

THE MESSENGER

August/September 2005

A congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington

FORTHCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Regional Assembly

October 22 9 AM-1 PM

Grace Church SilverSpring

ASL-interpreted

Bible Study Group

This group meets at the home of **Mary Malzkuhn** every Tues. at 2:00 PM. Mary's address is 5812 Mentana St., New Carrollton, MD 20784. This is not only a study but a time for sharing personal stories, questions and searching for answers together.

New ECD Board

Bill Mosier --President

Barbara Allen--1st Vice President

Carla McCook -- 2nd Vice President

Marianne Stephens -- Secretary

David Early -- Treasurer

Cass Martensen -- Member at Large

Mary Malzkuhn -- Member at Large

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A Celebration and Thanksgiving for the life of

Ruth Davis Phillips

November 20, 1916 — August 13, 2005

Was held at

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church of the Deaf

August 20, 2005 1 PM

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THE REV. DR. ROGER PICKERING SERMON NOTES

On June 5, **Father Roger** gave a sermon on the gospel reading of Hosea 5:15-6:6 in which the prophet Hosea gives us a definition of the nature of God. The Hebrew word is Chesed, which can be interpreted as mercy or steadfast love. In the story Hosea's wife is unfaithful to him but he forgives her. God treats Israel (and us) the way Hosea treats his straying wife

— with forgiveness and steadfast love.

We also know about God's loving nature through the example of Jesus Christ.

Jesus shared table-fellowship with sinners such as tax-collectors, in a society where it was a sin to eat with sinners. Jesus reveals the extent of God's love. Jesus came into the world to save sinners. The

church is called a hospital for sinners. God is faithful without limit. God cares about our misbehavior and it hurts him deeply but God never withholds love. As the Gospel reading says, God desires steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

MEETING WITH CANON TO THE ORDINARY

On June 26, the Mission Committee met with Canon to the Ordinary **Paul Cooney**. **Mother Barbara, Tom Hattaway, Marlene and Rudy Hines, Ed Knight, Wendy Kohashi-Ikezawa, Jim Lindsay, Mary Malzkuhn, Mae Lynn Mullen, and Shelley Simms** attended. A

Canon to the Ordinary serves as a sort of lawyer for the diocese. Paul explained that in the Episcopal Church there are three kinds of congregations: Mission, Parish, and Cathedral. A mission is a church of the diocese, or a church of the bishop. A parish is a self-supporting separate corporation. A

cathedral is the one parish in any diocese where the Bishop is seated. Each type of congregation has its own type of clergy: a Mission has a Vicar, a Parish has a Rector, and a Cathedral has a Dean. The governing body of a Mission is a Mission Committee while for a parish it is a vestry and a Cathedral has a chapter.

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Every member of the Episcopal Church is equal; the different titles have to do with custom, not status.

The Bishop wants to make it clear that regardless of the name "mission" or "church" that St. Barnabas' is a *permanent* congregation of the diocese.

Rudy Hines pointed out that unlike other missions, we serve the whole diocese. (Our members come from several Maryland counties and several quadrants of D.C.)

The role of bishop is a role of oversight. Paul said that Bishop Chane sees over-

sight as support: the Bishop is there to support the work of the Vicar and the Mission Committee.

Thank you to Paul Cooney for coming to worship with us and to clarify for us some Episcopal terminology.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER:

On August 3, 2005 the ECD Board received an e-mail from **the Rev. Jay Croft**, ECD President, stating that due to numerous personal responsibilities he felt that he could not continue in his office and was resigning from the Board immediately. He said that he would not attend Convention and was passing on the presidency, pro tempore, to me, the First Vice-President. We were all shocked, but I think I was most taken aback!

However, I knew that somewhere in this difficult situation there was something to be learned. I soon received e-mails from the Board members reminding me that we were a team and would work together as we always have. They reminded me that I "was not alone". What a comforting feeling, "not alone". We all arrived on August 8 and began our preparation for Convention which would begin on August 10. Â Two days of hard work brought us great benefit and we were ready for Convention to begin.

The St. Thomas Church of the Deaf Committee did a fantastic job in planning and hosting us. The theme of this 69th ECD Convention was **Recharge and Energize**. We met at the Pallotine Spiritual Center in Florissant, MO, just outside of St. Louis. A beautiful, quiet Catholic center where five sisters of the

Pallotine Order live there and manage the facility. They were wonderfully warm, welcoming and cooperative in every way!

The Convention was especially inspiring this year. We saw many new faces, persons who had never before attended an ECD Convention. We elected one of those new persons, **the Rev. Carla McCook** from Salem, VA, to the ECD Board as Second Vice President. **The Rev. Deacon William Mosier** from St. Hilda's in Portland, OR was elected President. I was re-elected to a second term as First Vice-President. **David Early** from St. Thomas was re-elected as Treasurer. Dave is going on his tenth year. **The Rev. Marianne Stevens**, Vicar of All Souls', Philadelphia, was re-elected as Secretary. Our own **Dr. Mary Malzkuhn** was elected as Member at Large and **Cass Martensen** from San Diego, CA was re-elected as Member at Large. Mary was also our delegate to Convention and **Ginny Lindsay** was the alternate.

We welcomed **the Upchurches** from Norman, OK. Stan is an ordained deacon and serves his church in Norman. He has been losing his hearing for the past seven years or so. He learned of the ECD and felt he wanted to become a part of us along with his wife. Stan teaches history and is an historian. He has done a great deal of work with the National

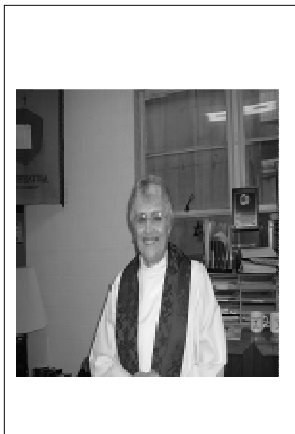
Church Archives and has promised to work with the Board in an advisory capacity on how to preserve the historical records of the ECD.

The Rev. Roy Brown, Vicar of St. Andrews Church of the Deaf in Boston was our Chaplain as well as our techie for all the electronic devices we use to make Convention as accessible as possible. He spoke on What is the Church? using hand drawings which he had done himself. The main idea was to determine the difference between Church and church. Do you know the difference?

All in all we had a great Convention! Almost forty people attended with over fifty coming to share in the banquet on Saturday night. Great food, great accommodations, great fellowship, inspiring workshops and Chaplain time, peaceful surroundings and great cooperation and teamwork!

On the Sunday before I left our gospel was on Peter walking on the water to Jesus. You may remember that I used that to illustrate what I felt I had been suddenly called to do. I was inspired when a number of you began to use that expression when you talked of having a difficult task to do. We are often called to "walk on water", at least it feels like that. Let Jesus buoy you up in those times and you *can* "walk on water".

Love and blessings,
Barbara+



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES/MWADB FALL SCHEDULE

Metro Washington Association of the Deaf-Blind

Schedule of Events Sept.-Dec. 2005

To volunteer as support service provider/ride: contact Sandra Carpe, SSP Coordinator e-mail address: sandsky80@aol.com



Mae Mullen and Shelley Simms are active in MWADB

Sat. Sept. 24th: 7:00 to 10:00pm Verbal Auction at Catholic Deaf Center, 7202 Buchanan Street Landover, MD.

Sat. Oct. 15th: 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Healthy Salad Night/Fundraiser at Flex A, Student Academic Center, Gallaudet University, 800 Florida Ave. NE, Washington DC

Admission: \$8.00
Sat. Nov. 19th: 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. Annual Thanksgöing potluck dinner; Election night; Holiday Bazaar at Multi-purpose Room, Student Academic Center, Gallaudet University, 800 Florida Ave. NE, Washington, D.C. Admission: \$10.00 per person; \$5.00 under age of 12

Sat. Dec. 10th from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Holiday party at Northern Virginia Resource Center (NVRC), 3951 Pender Drive, Suite 130 Fairfax VA
Admission: TBA
Door prizes; games and surprise!
Please bring food to share

like appetizers; raw vegetables and dip; cheese and crackers; light sandwiches; dessert and drinks.
For more questions: contact Steven Frank at e-mail address: steven-frank@juno.com or phone number at 301-519-1490 tty/v



Michael Martin is active in MWADB too



Steven Frank and Ted Blake chatting at MWADB Mardi Gras party



Syle



Gallaudet

August 27 is a day set aside to honor the reverends **Henry Winter Syle and Thomas Gallaudet**, pioneers in American Deaf ministry. The Rev. Dr. Gallaudet was personally responsible for organizing many Episcopal deaf congregations throughout the country. The Rev. Henry Winter Syle was ordained in 1876 beginning a long tradition of clergy who are Deaf in the Episcopal church.

JULY 4TH WEEKEND SERVICE

On July 3, **Mother Barbara** gave a sermon about war and peace. She had received an email from a friend in Kentucky asking for our prayers, including a prayer that the war in Iraq end soon if it is God's will. Mother Barbara's reaction was that it is never God's will that war begin in the first place. Wars happen because people will them to happen. Wars begin

because people want something — power, land, forcing someone else to do things my way, or even the belief that short-term war will win long-term peace.

There is also a war inside of us, as Saint Paul describes in Romans. Mother Barbara recalled a story she had heard from an American Indian myth that we each have two wolves inside of us — one that is

peaceful and one that is violent. The two wolves are fighting within us. The one that wins is the one that we choose to feed.

Mother Barbara has heard people refer to some personal hardship such as caring for an aging relative as "my cross to bear". She believes that fighting this internal war is our true cross to bear.

RUTH DAVIS PHILLIPS MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Saturday August 20, about 160 people attended the Memorial Eucharist for **Ruth Davis Phillips** at St. John's Norwood Episcopal Church.

The pastor and many members of St. Barnabas' participated in the service: the **Rev. Barbara A. Allen** was celebrant, **Ed Knight**

was response leader, **Rudy Hines** read the first lesson, **Mary Malzkuhn** and **Virginia Lindsay** served as chalice bearers, **Ron Sutcliffe** was an usher, **Rudy Hines** was crucifer, **James Lindsay** was acolyte, **Tracy Dieter** of Cathedral College was verger. The pastor and many members of Christ Lutheran

Church of the Deaf in Silver Spring also participated: **Pastor Ron Friedrich** was the Gospeler and Preacher, **Don Peterson** read the second lesson, and **Martin Roth** served as an usher. Ruth Davis Phillips' niece **Pat De Caro** and **Ruth Peterson**, family friend, shared their fond memo-



ries.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy make take the form of contributions to:

Gallaudet University
Alumni Association 800
Florida Ave, NE Washing-
ton, DC 20002

Or —

St. Barnabas Episcopal
Church of the Deaf
6701 Wisconsin Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Or —

Christ Lutheran Church of
the Deaf
9545 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Condolences may be sent
to the family in care of:

Roxanna Virunurm
8557 King Carter Street
Manassas, VA 22110

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/>

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, Ginny Lindsay, Mary Malzkuhn

Eucharistic Visitor: Ed Knight

Acolyte: Nancy Conger

Altar Guild

Marlene Hines, Christina Duley, Phoebe Tharp

Mission Committee

Chair: The Rev. Barbara A. Allen

Until March 2006

Asst. Vice Chair - Shelley Simms
Secretary - Rudy Hines
Treasurer - Ed Knight
Members at Large: Mark Kleberg and Tonya Stremiau

Until March 2007

Vice-Chair – Tom Hattaway
Members at Large: Wendy Ikezawa-Kohashi, and Jim Lindsay

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Rudy Hines, James Lindsay, John Ricciardi

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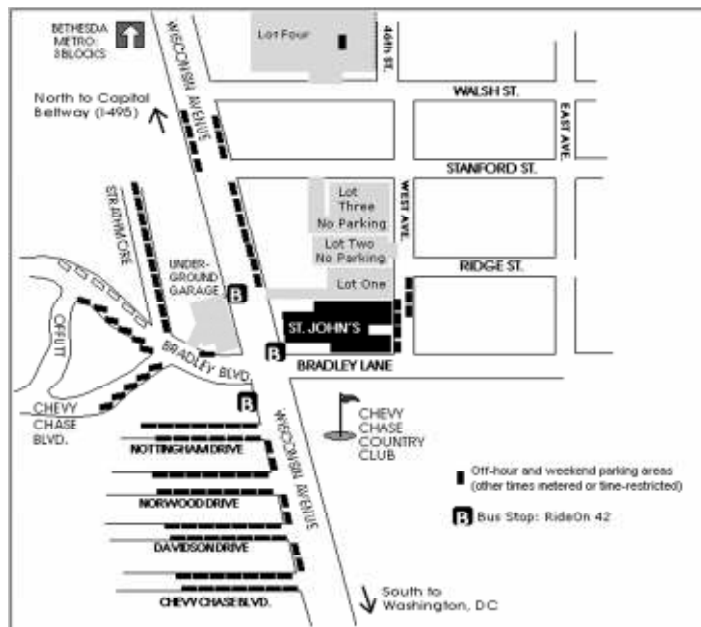
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ON THE WEB AT
STBARNABASDEAF.EDOW.ORG

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 1ST AND 3RD
SUNDAYS OF EACH MONTH 2:00 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



St. Barnabas' meets in St. Mary's Chapel at St. John's Norwood Church at the corner of Wisconsin Ave and Bradley Lane