

The Messenger

St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church of the Deaf

November 2004

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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 the last Sunday of each month
1:30 PM 7010 Glenn Dale Rd,
Glenn Dale

Gallaudet University Ministry:

Ely Center Room 114 Fridays 11-3:00
during the Academic Year
Discussion group/lunch meeting is held
at noon each Friday
Holy Eucharist celebrated the second
Sun. of each month at 2:00 PM
in the Chapel of the Student Union
Building

Forthcoming Special Events

**9:15 AM Bible Study begins on
November 7. Advent Study will
begin on November 28.**

**November 14 – during the
fellowship time, Canon Paul
Cooney will discuss the possible
ways we can use the Berg Fund to
increase the ministry of St.
Barnabas'.**

**November 21 – Semi-Annual
Congregational Meeting**

**November 28 – United Thank
Offering Ingathering**

**The following Cathedral
Services will be sign
interpreted:**

**Thanksgiving Day Service at
Washington National Cathedral**

Thursday, November 25, 10 a.m.

Thanksgiving Day service with
Holy Communion. **The Rev.
Canon Bruce McPherson,**

preacher; the Rt. Rev. A.
Theodore Eastman, celebrant

Christmas Eve Services

**Friday, December 24, 6 pm and
10 pm**

Lessons and Carols at 6 pm and
Festival Holy Eucharist at 10 pm.
Free passes are required for these
services. See inside newsletter
for form to sign up for the free
passes.

Christmas Day Services

Saturday December 25, 9 am

Festival Holy Eucharist at 9 am
(nationally telecast and close-
captioned). No passes required.

Community Events/Volunteer Opportunities

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

**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

"No Time to Wait" Conference on Deaf Women and HIV/AIDS in Africa June 10-12, 2005

Gallaudet University

Co-sponsored by Gallaudet

University and Howard University

More than 25 million people in
Africa are living with HIV/AIDS.
Given these numbers, one can
only surmise how this epidemic
has affected the lives of many
deaf women who are often
abused, discriminated against,
and denied basic services
because of their deafness. This
conference will bring together
those with expertise in deafness
and HIV/AIDS who share a
passion for justice and change.

Registration Fee:

International Registrant: \$100

U.S. Registrant: \$350

Student: \$100

On-site registration fee add \$50

Complete registration forms must
be received by April 15, 2005.

You can register at the web site:
deafafricanwomen.org

The Pastor's Corner

Jesus said that we must become like little children in order to follow him. Last weekend I took a few days vacation to fly to Syracuse, NY and visit my son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter. My granddaughter is a little over four years old.

When I am with MacKenzie we are "joined at the hip" as they say. I cannot move without her being right there at my side, usually holding my hand. It is a wonderful thing to be so loved and needed.

On last Sunday my son sang in an opera called Otello. I was able to attend that performance. MacKenzie had gone with her mom and dad the week before to the dress rehearsal so she was ready to tell me all about what to watch for at the performance. She really wanted to go with my son (her dad) and me so that she could show me everything herself, but she needed to go with her mom to her ballet lesson.

As we were driving to the theater she suddenly said to her dad, "Daddy, will you hold Thamaw's hand?" (I am called Thamaw). I realized that she wanted to be sure that someone took care of me since she could not go and do it herself.

What a beautiful picture of our relationship with Jesus! We need to be as close to him as MacKenzie is to me and I to her. We need to hold his hand and let him hold ours as we go on the this journey called "life". We need to know that no matter what happens to us he is always there guiding us.

In my relationship with MacKenzie she and I walk together. Sometimes, I teach her but often she teaches me. Last

weekend she reminded me, again, just how dependent we are on Jesus and on each other.

Do you depend on Jesus to take care of you? You can you know?

God bless.

Your friend and pastor,

Barbara+

News from Among Us

Get Well wishes to our own **Kiombo Nsumbu**, Gallaudet Senior who broke his collarbone in October playing soccer. Please keep Kiombo in your prayers.

We are proud to read that our own **Kary Dyer** signed the national anthem at the Delmarva Shorebirds Game and her photo appears in the Fall 2004 issue of the Relay Connection, which is posted on the bulletin board by the church office. Her expression in the photo as she is signing the anthem is quite joyful and uplifting.

At the October 16 Mission Committee meeting was attended by **the Rev. Barbara Allen, Rudy and Marlene Hines, Ed Knight, Shelley Simms and Tonya Stremlau**. Barbara explained new rules for Eucharistic Ministers and that there is no longer a requirement for a EM. to take off a year after three years of service. This means that **Tom Hattaway** can be re-licensed so that Ed Knight will not be the only EM. However, we still need more EMs and Barbara will look into having a special interpreted EM training session for St. Barnabas' led by **Tracy Dieter**.

The Committee reviewed a draft Mission Statement and took the draft home for closer review and editing.

Barbara mentioned there is also a need for new Altar Guild members. **Marlene Hines** reminded us that the Altar Guild member must show up at least 30 minutes prior to the service to set up. Ed Knight suggested that if someone doesn't want to come early, perhaps they could team up with another person so that one person takes the "early shift" before the service and the other person takes the "late shift" after the service.

It is to be noted that you do not have to be a member of the Altar Guild to help clean up on Sunday after the service. We are grateful to those who help frequently even though they are not on the Altar Guild.

Barbara also announced that for now the Signed Eucharist at St. George's Glenn Dale will continue to be celebrated on the last Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM.

During the month of October, **the Rev. Barbara Allen** delivered the Holy Eucharist to the homes of **Mary Malzkuhn, Kiombo Nsumbu,** and **Phoebe Tharp.** On October 16, **Ed Knight** and **Michael Martin** delivered the Holy Eucharist to **Leira Wurdemann** at Brooke Grove Retirement Village.

Report on Region 3 Assembly **By Ed Knight**

On Saturday, October 23, I attended the Episcopal Diocese of Washington Region 3 Assembly at St. Dunstan's in Bethesda. **Libby McKnight** and **Karen Newquist** were present to interpret but unfortunately no deaf people attended.

About 50 people attended the Holy Eucharist, followed by a Welcome by **Bishop John Bryson Chane** and a presentation on "Congregational Development: Reaching the Unchurched and the Dechurched" by **the Rev. George G. Hunter III**, a professor at Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky and author of a number of books including [The Celtic Way of Evangelism: How Christianity Can Reach the West...Again.](#)

For the most part I am paraphrasing, not using exact quotes.

Small churches that grow adopt people into the life of a clan. *Invite people to share in doing something useful for other people.*

There is a lot of truth in the old saying "Christian faith is more caught than taught". Much of evangelism is based upon listening. Pray with people and pray for people.

I have a few notes from the Q&A time with **Bishop Chane**. I am paraphrasing, not being exact. The diocesan staff spends much time helping congregations that are in conflict or crisis. The problem is often made worse by outdated bylaws. The diocese needs congregations to have uniform bylaws. Every congregation needs to re-evaluate their bylaws. It would be helpful to have "boilerplate" bylaws for congregations to use in getting their bylaws into compliance. Although diocesan staff can help, congregations in the diocese also need to reach out to each other and help each other.

More news from among us

Gallaudet Home Coming was also held on October 23. Among

St. Barnabas' members who attended Gallaudet Home Coming were **Rudy and Marlene Hines, Ginny Lindsay, Shelley Simms, and Ed Knight** attended an event after the Regional Assembly. **Rudy and Marlene Hines** went to an event honoring Gallaudet alumni who had graduated more than 50 years ago. Rudy's class was 1947. Rudy Hines and the others in that group were honored with a luncheon and a bronze medallion. Afterward, Rudy and Marlene went to Baltimore to help **Olive and William Kelly** celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary and William Kelly's 90th birthday.

On October 24, **Tom Hattaway** led the Morning Prayer service with Ed Knight voicing for Tom's daughter **Emily** and a couple of other hearing visitors. During coffee hour, Ed asked Tom how he had learned his High Church gestures, like making the sign of the cross with the thumb on the forehead, mouth and chest. Tom said he had attended an Episcopal School in Tallahassee Florida. Tom explained how the various gestures he uses show reverence.

Thank you to St. Barnabas' members for donating \$230 to Advocates for Communication Technology for Deaf-Blind People which was delivered at the Sign-a-thon held in Owings Mills Mall on Oct 10. The Sign-a-thon had a slightly smaller crowd than usual yet still raised over \$2,500 and was therefore a financial success. St. Barnabas' members **Ed Knight, Mae Lynn Mullen and Shelley Simms** attended.

Advocates for Communication Technology for Deaf-Blind People is a volunteer, non-profit organization established and incorporated in 1987 for the purpose of enhancing communication for Deaf-Blind People

through technology. ACT sponsors events to raise money and purchase communications technology and support services for Deaf-Blind people who would not otherwise be able to afford it.

If you missed the Sign-A-thon and would like to help Deaf-Blind people in the Maryland/Washington, D.C. area, you can send a check payable to ACT, Inc and return it to:

ACT, Inc
911 Regina Drive
Baltimore, MD 21227

On Saturday October 30, Metro Washington Association of the Deaf-Blind held a 20th-Anniversary Luncheon at Capital City Brewing Company in NE D.C. near Union Station, and St. Barnabas' members **Iris Gomes, Jim and Ginny Lindsay, Ed Knight, Michael Martin, Mae Lynn Mullen and Shelley Simms** attended to celebrate. 82 people attended including 24 deaf-blind people. Thanks to **Ginny, Iris** and all the volunteer Support Service Providers for helping with the tactile interpreting and in general being useful to deaf-blind people.

The **Rev. Peggy Johnson** of Christ UMC of the Deaf brought a busload of people from Baltimore and led the opening prayer. Former President **Blaise Delahoussaye** gave a speech about MWADB history and mentioned the role that former St. Barnabas' vicar **the Rev. Jay Croft and Dr. Frances Croft** played in founding MWADB. He talked about how important MWADB has been in helping the local deaf-blind population fight loneliness, learn that they are not alone in their frustrations and share ideas for coping.

In addition to the current president and Blaise, former MWADB presidents **Ann Black, Steven Frank, Jamie McNamara Pope, Lisa Pugh** and the first MWADB president **Jack Wright** stood together for a photo opportunity.

American Association of the Deaf-Blind Vice President and MWADB parliamentarian **Arthur Roehrig** gave a speech about his role in the history of MWADB and how the deaf-blind community has changed in the past 20 years, particularly due to changes in technology and attitudes.

Art said that 20 years ago deaf-blind people relied on the Postal Service to communicate or were just starting to use the TeleBraille which had then recently

entirely through email and the MWADB board voted using an Email Voting Protocol.

Now AADB has three full-time staffers working on legislation and lobbying. Although the Federal government keeps count of deaf-blind youths there is no Federal census of deaf-blind adults. The Federal government helps support the Helen Keller National Center in New York which trains deaf-blind adults in independent living skills and vocational rehabilitation, but there is no national clearinghouse of resources for deaf-blind adults. AADB has started collecting that information and is establishing a national SSP network.

Art said it is important for the deaf-blind



been invented. Now computers with Braille or large visual display technology and email allow deaf-blind-people to meet in cyberspace. A case in point, planning for the luncheon was done

community to know their values, to have dreams, and to strategize to achieve those dreams.

Ann Black gave a generous surprise gift to MWADB and led the song “Happiness is Keeping in Touch”, and then everyone had birthday cake. Congratulations to MWADB Rec and Social Committee Chair **Steven Frank**, SSP Coordinator **Sandra Carpe**, MWADB Treasurer **Bruce Denhart** and the entire MWADB Board for a

that the Episcopal Church is flexible on the existence of Purgatory. Personally, he believes baptism is what makes us saints, at least “lower-case s” saints.

Roger+ also humorously asked what members of the congregation had in common with Halloween pumpkins. First, God took you out of the patch and



successful event!

On October 31, **the Rev. Dr. Roger Pickering** celebrated Holy Eucharist rite II. His sermon had a Halloween theme. He explained that the name Halloween comes from All Hallows Eve. All Saints Day used to be called All Hallows Day. The day after All Saints Day is All Souls Day. All Saints Day originated as a day to honor the saints who are not famous. The Roman Catholic doctrine teaches that some souls go to Purgatory at least for a while instead of going straight to Heaven, and All Souls Day is a day to pray for those souls. Roger+ explained

washed you clean. Second, God took out all the yucky stuff inside you (like greed and hate). Then God put a smile on your face and put a light inside you for all the world to see.

Treasurer's Report

By Ed Knight

Jim Lindsay has completed the ECD Convention ledger report and it is posted on the bulletin board beside the parish office. He turned in a check to St. Barnabas for \$1,674.30 that is St. Barnabas' 50 percent share of the profit from the ECD Convention.

**Sign-up Form for Free Passes to Interpreted
Christmas Eve Services at the National Cathedral**

Lessons and Carols at 6 pm and Festival Holy Eucharist at 10 pm. Free passes are required for these services.

Deadline: December 5

Name: _____

Phone or email: _____

6 pm: **number of tickets** _____

10 pm: **number of tickets** _____

Special information for deaf-blind:

Need close-up interpreting _____

Need tactile interpreting _____

For help finding an SSP for this event, contact Ed Knight at e-mail address: Knighredd@comcast.net

Mail to:

The Rev. Barbara A. Allen
St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church of the Deaf
6701 Wisconsin Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Parking will be especially hard to find on the Cathedral grounds on Christmas Eve but every year the Cathedral offers a shuttle bus from parking behind the Fannie Mae building a few blocks North on Wisconsin Ave, and also a shuttle from the Tenleytown Metro.

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Survey of Choices for 2005 Activity at National Cathedral

ACTIVITY OPTION ONE:

Pilgrimage to the Washington National Cathedral
Interpreters Provided

This is not a mainstreamed activity. It will be a Deaf group
9:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Tentative Date March 12

Pilgrimage procession through Olmsted Woods
(or Labyrinth Walk inside, depending on weather)

Learn more about prayer practices

Worship at the noon service

Lunch Included

\$35 – Adults

\$30 – Seniors and Youth

\$25 – NCA Members

How many?_____ Total fee: _____

Is March 12 good for you? Yes ___ No ___

ACTIVITY OPTION TWO:

Cathedral Crossroads
Last Tuesday of the Month
Interpreters Provided
6:30 PM to 9 PM

Labyrinth Walk
Discussion Program
Centering Prayer
Not a private event

Free!

How many?_____

Please turn in (or mail in) survey form to the Rev. Barbara Allen or Ed Knight
The activity which gets the most votes will be scheduled and announced in the
newsletter. The activity with fewer votes may be scheduled at a later date.

Worship Ministries

Rector: The Rev. Barbara A. Allen

Consultant for Deaf Ministry:

The Rev. Dr. Roger Pickering

Eucharistic Ministers/Response Leaders

Tom Hattaway

Ed Knight

Eucharistic Visitor: Ed Knight

Acolyte: Nancy Conger

Altar Guild

Marlene Hines, Christina Duley, Phoebe Tharp

Mission Committee

Chair: The Rev. Barbara A. 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

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Other Ministries

Hospitality Chair: Kary Dyer

Tellers

Rudy Hines, James Lindsay, John Ricciardi

Newsletter Co-editors

The Rev. Barbara A. Allen, Ed Knight

Webmaster: Derek Braun

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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

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Next Deadline for Messenger submissions is November 21. Please submit items to the co-editor, Ed Knight by email, if possible, at knightedd@comcast.net.

"The peace of the Lord be always with you"