

THE MESSENGER

May 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!

May 8 Mother's Day

We will have flowers for the women in the congregation

May 15 Pentecost

Wear something red to symbolize Pentecost

Cathedral Crossroads May 31 6:30 PM at National Cathedral, sign-interpreted

Public dialogue on faith-based initiatives to combat pollution of the urban envi-

ronment including the Anacostia River.

At 7:30 PM is a reading of essays on the relationship between humans and the wild animals that live in our area.



Debbie, Connor, Jeff & Elisabeth McCaw at Easter Sunday

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

ECDSTL2005@hotmail.com You will find a registration

form in the Winter 2005

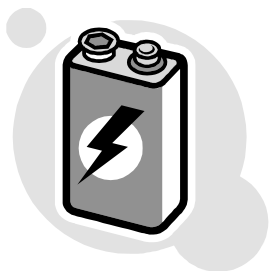
Deaf Episcopalian or you may download it from the ECD website

www.ecdeaf.com. Get your registration in early. This will be a great convention held in historic city.



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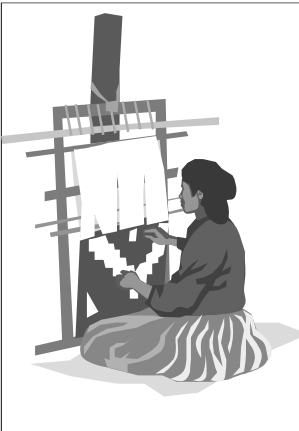


DEAF-BLIND TOUR OF MUSEUM OF AMERICAN INDIAN

On Saturday March 26th, five deaf-blind people (including St. Barnabas' member **Mae Lynn Mullen**) and six SSPs (including St. Barnabas' member **Ed Knight** and friend of St. Barnabas' **Stephanie Hightman**) enjoyed visiting the new National Museum of the American Indian which is located on the Mall. Two professional sign language interpreters also came along with a tour guide who was a Native American from Oklahoma. The guide, Ed Schupman, explained to us how the museum started. Congress

passed a law to build it in 1988 and construction started in 1999 and was complete last September and opened the public. More than 8,000 items were on display. One of the things that makes the museum different and special is that American Indians themselves tell their own stories in galleries such as Our Peoples and Our Lives. Then we went to up to the fourth floor to a classroom where we all listened to the lecture and demonstration about various items: fur

from a buffalo; a cup made from the horn from a buffalo; buffalo bone used for painting (it absorbs the paint almost like a sponge), rattles used as musical instruments, a type of Lacrosse-style equipment used in playing a game called "The Little Brother of War", sweetgrass which smells sweet, and sage which smells nice too. Sage is used sort of like incense to burn in a ritual and make a nice fragrance. The guide explained that before Native Americans kill a buffalo



they thank the buffalo for giving its life for them. Also, more and more American Indians are keeping their own herds of buffalo and buffalo meat, which is leaner than beef, is becoming a popular food in restaurants.

The guide explained that Native American culture emphasizes that everything in the universe is connected.

After that, we went on tour and touched a bronze statue of three

Oneida Indians from Upstate New York and (a man with a peace pipe, a woman with a basket of corn, and a little girl) and George Washington, symbolizing friendship between the Oneida nation and the United States.

Stephanie Hightman told the editor that she was particularly interested in the tour because she herself has some Native American ancestry. Her grand-

father's father was an Indian from New York, somewhere near New York City.

Mae Lynn Mullen told the guide who is from Oklahoma that she is from Oklahoma too.

As the tour was ending we happened to run into Tiara, a young woman who volunteers at the Deaf-Blind camp that is held in the summer, and Mae Lynn and the others were very happy to see her.



THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS

A big thank you to St. Barnabas' members **Shelley Simms** and **Ted Blake** who volunteered as Support Service Providers at the Metro Washington Association of the Deaf-Blind International Potluck on the evening of April 16.

Ted Blake served as SSP for his old friend **Ron Ferris** and

Shelley Simms served as SSP for her roommate **Betsy Wohl**, who is President of MWADB.

MWADB was short on volunteers that night. Thanks to **Stephanie Hightman** also for being an SSP at the Museum tour. Thanks again for your service to MWADB, it is definitely appreciated!

THE PASTOR'S CORNER:

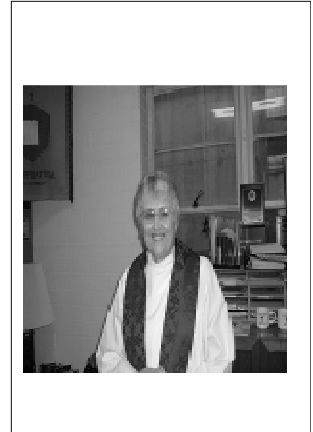
Spring is the season when I see God most at work in our world. My apartment complex is surrounded by beautiful dogwoods and azaleas. Only a supernatural being could make this kind of beauty.

And then there are the creatures around us. I have invented a bird feeding station outside the small window of my bathroom I have a container that I keep filled with

wild bird food and one that holds a suet block. This past Friday I twice saw a beautiful scarlet male cardinal. I don't know if it was the same one twice or two different ones. That is not important. What is important is the beauty of these colorful birds. Only a supernatural being could create such beauty.

Watching the birds feed every day has been a lesson in relationships. There are mourn-

ing doves who come to feed and they intimidate the smaller species. However, the smaller ones intimidate each other. I have watched as a little sparrow sits on the edge of the container eating and then another one will fly up and frighten that one away. Yet, when they sit on the container or in the trees across the alley they call to each other apparently to signal they have found food.



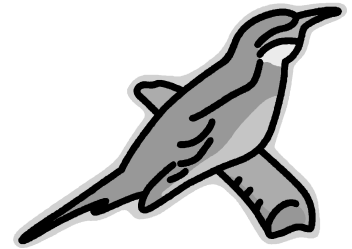
How often do we send "mixed messages"? How often do you say one thing and in your heart you mean another? I am struck with our need to be honest with ourselves. I am told that cardinals have a unique behavior. When the female has built her nest and laid eggs the male will feed her. She sits on the nest and the male will fly back and forth with food for her. He continues to do this even

after the eggs have hatched. He takes care of her. .

What can we learn from these creatures? We can observe their negative behavior and determine to be more honest with each other. We can determine to maintain our integrity and not send "mixed messages". We can determine to cooperate with each other and help each other rather than competing. We can practice taking care of each

other rather than criticizing those who have problems and difficulties.

Look out your window or door, observe the beauty of God's creation and take time to find out what you can do to help your neighbor, the one next door and the one across the sea.



*In Christ's love and peace,
Barbara+*

NEWS FROM AMONG US

Congratulations to our former seminarian, **Elke Betz-Schmidt**, and her husband **Aditya Sharma**, who are the new parents of a baby boy born on April 21.

Congratulations to **Dr. Ron Sutcliffe** who recently finished writing a book. the title is "The Legacy of Iowa School for the Deaf."

Congratulations to **Mae Lynn Mullen** who was thrilled to receive a letter and photographs from her birth family in South Korea. Mae Lynn will graduate from Workforce Technology Center in Baltimore in May and then will begin an internship working in an office in Silver Spring..

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Metro Washington Association of the Deaf-blind (MWADB) Upcoming Events

Sat. May 14th: 2:00 P.M.-sunset Annual Spring Picnic at Picnic Shelter G

Wheaton Regional Park

MWADB Swim Day at Greenbrier State Park, July 30, 9 AM to Sunset

Contact

stevenfrank@juno.com for details. To volunteer as Support Services Provider contact Sandra Carpe at sandsky80@aol.com

PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR SPEECH AT CATHEDRAL

On Tuesday March 29, **Tim Goglein**, Special Assistant to President **George Bush** and Deputy Director of the White House Office of Public Liaison, gave a speech entitled "The Praying President", which was sign interpreted by **Carie Palmer** and **Ray-lynn Casey**.

Goglein said that it is true you can be good without having faith but he said that faith is a force for good. He also said that Americans rely on our-

selves but not on ourselves alone. In societies that lack a higher set of values beyond politics, politics becomes absolute as in Nazi Germany.

One of President Bush's goals is to remove roadblocks to government grants to faith-based organizations which were discriminated against simply because they were Christian, Jewish or Muslim.

Several people questioned the war in Iraq. One questioner

said there is a disconnect between the lofty rhetoric and policies regarding taxes, health care and the war. Goglein said that Bush is a man of impeccable integrity.

Another question was whether the President considered "just war" theory before going to war with Iraq. Goglein said such discussions happened and that the world is better off with Saddam Hussein in jail.

He also believes there is a historic shift toward democracy in the Middle East now.

One of the audience members suggested that the President end his speeches with not just "God Bless America", but "God Bless America and the World" and that this would help improve our relations with people in other countries.



EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

Teresa Blankmeyer-Burke and **Kary Dyer**, directed by **Tom Hattaway**, were a beautiful sign choir on Easter Sunday. About thirty people attended including some new faces. Afterward we posed for a group photo and had fellowship time. Thank you to the people who brought refreshments, including **Mother Barbara**, **Marlene Hines**, **Mae**

Lynn Mullen, **Jenn Phillips**, **Agnes Sutcliffe** (Sorry if I missed anyone!). Also thanks to everyone who helped set up and clean up refreshments, including **Marlene and Rudy Hines** and **Kary Dyer** and **Tom Hattaway**, **Agnes Sutcliffe** and **Wendy Ikezawa**.

Jenn Phillips brought her service dog **Kajal** who is

learning to be calmer during the service but really wanted to play with the two-year-old McCaw twins **Connor** and **Elisabeth**. We are always glad to see the McCaw twins and hope when they grow up they will keep good memories of Easter in church. Their speed fit right in with the sermon which was about Peter and John running to the empty tomb.



SERMON NOTES: DISCERNING THE WORKS OF GOD

Mother Barbara's sermon on April 24 was on the Gospel reading from John in which Jesus tells the apostles that he will be going to his Father's house to prepare a place for them "...and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself..."

This is a traditional reading at funerals but what Mother Barbara found remarkable was the way that the apostles responded with confusion.

They did not know where Jesus was going. If it seems odd that the apostles could so easily be confused and forgetful about Jesus we can perhaps sympathize with them when we recall times in our own lives when we have forgotten about God.

Sometimes we are too busy, preoccupied or distracted. Other times we become discouraged by all the bad news in the world that we ask how God can be active in the

world.

Mother Barbara asked us when we see God active in the world. Some said we see God's works in the Spring flowers. Mother Barbara says she sees God at work in the recent improvement in her eyesight and in **Mary Malzkuhn's** improvement in health. She sees God at work in each member of our church; that we are more active and that we pray more.

SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING APRIL 17, 2005

Present: **Rev. Barbara Allen, Marlene Hines, Rudy Hines, Ginny Lindsay, Jim Lindsay, Tom Hattaway, Kary Dyer, Wendy Kohashi, Shelley Simms, Christina Duley, Mike Martin, and John Ricciardi.**

Congratulations to new Mission Committee members:

Vice Chair – Tom Hattaway
Asst. Vice Chair – Shelley Simms
Members-at-Large – Wendy Kohashi and Jim Lindsay
ECD Delegates – Mary Malzkuhn and Ginny Lindsay
Diocesan Convention Delegate – Rudy Hines

LEMs to be licensed are **Tom Hattaway, Ginny Lindsay, Mary Malzkuhn, and Ed Knight.**

For budget reasons, St. Georges plans to cut interpreter services at their church. Will see about getting Diocesan assistance for the interpreting there.

Rudy Hines reported on the successful pledging campaign resulting in pledging of \$29,348.

A Task Force composed of **Ed Knight, Rudy Hines, Ron Sutcliffe and Rev. Dr. Roger Pickering** are to make proposals for the use of the Berg Endowment Fund to be submitted

to us before being submitted to **Paul Cooney**, Canon to the Ordinary of the Bishop's Office, who would put it in legal writing.

Jim Lindsay and Tom Hattaway are to attend to having new carpeting installed in our office.

Please help them to move the furniture when ready.

Mother Barbara has visited **Ruth Phillips and Leira Wurdemann.**

Bible Study continues each Tuesday at the home of **Mary Malzkuhn.** All are welcome!



PUBLIC DIALOGUE: AIDS IN SOUTH AFRICA: A FAITH-BASED RESPONSE

Ed Knight attended the Cathedral Crossroads presentation on Tuesday April 26 which was sign interpreted by **Rayelenn Casey** and **Carie Palmer**. The first hour was devoted to a public dialogue led by **the Venerable Sharron Dinnie**, Archdeacon of the Far East Rand in the Diocese of Johannesburg. Sharon works in the Diocese AIDS Group on education and advocacy. She serves the Vukuzenzele township and

founded the town's primary school.

Sharron described some of the moving experiences from her ministry in South Africa during the present AIDS epidemic. She recalled visiting an orphanage and baptizing and 18-month old child who soon afterward died from AIDS. She also described an experience connected to her home at the rectory, with a woman who worked there named Anna. Anna became

sick but never mentioned HIV and did not want to be tested. Sharron saw her condition get worse but it was hard to broach the subject of HIV and AIDS because of the stigma. Finally Sharon asked Anna to go to the clinic to get tested. Anna went to the clinic and got cough medicine but she continued to get sicker. A doctor in the parish tried to treat Anna but she continued to worsen and could no longer come to work.

OUR DIOCESE IS PLANNING A PILGRIMAGE TO SOUTH AFRICA AND WE CAN CONTRIBUTE MONEY THROUGH THE DIOCESE BY SENDING A CHECK TO CHURCH HOUSE MARKED "AIDS RELIEF".

Sharron visited Anna's home, which was a shack with sand floor and no electricity. Anna's husband had abandoned them years before. Sharron found that Anna was dying. It was not a pretty picture. When Anna died she left three orphans and it was up to Sharon to explain to them that their mother had died. The 13-year old daughter became the head of

the household.

There are 43 million South Africans and an estimated 5 million are infected with HIV — 55% of those infected are women. There are nearly 1 million AIDS orphans in South Africa today. The hospices have "incredibly long" waiting lists and when a hospital determines a patient is terminally ill they send the

person home to be cared for by family members — often the children. There are also many "Granny-headed" households in which older women are supporting their grandchildren at a time in life they were expecting their children to help support them.

Sharron asks that we keep South Africa in our prayers.

She particularly asks that we pray that retroviral treatments and AIDS in general will become a top political priority in South Africa. Twelve people in Sharron's parish have become HIV counselors and other parishioners are learning how to provide home-based care. Our own Episcopal Diocese of Washington has established a South Africa Partnership

Committee which is planning at least one and probably more pilgrimages to South Africa, which will include visits to cathedrals, monasteries and Robbins Island where Nelson Mandela had been imprisoned.

We can contribute money through the diocese by sending a check to church house marked "AIDS Relief".

After the presentation Ed met with Sharron and told her about his experience as a volunteer buddy to a man who died of AIDS 15 years ago, and that although it was a grim and overwhelming experience he received a feeling of strength or encouragement that reminded him that God does exist, and it was this experience that brought Ed back to church.

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

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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

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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

Delegate to Dio. Convention: Rudy Hines

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Ed Knight, Jim Lindsay, Jeffrey McCaw, Rudy Hines, Barbara Allen (ex officio)

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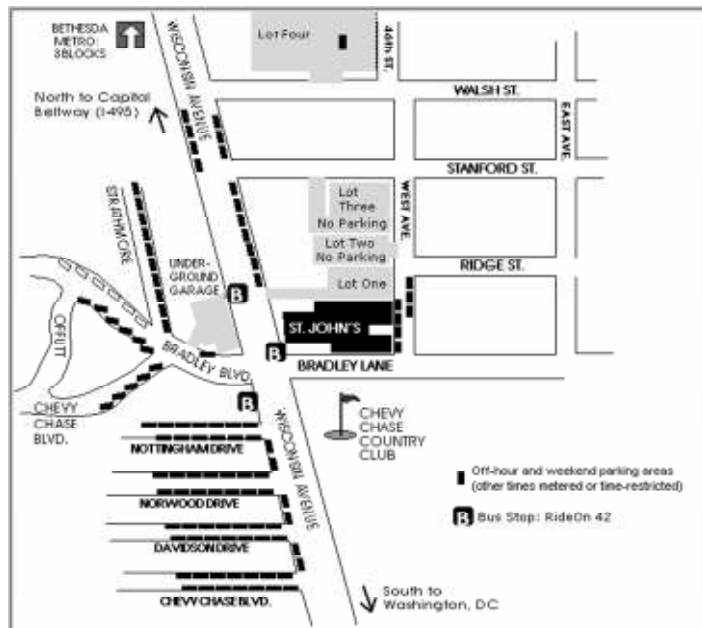
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SATELLITE CONGREGATION
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SUNDAYS OF EACH MONTH 2:00 PM
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GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY MINISTRY:
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DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR
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HELD AT NOON EACH FRIDAY, HOLY
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OF EACH MONTH AT 2:00 PM IN THE
CHAPEL OF THE STUDENT UNION BUILDING

*Next Deadline for Messenger submissions: May 29.
Please submit items to the co-editor, Ed Knight by
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*St. Barnabas' meets in St. Mary's Chapel at St.
John's Norwood Church at the corner of Wisconsin
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