



THE BEACON

ST. BARNABAS: BRINGING ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE WORLD

The Newsletter of St. Barnabas Anglican Church
October 2008

Bishop Ames Visits St. Barnabas Church



October 19, 2008

At both the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services

Bishop Roger Ames will preach at both services on Sunday, October 19, and will conduct a Service of Baptism and Confirmation during the 10:30 a.m. service. Discipleship Hour will also provide an opportunity for parishioners of all ages to meet and talk with Bishop Ames.

There will be no adult classes, Jr. / Sr. Hi study, or Bible Song on October 19th. Children's Chapel will be held as usual during the 10:30 a.m. service and Nursery care will be available from 9 a.m. to noon.

Important Dates

- Sunday October 12 My Bible Stepping Stone service**
Special blessing at the 10:30 a.m. service for all children involved in Bible Song program.
- Sunday October 12 6 p.m. Parish Town Hall Meeting**
Child care will be provided
- Sunday October 26 Reformation Sunday**
No Children's Chapel during the 10:30 a.m. service. Gene will present a special sermon at the 10:30 a.m. service, to help kids of all ages understand our Anglican history and heritage. Nursery care provided as usual. Gratian Nugent will join us to celebrate her service as our former organist.

October Sermon Schedule:

October 5	Mark 3:1-6	Rev. Patrick Malone
October 12	Mark 3:7-20	Rev. Gene Sherman
October 19	Matthew 22:15-22	Bishop Ames
October 26	Reformation Sunday	Luke 9:2-6





Thoughts from the Study

I always felt sorry for the guy! There Charlie Brown stood, honestly believing Lucy would hold the football still while he would kick and pretend that it was going through the uprights for a game winning field goal. He would take off at full speed, getting a good 20 yard head of steam, when suddenly Lucy would pull away as he was in mid kick, he would miss the ball completely and fall flat on his back, staring at the beautiful autumn sky.

Life is like that at times isn't it? You think that a situation is going well and then all of a sudden, you discover that all is not as you expected and you too find yourself laying " flat on your back". It is times like that it is good to remember the words of St. Paul as he states in Romans 8:28

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

As we walk with the Lord, there is much in life that we don't expect. Some unexpected happenings are blessings for sure, but also some are replete with heartache and sorrow. Work related issues, relationship issues, health issues etc. all contribute at times to our troubles. But, even in this world that has been distorted with sin, there is one thing that remains constant – the love of God in Jesus. Paul continues in chapter 8:35

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

So as we, like Charlie Brown, stare into the autumn sky; remember that we are "loved with an everlasting love" (Jeremiah 31:3) and "God is our refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms" (Deuteronomy. 33:27).

That's my story, and I'm sticking to it!

Coram Deo (Living before the face of God)

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

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Vestry Retreat
Friday evening October 10 - Saturday morning October 11
Vestry members can contact the church office for directions to
Dave and Kathy Bartrum's house at Findley Lake, New York

THE WOMEN'S PAGE

Wow! What a Night !!

On Thursday, August 14th the Women's Ministry hosted the first (hopefully of many) gatherings for the women and friends of St. Barnabas. It was evening to remember as over 50 women, of all ages, descended on the John Christ Winery with appetizers in tow; completely taking over the enclosed porch area. Truly one's heart was warmed by the vitality of the women and their joy in sharing an evening of Christian fellowship with each other. Wow, what a night!

A huge thank you to the Women's Ministry Leadership Team: Kim Sherman, Katherine Edman, Lucy Morgan, Kim Campbell, Mary Lou Kennedy, Jill Drake, Marge Geaslen, and Adele Torok, for their thoughtful and creative planning of that special night.

Now we ask, what is coming next?

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This Is Next !!

All the women of St. Barnabas are invited to gather at 7:00 p.m. at Jennifer Whalen's home on Friday, October 17th for fellowship, food, and sharing. We will exchange ideas about the traditions that bring our families closer to Christ and to each other and share appetizers and wine, so please bring your favorites. At the last get-together we consistently heard, "This is wonderful! Will you share the recipe?"; so if you are willing, please bring a copy of your appetizer recipe too! For more information, contact Kim Sherman at (440) 930-2487.

Jennifer and Dave Whalen live at 444 Avon Point Avenue, Avon Lake. (Hunter's Ridge development, west of Rt. 83, north off of Walker Rd.)

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And, There's More . . .

More Women's Ministry gatherings are planned, for fellowship, service and fun! Please mark your calendar and be on the lookout for more details as the events approach.

November We will make blankets for various ministries, to be distributed during the Christmas season.

December Women's night out. Kick back and relax at a favorite restaurant (to be named later). Take a break from all the holiday prep and let someone else do the cooking and clean-up.

January Sweet fellowship at Katherine Zawtocky's home, as we share our favorite desserts over coffee and tea.

As they say down south, Ya'all be sure to come!

THE WOMEN'S PAGE, Too

Living Proof Live

Thoughts from Linda Jackson

On Friday night and Saturday morning (August 1 - 2), several women from St. Barnabas joined with women from northeast Ohio at Bay Presbyterian Church, and with over 70,000 women around the country for the *Living Proof Live* simulcast. Representing over 23 denominations, we were in 715 locations in every state except New Hampshire. Beth Moore was the teacher and Travis Cottrell led the worship.

This seven-hour event was tremendously uplifting. Beth took apart a passage of the Bible familiar to all, Luke 8:1-15, The Parable of the Four Soils. She pointed out the resulting 100-fold harvest from the seed that landed on the good soil, and encouraged and exhorted us to begin to get that 100-fold harvest by acting on 7 key phrases:

- * Treasure the wonder
- * Protect our hearts
- * Expect the test
- * Dig the roots
- * Stop the choke
- * Retain the word
- * Press forth to our 100-fold

Most striking to me was the fact that all four soils in the parable represented hearers of the word, but only in one soil did the sown seed produce the harvest. Others had either had the word taken from their hearts (seeds gathered up by birds), lacked deep enough roots for it to grow (rocky soil representing life's tests or temptations), or let it be choked out by the weeds (life's busy-ness). The parable is directed to those of us who are in the church hearing the word. Let us use the 7 key phrases and begin our harvest!

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TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The group will not meet on Tuesday, October 14, 2008.

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Thank you for embracing me as I take over the children's programs and begin to minister to our children. I began to pray for the Children's Ministry here at St. Barnabas months ago. I sensed the Lord asking me to come alongside Becky and fill-in wherever there was a need.

About four months later Gene approached me and asked me if I'd be willing to help out in the children's program. I said, "Sure!". So, I was up and running with VBS; getting acclimated throughout the summer. My official hire date was August 15th. It's been a whirlwind and has been great fun!

Thanks to those of you that offered encouragement, appreciation, and your prayers, for this is all new to me. I am truly relying on the Lord to guide and direct my steps. I am looking forward to serving our Lord here, in this capacity, to make disciples of all these precious children of ours.

By His Grace,

Katherine Edman

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Children's Chapel Volunteer Leader(s) Needed for October and November

Prayerfully consider joining with our Children's ministry team to lead Children's Chapel during the 10:30 a.m. service. The ministry includes leading the kids through the reading of the day, developing an age appropriate sermon, and leading in the prayers. Please let Katherine Edman know if you are interested in serving. Thank you.

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YOUTH GROUP

H2H (Head to the Heart)

All kids in grades 6 through 12 are invited to the St. Barnabas H2H get-togethers on Sunday evenings.

October Dates and Activities

October 5	6-8 p.m.	Theme Night
October 12	Off	Sabbath Sunday
October 19	6-8 p.m.	Theme Night
October 26	6 p.m.	Fun Night (TBD)

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

YOU ARE INVITED . . .

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)

Christian Basics: Sharing Your Faith with Confidence - Two Ways to Live
Led by Gene Sherman **8 weeks (09/07/08 - 11/02/08)**

Christian Living: Building Your Marriage
Led by Pat & Robin Malone **8 weeks (09/07/08 - 11/02/08)**

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.

Note: October 19th Discipleship Hour - All ages
Fellowship & discussion with Bishop Ames.
(Nursery care provided).

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Monday Mornings

10:30 a.m. - 12 noon **Women's Study**

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

7 p.m. - 8 p.m. **Family Night.**

Study of Paul's letter to the Philippians (13 years & up)

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

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



Been hanging around St. Barnabas for a couple of months? Like what you see?
 Want to learn more about historic Anglicanism?
 What does it mean for a believer to belong to the local church?
 Why does Gene talk funny?

All of these questions will be answered during the Membership Matters class !!

This six session class, meeting during Discipleship Hour November 9 through December 21, will cover six comprehensive topics:

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| 1) What is our Statement of Faith (39 Articles)? | 4) What is the History of the Church? |
| 2) What is our Church Covenant? | 5) What's an Anglican? |
| 3) Why join a church? | 6) Nuts & Bolts. |

At the conclusion of this core seminar, we welcome all new members to St. Barnabas, and they are received officially into our fellowship at the next Bishop's visit. Attendance at this course is mandatory for church membership, but does not obligate people to join. Any current or long-time members are also invited to participate in this class. You bring an additional perspective and may also discover new nuggets of knowledge and understanding.

Curious ? . . . We hope to see you at Membership Matters, starting November 9th.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



October 2	Laura Wilson	October 23	J.D. Hackman
October 3	Michael Beall		Brian Hamp
October 4	Katie Paine		Robert Vasko
	Daniel Stewart	October 24	Mary Clark
October 5	Claire Edman	October 25	Evelyn Ballantine
	Lauren Gray	October 26	Scott Borchert
October 6	Julie Schmitz		Mark Perrings
October 8	Karen Stewart	October 27	Sarah Barth
October 10	Mark Hebert		Kristen Owad
	Kathy Todd	October 28	Alma Perkerson
October 13	Judy Marquardt	October 29	Laura Hall
October 14	Kim Campbell	October 30	Kim Broome
October 15	John Johnson		Jan Whittemore-Johnson
October 16	Art Decker	October 31	Bob Andrew
October 17	Tom Payne		Alexandra Gray
October 18	Phyllis Seger		Catherine Perkins

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



1st Annual St. Barnabas Clam Bake

Saturday October 25

5:30 p.m. Parish Hall

\$16.50 per Clam Bake

Extra clams \$6.50/dozen

Dinner includes 1 dozen littleneck clams, half seasoned chicken, sweet potato, corn, cole slaw, roll and butter. Chicken fingers and tater tots will be served to the kids (\$3.50/child). Extra clams are available at \$6.50/dozen. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

A new tradition! Fellowship, clams and melted butter - what more could you ask for?

Anglican Awakening

Unity isn't real unless it is embraced at the local level. That is something that somewhere between 1,000 and 2,000 Anglicans of many jurisdictions will be living out when they meet together in Ohio this October.

They will be participating in a national movement called Anglican Awakening. The event, which will be held at St. Luke's in Akron October 21 - 23 will bring together the leaders and congregations of the Anglican District of the Great Lakes, encompassing 50 congregations from eight different Anglican jurisdictions. A similar event will be held in Amesbury, Massachusetts in November for congregations in the Northeast.

The event at St. Luke's will focus on how Anglicans can more effectively reach people for Christ. Anglican Bishops from all over the world are expected to participate. Gene encourages everyone at St. Barnabas to attend this event. Watch for more information in the September *Beacon* and on the Parish Events bulletin board.

October 21 - 23

St. Luke's, Akron

Growing Marriage Seminar

Saturday October 25 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Cuyahoga Valley Community Church
Broadview Heights**

Nationally known speaker, Dr. Gary Chapman, will be appearing at the Cuyahoga Valley Community Church for a seminar entitled *Toward a Growing Marriage*. Topics include: Communication 101, Understanding and Expressing Love, Initiating Positive Change, Making Sex a Mutual Joy, and How to Share the Things that Bug You.

**Cost is \$50 / person. You can register on the WCRF website:
www.moodyconferences.com/con_mainpage.aspx?id=7194**

October Opportunity!

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity.

Philippians 4:10

Though asserting that God would take care of him, the apostle Paul “rejoiced greatly” for the generosity and concern of the Philippian congregation for him. He cited a new opportunity as the reason they could express again their long-lasting concern for him.

A Christian lady shared her regret that she once had an opportunity to give to the Lord much more than she presently could, but she had let the opportunity pass. Now she planned to use her present opportunity to give all she could; “I love Him too much to do less.”

Opportunity missed often brings regret. Opportunity taken brings relief. What opportunities are available to you to express your Christian concern? What opportunities to give generously do you have to provide ministries to others? Maybe the best opportunity you will ever have to give is now. Seizing your opportunity will enable others to rejoice greatly and provide you with a sense of having the wisdom and the insight to see the opportunity God has given you.

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 the makings for a holiday meal at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. As we approach the 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!

The **St. Barnabas Health Cabinet** is a ministry formed to care for the physical, mental, and spiritual needs of our parish family. Helping Hands (supplying prepared food during illness, providing other physical assistance), the Health Fair, annual flu shots, and the Red Cross blood drives are only some of the areas of support and comfort provided by the Health Cabinet. New members are eagerly sought to continue this tradition of care and compassion. Please speak to Bob Andrew, Harry or Marge Geaslen, Marilyn Decker, Valerie Kay or Lucy Morgan, if interested.

Military Personnel

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

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An Introduction to Christian Listening

Tuesday, October 14, 2008

St. Barnabas Church

Choose from two identical sessions:

9:00 a.m. to 12:12 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

C. J Hendry & Associates, Inc. in partnership with the Acorn Christian Foundation, U.K. and the Westlake Order of St. Luke the Physician are privileged to present *An Introduction to Christian Listening*, featuring Joanna Zeiner. Christian listening is an important tool in enhancing relationships in the home, school and workplace. This unique program develops the skills of listening to ourselves, others and God without judgment. This program is offered for 3 CEUs for Counselors and Social Workers.. CEUs are also accepted by the Ohio Board of Nursing.

Advance registration is required, accompanied by a non-refundable seminar fee of \$25.

See the information sheet on the bulletin board for registration and payment information.

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, Mary Brewer, Kate Butler, Cameron, Carl, Carol, Celia, Cheryl, Cindy, Charles Clawson, Colgate, Ben Cox, Dave, Dave and Carolyn, Gordon 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, the Jackson family, Kenny Jackson, Jane, Charlie Johnston, Raven Johnston, Kim and John, Kristen, Doug Lamb, Melissa Larzo, Laura, Janet Mahon, Gordon Palmer ,Rodney LeMaster, Russ and Kim Lenahan and family, Liz, Marcia, Marie, Mark, Bill McHenry, Mary Grace McLaughlin, Arlis Mercer, Michelle, Sherry Mitze, Nicole and Tricia, Peggy, Phyllis, Robin, Danny Sabath, 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, Ann Williams, 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

To be certain we are praying for both immediate and on-going prayer needs, we request that you call the church office with your prayer requests and when your prayers are being answered. We 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, will be listed on this prayer-needs page and in the weekly Announcements hand-out, so that they will be kept in our prayers during the week.

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

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All the members of the Church

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Tammy Hamp & Becky Perrings

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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



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 two opportunities to live The Great Commission, in conjunction with World Vision and The Falls Church. More details will follow, but please begin to pray about participating in either, or both, trips.

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.



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Rwanda

Dates: TBD

Purpose: Experience the devastation and HOPE that is Rwanda! Focusing on the area around Ruhengeri, the team will continue to build relationships with the children at the Sunrise Orphanage and encourage their development, as well as those of other dynamic ministries connected with Bishop John Rucyahana. The team will also visit a genocide site and reconciliation meeting as it seeks to understand Rwanda's painful past and optimistic future.

Open to: Teens and adults

St. Barnabas will join with members of The Falls Church in this exciting missions opportunity.

Cost person is estimated at \$2,800 (subject to change based on airfare costs and the strength of the US dollar)

Contact Gene Sherman for more details.