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## RenewalWorks™ A Ministry of Forward Movement

In last month's letter, I talked about how *RenewalWorks*, with its focus on spiritual health and gatherings of lay leaders, would hopefully be a tool that can help us discern where we are and where we should be going.

Well ... here we are. *RenewalWorks* begins on September 10<sup>th</sup>. We will have **one service at 9:00am**, followed by a gathering in Ramsay Hall, during which we will have a Ministry Fair. It has been a number of years since St. Barnabas had a Ministry Fair, where people can find information regarding what the different ministries do, and what membership in a particular ministry would mean for you. Exploring new ministries is a very natural follow-on to our work in spiritual renewal, and hopefully one that will result in a resurgence in ministry membership.

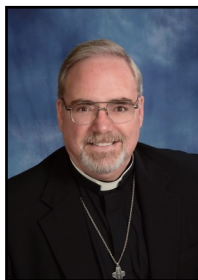
A new look at our involvement in St. Barnabas ministries and a new look at our own spiritual life. As we get deep into September and beyond, we will not only have the opportunity for some self-study, but we will also begin to put that study into action. This looks like an incredibly exciting time for our community and for us as individuals.

In connection with our time of studying self and community, I will begin our Fall semester of Adult Christian Formation on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Between the 8:00am and

10:30am services, we will again gather in Room 12 for the beginning of a study of what it means to be "disciples" of Jesus Christ.

It seems to me that once we have taken a look at our spiritual health and are trying to determine what that means for our ministry health, we might do that work by looking through the lens of discipleship. To be a disciple is to be a pupil or follower of a particular master or teacher. By definition, Christians are pupils and followers of Jesus Christ. But what does it mean to live the life of a disciple of Jesus? How does that look in 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Lafayette, Louisiana? That is what we will be studying.

There are some things that we know for sure. Being Jesus' disciples includes: studying Holy Scripture; prayer; putting our love of God into action in the world; and learning to completely trust the Holy Spirit. Getting there will hopefully be enlightening and enjoyable. Join us in Room 12 on September 17<sup>th</sup>, as we begin this exploration together.



Faithfully,  
Fr. John

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### The Vestry

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# RenewalWorks Starts September 10



## RenewalWorks™

Beginning Sunday, September 10, St. Barnabas will participate in a ministry called *RenewalWorks*, which is aimed at "refocusing parishes (and the individuals in them) on spiritual vitality."

**On September 10, we will have only one service at 9:00a. After the service, everyone is invited to Ramsay Hall for the beginning of *RenewalWorks* and**

**Ministry Fair. Breakfast will be provided.**

The cornerstone of the *RenewalWorks* program is the Episcopal Spiritual Life Inventory (SLI), which is an anonymous, confidential, online survey. We need the participation of all St. Barnabas congregants to make this program a success! We're counting on each and every one of you!

The launch date for the St. Barnabas SLI is September 10, and it will remain open through October 1. All you need to participate is access to a personal computer, about 30 minutes of your time, and a little courage to answer some personal questions. St. Barnabas will provide access to laptops on several occasions for those who have the need.

For a better understanding of the *RenewalWorks* ministry, please visit the program website at [RenewalWorks.org](http://RenewalWorks.org). You can also contact our facilitator, Connie Herndon ([337/288-8758](tel:3372888758)) or Fr. John.

## Beginning a New Season

### Men's Group

The St. Barnabas Men's Group meets every fourth Tuesday of the month (September through May). All men are invited to join in fellowship on **Tuesday, September 26rd at 6:00 pm** in Ramsay Hall. Bring something to through on the grill. Sides and beverages will be provided. Don't miss it! Get more involved at St. Barnabas, meet some new guys, and eat a really good meal! For more information contact Paul Morton at [morton@louisiana.edu](mailto:morton@louisiana.edu) or Rob Stevenson at [rstevenson@diolaf.org](mailto:rstevenson@diolaf.org). We meet rain or shine.

### Men's Breakfast

Join the men of the parish for breakfast at Hub City Diner at 8:00a. They meet the first and third Thursday of the month. Hope to see you on September 7 and 21.

### Episcopal Church Women

**ECW (Episcopal Church Women) will be starting their new season Tuesday, September 12th.** We meet at St. Barnabas in Ramsay Hall at 6:00p. All women who attend St. Barnabas are members of ECW and are welcome to attend the meeting. It is a great way to get to know other women of the Church and create connections. Our regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month.

At the first meeting, we will get acquainted and make plans for the year. Please consider being the coordinator for this year's meetings. Bring your calendars and a dish of your choice for a potluck dinner. Childcare is available. We hope you can join us for a year of food, fun, fellowship, learning, and service projects.

Contact: Susan Morton—[smorton2@bellsouth.net](mailto:smorton2@bellsouth.net)

### Adult Christian Formation begins September 17th.

In connection with *RenewalWorks* of studying self and community, Fr. John will begin the Fall semester of Adult Christian Formation on September 17<sup>th</sup>. At 9:15a, please gather in Room 12 for the beginning of a study of what it means to be "disciples" of Jesus Christ.

### Adult Choir Rehearsal Begins September 6

We are looking forward to a new church year and a new choir season. We will have our first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30p and begin singing at the 9:00a service on September 10. Anyone who is interested, please come and chat with me after church.

Shawn Roy, Director of Music

# Messy Church, Flood Relief, & Retreat

**Adult Christian Formation & Messy Church Begins Sunday, September 17, 9:15a. Please join us for our first Messy Church in Ramsey Hall.**

This will be a special class on Communion. Whether you or your children have never received Communion in the Episcopal Church, you've been receiving for years, or you're somewhere in between, this

class is for you. We will be learning about Communion with Mother Mitzi and preparing our youngest members to receive for the first time. We hope to see you there!

Michael Bass, Sr. Warden

Dear Friends,

**As many of you are aware, Hurricane Harvey has brought catastrophic devastation to the Texas Gulf Coast and now threatens parts of Louisiana.**

The storm's path has left coastal communities in ruins, and the remnants of Harvey continue to effect the Houston area with incredible amounts of rain. Much of Houston and eastern Texas are underwater. In the Diocese of West Texas alone, Harvey's force left coastal communities in ruins, now without power or infrastructure, and it may take weeks for those to be restored. We know there are many people concerned about the communities that have been affected, and everyone wants to know how they can help.

## **How to Help**

Donate to Episcopal Relief &

Development's Hurricane Harvey Fund and provide emergency assistance to people recovering from the impact of flooding after this major storm. Your generous support will supply critical necessities for communities immediately and for the long-term as they recover and rebuild. **To donate to the Episcopal Relief & Development's Hurricane Harvey Fund,** <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-harvey-response>.

**To donate to the Diocese of Texas,** <http://www.epicenter.org/harvey/>. (All donations made to the Diocese of Texas will directly support their churches that are serving as shelters to flood victims and evacuees.)

**To donate to the Diocese of West Texas,** [http://www.dwtx.org/departments/committees/disaster-](http://www.dwtx.org/departments/committees/disaster-response/)

[response/](#).

## **In Our Diocese**

As the storm moves more into this state over the following days, the damage to Louisiana will grow worse. The Episcopal Relief and Development provides resources on how to prepare for disasters. While there is still time, I urge you to reach out and provide assistance to those who are most vulnerable in your churches and communities. <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-we-do/us-disaster-program>.

In Christ's Love, Lois+  
The Rev. Deacon Lois Maberry  
Disaster Relief Officer  
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## **Spiritual & Recovery Retreat**

**The Joy of Living:**

**Action is the Key Word**

2017 Joy in the Journey Retreat hosted by Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana Addiction and Recovery Commission.

"The Joy of Living: Action is the Key Word" is a three-day retreat presented by the Bishop's Commission on Addiction and Recovery. Retreat leader is John McAndrew, M.A., M.Div. More information about him can be found at his website [www.sensiblespirituality.org](http://www.sensiblespirituality.org)

The joy of living is the theme of AA's 12th Step, and action is its key word. We'll consider how we

practice these principles in all our affairs in the company of other men and women who have embraced this way of life. How do the 12 Steps work? How can I better practice my program in my relationships? How do I enlarge my spiritual life?

This weekend is designed for people who are seeking deeper engagement with their spiritual lives, partners, spouses and friends: men, women, couples, singles—all seekers welcome!

The retreat is open to AA, NA, AlAnon, and those who are interested.

Friday, September 29, 2017 (Program starts at 7:00p) to Sunday, October 1, 2017 at 11:00a.

Plan to arrive at Camp Hardtner between 3:00p and 5:00p for check-in and room assignments.

No dinner will be served on Friday, but heavy hors d'oeuvres will be available at 6:00p.

The program begins at 7:00p.

Online registration:

<http://www.diocesewla.org/>

REGISTRATION CLOSES SEPT. 15

Hardtner Camp and Conference Center

2393 Camp Hardtner Road  
Pollock, LA 71467

Contact: Nancy Shaw

Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana at 337-488-7796 or [nanshaw@gmail.com](mailto:nanshaw@gmail.com)

# EYC Gears Up for 2017-18

St. Barnabas EYC is gearing up for the coming school year, and we are so excited and looking forward to seeing everyone (our current members and new members), We have some new programming this year and are anticipating our best year yet!

**On Sunday, September 10, we will gather for our annual Parent Night-Covered Dish. The EYC will provide the main meal, we ask our family members to bring either a salad, side dish, or dessert. Please feel free to bring the entire family. We love our families. This evening event will begin at 5:30p and end by 7:00p.**

On the 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be signing permission slips for the year, discussing our plans and schedule, meeting new members

and their families, and getting acquainted. It is very important for good communication for all our families to attend, so please make plans now for that date. If you are one of our new families/ members and have not received any emails from me (Mother Mitzi+) please contact the Church office (337-984-3848 or [office@saintbarnabas.us](mailto:office@saintbarnabas.us)) and make sure we have your families' information in our system so your name can be accessed through ACS. ACS is the system we use to send out information weekly. I will also be using the Remind App again this year, that information will be discussed at the meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your insurance card with you so we can make copies for our files/

travels.

The St. Barnabas EYC is the largest, most active youth program in the diocese. We have such a great group of kids and families who are dedicated to making a difference in the world around us and having fun doing it! Don't miss out, come join our EYC and find out for yourself what all the excitement is about!

Mother Mitzi+ and Co.

[mitzi@saintbarnabas.us](mailto:mitzi@saintbarnabas.us)



## September and October Outreach

The summer is rapidly coming to a close and it is time to prepare for the revival of the much beloved **Mission Bingo** which is coming to Ramsay Hall on a **Saturday, September 23. Cards will go on sale at 5:30p, with the first game starting at 6:00p.**

Mission Bingo is a wonderful opportunity for friends of all ages to come together for fellowship and fun with a purpose. Proceeds will be divided between the EYC Mission Trip fund and the Honduras Medical Mission Trip fund.

Donations are needed for prizes and the auction. Popular items to donate include cakes, pies, baskets, cellophane, small items that can become part of fabulous gift basket prizes, etc.

Come hungry. Concessions will be sold by the Episcopal Youth

Group. Please bring the entire family and friends to participate in this worthy cause.

Let's get excited about bingo!



### September

Mission Bingo on September 23  
Bingo Auction Item and Gift Basket Item Collection

Item collection for "Kindness Bags" such as: toiletries, socks, knit hats, baseball caps, gloves, scarves, emergency blankets, etc.

### October

Assembly Day for "Kindness Bags" & Parish Breakfast sponsored by the Outreach Committee on October 15, 2017 in Ramsay Hall.



Jessica Hackett

EYC Mission: Navajoland 2016



Honduras Medical Mission 2017



# Contemporary Service

## Contemporary Service To Begin on Sunday, September 3 at 6:00p

The Contemporary Service begins anew on September 3 at 6:00p. For our Fall Series, we will be featuring familiar music that you may have heard at Cursillo, at summer camp, Messy Church or other group sing-a-longs.

As you know, the Contemporary Service features a gender neutral, modern language liturgy, guitar based music and

singing, and an informal atmosphere. It is for Episcopalians of all ages. **The Contemporary Service is held the first Sunday of each month.**

We are looking for musicians and singers to join us. You don't need to read music or be a super good player or singer. The Lord will provide us with everything we need to make a joyful noise. If you would like to participate, please contact Dave Spruill at [dspruill@juno.com](mailto:dspruill@juno.com).



Dave Spruill

## Feed My Lambs & Acolyte Ministry

### Looking for a Ministry? Perhaps Feed My Sheep!

Who are we? Feed My Sheep (FMS) is a ministry providing meals for our St. Barnabas community at various times of need; birth, illness or death in the family are a few examples.

How does it work? You will be contacted and asked to prepare a meal and deliver it to the family in need. No time to cook? Rouses, Fresh Market, Joey's, Whole Foods

and Veron's work well for a "pick up on the way." The list of volunteers for the ministry is rotated so that all will have an opportunity to participate. It's okay to say "No" when your life is too busy to participate at that time. You will be called again!

To volunteer, email Teri Stevenson ([Teri1984@gmail.com](mailto:Teri1984@gmail.com)) with your name, contact number and any questions. Your participation in this ministry is greatly appreciated.

### Acolyte Ministry

Any students interested in serving as an acolyte this year should contact Reese Fuller at [reesefuller@gmail.com](mailto:reesefuller@gmail.com).

The only qualification is a willingness to serve. More information about serving and training as an acolyte - with food! - will be available soon. Any and all adults interested in this ministry are welcome too!

## Financials

Summary Analysis of Operating Revenues and Expenses Totals as of August 31, 2017			
	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance %
<b>Revenues</b>			
Pledged Contributions	277,442	243,780	-12%
Non-pledged Contributions	30,133	41,549	38%
Other Revenue	98,442	105,670	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>406,017</b>	<b>390,999</b>	<b>-4%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Personnel	219,138	216,351	-1%
Buildings / Maint	40,645	42,229	4%
Other	103,067	100,572	-2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>362,849</b>	<b>359,152</b>	<b>-1%</b>

# September 2017

Unless otherwise noted –

## All Sundays

- 8:00a...Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:15a...Christian Formation “Messy Church”—All Ages
- 9:15a...Adult Christian Formation
- 10:30a...Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 11:45a...Coffee Hour
- 6:00p.....Holy Eucharist, Rite II

## All Tuesdays

10:00a.....Tuesday Morning Bible Study & Prayer Group

## All Wednesdays

- 6:30p.....Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00p.....AA Meeting and Al-Anon Meeting

## All Thursdays

- 5:15p.....YOGA Class, Ramsay Hall
- 6:00p.....Healing Eucharist

## First Sunday of Month

6:00p Contemporary Worship Service

Please see EYC Calendar for Special Events.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sept. 3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Labor Day</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
6:00p Contemporary Eucharist	Church Office is closed	6:00p Outreach Committee Mtg	6:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal	8:00a Men's Breakfast 5:15p YOGA Class 6:00p Healing Eucharist		
<b>Sept. 10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
9:00a Holy Eucharist (Only one Service) 10:00a <i>Renewal/Works</i> Parish Breakfast Ministry Fair  5:30p-7:00p EYC: Annual Parent Night- Covered Dish		6:00p ECW Meeting	6:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:15p YOGA Class 6:00p Healing Eucharist		10:00a-11:00a Bingo @ Lady of the Oaks Nursing Home
<b>Sept. 17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
9:15a Messy Church & Adult Christian Formation Begins 11:45a Vestry Meeting	7:00p Compassionate Friends		6:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal	8:00a Men's Breakfast 5:15p YOGA Class 6:00p Healing Eucharist		Mission Bingo 5:30p Cards go on sale 6:00p Games begin
<b>Sept. 24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
9:15a Adult Christian Formation Messy Church		6:00p Men's Group	6:30p Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:15p YOGA Class 6:00p Healing Eucharist		

# September 2017 Schedule of Ministers

**September 3**

**September 10**

**September 17**

**September 24**

**The Thirteenth  
Sunday  
after Pentecost**

**The Fourteenth  
Sunday  
after Pentecost**

**The Fifteen  
Sunday  
after Pentecost**

**The Sixteenth  
Sunday  
after Pentecost**

## Ushers

Jim Bolling  
Scott Chrysler  
Patrick Stokes (sub req.)  
Luke Walker

Terry Cromwell  
Scott Hamilton  
Christie O'Reilly

Jack Ferstel  
Tommy McGinnis  
Lee Williamson

Jim Bolling  
Scott Chrysler  
Patrick Stokes (sub req.)  
Luke Walker

## Worship Leaders and Eucharistic Ministers

**8:00a**  
Katy Campbell- EM

**9:00a**  
Quinten Dronet - Lector (1)  
Clai Rice - Lector (2)  
Sabrina Beach - EM (sub req.)  
Paula Trcalek - EM

**8:00a**  
Katy Campbell- EM  
  
**10:30a**  
Jack Ferstel - Lector (1)  
Toni Bennett - Lector (2)  
Sharon Martin - EM  
Mark Smith - EM

**8:00a**  
Reese Fuller- EM  
  
**10:30a**  
Sabrina Beach - Lector (1)  
Scott Hamilton - Lector (2)  
Karri Martin - EM  
Paula Trcalek - EM

**6:00p**  
Elaine Ardeneaux - EM

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**6:00p**  
Paul Morton- EM

## Acolytes

**8:00a**  
Anna Lee  
  
**10:30a**  
Nick Begneaud - Crucifer  
Luc Begneaud - 1st Server  
Laney GP - 2nd Server  
Grant Holmes - Gospel (sub req.)

**9:00a**  
Jessica Hackett - Crucifer  
Maria Darby-Hackett - 1st Server  
Evan Darby-Hackett - 2nd Server  
Claudia Wright - Gospel

**8:00a**  
Anna Lee  
  
**10:30a**  
Taylor Bedingfield - Crucifer  
Annelise Smith - 1st Server  
Grant Holmes - 2nd Server  
Alexandra Smith - Gospel (sub req.)

**8:00a**  
Henry Fuller  
  
**10:30a**  
Eric Stevenson - Crucifer  
Nick Begneaud - 1st Server  
Luc Begneaud - 2nd Server  
Piper Naudin - Gospel

## Greeters

**8:00a**  
Please volunteer  
  
**10:30a**  
Elizabeth Mouton  
  
**6:00p**  
Please Volunteer

**9:00a**  
Paula Trcalek

**8:00a**  
Marilyn Sottarelli  
  
**10:30a**  
Elizabeth Mouton  
  
**6:00p**  
Please Volunteer

**8:00a**  
Heather Fuller  
  
**10:30a**  
Quinten Dronet  
  
**6:00p**  
Please Volunteer

## Altar Guild

Sept 2  
Armbruster  
Buggs  
Guillot

Sept. 9  
Lambert  
LeBlanc  
Madison

Sept 16  
Bloomer  
Thom  
Vincent

Sept 23  
McKnight  
Sterling  
Stika

Sept 30  
Armbruster  
Buggs  
Guillot

A PLACE AT THE TABLE



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**Only one service on September 10th  
at 9:00a.**

**No 8:00a and 6:00p services.**

***RenewalWorks*—New at St. B  
Begins Sunday, September 10**

We will have one service at 9:00a,  
followed by a gathering in Ramsay  
Hall, during which we will have a  
Ministry Fair and Breakfast.

**Come Join Us!**

Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church is a Christ-Centered Community, which exists to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ by proclaiming the Gospel, worshiping together and celebrating the Eucharist, consciously committing our whole selves, ministering to our parish family and to others while growing spiritually through prayer and study.