

ST.BARNABAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE DEAF

THE MESSENGER

May-June 2006

A congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington



Mother Barbara Allen and Eucharistic Minister **Tom Hattaway** lead the Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist service at St. Mary's Chapel



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Forthcoming Events:

Pentecost service Sunday, June 4 with the baptism of Erica and Carter Stremlau Braun

United Thank Offering In-Gathering Sunday, June 11

Episcopal General Convention 2006 June 13-21, 2006 in Columbus, Ohio Convention will have four thematic dimensions: "Grow in the Spirit," "Grow in Love," "Grow in Hope," "Grow in All Ways into Christ." **Steve Holst** will represent St. Barnabas and assist at the Episcopal Conference of the Deaf Exhibit. The Vicar will attend as First Vice President of the ECD Board.

American Association of the Deaf-Blind (AADB) 2006 conference June 17-23, 2006 on the campus of Towson University in Baltimore, Maryland. So far, about five members of St. Barnabas will attend or volunteer which is great but we can use more. To register to volunteer, email Email: AADB-Info@aadb.org

Note: **Mother Barbara Allen** will attend the **Spring Clergy Conference May 16-18, 2006** at Shrine-mont, Orkney Springs, Va. **The Rev. Professor Peter J. Gomes** will be the keynote speaker on the theme of "Preaching Gospel Values on Sunday — Living Gospel Values All Week". Professor Gomes is Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church at Harvard University in Cambridge, MA.





On Saturday, April 15, 2006 forty-two friends of **Rudy and Marlene Hines** joined them on a lunch cruise aboard the Spirit of Washington to wish them farewell before they leave to move to Minnesota to be near family there. **Mother Barbara Allen** began the event with a prayer. Next, **Beth Hill** gave the welcome speech. The buffet was delicious and the weather was lovely while we cruised down the Potomac to Alexandria. **James Lindsay** gave a Thank You speech, and **Agnes Sutcliffe** reminisced about her friendship with the Hines'. **Steve Holst** presented the Hines with a gift of a Bible-inspired carving of a lion lying peacefully with a lamb. **Ginny Lindsay** gave a dramatic signing of a dismissal prayer and Mother Barbara led a closing prayer.







Rudy and Marlene Hines sent the following note, which St. Barnabas' Secretary **Wendy Ikezawa** read at the April 30th Mission Committee Meeting: "Members of St. Barnabas' Church of the Deaf, Thank you for the wonderful farewell party you gave us on the "cruise" ship on the Potomac. We will really miss you all. Love, Rudy and Marlene "

THE PASTOR'S CORNER:

Where is God? This is a question that all people of all ages ask. Children and adults wonder and then create their own answers.

This past weekend I attended a Shalem event, a presentation by **Richard Rohr**, OFM. It was entitled "Deepening the Mystery: An Exploration of the Trinity". Richard offered a new understanding of Trinity. He spoke of the Trinity as being not three individuals but as an interaction within God. That interaction is facilitated by the Holy Spirit who is the energy that maintains the interaction. That energy is "love" between the Father and the Son. He says that there is an ongoing flow between God and Jesus that is so full of joy that it is "hilarious". He says that we can participate in that action by allowing ourselves to step into that flow and to rest in it. What a beautiful and saving thought. Wouldn't you like to just rest in the love of God?

We began and ended Saturday's program with a chant that was written by the late Dr. Gerald May who was Shalem's Senior Fellow for Contemplative Theology and Psychology. I want to share these chants with you:

Changeless and Calm

Changeless and calm, Deep Mystery;
Ever more deeply, rooted in Thee.

God Guide Us Home

God, guide us home. Christ, make us one.
Holy Spirit flow, Love will be done.

May God grant each of us this kind of trust and peace.

In Christ's love,
Barbara+



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Above: on Palm Sunday, St Barnabas' members gathered outside, with palm leaves in hand, ready to process in to the chapel (photo courtesy of **Jim Lindsay**.)



Above: during Coffee Hour on Easter Sunday, **Ron Farris** chats with **Elaine Laird** as **Iris Gomes** smiles for the camera. Ron is fluent in British Sign Language. Iris is fluent in BSL and also two Indian sign languages, one used in the East of India and the other in the West of India. (And ASL, of course.)



On April 23, we were very pleasantly surprised by the presence of the former vicar of St. Barnabas, the **Rev. Jay L. Croft** (above), with his wife, **Dr. Frances Croft**, and their children and grandchildren.

Later we received the following email from Father Jay Croft:

“Our family and I were pleased to visit St. Barnabas' on April 23. We were glad to see old friends and to make some new ones. Thank you for putting my picture on the web-site. Our love and best wishes to everyone!”

On April 26, 2006 **Mother Barbara** officiated at a graveside service for **Ms. Sarah Lee Tharp Harris**, daughter of **Mrs. Phoebe Tharp** long time member of St. Barnabas'. Sara Lee died suddenly and unexpectedly at her home in Boston, MA. Phoebe received the news the week before. We ask your prayers for the repose of Sara Lee's soul and for comfort for Phoebe and her family in this time of profound loss and grief.

Barbara+

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorial gifts be made to the American Diabetes Association



Annual Parish Meeting, March 26, 2006

Ed Knight gave a brief Treasurer's Report. (For the year-end report see page 10 in this issue.)

Mother Barbara Allen gave her Vicar's report.

This was followed by the report of the Nominations Chairperson, **Ginny Lindsay**. We then proceeded to elect the following persons:

Secretary: **Wendy Ikezawa-Kohashi**

Treasurer: **Jim Lindsay**

Members-at-large: **Ed Knight, Mary Malzkuhn (one year, completing terms of others)**

Ginny Lindsay, and Steve Holst (two years)

Representative to General Convention in Columbus, Ohio in June — **Steve Holst**, who will assist at the ECD booth there. (Alternate representative: **Jim Lindsay**.)

Hospitality Chairperson: **Beth Hill**

Congratulations to Wendy, Jim, Ed, Ginny, and Steve and thank you to Ginny Lindsay for her work on the nominations.

Mother Barbara announced that **Elaine Laird** has been hired to work at the St. Barnabas' office for ten hours per week, primarily using her graphic design skills to produce documents such as bulletins and calendars.

We reviewed the revised Mission Statement that **Wendy Ikezawa-Kohashi** helped the Mission Committee to craft, and which is now on our website:

St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church of the Deaf, a mission within the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, seeks to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to deaf people in the diocese and to promote the spiritual and earthly welfare of the deaf community by providing regular Sunday worship in sign language, opportunities for fellowship and Christian education. The Vicar of St. Barnabas also serves as Episcopal Chaplain to Gallaudet University, providing opportunities for regular worship, faith discussion groups and priestly counseling to the Gallaudet community. The members of St. Barnabas seek to serve and participate in the church community and the deaf community through our presence, witness, service and support





Congratulations to Gallaudet University Graduate Kiombo Nsumbu

Report by **Ginny Lindsay**

On Friday, May 19, Kiombo and his three friends were sitting in front of us cheering for Kiombo. (whose middle name is Alphonse) with Mary Kay and her son who flew in from Chicago, Betsy and Jim, me, my Jim and Nancy Connor sitting all together.. Barbara Allan was close by down the aisle but could chat with her as we waited for the ceremony to start and the program finally ended after 4 pm. We took pictures outside of Kiombo many other friends outside of the field house.. We are so proud of Kiombo, also Leo who finished last Dec... It was good. Kiombo will have his internship in France a week or two from now... And then will return to complete his Master's Degree.

Editor's note, St. Barnabas hosted a graduation party for Kiombo after church on Sunday, May 7. Below: Kiombo and Mary Kay at bake sale table raising funds for Kiombo's friend from the Congo to be able to attend graduation.



Year-End 2005 Treasurer's Report By Ed Knight.Stewardship Program:

2004 pledge units	15
2004 total yrly pledges	\$26,992
2004 median yrly pledge	\$1,300

2005 pledge units	19
2005 total yrly pledges	\$29,348
2005 median yrly pledge	\$1,200

2006 pledge units:	12
2006 total yrly pledges:	24,420.00
2006 median yrly pledge:	1,300

Thank you to our faithful pledgers and if you have not received a pledge card but would like to pledge, see me or you can download it from the website at http://stbarnabasdeaf.edow.org/about_us.html#DownloadableMaterials

From where did the money come?

In 2005, the total revenue of \$30,856 to fund the programs, missions and functions of St. Barnabas' came from:

86 % from pledges from current parishioners

14 % from other giving by parishioners, friends and visitors

This does not include the Diocesan support that includes our Vicar's compensation package, compensation for our Consultant for Deaf Ministry, interpreter services, or half the pay of our part-time vicar's assistant.

Where did the money go? In 2005, expenses totaled \$22,403.

34% for Admin and Finance (including new office equipment due to computer dying as well as routine costs such as newsletter and audit)

21% for Maint and Operations (rent, insurance, and expenses related to office refurbishment)

20% for Diocese (assessment) and National (UTO, Little Red Church, etc)

12% for publicity and hospitality (Verizon book ad, flyers, refreshments, outreach/charity)

7% for Altar supplies, flowers, Sunday bulletin covers and inserts, vestments

6 % for other items such as for clergy utilities and expenses (pager, phone) and Christian Education program supplies

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 Visitors: Ed Knight, Ginny Lindsay

Altar Guild: Christina Duley, Ed Knight, 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: Ed Knight and Mary Malzkuhn

Officers elected during even-numbered years

Asst. Vice Chair: Shelley Simms

Secretary: Wendy Ikezawa-Kohashi

Treasurer: Jim Lindsay

Members-at-large: Ginny Lindsay and Steve Holst

Other Ministries:

Tellers: Ed Knight, John Ricciardi

Vicar's Assistant: Elaine Laird

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

Webstewards: Ed Knight and Elaine Laird (original design by Derek Braun)

Parish Office Volunteer: Shell Kimble

Greeting Card Ministry: Mae Lynn Mullen

ECD Delegate: Mary Malzkuhn

ECD Alternate: Ginny Lindsay

Delegate to Diocesan Convention: Steve Holst

Alternate Delegate to Diocesan Convention: Jim Lindsay

Hospitality Chair: Beth Hill

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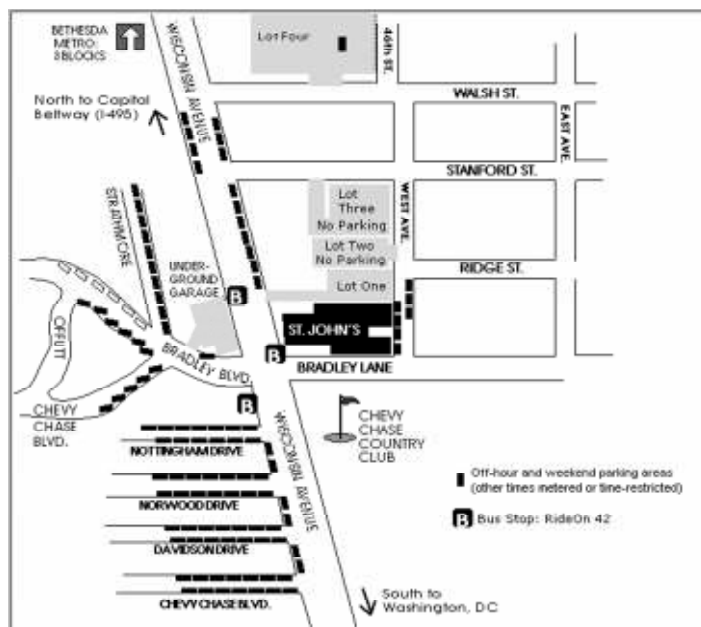
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especially your digital photos related to church and
community; send to knightedd@comcast.net with
assurance that everyone in the photo has approved
its publication

ON THE WEB AT
STBARNABASDEAF.EDOW.ORG

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*