

The Messenger

St. Barnabas' Mission of the Deaf

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10 am Holy Eucharist Services in
St. Mary's Chapel at
St. John's, Norwood
6701 Wisconsin Avenue at Bradley
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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

(All events are at St. Barnabas Mission
of the Deaf except those noted
otherwise)

Sunday July 6 Visitation by Bishop Chane

Our Bishop will celebrate Holy
Eucharist and consecrate our new
altar pieces. We will have a light
lunch with cake following the
service and there will be time for
visiting with the bishop.

Sunday July 13
Strawberry Festival with St.
John's Norwood at 11:15 AM
Sign up in St. John's lobby to
bring strawberries or shortcake

Wednesday, July 16, 2003
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Open meeting on
disabilities/access/inclusion
(with ASL interpreters)
St. Columba's Episcopal Church
4201 Albemarle Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Wednesday August 27
Gallaudet/Syle
Commemorative Day

A Word From the Vicar

Summer is upon us! That means vacations and trips. When you are in town I hope that you will join us at St. Barnabas. There are a few summer activities planned. At least one with St. John's, the annual Strawberry Festival on July 13. This is after morning Eucharist and will start around 11:00 AM. Plan to join us for strawberry shortcake and fellowship.

Our new bishop, the **Rt. Rev. John B. Chane** will be with us for his first annual visitation on July 6, 2003. I will con-celebrate the Eucharist with him, he will speak and I will sign. Following the service we will have lunch together in Hines Hall. The bishop looks forward to meeting those of you he has not yet met and those he has met. There will be interpreters and plenty of time to talk with him.

I want to share my recent health care experience. Some of you may have received rumors that I had a heart problem. Well, they are true. I was in Washington Adventist Hospital on May 27, 2003 for a heart catheterization. That is a test to see if any of the arteries supplying blood to my heart were blocked. Sure enough, one was 90% blocked. I am very fortunate that I did not have a heart attack before they found this problem. I am also fortunate that there was absolutely no sign of damage to my heart and no sign that I had ever had a heart attack. They put in a "stent" which is a fine metal mesh piece that holds the blocked artery open and allows the blood to flow normally to my heart.

I want to reassure everyone, members and friends, that I am doing fine. The stent is working and my energy level is up. I will have a stress test on July 1 to be sure that all is well. I have no doubt that I will pass with flying colors. Thanks to all of you for your prayers and concern. God has been good!

One more thing. I encourage you to join the bishop, members of St. Barnabas and members of other Episcopal churches in the Diocese of Washington for a meeting on July 16, 7:00 – 9:00 PM. This will be held at St. Columba's Episcopal Church, 4201 Albemarle St. NW in Washington, DC. We will be discussing accessibility in the churches in the diocese for people with disabilities. This is a first for our diocese. It is hoped that this will develop into a task force that will study the issue and bring recommendations on improving the situation. I will be attending along with some of the members of our Mission and other interested individuals. Come, join us and let our hands and voices be seen and heard. The meeting will be interpreted. If you need more information please contact me at 301-907-7855.

Have a safe and happy Fourth of July! Enjoy your summer! Hope to see you soon at St. Barnabas. God bless.
Barbara+

The Little Red Church Offering is from June 1 through July 20. Please bring your offering to support the Episcopal Conference of the Deaf. Ushers have special envelopes.

Report from Marlene Hines, Altar Guild Chair

We have received some new altar pieces. They are a flagon, a bowl paten, a host box and two linens. Our Bishop, **John Bryson Chane**, will consecrate our new pieces on Sunday July 6th at the 10 a.m. service.

News From Among Us

Our Vicar will be away July 27-Aug. 9, 2003 for the Triennial General Convention of the Episcopal Church, USA being held in Minneapolis/St. Paul. She will take the Little Red Church offering check from St. Barnabas to the ECD Board. The ECD will have a strong presence at the Convention. We will have a new display for our booth and new information to share with deaf and hearing persons alike about the work that we do. We have purchased a new double display board to enhance the information we want to share.

While the Vicar is away the Rev. Harrison West, Associate Rector of St. John's Church Norwood will be on-call for emergency pastoral care. Contact our Treasurer, Ed Knight, by phone or e-mail - Phone: 202-334-6218 or e-mail: knighte@washpost.com.

The Vicar will be away two Sundays, 7/27 and 8/3. There will be a supply priest for one Sun. and Lay-led Morning Prayer for the other. These arrangements are in process and not confirmed as of this writing. We are hoping to have a deaf supply priest. If that is not possible, we will have a hearing supply priest with interpreters.

Report from Kiombo Nsumbu on his summer plans in Congo

Hello to you all members of St. Barnabas and friends,

It is the first time I am writing an article in the St. Barnabas' newsletter since Ed Knight asked me if I had anything to say about my upcoming trip to Kinshasa, Congo.

Well, in fact, my brain gets drained...Smile! But at the same time, I get too excited to say something as I am planning on leaving for a trip to Kinshasa the 11th of July, 2003 for the first time since I arrived here in the United States in September of 2000.

WOW! I cannot believe I have been living here in the United States for almost three years. Time really has flown by. Now is the time for me to pack and use the summer to leave for Kinshasa. Upon my arrival in Kinshasa, I bet my visit will certainly not be only an exciting atmosphere spent with my family but also with all of my whole deaf friends in Kinshasa. To tell you the truth, I am very anxious to see my family and friends and spend a little time under the real sun of Africa.

As many of you know, I have never been away on a summer vacation that I always have been dreaming of. Instead, I usually use the summer in working full-time to earn sufficient money to sustain my survival on a daily basis... In a positive thought, my dream of taking on a summer vacation finally has come true at this time. Unfortunately, I will not be like a king at the time of vacation. That means that I will be busy giving a number of talks to the members of the deaf community during a four week visit in Kinshasa. The topics are as follows:

1. Explain the objectives of Deaf Associations in the USA and the procedures for selecting officers for these associations.
2. Discuss his perception of the reality and sequences of economic, social and educational equality for Deaf people in the US.

3. Explain what I have seen of deaf education in the US and how it compares with deaf education in Congo.
4. Talk about the job opportunities for Deaf people in the US.
5. Discuss my experience at Gallaudet University
6. Explain the life of US
7. Explain the communication between Deaf children and Hearing parents; Deaf children and Deaf parents.

As I am leaving soon, pray for me so that I have a safe round-flight and arrive both homes Kinshasa and Washington DC safely as well. I, too, will pray for you all so that God may give you the strength and the courage to stay faithful to His service and fulfill you with his gift of spirit for growth and faith of Church. I hope that God will take you all under his wing and that you will receive his whole blessings for these endeavors! I am looking forward to coming back the 14th of August and hoping to see you all in good shape.

Kiombo Alphonse Nsumbu

Over 1600 seniors attend the Deaf Senior Citizens of America Convention held in Boston May 20-25.

By Rudy Hines

Rudy and Marlene Hines along with **Christina Duley** and **Clyde Morton** drove up together sharing car expenses. **Mark Kleberg** and **Harry Tremaine** took the train up. Rained most of the time we were there which made sightseeing a little inconvenient. However, so many personally knew so many others which kept everyone occupied talking (signing) of old times. The exhibit hall with its many exhibits

was always a great attraction. **Rev. Brown** maintained a booth devoted to the ECD. Many of the lectures/workshops were well attended. Some were standing room only with others not being able to get in. At the banquet, counted 150 round tables, each seating 10, with all seats filled. How many was that? Connected to the hotel by covered walkways were two huge, sophisticated shopping malls where many went for snacks and meals which were much cheaper than in the hotel.

Report on Planned Giving Workshop at the Diocesan Stewardship Conference on May 3
By Ed Knight

Shelley Simms and I attended a workshop on Planned Giving given by **Kevin Cashman**, of the Episcopal Church Foundation, and **Carla Rosati**, of the Securities and Exchange Historical Society. We learned that the Episcopal Church Foundation helps people plan gifts to Episcopal churches, dioceses, and various ministries. Mr. Cashman asked how many of us had wills, and of that number, how many had remembered their parish in their will. It was surprising how few of us remembered our church in our will, or even had a will at all. (It reminded me that although I have a will, I need to update it to include St. Barnabas. It is something I hadn't thought of doing, but once he mentioned it, it seemed a good idea.) I learned that if you don't have a will, when you die the state divides your assets among your spouse and children. Sample language for including St. Barnabas in your will might be "I give, devise and bequeath (*state amount, asset or*

percentage of estate) to St. Barnabas' Episcopal Mission of the Deaf of 6701 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815 as the mission's governing board or vestry deems appropriate."

I learned that I should have a "key person" who should know my final wishes and the location of my will. (Also that I should not put my will in a safe deposit box, but someplace more accessible to the key person.) The key person can be a relative, friend or priest. **The Rev. Mitzi Noble**, our former vicar, created an excellent information packet with forms for you to fill out to assist the key person.

For more information about the Episcopal Church Foundation call (800) 697-2858 or send an email to all@episcopalfoundation.org, or see their website at www.episcopalfoundation.org

Easter Offering Donated to Atfaluna School of the Deaf

The Mission Committee decided to designate the Atfaluna School of the Deaf in Gaza as the recipient of our Easter Offering this year, and we sent them a check for \$410. The director, **Ms. Geraldine Shawa**, had placed an appeal for used hearing aids for the children, but in lieu of hearing aids she was glad to receive the donation, which will be used to buy new toys to replace toys which are worn out.

Mission Committee

New Mission Committee Officers

Vice Chair - Marlene Hines

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July and August 2003 Readings

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

July 6, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 9: Ezekiel 2:1-7, 2 Corinthians 12:2-10, Mark 6:1-6, Psalm 123

July 13, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 10: Amos 7:7-15, Ephesians 1:1-14, Mark 6: 7-13, Psalm 85 or 85:7-13

July 20, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 11: Isaiah 57:14b-21, Ephesians 2:11-22, Mark 6:30-44, Psalm 22:22-30

July 27, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 12: 2 Kings 2:1-15, Ephesians 4:1-7,11-16, Mark 6:45-52, Psalm 114

August 3, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 13: Exodus 16:2-4,9-15, Ephesians 4:17-25, John 6:24-35, Psalm 78:1-25 or 78:14-20, 23-25

August 10, Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 14: Deuteronomy 8:1-10, Ephesians 4:(25-29)30-5:2, John 6:37-51, Psalm 34 or 34:1-8

August 17, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 15: Proverbs 9:1-6, Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:53-59, Psalm 147 or 34:9-14

August 24, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 16: Joshua 24:1-2a,14-25, Ephesians 5:21-33, John 6:60-69, Psalm 16 or 34:15-22

August 31, Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 17: Deuteronomy 4:1-9, Ephesians 6:10-20, Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23, Psalm 15

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Next Deadline for Messenger submissions is August 24. 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”

