

The Messenger

St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church of the Deaf

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A Congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington

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Weekly 10 AM Holy Eucharist Service
With Healing Service 3rd Sundays
St. Mary's Chapel at
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6701 Wisconsin Avenue at Bradley
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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

Sunday June 6, **Roger+** will serve in place of **Barbara+** at our Chevy Chase and Gaithersburg services while Barbara+ is on vacation in upstate New York.

Friday June 11 St. Barnabas the Apostle Day

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 celebrate the Opening Eucharist along with our Vicar, with the Bishop voicing and the Vicar signing. **To download and print a registration form, go to <http://www.ecdeaf.com/regis.jpg>**

See schedule on page 2

Schedule for 2004 ECD Convention

	Monday August 16	Tuesday August 17	Wednesday August 18	Thursday August 19	Friday August 20	Saturday August 21	Sunday August 22	
8:00		Board Breakfast	Board breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	
9:00	ECD Board Arrives	ECD Board Meetings	Participants Arrive ECD Board Meetings	Chaplain's Service	Bus depart at 9 am FREE DAY	Chaplain's Service	Participants Depart After Breakfast	
10:00				General Meetings		General Meetings Workshop		
11:00								
12:00	Board Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch			
1:00		ECD Board Meetings	Pick up room keys at 3 free time	Workshop	On your own at museum	General Meetings		
2:00								
3:00	Pick up room keys at 3				General Meetings			Pick-up at 4 pm
4:00	free time				Bus arrive at 5 pm	Closing Service		
5:00								
6:00	Board Dinner	Board Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Banquet "Cookout" Entertainment		
7:00		ECD Board Meetings	Opening Service	Committee meeting	Chaplain's Service	Award night		
8:00			Free time	Free time	Workshop			
9:00	ECD Board Meetings			Host night	entertainment			
10:00								

The Pastor's Corner

It is strange what will prompt spiritual thoughts. I have been struck by the return of the cicadas. It seems so strange that little larvae bury themselves in the ground and lie there for seventeen years. Then suddenly, all at the same time, they come out of the ground, shed their outer shell and become winged creatures. I know they are troublesome and some people may cringe at the thought of them, but I find them interesting.

I wonder how they know when to come out of the ground, why they

live such a short time and what their purpose is. I could ask the same questions of human beings. How does a baby know when it is time to be born? How is our life span decided? What is our purpose in this life?

I have noticed that these insects seem to have a problem staying on their feet. I see many who have gotten on their backs and cannot right themselves. Even when I try to help them they are awkward and have to be pushed carefully until they get their balance. I am sure that many of you are wondering about my

sanity at this point but think about it.

How many times do we get entangled in life's circumstances and feel we cannot continue? How often do we wish that someone would come along who could help get our lives back into perspective and help us find our purpose for being?

Yesterday, we celebrated the Feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Birthday of the Church. It is the Holy Spirit who helps us when life gets too tough, too confused, and too hard. It is at those times when we think that we cannot go another step that the Holy Spirit reminds us of the love of God.

What is our purpose in life? I believe our purpose is to experience the grace and love of God, to learn to depend on God and then to share our experience with others who are confused and do not know their purpose for being.

The Holy Spirit is also called the Paraclete which means "one who comes alongside". How wonderful to know that when we have lost our will, our purpose, our reason for being that the Holy Spirit is there, offering us strength, reminding us that our purpose is to love God and to accept God's love and grace.

God bless you all.
Barbara+

Community Events/Volunteer Opportunities

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 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

The camp has about 120 people coming including 41 deaf blind campers from many states and S. Africa and England.

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

News from among us

On Sunday May 2, **Ed Knight, Ginny Lindsay** and **Micheal Martin** made a eucharistic visit to **Leira Wurdemann** at the Brooke Grove nursing home.

Later that afternoon, **Barbara, Barbie Bradley, Ed Knight, Ginny Lindsay, Michael Martin** and **Jean-Albert Najar** attended the Gaithersburg service at Ascension Chapel.

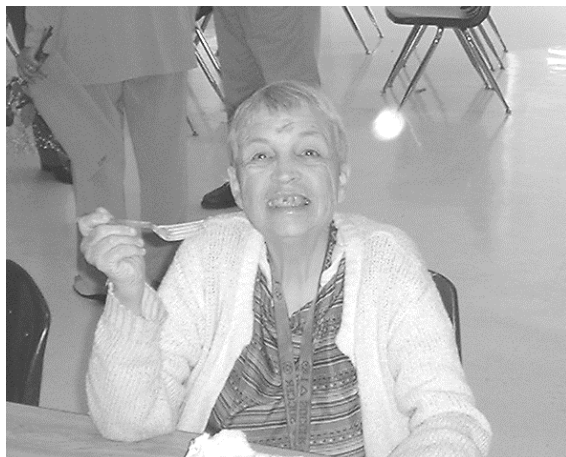
On Friday May 7, **Ginny Lindsay** visited the Flower Mart festival at National

Cathedral. On Saturday May 8, **Ed Knight** and his mother **Ruth Knight** also attended the festival. Then they went to Holy Communion at noon in the choir of the Cathedral.

On Sunday May 9, Ed's mother joined him at St. Barnabas' and Ed was serving as eucharistic minister so he had the privilege of serving his mother the chalice for the first time.



Phoebe Tharp picks out a rose for Mother's Day



Nancy Conger enjoys some Mother's Day cake

On Monday May 10, **Michael Martin** moved to his new address at Otto B. Berg apartments. Michael's search for affordable housing lasted for more than two years and was quite a challenge, so congratulations to Michael and thanks to the Deaf-REACH team for all their work!

Michael's new address is:

2100 Mississippi Ave. SE, Apt. #303

Washington, DC 20020

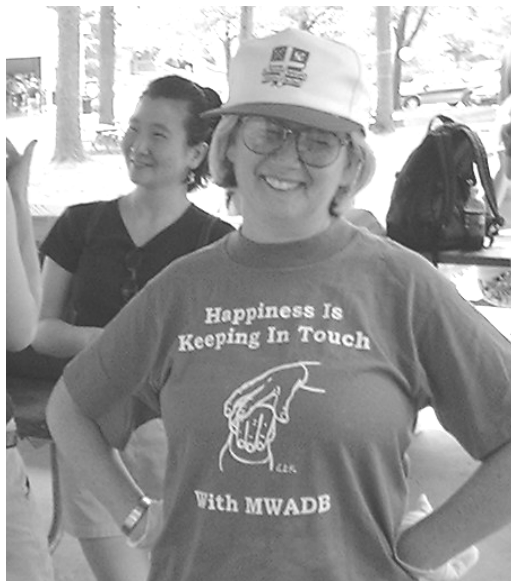
Michael says:

My new TTY and FAX Number is: 202 889-9287

It is really easy to walk to both Subway and MetroBus from my apartment. If you visit me at my apartment you take the subway on Green Line to the Southern Ave Metro Station (Green Line) or you take a MetroBus Numbers #32 and 34. You get off the bus at 22nd St. SE and just walk to my apartment. It is easy.

The Otto B. Berg apartments were established by Deaf-REACH and were named in honor of **the late Rev. Otto B. Berg**, former vicar of St. Barnabas' who helped found the organization that is now named Deaf-REACH.

On Saturday, May 15, **Metro Washington Association of the Deaf-Blind (MWADB)** held its annual picnic. About 30 people attended, including St. Barnabas' regulars **Ed Knight, Michael Martin, Mae Lynn Mullen** and **Shelley Simms**. It was a hot day and after the cookout there were games involving water balloons and water pistols. It felt good to get spritzed and splashed in the 97-degree weather. Finally there was cool watermelon which was also wonderful on a hot day.



Shelley Simms at Metro Washington Association of the Deaf-Blind Picnic wearing St. Barnabas' cap and MWADB tshirt. Mae Lynn Mullen is in the background.

Also on Saturday May, 15, Episcopal Senior Ministries hosted a **Senior Celebration Luncheon** at Gallaudet University Kellogg Conference Center. Attendees included our own **Barbara, Christina Duley, Mark Kleberg** and **Ginny Lindsay**. **Karen Newquist-Gifford** was the ASL interpreter, with Barbara pitching in to interpret too.

Kiombo Nsumbu will return to Kinshasa, Congo for a summer internship teaching English and French at the Silent Cooperative Center for the Deaf. He will come back to Gallaudet in the Fall.

Barbara passes along the good news that **Cass Martensen** (ECD board member from California who attended our Easter service) has had successful back surgery.

Barbara also reports she attended the funeral of **William Brizendine** of Silver Spring, who had attended St. Barnabas' years ago, and who passed away on

Thursday May 6 at Montgomery Hospice-Casey House hospice in Rockville, MD. Interment was at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Barbara reminded Casey House that she is a pastoral resource whenever they have any deaf patients and made sure they know how to contact her. William Brizendine is survived by his wife, **Isabella**, and sons, **Bruce** and **Brian**.

Our former seminarian, **Elke Betz-Schmidt**, flew to India on May 12 along with **Jenn Phillips**. Elke's mother **Carol** also went. **Elke** and **Aditya Sharma** were wed on May 21 in a Christian wedding in a church in Delhi. In an email, Jenn reports, "Elke had a white wedding dress, and we stuck three yellow roses in her veil, and it looked very good. The bouquet was yellow and red roses."

That evening there was also an elaborate Hindu blessing on the wedding. Jenn says, "Two women came and helped Carol do her sari properly and Elke put the finishing touches on her lovely red wedding two-piece dress with gold detail by adjusting her shawl and veil properly. She had on very red lipstick that I recommended for her. She looked very much like an Indian bride."

Elke is back and Aditya is coming back some time soon.

Barbara reports on May 31 that **Mary Malzkuhn** is back in the nursing home, Manor Care at the corner of Musgrove Rd. and Rte. 29 in Silver Spring. She is doing well and expects to go home some time this next week. Please keep her in your prayers, stop to visit if you have time, send a card or note.

Visit to Wyoming

By Ed Knight

Steven Frank and I visited Wyoming from May 25 through May 31. We stayed in the town of Jackson, Wyoming, which is a ski resort and is near two national parks. Most of the time it rained or snowed, but luckily for us it cleared up the afternoon we visited Yellowstone National Park. We saw Old Faithful and other geysers, as well as bison near the road. On May 30, I attended the 8 AM service at St. John's Episcopal Church in Jackson. It is a big church for a small town and the people were friendly. That afternoon, Steven and I drove through the Jackson Hole valley and toured the Grand Teton National Park. We stopped in Moose, Wyoming to visit the Chapel of the Transfiguration, built in 1925 and owned and operated by St. John's Episcopal Church of Jackson. The Chapel has log-cabin architecture and has a picture window above the altar framing a view of the snow-capped Grand Teton mountains. It was a magnificent setting.

Treasurer's Report

By Ed Knight

Easter Offering = \$440 and goes to the Holy Land Institute of the Deaf in Jordan. **Barbara** had the opportunity to meet **Brother Andrew**, director of the institute, last April while he was visiting Gallaudet University.

United Thank Offering Spring Ingathering = \$154 and goes to Episcopal Church for charity.

Little Red Church = \$100 -- so far, and will be given to Episcopal Conference of the Deaf at the August ECD convention. If you don't have one, you can pick up a

Little Red Church box at the office. Or you can make a donation to the LRC fund even if you don't use that little box.

ECD Convention Report

Rudy Hines reports that we have taken out an ad for the ECD convention in the Deaf Digest. Also, MDAD will announce the convention on their website.

ECD Award Nominations

The ECD Board is looking for nominees for these awards. Nominations should be sent to Rev. Bill Mosier: bmose@aol.com

These awards are:

1. Meritorious Service Award - Given to persons deserving of reward, honor or thanksgiving for dedicated service to the ECD.
2. Distinguished Service Award - Given to a person who, although not directly related to deaf ministry, has made significant contribution to the support of deaf ministry in the Episcopal Church.
3. Thomas Gallaudet Award - Given to a person who has made worthy contributions to the work of the ECD or the ministry among deaf people in the Episcopal Church.
4. Robert W. Cunningham Memorial Community Service Award - Given to an outstanding deaf person within the ECD, in recognition of his/her loyal contribution to the deaf community, locally, or at large.
5. Annie Sullivan Award - Given to interpreters who have faithfully volunteered their services to the ECD.

If you know anyone you believe deserves one of these awards send your nomination to Bill Mosier.

Church Banner Contest

If you are interested in submitting a design, contact **Marlene Hines** or **Ginny Lindsay** for more information. The deadline is June 15.

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

Mission Committee

Chair: The Rev. Barbara Allen

April 2003—March 2006

Treasurer - Ed Knight

April 2003—March 2004

Secretary - Rudy Hines

April 2003—March 2005

Vice-Chair - Marlene Hines

Asst. Vice Chair - Shelley Simms

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Mark Kleberg

Jeff Mc Caw

Tonya Stremlau

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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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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 July 25. 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”