

ST.BARNABAS' EPSCOPAL CHURCH OF THE DEAF

# THE MESSENGER

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A congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington



## **Bishop to meet with Mission Committee and Congregation**

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 14 **the Right Rev. John B. Chane** (picture on right) will meet with the Mission Committee and all members of the congregation who wish to attend from 7-9 PM. This will be an informal meeting where all will have opportunity to participate. Coffee and tea will be provided but no food. The bishop does this kind of informal conversation with every church prior to his annual visitation. Please try to attend if at all possible and bring your questions, concerns, praises and complaints.

## **Bishop's Visit**

On December 18 we welcome **Bishop Chane** and will also have our **United Thank Offering In-gathering**. The bishop will consecrate our new office and also new altar linens, host box and carafe.

## **Washington National Cathedral Christmas Eve Service**

ASL Interpreted

Passes are required for the 6 pm Service of Lessons and Carols as well as the 10 pm Festival Holy Eucharist on December 24. St. Barnabas' has six tickets to the 6 PM service and six tickets to the 10 PM service. Most of the 6 PM service tickets are still available. If you would like

to go, see **Ed Knight**

Christmas Day service

ASL interpreted (no pass required) 9 am Festival Holy Eucharist; televised with closed captions

## **CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S AT ST. BARNABAS'**

**Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 PM in St. Mary's Chapel**

**Christmas Day 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist in St Mary's Chapel followed by Coffee Hour**

**New Year's Day 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist**

Plan to bring a favorite appetizer or dessert to share for Coffee Hour following the service.

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Our Bishop, **the Right Rev. John B. Chane**

Corrections to previous issue:

The dates of the Mission Committee Retreat were Oct. 28-29 not 29-30

Clarification: Rather than saying the committee decided to use the remainder of the Soper fund for a vicar's assistant, it would have been accurate to say that the committee will recommend this to the church for the congregation's approval.



**Shelley Simms, Jim Lindsay, Kiombo Nsumbu and Elaine Laird** converse during coffee hour on November 6.

**The Rev. Jay Croft, former Vicar of St. Barnabas retires**

Jay wrote: "Yes, I am now officially retired as of yesterday. The bishop suffragan came, and both daughters and one granddaughter. It was a great day, with the Eucharist in the morning, then dedication of the parish hall in honor of **the Rev. Cam Desmarais**, then lunch, then some kind words from various people and finally the unveiling of my portrait."

Congratulations to the Rev. Croft on his retirement.

## THE PASTOR'S CORNER:

*This year Christmas falls on Sunday. I am hoping to see many of you in St. Mary's Chapel on Christmas Day. Come and celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. I am looking forward to seeing you.*

*Thank you to everyone who has been so faithful in this past year in your attendance, your hard work in various areas of church life and in your giving.*

*I pray God's blessings upon us all as we begin a New Year of worship and outreach.*

*Your pastor and friend,*

*Barbara+*



### A Message from the President of the Episcopal Conference of the Deaf (reprinted from ECD website)

In the fall I like to step back a little and take a look at where God is leading us. Fall is a time of renewed vigor in the Community and the Church. It is a time of new school programs and stewardship drives.

We, in the deaf community, are called to continually hold each other close. Stewardship is about using the gifts of God to do that.

What we do not often realize, is that the "Gifts of God" involve all of God's Creation. We need to continually remind people that we are all included as gifts of God.

Stewardship is not really about money - Stewardship is about people and being people of God. It is about using the gifts that God has given us for all of God's creation. The Church does indeed need your monetary support because the church in its work is about people of God.

Who are the people of God? It might surprise you to learn that most of the people of God are not in church. If we really want to practice stewardship we need to bring the church out to those people. We also need to bring those people into the church.

As we approach the holy season of Advent, I would like to encourage people of the ECD to look to the coming of the Gift and how we can make that gift known in the Deaf Community.

Blessings always,

The Rev'd Deacon Bill Mosier

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90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR PHOEBE THARP IN PARISH HALL  
PHOTOS COURTESY OF GINNY LINDSAY



**PHOEBE THARP PARTY (REPORTED BY KARY HATTAWAY)**

On November 13, Sunday right after the church service, St. Barnabas Church with the help of the committees, **Kary Hattaway, Mary Malzkuhn, Christina Duley and Madeline Misanetizen** hosted a lovely birthday luncheon celebration in the Parish Hall for our long time church member, **Phoebe Tharp** who turns 90 this

year. About 35 people came to see her, including her sons and daughter and grandchildren who all traveled from different states such as Michigan, Boston, California and New York. We provided delicious food and a huge birthday cake and most of us gave a very heartwarming speeches about her, especially the contribution she has made

for St. Barnabas over many years. Her family was pleased to know more about her life with the church and friends. We will always cherish Phoebe and we wish her a happy healthy years to come. Lastly, we want to thank her family and other people who have came and wanted to help us with the party.



On Thursday November 3, **Mae Mullen** was surprised by a birthday party organized by **Ann Black** held at On the Border restaurant in Rockville. **Mother Barbara** attended and so did St. Barnabas' members **Iris Gomes, Ed Knight, and Jim and Ginny Lindsay**. Pictured here, L-R are **Georgi Ilochka, Mae Mullen**, (behind her is a server), **Paul Dymoke**, Mae's friend and her son and Mother Barbara.



*Editor's note: we had this story last month but accidentally missed the photos emailed from **Jim Lindsay**, so we are reprinting it with the photos. (Thanks, Jim)*

Our daughter, Kathryn, discovered a new plant in Colorado. **Kathryn Lindsay** is a wildlife biologist with National Forest. It will be named something else like Two-forked moonwort or *Botrychium bifurcatum*.

**Mary Malzkuhn** and her son **Brian Malzkuhn** at coffee hour on November 27. Brian was visiting from Fremont CA.



## THANKS TO ST. BARNABAS MEMBERS

Since the last newsletter when we reported that the office had been repainted, **Tom Hattaway** and **Jim Lindsay** have made much more progress on the renovations of the St. Barnabas' office. The old worn-out carpet is gone and now there is a very nice new carpet. There are new decorations mounted on the walls. There is now a mirror on the inside of the

closet door to help with vesting. Soon there will be a new desk. Also soon there will be a new computer to replace the old one that failed, with a capacity for video relay service. Thank you to Tom and Jim, Steve Holst and others whose names we may not have at this writing for your very hard work!

Thank you to **Mae Lynn Mullen** for taking over the birthday card ministry.

Thank you to those who prepared for **Phoebe Tharp's** birthday party especially the committee members **Kary Hattaway, Mary Malzkuhn, Christina Duley** and **Mae Mullen**.

## MWADB THANKSGIVING DINNER

St. Barnabas' members **Iris Gomes, Ed Knight, Michael Martin, Mae Mullen** and **Shelley Simms** for went to the MWADB Thanksgiving Dinner on November 19. Approximately 60 people attended, about one-third of them deaf-blind persons. Friend of St. Barnabas' **Georgi Ilochka** also attended.

Shelley Simm's roommate **Betsy Wohl** won a third term as President. Social chair **Steven Frank** had planned to bring the turkey but his 83-year-old mother had died the week before of natural causes, so **Blaise Delahoussaye** took over the responsibility and everything worked out. **Ed Knight** took Steven Frank to Queens, NY for the funeral and interpreted for

him. Ed was interested to learn about Jewish funeral customs. The rabbi gave Steven a black ribbon to wear and cut the ribbon, then Steven tore the ribbon some more, to symbolize grief. Steven also received a big memorial candle that burns for a week. **Condolences to Steven Frank can be sent to:**

**stevenfrank@juno.com.**

## A CELEBRATION OF GIVING

The 2006 Stewardship Program is off to a great start. Sincere thanks is extended to each of you who have pledged to date. Though additional pledges continue to be received we still have a long way to go before reaching our goal of \$ 30,000.00.

For those of you who have not yet pledged, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a financial commitment to St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church of the Deaf for 2006 by filling out the pledge at the bottom of this page and returning it to us either by mail or bringing it to church and placing it in the offering plate.

A pledge is a non-binding statement of what you think you would be contributing to St. Barnabas' in 2006. Even if you only make a contribution this pledge is important to the health and well-being of our church. Your pledge, regardless of amount, is so very important to us. We encourage all who support our church's mission to contribute through pledging. To help us in planning our 2006 budget please try to return your pledge no later than December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Remember, a pledge is not a legally binding obligation but a good faith statement of your intentions for the coming year whether as a casual participant or as an established member. You are an important part of this congregation and we look forward to the coming year with you.

Yours in Christ,

Rudy Hines, Stewardship Chair

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In thankful appreciation for the gifts that God has given us.  
My/our gift to support the work of St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church of the Deaf is:  
(Please choose one.)

\$\_\_\_\_\_ weekly \$\_\_\_\_\_ monthly \$\_\_\_\_\_ annually \$\_\_\_\_\_ other

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for helping our church mission and ministries for 2006  
Please return this portion to: St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church of the Deaf  
6701 Wisconsin Avenue  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

## BOOK REVIEW — A GENEROUS OTHODOXY BY BRIAN McLAREN

Reviewed by Ed Knight

I just finished an interesting book by Brian McLaren entitled "a Generous Orthodoxy". McLaren is a pastor of a church in Maryland who grew up in a very conservative Christian tradition and since then has acquired a great deal of experience worshipping and working with Christians from a wide variety of traditions. He values tradition and orthodoxy but not as ways to define "in-groups" and "out-groups". The subtitle of his book suggests that he identifies with more than twenty different flavors of Christianity, including both liberal and conservative. It made me wonder if he could possibly be serious about belonging to so many traditions some of which seem mutually exclusive. Although the book is often humorous in tone, he actually is serious about the subtitle, devoting one chapter to each of these Christian denominations or traditions. McLaren's faith journey took him through many denominations but he never completely rejected his earlier churches and instead integrated them into his faith. Although he describes himself as an amateur without theological credentials, his writing shows an encyclopedic knowledge of many Christian traditions.

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McLaren gives an overview of different understandings of salvation. "For conservative Protestants and Roman Catholics ... Jesus saves individuals through the cross and resurrection; for Eastern Orthodox followers, Jesus saves the world through the incarnation; for liberal Protestants and Anabaptists, Jesus saves through his teaching and example." McLaren then asks a question that seems obvious but I hadn't heard before -- why not celebrate all of these ways of affirming Jesus as Savior?

McLaren does believe in personal salvation, but has decided over the years that following Jesus should not be about personal salvation alone, which can be self-interested. Instead for McLaren, following Jesus is more about sharing and making evident God's love for the world — a world that is in serious need of healing. McLaren is not so much interested in the theological arguments about who goes to heaven (exclusivism Vs. inclusivism Vs. universalism) because God will make those decisions without our help. Where God needs our help is in saving the world from the real danger of mankind destroying it, and in sharing the gospel in ways that encourage others to join us. McLaren believes in looking at people from other religions not as enemies but as "beloved neighbors". McLaren hopes to express his love for Jesus in a persuasive way that leads individuals from any religion into becoming followers of Jesus without necessarily giving up their tradition.

McLaren says "although I believe Jesus is my personal savior, I am not a Christian for that reason. I am a Christian because I believe that Jesus is the savior of the whole world."

McLaren describes "emergent" Christianity, which if I understand correctly is not so much a theology as a philosophy that respects the theological roots of Christianity and yet sees Christian orthodoxy as a process that is still unfolding. McLaren compares "emergent" Christianity with a cross-section of a tree: "each ring represents not a replacement of the previous rings, not a rejection of them, but an embracing of them, a comprising of them and inclusion of them into something bigger."



Note: the senior warden, the junior warden and two members-at-large are elected during odd-numbered years and the secretary and treasurer and 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**

**Vicar:** The Rev. Barbara A. Allen

**Consultant for Deaf Ministry:** The Rev. Dr. Roger Pickering

### **Eucharistic Minister/Response Leader:**

Tom Hattaway, Ed Knight, Ginny Lindsay, Mary Malzkuhn

**Eucharistic Visitor:** Ed Knight

**Altar Guild:** Marlene Hines, Christina Duley, Mae Mullen

**Acolyte:** Nancy Conger

### **Mission Committee:**

Chair: The Rev. Barbara A. Allen

#### **Officers elected during odd-numbered years:**

Vice-Chair: Tom Hattaway

Members-at-large: Wendy Ikezawa-Kohashi and Jim Lindsay

#### **Officers elected during even-numbered years**

Asst. Vice Chair: Shelley Simms

Secretary: Rudy Hines

Treasurer: Ed Knight

Members-at-large: Mark Kleberg and Tonya Stremlau

### **Other Ministries:**

Hospitality Chair: Kary Hattaway

Tellers: Rudy Hines, Jim Lindsay, John Ricciardi

Newsletter co-editors: the Rev. Barbara A. Allen, Ed Knight

Webmaster: Derek Braun

Parish Office Volunteer: Shell Kimble

Greeting Card Ministry: Mae Lynn Mullen

ECD Delegate: Mary Malzkuhn

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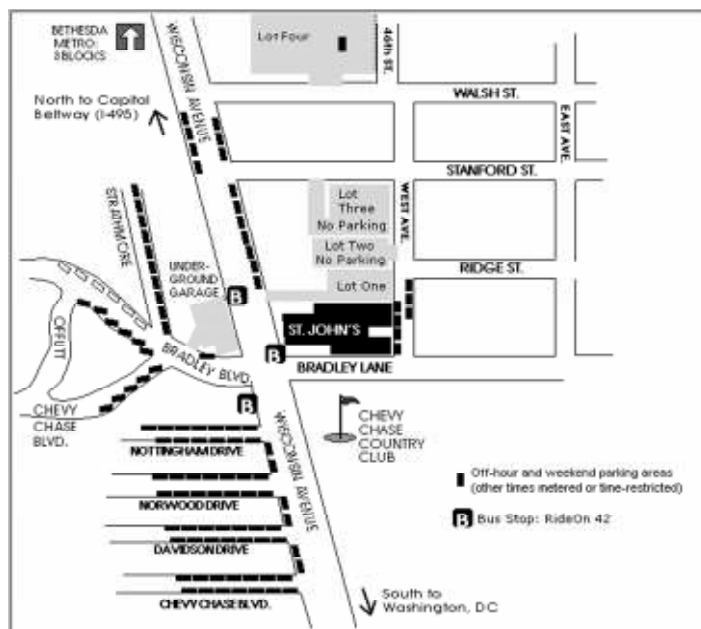
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WEEKLY 10 AM HOLY EUCHARIST  
SERVICE  
WITH HEALING SERVICE 3RD SUNDAYS  
ST. MARY'S CHAPEL AT  
ST. JOHN'S, NORWOOD  
6701 WISCONSIN AVENUE AT BRADLEY  
LANE, CHEVY CHASE, MD. 20815

SATELLITE 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*