



Saint Barnabas' Episcopal Church
Mom's Morning Off Program

Mom's Morning Off Newsletter September 2019



2019-2020 MMO STAFF

MEET OUR STAFF... THE TEACHERS HAVE WRITTEN A BRIEF BIO TO SHARE WITH YOU.

Hi parents! My name is Elida Rivas. I am **THRILLED** to be your child's teacher this year! I can't wait to see what the year has in store for us. I look forward to getting to know all of you but I would like to tell you a little bit about myself. I was born and raised here in Fredericksburg and I am the middle child! I have an older sister and a younger brother. My husband, Diego, and I have been together for six years, married for two and have three handsome boys. Adrian is five years old, Zaiden is four and Ian is two. We also have one dog named Blue from Jurassic World because our boys LOVE dinosaurs! This will be my first year here at St. Barnabas. I'm so excited and I look forward to a wonderful year!



Room 2: Amy Stehling & Dana Hudson



Room 1: Cynthia Prado & Elida Rivas

Hello! My name is Cynthia Prado. I am excited to be your child's teacher this year! I want to take this opportunity to tell you a little about myself. I was born and raised here in Fredericksburg. My husband and I have been married for thirty-two years and have six children. We have one boy and five girls between the ages of eleven and thirty-one years old. We also have two wonderful grandsons. Sebastian is six years old and Mateo is three. I have been teaching here at St. Barnabas for nine going on ten years. I started out in the baby room and am excited to be back in that room this year! We are going to have so much fun! I really enjoy working with children!

Hi! I am Amy Stehling. I was born and raised in Fredericksburg. I have been married to my husband, Ryan, for 20 years. We have two children. Clara is fourteen and is a freshman this year and Jake is nine and in the fourth grade.

I have been working in child care for seven years with Mom's Day Out programs. I enjoy seeing all the kids grow through the years.

I like to spend time in the pool, read, fish and love family activities and get together. I also enjoy trips to the lake and beach.

I love animals and have a bunch of them! I have six cats, five dogs, hermit crabs, three turtles, ducks peacocks, sheep and a miniature donkey. I also love music and arts and crafts.

My name is Dana Hudson. I have been working in childcare for twenty years. My husband, Wayne, and I are celebrating twenty four years of marriage this year. He has been a deputy sheriff for Gillespie County for twenty years. We have three children. Courtney, age twenty-three, is a teacher in Room Four. My son Jarred is twenty and works at Sunbelt as a heavy machinery diesel mechanic. Allison is eighteen and works at Clear River while taking a year off before starting college. In my spare time, I enjoy scrapbooking, gardening and reading. Some of my favorite things include Italian and Chinese food, dark chocolate and anything Mickey Mouse!!



Room 3: Kirsten Whitworth & Barbara Salinas

Hi! My name is Kirsten Whitworth! I'm so excited for this school year! I know it is going to be amazing! I would like to tell you a little about myself. I am twenty-two years old. I have grown up in Fredericksburg my whole life and love this town and community. I have a beautiful four year old daughter named Paisley who is the light of my life.

This will be my fifth year working in a MDO/MMO setting. I can't express how blessed I feel to be able to work with these wonderful children. My birthday is February 15, 1997, my favorite color is mint green and my hobbies are running, painting and playing the guitar. My favorite bible verse is, "The Lord is my shepherd; I lack nothing." Psalm 23:1. Thank you for sharing the experience of watching your kids grow with me!

Hello! My name is Barbara Salinas. Thank you for letting me be a part of your child's life! This will be my third year with the MMO program here at St. Barnabas. I am also a Religious Education Teacher of more than twenty-five years at St. Mary's. God has made all children unique and has given them all different gifts to share with us! How exciting!

My husband Juan and I have been married for thirty-eight years. We enjoy the outdoors and spending time with our family. We have two sons; JD, newly engaged and Leo.

I enjoy reading whenever I can and a good cup of tea. Thank you again for this opportunity!



Room 4: Courtney Hudson & Laurie Wilson

My name is Courtney Hudson and I am twenty-three years old. This year will be my fourth year in childcare, however, this is my second year as a teacher at St. Barnabas and I am very excited!

I am an avid quilter thanks to my grandmother who started to teach me at the young age of four.

In my spare time, I enjoy reading and baking. Some of my favorites things include: Mexican and Italian food, dark chocolate, anything Disney and spending time with my dog, Oliver.

My name is Laurie Wilson. I was born and raised in Fredericksburg. My husband, Steve, and I have one daughter. Her name is Kadence and she's thirteen years old. She's an avid soccer player, loves animals and art. Steve has been a lineman for thirty-six years.

I am looking forward to working with your children this year! I have twenty years experience working with kids, from babysitting to daycare. This will be my third year working at St. Barnabas.

I love being outdoors. Steve and I hunt and fish quite a bit. We fish for fun and competitively. We have four dogs and a cat that keep us entertained as well. I also have a passion for growing plants, with my focus being on orchids and succulents.



Room 5: JoAnn Duecker & Vanessa Prado

My name is JoAnn Duecker. I grew up on a farm in Minnesota. My husband Johnny and I live on a ranch north of Stonewall. Our three daughters, Hope (23), Allison (20) and Grace (17) keep us very busy.

We love to visit State Parks in our free time.

I have a Montessori teaching degree. I have also been teaching at St. Barnabas for seven years.

I look forward to getting to know each new group of students and their parents and I am looking forward to a great year!

Hello! My name is Vanessa Prado. This is my first year teaching at St. Barnabas. I am excited and eager to meet each and every one of you!

Some fun facts about me are that I love fruit, my favorite color is purple and I have four sisters and one brother. I was also born and raised in Fredericksburg.

I look forward to teaching your kids and seeing them learn and grow throughout this school year.



My name is Deanne Moellering. I was born and raised in Fredericksburg. I have been married to my husband Darrell for 34 years. We have three children: Brenna, 29, and our twin sons, Michael and Joseph who are both 24. Brenna has been married almost five years and is an Occupational Therapist in McKinney where she works at a clinic with special needs children. Her husband, Kevin, is an electrical engineer with Texas Instruments. They are the proud parents of our beautiful grandson, Emmett. Our son, Joey works for Ryerson Steel and our son Michael works for Lockheed Martin.

This is my fourth year as director here at St. Barnabas. I had such a rewarding year last year. The support I received from my wonderful staff and families was such a blessing! In addition to working with your kids, I am also responsible for three handbell choirs, the Sanctuary Choir and Praise Band at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church where I also serve as the Music Ministry Coordinator. In my spare time, I give guitar lessons. I LOVE to read and I play the guitar and flute. I also love to see movies, go camping and spend time with my family and friends. I was blessed to be able to be a stay at home mom for my kids until they went to school and will cherish those times always.

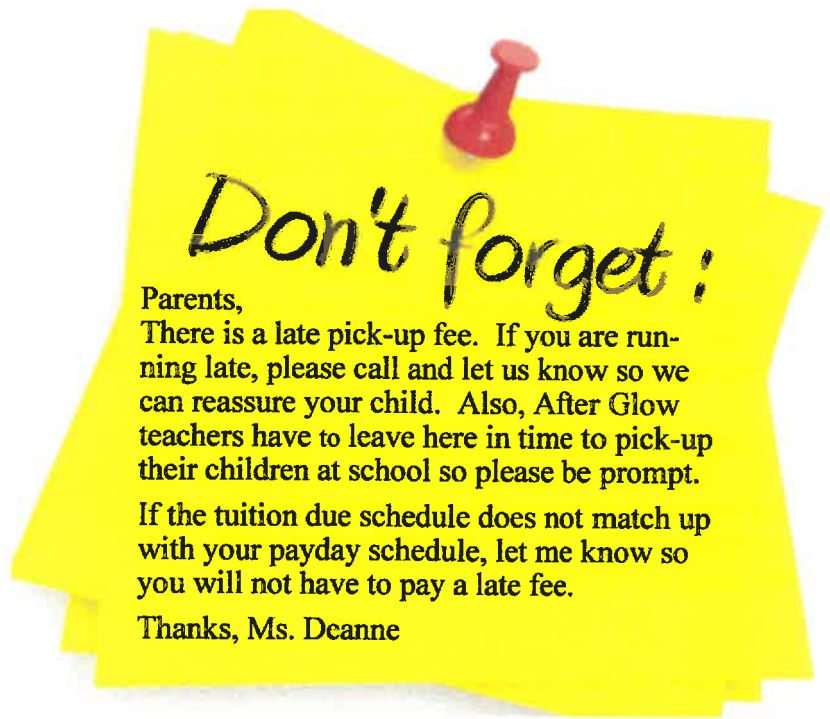
Happy Birthday!!

August:

03 Camber Lines
15 Grayson Fiedler
23 Mateo Carlos
27 Stephaney Burns
29 Sandy Ellebracht
29 Father Jeff

September:

1 Laurie Wilson
14 Elida Rivas
14 Deanne Moellering
18 Brigham Weirich



My name is Sandy Ellebracht. I have been married to Chester for 49 years and we have three grown children: Chad, Jason and Amy. We also have seven grandchildren. I subbed here last year and have really enjoyed getting to be with the kids. In my spare time, I enjoy watching football, playing solitaire and spending time with my family.



My name is Sue Gustin and I will be subbing this year in MMO. Twenty years ago I began working in this ministry as a sub then became a teacher, then Director and now a sub again. Just when you think I'm gone—Surprise! - here I am!

My name is Lynda Bynum. I am a retired Pediatric Nurse. I have lived in Fbg. for approximately eight years with my husband and my grandson, Charley. We also have a small Yorkie named "Peppy". We found Peppy at a local shelter and she now is the "queen" of our house. Charley attends FISD and is presently in the 7th grade. We are originally from North Alabama and still have 3 daughters and 7 grandchildren in Alabama. Before choosing Fbg. as our new home, we traveled for five years. Our family loves to camp and spend time outdoors. My family attends First Baptist where we are very active. I have worked at St. Barnabas for approximately six years. Two as a teacher and four as a sub. I enjoy the time I get to spend with the "little" ones.

My husband, Buzz, and I adopted our dog "Max" last year and he is definitely keeping us on our toes! We went on two road trips this summer and saw some beautiful country.

I love being a sub because it allows me to come back and see your children from time to time. It is such a blessing to have my friend, Deanne, as the director because she lets me come and get hugs and a hug from a child is one of life's greatest blessings!

It's going to be a great year and your children are going to have so much fun!!

Hi! My name is Lorie Dearing. I have been married for almost 45 years to a wonderful man named Michael. We have 3 grown children: Jeremiah, 43, Anna, 42 and Sarah 39 and 13 grandchildren ranging in age from 16-1. We moved to Fbg. 31 years ago when my husband took a position as pastor of Journey Church. I enjoy scrapbooking, teaching classes in scrapbooking and card making. I love children and having the opportunity to make a positive impact on them is one of the most important things I will ever do!