

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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Senior Warden

Marlene Hines, RdyMar@aol.com
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 Congregation

Signed Eucharist at **St. George's Glenn
Dale** on first and third Sunday of each
month 2:00 PM 7010 Glenn Dale Rd,
Glenn Dale

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(SAC) the Second Sunday
of the Month at 2 p.m.

Forthcoming Special Events

**Region 3 Assembly Saturday,
October 23, 2 PM.**

Interpreters provided.

St. Dunstan's

5450 Massachusetts Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20816
www.stdunstansbethesda.org

Clergy, wardens and convention delegates are entitled to vote and should plan to come. Other members of the vestry and the church are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussions.

On October 24, the Rector will be away and there will be a Morning Prayer service conducted by a lay reader.

On October 31, the **Rev. Dr. Roger Pickering** will conduct the Holy Eucharist as our Rector will be away.

Community Events/Volunteer Opportunities

The ACT, Inc. Sign-a-Thon at the Owings Mills Mall on **Sunday**

October 10 from 1 PM until 5 PM
on the lower level behind
customer service.

If you would like to help ACT, Inc. please pledge a flat donation for Ed Knight's attendance at the ACT Sign-a-thon. Money collected will be used to purchase equipment and Support Service Providers (SSPs) for persons who are deaf-blind. Advocates for Communication Technology for Deaf-Blind People, Inc. is a volunteer, non-profit organization established and incorporated in 1987 for the purpose of enhancing communication for deaf-blind people through technology. Act, Inc. is a tax exempt 501 C 3 organization and depends on the contributions from members, corporations, civic organizations, businesses and interested individuals.

Sat. Oct. 30 12 Noon to 4:30 PM
Metro Washington Association
of the Deaf-Blind 20th
Anniversary Luncheon

Capitol City Brewing Company
(next to Union Station), 2
Massachusetts Ave, NE
Washington DC
Guest Speaker: **Art Roehrig**,
Vice-President of the American
Association of the Deaf-Blind.
\$22 per person, need to register
by Oct. 18. To volunteer as SSP
contact sandsky80@aol.com
See registration form elsewhere in
this newsletter for details.

Sat. Nov. 20: 5:00 PM to 11:00
PM MWADB

Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner
Multi-Purpose Room at Student
Academic Center at Gallaudet
University, 800 Florida Ave. NE,
Washington DC
Contact stevenfrank@juno.com for
details. To volunteer as SSP
contact sandsky80@aol.com

A Day at the Race
Sat. Nov 13 from 11 AM to 3 PM
To benefit Deaf Abused
Women's Network of the D.C.

Metro Area
At Horse Race, Laurel Park,
Route 198 and Racetrack Rd,
Laurel MD 20725
\$30 Buffet Luncheon
limited number: 122 people
Pls send check payable to Alpha
Chapter, Phi Kappa Zeta Sorority
to Marie A Campbell, 138 Forests
Edge Place, Laurel MD 20724\

The Pastor's Corner

Most of you know that I am a "cat person". Really, I am an animal person but I have cats. They never cease to amaze me. As I type this, my little girl cat sits in my lap looking up at me trustingly. Trust, that is what life is really about, I believe.

Today we live in a world of fear and mistrust. We hear everyday of wars, killings, starving people, people dying of incurable diseases such as AIDS. Who can we trust? God created us to trust in her/him. To look to him/her as a parent. Unfortunately, too many children are

harmed even by their parents and so they do not learn trust there either.

So, how can we trust? By sheer force of our wills. We read and we study and we pray. We decide that trusting in God makes sense. That only by turning to God will we ever find the true meaning of life. Life is not in money, cars, property, clothes, houses, furniture, good times. These things can enhance our lives but when they become the entire focus of our lives they do us harm, not good.

We are faced everyday with attractive things that, if the businesses that advertise them had their way, we would go out and buy immediately. We learn of devices that will make life simpler, faster, more secure, more fun. Really?

In our Gospel for today we read the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus. The lesson there is not that having riches is wrong or sinful. The lesson is that we must be responsible with what we have. We must be willing to share. We share out of love and care for others. The more we share and show love the more trust is built.

Are you truly trusting in God? If so, how will you show God that you do love and trust?

In Christ's peace and love,
Barbara+

News from among us

On Sept. 5 the Rector went to Gallaudet University to baptize **Keith Verdin**, son of **Gregory and Janell Verdin**, in the new Chapel in the SUB. Janell is the Director of the Child Development Center at Gallaudet. **Mrs. Tracy Dieter** accompanied the Rector to assist with

the baptism. We are excited to welcome Keith into the Family of God.

Our Rector, Barbara, now has a T-Mobile Cell Phone with Text messaging. You can reach Barbara on this cell phone either by calling MD Relay and giving them the cell phone number:
301-755-4346
Or, you can use your own pager or computer to send a text message: Punch in 3017554346@tmomail.net

On Sept. 19 Kiombo Nsumbu received a check for \$1800 (including donations from several sources and a loan from St. Barnabas') with which to reimburse his friends and family in the Congo who lent him money to help him leave the Congo and return to the U.S. See Kiombo's report elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Mission Committee met on Sept. 19 and decided that we will suspend the Ascension Gaithersburg service for now. Due to lack of attendance, we cannot justify continuing this service.

We will focus on St. George's Glenn Dale. Barbara is in discussion with the Sr. Warden and Vestry of St. George's re: adding a second signed service. We are hoping to arrange for signed services on the first and third Sunday of the month. We would like to change the time of these services from 1:30 to 2:00 PM.

The St. Barnabas' Mission Committee has voted to give a \$200 donation to the fund to assist the the family of **Kelby Nathan Brick and Jeanette Pereira**, whose home in Greenbelt was destroyed by fire on September 1.

At the Sept. 19 service, members of the altar guild, mission committee,



Interpreter Libby McKnight talking with Kiombo Nsumbu and two other Gallaudet students at National Cathedral Open House

hospitality chair, tellers and ECD committee received as a token of appreciation their choice of a baseball cap with the Episcopal shield or a stuffed Teddy Bear with the Episcopal shield, also known as an "Episcobear". However, not all members of the mission committee and ECD committee were present, so if you are a member of one of those committees and haven't received your "Episcobear" or cap, please see Ed Knight. Note from the Rector: Ed Knight purchased these gifts and distributed them.

At 3:30 PM on Sept. 19, **Barbara Allen** went to the National Cathedral's Holy Eucharist in celebration of the opening of the Smithsonian's Museum of the American Indian. She interpreted for St. Barnabas' regular **Jenn Phillips** and **the Rev. Dcn. Betsy Bagione**, who is the Asst. Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Arlington, VA.

On the evening of Sept 21, **the Rev. Barbara Allen** and **Ed Knight** met with **A. Phil Aiello**, Chief Technical Officer for FCS Associates. Phil is well known in the Deaf Community and was recommended to us by **the Rev. Roger Pickering**.

There is only one phone line into St. Barnabas' office. This means that the fax, computer, voice phone and TTY are all on the same line. So, for example, when the TTY is on Auto-Answer we cannot receive a fax and if a hearing person calls they get the TTY answering machine. As things are now we cannot have a voice mail service or an answering machine connected to the voice phone. Consequently, we often miss important TTY and voice calls as well as faxes.

The purpose for Phil's visit with us was to evaluate our set-up and offer possible solutions. Phil is working up a plan and a cost estimate for remedying the

problem. He will be in touch with Barbara as soon as he has all the information. When all the information is in Barbara will bring it to the Mission Committee for a vote.

Phil is also researching the possibility of St. Barnabas' sharing St. John's DSL line. He will bring a report on feasibility and cost which will be taken to the Mission Committee.

On October 5, **Mae Lynn Mullen** will start attending class at the Work and Technology Center in Baltimore, in "Deaf Pre-employment Office Technology / Word Processing". It will last six to eight months. She will live in a dorm Monday through Friday and on weekends will live in Silver Spring. Mae Lynn needs to find storage space for her bed, bookcase, and mini-refrigerator. Please pray for Mae Lynn's success in a job search. Mae Lynn knows a number of deaf people who work at NIH and would like to work there.

Cathedral Open House Report by Ed Knight

On a beautiful, sunny Saturday, September 25 the Cathedral Open House was attended by the **Rev. Barbara Allen, Kary Dyer, Bram and Stephanie Hightman, Ed Knight, Michael Martin, Ron and Agnes Sutcliffe** and six students from Gallaudet, including **Alexis Downey, Kiombo Nsumbu, Jennifer Reda, Michelle Reids, and Troy Stillwell**, as well as hundreds of other people wandering among the different tents and touring the Cathedral and Close. **Libby McKnight** and **Karen Newquist-Gifford** interpreted. I also had a chance to say hello to **Tracy Dieter** who works part-time for St. Barnabas, **Nancy Connors** who has interpreted at the National Cathedral for many years, and a number of folks from St. John's Norwood.

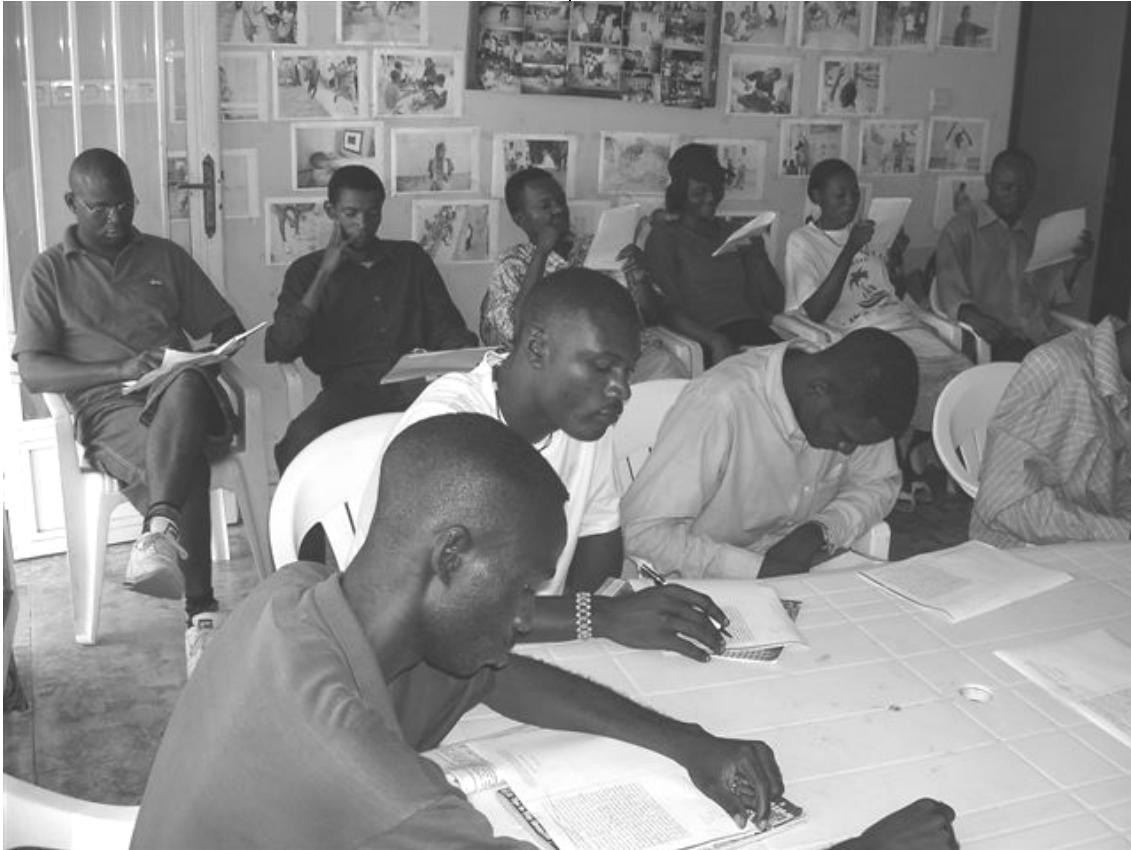
St. Barnabas' had a table with Deaf Awareness materials at a tent on the West Lawn that attracted a number of visitors, including **Susan Scott**, a



graduate student at Gallaudet.

Barbara celebrated the noon Eucharist in St. Joseph's Chapel in sign as the hearing priest celebrated in voice. This was something called an "instructed Eucharist" which means there were explanations of why we have the different parts of the Eucharist service.

3 deaf women who came to study the French course. During the first two weeks, it was overwhelming for these participants to learn the language because they learned many new things in French that they have never learned at their school in the past. But after that, it seemed that the participants' reading and writing skills had progressed



Report on Congo Summer Internship
By Kiombo Nsumbu

Last June 7th 2004, I took a trip to Kinshasa, Congo. It was my second time leaving the Washington area to visit my family during the summer. Not only I went to Kinshasa for a vacation but also I went there to do my internship in teaching French language to deaf adults.

The internship was held in Kinshasa at the Silent Cooperative Center of the Deaf, from June 14th to July 23th 2004. In attendance were 13 deaf men and

rapidly.

After doing my internship and spending time with my family, it was almost impossible for me to return to Washington, DC due to the fact that I had trouble getting with a French transit visa. Thanks God! He was at my side.

And I was very happy to be able to make it to come back here in the United States. For this, I thank you for your prayers and your support.

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**Metro Washington Association of the Deaf-Blind
20th Anniversary Luncheon
Saturday Oct. 30, 2004
"Still in Touch After 20 Years"**



Registration Form

Deadline by Mon. Oct. 18 (payment in advance required and NO payment at the door)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

E-mail address _____

\$22.00 per person

How many?__ Choice Number_____

Choices of Sandwich (1,2,3 or 4)- see below

**Check or money order payable to MWADB-20th Anniversary
and mail to:**

Bruce Denhart, Treasurer

5027 Mangum Road

College Park, MD 20740

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cut on dotted line above

Sat. Oct. 30, 2004-

12:00 Noon to 4:30 P.M.

**(Guest Speaker: Art Roehrig, Vice-President of American Association
of the Deaf-blind)**

**Capital City Brewing Company, 2 Massachusetts Ave. NE, Washington,
D.C.) menu price is \$22.00 per person uncluding tax and gratuity and
there are 4 choices of sandwich.**

**All guests receive a Bier Garden Salad with Amber Balsamic Dressing
and also a pretzel.**

Sandwiches -- choice of:

- 1. Pulled BBQ Pork Sandwich:** house smoked and hand pulled pork simmered in our tangy BBQ sauce and heaped on sesame Kaiser with lettuce, creamy slaw, pickle spear and brew fries
- 2. The Green Patty Candidate:** a juicy grilled vegetarian patty on a rustic roll with lettuce, tomato, red onion, pickle spear, fresh fruit and as many toppings as you would like
- 3. Hofbrau Bratwurst Sandwich --** bratwurst sausages on a toasted hoagie roll topped with saurkraut and melted Swiss cheese. Served with fries, pickle spear and our house made horseradish mustard sauce.
- 4. Amber Chicken Sandwich --** chicken breast marinated in our wine herb marinade and grilled. Topped with Monterey Jack and served on a sesame Kaiser with lettuce, tomato, red onion, pickle spear and brew fries. Spice it up blackened or with our house chipolte BBQ sauce upon request.

Dessert: Monumental Brownie with whipped cream

Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea or Soda

Birthday Cake

Free MWADB souvenir!

Notes: Luncheon will be provided for those SSPs who work with the DBies. That restaurant has an excellent accessibility. it is adjacent to Union Station near the Metrorail and Metrobus also there is "Senate Parking" across street on North Capitol St. The parking lot is free for weekend! Metro stop is on Red line at Union Station.

For rides or SSPs(Interpreting), please contact Sandra Carpe, SSP Coordinator at e-mail address: Sandsky80@aol.com but she does not have a phone.

For questions, contact Steven A. Frank at e-mail address: StevenFrank@juno.com or phone number: 301-519-1490(TTY/Voice)

Thanks,

Steven A. Frank

Chair,

MWADB Recreation, Social and Culture

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

Altar Guild

Marlene Hines, Christina Duley, Phoebe Tharpe

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

Members - at - Large

Mark Kleberg

Jeff Mc Caw

Tonya Stremlau

Other Ministries

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)

2004 Stewardship Committee:

Rudy Hines, Ed Knight, Shelley Simms

Interpreters:

Richard Ellis, Libby McKnight, Karen Newquist-Gifford, Kim Veney

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 October 24. Please submit items to the co-editor, Ed Knight by email, if possible, at knighted@comcast.net.

“The peace of the Lord be always with you”

