

THE MESSENGER

June/July 2005

A congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington

FORTHCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

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.

Please join us any Tuesday that you are free! Recently, two men have joined the group. So now we are truly co-ed.

Cathedral Crossroads

Tuesday, June 28, 6:30 PM

Special theatrical performance of An Almost Holy Picture performed

by the Rev. Brian Baker

These programs are interpreted in ASL and are usually held in Perry Auditorium.



Emelia Chukwama at Treasurer's Workshop (story p 4)



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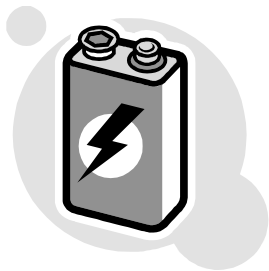
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EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF 2005 CONVENTION "RECHARGE AND ENERGIZE"

August 10-14 2005

Pallottine Renewal Center near St. Louis MO. Visit www.ecdeaf.com for details or email ECDSL2005@hotmail.com You will find a registration

form in the Winter 2005 Deaf Episcopalian or you may download it from the ECD website www.ecdeaf.com. Get your registration in early. This will be a great convention held in historic city.



NEWS FROM AMONG US

Mae Lynn Mullen shares the following news:

Hi to you all,

I am writing this to share with you about my birth family. First, I was informed by Eastern Social Welfare Society, ESWS (name of adoption agency in South Seoul, Korea) and Dillon International (name of adoption agency in Tulsa, OK) last October to let me know of my birth family. I was full of surprise and

joy anyway, my birth father contacted ESWS last August to find out about how I was doing and he asked for my current news. But he did not want to contact me because he is concerned that his initiation to contact me might hurt me he prefers to wait to be contacted by me. ESWS and Dillon International asked me if I was interested in contacting my birth father. I told them I said "Yes" I want to contact my birth father so I

wrote a letter and pictures and sent to Dillon International in order to translate from English to Korean. Then they mailed them to ESWS and ESWS called my birth father but they never get answer from him. Two and half months later ESWS finally reached my birth father during Korean national holiday in February and to let him know of my letter and pictures and they asked him to call back when holiday is



over.

After that my birth family came to ESWS to pick up my letter and picture as they had meeting with social workers there. My birth family was very happy to see me through pictures of my childhood to adulthood. Also, they are willing to meet me and my adopted parents wow Also, my birth family gave me a

lovely necklace and my adopted parents got pretty teacups and a little box of tea from them. We are so grateful for that. Though, we, my adopted parents and I plan going to Korea this August (hopefully, it will happen) An organization name is Overseas Koreans Foundation this program invited adult Korean adoptees with disabilities wow Plus OKF will

sponsor disabled adoptees and their parents to participate in the Summer Cultural Program for 10 days. Of course, we will meet my birth family for a several days after events. I will find out about if I am accepted for this program after June 30th. (Mae's fingers crossed) If I do not get accepted for this program, we, my adopted parents and I will plan going to Korea in

end of October.

Well, I want to say "Thanks so much for your prayers and thoughts for me. I really appreciate it a lot.

God bless you all and thanks again,

Mae Lynn

Congratulations recent Gallaudet Graduates:

Nickson Kahiri - Gallaudet Episcopal Ministry

Matthew Kohashi - St. Barnabas' church member

Asami Makino - Gallaudet Episcopal Ministry

Matthew Malzkuhn - Grandson of **Eric and Mary Malzkuhn**, St. B. members

Troy Stillwell - Gallaudet Episcopal Ministry

Mother Barbara was honored to be invited to a big graduation party at the home of **Leo Myasileo**. Most of the students there were from various parts of Africa which meant the Mother Barbara go to see many of the men and women in their traditional dress which was so beautiful.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER: CARING FOR EACH OTHER

Last Sunday we had an unusual event at St. Barnabas'. I had just finished my homily when someone called out that a member was ill. I turned to see that a person had simply fainted where she was sitting.

I had just preached on how God expects us to care for each other and help each other and here we were confronted with the opportunity to do just that.

I was amazed at how quickly

everyone acted. A hearing member had a cell phone and immediately called 911. Someone else went over to St. John's service that was just ending and found a doctor and a critical care nurse who came right away to help.

Others of St. Barnabas' went about finding a phone number to reach the person's daughter.

Someone found her purse so that we had medical information to give to the EMTs who arrived quickly. I decided that we would end our service right there so that I could go with her to the hospital as she needed someone who could help communicate.

Later I learned that her car keys had been found and someone drove her car to her home for her.

I had left the church so fast



that I had neglected to think about how I would get back later, but someone else had thought about that and had driven to the hospital to wait with me and offer a ride home.

Such a team effort!! I was so proud of all of us.

On Monday I went over to the office to collect some things I had left on Sunday.

Those left on Sunday had

followed through with cleaning up everything and hanging up my alb and stole.

It is a joy to serve with all of you as your pastor, priest and friend.

God bless each of you.

Love in Christ,

Barbara+

MORE NEWS FROM AMONG US

Congratulations to Jim and Ginny Lindsay and their son Gavin and his bride:

Jim and Ginny Lindsay's son **Gavin Lindsay** married **Amy Hendrickson** on the first weekend in June, and Mother Barbara officiated. There will be more about the wedding in the August issue

of this newsletter.

Ed Knight and **Steven Frank** went to Kansas on the weekend of May 21 to attend the wedding of Steven's birth daughter **Heather Apley** to **Dwight Hirt**. Ed and Steven met Steven's mother **Pearl Frank** at the Kansas City airport and drove a rental car to Manhattan Kan-

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sas, where Heather works as a Head Start teacher.

After the wedding Steven and Heather danced at the reception. Steven's mother and other hearing people there were surprised and delighted to see that a deaf-blind man can dance so well.



TREASURER'S WORKSHOP

On May 14, **Ed Knight** attended the Diocesan Treasurer's Workshop held at historic St. Paul's Rock Creek. **Emilia Chukwama**, a deaf woman who is an Associate Professor of Accounting at Gallaudet University, also attended. Emilia attends a hearing church, St. Christopher's in Riverdale, and recently became treasurer there. The diocese provided interpreters **Kim Veney** and **Megan Moore**. Emilia

and Ed met and agreed to be a resource for each other on treasurer issues.

The workshop, which was well-attended, opened with prayer led by **Bishop Chane**. Then the Bishop's staff introduced themselves and their roles so the treasurers would know what human resources are available to them from the diocese. The topics included preparing financial reports, preparing budgets (or as some churches

call them "mission action plans"), selecting an auditor, diocesan rules for parishes that want to take out loans, advice on risk management and insurance, stewardship and health insurance trends.

There was a question about the agreement of Riggs Bank to become part of the PNC Financial Services Group. The Finance Chair said that PNC is a strong institution but the Diocese is still evaluating the situation and has no

policy yet. (St. Barnabas' has the Berg Fund invested in Riggs, now PNC, through the Diocesan Investment Fund.)

A treasurer in the audience suggested that the Diocese provide treasurers with a list of diocesan-approved independent auditors. The Diocese is considering offering a training day for local CPAs to learn the diocesan rules for audits, and those who pass the training would go on a list of approved auditors.



There was discussion about the difference between a designated fund and a restricted fund. A vestry vote can designate a fund for a specific purpose but that is not a legal restriction on the use of the fund; the vestry can simply vote to change the purpose of the fund. (However, the vestry should be proactive in communicating this change to the congregation ahead of the

Robert Tomlinson described the difference between risk management — which prevents loss — and insurance — which covers loss. Both are important for parishes. He reminded treasurers of the importance of being sure that outside groups that rent parish facilities have insurance, and if that is not feasible, to at least have a church leader attend each function to make sure that things don't get out of hand.

He gave an example of a function to which a teenager brought a firecracker.

A number of the treasurers had questions about preparing the annual Parochial Report, which is required by the national church canons and a portion of which is compiled by the treasurer. There was a suggestion for a future workshop on preparing the Parochial Report to which treasurers, rectors, and wardens would be invited.

change.)

However, a restricted fund is associated with a legal document such as a will and its purpose cannot be changed by a simple vestry decision. It is important for vestries to know the difference between these two types of funds. It is a good practice to keep legal documents and bank account signatory cards in a secure "library" in the parish,

not in someone's home.

The Rev. Mary Sulerud, Canon for Stewardship, explained that Stewardship is a conversion process in which a hear accepts that life itself and everything in life is a gift from God. Stewardship flows from gratitude toward God. It is important for parishes to find a balance between the pragmatic maintenance needs of the parish and the vision-

ary/missionary goals.

Treasurers and other parish leaders need to motivate people out of gratitude, not guilt. Treasurers are key to motivating others to be thankful. Be the thankful person you want others to be.

Ed Knight learned that being treasurer at St. Barnabas' is in several respects simpler than being treasurer at a typical congregation. Other treasurers need to be concerned

with meeting payroll or meeting a mortgage payment, but at St. Barnabas' the Diocese pays for the vicar's compensation package and St. John's Norwood provides our church the use of St. Mary's Chapel for a very small annual donation. Ed feels thankful to God and also to the Diocese and to St. John's Norwood for their generosity. Ed learned that we need to think of our budget as a Mission Action Plan, and that is

something for which he needs the input of the Vestry.

Ed recently learned there is a deaf school in South Africa affiliated with the Anglican Church of the Province of South Africa. Ed will discuss with the Vestry the idea of investigating forming some sort of partnership with the deaf school in South Africa, since our Diocese has a companion relationship with that Diocese.



PASTORAL CARE NEEDS AT ST. BARNABAS'

I am trying to visit all of our shut-in people at least once a month. I take Holy Communion to share with them and spend some time just offering love and care. At the present we have the following persons who are in need of visits:

Shut-in folks:

Leira Wurdemann at Brookgrove Nursing Home

Clifford Doctormann at Sunrise Rehabilitation Center

Ruth Phillips at Sudley Manor House in Manassas, VA

Ill or recovering from illness

Babs Stevens at Buckingham's Choice Retirement Center.

Christina Duley at home

Eric Malzkuhn at home

Mary Malzkuhn has been making visits with me as well as **Phoebe Tharp** and **Christina Duley** (before her recent illness).

Do you have some free time? Could you stop by for a visit or send a card? If you are not sure of addresses or directions to visit just e-mail me and I will be happy to provide

that information.

God bless you as you minister to and care for each other.

In Matthew 25 Jesus said, "Inasmuch as you have done it (good) to one of the least of these my brethren you have done it unto me."

Barbara+

MWDCC FREDERICK C. SHREIBER AWARD GOES TO **RUDY HINES** AND **SHIRLEY ZIMMERMAN**

Due to a miscommunication Rudy was highlighted in the April issue but Shirley was not. We want to correct this error and offer our sincere congratulations to Shirley in this issue.

Among Shirley Zimmerman's accomplishments:

- started the annual DEL-MARVA picnic
- Established a support group for women with mastectomies
- Chaired the Deaf2000 New Year's Eve Gala
- Hosted Longaberger basket bingo events to benefit MWDCC
- Current vice chair of MD Chapter of Video Relay
- Service Consumer Assoc.
- MD Assoc of the Deaf President 1958-64
- Member of EDOW task force on accessibility and special needs
- President of MD Deaf Senior Citizens for 3 terms and current member of MDAD Senior Citizen Housing Committee

Among Rudy Hines' accomplishments:

- Treasurer of St. Barnabas' for over 25 years and current secretary
- Board of Visitors of MD School for the deaf 1955-1991

CATHEDRAL CROSSROADS: HEALING THE ANACOSTIA

On Tuesday night May 31, **Ed Knight** attended the monthly ASL-interpreted Cathedral Crossroads program at the Cathedral. Environmental Activist **Doug Siglin**, a member of St. Mark's Capitol Hill, led a discussion on faith-based efforts to combat the pollution of the Anacostia River. Doug, who serves on the Religious Partnership for the Anacostia River (www.religiouspartnership.org)

), described the pollution problem and how it leads to bad things as fish with cancer, and pointed out that the Anacostia River also divides the city between wealthy and poor. He pointed out that a river that runs through the city of Belfast was also polluted and divided the city from Catholic and Protestant areas, and that cleaning up the river had a healing impact on that city by not only healing the river but also bringing

people from both sides of the city closer together. He noted that there are no private interests or investments on the Anacostia, as much of the land bordering the river is owned by the military; that reason and the Capitol's proximity mean the Federal government has a responsibility.

Forty years ago Lady Bird Johnson used her influence to obtain Federal resources to clean up the Potomac River.

FOSTERING EMPATHY
FOR "OUTCAST" ANIMALS
CAN LEAD TO MORE
COMPASSION FOR
OUTCAST HUMANS TOO

Nothing like that ever happened for the Anacostia.

There are a couple of hopeful developments. One is the creation of a new D.C. Department of the Environment which should be created this summer. Another is that the new baseball stadium in that area should help raise the visibility of the Anacostia among the public and perhaps

more public awareness will lead to more attention to that river.

What can you do to help clean up the Anacostia? Educate yourself — take a tour of the river. Take action — plant native plants there. Minimize your own water pollution. Be an advocate for fixing the city's obsolete sewer and run-off systems, or

for "green roofs" for more buildings to reduce asphalt run-off.

Maryland state and the counties of P.G. and Montgomery also need to step up to the plate along with the D.C. government, because five/sixths of the Anacostia watershed lies in Maryland.

The second half of the program was a reading group

"The Hopes of Snakes", by the author **Lisa Couturier**. The book is a collection of her essays on the bond between humans and urban wildlife, such as pigeons, crows, and now the coyotes who recently made their debut within the D.C. city limits last Fall.

Lisa remarked on her young daughter's fresh perceptions

of nature and lamented how most of us as adults lose touch with a childlike curiosity and attachment to nature. She pointed out that many children nowadays suffer from "Nature Deficit Disorder" because they spend so much time indoors at computers or in front of the television.

Lisa believes that when children are taught empathy for

those animals considered ugly or scary (such as snakes, coyotes and vultures) , what she calls "outcast animals" they develop a capacity for empathy for outcast humans too.

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 Stremmlau

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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ECD Alternate: Ginny Lindsay

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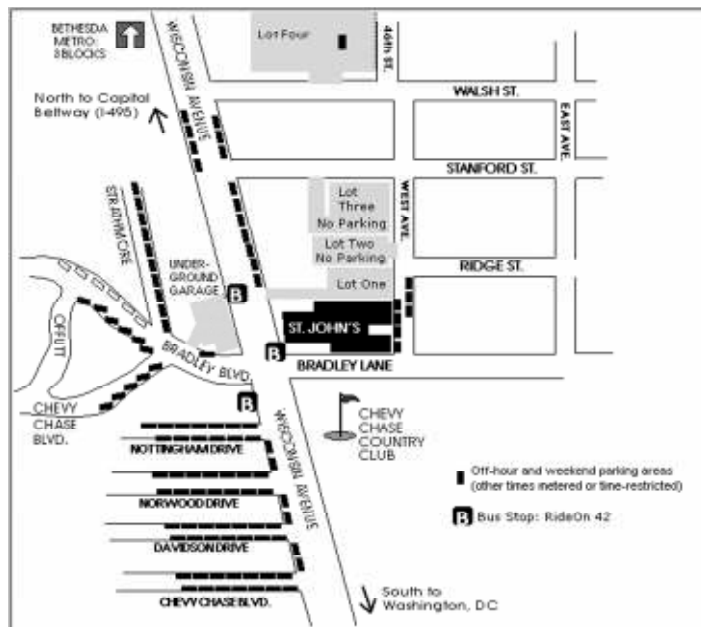
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WEEKLY 10 AM HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE
WITH HEALING SERVICE 3RD SUNDAYS
ST. MARY'S CHAPEL AT
ST. JOHN'S, NORWOOD
6701 WISCONSIN AVENUE AT BRADLEY
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SATELLITE CONGREGATION
SIGNED EUCHARIST AT ST. GEORGE'S
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