

THE MESSENGER

March-May 2008

A congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington



Our bishop The Right Rev. John Bryson Chane and our vicar the Rev. Barbara Allen sing a hymn during the Palm Sunday service at St. Barnabas. See details on Page 6.

Upcoming Events:

June 15, 2008 Service of Holy Baptism of Megan Lindsay, granddaughter of members Jim and Ginny Lindsay

June 15, 2008 **St. John's Strawberry Festival** after services

July 15-20, 2008 Episcopal Conference of the Deaf Convention will be held at the Rochester Institute of Technology

National Technical Institute for the Deaf

52 Lomb Memorial Drive

Rochester, NY 14623

The registration form is available on the ECD website, <http://www.ecdeaf.com/>

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Diocesan Convention Snapshots



Above: Tom Hattaway and Mother Barbara Allen in the Cathedral during Diocesan Convention, with Bishop Chane in the background.

Right: Richard Ellis interprets during the convention.



News from Among Us:

Pastor Ron Friedrich of Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf shared via email on January 28 the following news of a Project for Bible School kids:

Last Saturday evening at Bible School, I discussed with a few of you an opportunity and a challenge that has been presented to me by ABRO -- American-Belarussian Relief Organization. Every summer these Christian folks bring groups of orphans from Belarus to receive medical treatment in the USA, largely due to the ill effects from the radioactive fallout the country received from the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in 1986. It appears ABRO is finally able to begin helping kids in the deaf orphanages. So they are looking for deaf families who can host a deaf Belarussian child for six weeks during June and early July, 2008. I have posted more specific information at our church's website: www.christdeaf.org/belarus.

If you are interested, we can discuss this at the Saturday class.

Please share this with families in your church.

Pastor Ron Friedrich
Christ Lutheran Church of the Deaf, Silver Spring MD

Ted "Tao" Blake shared the following news via email on January 18:

Still busy unpacking cataloging, sorting and recycling boxes amidst the interior decorating and landscaping projects still going on though starting to wind down by early summer. The guest area the oldest core is now completed, my old NY Empire four post tester bed ca 1790 family heirloom is now back in the time of full flat canopy and curtains, an olds fashioned floor to ceiling library in living room with the library ladder very nice but not scootable... The house I live in that used to be my mothers our place for 42 years, was once an outbuilding, a stable, a garage for the buggies with cathedral ceiling living room together was tough in tracing and determining its date of building but drawing on discoveries of items in garden like the hames which was the horse collar part, as well patent medical bottles helped me get stronger leads on The Corner a busy popular shopping corner next to the Rotunda in University Virginia once separate from Charlottesville and now absorbed by the city growth. The date I draw was around 1888 on the University Dispensary, the University Livery as well backup on the past connections with a registered house on its historic preservation. Still interested in genealogy history as well diverse interests that keep me busy on breaks from my current projects... Health generally good but needs to be regulated now somewhat. Give the Lindsays their way of greetings, the bagpipe tooting for me, and wonder how were Iris Gomes and Ron Farris as well the flock too. So sad to know our beloved Phoebe Tharp had passed away. Still going to the signing suppers every second Wednesday but this month is on Jan 23 at 5 30 pm Ponderosa Steak at 250 Pantops Center just outside Charlottesville on the way to Richmond. Often the hearing, the students from University of Virginia and the local deaf join and enjoy the meal together on condition that we all sign or write there.

Take care with blessings

Theo "Tao" E. Blake II

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THE PASTOR'S CORNER:



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Dear Members and Friends,

It seems like a very long time since I wrote to you all. I was blessed with a trip to England to visit my son and his family back the first part of April. It really was a restful vacation. I arrived home with just enough time to prepare for my older son and his family to visit for a week the middle of April. We spent the week seeing all the things that children like to see in this area such as the aquarium in Baltimore and the National Zoo. Not very restful but loads of fun!

Then the week after they left I had an endoscopy and ended up in Suburban Hospital ER and ICU. One of the biopsy sites did not close completely and was trickling blood. However, the great doctors and nurses at Suburban took great care of me and I am just about back to normal.

I became a great grandmother on May 10th. Beautiful little girl! Her name is Jalyn Renee.

God has been good!

I used to think that by the time we reach old age we should have learned everything we need to know but, not so!

In my time in the hospital I learned what it really means to "fully trust"! I was in the hands and care of the EMTs, the doctors and the nurses.

I realized if I could trust them with my life then surely I can trust God.

I share this with you in hopes that it will give you strength, faith and trust in the One who made us, who loves us and who walks this life with us every step of the way.

Love and prayers to all,

Barbara+



Above: Kary Hattaway leads a trivia quiz about **Tom Hattaway's** life during a coffee hour surprise party celebrating his 50th birthday. Byron Zimmerman, Nancy Conger are on the left and Beth Hill, Angela Somers and Joshua Somers are on the right. Thanks to Beth Hill for coordinating refreshments.

below:

Derek and Kathy Sevier with their new son Connor. Connor Lindsay Sevier was born on Friday, March 14, 2008 at 2:33 AM. He weighed 7 lbs and 6.6 oz. and measured 21 inches long. Kathy is the daughter of St. Barnabas' members Jim and Ginny Lindsay. Photo courtesy Jim Lindsay.

Congratulations to the proud parents and grandparents!



Palm Sunday with Bishop's Visitation



Above: Ed Knight reads the Psalm

Right: Mother Barbara and Tom Hattaway make their way down the aisle during the Peace (Mrs. Chane is on the left)



On Palm Sunday, Bishop Chane visited St. Barnabas' with Mrs. Chane and also Canon Paul Cooney and Mrs. Cooney. Ed Knight was Lay Eucharistic Minister and Tom Hattaway was the Bishop's Chaplain. Kary Hattaway and Steve Holst read lessons. Mother Barbara Allen read the Gospel. The Bishop gave the sermon and at the end of the service Tom Hattaway presented Mr. Cooney and then Bishop Chane certificates of appreciation for their support of deaf ministry in the Diocese of Washington.

After the service there was a pot luck buffet organized by Wendy Ikezawa held in Parish Hall. Joshua Somers talked about his recent experience doing mission work in the Honduras. He saw a brush fire there and something about it reminded him of when Moses saw the burning bush. Joshua was the only deaf person in the mission group and did not have an opportunity to meet any deaf people in the Honduras. He heard that parents there sent their deaf children to live in an orphanage.

Afterward the Mission Committee met with the Bishop in the Lounge. The Bishop said that St. Barnabas' is missional like Latino ministries and reaffirmed the Diocese's commitment to the mission of St. Barnabas.

There was a discussion of how to raise our profile in the Diocese. The Bishop suggested that St. Barnabas send a delegation to Diocesan Council with a short Powerpoint presentation including photos of baptism, confirmations, etc. to familiarize new members of Council with our parish life and mission. Tom Hattaway asked if the diocesan website could add a link to deaf ministry that would link to our website. Ed Knight mentioned upgrading our website to use a Content Management System to help keep it dynamic and help organize it better.

We discussed how to support Tom Hattaway in his discernment process. The Bishop said what is needed is a strong statement from our church that we discern that God is calling Tom. Resources for Tom include "reading for orders" and the ability for Tom to take courses at Wesley Seminary, the Methodist seminary near National Cathedral, which has a Deaf Ministry program. The Episcopal Conference of the Deaf and the Berg Fund are possible sources of seminary scholarships.



Above: Bishop Chane looks on while Canon Paul Cooney receives certificate of appreciation presented by Tom Hattaway.

Below: Bishop Chane holds his certificate of appreciation in one hand while shaking hands with Tom



Memorial Service for Eric "Malz" Malzkuhn

On Thursday, March 27, 2008 a beautiful memorial service was held in Malz Theater at MSSD. Mother Barbara was invited to participate in that service by offering an opening prayer and sharing her experience of knowing Malz for these past few years. Mary, Malz's wife of over sixty years, was there along with their sons and extended family.

The Malz Theater was almost full with long time friends and colleagues, interpreters who had worked closely with Malz in dramatic interpreting. Steve Holst from St. Barnabas' attended. Those who planned the service had put together a video presentation of Malz's life which was interesting and entertaining as we watched the evolution of his talents and skills. Each of his sons spoke with emotion and love of their father and what they had learned from him.

A fellow teacher and long time friend of Malz, Jerry Jordan, was to have given the eulogy but he died the day before the service. Jerry had lung cancer and was afraid he might not live to participate in the service so he had made a video of his remarks. It was heartwarming to see the close relationship these two men had and their care for each other. When Malz got to the place several years ago that he was pretty much confined to his home Jerry would visit him faithfully every Wednesday.

There was a reception for all those attending in "Old Jim" following the service.

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Deaf Children's Bible Story Group

A new ecumenical Bible Study group began in January 2008. It is the "brain child" of Lauri Rush who is the Director of Mental Health Services at Gallaudet University. Lauri has a deaf daughter who attends Kendall School. Her daughter has several deaf classmates with whom she is close and Lauri has close relationships with the parents of these children. The parents are both deaf and hearing. Lauri is hearing but has deafness in her family background.

These parents, for the most part, do not attend church but were anxious that their children experience bible stories in their own deaf language. The children range in age from two to six or seven. Most of them have cochlear implants. They sign, hear some and speak. Mother Barbara was invited to help in teaching these children.

Average attendance has been from five to nine. The group has been meeting every Saturday at 4:00 PM.

They are now on break for the summer but plans are being made to resume in the fall. There is a possibility the group will meet at St. Barnabas'/St. John's in Hines Hall in the fall. Please pray for the growth of this group.

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Rector of St. John's to Retire November 2008

The Rev. Susan Flanders will retire in Nov. of this year. She has served at St. John's for ten years. Susan has led St. John's in growth in numbers and spirit. She has guided them through a Capitol Campaign, Lift High the Cross, through which they renovated their chancel and purchased and installed a new organ. Their youth group seems to be growing steadily.

We pray for Susan the blessings of God as she prepares to leave St. John's and take up private life with her family. We ask the blessing of God also for the congregation as they begin the process of finding an interim priest and then discerning who to call as their next rector.

COMMISSIONING OF LAY LEADERS



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Above: Mother Barbara+ commissions (L-R) Ginny Lindsay as Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM), Ed Knight as LEM, Christina Duley as Altar Guild chair, Wendy Ikezawa as Secretary, and Tom Hattaway as LEM. Photo courtesy Jim Lindsay
Diocesan Evangelism Workshop Keynote Address by Brian D. McLaren
(Reported by Ed Knight)

On Saturday June 7, I attended the Keynote Address at an Evangelism Workshop for the Diocese of Washington held at the 4H Headquarters in Chevy Chase, around the corner from St. John's Norwood. McLaren is not an Episcopalian but he is very knowledgeable about many denominations including ours. At one point he seriously considered becoming an Episcopal priest. He was the founding pastor of Cedar Ridge Community Church in Maryland and is a speaker, author, and activist, and is perhaps best known for his book "A Generous Orthodoxy". I have read several of his books so I looked forward to seeing him in person. His speech was humorous, fact-filled, interactive and inspiring. I believe it will be posted on the diocesan website soon.

McLaren believes God loves the world, and wants to save the earth, including individuals, from human sin, starting with us. (I agree!) To evangelize means to become a disciple through Christian formation and to make disciples of others to do the "work of the Kingdom" as Jesus teaches us in the Bible. McLaren thinks of liturgical worship (the style of worship we have in the Episcopal Church) as "group spiritual formation" which creates a mystical space in which to experience God. We need to have confidence in the Gospel and bring in young people who can adaptively renew the church and become bridges to the future.

ST. BARNABAS HELPS MAKE VISION WALK A SUCCESS



Above: Harry Larson, Joy Larson, Steven Frank and Ed Knight meet before the walk

Steven Frank and I accepted the challenge of participating in VISIONWALK, a big step in boosting research for retinal degenerative diseases such as Usher Syndrome, hosted by The Foundation Fighting Blindness. (Steven has Usher Syndrome.)

It took place Saturday morning May 17 at Northern Virginia Community College in Alexandria. We raised \$1,500, including a generous donation from St. Barnabas' as well as individual church members. Thank you for your support! Altogether, as of the day of the event, the walkathon had raised \$185,000 and the organizers said they expect to reach the \$200,000 mark.

Harry and Joy Larson joined our team, which we called Team MWADB, because Steven and I are members of the Metro Washington Association of the Deaf-Blind and many MWADB members donated. (Joy also has Usher Syndrome.) We also met another deaf-blind person who we had not met before and gave her information about MWADB.

If you would like to participate or learn more about this cause and other opportunities to support it, please visit the Web site at <http://www.fightblindness.org>

Steven Frank plans to attend "Visions 2008", a Foundation Fighting Blindness conference in Crystal City, VA during August 8-10 to learn about research and possible new treatments for Usher Syndrome.

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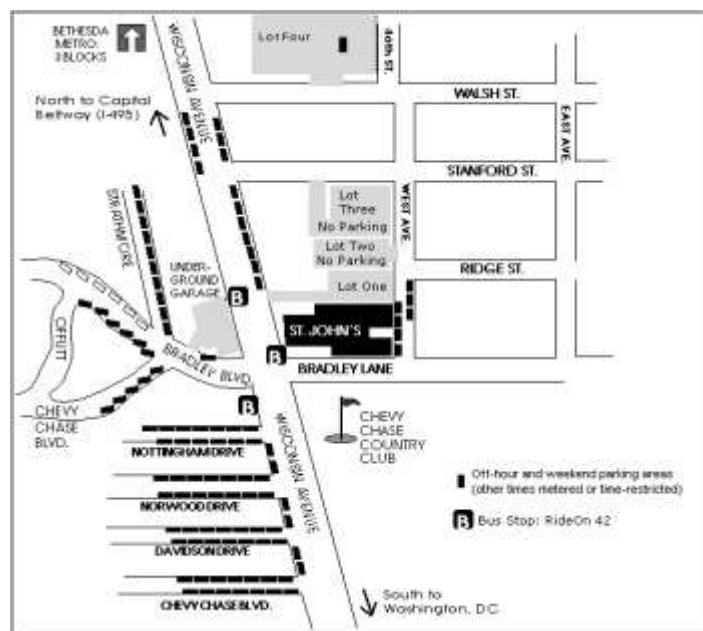
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WEEKLY 10 AM HOLY EUCHARIST
SERVICE
WITH HEALING SERVICE 3RD
SUNDAYS
ST. MARY'S CHAPEL AT
ST. JOHN'S, NORWOOD
6701 WISCONSIN AVENUE AT
BRADLEY LANE, CHEVY CHASE, MD.
20815

GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY MINISTRY:
ELY CENTER ROOM 114
DURING ACADEMIC YEAR, HOLY
EUCHARIST CELEBRATED THE SECOND
SUN. OF EACH MONTH AT 2:00 PM
IN THE CHAPEL OF THE STUDENT
UNION BUILDING



St. Barnabas' meets in St. Mary's Chapel at St. John's Norwood Church at the corner of Wisconsin Ave and Bradley Lane