

Benediction Weekly

January 14, 2018

St. Benedict's Church is an inclusive Christian community that celebrates the divine in all beings, and inspires spiritual growth through joyful sacramental worship, loving service, creative expression, thoughtful inquiry and commitment to social justice.

Today at 3p.m.

A Commitment to Nonviolence: Remembering Martin Luther King, Jr.

1st Presbyterian Church, 981 Marsh St., San Luis Obispo

Speakers include Rev. Eugenia Gamble of Nipomo Community Presbyterian Church. Music provided by the choir of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. Workshop follows 4:15-5:00 PM - Compassionate Communication and Living United, Rick London, CEO United Way, SLO
This event is free and open to the public. An offering will be taken to support the Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund.
www.peopleoffaithforjustice.org www.facebook.com/PeopleofFaithforJustice/

Coming up at St. Benedict's
(at the church unless otherwise specified)

TODAY

- 8:00 am – Contemporary Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/music
- 12:15 pm – Mutual Ministry Review discussion
- 3:00 pm – Remembering MLK at 1st Presby. SLO
from People of Faith for Justice

Tuesday, Jan 16

- 5:30 pm – Vespers, followed by potluck

Wednesday, Jan 17

- 10:00 am – Prayer Circle
- 7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Jan 18

- 7:00 pm – Film: Journey of the Universe
- 7:00 pm – Drop-in dream group

Sunday, Jan 21

- 8:00 am – Contemporary Communion Service
- 9:20 am – Bible Study
- 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist w/music
- 12:30 pm – Parish Council Meeting

EarthCare presents...

Journey of the Universe: An Epic Story of Cosmic, Earth, and Human Transformation

EMMY® Award-Winning Film for Best Documentary
Written by Brian Thomas Swimme & Mary Evelyn Tucker

Showing at St. Benedict's Thursday, January 18 at 7pm

Join acclaimed author and evolutionary philosopher Brian Thomas Swimme as he discusses our role as humans in this awe-inspiring universe. Through his engaging and thoughtful observations audiences everywhere will discover the profound role we play in this intricate web of life. Beautifully filmed in HD, this one-of-a-kind film weaves a tapestry that draws together scientific discoveries in astronomy, geology, biology, ecology, and biodiversity with humanistic insights concerning the nature of the universe.

synopsis available at <http://journeyoftheuniverse.com/synopsis/>

Donations for Prado in January

In January our emphasis is cold weather nutrition and gear. Soup, hot instant cereal and paper bowls, hot chocolate and cups are very welcome. New socks, gently used sleeping bags and back packs, parkas and rain ponchos are also especially needed at this time.

The Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28 at which time we'll be electing new members of the Vestry and Parish Council as well as delegates to the Deanery and Diocesan Convention. If God is calling you to serve in one of these leadership roles, please talk to Anne K or Pamela B.

Serving God and the People of St. Benedict's this Week:

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall; Deacon: The Rev. Sharon Dalrymple; Preacher: Patricia Henry;
Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Gonzalez; Chalice Bearer: Diana Hammerlund; Lectors: Lorianne Schwenk;
Ushers: Esta Kandarian & Ron Thompson; Greeter: Laura Thompson; Coffee Hour Hosts: Joan Ghilotti & Connie Weldon;
Altar Guild: Stef Shuman & Lorianne Schwenk; Tellers: Alice Welchert & Diana Hammerlund;
Prayer Team Member: Judy Schloss; Music Director: John Cribb **Thank you for your service!**



**On-Going
Activities
at St. Ben's**

BIBLE STUDY – Sundays at 9:20 am

DREAMS & SPIRITUALITY GROUP
First and third Thursdays, 7-8:30 pm.

EARTHCARE – A discussion/action group to formulate local solutions to environmental concerns.
Second Wednesdays at 2:30 pm.

HEALING SERVICE – a time for prayers for healing at the 10:30 service on 5th Sundays.

HOLLISTER INSTITUTE – Opportunities for stimulating discussion and thoughtful exploration for everyone, whether or not they are members of a church. See website.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER CIRCLE– Prayers for the community and the world. 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 10am.

MEN'S BREAKFAST – morning social gathering, 2nd Saturdays 9am at Celia's Garden Café.

PEOPLE'S KITCHEN – Providing and serving food at Prado Day Center, 1st Saturday of even-numbered months.

POTLUCK AND PRADO on the 1st Sunday of each month donations to Prado Day Center are collected, and potluck lunch follows 10:30 service.

VESPERS AND CONVERSATION
5:30 pm Tuesdays. Vespers service using varying liturgies, followed by potluck supper.

VESTRY / PARISH COUNCIL
3rd Sundays at 12:30pm
The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall, *Rector*
Anne Kanter, *Sr. Warden*,
Pamela Bleisch, Lisa Gonzalez,
Esta Kandarian, Barbara Schippers,
Francis Rivinus, Kathie West

St. Benedict's Mutual Ministry Review

Each year we at St Benedict's pause to prayerfully review our ministry over the previous year. This conversation feeds into our Annual Parish Meeting which will be held on January 28 after the 10:30 service, and it also forms an important part of the Parish Council's planning for the coming year. This year it is particularly important because we have reviewed our Care Values, and the Parish Council is proposing a Five Year Mission and Ministry Plan which will be presented for approval at the Annual Meeting. Your responses to the Mutual Ministry Review questions about the Five Year Plan may highlight things that should be changed before the meeting.

So, we are asking you to kindly complete the survey even if you are not a very regular attender. Your response is an important part of our discernment process.

You can respond

- (1) **in person** by attending a meeting after church on Sunday 14th or at 4pm on Thursday Jan 18th at Pamela's house in SLO, where she will serve afternoon tea with your conversation. Please RSVP to office@stbenslosos.org or 528-0654 if you plan to respond in person and we'll send you more details.
- (2) **on-line** by completing the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/59BR779>. The draft Five year plan is available here: <http://www.stbenslosos.org/2018/01/02/draft-five-year-mission-and-ministry-plan/>
- (3) **on paper** - copies of the 5 year plan and the survey are available at the back of the church and may be returned there once complete.

Questions? Don't hesitate to contact Danna in the office and she'll do her best to help you out.
Thank you so much for completing the survey one way or another by January 21.

Keeping the Paris Accord

Guest speaker Bill Bradlee Sunday February 11, 2pm
at the SLO Deanery Meeting at St. Benedict's

In this talk, Bill Bradlee of Interfaith Power and Light, will discuss how households and congregations can work to keep the Paris Accord on Climate Change from which the current administration intends to withdraw. Reducing the extent and effects of climate change depends on each one of us.

Matthew Fox told us "Hope is a verb with its sleeves rolled up." This talk will help you discern how to get your own sleeves rolled up. As always, all our events are open to everyone regardless of faith background. Our inclusivity statement is available here: <http://www.stbenslosos.org/core-values/>.

It helps us to know how many people to expect:
Please register by contacting office@stbenslosos.org.



**Save the date of Saturday, March 10th, for Canterbury Shire's
3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off with Silent Auction & Raffle Fundraiser
at St. Stephen's, SLO from 4-6pm. Details to be released soon.**

Keeping in Touch during the Week. For counsel & spiritual care, please contact any of the clergy:
The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall, 704-5826; The Rev. Donna Ross, 235-5117; The Rev. Barry Turner, 784-0670;
or The Rev. Faye Hogan, 541-4595. Call Celeste Pennington with pastoral care & prayer chain requests, 771-8974.

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