

# THE MESSENGER

October/ November 2006

A congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington



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Mae Lynn Mullen and Ginny Lindsay standing beside the cake at Mae Lynn's going away party during the Coffee Hour on October 1. Story page 2.

## Installation of the 26th Presiding Bishop of the ECUSA

St. Barnabas' is excited and pleased that the National Church is providing interpreters and reserved seating for the installation of the Right Reverend **Katharine Jefferts Schori** as the 26th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church USA at Washington National Cathedral on Saturday November 4,

2006 at 11 AM. We received ten tickets for the installation and they were all gone within the week.

Jefferts Schori will be formally seated in a service in the National Cathedral on Sunday November 5 at the 11:00 AM Eucharist. That service will also be ASL-interpreted with reserved seating for those who are deaf. Passes are re-

quired. The Vicar will have 10 passes and will distribute them on a first come first served basis. You may contact the Vicar at 301-755-4346 text msg. or e-mail at [revbaallen@AOL.com](mailto:revbaallen@AOL.com)

## Diocesan Regional Assembly

2 p.m. to 6 p.m Oct. 28 at St. Luke's, 6030 Grovesnor Ln., Bethesda. There will be interpreters; Delegate

to Convention, Vice Chair and Asst. Vice Chair may vote, all are welcome to attend and observe. It is very important that those who can attend this meeting to be informed on the business of the church and the diocese.

## Cathedral Lectures Will Be ASL Interpreted

See details on page 6

## BEST WISHES TO MAE LYNN MULLEN



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## MAE LYNN MULLEN PARTY

On October 1, St. Barnabas' members had a party for **Mae Lynn Mullen**, who is moving to Seattle Washington where she has found a job. Mae Lynn has been very active at St. Barnabas and has a wonderful nature and positive attitude, helping with the Altar Guild and coordinating greeting cards for members who have birthdays or are ill. She has also been active in the Metro Washington Association of the Deaf-Blind and the American Association of the Deaf-Blind. We are happy for Mae Lynn but sad to see her go. We wish Mae Lynn all the best and we will miss her! Thank you to Hospitality Chair **Beth Hill** for coordinating the party and to **Ginny Lindsay** who made time to plan a second party later that day at CiCi restaurant, during a very busy time for her own family.

## WELCOME BACK TO ELIZABETH SPIERS

A warm "welcome back" to **Elizabeth Spiers**, who attended St. Barnabas years ago and again began worshipping with us again on October 15. Elizabeth is the Director of Programs/Services at the American Association of the Deaf-Blind and who worked hard to make the AADB Convention in Baltimore last June a big success. You will recall that Mae Lynn Mullen also worked as an intern at AADB last Spring.

## UPDATE FROM RUDY AND MARLENE HINES (FROM SEPTEMBER )

Fall weather has finally arrived as we can expect frost any day now and the trees around here are putting on their fall colors. Thanks everyone for the birthday card. We are still unpacking. Still have not found some important papers. Could be on the bottom of a box of stockings and ties not yet opened. We are still putting in shelves in our three 5x5 storage areas. Brought many things we thought we might use and will have to get rid of. We are lucky to have that much lockable storage available in our building even though it is in the basement. Last Saturday we attended an "Aware Fair" at the Brookdale Center downtown. There were over 80 booths providing all kinds of information/sales for the hard of hearing, deaf, deafblind. Estimated around 2,500 attended the "expo". Tomorrow, Thursday we will be attending a deaf seniors monthly luncheon meeting usually attended by around 80 or more seniors. We enjoyed watching the service honoring Rev. Gallaudet and Rev. Syle. Bye for now. Rudy and Marlene

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## DR. MARY MALZKUHN COFFEE HOUR STUDY

On "Three Faiths, One God", a closed-captioned PBS video featuring our own Bishop Chane, began on October 1 and continued on October 15. This was a collegial and lively discussion which is posted as streaming video on our website, // [stbarnabasdeaf.edow.org/](http://stbarnabasdeaf.edow.org/)

(Note: Dr. Malzkuhn recently fell at home. Therefore, we are putting the study on hold until she is well enough to return. The Vicar will e-mail and announce the date the study will resume. Your prayers for Dr. Malzkuhn are requested.)

## MISSION COMMITTEE BACK AT WORK, SUMMER OVER!

On September 24, the Mission Committee had its first meeting since the beginning of summer. Secretary **Wendy Ikezawa** submitted very detailed minutes from the April 30th meeting. Treasurer **Jim Lindsay** provided a thorough report on finances including a report on the Kramer investment fund. We discussed whether or not to visit Grace Church in Silver Spring to evaluate it as a more spacious worship space opportunity because there is not much room to grow in the Chapel at St. John's. The consensus was that although there is more space and more parking there, the current Chapel is more conducive to worship than meeting in a parish hall type of setting. We voted to proceed with getting Comcast cable for the office, which will pave the way for getting a Video Phone. We discussed the Coffee Hour arrangements. We also had a meeting on October 22. We further discussed a Video Phone and voted on the Berg Fund language. **Tom Hattaway** discussed worship presentation software he saw called "Sunday Plus" We discussed getting a demo of this product and discussed the idea of using a data projector to incorporate "multimedia" into our service, including projecting the text of the service from the Book of Common Prayer to help the congregation with responses.

## METRO WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF-BLIND

A big thank you to **Elaine Laird** for volunteering for the first time as Support Service Provider at the MWADB Board Meeting on September 9, and to **Shelley Simms** for volunteering at the MWADB Strategic Planning workshop on September 30, and to **Iris Gomes** who volunteered at both events. St. Barnabas' members are a big help to MWADB, which is short on SSPs. MWADB needs both experienced and new SSPs!

Again thank you to **Iris Gomes** and **Shelley Simms** for volunteering as SSP for the October 14 Tour of the National Museum of the American Indian.

### **SSPs needed for Sat. Nov. 18th: 4:00 to 10:00 pm. Annual Thanksgiving potluck dinner and Holiday Bazaar**

Location: Multi-purpose room, Student Academic Center, Gallaudet University, 800 Florida Ave. NE, Washington, D.C.

Please bring your favorite side dishes like sweet potatoes; mashed potatoes; stuffing; vegetables; cranberry sauce; dessert; beverages.

Please let Steven Frank know what would you like to bring food/drink. RSVP by Thurs. Nov. 16th, [stevenfrank@juno.com](mailto:stevenfrank@juno.com)

Member with food: free, Member without food: \$5.00

Non-member with food: \$5.00, Non-member without food: \$6.00

For SSP/ride, contact Bruce Denhart, SSP Coordinator, email address: [bdenh75955@aol.com](mailto:bdenh75955@aol.com)

For more questions about Recreation, Social and Culture or Fund raiser project events, please contact Steven Frank at [stevenfrank@juno.com](mailto:stevenfrank@juno.com)

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GOMES, ELAINE  
LAIRD, AND  
SHELLEY SIMMS!

## THE PASTOR'S CORNER:

I have been thinking a lot recently about how different things seem to happen in parallel. The present protest and dissension at our own Gallaudet University prompted me to look more deeply into this idea. It is very important to look at the underlying causes for disagreement. I think of an advertisement I see in this area for a consulting firm. It says that they are committed to "finding and curing" the causes of homelessness. Now, I can understand looking for the cure but I think that the causes are right here "under our noses" as the saying goes. Inequality of power, the wide gap between the "haves" and the "have nots".

The causes for dissension are always related to inequality of power. Someone in the Deaf Community recently contacted me asking what they could do to help at Gallaudet. I had to explain that the Office of Campus Ministries holds a position of neutrality and supports the entire university community. OCM was present and offering space and counseling to those who chose to accept it. The point is that this person was feeling frustrated, worried and frightened about what is happening at Gallaudet. This person wanted to "do something". They wanted to plan a prayer service at their church. That would be fine but transportation to the church for Gallaudet students would have been difficult. I suggested that they plan a prayer service for the members of their church to pray for the situation at Gallaudet. That offered this person a way of gaining control over a situation which is out of their control.

That is what happens to all of us when we find ourselves in a situation over which we have no control. We grasp at straws trying to gain control, we become even more angry and frustrated which sets us up to make unwise decisions and poor choices. Our need to control has been the ultimate cause of disagreements, wars, oppression, even actual murders. Some murders are death by physical harm and others are destruction of reputation and self image.

What is the answer? I think that we need to recognize that none of us really have control over anything. It is God who has control. Each of us perceives God in our own way. You may perceive God as female or male or simply spirit. The point is that if we are willing to "let go" and let God handle a situation God will offer a solution.

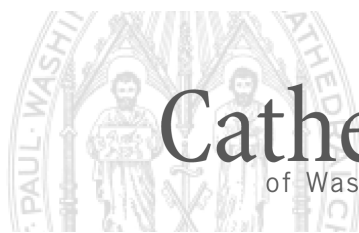
That solution may come in many forms; an actual voice in our minds, through a friend, through reading scripture, reading books from fellow travelers on this earth who have been in the same spiritual place we are, poems, quiet solitude. So many ways that God can speak. God understands all communication, speech, sign language, writing, thoughts.

I hope that you will consider your own need for being in control. If you realize that that need is causing problems then take that to God and wait for God to give you a solution. I wish you peace of heart, mind, body and soul,

Barbara+



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# Cathedral College

of Washington National Cathedral

## American Sign Language Interpretation is now available!

This fall, we are pleased to offer American Sign Language interpretation for all of our engaging evening lectures. Two interpreters with training in spiritual and theological topics will be present for each lecture and reserved seating will be available for those who require this service.

Remaining Fall Lectures:

### Isabel Allende with Jean Shinoda Bolen

In the Company of Legends and Friends

Tuesday, November 14, 7:30 pm Lecture

### Larry Dossey

Healing Between Spirit and Medicine

Friday, December 1, 7:30 pm Lecture

Please contact Robin DeBlosi at (202) 537-5728 with any questions

### ED KNIGHT ATTENDED THE FIRST TWO LECTURES AND REPORTS:

E.O. Wilson, "In This Together: Religion and Science to Save Biodiversity" on September 20 and John Danforth "A Ministry of Reconciliation: Christianity and the Political Divide", on September 27. The interpreters were **Richard Ellis** and **Dan Parval**. Dr. Wilson discussed the need for everyone, including people of faith, to work together to save Creation from not only global warming but also accelerating extinctions of species. The Rev. Danforth discussed the current political climate in which political parties use wedge issues to "energize the base" and calls for Christians to wage reconciliation instead of division.

### ST. BARNABAS STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM NOTE BY ED KNIGHT:

Thank you to those faithful folks who already pledged before I even printed the pledge cards! I'll have more Stewardship information in the next issue of the Messenger, but for now want to let you know I've printed the pledge cards so please see me for your card. The pledge card is also available on our website at <http://stbarnabasdeaf.edow.org/PledgeCard2007.pdf> or you can cut one out at right to hand in or mail in:

Thank you for your fellowship in our church!

### St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church of the Deaf

#### ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

In thankful appreciation of the gifts God has given us, I/we pledge to support the work of St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church in 2007 with a gift of:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Annually

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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

**Eucharistic Minister/Response Leader:**

Tom Hattaway, Ed Knight, Ginny Lindsay, Mary Malzkuhn

**Eucharistic Visitors:** Ed Knight, Ginny Lindsay

**Altar Guild:** Christina Duley, Ed Knight

**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

**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: vacant

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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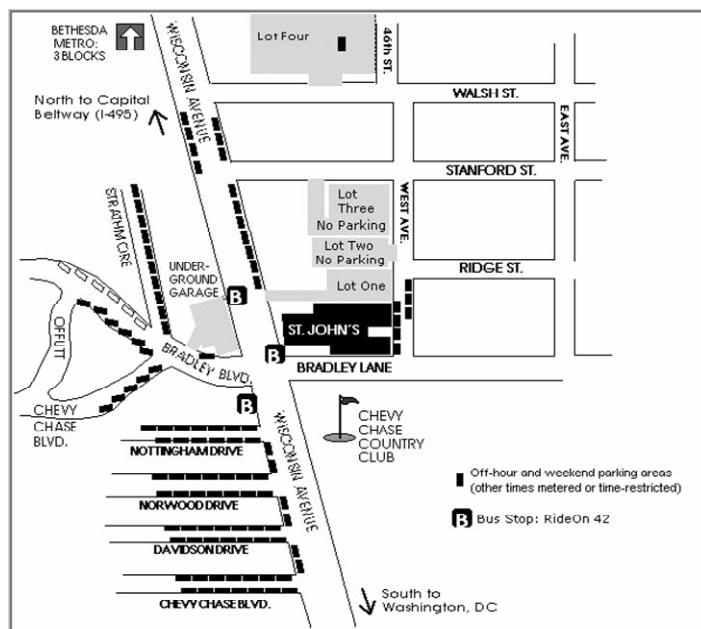
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WEEKLY 10 AM HOLY EUCHARIST  
SERVICE  
WITH HEALING SERVICE 3RD  
SUNDAYS  
ST. MARY'S CHAPEL AT  
ST. JOHN'S, NORWOOD  
6701 WISCONSIN AVENUE AT  
BRADLEY LANE, CHEVY CHASE, MD.  
20815

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*