

St. Barnabas

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The Holy Eucharist

September 1, 2024

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to St. Barnabas!

We experience God's redeeming love in all and through all and respond to love through faithful worship, life-long spiritual growth, and committed outreach.

Our community shares a progressive faith, opens our arms to all seekers, and works to make the world more just.

*In today's gospel, many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, the writer of Ephesians tells us to arm ourselves with the Word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the Gospel.***

A bell tolls.

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We invite you to quiet your hearts and minds as we prepare for worship.

THE PRELUDE

"Laudate Dominum"

W. A. Mozart

The Liturgy of Gathering

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE GATHERING HYMN *

This is My Father's World ELW-824



This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
This is my fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,
na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres. This
morn-ing light, the li-y white, de-clare their mak-er's praise. This
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet. This
is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The
rocks and trees, of skids and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
rus-ling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
Lord is king, let heav-en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

+Blessed be the one, holy, and living God:

Glory to God forever and ever.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid.

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE*

Glory to God S-280

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace___ to God's peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-might-y__God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb_ of
God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a- lone_ are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God___ the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES *Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9*

*The Israelites believe the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.***

The reading is introduced.

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

A brief silence, then:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:15-22 *Domine, quis habitabit?*

God has anointed you with the oil of gladness (Ps. 45:7)

The psalm is sung responsively between Cantor and congregation.



Lord, who may dwell in your taber -' nacle? *
who may abide upon your / holy hill?

**Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is ' right, *
who speaks the truth / from his heart.**

There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his ' friend; *
he does not heap contempt u -/ pon his neighbor.

**In his sight the wicked is re -' jected, *
but he honors those who / fear the Lord.**

He has sworn to do no ' wrong *
and does not / take back his word.

**He does not give his money in hope of ' gain, *
nor does he take a bribe a -/ gainst the innocent.**

Whoever does these ' things *
shall never be / overthrown.

**Glory to God, Source of All Being, Incarnate
Word, and Holy ‘ Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
for ever. Amen. / Alleluia!**

THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES *James 1:17-27*

*The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.***

The reading is introduced.

A reading from the letter of James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

A brief silence, then:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

*Cantor: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.***

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia



THE HOLY GOSPEL **Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

*Mark's Gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.***

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark.

Glory to you, O Christ.

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

A brief silence, then:

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

The Homily Pastor Stephanie Kopsch

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

It is our custom to light candles for those who are sick or distressed and to remember those who have died.

*The prayer stations are on either side of the Altar. The refrain is sung once. **

Hear our Prayer ELW-178

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer."

Bidder: Trusting that the power that fell on early Christians on the first Pentecost may now fall afresh on us, we offer these intercessions to you, our God.

For all who seek a deeper faith, and especially for the Anglican Communion and Archbishop Justin Welby, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop Elect Sean Rowe, and Bishop in Colorado Kym Lucas, as they lead us through these challenging times, we offer this prayer:

Trusting in your guidance.

For the leaders of the world, that they may discover and employ peaceful manifestations of their power so that our world may become a safe place for all its inhabitants, we offer this prayer:

Trusting in your guidance.

For the election of 2024, that all of us will work to become informed and then turn out to vote, we offer this prayer:

Trusting in your guidance.

For Interim Rector Stephanie, Pastoral Associate Patti, St. Barnabas' Wardens, Jolene and Jim, our Vestry, and all the leaders and staff leading us as we discover and articulate our call as the parish of St. Barnabas, we offer this prayer:

Trusting in your guidance.

For a vision of caring for our planet, stabilizing and healing it, and energizing people to make necessary changes, we offer this prayer:

Trusting in your guidance.

For all those for whom we have been asked to pray—for mending of health or relationships, especially Patti, Anne, Andrea, Nicolle, Selah, Jessica, Claire, the Long family, Atlee, Jim, the people of Ukraine, the people of Sudan, the children in Gaza, those who suffer from conflict and natural and human disaster, and those we name aloud or in silence (silence), we offer this prayer:

Trusting in your guidance.

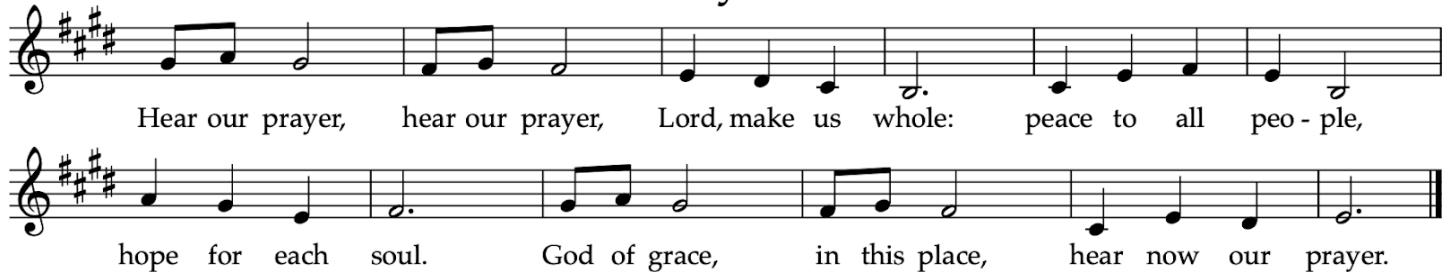
For those now fully with you and no longer with us here, and those we name aloud or in silence (*silence*), we offer this prayer:

Trusting in your guidance.

Celebrant: For your hearing these intercessions that we have faithfully offered, we give you thanks, O God.
Amen.

*The refrain is sung once more. **

Hear our Prayer ELW-178



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all peo - ple,
hope for each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A brief silence is kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Beloved One Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, +forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

All share a greeting of peace.

The Liturgy of the Meal

THE OFFERTORY

The Offertory Sentence

Please sit.

The Presentation of the Bread and Wine

The Offertory Anthem

How Great Thou Art by Carl Boberg, Tom Potter soloist, Janet Frazier piano

Please stand in body or spirit.

The Presentation of the Gifts

The Offertory Hymn*

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow H-380

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Preface and Proper Preface

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your realm, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus*

Sanctus S-125

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly One, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Blessed is one who comes in the name of God. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only-begotten One, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Beloved One, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Barnabas, and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer*

It is our custom to hold hands during The Lord's Prayer.

As Jesus has taught us, we pray those words that bind us together:

Our Fa-ther in hea ven, hal-lowed be your Name, your king-dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins
as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al,
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours,
now and for-ev-er. A-men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND FRACTION ANTHEM*

Christ our Passover S-154

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep ___ the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Receive who you are, become what you receive.

Please sit.

This is the table of God. As Jesus welcomed everyone to his table, and so we at St. Barnabas welcome everyone to this table. Gather around the Altar as you are directed. You may stand or kneel as is your custom. The Celebrant will place the gluten-free bread into your hand. You have two options to receive the wine. A Chalice Bearer will offer the Common Cup from which you may drink, or you may dip the bread in the wine when a second chalice comes in turn. You may also choose not to partake of the Cup. When you have received the Sacrament, please return to your seat. If you or your children prefer only to receive a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your hands over your chest.

For the summer no hymn will be sung during communion, though occasionally there will be special music. We invite you into the silence to bask in and reflect on Christ's presence with us in the Sacrament.

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Love to Tell the Story by Katherine Hankey and Wm. Fischer, Tom Potter soloist, Janet Frazier piano

THE SENDING OUT OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (Occasional)

N., in the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray...Eternal God,

you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Beloved One Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Liturgy of Sending

THE BLESSING

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind; and +the blessing of the One who made you, who loves you, and who walks the way with you still be with you this day and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE SENDING HYMN*

This is my Song ELW-887



This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of peace for
My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun-light beams on
This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms, your king - dom come; on



lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the coun-try where my heart is;
clo - ver - leaf and pine. But oth - er lands have sun-light too, and clo - ver,
earth your will be done. O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine; but oth - er hearts in
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine. So hear my song, O
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one. So hear my prayer, O



oth - er lands are beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
God of all the na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.
God of all the na - tions; my - self I give you; let your will be done.

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Al Travis

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Ms. Misty Dupuis (she/her)
Ms. Ronda Hilton (she/her)
Ms. Julia Wade (she/her)
Ms. Lexi Jones (she/her)

Those In Need of Prayer

The Holbrook family, the Hayes family, Dennis Kennedy, Bill Miles, Marty and Diana Flahive, Larry Volmert, Carol Wier and family, John and Patrice Hayes, Larry Konkell, Andrea, Nicolle, Selah Kay, Jessica Sweet, Claire Hayes, the Long family, Atlee Witt, Jim Hostler, Meghann and Kai, RJ Campbell, KaJune Kent, Kathy Labargethy Alden, Brian Reid, Shanelle Duran, Hildegard White, Greg Roosevelt, the Benson and Manning families, Jill Schlegal, Raymond Dupuis-Spiva, Charles Michael Goodall, John Graves, Joy Sandoz, Patti Walter, Irene and the family of Burley Shepard, Margaret Noteman, Darryl Searuggs, Jamie Henderson, Jim Esten, Anne Wolfrum, the people of Ukraine, the people of Sudan, the children in Gaza, those who suffer from conflict and natural and human disaster.

New to the prayer list

Mat Gere, long-time partner of Janet Manning's daughter.

Those who have died

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

This Week's Parish Schedule

Sunday, September 1: The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 am: *Holy Eucharist* (sung) in the Sanctuary.

Tuesday, September 3

- 6:00 pm Leadership Team via Zoom

Wednesday, September 4

- 9:00 am: Staff meeting in the Workroom.
- 10:00 am: Bible Study in the Brady room.

Sunday, September 8: The Second Sunday of Creation KICK-OFF SUNDAY

- 9:30 am: *Holy Eucharist* (sung) in the Sanctuary.
- 11:00 am: Youth Group painting their new space—the Betty Foster room.
- Post worship: A band and taco bar to celebrate Kick-Off Sunday in Grant Hall.

Birthdays

Carrie Corrigan	September 2
Jim Sawtelle	September 4
Louisa Rivera	September 7
Marcia Doty	September 8
Kelly Rose Knierim	September 9
Larry Volmert	September 10
Dani Morello Long	September 14
Tori Meyers	September 14
Pax Sefton	September 16
Jeffrey Nelson	September 17
Elizabeth Dupuis-Spiva	September 19
Janmarie Pilcher	September 24
The Rev. Dennis Kennedy	September 27

Anniversaries

Judy and Tom Ward	September 1
Cherry and Steve Barney	September 8
Cindy Lees and Mitch Mize	September 13
Rachael Lee and Sean Nakamoto	September 18
Toni and Tom Potter	September 19

Announcements

**KICK-OFF SUNDAY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
CELEBRATE
OUR ST. BARNABAS COMMUNITY!**

After the 9:30 service, we'll move to Grant Hall for a **taco bar and potluck lunch!**

With Brew Glass Live Music brought to us by Dave Brandl's band! (Dave Brandl is Hildegard White's son-in-law.) Brew Glass plays fun & familiar songs from multiple eras and genres.

Please bring a dish to add to the taco bar.

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**A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN
PROFILE COMMITTEE SEEKS YOUR INPUT
In Upcoming Forums
September 15, 22, and 29**

I'm pleased to share that the Profile Committee has begun the work of writing the story of St. Barnabas to share with prospective rector candidates! The process includes facilitating a series of Holy Conversations during the Adult Forum on September 15, 22, and 29th. The conversations will focus on a different topic each week and will be as follows:

- 9/15- What you value**
- 9/22 - Moments of hurt or disappointment**
- 9/29 - Your dreams for the future of St. B's and your commitments toward helping bring them into reality**

I strongly urge you to attend all three sessions, but if you can't, we will have a process for you to submit your thoughts.

We are a people of story, and in listening to others along with sharing our own, we will more clearly identify the qualities we need in our next rector.

With much love and gratitude for each of you,

Jolene Whitney
Senior Warden

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**GIVING-2-OTHERS SEPTEMBER
EARTHLINKS**

For many years now, Christians around the world have celebrated the Season of Creation from September 1 to October 4. Creation Care is also one of St. Barnabas' priorities. So it's only fitting that September's recipient of Giving-2-Others donations is EarthLinks.

EarthLinks is an innovative urban nonprofit that provides a work program for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. They maintain an urban garden, learn new skills, and create earth-friendly products that sustain people AND the planet. Other services include case management, housing navigation, and professional and peer support. They have been very successful in helping participants obtain AND maintain housing. For more information about their program, visit the Weekly for a link to their website.

You may donate to Giving-2-Others via the Weekly eNews, drop a check in the plate or send a donation directly to the office. Remember to add "Giving-2-Others" in the memo line.

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COFFEE TIME

Please consider providing goodies for Coffee Time and volunteering to set up and breakdown. Sign up sheets are in Lukens and the Weekly eNews.

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PATTI WALTER UPDATE

Please visit the Weekly for the update.

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BURLEY SHEPARD

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Saturday, September 14 at 10:30 am

A reception will follow.