

Dear Followers of Christ,

As 2022 draws to an end, we should look back at all of the accomplishments that occurred to help reinvigorate and potentially grow St. Barnabas. Although much of his work goes on behind the scenes, Fr. Kenn has put his heart and soul into trying to grow the parish. He has reached out to the Stepping Stones teachers and parents by offering spiritual guidance in the form of a coffee (3) hour(s) every Friday. Some of the parents and teachers have benefited from his guidance. Also, because of Fr. Kenn's innovative thinking, we offered movie nights May-October for our congregation and the broader community. The movie nights were very successful. Bruce Baird was highly instrumental in putting Movie Nights together as well as the August Water Day. None of this would have been possible without the help of numerous volunteers at St Barnabas who offered their time for these projects. We also enjoyed the Fall Festival, with over 200 participants. Dr. Will's initial idea of a Fall Festival was a tremendous hit thanks to the efforts of Betsy Flanagan, Carter Bowersox, Joanne Figliola, Libby Green, Alan Okuniewski, Sheridan Kingsberry Norma Carre, and Steve and Lynne McIntosh. The latest success was a combined movie night with Trunk or Treat. Some parents and children saw St. Barnabas for the first time, and hopefully they will return. Again, there are many more that volunteered over the course of the year that also deserve a huge THANK YOU.

Fr Kenn is also trying to establish a Sunday schedule to fit everyone's busy schedule and add more time for study and worship. Moving the service times to 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. seemed like a good idea. The new worship times enabled Sunday school for adults and children as well as choir practice for the children between the early morning service and later service. The service time changes were not 100% successful because the later service was too late for some parishioners. Consequently, a compromise was made to start the later service at 10:30 a.m. the last Sunday in October, 10/30, coincidence? This still allows time for Sunday school and the children's choir practice.

One word you will be hearing over and over again is . . . Stewardship.

Finally, we would like your input. There is a (shoe) box in the foyer where you can pose questions or make suggestions. Please also feel free to speak to any of the Vestry members with questions or concerns. We are very approachable.

Respectfully,
Greg Taylor (Sr. Warden) Pat McDonald (Jr Warden)