventurers looking to Jesus for the strength to be heroes.

“I can do all things through Christ because he gives me strength.” Philippians 4:13.

Looking for a way to join the fun? We are looking for a few hearty leaders for the Spyglass Bible Theater, Whipcrack Island games, Clapping Rock Crafts, and Rock Monster Science lab.

Set aside June 16-20, 10:00 -11:30 am to sail through a week of unforgettable learning.

Please call Becky to join the fun or with any questions at 440-610-3828.

Until VBS, how about bringing your children to **Biblesong**, Sundays 9:15 – 10:15 am, for a fun time learning the New Testament with songs, the Name that Verse game, and skits. We are having a great time!

Joyfully in Christ,

Becky

(440) 610-3828

Summary of Events:

Presently

-Biblesong— Sundays 9:15-10:15

-*Who is it for?* Since we read from the Bible as part of the program, your child needs to be able to read to participate. So, readers through 5th grade, come and join the fun!

-Nursery care is provided for younger children of parents participating in adult 9:15 program.

-Sunday School—Sundays 10:30

-*Who is it for?* We have nursery care for infants and toddlers as well as planned lessons taught to 3-year-olds through 5th graders.

Summer

-Vacation Bible School— June 16-20th, 10-11:30 am. 3-year-olds through 5th grade.

- Sunday School—Sundays 10:30 am

-Nursery care for infants and toddlers

-3-year olds through 1st graders have planned lessons taught.

-2nd graders and older should join their parents for services in the sanctuary.



Thoughts from the Study

As I write this month's article, there remains a few inches of snow on the ground and the fire in the woodstove is burning with its familiar glow. The weather still feels like winter, although the Indians' opening game is less than a week away! The birds, however, are telling me spring is coming by their familiar tune that has been noticeably absent for the past five months. Winter, with its strong will does not easily loosen his grip, but, in the end, will be forced to move on by the warm sunshine of spring! I love the four seasons, but I've always struggled with March and early April—the time of year that is so fickle! Spring peeks through one day, and the next – “the blizzard of '08” comes along and all the Little League games and fishing trips are cancelled! -Rats! (to quote Charlie Brown).

I mention this spring dilemma in relation to our walk with Christ. As we now have entered the Easter season, we are a resurrection people – a new people, a born again people. Peter states our situation in this way:

According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Pet. 1:3

This life in Christ is grounded in a “living hope”; Jesus is alive, and because he is alive, I have hope not only in this life, but in the next. In addition, because of this hope, I cannot stay where I am, in “winter”, but rather am called to what the Apostle Paul calls Transformation:

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Rom. 12:2

This month, we look at our second focus as a CANA church which is to reflect lives that have been transformed by the amazing love of Jesus Christ. You cannot help but be transformed when you have met the living Christ! J.B. Philip's translation of Romans 12:2 says, “Do not let the world squeeze you into its mold”. That is transformation! Today there are many winter voices speaking to the church that are too numerous to mention. There have always been such voices, they are just more noticeable today! These deceptive voices will squeeze you into their mold if you're not careful. God loves you and the world so much that he wants to heal all of your past brokenness to enable you to live this life to the fullest, and he wants to redeem even the most broken situations and systems in our world. When the world looks at a community of people that reflect such transformation, not only is it profound, but it is also contagious! And through such transformation we see Jesus move powerfully in our era!

Therefore, I invite you to put away your spiritual snow shovels and join us for a spring walk with Christ and join the St. Barnabas Community through the various worship services, small group offerings, and service opportunities to reflect the profound transformation that the Lord has done in your life. You will be glad you did!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! - Gene

Our Beacon Shines On...

By Gay Borchert and Sarah Hughes

Leslie Croyle is the quiet, pretty lady near the back of the church at 8:00 A.M. Because she serves so quietly and with such grace and humility, you might not know her. You should know her. If you can, seek her out. She is a woman who lives Romans 12:10: "Honor one another above yourselves."

She honors and serves her family well. She and husband, Tom, have raised 3 daughters, (Susan, Trisha and Annie), all grown now and living out of state. They are the grandparents of 2 boys (Justin and Brandon), and they are planning the May wedding of Trisha in Florida. This would keep anyone busy, but Leslie does so much more.

She honors and serves her church family well. Leslie has been a member of St. Barnabas for 25 years. She has served on the Altar Guild for 10 years, and has served as Altar Guild director. She faithfully tends church gardens during the growing season and has been active on recent commitments to renovate areas of the church. She's offered to help the youth group paint the teen tower and hopes to join them on a mission trip. She has also served as deliverer par excellence and Chairman of Advertising for 3 of the biennial publications of "The Bay Book" telephone directory.

She honors and serves her community well. In fact, Leslie was so busy with community projects that she was selected Bay Village Citizen of the Year.

The year, 2002. Her passion is gardening and flower arranging, skills she has used in her capacity as Chairman of the Flower Division of the Cleveland Botanical Gardens Show and past affiliate Club Chairman. She was a founder of the "Greening of Bay" Christmas tradition and of the Bay Village Perennial Garden Club. Other hobbies include cooking, reading, golfing and cheering for the Ohio State Buckeyes. Leslie is their # 1 fan in the area and has been president of the OSU Alumni Club of Cleveland. She has also been a local and national judge in the America In Bloom program, judging and recognizing cities across the country for their beautification and environmental programs.

There is almost no limit to Leslie's volunteer spirit. She honors and serves all those she sees who might need some assistance. Leslie is one of those special people who sees things that most of us miss. My favorite example comes from an exercise class in which we both participate. An older member of the class has her usual spot in the back now and brings a towel to lay on for floor work. One day, she arrived with a nice soft, foam rubber floor mat. I commented on how nice it looked and she said, "Leslie bought this for me."

Sara and I are proud to honor Leslie as she would never seek honor for herself.



YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group Calendar Dates

April 6-	6-8 pm Old Testament
April 13-	6-8 pm Game Night
April 20-	6-8 pm Old Testament
April 27-	6-8 pm Game/Music Night
May 4-	6-8 pm Old Testament
May 18-	6-8 pm Old Testament

SUMMER SCHEDULE

This summer we are implementing KIT (Keep in Touch). KIT means that we will not be meeting weekly, but will get together to socialize, play, and eat once a month until school begins. Once the school year starts we will kick off 2008-2009 with a party and initiate the incoming 6th graders to our group.

Keep in Touch (KIT) Dates:

June 8

July 20

Needs and Blessings

- Babysitter Needed:** Geoff and Felicity White desperately need help caring for their 2 sons over the next several months. Felicity is going to nursing school and is looking for someone to watch Jack, age 7, and Ethan, age 4, while she is at school. Teenaged girls are scheduled for the summer, so the White's are looking for someone May 1-June 13 and again toward the end of August for the 2008-2009 school year. The details are a bit sketchy as of yet, but Felicity plans to do a rotating system where the babysitter would know the days of the week ahead of time. Next school year, Jack would be in school full-time and Ethan will have afternoon preschool 3 days a week. The White's are asking that since Felicity is a stay-at-home mother with tuition costs, funds will be tight and the lowest bidder wins the job. If you are interested in even an hour a week, please contact Felicity White, 440-394-2467 or 440-895-9470.
- Free Lawrey Organ.** 42"W x 34"h x 24"d. In good working order. Includes bench. Pick up in Rocky River. Call Carrie Hebert at 440-895-0479 or 440-823-9447.
- Liquid Candles.** Suzanne Hill has presented two beautiful liquid candles for use on the altar. The candles are given to the glory of God in memory of Sue's husband, Gerald L. Hill. *"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your father in Heaven."* Matthew 5:16



Order of St. Luke

The Westlake Chapter of The Order of St. Luke will be using St. Barnabas for its regular monthly meetings. Typically, they will meet on the 4th Saturday of each month from 10 am-12 noon.

Their meeting dates for 2008 are:

April 26th
 May 24th
 June 28th
 July 26th
 August 23rd
 September 27th
 October 25th
 December 6th

Rev. Donald E. Baustian

Will be leading the workshop entitled "Youth and Healing Ministry." Fr. Baustian is a native of Iowa, and a retired priest of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Arkansas. He served as North American Warden of the International Order of Saint Luke the Physician from 1999 to 2004. He and his wife, Beverly, make their home in the south Arkansas pine forests and have three grown children as well as three grandchildren.

"The ministry of healing," he writes, "is not an option for Christians. It is part, an essential part, of our call and commission. If our life and ministry is to be true to the life and ministry of Jesus, then we must be about the business of ministering healing and wholeness in his name."

You Too Can be Healed

Here is some more information on a few of the workshop leaders for the Healing Mission on April 11th and 12th.

Inner Healing and Prayer

Susan M. Adams' work reflects a passion for writing, love of Christ, and a dedication to lifelong learning and growth. After experiencing several life-changing crises, and a renewal of faith, Susan's interest in healing and prayer deepened. She now helps others reconnect with their authentic selves and deepen their faith through workshops on prayer and creativity. Susan is also an award-winning public relations director, and journalist. Susan has sold original poetry and handmade journals in the Silverthorne Gallery in Rocky River. She has personally experienced the transformative power of Inner Healing Prayer and is grateful to share this process with others on the journey.

Healing from Drug and Alcohol Addiction

Lonnie Woomer, LISW, has been involved in the healing fields of drug and alcohol and mental health treatment for over 20 years. She has been employed with Mainstream Counseling, Inc, an outpatient drug and alcohol facility, for her entire career as a therapist, prevention specialist, and administrator. Lonnie has a passion for partnering with individuals and their family members on a journey toward whole person healing (mental, physical, and spiritual). Within the past year, she has worked with a group of folks at her church (St. John's Episcopal Church, Huntingdon, PA) to begin an OSL chapter in their community because she has witnessed first hand the transformative power of spiritual healing among those whose lives have touched hers through the years.

Embracing the Healing Power of Christ

Saran Warne has a heart for prayer and taking time to connect with Jesus. She has the most experience with intercessory and contemplative prayer. She has been married to Tom, and Episcopal priest, for 12 years and is actively involved in a variety of prayer ministries, Bible studies, and outreach ministries.

Thoughts on Stewardship

What do you think about genetic research? We already developed the ability to do things we only imagined a few years ago. One lingering fear of this research is expressed in the oft-repeated statement, "Someday, someone will create a monster," meaning the research could become detrimental to humankind rather than make a positive contribution.

The Bible affirms love—the love of God, for God, and for others—as perhaps the greatest attribute of God and His children. What about loving money? Think of all the hospitals, church ministries, and mission efforts made possible by the giving of money.

But to love money is to "create a monster," an attitude, a way of life that holds no promise for good. Holy Scripture counsels,

Now there is a great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. 1 Tim 6:6-10

Let us love God supremely and use money to help people and honor the Lord.

By Ernest Standerfer, pastor of Valley View Baptist Church, Nashville, TN.

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are undergoing treatment for various illnesses and the on-going needs of their bodies and spirits, please remember in prayer: Alberta, Alice, Amy, Andrea, Sam Andrew, Jean Andrews, George Armstrong, Bernice, Kathryn Braessler, Mary Brewer, Kate Butler, Cameron, Carl, Carol, Celia, Cheryl, Cindy, Colgate, Ben Cox, Dave, Dave and Carolyn, Dick and Dona Dillon, Douglas, Elaine, Corbin Fanning, Joseph Garca, Shelly Gray and family, Veronica Gildea, Kaylah Hackenberg, Guy Hardy, Harold, Lisa Hill, Bob and Sonia Holschuh, Jack, the Jackson family, Kenny Jackson, Jane, Charlie Johnston, Raven Johnston, Carolyn Jones, Kim and John, Kristen, Doug Lamb, Melissa Larzo, Laura, Rodney LeMaster, Russ and Kim Lenahan and family, Liz, Marcia, Marie, Mark, Bill McHenry, Mary Grace McLaughlin, Arlis Mercer, Michelle, Claudia Millradt, Sherry Mitze, Nicole and Tricia, Max Payne, Peggy, Phyllis, Robin, Danny Sabbath, Sandy, Sara Kay, Sarah, Pat Saunders, Lauren Schmitz, Scott, Jake and Phyllis Seger and Judy, Shannon, Sharon, Kenny and Jeanne Sisson, Colin Smith, Tom Smith, Charlotte Swanson, Tamara, Terry, Timothy, Tricia, Tyler White, Laura Vickers, Tim Workman and family, Shirlee Zopf and family, and those other requests known to God.

Please pray for all those who have asked for healing, guidance, peace and comfort. *"Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."* Philippians 4:6

In and Around St. Barnabas ...

Taining sessions for Lectors is set for April 23rd at 7:30 pm. Anyone feeling called to participate in this ministry is requested to talk to Rev. Gene Sherman, Gay Borchert, or Harry Geaslen.

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The New Comers Dinner is scheduled for Friday April 18th.

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*Love the Living Lord
Foster His Family of Faith
Call the Culture to Christ*

VISION STATEMENT
*A Church Community Full of Disciples (who are)
Joyfully Worshipping the Lord
Enthusiastically Serving One Another
Compassionately Reaching Out to the
World for Christ*

Services

Sunday-8 a. m. - Holy Communion
9:15 a.m. Discipleship Hour
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.—Holy Communion

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