

The Messenger

St. Barnabas' Mission of the Deaf

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10 am Holy Eucharist Services in
St. Mary's Chapel at
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Gallaudet University
Ely Center Room 114
Wednesdays 1-5 PM during the
Academic Year

A Light Supper followed by a Discussion
group is held at 6 PM each Wednesday
Holy Eucharist Services are held in the
Gallaudet University Student Academic
Center Chapel the Second Sunday of
the Month at 2 p.m.

Forthcoming Special Events

Sunday June 8 Pentecost Service

Combined ASL interpreted service
with St. John's Norwood
congregation at 10 AM in St. John's
Norwood Church followed by
Pentecost Celebration at 11 AM in
Parish Hall

News From Among Us

**Stephanie Aronson and Bram
Hightman** will be wed on June 7 at 2
PM at St. John's Norwood Episcopal
Church followed by a reception at
Parish Hall. Friends of St. Barnabas'
are welcome to attend. RSVP by
May 29 to Stephanie at 301-657-
2830 (TTY) or by email to
sarinson@mailstation.com

There is a coed wedding shower on
June 1st at 3 PM at the home of **Ann
Black**. Stephanie and Bram are
registered at Hechts for bridal gifts.
For more info and rsvp (by May 29)
contact **Ginny Lindsay** using TTY at
301-871-1127, jigilindsay@tmail.com
or jigilindsay@aol.com.

Tonya Stremlau and Derek Braun
will be married in a noon ceremony
in Chapel Hall at Gallaudet
University on May 31, 2003. The
Rev. Barbara A. Allen will officiate.

Our Vicar, Barbara Allen, will have a heart catheterization on May 27th at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park. She says that she will probably be just in and out the same day, no more than an overnight. Please keep Barbara in your prayers.

We congratulate Dr. Ronald Sutcliff, retired Dean of the School of Business at Gallaudet University, on the honor he received at the graduation exercises on May 16, 2003. Dr. Sutcliff was made Dean Emeritus. He served the university for forty-two years as professor and dean.

Leira Wurdemann, long time member of St. Barnabas' has been in Brooke Grove Retirement Village for some time. Recently, she was moved to the skilled nursing area in Sharon Building, room 25. Visitors are welcome.

We welcome to the Mission Committee our new Vice Chair, **Marlene Hines**. We appreciate her willingness to serve.

We also welcome our new Hospitality Chairperson, **Kary Dyer**. Please help her by signing up to bring light refreshments for Sunday fellowship and by volunteering help for special occasions.

At the last meeting of the Mission Committee we approved monthly publication of The Messenger, our newsletter. This will begin June 2003. We will publish only one newsletter for July and August, but the remainder of the year will be monthly.

The Mission Committee will not meet during the summer months but will resume meetings the on the first

Sunday of each month in September.

Christian Education classes will not meet June - August. We will resume classes the first Sunday in September. What would you like to study when we begin again? Let the vicar know.

Ed Knight has completed the Lay Eucharist Minister training and will be licensed soon.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Lay Eucharist Minister or a Licensed Lay Reader please inform the vicar. We will plan to have a training session in June.

A WORD FROM THE VICAR

St. Barnabas' is on the move!! We are considering various ways to help us minister more effectively and lovingly to the Deaf Community of DC and Maryland. Our recent meetings with leaders of the diocese and the bishop have brought us a keener sense of trust and willingness to accept the assistance the diocese can offer us.

Bishop Chane is committed to working with us to increase our scope of ministry. Priests in the diocese are anxious and excited about our progress. They have offered prayers on our behalf and words of support. They are also ready to offer other kinds of support as we grow and learn what we need.

When the **Rev. Mitzi Noble** was the vicar of St. Barnabas' the mission began a process to educate the diocese on the needs and talents of deaf persons. It is amazing to me as I encounter leaders and priests who applaud our efforts and speak of what we have taught them. When I came as vicar I and the Mission Committee picked up where they and Mitzi had left off.

Change is not easy! We do not know what kinds of change God will require us to make in order to follow his will for our mission. We must be ready for anything. Moving from our present location, staying where we are, establishing new works but leaving the mission where it is.

We cannot do any of this without devoted lay leaders. A priest is called to a church or mission to be the spiritual leader of the congregation, to help the congregation to discern the will of God, but it is the people who bear the burden of implementation and progress.

Are you a member of St. Barnabas' but have not been attending for various reasons? We invite you to come home. We love you and we need you, God needs you, if we are to offer ministry to deaf persons in the DC/Maryland area. I ask you to pray for God's will for you.

Join us as we seek to serve Christ in our community.

May God bless you richly is my prayer.

Your Pastor in Peace and Love,
Barbara

JOINT PENTECOST SERVICE

We will join St. John's for the Feast of Pentecost on June 8, 2003 at 10:00 AM in the nave. The service will be interpreted in sign language. The Eucharist will be celebrated in sign language and voice by the our Vicar. Immediately following the service we will join St. John's in the Parish Hall for food and fellowship. Wear something red, the color for Pentecost, and join us in celebrating the Birthday of the Church.

STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE REPORT by Ed Knight

On May 3, **the Rev. Barbara Allen, Shelley Simms** and I attended the annual Diocesan Stewardship Conference. **Bishop Chane** spoke at the morning session. He reflected on lessons his mother taught him about stewardship when he was growing up.

Bruce Rockwell, President of Episcopal Network for Stewardship, gave a presentation on Annual Commitment Programs. He described his personal journey from being a banker who lived a materialistic lifestyle to being converted into a being a thankful giver. When he was a banker he went to church but his pledge was not proportional to his income as a banker. There were about 100 people in his church and the church needed about \$100,000 per year to pay its operating expenses. He gave \$1,000 per year, or about \$20 per week, because he figured that was his "fair share".

Then a friend taught him about stewardship and he began to be converted. Conversion means changing at a deep level. He learned that giving his "fair share" was not what God wanted from him. God wanted him to enter into a deeper relationship with God and also his neighbors through the discipline of stewardship. Stewardship, like prayer, was a way of responding to God's call to a deeper relationship.

FAREWELL TO ELKE

Elke Betz-Schmidt, who is graduating from seminary, gave a sermon on the topic of Mother's Day on May 11. Elke's mother from California was in attendance along with 30 others. After the service, **Rudy Hines** presented Elke with a

gift from St. Barnabas' in appreciation for her service as seminarian, and we had sandwiches and cake downstairs. Elke is going to California for a while and then will be returning to the area to serve as a Methodist minister at a Deaf church in Baltimore.

MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING on May 4 (summary from minutes):

Rudy Hines reported on the progress of plans for the 2004 ECD Convention by announcing that the ECD Board had approved Bon Secours Spiritual Center, near Marriottsville, Md., as the convention site.

The Vicar announced that **Derek Braun** had agreed to be our new webmaster. It was also announced that **Marlene Hines** had agreed to fill the vacant position of Vice Chair.

Copies of the revised Bylaws were distributed. The members were advised to give careful thought to Article III - Meetings - and ARTICLE IV - Elections of officers and delegates - as some changes may have to be made in the wording of some of the Sections to be more in agreement with the Canons of the Episcopal Church.

WARDEN'S DINNER

Rudy and Marlene Hines and **Shelley Simms** attended the dinner on May 6. Rudy is secretary of the Mission Committee, Marlene is the new Vice Chair and Shelley Simms is the new Assistant Vice Chair.

EPISCOPAL SENIOR CELEBRATION report by **Rudy Hines**

Rudy and Marlene Hines, Ginny and Jim Lindsay, Harry Tremaine and Rev. Allen along with two interpreters attended the Diocesan-

wide 2003 Senior Celebrations sponsored by the Episcopal Senior Ministries to recognize the outstanding contributions of seniors to church and community held at the Kellogg Conference Center at Gallaudet University on Tuesday, May 13, 2003. **Bishop Chane**, as the guest speaker, emphasized the need to provide better services to our seniors.

RECORD NUMBER CONFIRMED AT WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL Report by **Rudy Hines and Barbara Allen**

On May 17, 2003, one of our own, **Kary Dyer**, was confirmed at Washington National Cathedral. She was one of 250 persons who were confirmed, received or who made reaffirmations of faith at the diocesan wide service. Her presenter was **Rev. Allen**, our vicar. **Tom Hattaway**, member of St. St. Barnabas', was her sponsor. Tom also served as a chalice bearer at the Eucharist. He was not accompanied by a an interpreter, but instead he signed to each communicant, "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation". It was a wonderful day of recognition for our community.

MEETING WITH THE BISHOP

On Sunday May 18 **Bishop John Chane** and **Karen Chane** had an ASL-interpreted meeting and dinner with **Rev. Barbara Allen, Christina Duley, Rudy and Marlene Hines, Ed Knight, Jim and Ginny Lindsay, John-Albert Najjar, John Ricciardi, and Ron Sutcliffe**. We introduced ourselves, had some fellowship and discussed many issues, including:

- ECD convention in Maryland in August 2004
- Shortage of Deaf priests

- Obstacles to Deaf seminarians
- Experiences of growing up Deaf
- Special needs of different groups within Deaf community such as the elderly and Deaf-Blind
- Need for housing for Deaf Senior Citizens
- Possible need for ministry to homeless Deaf persons
- Growth of St. Barnabas' and our space constraints at current location
- Possibility of relocating to more spacious church but need for a location still near Metro
- If we want to relocate, we must present a case to Diocesan Council by September
- Discussed the Berg Fund and how we might use it to the advantage of St. Barnabas' and the Deaf Community.



Clyde Morton and Christina Duley

Mission Committee March 2003 – March 2005

(all terms are for two years except Treasurer is a four year term, and the Chair is always the Vicar.)

New Mission Committee Officers

Vice Chair - Marlene Hines

Asst. Vice Chair - Shelley Simms

Treasurer - Ed Knight

Secretary - Rudy Hines

Members - at – Large: Tom Hattaway, Mark Kleberg, Jeff Mc Caw, Tonya Stremlau

June 2003 Readings

Services are 10:00 a.m. in St. Mary's Chapel at St. John's, Norwood Parish

June 1 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-26 or Exodus 28:1-4,9-10,29-30; 1 John 5:9-15 or Acts 1:15-26; John 17:11b-19; Psalm 68:1-20 or 47

June 8 Day of Pentecost (Whitsunday)

Acts 2:1-11 ; Isaiah 44: 1-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-13; Acts 2:1-11; John 20:19-23; John 14:8-17; Psalm 104:25-37 or 104:25-32 or 33:12-15, 18-22

June 15 First Sunday after Pentecost (Trinity Sunday)

Exodus 3:1-6; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-16; Psalm 93 or Canticle 2 or 13

June 22 Second Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 7)

Job 38:1-11,16-18; 2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Mark 4:35-41;(5:1-20); Psalm 107:1-32 or 107:1-3, 23-32

June 29 Third Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 8)

Deuteronomy 15:7-11; 2 Corinthians 8:1-9,13-15; Mark 5:22-24,35b-43; Psalm 112

July 6 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 9)

Ezekiel 2:1-7; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-6; Psalm 123

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Next Deadline for Messenger submissions is June 29. Please submit items to the asst. editor, Ed Knight by email, if possible, at knighte@washpost.com.

“The peace of the Lord be always with you”

