

# The Messenger

St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church of the Deaf

April 2004

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Diocese of Washington*

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## **Rector**

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## **Senior Warden**

Marlene Hines, [RdyMar@aol.com](mailto:RdyMar@aol.com)

## **Weekly 10 AM Holy Eucharist Service**

St. Mary's Chapel at  
St. John's, Norwood  
6701 Wisconsin Avenue at Bradley  
Lane, Chevy Chase, MD. 20815

## **Satellite Congregations**

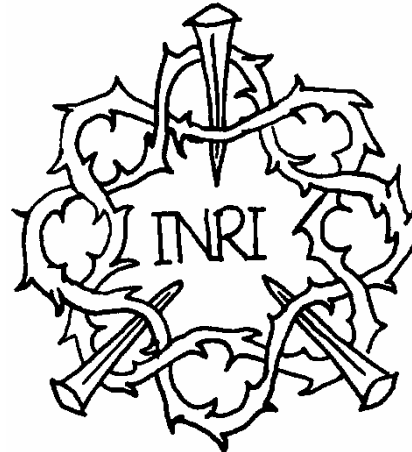
Signed Eucharist at **St. George's Glenn Dale** on last Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM at 7010 Glenn Dale Road in Glenn Dale, MD

Signed Eucharist at **Ascension Church Gaithersburg** on the first Sunday of the month at 3 PM at 205 S. Summit Ave Gaithersburg, MD

## **Gallaudet University Ministry**

Ely Center Room 114 Wednesdays 1-5 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 AtriumChapel(Student Union Bldg) the Second Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.

## Forthcoming Special Events



Lenten Study 9:15 AM in Chapel every Sunday through Palm Sunday

April 8 Maundy Thursday 7:30 PM  
Footwashing followed by Lent Supper

April 9 Good Friday 7:30 PM Holy Eucharist and Tenebrae Service

April 10 Holy Saturday 8:00 PM  
Easter Vigil

## April 11 Easter Day

Please bring in your United Thank Offering Blue boxes on Easter Day (or sooner) as that is our Spring UTO Ingathering.

Mark your calendars for the **Episcopal Conference of the Deaf convention** at Bon Secours Spiritual Center in Marriottsville, MD **August 18-22**, with an ECD Board meeting August 16-17. **Bishop John Bryson Chane** will celebrate the Opening Eucharist.

**Deaf-Reach 5<sup>th</sup> Annual “Signs of Spring” 5k Run/Walk will be on Saturday April 17, starting at 8 AM, at Hains Point** in Washington D.C. Run or walk with **Gallaudet President Jordan and Linda Jordan**. Entry fees: \$20 per individual, \$35 per couple, \$50 per family (up to 4) Early Bird registration before April 9, \$18 per individual, \$33 per couple For more information including how to pick up packet, see [www.deaf-reach.org](http://www.deaf-reach.org) Or contact

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[info@deaf-reach.org](mailto:info@deaf-reach.org)

Metro Washington Association of the Deaf-Blind (MWADB) will host **Paul Dymoke’s Clown Performance on Saturday, April 17 from 12 noon to 4:30 PM** in SAC, Multipurpose Room (MPR) at Gallaudet University Admission is \$3 for members and \$5 for nonmembers

To volunteer as a ride and/or Support Services Provider (SSP), contact Sandra Carpe at [Sandsky80@aol.com](mailto:Sandsky80@aol.com)

**MWADB’s annual picnic** will be on **Saturday, June 5** from 11 AM to 5 PM, in Wheaton Regional Park

**Deaf-Blind Camp 2004 will be held at West River Methodist Camp outside of Annapolis on June 12 thru June 18**, with training for volunteers on the

evening of Friday June 11. It is a lot of fun! To request an application as a volunteer or as a camper for all or part of the week, contact the camp director, **Rev. Peggy Johnson** of Christ Church of the Deaf in Baltimore, at 410-247-5045 or at [RevPink@aol.com](mailto:RevPink@aol.com)

For more information, visit the camping section of the Baltimore-Washington Conference web site at <http://www.bwconf.org/camping>

It costs \$480 to send a deaf-blind person to camp including the cost for board for two Support Service Providers (SSPs). If you would like to donate to this good cause, we will take up a collection – \$10, \$20 or any amount will help; if you pay by check put “deafblind camp” on the memo line.

Thank you to those who have already contributed to deaf-blind camp!

St. Barnabas’ members **Ed Knight, Ginny Lindsay** and **Michael Martin** have attended camp and Michael wrote an article about his wonderful camping experience in 2002. Did you know that St. Barnabas’ members **Iris Gomes, Jim Lindsay** and **Shelley Simms** have also volunteered as SSP for deaf-blind people?

## **A Word from the Rector**

This past week I left St. John’s by the side door leading to the Memorial Garden. I suddenly realized that the trees there were in bloom. I am not sure what kind of trees they are. At first, I thought they were dogwoods but as I drew nearer I decided they were not. For one thing, the flower did not look exactly like a dogwood. For a second thing, they gave off the most delightful fragrance. My memory is that

dogwoods do not have a fragrance, at least not a strong one.

I was fascinated with the blossoms. They were white with a kind of purple tint. Really quite unusual. My thoughts turned to Spring. The temperature and the wind suggested Winter, but the flowering trees spoke of Spring and Summer.

How often do we make decisions based on what the temperature seems to be according to how we feel? Perhaps we need to do a reality check from time to time. We need to take a look around us. What do we see?

Have you walked or driven around the city recently? Have you noticed how many people are standing out in the cold? Many are wearing everything that they own. They have no home, no place to go until the evening when the shelter will let them back in for supper and a night's sleep. How many of us have ever been homeless, cold, hungry, forced to sleep in a shelter or, even worse, sleep outside in the cold damp of Winter and early Spring? Our Lord had one set of clothes. Remember, at his crucifixion the soldiers gambled for his clothes and his seamless robe. Earlier in his ministry, when he was asked where he lived he answered, "foxes have holes and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head".

As we move on in the Season of Lent, looking to Good Friday and Easter Sunday let us consider positive ways to keep a Holy Lent. What would it be like for you to buy a hot meal for someone who is hungry? What would it be like for you to offer a bed to a person who has no bed? What would it be like to visit a homeless shelter and tell them about the love of God in Christ Jesus? Our

Lord said, "In as much as you have done it unto the least of these my brethren, you have done unto me."

Consider ministering to others as a part of your Lenten discipline. Who knows? You just might discover a new way of life that will warm you in all Seasons.

God bless each of you.  
With love,  
Barbara+



**Barbara+ leads a Lenten Study attended by Phoebe Tharp, Michael Martin, Rudy Hines (and others out of camera range)**

**Brother Andrew de Carpentier, head of Holy Land Institute of the Deaf** will be here on **April 16th**. **Barbara+** is working on helping him to visit Gallaudet. He is coming at the invitation of Christ Church, Alexandria.

Barbara+ says, "Bro. Andrew will probably visit our Gallaudet ministry on that Wed. I am hoping that he will have supper with us and be in our Discussion Group. The Holy Land Institute is the Presiding Bishop's choice for foreign ministry gifts. Christ Church has established a kind of partnership with them."

## News from among us

About a dozen people attended the Lenten Study in the chapel before the February 29<sup>th</sup> service. We reviewed the lessons for 1 Lent. **Rudy Hines** read the first lesson, Dueteronomy 26: 1-4, 5-11.

**Barbara+** handed out study questions. She said there is not one correct answer. Instead, the point of the study is to read and reflect on the scripture. Below are the questions so you can do this study at home.

### What is happening in this story?

- Who are the characters in it?
- What can we know or imagine about them?
- What is happening in the group?
- How do the people in the story reflect the religious, political, social and even economic struggles of that time?

### How is this story like your own personal story?

- How is it happening in our world, our nation, at work, school, church, neighborhood, in our homes?
- Do you find a similar story today on the front page of the newspaper or on TV?
- Who do we see today who are like those persons in the story?
- How do you see a similar story happening with you and other people who are important to you?
- Where do you see the same kind of struggles happening in you personally?

On March 7, the Lenten Study focused on Luke 13:22-35 and asked the questions:

- Who are the people in this story? What is happening here?
- What are the images in the story?
- What are the questions asked?
- Do we ask questions the same or similar to these from Jesus?
- What do we really want to know?

On March 7, **Barbara+**, **Ed Knight**, **Michael Martin**, and newcomers **Kathleen Miller** and **Meriam Schroeder** attended the 3 PM service in Ascension in Gaithersburg.

On the evening of March 7, the Senior Choir of St. John's Church presented Sir John Stainer's "**The Crucifixion**". St. Barnabas and the Diocese provided interpreters for this event. **Libby McKnight** and **Karen Newquist-Gifford** were the interpreters and did a great job!

On March 12, **Barbara+**, **Marlene Hines** and **Michael Martin** drove out to Manassas Virginia to visit **Ruth Phillips** in the Sudley Manor House nursing home. Here is Michael's report...

### Report on Visit to Ruth Phillips By Michael K. Martin

**The Rev. Barbara Allen, Marlene Hines and I, Michael K. Martin**, visited to **Ruth Phillips** at her nursing home on Friday afternoon of March 12. We drove from the church to Manassas, Virginia. After some delay due to traffic on I-66 we finally arrived at the nursing home. Ruth Phillips was surprised that we were visiting. We enjoyed talking with Ruth and sharing news. Ruth remembered back when I was helping her at her old home in Laurel, Maryland a few years ago. Ruth is doing fine and her health is in good condition. I told her that I will always love her and will be again seeing her. We left the nursing home and

drove from Manassas, Virginia. I told Rev. Barbara Allen the nursing home is a big building and pretty. I am always praying for Ruth Phillips that she is doing okay with her health. We had a great time.

**A Letter of Agreement has been signed between Episcopal Diocese of Washington and the Rev. Dr. Roger Pickering** effective March 1, 2004.

The following is an excerpt:

Dr. Pickering agrees to serve the Episcopal Diocese of Washington as a consultant to St. Barnabas Church of the Deaf for the expansion of its mission and ministry among the deaf community.

Dr. Pickering will devote up to the equivalent of two days a month to this ministry. His duties include:

1. Serving as mentor and advisor to the Vicar of St. Barnabas Church;
2. Covering services one Sunday per month to free the Vicar to serve satellite communities with a signed service;
3. Lead workshops designed to facilitate the spiritual growth of members of the deaf community within the diocese; and
4. Such other duties as agreed upon with the Vicar for the enhancement and growth of diocesan ministry among the deaf.

**New Banner Committee**

**Marlene Hines, Ginny Lindsay and Ed Knight** have formed the Banner Committee. They are reading a book on how to design a banner. They would like to see submissions for a new

banner design, and it may become a contest. If you have banner design ideas, give them to the banner committee.

When the design is approved, then they will place an order for the new banner with a company (probably C.M. Almy.) If you would like to join the Banner Committee and help design the banner, see Marlene, Ginny or Ed.

**Virginia Theological Seminary**

On March 17, **Barbara+** signed the morning service in the chapel at Virginia Theological Seminary.

On March 18, **Barbara+** attended **Maryland Deaf Senior Citizens Monthly Social Meeting/Lunch** in Silver Spring. She was impressed that they were such an active, energetic group of people and says we need to harness some of that energy by welcoming those seniors into our church.

**Parish Meeting Report**

**By Ed Knight**

On March 21 we had our annual parish meeting. Barbara+ gave her report and I gave a Treasurer's Report. We discussed the following items:

- **2005 Budget** – accepted
- **2004 Charitable donations** approved:
  - \$1000 to Deaf-Reach
  - \$250 to Deaf-Blind Camp
  - \$250 to Samaritan Ministry
- **Easter Offering** will go to the Holy Land Institute of the Deaf
- **Berg Fund:** Barbara+, myself, Jim and Rudy will get together with diocesan chancellor (lawyer) to look into using the interest (not principal)



from the Berg Fund for purposes compatible with its stipulations

- **Parish Administrator:** I am working with the diocese on details of the personnel process
- **New signs:** the consensus was to order 4 “add-on” signs, one for Bradley Lane, one for a new sign on Wisconsin Ave, one for Ascension in Gaithersburg, and one for St. George’s in Glenn Dale. There was a vote on whether to include the service times on the signs and it was approved.
- **New banner:** old designs for the banner were revisited and new designs discussed, but no decision

made. Barbara+ suggested a banner design contest and the consensus was that this is a good idea.

- **ECD Delegate and Alternate:** Tom Hattaway was elected ECD Delegate and Ginny Lindsay was elected the Alternate
- **Communion bread vs wafers** was discussed and there were no strong feelings on the matter. The consensus was to either continue with the loaf-style bread or only have wafers occasionally.

**A Brief History of ECD Conventions hosted by St. Barnabas'**  
**by Jim Lindsay**

This summer's ECD Convention will be the sixth hosted by St. Barnabas. The place will be at Bon Secours, the spiritual Center in Marriotsville, MD on August 18 - 22.

The first one was in 1928 at St. Mark's Church at the Capitol Hill, Washington, DC.

The next were:

1954 - College of Preachers,  
Washington DC

1964 - Gallaudet College, Washington  
DC

1981 - 4-H Center, Connecticut Ave.,  
Bethesda MD

1992 - Gallaudet Northwest Campus,  
Silver Spring MD

**Invite a friend to church!**

Why not share the good news of God's love with your friends through an invitation to St. Barnabas'? With Easter approaching, this is a perfect time to invite a friend to come to church.

**Did You Know the New Titles For Ministry as of 74th General Convention:**

Eucharistic Minister (formerly LEM)

Worship Leader (formerly lay reader)

Eucharistic Visitor (formerly PVLEM)

**Treasurer's Report**

By Ed Knight

**Jim Lindsay** was victorious in opening an account for the 2004 ECD convention. We call it a victory because of the incredible amount of red tape he had to go through in opening the account, driving around to get

signature cards signed by the signatories, etc.

On March 13, **Barbara+** and I attended



**Tracy Dieter, our new parish administrator**

the annual diocesan Stewardship Conference at Grace Church Day School in Silver Spring. The theme was "...Our Daily Bread." We also met **Harrison+** there.

One of the speakers was **Nathan Dungan**, a financial advisor who is a Lutheran and who wrote a book *Prodigal Sons and Material Girls: How Not to Be Your Child's ATM*. The book was for sale and I bought a copy. If you want to borrow it, see me.

Nathan challenged us to ask ourselves "**What would God think of our financial habits?**"

Nathan says our culture teaches children to "Spend, Spend, Spend". Nathan created a method he calls "**Share, Save, Spend**" which teaches young people (and adults too) how to have balance in their financial lives and not become addicted to spending. He says our culture is working overtime to get our kids addicted to spending and churches have a vital role in countering that trend.



Nathan is concerned that if the next generation ends up a bunch of shopaholics in debt, who will be left to give to churches and charities?

To sign up for Nathan Dungan's monthly share-save-spend tips, visit [www.sharesavespend.com](http://www.sharesavespend.com)

Nathan lists other websites that are resources for helping people develop financial literacy (in other words, learn to save money):

[www.choosetosave.org](http://www.choosetosave.org)

[www.rightonthemoney.org](http://www.rightonthemoney.org)

[www.soundmoney.org](http://www.soundmoney.org)

As treasurer, I have much to be thankful for lately.

Thank you to those who have pledged to support God's work through St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church of the Deaf. Pledging is an act of love to our church.

Thank you to **the Rev. Jay Croft** and **Frances Croft** for donating to the scholarship fund.

Thank you to **Rudy and Marlene Hines** for donating to the deaf-blind camp.

Thank you to Finance Committee members **Barbara+**, **Rudy Hines**, **Jim Lindsay**, and **Jeff McCaw** for helping with the budget review. (The 2005 Budget has been prepared, accepted at the Parish Meeting and posted on the bulletin board by the parish office.)

Thank you to **Tracy Dieter** for learning the ServantKeeper Church Management Software system and agreeing to do the data entry of the offering sheets. This way if I am incapacitated then I will have

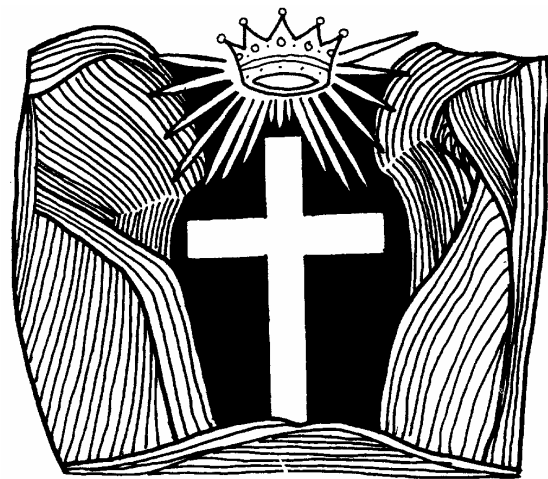
a backup person who can work with our database. With databases it is important to have not only data backups but also human backups.

I want to give an overdue thank you to our tellers who can be counted upon to count and record the offerings each week:

**Rudy Hines**  
**James Lindsay**  
**John Ricciardi**

Last but not least, thank you again to **the Episcopal Diocese of Washington** for granting us \$4000 to defray the costs of the ECD Convention in August. Also thank you to EDOW for paying half the salary of our new part-time parish administrator **Tracy Dieter**.

Furthermore, thank you to the Diocese for hiring the **Rev. Dr. Roger Pickering** as a consultant. Wow, I am impressed. The Diocese has been doing a huge amount to support our church!



*CROSS/CAVE/CROWN: This is a very Victorian symbol, straight out of a book called "Curiosities of the Bible," in a chapter called "Religious Emblems and Allegories". Though the book doesn't explain the picture at all, we like the white cross shining out of the cave or tomb of death, with the crown of victory overhead.*



## **Worship Ministries**

**Rector:** The Rev. Barbara Allen

### **Consultant for Deaf Ministry:**

The Rev. Dr. Roger Pickering

### **Response Leader:**

Tom Hattaway

### **Eucharistic Minister (LEM)**

Ed Knight (July 2003 – 12/31/06)

**Eucharistic Visitor (PVLEM):** Ed Knight

**Acolyte:** Nancy Conger

## **Vestry**

Chair: The Rev. Barbara Allen

### **April 2003—March 2006**

Treasurer - Ed Knight

### **April 2003—March 2004**

Secretary - Rudy Hines

### **April 2003—March 2005**

Senior Warden- Marlene Hines  
Junior Warden - Shelley Simms  
Members - at – Large  
Mark Kleberg  
Jeff Mc Caw  
Tonya Stremlau

## **Other Ministries**

### **Altar Guild**

Marlene Hines, Christina Duley, Phoebe Tharpe

**Hospitality Chair:** Kary Dyer

### **Tellers**

Rudy Hines, James Lindsay, John Ricciardi

### **Newsletter Co-editors**

The Rev. Barbara Allen, Ed Knight

**Webmaster:** Derek Braun

**Parish Administrator:** Tracy Dieter

**Parish Office Volunteer:** Shell Kimble

**Greeting Card Ministry:** Phoebe Tharp

### **2004 ECD Convention Committee:**

Kary Dyer, Tom Hattaway, James Lindsay, Rudy Hines

**ECD Delegate:** Tom Hattaway

**ECD Alternate:** Ginny Lindsay

### **Finance Committee:**

Ed Knight, Jim Lindsay, Jeffrey McCaw, Rudy Hines, Barbara Allen (ex officio)

### **Stewardship Committee:**

Ed Knight, Shelley Simms

### **Interpreters:**

Richard Ellis, Libby McKnight, Karen Newquist-Gifford

**Note: the senior warden, the junior warden and two members-at-large are elected during odd-numbered years and the secretary and treasurer and the other two members-at-large are elected during even-numbered years.**

Lectionary Readings can be found on the web at <http://www.satucket.com/lectionary/>

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*Next Deadline for Messenger submissions is April 25. 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”

