

THE MESSENGER

April 2006

A congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington

April 13 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Foot-washing and Lord's Supper Service followed by a Lenten meal of soup, bread, fruit and drinks

April 14 12:00 noon - 3:00 PM Join St. John's in the nave for Good Friday service.

Mother Barbara Allen will interpret for those who wish to attend. There will be a Holy Eucharist.

April 15 8:00 PM Great Easter Vigil - We will join St. John's for this service and Mother Barbara Allen will interpret.

Easter Sunday April 16 Holy Eucharist in St. Mary's Chapel



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ASL Interpreted Easter service at Washington National Cathedral.

11 am Festival Holy Eucharist Free advance seating passes are required for the Easter Day Festival Holy Eucharist at 11 am Ed Knight has ordered six so you can see him, first come/first served.

April 23, 2006 9:15 AM

New Sunday morning Christian Education Forum held in St. Mary's Chapel, St. John's Norwood.

Three Faiths, One God — Judaism, Christianity, Islam

Dr. Mary Malzkun will lead a study on this recently aired PBS special. This will be done via a closed captioned DVD used with a study guide. Our own **Bishop John B. Chane** is one of the clergy featured on this DVD. Don't miss this timely and informative study!

Farewell Party

Rudy & Marlene Hines



Come and join us on April 15, 2006 to bid them a fond farewell. We will all weep and rejoice together. Weep that we are losing two of the strong pillars of St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church of the Deaf and of the area Deaf Community! Rejoice with Rudy and Marlene because they are moving to a new home in Minnesota and will be near their daughter and grandchildren there. We will share memories and talk with them about their future while we cruise down the Potomac together.

**DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY GOODBYE TO OUR WONDERFUL FRIENDS!
LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EACH OF YOU THERE!**

WHERE: The Spirit of Washington Cruise (newest ship)
Depart from Pier 4 at 6th & Water St. SW, Washington, DC
(Metro: Waterfront Green Line is within easy walking distance? Just 3 blocks)

WHEN: Saturday, April 15, 2006, Boarding Time: 11:30 am, Sailing Time: 12 to 2 pm

COST: \$45.00 per person (includes buffet lunch, tips, taxes and gifts) Check or money order payable to St. Barnabas Church of the Deaf. **Deadline:** March 31, 2006
Mail to: Stephen Holst or Beth Hill, 12511 Canfield Lane, Bowie, MD 20715

CONTACT: Stephen Holst at Deafstarwars@tmo.blackberry.net or Beth Hill at bhill69@tmail.com TTY or VP at 301-464-5323

THE PASTOR'S CORNER:

We have three more weeks in Lent. We are preparing ourselves to follow our Lord on his last pilgrimage which will lead him to the cross and to resurrection. Every year at about this same time we read the Scripture in one of the Synoptic Gospels that talks about if anyone wants to become a follower of Jesus they must "deny themselves, take up their cross and follow Jesus". And every year we hear again the idea that we must "give up" something for these forty days of Lent. We tend to focus on the words "deny themselves" but what about the "take up" admonition?

"Take up what?" "Take up their cross." We are to "take up" something. I suggest that we see this in a positive rather than a negative light. People always seem to talk about their Lenten "sacrifice" which seems to negate the idea of "taking up". Suppose we decided this Lenten season to "take up" rather than to "give up". What would you "take up"?

There are many possibilities. We could "take up" reading the Daily Office. After all, it is only for forty days and then we can go back to the old way. Or, we could "take up" daily prayer and quiet time. It is only for forty days and then we will be done. Perhaps we could "take up" caring about homeless persons or neglected children or seniors in nursing homes who have no family to visit them. It is only for forty days, after all. Then we can go back to the "old way".

However, that is the problem! If we do something different for forty days it is less likely that we will go back to the "old ways". The disciples were never the same after they followed Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem and to the cross. Perhaps that is what Jesus was talking about. "If you 'take up' and follow me (Jesus)" you will be changed. If you "take up" this new way you may never return to your old way of meeting and interacting with God. I hope that each of us can begin to "take up" those things that will help us to experience God in new ways, ways that change us day after day and week after week as we journey this spiritual road called life.

Prayers and Blessings,

Barbara+



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News From Among Us

On March 5, **Andy Reynolds**, the Director of Marketing for Montgomery County Hospice, presented an overview of the services Montgomery County Hospice offers. He included some stories without using names. The congregation seemed to find his presentation very interesting and participated freely with questions and comments.

That day there was also a bake sale to raise funds to defray airfare costs for a friend of **Kiombo Nsumbu** who wants to come to Kiombo's graduation at Gallaudet University this May. Kiombo handled the sale with assistance from St. Barnabas' members and friends. There were some who chose to just donate money rather than baked goods. The total for the sales was: \$183.55. **Mother Barbara Allen** says that is very good for a one-time Sunday morning sale.

New Part-time Office Staff

We welcome **Elaine Laird** to our St. Barnabas' office. Elaine will be working ten hours per week to assist the vicar in the many needs in our office such as updating brochures, mailings, filing and recovering historical material that we need to keep safe for future members of St. Barnabas'. She will also be assisting **Ed Knight** with the Messenger and our website. Elaine arrived here from Kentucky last October and has been attending St. Barnabas' regularly.



On March 12, we welcomed **Elizabeth Haney** and welcomed back **Byron and Shirley Zimmermann**. **Elaine Tiller**, a bereavement counselor from Montgomery Hospice, spoke on "Coping with Grief and Loss". This was an interactive presentation and members discussed their experiences of grief, including deaths of loved ones and other occasions of grief as well. We talked about how we react to people who are grieving and learned ways that might be more helpful, such as offering to listen without necessarily saying much except promising to be available to continue listening. Elaine Tiller described a bridge over grief and how the waters are sometimes turbulent and how we sometimes encounter rocks or obstacles that keep us stuck in grief. She described dynamics in grieving families where sometimes family members get into conflicts because they have different styles of grieving and perhaps misunderstand and judge each other. It was a very interesting, informative and interactive conversation.

Update on the Twins Erica and Carter

Thank you to **Derek Braun** for sharing the following news:

We have great news about the twins. Erica had her nasal tube removed on Friday as she had and has been consistently finishing her bottle (45 ccs). Carter has also been feeding around 40-45 ccs lately, with prodding as always. Early on Saturday he extubated himself (the nurse said intentionally.. he had done it the night before)-- but the Dr had put in an order that said that unless he failed to finish 35 ccs in an individual feeding and needed to have the rest fed by intranasal tube, he did not need the tube put back in. Since that feeding he has consistently done 35 ccs or better so he is still tube-free. That afternoon a nurse came in and told Tonya that the Dr had told her to inform us that both Carter and Erica will likely be discharged on Monday. The nurse also did the car seat test to make sure that the car seat didn't cause their heads to tilt forward, which can shut off breathing.

They did this by putting each of the twins in the car seat for 45 min with all the monitors on. Both passed and looked quite comfortable but tiny in the car seat. After Carter passed they removed his EKG leads so he is now completely wireless. Erica still has her EKG leads since there wasn't an order to take her off.

Other news:

Reminder that the American Association of the Deaf Blind Conference is on June 17-23 in Baltimore (at Towson University.) Ed Knight has sent in his AADB volunteer registration form already and if you would like to volunteer, we have included the volunteer form on page 9 of this newsletter. Mae Lynn also has registration forms if you want one.

Deaf Anglicans Together gathering in the UK:

If you happen to be in England the weekend after Easter, there is going to be a gathering of the new group "Deaf Anglicans Together". This information comes from

Susan Bloomfield, susan.bloomfield@churcharmy.net, a deaf Church of England chaplain "DAT has a weekend in Norfolk in UK at Ditchingham the weekend after Easter. This is an annual event and we get deaf people from other denominations as well as Church of England."

Michael Martin reports he has moved to Northeast, DC:

"Last March 10 of Friday all day, I relocated to Northeast, DC from Southeast, DC. I am living with a new roommate, Michael Castaldi in the apartment in the Fort Totten Area. I am really very happy that I am living there. There is a park that is very pretty and nice, like a forest. I just love our apartment with many trees. There is very fresh air. Now I always walk outside in the Fort Totten Park for my exercise of walking for good health. It is really more SAFE in Northeast than Southeast. I am still unpacking my things in my bedroom. I am leaving some boxes un-opened because I just am living with a roommate on temporary basis. I am on a waiting list at the Columbus Colony Apartments, Westerville, Ohio and I am waiting to hear from them. Hope I will be again relocate to the Columbus Colony this year. My new address now is: Michael K. Martin, 4870 Fort Totten Dr., NE, Apt. #105, Washington, DC 20011. My VP and TTY are: 202-889-9287."

On Saturday March 18, St. Barnabas' members **Iris Gomes**, **Ed Knight** and **Ginny Lindsay** volunteered as SSPS for the board meeting of the Metro Washington Association of the Deaf-Blind, which lasted from 1 PM to 6 PM. **Mae Lynn Mullen** also volunteered there in her capacity on the Ways and Means committee. **Roberta Merrill** also volunteered. Roberta is a Quaker who sometimes visits St. Barnabas' and we are always happy to see her.



Ginny Lindsay served as Lay Eucharistic Minister on March 19

The Rev. Dr. Paulette Stevens, Director of Pastoral Care Services of Montgomery Hospice, gave a talk on "Faith, Hope and Illness" on March 19. There Q&A session in which **Shelley Simms**, **Elaine Laird** and **Liz Haney** shared their experiences and or asked questions. Pastor Stevens described the experience in her family of deaths in the family and how they learned from the experience and it brought them closer together in some ways. In our society, we often aren't comfortable talking about death and dying because our culture is focused on health and youth. However, we all die some time. In fact, it could be said that we start dying from the moment we are born. Even doctors and pastors aren't always comfortable talking about this subject. Medical doctors don't want to accept death because it is their job to keep us alive. **Mother Barbara Allen**, who in a prior life worked as a nurse and had experience working in a hospice, agreed with her comment that seminaries often don't prepare pastors how to comfort the dying. Montgomery Hospice has deaf patients from time to time, so if you would like to volunteer at the hospice, contact Mother Barbara Allen and she will help you register and arrange for interpreting if necessary.

“The Last Week” Lecture by Marcus BorgReviewed by **Ed Knight**

On March 14, I attended a lecture at the National Cathedral by best-selling author and theologian on the Historical Jesus Marcus Borg, who spoke about a book entitled “The Last Week” that he recently co-authored with John Dominic Crossan. The focus of the book is on the Passion of Christ, with particular focus on “What was Jesus passionate about?” On Palm Sunday we celebrate the procession of Jesus, riding a humble donkey into Jerusalem. Borg says that this procession was actually a counter-procession, planned in opposition to the imperial procession on the same day of Pontius Pilate coming to Jerusalem with his guards from the seaside town of Caesaria Maritima. One procession, therefore, is a display of Roman imperial power, motivated by a need for domination. The procession of Jesus, on the other hand, is a peaceful act of resistance and a brave prophetic criticism timed for the Passover, which celebrates the liberation of the Jews from the oppression of the Pharaoh.

Borg also offers a fresh (to me) perspective on what has been traditionally called “the cleansing of the Temple”. In that era, of course, Jews only had one temple, the Temple in Jerusalem. When Jesus entered the courtyard and turned over the tables, he was not protesting the money changers or their activity. He was simply doing what Jewish prophets did, which was make a startling symbolic gesture to get the attention of the crowd, followed by a message. His protest was against the temple authorities who collaborated with the Roman Empire. The book, which I bought at the Cathedral before the lecture, argues that many of the temple authorities were absentee landlords who often expanded their estates by foreclosing on peasant debtors. Jesus’ action in overturning the tables was meant to get the attention of the crowd so they would hear his message, which was to call the temple authorities “robbers”. This echoes the criticism of earlier prophets toward the temple authorities whenever the temple authorities were focused only on sacrifice and worship but not on social justice too. This prophetic message shows what Jesus was passionate about. He was passionately for the poor, for justice, and for the peaceful, compassionate reign of God. He was passionately against the violent, selfish reign of the Roman Empire and, one might suppose, what Borg calls “the domination system” in any place and time.

During the Q&A time, one question was if Jesus knew he was going to be executed ahead of time. Borg answered that his sense was that Jesus knew in a general sort of way that the actions he was taking might well lead to his execution, in the same sense that Martin Luther King and Oscar Romero knew that they were putting themselves in serious danger. I forget the question, but at one point Borg said that Jesus was deeply shaped by his Jewish liturgical tradition. As a member of a liturgical church, I liked to hear that liturgy was important to Jesus too.

I was particularly struck when Borg said we should ask not only if Jesus is our personal Lord and Savior, as the evangelicals ask, but also if Jesus is our political Lord and Savior. I had thought that the Jews of Jesus’ time had been looking for a political, militant Messiah and I had always assumed the reason they rejected Jesus as Messiah is because he was neither political nor militant. But now I can see that although Jesus was a pacifist he did have a political edge and that being a follower of Jesus has political implications. Of course Jesus was not a Democrat or Republican, but we do need to ask what was it that Jesus was passionate about, and what are the political implications of being passionate for the same things Jesus showed a passion for.

BORG SAYS THAT
THIS PROCESSION
OF JESUS INTO
JERUSALEM WAS
ACTUALLY A
COUNTER-
PROCESSION

Stewardship Program Report

By Rudy Hines

2006 Pledging and Other Contributions

Number of 2006 pledge units: 3 family and 9 individual for a total of \$24,420.00.

From pledges only: Median \$1,300 Mean \$2,035.00

Occasional donors but not pledgers: 2 individual for a total (estimated) of \$725.00.

Outright donations: 3 individuals for a total of \$1,800.

Total: \$26,945

Administrivia

By Ed Knight

Elaine Laird, Jim Lindsay and I took a website editor class offered at Church House on March 22. **Mother Barbara Allen** interpreted along with **Karen Newquist-Gifford**. The diocesan technology director **Peter Turner** taught the class.

ELAINE AND
JIM WILL PUT
THEIR ARTISTIC
TALENTS AND
GRAPHICS
SKILLS TO
WORK ON OUR
WEBSITE



Above: Barbara, Elaine, Peter, and Jim.

Elaine will become the co-websteward and Jim will work on a project to recreate the excellent St. Barnabas historical display panel that resides in our office as a web page.

AADB 2006 June 17-23, 2006
Towson University, Baltimore, MD
Volunteer Registration

How can you help? Please check which ways you would like to be involved with the AADB 2006 conference! We will contact you.

BEFORE THE CONFERENCE (February to May, 2006)

1. _____ Work with a team to develop a list of restaurants and services in the Towson area, get coupons from local Towson businesses, get donations from local businesses
2. _____ Contact Baltimore County, Baltimore City, and Maryland tourism offices to get brochures and free samples to put in give-away tote bags
3. _____ Train Towson University employees to be sensitive to Deaf and Deaf-Blind people
4. _____ Train local business workers (restaurants, stores) to be sensitive to Deaf and Deaf-Blind people
5. _____ Work with a team to sponsor fundraising events to raise money for the conference
6. _____ Help plan banquet theme, decorations, and entertainment

DURING THE CONFERENCE (June 17-23, 2006)

1. _____ SSP (Support Service Provider) Assist in guiding and interpreting for Deaf-Blind people. You are expected to stay for the full week, and will receive free room and board in exchange for your volunteer time. Additional application required.
2. _____ LW (Local Worker) Assist where needed. May involve guiding and interpreting, running errands, solving problems, and other tasks. Includes free parking, lunch, and dinner, but not overnight accommodations. May work daily, not committed to full week. Additional application required.
3. _____ Registration/Office/Clerical Support
4. _____ Bus Captain (helping Deaf-Blind people get on and off buses at airport and train)
5. _____ Baggage Controller (oversee the movement of luggage, coordinate the teamwork)
6. _____ Baggage Handler (carrying suitcases to dorm rooms)
7. _____ Drivers (transporting Deaf-Blind people in AADB or personal vehicle)
8. _____ Refreshments (setting up drinks and snacks for evening socials)

Tell us about yourself:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ voice/tty Email: _____

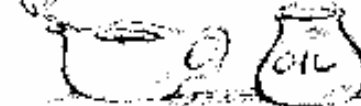
I am ___Deaf ___Hearing ___Sighted ___Blind or Low Vision

I have experience with Deaf-Blind people: yes no

Special skills I can contribute: _____

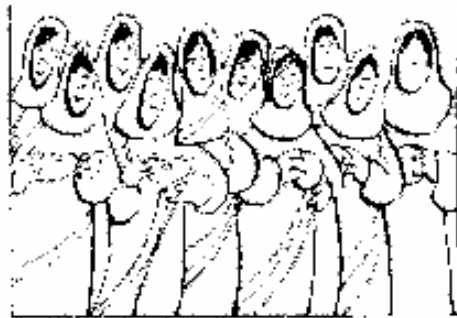
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THE TEN YOUNG WOMEN



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH DEEP MEANINGS - WE CALL THEM PARABLES

JESUS ONCE SPOKE ABOUT TEN YOUNG WOMEN



THEY HAD BEEN INVITED TO A WEDDING - AND THEY WERE WAITING FOR THE BRIDEGROOM.



EACH ONE HAD AN OIL LAMP



BUT ONLY ONE OF THEM HAD BRINGS ALONG SOME SPARE OIL.



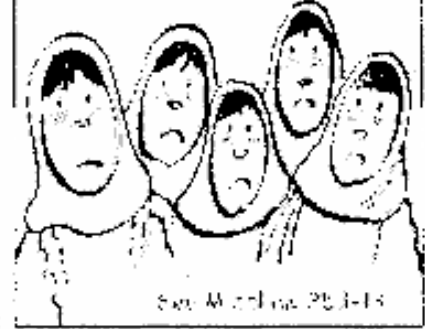
AT A CERTAIN TIME THE BRIDEGROOM ARRIVED



THE TEN YOUNG WOMEN WOULD LIGHT HIS WAY



THE OTHER SEVEN WERE VERY FOOLISH - THEIR LAMPS HAD RUN OUT OF OIL



See Matthew 25:1-13

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:

Tellers: Rudy Hines, Jim Lindsay, John Ricciardi

Vicar's Assistant: Elaine Laird

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

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Parish Office Volunteer: Shell Kimble

Greeting Card Ministry: Mae Lynn Mullen

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ECD Alternate: Ginny Lindsay

Delegate to Diocesan Convention: Rudy Hines

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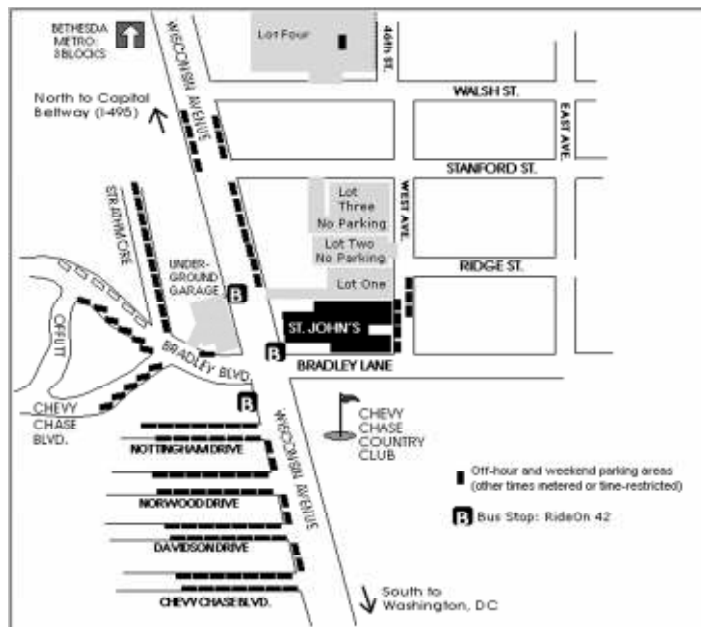
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Newsletter contributions welcome, especially
your digital photos related to church and
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ON THE WEB AT
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WEEKLY 10 AM HOLY EUCHARIST
SERVICE
WITH HEALING SERVICE 3RD SUNDAYS
ST. MARY'S CHAPEL AT
ST. JOHN'S, NORWOOD
6701 WISCONSIN AVENUE AT BRADLEY
LANE, CHEVY CHASE, MD. 20815

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