

THE MESSENGER

January/February 2006

A congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington



On December 18 **Bishop John B. Chane**, with our Vice Chair, **Tom Hattaway**, serving as the Bishop's Chaplain, consecrated our refurbished office and also new alter linens, host box and wine carafe as **Wendy Ikezawa, Kary Hattaway** (and others out of camera range) witness. Story on page 4.

Diocesan Convention

The next Diocesan Convention (111th) will be **January 27-28, 2006**, at Washington National Cathedral. (ASL interpreted.) The Diocesan Convention is the annual meeting of a diocese. In our diocese, the annual meeting of the Diocesan Convention is presently held the last full weekend in January at the Cathedral. Convention con-

ducts elections; votes on the budget, resolutions, changes to the diocesan Constitution and Canons, any other actions presented; hears reports, etc.

The ECD Board meeting will be here at the Cathedral College Feb. 7-9, 2006.

The Rev. Deacon Bill Mosier from St Hilda's Church for the Deaf in Oregon, our new ECD

president, has consented to stay over with us through **Sunday Feb. 12** and preach for us at our 10:00 AM service and join us at Gallaudet for the regular second Sun. Eucharist that afternoon.

General Convention of the Episcopal Church 2006

75th General Convention: **June 13-21, 2006** will be held in Columbus, OH. The ECD will have a double



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booth at General Convention and the ECD Board will be there to answer questions and promote Ministry with Deaf People in the Episcopal Church. The Vicar, as 1st VP will be there. If you have anything that you would like shared with the National Church please give it in writing to the Vicar.

News from among us

On December 4, **Wendy Ikezawa** (member at large of the Mission Committee) and her family hosted dinner for **Masahiko Shibata**, a Gallaudet student who is from Japan. **Ed Knight** had met Masa at Thanksgiving Dinner at the Metro Washington Association of the Deaf Blind in November and put Wendy in contact with Masa. It turns out that Wendy's son **Matthew Kohashi** is a friend of Masa's roommate at Gallaudet. Small deaf world!

Thank you to **Ron and Agnes Sutcliffe** for sharing the following in the note they sent with their Christmas card to the editor -- I don't have room to print it all so I am excerpting the highlights:

GREETINGS! This is a happy time for us to share our anecdotes during the year of 2005.

Besides traveling to Charleston SC and Fort Lauderdale FL to visit our sons and family on several occasions, we spent two weeks visiting in Great Britain: London, Windsor, Warwick Castle, Stratford-upon-Avon, Oxford, Bristol, Bath, Stonehenge, Cotswold, Canterbury and Dover. Arriving in London a day after the bomb explosion and leaving a day before another explosion did not make much impact but rather we had an enjoyable time in spite of driving on the left side of highway outside London.

After making 11 trips to Iowa for two years, Ron's 250-page *The Legacy of Iowa School for the Deaf* was released in time for the school's sesquicentennial celebration attended by over 1,000 alumni and friends last October. He spent much of his time autographing over 200 books. There, the Iowa Association of the Deaf honored him with the "Distinguished Service Award."

Agnes ... is the social director of the Maryland Deaf Senior Citizens that meets monthly. Ron was appointed the Executive Director of the National Deaf Business Institute last March.

Thank you to **Father Roger Pickering and Sandra Pickering** of Philadelphia for sharing the following in the note they sent with their Christmas card to the editor -- I am excerpting the highlights:

Gordon and Maryann and her mother, Doris, moved into their new home in Bowie, MD in mid August...Gordon was honored with the Distinguished Service Award by the Maryland Association of the Deaf for his outstanding advocacy in the community. He worked long and hard to get legislation to provide visual fire alarms inside apartments and condos. This is needed for deaf people as well as people who are losing their hearing. He has recently been appointed to a MD. Governor's Committee...

Roger...has been drafted to serve on a Planned Giving Committee of the PA School for the Deaf. In addition, he is treasurer of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Council. He continues to supply at All Soul's and in Washington, DC from time to time...Both of us -- primarily Sandra -- are getting ready to move...We hope to move in the summer time to a Continuing Care Adult Retirement Community...We are so thankful for our many blessings and pray for those who suffer at this time from war, illness, floods or loneliness. May the light of hope from our Lord, Jesus Christ be with them at this time and may His light be with you also.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER:

Here we are a week into a new year, 2006. I feel I have not finished fully with 2005. I seem to have a lot of "loose ends" to tie up. What about you? Are you ready to move on or are you living with one foot in 2005 and the other in 2006?

I attended a WECA (Washington Episcopal Clergy Association) meeting yesterday. The program was challenging. Rabbi Harold White and the Rev. Carol Crumley of the Shalem Institute right here in Bethesda presented us with ideas on "Keeping Sabbath". Rabbi White explained to us the Jewish service of Shabbot or Sabbath.

Most of you know that Jewish people keep the Sabbath as instructed in the book of Exodus which means that their worship begins at sundown on Friday and concludes at sundown on Saturday. The entire twenty-four hour period is dedicated to being different than other days. Attending services is part of that "being different" and is important because it is a time spent in community. One thing I noted that impressed me was that they believe that in order to worship God you must be able to see another person. They arrange their seating so that people face each other rather than in rows where you only see the back of the person's head in front of you. In order to "see God" you must see another person. Rev. Crumley added the Christian perspective to Rabbi White's information.

The conclusion regarding keeping Sabbath was that it is a different day, whether it is Saturday or Sunday. It is a day with activities that are saved for that day alone. This reminds us that we all must find a way in this busy world to "go apart" as Jesus said. To find a place both physically and within ourselves to be with God. We need to come away as "community" and worship the Creator, Revealer and Sustainer of who we are and who we are meant to be.

May God bless each of us richly in this New Year and may we find our Sabbath place as individuals and community is my prayer.

Love and Prayers,

Barbara+



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THE VISITATION OF THE BISHOP OF WASHINGTON



The Right Reverend John Bryson Chane was celebrant and preacher. **Mother Barbara Allen** was concelebrant and deacon of the service. **Tom Hattaway** served as the Bishop's Chaplain and LEM. **Ed Knight** served as Response Leader and LEM. **Rudy Hines, Ron Sutcliffe, Shelley Simms** and **Kary Hattaway** served as readers. **Karen Newquist-Gifford** interpreted. **Tracy Dieter** served as vergier. During the service the Bishop blessed new purificators, Host Box and wine carafe. After Holy Eucharist in St. Mary's Chapel, the Bishop blessed the refurbished office, asperging it (and the assembled congregation) with consecrated water.

During Coffee Hour, a delicious light lunch provided by various members of St. Barnabas', there was an informal meeting with the Bishop. Mother Barbara Allen thanked **Tom Hattaway, Jim Lindsay** and all who worked on refurbishing the office. Shelley Simms asked about what was being done to support Episcopalians in the New Orleans area which is her home town. The Bishop and his wife discussed how the diocese has raised funds for the clergy of the Katrina disaster area including sending gift cards for major stores. The Bishop asked how to attract Deaf people to St. Barnabas. Kary Hattaway had some good suggestions about publicity such as getting a booth at the next local Deaf Festival. The meeting was not all "business" though. During the conversation the Bishop found that he had something in common with Rudy Hines and Tom Hattaway -- all three had spent time working on farms when they were young, and they compared notes on the hard and unpleasant work they had done on the farm. Tom recounted how he had had to clean up the pig "muck" on the farm. The Bishop and Rudy had to agree that Tom had had the worst farm job of the three of them.

METRO WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF-BLIND HOLIDAY PARTY

St. Barnabas members **Ed Knight, Michael Martin, Mae Mullen** and **Shelley Simms** attended the MWADB Holiday Party on December 10 at the Northern Virginia Resource Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Thank you to St. Barnabas members who volunteered at MWADB during 2005, including **Ted Blake, Iris Gomes, Ed Knight,** and **Shelley Simms**. Also thank you to **Ginny Lindsay** for being a regular tactile interpreter for **Steven Frank**. MWADB needs more volunteers, especially drivers since our two lead volunteers had their car stolen recently and are without transportation. To volunteer as a ride contact coordinator **Sandra Carpe**, sandsky80@aol.com



Teddy Hackley and Blaise Delahoussaye chat using tactile sign language at Holiday Party

2006 AADB CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT reprinted from AADB website**"AADB on the Move: No Deaf-Blind Left Behind"**

From: **Jamie Pope**, Executive Director
American Association of the Deaf-Blind

The American Association of the Deaf-Blind (AADB) is pleased to announce the long-awaited dates and location for the next AADB national conference. The AADB Board of Directors approved a bid to host the conference on the beautiful campus of **Towson University** in Baltimore, Maryland, **June 17-23, 2006**. Mark your calendar!

More details about the conference will be available on AADB's website (www.aadb.org) and in our quarterly publication, *The Deaf-Blind American*, which is sent to all AADB members.

Thank you for your patience and support for AADB. We look forward to seeing you in 2006!

CHRISTMAS EVE SNAPSHOTS



Tonya Stremlau, Roberta Curtin, and Derek Braun at St. Barnabas' on Christmas Eve



Elaine Laird attended the 6 PM Christmas Eve Service at National Cathedral
It was her first visit to the Cathedral

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

On Christmas Eve, **Ed Knight** and his mother **Ruth Knight** and **Elaine Laird** attended the interpreted 6 PM Service at National Cathedral (interpreted by **Nancy Connors**). Afterward, they went to St. Barnabas and joined the 7 PM service in progress, officiated by **Mother Barbara Allen** and attended by **Marlene and Rudy Hines**, **Christina Duley**, **Derek Braun** and his mother **Roberta Curtin**, and **Tonya Stremmlau**.

On Christmas Morning, the **Rev. Jay Croft** attended the interpreted televised 9 AM service at National Cathedral. (We know because we spotted him signing as the camera panned the congregation.)

Iris Gomes, **Jim Lindsay**, **Pam Kempf**, secretary for St. John's Church, **Mark Kleberg**, **Ed Knight**, **Ruth Knight**, **Elaine Laird** and **Michael Martin** attended the 10 AM service at St. Barnabas'. After the service Ed presented Mother Barbara with a Christmas gift from the congregation, a gift certificate to the C.M. Almy company. Mother Barbara gave out Ordo Kalendars to the congregation. Ordo Kalendars describe the church year, including the color system. Mother Barbara had to leave soon after the service to use the Christmas gift her son and family in Syracuse had given her, a ticket to fly there and spend Christmas Night and the following with her children and grandchildren.

During Coffee Hour on Christmas Day, we talked about National Cathedral. Pam Kempf was surprised to learn that Helen Keller's ashes are interred at the Cathedral in the crypt. Michael Martin said he had visited there three times and described the plaque which includes Braille. Iris Gomes recalled the time she met Helen Keller when Iris was a six year old girl in India. Her parents had heard that Helen Keller was coming and took Iris to see her. She recalled that Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan rode up in a horse-drawn carriage. The people lining the route showered Helen Keller with rose petals so she could smell the roses. Helen's teacher, Anne Sullivan's ashes are interred with Helen's.

When Iris was 11 years old she made friends with a 20 year old deaf-blind woman. They had a habit of going to 4:00 PM tea time together. Iris misses the British custom of tea time. Ed told Iris that you can make a reservation to have high tea at the National Cathedral, and Iris is interested in doing this, and also climbing the bell tower, as she had done in Notre Dame with her deaf-blind friend Ron Farris.

(Editor's note: According to the Cathedral website, Tour and Tea is offered every Tuesday and Wednesday at 1:30 pm, with the occasional holiday exception. The tour begins inside the nave, directly through the west entrance on Wisconsin Ave. Tea follows at 3 pm in the Pilgrim Observation Gallery. The cost is \$22 per person, and reservations with payment are required in advance. Visa, Master Card and checks are accepted. If you have additional questions, call (202) 537-8993 or e-mail tea@cathedral.org.) Editor's note: If there is interest we can book a tour with an interpreter.

On January 8, the First Sunday after Epiphany, in honor of the Three Wise Men also known as the Three Kings, at Coffee Hour three of the cupcakes had beans in them. The people to find the beans were crowned royalty for a day (or at least a coffee hour): **Ron Sutcliffe**, **Ginny Lindsay** and **Mark Kleberg**.

Book Review: "A Life-Giving Way, a Commentary on the Rule of St. Benedict" by Esther de Waal

Reviewed by Ed Knight

I had the pleasure of listening to **Esther de Waal** give a lecture at the National Cathedral once. She has written a number of books on Celtic and Benedictine spirituality and I finally got around to reading this one. I want to share my reflections on it not because it is newly published (it's not) but mainly because doing a book review helps me to digest a book and I didn't want to leave this one undigested. Dr. de Waal has studied the way of life of Benedictine monks ever since she was inspired by the remains of the Benedictine monastery at Canterbury Cathedral. She says "this encounter with such a powerful place led me to discover something of the life and vision of the men who had built it".

After reading this book, some aspects of being Anglican /Episcopalian make more sense to me. I knew that the Episcopal Church has its roots in the Church of England, and that the Church of England in turn has its roots in Roman Catholicism. I knew that Benedictines are Roman Catholic and Anglican monks and nuns but I wasn't familiar with the Benedictine influence on Anglicanism as a whole. Now I think the welcoming ethic behind the sign or motto "the Episcopal Church Welcomes You" may have its roots in Benedictine hospitality. Perhaps the moderate "Via Media" approach to conflict may be an echo of the Benedictine desire for stability and balance. From this book I learned that the style of worship that Benedict required of monks influenced our worship, not only in the offices (prayer schedule) but also in the liturgical attitude of 'humility, seriousness and reverence'. This explains why for me an Episcopal church service flows best when we all join in an attitude that is humble, serious and reverent. When we worship in this spirit we aren't being stuffy or "frozen" or even particularly "High Church", rather we are being true to our Benedictine roots. Although I can't imagine living as a monk full-time, when I put on my alb or cassock to serve as an LEM now I try to put myself in a Benedictine frame of mind. Reading this book did not make me want to run out and join a monastery. I just can't see myself giving up all my property and any personal life or personal ambition. However, Dr. de Waal has convinced me that there is much about the Rule of Benedict that is as valuable today as ever, if not more so.

There is much that is beautiful and inspiring about the contemplative, communal world of a Benedictine monastery or convent. The Rule creates a balance between work, rest and prayer. In the Benedictine view, Christian life is a workshop where we learn through our experience in community. The Rule offers ancient practical wisdom about living in community. Dr. de Waal describes how she has been able to apply the wisdom of the Rule to her own life, the life of a busy modern person. The Rule is not only about keeping to a prayer schedule, although that is important (and it is an area where I have room for improvement!). It is also "about living with others and its demands." You don't have to live in a monastery or convent to need wisdom for living in a community. The Rule of Benedict fosters a community where there is enough shared silence to free its members from gossip and "idle chatter" and to allow the members to listen to what God is saying to each through each other. This is far removed from our world of internet-driven chatter, rumor and divisiveness, where more than ever people are connected superficially but not at a deep fraternal level. What would our church and our world be like if we could relate to each other at a deep, respectful, monastic level?

I looked for resources on the Benedictine way within the Episcopal church and I found a website for "the Friends of St. Benedict" (www.benedictfriend.org) which is hosted by St. David's Parish in our own Diocese of Washington. From that website I found that the Cathedral College will co-sponsor a retreat called "A Benedictine Experience" on November 16-19 2006, which I hope to attend and perhaps get in touch with my inner monk.

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Cathedral Winter-Spring 2006 Lectures—ASL interpreted upon request

If you would like a sign language interpreter for the following events, please let Mother Barbara know at least two weeks in advance.

Reprinted from <http://www.cathedral.org/cathedral/register/index.shtml>

Note: Winter-Spring 2006 Programs Brochure available from above website contains registration form should you prefer to mail in or fax your ticket request

Bonhoeffer: Award-winning film by Martin Doblmeier

Wednesday, February 1 at 7 pm

Feature-length showing plus live discussion with the filmmaker in the nave of Washington National Cathedral. Sponsored by the Cathedral College and Sojourners Ministries. PBS will broadcast the film on February 6 at 10 pm EST.

Victoria Barnett, Tuesday February 7 at 7:30 pm Lecture: Confessing Christ: The Preaching Witness of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Marcus Borg Tuesday, March 14 Lecture: This religious scholar envisions Jesus as both countercultural leader and empire's prey.

Garry Wills Wednesday, March 29 Lecture: A prominent Catholic intellectual challenges the religious rhetoric that distorts Jesus' message.

John Shelby Spong, Tuesday, April 18 Lecture: An outspoken progressive bishop invites us to a Christ experience that is vibrant and just.

Sharon Salzberg and Robert Thurman Friday and Saturday, April 21–22 Lecture and Workshop: A respected meditation instructor and an influential Buddhist scholar teach practical spiritual applications of kindness and wisdom that can transform suffering.

N.T. Wright Tuesday, May 16 Lecture: This top theologian recreates a spiritual classic for a new world.

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

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Treasurer: Ed Knight

Members-at-large: Mark Kleberg and Tonya Stremlau

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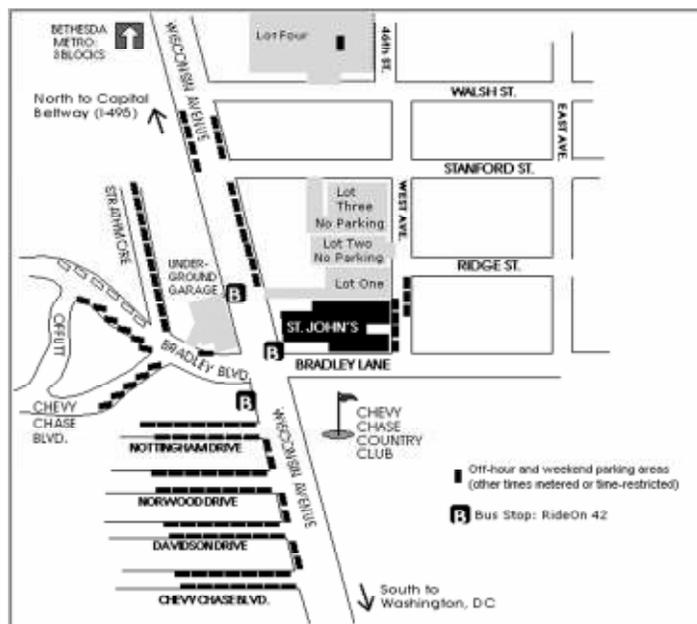
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ON THE WEB AT
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WEEKLY 10 AM HOLY EUCHARIST
SERVICE
WITH HEALING SERVICE 3RD SUNDAYS
ST. MARY'S CHAPEL AT
ST. JOHN'S, NORWOOD
6701 WISCONSIN AVENUE AT BRADLEY
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SATELLITE 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 11:30:00
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*