

The Messenger

St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church of the Deaf

May 2004

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Weekly 10 AM Holy Eucharist Service

With Healing Service 3rd Sundays
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

Cathedral Flower Mart Festival on
Friday May 7, 10 am to 6 pm,
Saturday May 8, 10 am to 5 pm.

Free admission. Fun, activities and food surround the Cathedral. Rain or Shine. Theme is 'Salute to Mexico'. There will be a variety of tasty foods, including lobster rolls on Friday, crab cakes on Saturday, and Mexican treats. Over 50 booths with gift items. Parking limited. Shuttle buses run from Tenleytown Metro both days. Suggested meeting place is at 10 AM Sat. May 8 at the Tenleytown Metro to catch the shuttle bus there.

**May 30 Pentecost/ Whit Sunday –
joint service with St. John's Norwood**

Register 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 concelebrate the Opening Eucharist along with our Vicar, with the Bishop voicing and the Vicar signing. **See page 3 for registration form.**

The Pastor's Corner

The sun is shining brightly this morning, in contrast to yesterday when it was cold, wet and rainy. It makes me think of the way our lives fluctuate from day to day and sometimes from hour to hour. It makes me again aware of how exterior circumstances affect our ability to manage our lives.

When it is bright and sunny out it is much easier to take the negatives of the day and transform them into positives. When it is dark and gloomy most of us tend to feel the same way, dark and gloomy. On those dark days when a negative hits us we are more likely to fold under it, to give in and become discouraged.

However, if we know the Lord Jesus as our "Light in the Darkness" then the outward circumstances become much less important. If we can see our world, and the broader world, through the eyes and mind of our Lord we can have hope. The apostle Paul said in Philippians 2:5, "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." Paul also said in II Corinthians 5:17, "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new." Paul is talking about an inward transformation of our minds and souls. How can this happen? By accepting the teachings of our Risen Lord.

As an announcement to those who were not in church on last Sunday, and a reminder to those who were, we now have a Forward Movement stand in our office. We have ordered the Forward Day by Day daily devotion books in large print. They are available for all our members and visitors. The stand

will be in the church office during the week. On Sundays we will move it into Hines Hall to be accessible during our Coffee Hour.

In these books there is one page per day. Scripture verses and brief printed dialogue offer a way to read the Scriptures everyday. This requires no more than ten to fifteen minutes of our time. Let's begin to allow Jesus to transform our lives through study and prayer. I think it will make a difference for all of us in how we handle our present day lives, which are so often fraught with turmoil, worry and care.

In God's love,
Barbara+

Community Events/Volunteer Opportunities

Metro Washington Association of the Deaf-Blind's annual picnic has been rescheduled and will be on **Saturday, May 15** from 11 AM to 5 PM, in Wheaton Regional Park
2000 Shorefield Road
Wheaton, MD 20902
Pavilion "G"
Sunshine or rain

To volunteer as SSP, contact Sandra Carpe, SSP Co-ordinator at SandSky80@aol.com

MWADB shall provide hot dogs, hamburgers, veggieburgers, corn on the cobs, charcoal, lighter and paper goods. We shall need volunteers to grill foods. Would you like to share some food dishes with us. What would you like to bring, please contact Dianne at dipeartree@juno.com.

“A NEW WAY – COME AND SEE”

2004 ECD CONVENTION

AUGUST 18 – 23, 2004

HELD AT THE BON SECOURS SPIRITUAL CENTER
IN MARRIOTTSTVILLE, MARYLAND (www.bonsecours.org/hssc)

The Rev. Mr. Mrs. Ms. (use a separate form for each person). You may photocopy this form as needed.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

TTY: () _____

Voice: () _____

E-Mail: _____ @ _____

Fax: () _____

Congregation: _____			
Diocese: _____	<i>Please</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Clergy in Charge of a congregation	<input type="checkbox"/> Elected Delegate
City: _____	<i>Check</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Lay Person in Charge of a congregation	<input type="checkbox"/> Visitor, ECD Member
	<i>Only</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Elected Alternate Delegate	<input type="checkbox"/> Visitor, Non-ECD Member

CONVENTION OPTIONS (PLEASE CHECK ONE OPTION ONLY)

A. Full package:..... \$385.00 per person

- Convention registration fee for full week
- Room (4 nights) and 10 meals
- Convention activities
- Workshops Friday & Saturday
- Cookout & entertainment (Saturday)
- Bus tour to new Air & Space Museum at Dulles, VA

B. Daily package:.....\$75.00 per day per person

- Convention registration fee only for one day
- Room one night & no meal
- Convention activities for the day if any
- Workshops (only on Friday & Saturday)
- Bus tour (only on Friday)
- *Breakfast (\$5), Lunch (\$5) & Dinner (\$10) are extra (Pay at premise)*
- *Not include Cookout & entertainment on Sat. night (extra cost)*

Please indicate which night(s):

- Wednesday August 18 Thursday August 19 Friday August 20 Saturday August 21

C. Commute Only:.....\$37.00 per day, per person

- Same as Option “B” but one lunch only & no overnight
- *Breakfast (\$5) & Dinner (\$10) are extra. (Pay at premise)*
- *Not include Cookout & entertainment. (extra cost)*

Please indicate which day(s):

- Wednesday August 18 Thursday August 19 Friday August 20 Saturday August 21

Deadline for Registration – June 30, 2004

Option A: Full Package..... \$385.00 = _____

Option B: Daily Package,... __ night(s) x \$75.00 = _____

Option C: Commute Only,... __ day(s) x \$37.00 = _____

Cooking Out & entertainment \$25.00 = _____

Those who came after 4 pm just for cookout & entertainment only, do not pay any option fee or registration fee

Grand Total \$ _____

SPECIAL NEEDS

All activities are conducted in sign language.

- Will you need a sign to voice interpreter?
- Close up interpreter?
- tactile interpreter?

Special Dietary or other needs?

We can pick up plane passengers only at BWI airport on Wednesday at only three interval times.

Which time do you want to be picked up?

- 11 am 2 pm 5 pm


Your arrival time? _____

What airline? _____

Arrival Flight No. # _____

- Are you a first timer at ECD Convention? **Yes** **No**
- Even though, the bus tour on Friday is included in the three options at no extra cost, we still need to know how many people will sign up for the tour.
Tour? **Yes** **No**
- Would you be interested in purchasing a group photo, taken at this convention? (approx. \$15, pay at premise) **Photo?** **Yes** **No**

Please make checks payable to the

St. Barnabas 2004 ECD, **Mr. James Lindsay**
and send to:  **4802 Rim Rock Road**
Rockville, MD 20853

For further information:

E-mail Jim Lindsay at jamlindsay@aol.com

Fax: Rudy Hines at 301-779-3045

Voice: Rev. Barbara Allen, 301 907-7855

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

Peggy+ says there are 47 campers signed up so far – seven past the limit – and she needs more male volunteers. St. Barnabas' members **Shelley Simms** and **Ed Knight** will be volunteering at the camp. Also participating in camp will be **Father Cyril Axelrod**, the only ordained deaf blind Roman Catholic priest in the world. He currently lives and ministers in England but he has had a ministry in South Africa and China. He was a born deaf and became fully blind about 2 years ago from Usher's Syndrome. He is writing a book about his life. He is a licensed massage and aroma therapist and will lead worship and do massage at camp.

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

John (Jean-Albert) Najar recently moved to an assisted living facility in Frederick MD

John's new address is

Jean-Albert Najar
c/o Sunrise of Frederick - Room 207
990 Waterford Drive
Frederick, MD 21702

TTY: 301-696-5830

Wyndtell: jeannaj@wyndtell.com



John's brother Bob from New Hampshire is not sure how long he will live there. He may come to New Hampshire for the summer starting in June. John has some health problems (stenosis of the carotid) but is able to drive. **Ed Knight** and **Mike Martin** visited John on the afternoon of April 25 at his new home and gave him a card signed by St. Barnabas' members and a copy of our group photo taken in March. John plans to come to our monthly Gaithersburg service, which is about a 30-minute drive from Frederick. John says there is a minister who comes to Sunrise of Frederick named Bishop Carl who can sign, but John misses our church. If you are available on May 2 at 3 PM, why not come to the Gaithersburg service and say hello to John?

Kary Dyer and Tom Hattaway have moved to a new home on Gallaudet Avenue formerly owned by Rudy and Marlene Hines

Rudy Hines' father sold his farm land in Cloverly MD to a developer to build homes. Rudy's father named the street Gallaudet Ave because Rudy attended Gallaudet and then began teaching

there. Kary says the move to the new home went smoothly and they are all settled in now.

Mae Lynn Mullen just finished an Emmaus Walk. It is much like a Cursillo. She and **Ginny Lindsay** attended the event in New Windsor, MD (April 15-18). Ginny served as SSP for Mae Lynn.

Michael Martin's Visit to Otto Berg Apartments
By Michael Martin

I recently saw my case manager at Deaf Reach in Washington, DC. Then we stopped to see **Karen Wranger** at Deaf Reach. Both Karen and I went to visit the Otto Berg Apartments in Southeast Washington, DC. The apartments are very nice. I explained to Karen that I knew **the late Rev. Otto Berg** very well at St. Barnabas many years ago. I explained that the Rev. Otto Berg retired from St. Barnabas, then the **Rev. Jay Croft** took his place and later the Rev. Croft was transferred to Alabama and the **Rev. Barbara Allen** is now the vicar of St Barnabas. Karen said WOW, Michael knew several priests in our church history.

The Rev. Otto Berg passed away in the

80s. Then Mary Ann Berg who lived in Washington, DC for long time moved to Ohio in the Senior Citizen housing. Later, she moved back to Richmond, VA. She passed away in the 90s. The Otto Berg Apartments were named in honor of the Rev. Otto Berg. I completed an application for Otto Berg Apartments. I will be waiting to hear from Otto Berg Apartments. I will be praying that I will be living there.

Holy Week services

Barbara Allen+, Tracy Dieter, Ed Knight, Jim Lindsay, Michael Martin and **Jenn Phillips** participated in the Maundy Thursday service. This was Ed's first time attending this service and he found it very interesting. We wrote our sins of the last year on pieces of paper that we folded up and placed by the foot of the cross. Also there was a foot-washing liturgy. This is commemorating of Jesus washing the feet of the disciples as an example of being humble servants.

Barbara Allen+, Tracy Dieter, Iris Gomes, Ed Knight, Michael Martin and **Jenn Phillips** took part in the Good Friday Tenebrae Service. This service involved reciting various psalms and lessons related to Good Friday. When



we entered the service there were seven candles on the altar. At various points in the service we would extinguish a candle, until finally there was only one candle lit. This candle represents the "light of Christ" in the darkness of his death.

Barbara Allen+, Tracy Dieter and Jenn Phillips participated in the Holy Saturday service.

Barbara completed the Lenten Study that began on the first Sunday of Lent with a Bible study before the 10 AM Easter service attended by **Ed Knight, Michael Martin, Mae Lynn Mullins, John Ricciardi, Shelley Simms and Phoebe Tharp.** We reflected on what it must have felt like to be one of the women who arrived to find the tomb empty. We talked about what it means to us that Jesus is living and the joy this brings to us in this life.

Thirty-one people attended the 10 AM Easter service. **Kary Dyer and Tom Hattaway** read the lessons and **Mark Kleberg** read the Psalm. **Christina Duley** attended with her daughter **Linda Biddy** and granddaughter **Amandie Biddy** who helped her in the sacristy. It

was Amandie's 16th birthday and Christina presented her with a basket of flowers. **Kary Dyer** arranged a very nice Easter buffet. It was the regular Sunday afternoon for Barbara to celebrate the Eucharist at Gallaudet University. The new United Methodist chaplain preached at the services. Four students attended making a total of six.

Report on Diocesan Clergy Conference

By Barbara Allen+

From Tues. evening, April 13 through Thursday morning April 15 the clergy of the Diocese was in Williamsburg, VA enjoying the historical sights of the area and a much needed rest and relaxation. This conference was a gift to the clergy from the diocese. The diocese provided a delicious dinner on Tues. evening with a time for fellowship as we gathered around the tables at the Woodlands Hotel and Suites. Wed. was on our own, that is, everyone attending planned their own day with others or alone. Your vicar opted to walk in Colonial Williamsburg just seeing the historical sights, tasting the food of the period at King's Arms Tavern for lunch and attending a lecture in the afternoon at



the DeWitt Wallace Museum by **Dr. David L. Holmes**, Professor of Religion at the College of William and Mary. The lecture was entitled "The Religion of the Founding Fathers. It was very interesting.

On Wed. eve the clergy was invited to the home of **the Revs. Kathy and Geoffrey Price** for a cocktail party and more fellowship and getting to know each other.

On Thurs. morning the Bishop of Washington, **the Rt. Rev. John Bryson Chane**, presided at a celebration of the Holy Eucharist in Bruton Parish Church in Colonial Williamsburg. This Episcopal church has been in continuous use since 1715 for the worship of God. It was a sacred experience to be a part of this time.

Visit to Ruth Phillips

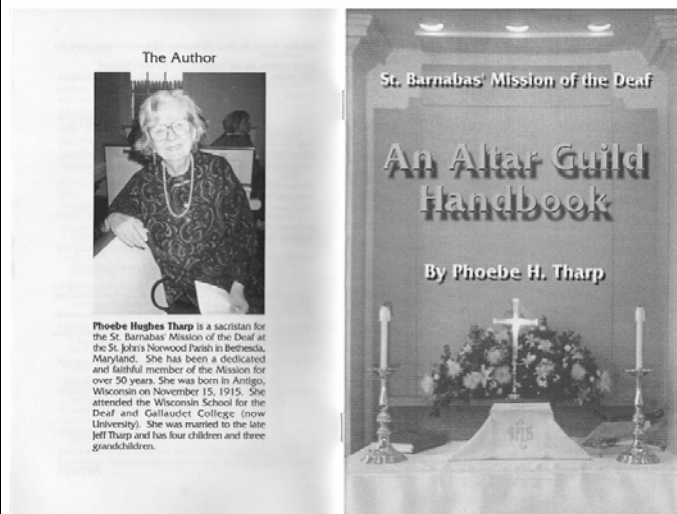
On April 17, **Barbara+** visited **Ruth Phillips** in her nursing home in Manassas, VA. Barbara+ wheeled her outside to enjoy the beautiful Spring day. Please keep Ruth in your prayers.

The April 25 service with sermon by the Rev. Dr. Roger Pickering was

attended by 24 people. Roger+ preached on different classical theologies that address the question, "Why was it necessary for Jesus to die for us?" He explained that the word "atonement" literally means "at-one-ment" and refers to a theology of how humanity can become at one with God. He described several different theologies of how God's reconciling work makes us at one with God. He discussed the theology of a French university teacher named Peter Abelard who lived from 1079—1142 AD. He also discussed a very personal problem that Abelard encountered. Back then, university professors had to remain single or they would be fired. Abelard

fell in love with a woman named Heloise and married her, but kept it a secret so he could keep his position at the university. This did not please her uncle, who interfered in a very extreme and violent way that left Abelard with a very, very personal problem – castration (ouch!). Abelard became a monk and Heloise became a nun, but they still wrote love letters to each other.

After the service there were several announcements. **Iris Gomes** shared her enthusiasm about her plans to go back to visit her native India and see her family there. Best wishes to Iris.



The excellent Altar Guild handbook authored by **Phoebe Tharp** (with layout by **Jim Lindsay**) is now on display on the bulletin board. Take a look at it if you haven't seen it before – it is very interesting and professional.

Pastoral Report from Barbara+

Visit with Phoebe Tharp

I visited with Phoebe Tharp on last Sun. and we shared Holy Communion. She is recovering from surgery on her right eye performed on April 23. She is up and about. The dressing was removed the day after her surgery. Her vision is much improved in that eye. Phoebe's daughter, Sarah, from Massachusetts is

here to help her brother, Robert, take care of Phoebe until the eye has healed completely. Phoebe hopes to be back in church next Sunday. She sends her love to all and I carried ours to her.

Visit with Mary Malzkuhn

Mary Malzkuhn is in Washington Hospital Center Cardiac Care unit. She had quadruple bypass heart surgery performed on April 23rd. When I arrived for a visit on April 26th they were just whisking her off to some kind of therapy. I was able to say hello and let her know who I am and then she was off. I waited almost three hours but she did not return and I had to leave. I will be going back today, April 27th, to visit and share Holy Communion with her and bring her your love and prayers.

Our Sick and Shut-In Friends

Leira Wurdemann - Brook Grove Retirement Center - Olney, MD

Ruth Phillips - Retirement Home - 7750 Garner Dr., Rm. 4 - Manassas, VA 20109

Phoebe Tharp - Home - 4-F Ridge Rd. - Greenbelt, MD 20770

Jean-Albert Najar - Home - Note new address on page 4 in the Messenger

Mary Malzkuhn - Washington Hospital Center - Room 4 F 18

Please visit or send a card to these our brother and sisters in Christ. If you know of others who are ill or shut-in please let the Vicar know.

Administrivia

Suzanne Welch of St. John's Norwood reports:

The music folks have cleared out two locking storage cabinets for St. Barnabas' to use in Hines Hall.

If you are standing in Hines Hall with your back to the stage, the left most

low cabinet is for our Rite 13 class, then the next two left most low cabinets (should be empty) are available for use by St. Barnabas'.

*Editor's note: thank you to Suzanne and the music folks for helping us with our pantry space needs! **Barbara+** already has a key and I believe **Kary Dyer** has a key now too.*

The new church "add-on" signs with our new name have been ordered through Episcopal Parish Services. The parish profile on the diocesan website (www.edow.org) has been updated to show the services we offer to the Deaf community. Check out our website and you'll now see our group photo. Our parish handbook written by **Ed Knight** can also now be found on our website, thanks to webmaster **Derek Braun**.

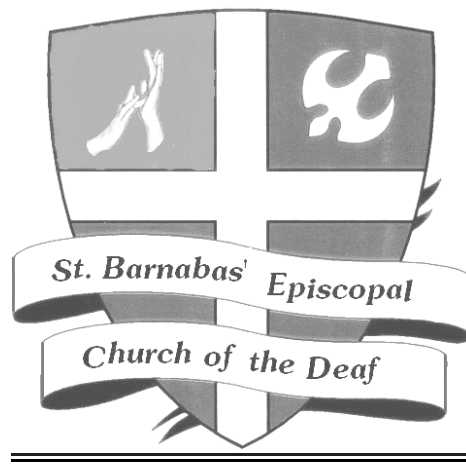
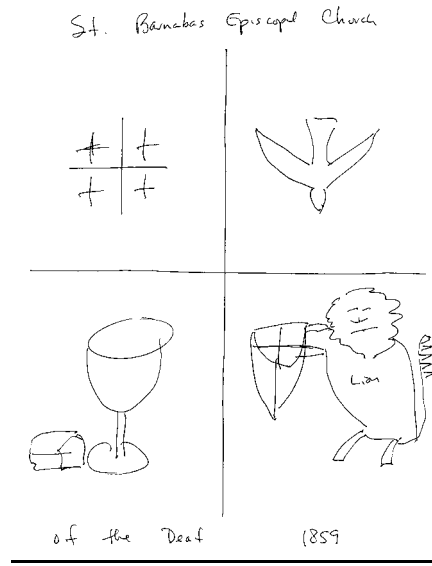
Banner Contest

The consensus is that we want a new banner to reflect our new name ("church" instead of "mission") that also reflects that we are a deaf church that is also an Episcopal church. On April 25 during the coffee hour, a group including **Iris Gomes, Ed Knight, Rudy and Marlene Hines, Jim and Ginny Lindsay, Michael Martin and Tom Hattaway** brainstormed ideas for the new banner. We did some sketches and discussed various symbols for the banner: the Episcopal shield, the diocesan seal, the Jerusalem cross, the dove (Holy Spirit), a lion in the style that is found on a Coat of Arms, the ILY sign, the Jesus sign, the bread and chalice, the monogram of the Greek letters for X and P (which begin the word Christ). We did not reach a consensus on which symbols to include but we had a good brainstorming session.

The Banner Committee is reviewing websites and catalogs of banner and

flag companies such as www.festivalflags.com.

Submit your entry in the contest for the new banner & logo by June 15. We would like to have the banner complete for the ECD convention. However it is more important to do it right than do it fast so we will take whatever time is necessary.



Treasurer's Report By Ed Knight

We recently received the following very gracious thank you note from **Geraldine Shawa**, Executive Director of the Atfaluna Society for Deaf Children:

Dear Rev. Barbara,

With many apologies I send you this very belated letter. I am quite embarrassed to tell you that somehow or other your receipt as well as a thank you note had gotten misplaced and were just discovered today by chance. On the assumption, however, that late is better than never, I am writing to you today.

With many thanks your check for USD 410 was received way back in July 2003...

We had used your donation to supply hearing aid batteries and make ear

molds for the neediest children in our care. Please know that your donation has made a big difference for many little kids whose families are indeed in very desperate situations.

Please remember us in your prayers as we do our best to try to provide education and a better life for the deaf of the Gaza strip.

Ms. Shawa included several photographs of the deaf students at the school. I included one of the photos in this newsletter and others will go on display on the bulletin board.

As Treasurer I can understand being embarrassed over belated thank you notes because I am guilty of this myself. If anyone reading this is missing a thank you note from me please accept my apologies and I will try to be more organized about sending thank you notes in 2004.

Thank you to the following people who recently mailed in offerings to St. Barnabas':

Jim Lindsay
Agnes Padden
Gary Viall

On the morning of Saturday April 17, I participated in the annual Deaf-REACH 5k Run/Walk. I am out of shape, so I walked instead of running. It was a beautiful day and I saw **Dr. I. King Jordan**, president of Gallaudet there. It made me feel proud to remember that the late **Rev. Otto Berg** of our church was one of the founders of Deaf-REACH.

Ann Black recently told me that she was present when Metro Washington Association of the Deaf-Blind was founded 20 years ago on April 19, 1984



at a pot luck sponsored by St. Barnabas' during the **Jay Croft+** era. **Jack Wright** was elected the first president, and Ann was the first Treasurer. Wow, our little church played a role in the founding of both Deaf-REACH and MWADB. I am really proud to be a member of St. Barnabas'.

Worship Ministries

Vicar: 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 Stremmlau

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Altar Guild

Marlene Hines, Christina Duley, Phoebe Tharpe

Hospitality Chair: Kary Dyer

Tellers

Rudy Hines, James Lindsay, John Ricciardi

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2004 ECD Convention Committee:

Kary Dyer, Tom Hattaway, James Lindsay, Rudy Hines

ECD Delegate: Tom Hattaway

ECD Alternate: Ginny Lindsay

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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 May 23. Please submit items to the co-editor, Ed Knight by email, if possible, at knighte@washpost.com.



“The peace of the Lord be always with you”