

THE MESSENGER

March 2006

A congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington



Kiombo Nsumbu was the reader for Psalm 115 at the Opening Eucharist at the Diocesan Convention. Congratulations to Kiombo on a Cathedral reading well done. We didn't get a photo of Kiombo at the lectern in his alb but at least we caught up with him as he was leaving the Cathedral for this snapshot. Story on page 2.



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**Ash Wednesday,
March 1
Holy Eucharist with
Imposition of Ashes**

at Gallaudet in SUB
Chapel at 2:00 PM

And in St. Mary's
Chapel at St. John's Nor-
wood at 7:00 PM

**Throughout March,
St. Barnabas' wel-
comes Montgomery
Hospice for informa-
tive discussions.**

Lent Education Series: Quality of Life at the End of Life

These sessions are ASL interpreted and there will be time for questions!

**9:15 to 10:15 each
Sunday in March**

**Following the discus-
sion will be the
weekly celebration of
Holy Eucharist II**

Sunday March 5

**How Hospice Helps
Families, Presenter:
Beverly Paukstsis, RN,
MS, CHPN, VP of Clinical
Services**

Sunday March 12

**Coping with Grief &
Loss, Presenter: Elaine
Tiller, M.Div, Director of
Bereavement Care Services**

Sunday March 19

**Faith, Hope and Illness
Presenter: the Rev. Dr.
Paulette Stevens, Director
of Pastoral Care Svcs**

Sunday March 26

**Living Wills & Advance
Directives, Presenter:
Sara Perry, LCSW-C, So-
cial Worker, Montgomery
Hospice Casey House**

**Note: Annual Congrega-
tional Meeting with
elections after the ser-
vice, story page 5**



Rayellen Casey, Karen Newquist-Gifford, the Rev. Barbara Allen, Rudy Hines (our delegate), Iris Gomes, Richard Ellis and Libby McKnight at the Diocesan Convention.

One Hundred Eleventh Convention of the Diocese of Washington Held at the National Cathedral January 27 - 28, 2006

Reported by Rudy Hines, Delegate

It all started with registration Friday afternoon at 1:30 and lasted through Saturday afternoon with a closing benediction around 4:30. There were over 90 exhibits which represented the various church activities in the Diocese. The exhibits were located along the bays of the nave. Among them was our own exhibit set up and managed by **Jim Lindsay**. Rev. Allen and I attended all of the business sessions and services. Thanks go to the four interpreters who made it possible to follow all that took place throughout the convention.

The business agenda included the usual reports by various committees, voting for clergy and lay members of various committees, report of the Treasurer, adoption of the 2006 Budget, and Bishop Chane's address.

Everything went along smoothly without any discussion or objections until resolutions were up for acceptance when Resolution # 4, "On Compliance With the Windsor Report" This resolution asked that we "walk together" on the issue of human sexuality - legitimizing or blessing of same sex unions and ordaining those involved in same gender unions.

It was finally agreed to postpone voting on this resolution indefinitely until after the next General Convention.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER:

I have been struck recently as to how and where we meet God. Do we search for God? Do we just wait and hope that God will come to us? Actually, God has already come to us. God came to us in the Christmas Event which we just celebrated in December. That was God, that baby in the manger was, indeed, God. But, the baby is gone. The baby grew up, became a man and then died as one of us. Hmmmm! However, he was different because he rose from death, ascended into the clouds and returned to his home in heaven. So, where can we meet God?



I met God recently at a funeral in the National Cathedral. The funeral was for one of our diocesan priests who died quite unexpectedly. She had been ill, yes, but we all thought that she was getting better, recovering. Then, we heard that she had died. Her body had apparently been compromised beyond the medical expertise that was available. We were all shocked and we mourned.

At least one hundred, if not more, clergy vested and processed down the center of the Cathedral nave. As we processed a deep, mournful sound came from the bell tower. That bell tolled until all had entered and were seated. It seemed as if the "voice of God" was reminding us that one who had served with us long and well was no more on this earth.

However, there was hope! The assistant at St. John's Church Georgetown, the church where this priest had been rector, gave the homily. He spoke of the priest's favorite hymn, favorite because it was her theology, "All My Hope on God is Founded". It is hope that gives us reason to live and to work. We have no certainty but we have "hope"!

May you find God and hope in your everyday lives.

Love and prayers,

Barbara+

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WELCOME TO **CARTER** AND **ERICA**
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CARTER AND ERICA ARRIVE EARLY AND HEALTHY

Proud father **Derek Braun** reports:

Tonya's water broke on January 30 and she went into labor on February 1. The babies were delivered that night by C-section. They came out looking just great, in our biased opinion. The boy, **Carter** was delivered first at 10:39 screaming and kicking and apparently very upset to be taken out of his nice warm place. **Erica** came out one minute later, crying but much more mellow about it all. They were both 4 lbs 9 oz which is a great size despite being seven weeks premature. They are now in the neonatal intensive care unit at Holy Cross Hospital and are doing just great. The physicians have said that they expect the twins to stay in the NICU for 2 to 3 weeks and then they should be able to come home. We spend time with them every day and Tonya in particular is their constant companion.

NEWS FROM GINNY LINDSAY

The Going Away party for **Rudy and Marlene Hines** will be sometime in April and the party for **Kiombo Nsumbo** will be in May.

(Editor's note: There will be details in the April newsletter.)

Also announcing our son **Gavin Lindsay** is now with Long & Foster Realtors and is more than happy to help out with buying and selling houses. The web page he designed is www.swancrest.net and to email him directly use gavin.lindsay@longandfoster.com. He is at the North Potomac / Gaithersburg office and is fluent in ASL and is licensed for all counties in Maryland.

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ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS — WEBSITE, ELECTION

The St. Barnabas' website (stbarnabasdeaf.edow.org) has been updated and the 2005 newsletters are archived there now. **Ed Knight** is taking on the role of webmaster since **Derek Braun** has his hands full with many responsibilities not the least of which are new twins! Thanks to Derek for the excellent website design.

If you are eligible to vote, please plan to vote on March 26 and also please consider running for the Mission Committee. On March 26, voting members of the congregation will vote to fill several openings on the Mission Committee due to terms ending: Asst. Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, two Members-at-large seats. **Rudy Hines**, who is Secretary (and **Marlene Hines**, who is Altar Guild chair) will be moving out of town in the Spring. Who is eligible to vote, according to diocesan canons? The voting members of the congregation are members of the Episcopal church, communicants of the Church in good standing, at least 15 years of age, and contributing to the support of the parish. Who is eligible to serve on the Mission Committee? Voting members and the vicar. (According to the canons, in order to vote you also need your baptism to be recorded in the parish, but at St. Barnabas' we have never strictly enforced this. However, you can still see the Vicar for instructions on how to get your parish records updated since it is nice to have our records up to date.)

Join the Altar Guild! Benefits of membership:

Learn about our sacraments, vessels and linens, build friendships, and show your support for our priest and LEMs.



GAVIN LINDSAY,
REALTOR AND
SCOTTISH DRUMMER

60TH BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR STEVEN FRANK

On January 28, St. Barnabas members **Iris Gomes, Ed Knight, Ginny Lindsay, Mae Mullen** and **Shelley Simms** helped prepare for a 60th birthday party for **Steven Frank** complete with a deli bagel buffet. St. Barnabas' member **Jim Lindsay** was also among the fifty people at the party at King Farm Community Center helping Steven celebrate. Many of Steven's friends from the Gallaudet class of 1971 and from Metro Washington Association of the Deaf-Blind attended. Thanks to Iris for donating a helium tank and blowing up the balloons — about 60 of them — and to Mae for helping. Ginny brought a balloon saying "happy 60th birthday" and we tied it to Steven by his belt loop. Ginny said it would make it easy to find him in the crowd, ha! Thanks to Ginny, Iris and Shelley for helping serve as SSP for Steven and for serving cake, and big thanks to Iris for staying to help with the cleanup.



Documentary Review: "Bonhoeffer" by Martin Doblmier

Reviewed by Ed Knight

I watched this documentary film at a viewing at the National Cathedral Perry Auditorium on Wednesday evening February 1. Before then, I did not know anything about Deitrich Bonhoeffer but now I am interested in reading some of his works, and reading more about him. Bonhoeffer was born 100 years ago and was raised in Berlin, the son of a college professor. It was a large family and he was the youngest son. During World War I, Bonhoeffer's older brother went off to war and died a month later. This experience led Bonhoeffer to grow up to become a pacifist and may have influenced his decision to go to seminary and become a pastor.

Bonhoeffer was a brilliant seminary student and was impressed by a Swiss theologian named Karl Barth, who said that in the recent war every nation had claimed God for itself, turning God into a tribal god, and that this was a catastrophe for Christianity. In his doctoral dissertation, Bonhoeffer described the Church as "the physical manifestation of Christ on Earth", and as "Christ existing as community". The name of his dissertation was "Sanctorum Communio", or "Communion of Saints". This was in contrast to the prevalent individualism of Protestantism (in Germany and elsewhere) that saw church as basically an organization of individuals each working out his or her relationship with God.

In the early 1930's Bonhoeffer traveled to the U.S. to study at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. There he encountered Christian social activism such as the anti-lynching movement led by the pastor of Harlem's Abyssinian Baptist Church.

As the Nazis rose to power and Germany drifted toward war again, Bonhoeffer returned to Germany and preached on pacifism and on the Sermon on the Mount. In traditional Lutheranism, the Sermon on the Mount was not to be taken literally. Instead, the point of the Sermon was to show us how sinful we are that we can't live up to these ideals. Bonhoeffer became convinced that God really does expect us to try to live up to the Sermon of the Mount, to take it seriously and live it out.

Most of the German churches, on the other hand, remained obedient to political authority and put their blessing on Hitler. Some even went so far as to establish the first "Reich Church", an overtly nationalistic, imperial, ideological church. Bonhoeffer preached in a radio sermon that this was idolatry, and of course the Nazis shut down his radio broadcast. Bonhoeffer then taught at a seminary that was eventually shut down as well. His family, which was well connected in Berlin legal and government circles, became active in the resistance and Bonhoeffer became something of a double agent. He went to England for ecumenical meetings with church leaders there, and while he was supposed to be spying for Germany he sent messages to the British House of Lords. Although he was opposed to violence and killing, he joined in a conspiracy to kill Hitler. The bomb planted by one of the conspirators went off underneath a table in a meeting with Hitler, but the table was so sturdy the blast only injured Hitler. The Nazis discovered Bonhoeffer's involvement in the conspiracy and jailed him, and not long before the war in Europe ended he was convicted of treason and hanged to death.

Bonhoeffer was a brave witness to what it means to live out the teachings of Jesus. Bonhoeffer is admired today by many liberals for his firm dedication to social justice and by conservatives for his vigorous preaching against secular idolatries and by all for his courageous discipleship. A nice thing about being Episcopalian is that we celebrate the Communion of Saints, including Deitrich Bonhoeffer, known today as "the Protestant Saint".

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AADB CONFERENCE IN TOWSON JUNE 17-23

The following is reprinted from www.aadb.org

American Association of the Deaf-Blind (AADB), a national consumer organization of, for, and by deaf-blind Americans, is pleased to announce its 2006 national conference to be held on June 17-23, 2006 on the campus of Towson University in Baltimore, Maryland. AADB's conferences are highly anticipated by hundreds of people with dual vision and hearing loss who come together for support, education, and networking.

AADB's national conferences are unique to the deaf-blind community. There are regional conferences, summer camps, recreation groups for deaf-blind people, but nothing like AADB's meetings. Since 1975 when the first national conference was held, the number of deaf-blind participants has steadily increased each time. Deaf-blind participants have participated successfully in each conference with the assistance of support service providers (SSPs). SSPs enable deaf-blind people to participate fully in the conference by assisting them with communication and guiding. Now, more deaf-blind people are coming to our conferences, and we need more SSPs.

SSPs are given free lodging and meals in exchange for working with deaf-blind participants for a whole week. Without the support of volunteer SSPs, AADB's conferences would not exist!

The previous conference in San Diego, California in 2003 had 1,000 people: about 300 were deaf-blind and the remainder were SSPs, professionals, and family members. Baltimore promises to be another well-attended conference.

The following contact information is from an email from Sheryl Cooper:

For more information:

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THE AADB CONFERENCE IN JUNE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

by **Ed Knight** —

Do you have any Deaf-Blind friends? Do you have Deaf-Blind friends who will come to the conference? Have you ever wondered about serving as an SSP? (SSPs enable deaf-blind people to participate in events by assisting them with communication and guiding.) If you want to know what is involved in being an SSP, ask me or **Ted Blake, Richard Ellis, Iris Gomes, Steve Holst, Ginny Lindsay, Jim Lindsay, Kiombo Nsumbu** or **Shelley Simms** because we are all St. Barnabas' members who have experience serving as SSPs at one time or another. Also **Mae Mullen** and **Michael Martin** have experience working with SSPs. Volunteering together helps build community and helps us in our spiritual formation. (It can be fun too!) Since the AADB Conference is in Maryland this year, let's have a great turnout from St. Barnabas' in supporting AADB! See next page (Page 10) for Volunteer Application Form.



VISIT BY **THE REV. DEACON BILL MOSIER** ON SNOWY FEBRUARY 12

The Rev. Deacon Bill Mosier, President of the Episcopal Conference of the Deaf, visited St. Barnabas on a very snowy February 12. He gave a sermon on the importance of participating in God's healing plans for the world as illustrated by the day's lessons featuring the healing of lepers. Afterward, he joined **Mother Barbara Allen, Ed Knight** and **Elaine Laird** for lunch at Uno's Chicago Pizza Restaurant. Bill explained the role of a "vocational deacon", which is his ministry at St. Hilda's in Oregon. It is a servant ministry that includes preaching and taking Communion to the sick and homebound but not consecrating the bread and wine. In our diocese we are more familiar with the ministry of the "transitional deacon" in which new clergy serve one year as a deacon before being ordained a priest. However, our Diocese is reviewing the practice of ordaining vocational deacons. Bill Mosier is strongly in favor of this as many people feel called, as he does, to serve as a deacon rather than a priest.

His wife is the rector of St. Hilda's and so they are a clergy couple. He explained a bit of history of St. Hilda who was the Abbess of a Celtic religious community that included both a monastery and a convent. Thus we see that so many centuries ago she was an example of a woman serving as leader of a Christian community that included both women and men.

The snow that Sunday was beautiful but it caused big problems for some of us. **Michael Martin** reports that his apartment building was without power for more than 15 hours!

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: _____

Please return form to Sheryl Cooper-- 9329 Angelina Circle -- Columbia, MD --

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

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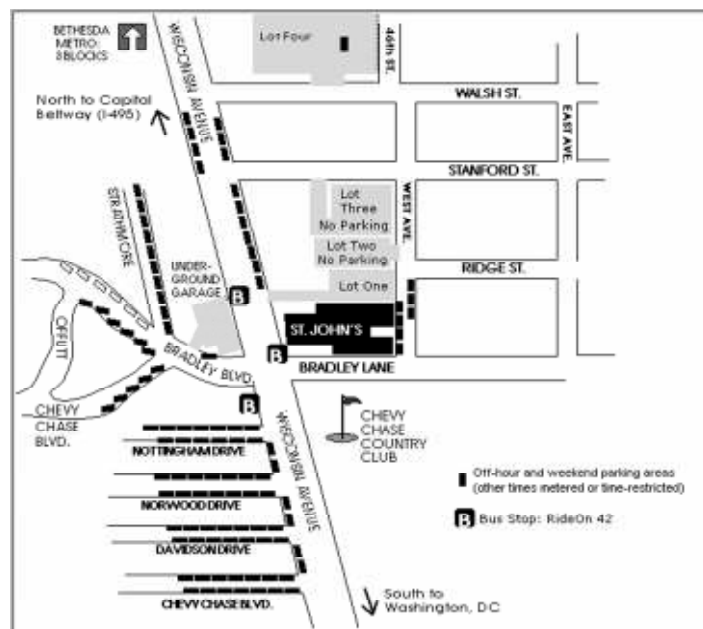
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WEEKLY 10 AM HOLY EUCHARIST
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WITH HEALING SERVICE 3RD SUNDAYS
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GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY MINISTRY:
ELY CENTER ROOM 114 FRIDAYS 11-3:00
DURING THE ACADEMIC 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*