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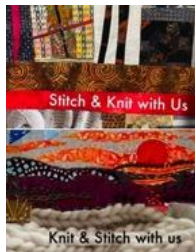
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January 2024

Happy New Year one and all. We at the Center trust that you all had a wonderful Holiday and are now

getting ready to break your New Years resolutions. While we are breaking our resolutions along with you, there is one that is sacrosanct and will not be broken: 2024 is the year that St. Barnabas Center will become an integral part of the Kutztown community and many more people will take part and benefit from the offerings here. This is not something we hope will happen. This is something we *know* will happen. With your help and participation we cannot and will not fail. On to January's Newsletter.

Events This Month:



Community Threads. One of the most active groups at the Center is *Community Threads*. Each month a different member of the group is heading up a creative activity. Last month, Mary Edwards taught how to make Moravian stars to adorn your packages for the holiday season.

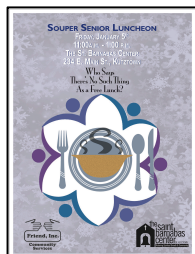
This month Sandra Britland announces a major new project at the Center. It is called: ***Postcards From Winter -Impressions of the Season***. This event marks a major expansion of *Community Threads*. We welcome you to join us at the

St. Barnabas Center on **Thursday, January 4th 2-4pm** to launch our Winter's Sew project. A small selection of materials will be available to help you get started and perhaps find a bit of inspiration. We have ample knitting and crocheting supplies and patterns available. No experience needed. New to knitting or crocheting, no problem...we have members who bring lots of experience to the table and are most willing to assist you as needed.

Not open just to members who attend the weekly meetings—this event is open to everyone, everywhere! Here's how it works: You create one or more stitched postcards from your vision of your winter world. We are requesting submissions sized 4"x 6" attached to the postcards. Your postcards will be displayed at the Center in a highlighted space. We will picture the growing display in each newsletter.

Our vision is to bring together and honor those who create art with stitching. You can work independently or as a group. If you are local you can work at the weekly Community Threads meeting every Thursday from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, here at the Center. Others can mail their submissions to: The St. Barnabas Center, PO Box 236, Kutztown, PA 19530. Your stitching timeframe is Jan 1st - April 1st. All stitching, including quilting, knitting, and crochet will be accepted. Please share this with your lists. You can get more details on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/Qt6BGbcT6jeL4vYT/?mibextid=WC7FNe>

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you!



"Souper" Senior Luncheon. The word is getting around the community about the excellence of the Senior Luncheons at St. Barnabas Center. On the first Friday of every month, Doreen Tobin and Pat Brown, with the help of a few of our fabulous volunteers, prepare a luncheon for the community's seniors that is served from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. It is simply scrumptious. I think I'll have

to start calling them Chef Doreen and Chef Pat. This month's fare includes two soups, salad, fresh rolls and Three Kings Cake for dessert. Be there **Friday, Jan 5th** not only for a great meal but also a chance to meet other seniors in the community. Did I mention that it was free?

KUTZTOWN OPEN TABLE

✕ *Where Community Comes Together* ✕

FRIDAY, JAN. 5, 11-1 AM – Senior Lunch

St. Barnabas Center, 234 E Main St, Kutztown

To celebrate the New Year, this month's fare includes two soups, salad, fresh rolls and Three Kings Cake for dessert. No registration required. Always fun, free and fabulous! Please enter via the rear entrance.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17, 10-NOON – Young at Heart

St. Paul's UCC, 47 S Whiteoak St, Kutztown

Create a craft with Local Folk's Kathleen Walck. If time permits join in a Young at Heart favorite—The Price is Right. Please enter via the Lambert Alley Entrance. Please RSVP to the church office 610-683-3393.

Friday, Jan. 19, 10 AM – Better with Age

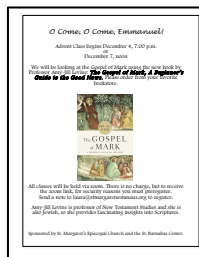
Kutztown Community Library

Participants will make floral watercolor cards with matching envelopes. Registration is required. Anyone interested can call 610-683-5820 to register.

SUNDAY, JAN. 28, 4:30-6 PM – Kutztown Kitchen

Trinity Lutheran Church, 357 W. Main Street, Kutztown

—a free community meal. For information, or to request takeout or delivery, please call 484-239-5314.



O Come, O Come Emmanuel! Reverend Laura Thomas Howell leads this engaging class via Zoom. The class centers on *The Gospel of Mark, A Beginners Guide to The Good News* by Professor Amy -Jill Levine (order from your favorite bookstore). Levine who is Jewish, provides fascinating insights into the Scriptures. There is no charge to participate. The class, which began at the start of Advent, will continue on **Monday, Jan 8th at 7:00 pm** via zoom. You can obtain your zoom connection by contacting Rev. Howell at laura@stmargaretsemmaus.org.



Chair Yoga. This class taught by the talented Kris Amey, will meet on **Wednesday January 3rd**. Kris will be on hand for class on Wednesdays January 13th, 20th, 27th. If you have any kind of pain or issue that prevents you from doing a regular yoga workout, then this is the class for you. I can tell you from personal experience that this woman is a miracle worker. She teaches you to work around your issue. The first class is always free. Additional classes are a nominal charge of \$10.00 whenever you choose to attend.



Talisman Players. This acting group led by Tom Nardone will be staging *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde in the Sanctuary at the Center in the spring. We are all excited about this. Actors have been selected and roles assigned. They are shooting for the end of March or beginning of April. If you have never seen a Talisman play before you will be in for a real treat. They are very good. We hope that this will be the first of many staged at the Center. Please join us for this first offering and make it a rousing success so that this will be the first of many to come.



KOFEE. If you are concerned about the issue of Education in the Kutztown area you might want to consider attending a meeting of KOFEE: Kutztown Organized For Educational Excellence. The KOFEE in-person meeting will be held at St. Barnabas Center on **Monday, Jan. 22nd at 7:00pm**. I am familiar with this organization. There is none of the mud slinging, character assassination or name calling that you find in some other meetings. It is simply a group of citizens who want to work hand in hand with teachers and administrators to improve our educational system. It is important that levelheaded citizens of good will come out to improve our educational excellence. When coming to the meeting please enter through the back door of the Center. You can find more information about KOFEE by contacting Robyn Underwood at kofee.kasd@gmail.com.



As I write this newsletter on New Year's weekend, a wedding is being held at the center! We hope to host many weddings and other special events at the center as we grow. Our warm, inviting, affordable space is the perfect place to hold that special event! We are developing a brochure to advertise such as a fundraising avenue for the center and have been working with a very talented graphic designer on our website presentation. Check it out on our website's venue page at <https://www.stbarnabasktown.org/event-venue/>. When the brochure is printed we hope that you, our supporters, will give it wide distribution. Thank you in advance.

Till next month,

Chuck

My name is Chuck Brown. I am the facilities manager of the Center. You can speak to me about any activity or issue concerning the Center or to offer suggestions for programs you think would work for the Center. I am in the office Monday through Thursday from 10:00am -12:00 noon. If you call at other times, leave a message and I will answer you during our office hours. The Center phone number is 484-648-2814 or email stbarnabascenter@hometownnu.com.

Visit us at the St. Barnabas Community Center Website at <http://www.stbarnabasktown.org>.

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