

# 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 2-5 PM  
during the Academic Year  
A Light Supper followed by a Discussion  
group is held at 5 PM each Wednesday  
Holy Eucharist Services are held in the  
Gallaudet University Atrium Chapel (Studeht  
Union Bldg) the Second Sunday of the  
Month at 2 p.m.

## Forthcoming Special Events

Held at St. Barnabas' Mission  
except where noted

Lay Reader Workshop by  
the Rev. Dr. Roger Pickering on  
Sat. Nov 1, starting at 9:00 a.m. –  
see page two for details

Oct. 5 & 19th, 9:15 a.m seminar on  
"What Makes a Church A  
Church?" by our Vicar

Sun. Oct 12, the Rev. Dr. Roger  
Pickering will preach

Sun Oct 19, Parish Meeting  
Election of ECD delegate

Diocesan Regional Meeting for  
Region 3 and 4: 2 p.m.-6 p.m.,  
Sat., Oct. 25, at St. Mark's, Fairland,  
12621 Old Columbia Pike, Silver  
Spring, Md. ASL-interpreted.  
Clergy, wardens and convention  
delegates are entitled to vote. Other  
vestry/Mission Committee members  
are also encouraged to come and  
participate in discussions.

St. Barnabas' Event at College of  
Preachers (on grounds of the  
National Cathedral) on Sat. Dec. 6  
Is in the planning stage and info will  
be in the next newsletter

### **Lay Reader's Workshop**

**Sat. Nov 1, 2003**

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM with lunch.

9:00 AM - Coffee and Registration

Session I - The Eucharist

What it is.

How do lay people participate in it?

The different parts of the Eucharist and what they mean.

The Diocese of Washington's categories of lay participants

11:00 AM - Break

11:15 AM to 1:00 PM –

A practicum in lay reading

A little info about the Daily Office

1:00 Lunch

### **Other Diocesan Fall Events**

*This information is from the diocesan website, [www.edow.org](http://www.edow.org). If you are interested in any of these events or others you see on the website, please let the Vicar know at least a week or two in advance so that an ASL interpreter can be scheduled:*

### **2003 Diocesan Walk for the Hungry on Sun. Oct. 19**

Starting at St. Mark's, Fairland, Silver Spring, Md. Walk to support the Diocesan Hunger Fund, which provides grants to programs that feed those faced with hunger and malnutrition in the geographical area of the Diocese of Washington. See Vicar to sign up.

**Diocesan Confirmations on Sat Nov. 15**, at 10 a.m. at Washington National Cathedral. If you haven't been confirmed by the Bishop and would like to be, see the Vicar to make arrangements, including ASL interpreter.

**Looking ahead to Christmas – the following National Cathedral events will be ASL-interpreted** (according to the Cathedral website):

### **Christmas Eve**

**Wednesday, December 24**

**6 pm — Lessons and Carols** Sign language interpreted. Free passes required.

**10 pm — Festival Holy Eucharist.**

The Rt. Rev. John B. Chane, celebrant; the Rt. Rev. A. Theodore Eastman, preacher. Sign language interpreted. Free passes required.

### **Christmas Day**

**Thursday, December 25**

**9 am — Festival Holy Eucharist.**

The Rt. Rev. A. Theodore Eastman, celebrant; the Rt. Rev. John B. Chane, preacher. Televised. Sign language interpreted.

### **Metro Washington Association of the Deaf-Blind events**

More than a few members of St. Barnabas volunteer with MWADB as SSP (support service provider.) MWADB meets at Gallaudet University in the Student Academic Center Multi-purpose Room. For more information, see Ed Knight. The SSP coordinator is Beth Lucey and she can be contacted at [MeDeafie@aol.com](mailto:MeDeafie@aol.com) or TTY 301-484-7252.

**Upcoming MWADB events** include: **'Touching Lives' movie on Saturday, October 18 at 5 to 11 p.m.**, a documentary film about a deaf-blind community in Boston, Mass. (Bring a light refreshment.) **Thanksgiving Potluck and election night, Saturday November 22 at 4 to 11 p.m.** (Bring a side dish.)

### A Word From the Vicar

Church – What does it really mean? The New Webster's Dictionary defines church as "a building for Christian worship". Anyone who has studied scripture knows there is far more meaning in the word church than just a building.

When I arrived at St. Barnabas' Mission of the Deaf in March 2002 one of the first things I learned was that St. Barnabas wanted to become a church in the diocese. A large packet of printed material was shared with me. The Mission Committee and my predecessor had done a tremendous amount of work related to educating Diocesan Council and the Diocese of Washington on ministry with persons who are deaf. At the time, the information seemed to indicate that by changing the canons and constitution of the diocese we could indeed be called a church and still receive financial assistance from the diocese. But, those changes do not a church make.

St. Paul tells us in I Corinthians 3:16, "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's spirit dwells in you?" (NRSV) We, the people, are the church, not the building. When we as Christians meet together we are the church. Without people there would be no church, no worship, no outreach, no learning about God.

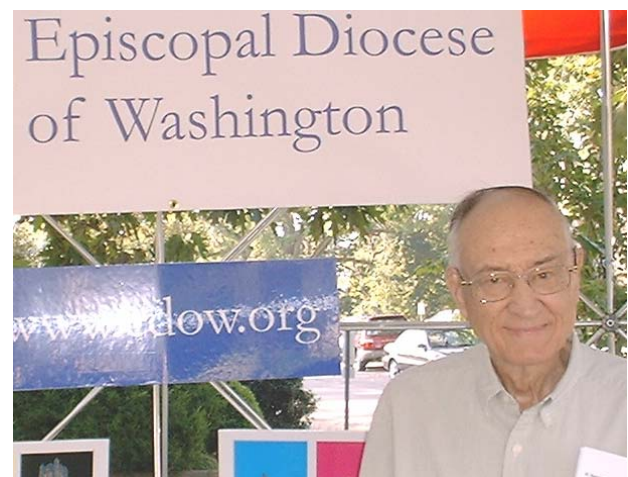
Let's look at some other words of St. Paul found in his Epistle to the Romans. In Romans 12:1 he says, "I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." (NRSV) If you read the entire chapter you will find a very clear explanation and definition of church. It is this definition that we must fulfill before we can hope to be a church.

Beginning Sunday, October 5, 2003 I will be teaching an Adult Education class on "What Makes a Church a Church." I hope that every member of St. Barnabas will be present for these very important classes.

May God bless each of us as we grow in the grace of God together.  
*God's Peace to All,*  
*Barbara+*

On Sunday, September 8, **Mark Kleberg** gave a speech on the life of the Rev. Henry Winter Syle, the first Deaf person ordained to priesthood in the Episcopal Church, or any church. Syle shares the Feast Day of August 27 with the Rev. Dr. Thomas Gallaudet on the Episcopal Calendar of Saints. Our Vicar pointed out that the Episcopal church was the first denomination to ordain a Deaf priest and we should be proud of that.

On September 8, we had a birthday cake for St. Barnabas' members celebrating birthdays in September. Happy Birthday to **Nancy Conger, Christina Duley, Rudy Hines and Michael Martin.**



**Rudy Hines at National Cathedral Open House on Sept 27**

**Marlene and Rudy Hines's** daughters **Cindy** who lives in Minneapolis and **Lori** who lives in Berkeley, California came to visit and join them at St. Barnabas on September 14. Afterward we had a party to celebrate Rudy's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. **Jim and Ginny Lindsay** prepared a full buffet lunch in Rudy's honor.

**Report by Ginny Lindsay on Longaberger/MWDCC Bingo at St. John's Parish Hall on afternoon of Sunday Sept 21:**

It was a great crowd (about 65 or 70 people) and **the Rev. Barbara Allen** was with us meeting some of the people and chatting. MWDCC sold food for fund raising, selling hot dogs, sloppy joes, chips and desserts and drinks.

Bingo games were played for the first time using an electric machine. Wow, never saw anything like that. Wonder where they got that.

Baskets were given out as prizes for anyone who won the games. Lots of baskets were displayed and there was a silent auction for old or out-dated items on the table and door prizes.

**Stephanie and Bram Hightman, the Rev. Barbara Allen, Steve Holst** and myself stayed for St. Johns' supper right after the Longaberger/MWDCC Bingo event, which ended by 5pm so St. John's could use the Parish Hall. Then we had a supper cooked by our faithful and big-hearted **Father Harrison West** from St. Johns, inviting some of St. Barnabas to join this delicious roast beef dinner. It was a long day and good. Steve Holst and I won baskets to our surprise. We enjoyed the dinner there and want to thank St. John's for including us.

**St. Barnabas' Website**

Have you logged on to the St. Barnabas' website lately? It has a new look, thanks to webmaster **Derek Braun**. The new design is fresh but still traditional.

The website address remains:  
<http://justus.anglican.org/societies/stbarnabasdeaf>

**Opening on Mission Committee for At-Large Member: Tom Hattaway**

**Hattaway** is resigning from the Mission Committee due to time constraints. We thank Tom for his service on the Mission Committee. Tom will continue his excellent ministry of Lay Eucharistic Minister. If you would like to serve on the Mission Committee as an at-large member, please advise the Vicar or **Marlene Hines**, the Vice-Chair of the Mission Committee.



*Asami Makino and Leopold Myasiro listen to Cathedral tour with Richard Ellis interpreting, while Barbara Allen reviews our new Gallaudet Episcopal Ministries flyer*

**National Cathedral Open House, Saturday September 27** included a diocesan tent with a display with a photo of St. Barnabas' Mission (it is the same photo which appears on the back of this newsletter) and new St. Barnabas' and Gallaudet Episcopal ministry flyers. We want

to maintain awareness of St. Barnabas' Mission throughout the diocese. The Open House was a celebration of the 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Cathedral. There was a new book on sale about the Cathedral's gargoyles entitled "Guide to Gargoyles and Other Grotesques". Did you know that the Cathedral has over 200 gargoyles?

**The Rev. Barbara Allen** brought two students from Gallaudet University to the Open House: **Leopold Myasiro**, a Junior from Rwanda majoring in Math and Computer Science, and **Asami Makino**, a Junior from Japan majoring in Accounting. They listened to an ASL-interpreted introductory tour of the Cathedral and then joined Barbara for lunch. **Ed Knight** and **Rudy Hines** also attended the Open House. Rudy explained to Ed the reason for the red doors on some Episcopal churches. Do you know? If the doors are red it means the mortgage is paid off.

#### **Storm Stories from St. Barnabas' members and friends:**

Due to Hurricane Isabel, many members of St. Barnabas' lost power for many days and had to throw out food. We are thankful that everyone is safe. Several members replied to the editor's email request for storm stories.

**Stephanie and Bram Hightman** were among the lucky ones. Stephanie says, "Just got back from our vacation at the beaches in NJ and Del. Bram and I had enjoyed sightseeing in Rehoboth Beach and Atlantic City for two days. Fortunately we didn't have any problem caused by the hurricane in our condo because it contains a generator that seems preventing

power outage. I hope it didn't happen to the others in our congregation."

**Tracy Dieter** says, "Some of my drive route would be one traffic light working, the next two wouldn't. That was sometimes exciting as we all learned to do four-way stops on six lanes of road."

The storm created a lot of work for our senior Lay Eucharistic Minister **Tom Hattaway**, who works as a horticulturalist for the Federal government.

"In spite of the Federal Government closing and the Metro shutting down, I still reported to work in preparation for the storm with making sand bags and distributing them around the campus of the Smithsonian Institution all day Thursday. At the end of the day, the effect of the storm just arrived as I was driving home on quiet I-95 in heavy rain. I got home safe and watched as Isabel stormed by. We didn't lose any power, not even the cable TV throughout the storm. I went out to check out the storm during lull moments and found three trees downed at neighbors front yards. A trickle of water came out in the storage room though the sump pump kept pumping at full force. The next day all was quiet and I reported to work to clean up the storm mess. A lot of tree branches to clean up plus two trees snapped. Few people were hanging around on the Mall, way less than Friday's usual crowd. **Kary**, my fiancée, got a cabin fever by staying home for two days while I was at work keeping Smithsonian museums safe and clean."



**Survey on St. Barnabas' Mission  
Gaithersburg Branch Service (at  
Ascension Church)**

Jim Lindsay prepared the following survey that went out to Deaf people in the Gaithersburg area on September 26:

Dear Friends,

St. Barnabas' Mission of the Deaf is located in Chevy Chase, MD. We are looking forward to expanding our ministry to include your area. At this time we are considering offering a signed Holy Eucharist one weekend per month, either Saturday afternoon at 5:00 PM or Sunday afternoon at 3:00 PM, at Episcopal Church of the Ascension located in Gaithersburg, MD. Coffee hours with food & fellowship will follow service. Child care will be available.

We want to offer the time that best fits your lifestyle. On the enclosed stamped and addressed postcard please check the service you would be most likely to attend. Then mail it back to us as soon as you can.

Thank you for your time and may God bless you.

The Rev. Barbara A. Allen, Vicar  
Members of St. Barnabas' Mission of the Deaf

Episcopal Church of the Ascension  
205 South Summit Avenue  
Gaithersburg, MD

The Ascension Church is located in Gaithersburg, on the intersection of Route 355 (Frederick Road) and South Summit Avenue.

Jim Lindsay also created a response card:

Would you like to attend St. Barnabas' branch service at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Gaithersburg? If so which time of service would you be most likely to attend?

Saturday afternoon at 5 PM  
 Sunday afternoon at 3 PM  
 I attend another church  
 Please let me know when this service will begin  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone/email \_\_\_\_\_

**New listserve for Diocese of  
Washington Episcopalians with  
disabilities –  
specialneeds@edowmail.org:**

Send specialneeds mailing list submissions to:  
[specialneeds@edowmail.org](mailto:specialneeds@edowmail.org)

To subscribe or unsubscribe via email, send a message with subject or body 'help' to  
[specialneeds-request@edowmail.org](mailto:specialneeds-request@edowmail.org)

**Smile Lines**

**Purring**

Little George was visiting his aunt. He found the cat in a sunny window purring cheerfully. "Oh Auntie, come quick," cried George. "The cat has gone to sleep and left his engine running."

**Quiet**

A Sunday school teacher asked her children: "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One little girl replied helpfully: "Because people are sleeping."

### **Campus Happenings**

The Gallaudet Campus is buzzing!!  
Classes began right after Labor Day.

The Office of Campus Ministries (OCM) includes all of the various denominational chaplains at Gallaudet. On August 27-28 the OCM sponsored an ice cream social. In exchange for filling out a brief questionnaire with their name, address and denominational preference students receive free ice cream, 1,2 or 3 scoops! This is an annual Fall event and is always successful! There were three persons who checked Episcopal as their church preference. Turned out two of the three are staff, but that is OK, we want to provide spiritual care for staff and students.

Note the article in this Messenger about our trip to the National Cathedral Open House on Saturday, Sept. 27th. There were two students who joined us, one new to our ministry and one who had participated last year.

We have new flyers and posters about our Gallaudet ministry. You can see them on the bulletin board at St. Barnabas' and at Gallaudet.

These are quite attractive and we hope they will draw more students to our Wednesday evening Supper and Discussion Group as well as to our second Sunday Eucharist in the Atrium Chapel.

We average about four students at the Wed. discussions and two to four at the Eucharist.

On Wednesday, October 1st. the new Diocesan Canon for Academic Ministries will join the students and me for our Supper and Discussion Group. He is **the Rev. Preston Hannibal**. We are looking forward to working with him.

The Episcopal Conference of the Deaf is supporting the Gallaudet Ministry 100%. Last year we received a grant of \$1700.00 and this year the Board has put us in the budget at \$2000.00 per year. We are grateful to the ECD and look forward to making things happen for God on the Gallaudet campus.

A special thank you to our own **Kiombo Nsumbu**. He has made many friends at Gallaudet since his arrival in the US and he invites them to attend our group and our service.

### **Mission Committee**

Chair: The Rev. Barbara Allen  
Vice Chair - Marlene Hines  
Asst. Vice Chair - Shelley Simms  
Treasurer - Ed Knight  
Secretary - Rudy Hines  
Members - at – Large  
Mark Kleberg  
Jeff Mc Caw  
Tonya Stremlau

### **Altar Guild**

Marlene Hines  
Christina Duley  
Phoebe Tharpe

**Webmaster:** Derek Braun

**Acolyte:** Nancy Conger

## **October 2003 Readings**

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

**September 28, Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 21:** Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29, James 4:7-12(13-5:6), Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48, Psalm 19 or 19:7-14

**October 5, Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 22:** Genesis 2:18-24, Hebrews 2:(1-8)9-18, Mark 10:2-9, Psalm 8 or 128

**October 12, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 23:** Amos 5:6-7, 10-15, Hebrews 3:1-6, Mark 10:17-27(28-31), Psalm 90 or 90:1-8, 12

**October 19, Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 24:** Isaiah 53:4-12  
Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:35-45, Psalm 91 or 91:9-16

**October 26, Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 25:** Isaiah 59:(1-4)9-19,  
Hebrews 5:12-6:1, 9-12, Mark 10:46-52, Psalm 13



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*Next Deadline for Messenger submissions is October 26. Please submit items to the co-editor, Ed Knight by email, if possible, at [knighte@washpost.com](mailto:knighte@washpost.com).*

“The peace of the Lord be always with you”

