

ST.BARNABAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE DEAF

THE MESSENGER

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A congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington



Steve Holst, St. Barnabas' delegate, votes at Diocesan Convention in January, while **Ed Knight** and **Jim Lindsay** observe.



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Sundays in Lent during coffee hour: Lenten Study on The Misunderstood Jew written by **Amy-Jill Levine**, herself a Jew and the E. Rhodes and Lenora B. Carpenter Professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School in Nashville, TN. The Vicar and **Dr. Ron Sutcliffe**, member of St. Barnabas', will share the leadership responsibilities for this study. We often think of Jesus as a Christian rather than a Jew. However, he was born to Jewish parents and practiced his Jewish faith.

March 25 - Annual Parish Meeting following morning Eucharist

April 2-7 Holy Week - We will have a modified Holy Week schedule as follows:

April 5 - Maundy Thursday service of Foot Washing and Lord's Supper followed a simple bread and soup supper.

April 6 - Good Friday - We will not have a service. The Vicar will obtain interpreters for those members and friends who may want to join St. John's for the afternoon services.

April 7 - Holy Saturday and Easter Vigil - The Vicar will obtain interpreters for those members and friends who would like to participate in St. John's Easter Vigil.

April 8 - Easter Day service in St. Mary's Chapel, Easter Sunday at the National Cathedral The Easter Festive Eucharist will be ASL interpreted. Seats must be reserved. Please let the Vicar know by March 15th if you would like to attend this service.

May 19 - Diocesan Confirmation in the National Cathedral 10:00 AM - We expect to have some people ready for Confirmation from St. Barnabas' and one possible for Reception into the church.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL

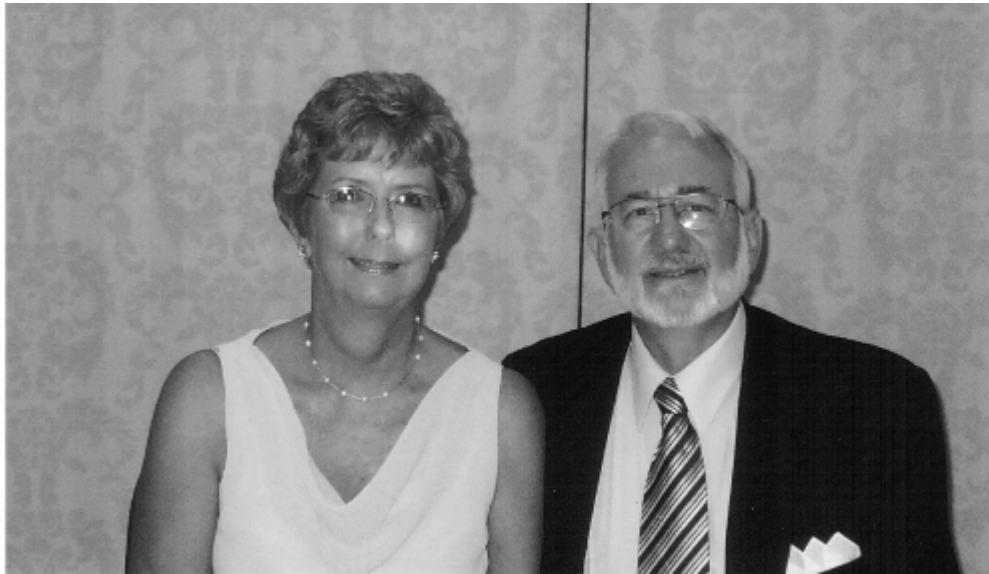


Interpreter **Rayelenn Casey** chats with **Ruth Knight** (Ed Knight's mother) after the National Cathedral Christmas Eve service, sharing a photo.



Rayelenn Casey with a group of worshipers at the National Cathedral Christmas morning service, including **the Rev. Jay Croft** (former vicar of St. Barnabas) and **Dr. Frances Croft**. (Photo courtesy of Rayelennn.)

BETH HILL AND STEVE HOLST WEDDING



Editor's Note: now that we have the wedding photo above, we are reprinting the item on Beth and Steve's wedding:

Thank you to **Beth Hill** for sharing the following news:

After 20 years of being together, we got married by the Justice of Peace on Sept. 1st. On the next day, Sept. 2nd., we had a lovely wedding reception at Comfort Inn. Forty friends and relatives came to celebrate with us. We stayed at our condo in Ocean City for a week after the reception. We hope to have a honeymoon in Germany in the spring of 2007.

GREETINGS FROM MINNESOTA

Thanks to Rudy and Marlene Hines from emailing following item on February 5th.

Minnesota winters have come back. Coldest spell since 1996. Was almost 17 below this morning. That does not include wind chill which could be between 30 and 40 below. Looking out the window you would not think it was that cold as the sun is shining so brightly and the skies are so clear and blue. Is nice to have heated indoor garage parking with temperature of 66. Some schools had to close because they could not start the buses. Saturday night they still had the St. Paul Winter Carnival Torchlight Parade. Attendance was down to around 2,000. We weren't one of them.

Rudy and Marlene

Diocesan Convention Snapshots

Editor's note: Thanks to **Rayelenn Casey** and **Karen Newquist-Gifford** for these great photos!



Interpreter **Richard Ellis** text-messaging while **Mother Barbara** chats with **Rayelenn Casey**.



Above: **Karen Newquist-Gifford** interprets a hymn during the Convention Eucharist.



Right: **Diane Lynch** interprets for **Dustin Cole** who was speaking about the diocese's new young adults ministry.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER:

Let me begin with a "Thank you!". It seems a bit late to be saying "thank you" for my Christmas gift from you all but since we did not have a January issue of the Messenger this is my first opportunity to share with you my gratitude for your love and care. I have already used part of my Macy's gift certificate to purchase a large softside suitcase with wheels. I have needed this for a long time. So, "thank you" all!

I am excited about the book we are studying for Lent, *The Misunderstood Jew* by Amy-Jill Levine. She grew up in an area that was mostly Roman Catholic. She attended school with many Roman Catholic children and listened to them talk about their catechism classes. When one of her friends ask her, "Why did you (Jews) kill Jesus?", she was completely taken aback as she had never read or heard such an accusation from anyone in her community. She had not been taught this by her parents, her rabbi or in any Hebrew Scripture to which she had been exposed. She went home and told her mother about the incident, asking her if this was really true.

Fortunately for Amy-Jill her mother was an understanding woman who wanted to help her daughter learn in every way possible. She did not immediately become angry and defensive. Instead, she helped her daughter understand how this misconception could have come about. From this beginning Amy-Jill developed a thirst for learning about her own Judaism and about the Christian religions as well.

She has written this book to help us understand how the conflict between Jews and Christians developed over many years. She tries to guide the reader to understand that there is misinformation in our Christian texts about Jews. She emphasizes the fact that Jesus himself was a practicing Jew and that he was not criticizing the Jewish religion but the way some Jews understood it.

The differences became the center of discussion rather than the similarities. She hints that this misconception may be the root of the Jewish/Christian conflict that continues. I have purchased the book to place in our St. Barnabas' library and it will be available for you to borrow and read if you so desire. It is my hope that this book and this study will help us to better understand the Jewish people and ourselves so that we can be part of the solution rather than the problem.

God bless in this Lenten Season,

Love and Prayers,

Barbara+



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Diana Butler Bass lecture at Diocesan Convention

Bass is a scholar of religion who grew up in Baltimore attending a Methodist church, who went through a fundamentalist phase as a young adult, and who is now an Episcopalian attending Epiphany in our own diocese. In the early 90's, Bass attended a growing, liberal church in California. She was puzzled that such a liberal church was growing rapidly, since the conventional wisdom held that only conservative churches grew and that all liberal churches were in decline.

Now, years later, she has completed a survey of healthy, growing liberal-to-moderate mainline churches and confirmed that her former California church was not a fluke but part of a pattern.

The pattern has nothing to do with "liberal" or "conservative" stances. Rather, it has to do with two types of congregational cultures, one she calls "establishment" and the other "intentional". Establishment spirituality is private, introverted, and hierarchical. Intentional spirituality, on the other hand, is open, expressive and emotive. Intentional culture is more in tune with the younger generation. For an example drawn from famous political figures, John Kerry has a quiet "establishment" spirituality and therefore has a difficult time talking about his religious convictions. On the other hand, Barak Obama projects an "intentional" spirituality and speaks about his faith naturally and easily. Intentional churches are growing, even liberal ones. Establishment churches are failing, even conservative ones. In order to grow in vitality and numbers, mainline churches need not become more conservative but they need to become more intentional. Cultural shifts from "establishment" to "intentional" and "modern" to "postmodern" are leading to what Bass says is a "new Reformation", a prospect that is either scary or exciting depending on your point of view.

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Dean Lloyd lecture at Diocesan Convention

Dean Lloyd said that the Cathedral certainly has embodied the Establishment spirituality that Bass described, but that it is growing more intentional as it nears its 100 year anniversary. The recent investiture and installation of Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts-Schori reflected this "intentional" trend, retaining elements of classical, dignified Anglican liturgy but also incorporating a more open, expressive and emotive style of worship. The Cathedral is famous for its high-profile state funerals such as the recent one for President Ford and draws many visitors not only as tourists but also for Sunday worship, but so far has not had its own continuous worshipping community. Visitors to the Cathedral include many young people coming to Washington to start careers here and are a wonderful evangelism opportunity for the diocese. Soon the Cathedral will develop its own ongoing worshipping community. Generations have worked to finish the construction of the stones of the cathedral, now Dean Lloyd wants to shift focus to the "living stones" of the spiritual life of the Cathedral.

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

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Tom Hattaway, Ed Knight, Ginny Lindsay

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Mission Committee:

Chair: The Rev. Barbara A. Allen

Officers elected during odd-numbered years:

Vice-Chair: Tom Hattaway

Members-at-large: Ed Knight

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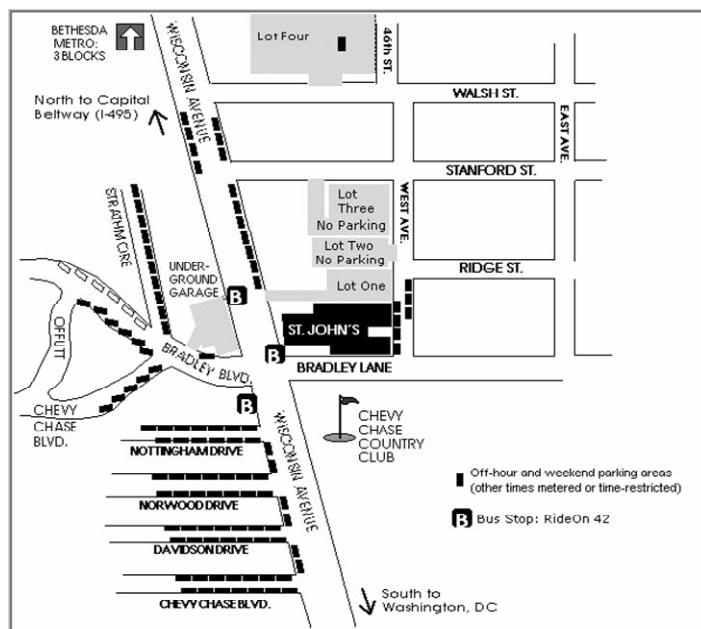
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assurance that everyone in the photo has approved

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 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