



Romans 15:5

# THE BEACON

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The Newsletter of St. Barnabas Anglican Church  
December 2008



## Holiday Happenings !!



**Sunday December 7 Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale Fellowship Hall**  
Crafts, baked goods, and holiday decorations. Get started on that Christmas shopping!

**Sunday December 13 St. Barnabas Women's Luncheon 12 noon**  
Mahle's Restaurant 24945.Detroit Road, Westlake Reservation required

**Sunday December 14 St. Barnabas Christmas Luncheon**  
Bring your Christmas spirit - everything else provided by St. Barnabas Elves

**Sunday December 21 Greening of the Church After 10:30 a.m. service**  
The Altar Guild welcomes assistance as they put the final decorating touches on the church in preparation for the joyous celebration of Christmas.

**December 21 Christmas Caroling 6-8 p.m.**  
Everyone is invited to bring carols of the season to the neighborhood, then warm-up with cookies and hot chocolate.

**December 24 Family Service with Holy Communion (Rite 3) at 5 p.m.**  
**Holy Communion at 11 p.m.**

**December 25 Holy Communion at 10 a.m.**

**December 28 Lessons and Carols at 10:30 a.m.**

## December Sermon Schedule:

December 7 (Advent 2)	Mark 1:1-8
December 14 (Advent 3)	John 1:6-8, 19-28
December 21 (Advent 4)	Luke 1:26-38
December 24	Christmas Eve (5 pm and 11 pm)
December 25	Christmas Day
December 28	John 1:1-18 (Lessons & Carols at 10:30)





## Thoughts from the Study

I have to admit that the music of the Advent / Christmas season is one of my favorites in all the church calendar year. “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” to “O Come all Ye Faithful” – are songs that not only have stood the test of time, but are filled with rich truth and sound doctrine. An interesting Advent tune I’ve recently discovered is entitled *I look from afar*:

I look from afar: And lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel? High and low, rich and poor, one with another, Go ye out to meet him and say: Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep: Tell us, art thou he that should come? Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel. Glory be the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. I look from afar, and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

The first Morning Prayer Responory for Advent Sunday

This song, sung in many churches at the beginning of an Advent Carol service marks the beginning of the Advent season. The season of Advent that we celebrate every December is a season of penitence, anticipation, and hope. *I look from afar* points us to the return of Jesus as both our judge and king, reigning over the whole earth. Often we view Advent as the season only to prepare our hearts to celebrate Christmas; but as the parable of the sheep and goats suggests in Matthew 25, Jesus will return as our Ruler and Judge.

This king and his love are, however, truly extraordinary. He is a king that does not force an allegiance from us, but frees us to love him, or not to do so. That is a loving King and thus, we ought not look for him only during Advent, but at all times of the year. We state our belief in His return every week in the Nicene Creed, but do we really live as if He may return today! Advent reminds us that we should, today, look from afar for the return of our loving ruler and judge.

Friends, I encourage you to look “both ways” (1 - preparing your heart for Christmas, and 2- to Jesus’ glorious return) this Advent and by doing so, that you may grow in the faith and knowledge of Christ in ways that you never have before. And having spent Advent well, I believe that on Christmas Eve as we sing “O Come all Ye Faithful” with renewed and expectant hearts, God will truly be glorified, and our lives deeply blessed!

O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

Have a blessed Advent & a Merry Christmas!

Gene

*“Our task is to continue to grow and reach out to the people around us with the Good News of God’s inclusive and life-transforming love.” Bishop Martyn Minns*

## The Collect for the first Sunday in Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the deeds of darkness and to put on the armor light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*This Collect is to be repeated every day,  
after the other Collects in Advent, until Christmas Day.*

## Ascension Anglican Fellowship

Join us  
as we prepare for  
**Christmas!**  
Four Special Advent Services

Ascension Anglican is a classical historic Anglican Fellowship who believes the Holy Scriptures and serves Christ in the Bainbridge area.



Ascension Anglican Fellowship  
of Bainbridge, Ohio

440.543.9175 - [AscensionAnglican.com](http://AscensionAnglican.com)

Traditional Anglican  
Evening Prayer Service

6 PM November 30  
December 7  
December 14  
December 21

*light meal to follow*

18046 Chillicothe Rd  
(Rte 306)  
Bainbridge Township, OH  
(New Life Fellowship building)

## Holiday Cheer for Amy Jackson

Help keep Amy Jackson's spirits high this Christmas season, and her birthday is December 19th, so send those birthday wishes her way! Amy can receive unlimited mail (limited to 5" x 7" or smaller) at:

Amy Jackson  
c/o Lorain County Correctional Institution  
9896 Murray Ridge Road  
Elyria, OH 44035

## CELEBRATE THE SEASON !!

There is a wide variety of Christmas choral and entertainment events in the area, for the whole family to enjoy. Take a break from the hustle and bustle, and relax and escape for an hour or two. See the Community Events bulletin board for more details about each event.

### ***The Christmas Schooner, A Musical***

12/5, 6, 11, 12 13 - 7:30 p.m.

12/7 & 14 - 3p.m. matinee

TrueNorth Cultural Arts                      French Creek Nature Center, Sheffield Village

Tickets:            \$10                      Visit [TNCArts.org](http://TNCArts.org) or call 440.949.5200 for tickets

This critically acclaimed holiday treat tells the true story of a Michigan shipping captain who braves deadly winter weather to bring Christmas trees to homesick German American families in turn-of-the-century Chicago. A perennial holiday family treat, The Christmas Schooner is quickly becoming a holiday classic.

### ***TrueNorth Christmas Concert***

12/19 & 12/20    7:30 p.m.

TrueNorth Cultural Arts                      French Creek Nature Center, Sheffield Village

Tickets:            \$10                      Visit [TNCArts.org](http://TNCArts.org) or call 440.949.5200 for tickets

The TrueNorth Chorale and Symphony present familiar and lesser-known Christmas carols and music in this annual festive musical celebration of the Holiday Season.

### ***A Christmas Proclamation***                      12/21                      3:00 p.m.

Baldwin Wallace Kulas Musical Arts Center - Gamble Auditorium, Berea

Tickets:            \$7

Christmas music presented by the Southwest Community Chorus; accompanist Carol Konet.

### ***Boar's Head Festival***

12/27/08

Presented at 3 p.m. & 5 p.m.

Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland

Open seating

Free will offering

A raucous reenactment of a medieval feast combined with the pageantry of the Nativity Story that engages all your senses with its music, colorful costumes, incense and if we're lucky (and they behave) perhaps even a donkey and sheep. No longer sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese, the 46th presentation of medieval merriment and the Christmas story continues a favorite Cleveland holiday tradition. Don't miss it!

**ALTAR GUILD NEWS**

**Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale Fellowship Hall  
Sunday December 7**

The Altar Guild is partnering with H2H to provide homemade goodies for a bake sale as part of the Christmas Bazaar on December 7th. Proceeds from the bake sale will go towards the H2H mission trip to West Virginia next summer. Anyone else who wants to bring in cookies and other baked goods is also encouraged to help. Baked goods may be delivered to the kitchen on Saturday, December 6 between 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., and on Sunday beginning at 8:00 a.m. Julie Schmitz will price the items for sale and H2H members will be manning the tables after both services. Please bring the baked goods in containers that do not need to be returned.

What a sweet way to help our youth group meet their expenses for a life-changing experience next summer. Thanks!

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**Ladies of St. Barnabas**

Do you have 1 to 2 hours to give to our church once a month on a Saturday morning? Can you spare about 15 minutes after the service that you attend on Sunday? Do you want to make some new friends and find out how “behind the scenes” operation works? Vacations are allowed! Unpaid benefits!! Sound appealing - That’s the Altar Guild. The primary duty of the Altar Guild is to prepare the altar and sanctuary for all services under the direction of the clergy.

The Altar Guild is made up of four teams that usually serve once a month, beginning on a Saturday of one week and ending on the Friday of the next week. Some washing and ironing; but not every duty time!

Interested? Call Adele Torok (440-734-8932) or Jane Godfray (440-872-6086).

Thank you,

Adele and Jane

**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON  
12/14/08 Weekend**

Elves needed to assist in the kitchen (12/14) and with set-up (12/12 & 12/13) and clean-up (12/14). A delightful St. Barnabas tradition, but it doesn’t happen by magic! Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.

(No, you don’t have to wear a funny hat and pointy shoes - unless you want to!)

## ***DISCIPLESHIP HOUR and BIBLE STUDIES***

St. Barnabas Anglican Church offers a variety of Bible study opportunities. We hope there is one that fits your interests and schedule. Come and join in the fellowship as you read and discuss God's word. Whether you chose Sunday's sermon text, one of the historical books, or a more current topic of interest, there is something for everyone.

**Sunday Discipleship Hour**                      **9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.**  
(Nursery care provided)

### ***Membership Matters***

**Led by Gene Sherman**                      **5 weeks (11/09/08 - 12/14/08)**

### ***Christian Living: Building Teamwork in Your Marriage***

**Led by Rev. Pat & Robin Malone**                      **5 weeks (11/09/08 - 12/14/08)**

### ***Christian Theology - Discussion of the text of the day***

**Weekly**    **Led by Bob Andrew and others**

### ***Jr. / Sr. Hi Study***

**Weekly**    **Led by Youth Leaders**

### ***Bible Song***                      **Children age 3 through 5th grade**

A fun time to become familiar with scripture verses through song and music.

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### **Monday Mornings**

**10:30 a.m. - 12 noon**                      **Women's Study** (No childcare)

The first study for the Fall season is a 6-week (09/08/08 - 10/13/08) study of 1 Thessalonians, chapters 4 - 5, a DVD and workbook titled, "A Spiritual Road Map in a Mixed Up World". Contact: Lucy Morgan (440-808-1173)

### **Tuesday Mornings:**

**7 a.m.**                      **Men's Study**

**9 a.m.**                      **Women's Study**

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians                      Contact: Linda Jackson    (No childcare)

### **Wednesday Evening**

**No Wednesday night Bible Study is scheduled for 11/19/08 through 12/31/08.  
Wednesday evening Bible Study will resume 01/07/2009**

Nursery care (7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.) and children's program provided



## Special Doings for the Kids during Advent and Christmas

As we move forward from Thanksgiving and into Advent, Christmas, and then the new year....this first semester has gone by so quickly!

Thank you to Tom and Nancy Payne, Nancy Millradt, Art and Marilyn Decker, June Love, Bob and Linda Ward, Katherine Zawtockki, and Kim Sherman. I so appreciate you all volunteering yourselves in BibleSong. Feel free to join us again when we start up again in January!!!

Looking ahead to this wonderful time of Advent, we'll be taking the next few Sundays during Discipleship Hour (in place of BibleSong) to teach your children a couple of songs to sing during the 5 p.m. Christmas eve service and to make some Christmas gifts for them to share with family members. So, come and join us in this time of anticipation and preparation as we await the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus, the Christ:

Sundays 12/7, 12/14, 12/21 (9:15am to 10:15am)

BibleSong resumes January 4, 2009, 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

Join us also for the church Christmas luncheon on 12/14 following the 10:30 service. There will be a special visitor for children of all ages.

Don't forget that the Christmas Eve Service, 12/24 @ 5pm., is a family service. The children will sing and take part in the procession to the crèche.

May the Lord bless you and your loved ones,

Katherine Edman

### **Military Personnel**

Let them know they are in our thoughts and prayers; a note or e-mail means so much!

LCPL Marron Sean P.  
1 MHG / 1 MEF Guardians  
3rd PLT  
Unit 42540  
FPO AP 94426-2540

or

Sean\_marron@hotmail.com

Matt Perrings (e-mail is best for Matt)  
MatthewLPerrings@msn.com



## YOUTH GROUP

## H<sub>2</sub>H (Head to the Heart)

All kids in grades 6 through 12 are invited to the St. Barnabas H<sub>2</sub>H get-togethers on Sunday evenings.

### December Dates and Activities

December 7	6—8 p.m.	Theme Night / Supper	Apostle's Creed 4
December 14	4:45—9 p.m.	Road trip to Ascension Anglican, Bainbridge	
December 21	6—8 p.m.	Fun Night - Christmas Caroling (Hot Chocolate & Cookies)	
December 28	No Meeting	Sabbath Sunday	
January 4, 2009	No Meeting	Sabbath Sunday	

Looking ahead, start making plans to come along on the mission trip to West Virginia next summer.

Any questions or suggestions, contact Brian and Tammy Hamp or Gene Sherman.

## *THE WOMEN'S PAGE*

Mark your calendars and don't miss the fun as the Women of St. B's gather for Fellowship, Fun and Food (what more does a girl need?)!!.

**December 13** Women's Luncheon Mahle's Restaurant, Westlake  
Your reservation must be in no later than Tuesday, December 9th. Call the church office (440) 871-6200

**January** Sweet fellowship at Katherine Zawtock's home, as we share our favorite desserts over coffee and tea. We will discuss one of the Fruits of the Spirit, "Love".

**As they say down south, Ya'all come!**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**To be certain we are praying for immediate prayer needs, we are requesting that you call the church office when your prayers are being answered.** We will keep the list of people with immediate prayer needs for the Lectors to read in the church services. The people with on-going conditions and prayer needs, we will list on this prayer-needs page so that they will be kept in our prayers during the week.

**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, Sam Andrew, Jean Andrews, Sis and Ernie Bowser, Steve Boyer, Kate Butler, Cameron, Carl, Carol, Celia, Cheryl, Cindy, Charles Clawson, Colgate, Ben Cox, Dave, Dave and Carolyn, Gordon Davis, Marie Davis, Dick and Dona Dillon, Douglas, Elaine, Sylvester Eldridge, Corbin Fanning, Bill Forrester, Joseph Garca, Joann Glowark, Shelly Gray and family, Veronica Gildea, Kaylah Hackenberg, Harold, Lisa Hill, Emmie Holleman, Bob and Sonia Holschuh, Jack, Kenny Jackson, Jane, Charlie Johnston, Raven Johnston, Kim and John, Kristen, Doug Lamb, Melissa Larzo, Laura, Janet Mahon, Rodney LeMaster, Marcia, Marie, Mark, Bill McHenry, Mary Grace McLaughlin, Doris McNeil, Arlis Mercer, Michelle, Sherry Mitze, Nicole and Tricia, Gordon Palmer, Phyllis, Robin, Sandy, Sara Kay, Sarah, Pat Saunders, Lauren Schmitz, Jake and Phyllis Seger and Judy, Shannon, Sharon, Colin Smith, Charlotte Swanson, Tamara, Terry, Timothy, Tricia, Tyler White, Laura Vickers, Tim Workman 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



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



<b>December 1</b>	Jim Henley	<b>December 21</b>	Bob Ward
<b>December 6</b>	Ellie Andrew	<b>December 22</b>	John Ryan
<b>December 7</b>	Marge Geaslen	<b>December 25</b>	Carol Ball
	Bob Middlemiss		Kayla Waitrovich
<b>December 8</b>	Sue Arnolt	<b>December 27</b>	Matt Marron
<b>December 10</b>	Howard Priest		Justine Meyers
<b>December 13</b>	Jack White	<b>December 29</b>	Andrew Cziryak
<b>December 15</b>	Cynthia Chiara		Chas Kennedy
<b>December 18</b>	Jim Schmitz		Nicholas Stephenson
	Jake Seger	<b>December 30</b>	Terra Corn
<b>December 19</b>	Amy Jackson	<b>December 31</b>	Amy Marron
<b>December 20</b>	Isaiah Jackson	<b>December 31</b>	Brian Waitrovich

**If we missed your birthday, please contact the church office so we can update our records**

## God has given you a gift

“Do we have to buy him a present? Her too?” “ You don’t need to give him/her a real expensive gift.” “Well they gave me a gift last year.”

Have you heard any of those comments during the Christmas season? Our motives for buying some gifts may be based on courtesy, duty, or tradition – all of which may not be bad but certainly fall short of motives such as love or “because I want to.” Sometimes we may not be sure what our motives are: we just think we have to give a gift.

The Bible makes clear that Christ’s motive for giving Himself to and for us was that we “might become rich.” The gift has been given – verified in history, recorded clearly by all the Gospel writers, and experienced by multitudes of believers. God gave His Son, who willingly gave Himself for us. His motive: that we might become rich – rich in faith, rich in Christ, rich in hope, richer in eternal life, and rich in love. There is only one explanation for such giving: grace, unearned and undeserved love of God for us. What a gift!

*Rev. Ernest Standerfer is Sr. Pastor of Valley View Baptist Church in Nashville Tennessee*

## ASKED and ANSWERED

The call went out, . . . and people answered. Thank you to those who volunteered for:

**Outdoor sign crew:** John Salisbury, Chris Hund, Caroline Borsini, John Mahon, and Robert and Katherine Zawtockki.

**Librarian:** Mary Harmer

**Health Cabinet (new members):** Darlene Bailey, Kim Campbell, Kathy Rodgers

We are still in need of volunteers for:

**Set-Up Ministry:** There are a lot of events going on and setting up tables and chairs is part of hosting parish gatherings. If we have a team of willing workers, then the same people won’t have to be responsible for every event. Share the load, lighten the load!

Please call the office if you have the gifts, time and interest in these ministry opportunities. Thanks and blessings!

## Needs and Blessings

The **St. Barnabas New Hope Fund** provides food and assistance to people in the community who are in need. Through our food pantry and monetary support New Hope also provides over 50 families with a holiday meal at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. In this holiday season, please consider sharing your bounty through a donation of non-perishable foodstuffs, money or Giant Eagle gift cards. It will make a difference!



***Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit***

***Matthew 28:19***

St. Barnabas is in the planning stages for a short term mission for summer 2009 in conjunction with World Vision. More details will follow, but please begin to pray about participating in this wonderful venture.

**July 26—August 1, 2009      World Vision Appalachia Group Mission Project**

**Purpose:** To teach the spiritual discipline of servant hood and to apply the principles of Christ-centered community transformation by serving in mission work in the North Central West Virginia Region.

**Open to:** Teens and adults

**Ministry in the Community:**

- \* The opportunity to build relationships with local residents through on-site building projects such as work on community centers, churches, community facilities, World Vision Ministry sites, and private homes.
- \* The opportunity to build relationships working side-by-side with children from the community in a three-hour, four-day-a-week "Summer Adventure". The outreach includes reading time, bible based lessons, crafts, activities, and lunch for the children.
- \* A community cookout and celebration
- \* Worship alongside community residents in a local church.

St. Barnabas has reserved 25 spots for the week in New Community, between July 26 and August 1, 2009. Cost per participant is estimated at \$500 (not including transportation), including:

- \* All meals during your stay
- \* Housing (may be college dorm, 4-H camp, community center or public school)
- \* One World Vision Mission Project T-shirt per person
- \* Devotional materials
- \* Ministry program for participants in the evening
- \* A canoe trip on your day off. Other options available on your own.
- \* Leader training, project set-up and on-site staffing

Contact Gene Sherman or Tim Workman for more details.

**Sunday Services**

**8 a. m.**

Holy Communion

**9:15 a.m.**

Discipleship Hour\*  
(Adults & Children)

**10:30 a.m.**

Holy Communion\*  
(includes Children's Chapel)

\* Nursery Care Provided

**Wednesday Service**

**10:30 a.m.**

Holy Communion

**Office Hours**

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Rector**

The Rev. Gene Sherman

**Associate Rector**

The Rev. Robert N. Andrew

**Ministers**

All the members of the Church

**Staff**

Katherine Edman, *Children's Ministries*

Lucy Morgan, *Events Coordinator*

Kathleen Bosl, *Minister of Music*

Tammy Hamp, & Sybil Mundy

**Office Administrators**

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

*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*