

THE MESSENGER

September 2009—January 2010

A congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington



James Mason Lindsay holding his grandson, James Mason Lindsay, while **Mother Barbara** presides at the “Celebration of the Birth of a Child” on Nov. 22. More photos on page 4. James and his parents, Andy and Cricket and his sister Haley Lindsay live in VA and attend a different church. When James was baptized shortly after his birth the godparents, Kathryn and Derek Sevier, sister and brother-in-law, could not be present. However, they were in town for Thanksgiving. The Episcopal Church provides a special service called “A Celebration of the Birth of a Child”. This offered a perfect time for the godparents to be recognized and to make their vows. James was also anointed since that is not a part of his church's baptismal rite.

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Upcoming Events

March 14 — Annual Parish Meeting with lunch following the morning Eucharist.

February 17 Ash Wednesday with service for Imposition of Ashes

February 21 and 28 and March 7 and 14 Lenten Study during Coffee Hour, Topic TBA

March 28 Palm Sunday the beginning of Holy Week, Holy Week services to be announced

April 4 — Easter Day

August 11-15— Episcopal Conference of the Deaf 2010 Convention hosted by St. John's Church for the Deaf in Birmingham, AL. More details in the next few months. Please plan to attend for fellowship and ECD business!

Note: We have a Facebook group now named “St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church of the Deaf”. If you are on Facebook, please check out our group and join it!

THE PASTOR'S CORNER:



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It seems a long time since our last Messenger. Many things have happened for us all. Tragedies in the world fill the news channels, earthquakes, floods, storms, bombings in the Middle East! It is heartbreaking to see the suffering of people! What can we do?

I don't know about you but I often feel overwhelmed with all the needs in our world. There is too much need for one person to handle, right? Yes! Too often we let the enormity of the need paralyze us and we tend to do nothing.

I want to share with you what one little girl did a week ago. She is in our ASL Deaf Children's Ecumenical Bible Study Class. These children are deaf and most of them have cochlear implants. They use ASL, speech and speech reading in addition to what hearing they have with the CI. This little girl uses all three.

She had been watching the news, apparently, and had a clear understanding of what was happening in Haiti. She came running into class the Sunday after the earthquake carrying a ziplock bag full of change. She excitedly handed it to her teacher and said, "I want to give this to the children in Haiti!" She had collected these coins for this purpose. I accepted the change and St. Barnabas' included it in our check for \$500.00 which we have sent to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund specifically earmarked for Haiti. Another little girl who is adopted from Belarus jumped to her feet during our prayer time and announced that a school for the deaf in Haiti had collapsed during the earthquake. She wanted us to pray for those children and teachers in that school.

In Is. 11:6 the Scripture says, "...and a little child shall lead them." We do well to pay attention to the children around us for they often have a more open and honest relationship with God than we adults have. Jesus said in the Gospel of Luke that we should "receive the Kingdom of God as little children".

We have entered a New Year! We have a new opportunity to review our past and present lives and consider what we will do with the future. My prayer is that we will all look in the faces of children and be reminded that we are expected to receive God in the same mind as a little child. This means being open and ready to receive God's word to us and then to be obedient.

May God grant us all the humility to become as little children in God's Kingdom.

Blessings,

Barbara+

St. Barnabas' 150th anniversary celebration on August 30, 2009



Kary Hattaway, Angela Somers, Agnes Sutcliffe, Mother Barbara, Derek Braun and Ron Sutcliffe chat during luncheon



Frances Parsons and Ginny Lindsay at luncheon



Jim Lindsay performing a historical reading

CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JAMES MASON LINDSAY,
NOVEMBER 22, 2009



Congregation gathers for the service



Kathy and Derek, Cricket, Ginny and Haley take part in the service

Interpreted services at National Cathedral



Nancy Connors interprets at Christmas Eve service for April Lesher and her family in the first pew. Other Deaf members of the congregation included Tony and Shunling Lee and family and Eka Liu.



Nancy chats with Steven Frank before the special interfaith service of prayer for Haiti on January 17.

October 2009 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land



Mother Barbara holding shells from the Sea of Galilee



Mother Barbara riding on a camel in Sepphoris at the site of Mary's Well. Sepphoris was the capitol of Galilee in the first Century

VISIT TO HOLY LAND INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF SCHOOL IN SALT, JORDAN



Brother Andrew de Carpentier leading a tour (this is the library)



Two young students at the Holy Land Institute of the Deaf

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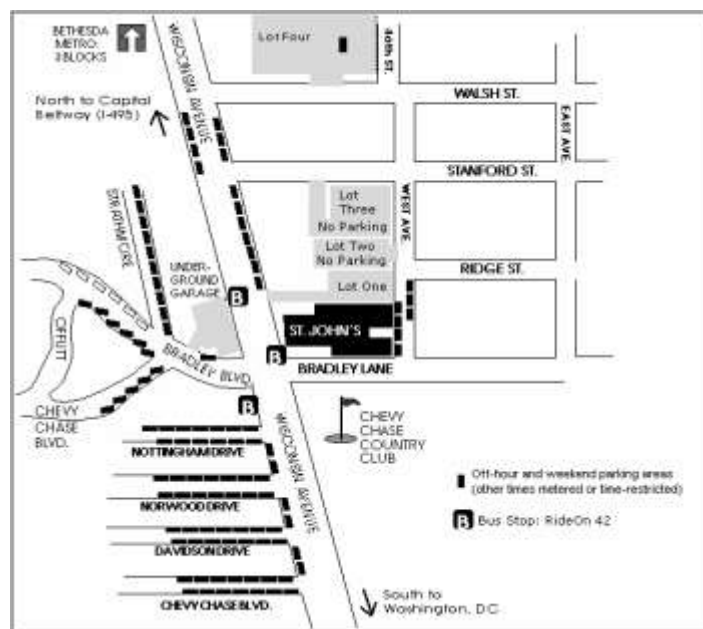
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especially your digital photos related to church and

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WEEKLY 10 AM HOLY EUCHARIST
SERVICE
ST. MARY'S CHAPEL AT
ST. JOHN'S, NORWOOD
6701 WISCONSIN AVENUE AT
BRADLEY LANE, CHEVY CHASE, MD.
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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*