

ST.BARNABAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE DEAF

# THE MESSENGER

April / May 2007

A congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington



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On Palm Sunday, **the Rev. Dr. Roger Pickering** was our guest priest, assisted by Lay Eucharistic Minister **Tom Hattaway**

**May 6 12: 30 PM - Annual Parish Meeting with election of officers as follows:**

**Vice Chairperson , Asst. Vice Chairperson, Two members at large**

Nominations will be brought by the Mission Committee and will also be accepted from the floor.

**ECD Team to Meet with the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of the ECUSA on May 22nd in New York City!** For details see Page 6.

**There are two dates for Confirmation in the spring this year: May 19 and June 23.**

We will not have candidates for the May date but will have at least three persons to be confirmed on June 23rd. **Tom Hattaway** will assist the Vicar in teaching a Confirmation preparation class. Will announce that date soon. If there are others who have not been confirmed you will be welcome to join the class and the Confirmation celebration. If you are baptized and confirmed but would just like a refresher course plan to join us for the preparation class.

**Note from National Cathedral: All Lectures will be ASL Interpreted**

The Cathedral College is pleased to announce that all of our lectures this season will be interpreted in American Sign Language for the Deaf Community. Reserved seating will be available for those requiring this service. If you have any questions, please call (202) 537-2221.

For a listing of lectures, go to <http://www.cathedral.org/cathedral/register/#lectures>

## PALM SUNDAY



**Beth Hill** and **Shirley Zimmerman** prepare a Palm Sunday coffee hour buffet. After the coffee hour they participated in practicing for a skit that Maryland Deaf Seniors Association later gave at the Deaf Seniors of America Conference in Florida. More regarding that skit on page 4.

On Palm Sunday, we were thrilled and thankful to see the **Rev. Dr. Roger Pickering** doing so well — it was hard to believe he had experienced a minor stroke less than one month before. He has no leftover effects except that his left eye is not functioning as well as before the stroke. His signing of the liturgy was as graceful and powerful as ever, as you can see in **streaming video on our website, <http://stbarnabasdeaf.edow.org/>**

We were also glad to see **Kary Hattaway** recovering from her knee injury.

Kary wrote in an email from March 22: "I want to say big thank you for the lovely card I received in the mail and the prayers and concerns from you all. My knee is improving very well and the doctor did a good job on it ...It's amazing how fast I recovered, thanks to the advanced medical technology and with the Lord watching over me."

## EASTER SUNDAY: HALLELUJAH, CHRIST IS RISEN



The congregation passes the Peace before Holy Communion



The congregation including guests poses for a group photo after the Easter Sunday service.

## ST. BARNABAS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS AT DEAF SENIORS OF AMERICA CONVENTION



Front Row: L-R, **Ginny Lindsay, Shirley Zimmerman, Steve Holst, Byron Zimmerman**. Back: L-R (unidentified conventioner), **Harry Tremaine, Marshall Wick, Linda Wick, Beth Hill and Agnes Sutcliffe**. Photo Courtesy of **Jim Lindsay**.

Congratulations to St. Barnabas' members **Beth Hill, Steve Holst, Jim Lindsay, Ginny Lindsay, Byron Zimmerman, and Shirley Zimmerman** who represented the Maryland Deaf Seniors Association in the Skits Competition and won first place. Congratulations also to **Agnes and Ron Sutcliffe** for coaching the winning team. Congratulations also to **Willis Mann and Doris Schwarz** who were also on the MDSA team.

#### More News:

**Michael Martin** recently moved to Orange Park, Florida, a suburb of Jacksonville. Best wishes to Michael as he begins his new life in Florida. Michael will be missed for his excellent attendance record and also his service on the Altar Guild, where he showed up early on most Sundays to set up. We will send him the Messenger at his new address. Michael says he does not know of any Episcopal deaf church in Jacksonville but he plans to visit a United Methodist church there that has services for the deaf.

#### Metro Washington Association of the Deaf-Blind Annual Cookout.

Sat. June 9th: 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Location: shelter G at Wheaton Regional Park, Wheaton, MD.

Please bring favorite side dishes and beverages to share. MWADB will provide hot dogs and hamburgers! And of course, we will have fun games! To volunteer as SSP/ride, please contact **Bruce Denhart**, SSP Coordinator, email address: [bdenh75955@aol.com](mailto:bdenh75955@aol.com) For questions, please contact [stevenfrank@juno.com](mailto:stevenfrank@juno.com)

## THE PASTOR'S CORNER:

Well, it looks as if "spring has finally sprung"! I really was beginning to wonder if we would ever have warmer weather again. I have a tendency to get a bit depressed in the winter when it is dark longer, cloudy often and cold! Perhaps some of you experience the same kind of feelings.

How do you handle that? There are many possibilities. The medical profession has, in fact, given that type of depression a name. They call it "seasonal depression". Some people's depression is so severe that they need treatment of some kind. It might be medication but generally what they need is "light". Yes, that is right, light. They are given a device that will light up and they sit in front of it for a prescribed time limit. People who use this method report that it is very helpful.

So, light would seem to be at least part of the answer to the problem. I am thinking of other forms of illumination than artificial light. We talk about learning and knowledge as a kind of light or illumination. I was wondering how you provide this kind of "light" for yourselves. Here are some ideas:

Read the Scriptures daily.

Read devotional material that have positive thoughts.

Pray daily.

Attend worship on Sundays.

Fellowship with friends and neighbors so that you can meet God in them.

"Shine your light" on others through cards, notes, e-mails, visits, etc.

We have some St. B's people who need some "encouraging light" shared with them.

**Phoebe Tharp** - Valley View

111 Elwyn Rd

Elwyn, PA 19063

**Mary and Eric Malzkuhn** - 4544 Columbus St. #526

Virginia Beach, VA 23462

**Martha Soper** - 202 Jenny Gay Court

Severn, MD 21144

Who else do you know who is unable to attend our church either because of distance or ill health? Let us know. **Wendy Ikezawa** is our new Card Chairperson and is doing a great job of sending out all kinds of cards for birthdays, anniversaries, get well, sympathy and just cheerful greetings.

If we all work as a team we can brighten the lives of the Deaf Community in our area. That is the kind of service that God blesses.

In Christ's Peace and Service,

Barbara+



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**ECD Team to Meet with the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of the ECUSA on May 22nd in New York City**

A team from the ECD Board consisting of President the Rev. Dcn. William Mosier, First Vice-President the Rev. Barbara A. Allen, Treasurer Mr. David Early, Mbr. at Large Ms. Cass Martensen, Retired Vicar of All Souls' Church for the Deaf Philadelphia the Rev. Dr. Roger A. Pickering and Vicar of Ephaphtha Parish of the Deaf Central New York the Rev. Virginia Nagel will be meeting with the new Presiding Bishop the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori on May 22nd at the National Church offices in New York City.

The purpose of this meeting is to share with the new PB the history and present activities of the Episcopal Conference of the Deaf. We feel it is of the utmost importance that Bishop Jefferts Schori is fully aware of Episcopal ministry with deaf persons and the long history of the ECD with the National Church.

We ask for your prayers as we prepare for this meeting and that you pray specifically for us on May 22nd.

**ECD Conference on Ministry June 12-15, 2007**

Due to circumstances beyond the Board's control we were unable to plan and implement an ECD Convention for 2007. We have, instead, planned a Conference on Ministry which will be much like the old Clergy Conference except that we wanted to include lay leaders as well as clergy.

This Conference will be held in St. Louis, MO at the Pallottine Renewal Center. This was the site of the 2005 ECD Convention. Space is limited so attendance is by invitation. The priest and specified members of each ECD congregation will be attending.

Presenters are:

The Rev. David Vryhof, SSJE, The Rev. Dcn. William Mosier, President of the ECD Board

Members of the following churches:

St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church of the Deaf, Chevy Chase, MD, St. John's Church of the Deaf, Birmingham, AL, St. Thomas Church of the Deaf, St. Louis, MO

Topics to be presented are:

Contemplative Life, Refill, Rejuvenate & Change, Children and Youth, Lay Leadership Training

St. Barnabas' will have three lay leaders and the vicar attending.

Again we ask your prayers for this very important conference. Our goal is to revive and renew the ECD and the Episcopal ministry with deaf persons.

**The Rev. Virginia Nagel to Receive an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Eastern Baptist Seminary, Philadelphia** The Vicar will be attending this ceremony on May 19th both as a friend of Rev. Nagel and as a representative of the ECD.

Please keep "Ginger" in your prayers. This is a wonderful honor for her. She was the first deaf woman to be ordained in the Church and now will receive this Honorary Doctorate Degree. We are very proud of her!

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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

**Consultant for Deaf Ministry:** The Rev. Dr. Roger Pickering

### **Eucharistic Minister/Response Leader:**

Tom Hattaway, Ed Knight, Ginny Lindsay

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

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

**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: 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)

Greeting Card Ministry: Wendy Ikezawa-Kohashi

ECD Delegate: Dr. Mary Malzkuhn

ECD Alternate: Ginny Lindsay

Delegate to Diocesan Convention: Steve Holst

Alternate Delegate to Diocesan Convention: Jim Lindsay

Hospitality Chair: Beth Hill

St. Barnabas' representative on diocesan Committee on Accessibility and Special Needs: Dr. Ron Sutcliffe

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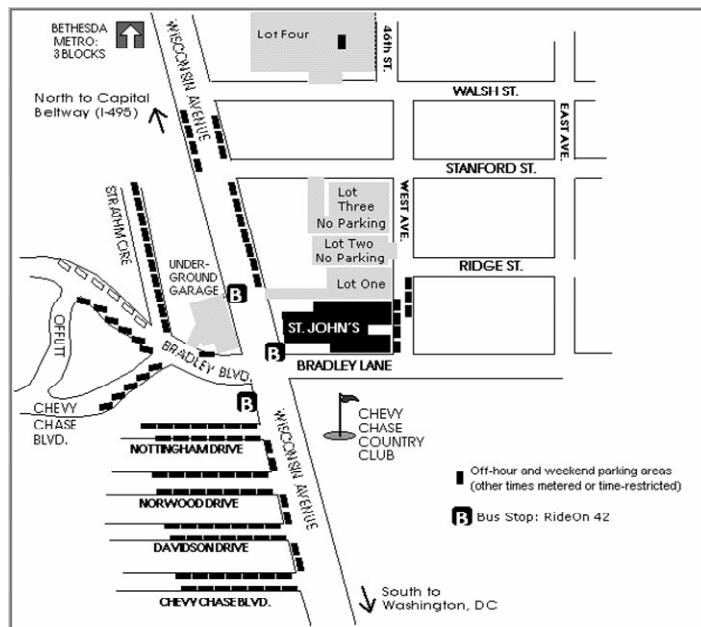
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especially your digital photos related to church and  
community; send to knightedd@comcast.net with  
assurance that everyone in the photo has approved

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 OFFICE  
HOURS ARE: 1-5 PM ON WEDS.  
SUPPER AND DISCUSSION GROUP IS  
5:30 PM EVERY WED. DURING  
ACADEMIC YEAR, 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*