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There is a lot going at St. Barnabas this fall! Read below to find out what's upcoming.



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FROM THE RECTOR:

Register of Church Services											
Date 2019 year month / date	Day	Service	Place	Hour	ATTENDANCE						
					All Sunday & Saturday Evening Services			All Other Services			
TOTALS FROM PRIOR PAGES					Number Present	Total to Date	Average Sunday/Sat. Attendance	Number Present	Total to Date	Number Receiving	Total to Date
Jul 14	Sunday	Home Communion	HE	noon							
21	Pentecost 6	HE	Church	9 45							
Aug 1	Thursday	Home Communion	Home	2:30						1	
4	Sunday	Home Communion	Home	3:30							
Jul 28	Sunday Pent 7	HE	Church	9:00	39					1	
Aug 4	Pentecost 8	HE	Church	9:00	38					1	
7	Wednesday	Latin Lit	Church	9:00	39						
11	Pentecost 9	HE	Phelps	11:00							
18	Pentecost 10	HE	Church	9:00	36		3				
25	Pentecost 11	HE	Church	9:00	37						
Sept. 1	Pentecost 12	HE	Church	9:00	33						
8	Pentecost 13	HE	Chapel	8:00	10						
15	Pentecost 14	HE	Church	10:00	107						
15		HE	Chapel	8:00	6						

Attendance Counts

At this time of year I keep a close eye on attendance figures. As is our typical pattern we've jumped from an average Sunday attendance of 35 to 110 worshippers post-Labor Day weekend. If you see friends in the neighborhood that you haven't seen in church in a while, please invite them back to church. Ideally they'll say, "We're back!"

I'm not the only one watching the numbers. Mother Church just published the annual compilation of Parochial Report statistics (a yearly count of attendance across the Episcopal Church). In a nutshell, the decline continues. The median Average Sunday Attendance (ASA) in an Episcopal congregation is 53 worshippers. So we are holding our own in the context of the wider church. Having said that, I am still going to "wring my hands" until we see an average Sunday attendance of 125 (a modest goal all things considered). So how do we get there? Well, as your rector I will continue to cultivate a kind and loving disposition which translates into a welcoming and affirming presence at church and in the village. I am also focused on congregational development which translates into lots of opportunities to connect with one another for food and fellowship, study and reflection. At the grassroots level, it's about creating a lively and loving community for newcomers and members to connect into. At the level of raising our collective "God-Consciousness," the Book of Common Prayer defines our mission thus, "to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ," (BCP. P.855).

Hope to see you at church on Sunday, especially if you're bending over backwards to make it happen!

Gareth

Office Hours:

Call the office (914) 591-8194 to make an appointment or if you need Pastoral Care.

Please note that the Rector's Sabbath Day (Day off) is Monday

LOTS GOING ON THIS FALL!



This Week:

Saturday September 21st: Men's Morning Breakfast Group 7:30AM-9AM in Colwell Hall.

Sunday, September 22nd: Connected Parenting 5.30PM-7.30PM in Colwell Hall.

Sunday, September 22nd: Adult Formation Group, "The Lord's Prayer" a six-week study. 11:45am-1pm in the Anna C. Newberry Wing.

Next Week:

Wednesday, September 25th: Women's Reflection Group 10AM-11AM in the Chapel.

Wednesday, September 25th: Adult Formation Group. 11:30-1PM in McCormack Lounge.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, October 1st: Bread and Banter, A Monthly lunch gathering for those of retirement age Noon-1:30PM in Colwell Hall.

Wednesday October 2nd: Monthly Community Supper Kick-off event, 6PM-7PM in Colwell Hall.

Saturday, October 5th: Regional Pre-Diocesan Convention Meeting 10am-Noon, Colwell Hall. All are welcome.

Sunday October 6th: Youth and Parents Gathering *Note New Date kick-off date*, 5:30-7PM, off-site.

Wednesday October 23rd: Book Group, 7:30pm (details below)

*Home Communion Visits on last Tuesdays and Thursdays of the month

**More info to follow for all upcoming events

BOOK GROUP INFO

The St Barnabas Book Group will meet at 7:30 on Wednesday, October 23rd, in the lounge, to discuss "The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse", by Louise Erdrich.

All are welcome.

If you have any questions please contact Lea Carmichael Richardson at Paintmoth@gmail.com



Service Times

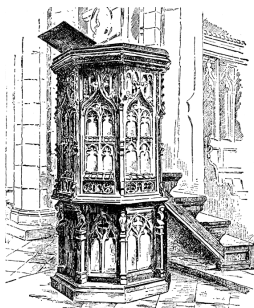
Sunday, Sept 22nd

8:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



The Readings

- **Jeremiah 8:18-9:1**
- **Psalm 79:1-9**
- **1 Timothy 2:1-7**
- **Luke 16:1-13**



Goings On

Friday, Sept. 20th

7:30pm - 8:30pm

AA in Roane Room

Saturday, Sept. 21st

9:30am - 10:30am

AA in Colwell Hall

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