

The St. Barnabas' Reporter



The Sr. Warden's Page

I write having just finished up our Annual Meeting and in preparation for Thanksgiving Day and the beginning of the liturgical year with the Season of Advent. This is quite a time to be coming to the end of my term on the vestry and as your Senior Warden. These past two years certainly have been an unforgettable and educational experience.



At the Annual Meeting we heard about our financial status for this fiscal year, as well as our current pledge status for 2017. Our operating budget for 2016 has held up rather well as we come into the last month of the year, with our actual expenses closely matching that plan. I am thankful for everyone's help in making your pledge payments on a regular basis so that we have been able to easily maintain positive cash flow throughout the year. I look forward to this continuing for those who have pledged in 2017. We also discussed the long range plan that was approved at our November vestry meeting. I am thankful for everyone who took part in the congregational meetings to provide feedback. To those who donated their time to work on the committee, thank you for your efforts. The financial stability that we have ensured over the past few years, combined with our vision for the future, is sure to make St. Barnabas' a thriving church for years to come.

I must admit that I needed to remind myself of the meaning of the word advent, so I asked Google, "What is advent?" and was promptly reminded that it is the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event. The church season prior to Christmas prepares us for the birth of Jesus. It is a time to reflect, reconcile, and prepare for all that is detailed in Hymn 111, Silent Night. When the church lights are dimmed and only the glimmering candles provide light to sing by, I find myself in a moment of calm joyfulness.

Finally, it seems like just yesterday that Daphne Sahlin found me at a coffee hour after the 10:15 service and quietly asked me if I would consider being on the vestry. While I was definitely naive as to what that entailed, I am ever so thankful that she had the courage to ask me and that I accepted that call. Not only have I learned more about the inner workings of the church, but I have learned so much about the amazing people that make up our congregation. We have much work to do over the coming 12 to 18 months. To those who haven't yet taken part in a committee or vestry meeting, I urge you to. Even if it takes you out of your comfort zone, we are in a critical transition period for our church and we need everyone to play an active role.

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Schedule of Services

Sundays

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:15 a.m. Christian

Formation for All Ages

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist &

Children's Chapel

(Nursery available
at 9:15 a.m.)

Wednesday Morning

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
(with Healing Service on
the first Wednesday
of each month)

The Sr. Warden's Page *(continued from p. 1)*

I will be taking a little hiatus from any leadership position in the church, but rest assured that I will still be around and participating in various ways. My heartfelt thanks to everyone who counselled when I was in need, helped when something needed to be done, provided feedback to my questions, and, most importantly, prayed for me during my time on the vestry

PJ Kennedy,
Senior Warden

Youth Committee Fundraising



**KEEP
CALM**
The
**Bake Sale
Is Coming**

The Youth Committee will have bake sales on December 3rd and December 18th to benefit youth ministries like the J2A pilgrimage and MAD Camp at Shrine Mont. Additionally, look for gift wrapping stations to be offered for donations on December 3rd and December 18th, as well.



Vestry Highlights - November 2016

The Vestry discussed the **Long Range Planning Committee's Report** as submitted by the Committee. After a few editorial change suggestions, the Vestry approved the Plan. [The plan was presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on November 20.] The Vestry also congratulated and thanked the Long Range Planning Committee and its Chairs, Ed Ing and Sanjiv Augustine, for their hard work, thoughtfulness, and insight.

There was discussion of the role of an **Interim Rector**, and prioritization of the tasks expected of an Interim Rector at St Barnabas'. Following this discussion, the Vestry voted to hire an Interim Rector on a part-time basis of 30 hours per week. Tasks not assigned to the Interim Rector will be performed by the Vestry or designated committees.

The **Treasurer's report** showed a year-to-date (as of the end of October) combined plate and pledge income of \$256,848 and expenses for the same period of \$253,685. There is \$38,000 in pledge income for 2016 still outstanding.

A preliminary report from the **Stewardship Committee** showed that after the Ingathering on November 13, \$182,218 has been pledged for 2017. At this time last year \$286,000 had been pledged. We have received only half the number of pledges that were received in 2016. The Vestry expressed extreme concern at the low number of pledges, which will be addressed at the Annual Meeting, by a letter from the Senior Warden to the Parish, and by other communications. The low response from the Stewardship campaign has caused a delay in creating a budget for 2017.

Advent Worship at St. Barnabas'

by Ed Ing

The Church's new year begins with Advent -- the season spanning the four Sundays before Christmas. This year the first Sunday of Advent falls on November 27th. The Advent wreath candles in the chancel will mark off the weeks until we celebrate Jesus' birth.

Advent worship, in anticipation of Christmas, combines joy with reflection and penitence. This spirit of hopeful waiting is expressed in the purple vestments, the purple altar hanging, the hymns, and the music. The Advent liturgy, specifically in our supplications to Christ, expresses our yearning for the Savior.

As in past years, the litany supplication at St. Barnabas' will follow the seven verses known as the Great Antiphons of Advent. These antiphons, which date from the ninth century and probably earlier, are the response that the congregation gives at the opening call to worship.

In contemporary form, these supplications are the verses of the Advent hymn "O come, O come, Emmanuel". All congregations in the Episcopal Church and throughout the Anglican Communion continue to raise these pleas when they sing this hymn.

Wisdom from on high -- teach us God's ways.

Lord of might -- save us.

Branch of Jesse -- do not delay.

Key of David -- open to us the way of liberty and life.

Dayspring from on high -- bring light to our darkness.

Desire of nations -- bind all your people as one.

Emmanuel -- please come to us.

Hear the prophecies of hope. Respond to the call to repentance. Feel the words of assurance in the worship liturgies.

At the congregational discussions this summer, parishioners asked to experience the full richness of the Church's worship. To denote the Advent spirit at St. Barnabas', both the 8:00 am and 10:15 am Sunday Holy Eucharist services will follow the fuller versions of the Rite I, as found in the Book of Common Prayer. Explanation of the worship liturgy for each Sunday in Advent will appear in the Sunday service leaflet and in the Thursday parish email.



MAKE THE TREASURER SMILE

If you wish to catch up on an unfulfilled pledge to the mission and ministry of St. Barnabas' or to drop off an end-of-year check for the church, please note that the parish office will be open December 27 & 28 (9 a.m.-12 noon) and 29 & 30 (9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.). [The office will be closed Monday, December 26.] Note: For your giving to be applied to your 2016 statement, your donation must be turned in no later than December 30 or post-marked no later than December 31, 2016.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to host coffee hour after the 8:00 and 10:15 am services. This is an opportunity to help foster the fellowship that is a special part of St. Barnabas'. Volunteers make coffee and tea, provide snacks, and load and run the dishwasher. Hosting works best with two volunteers, and we can pair you with another volunteer. Please contact the parish office to volunteer or for more information.

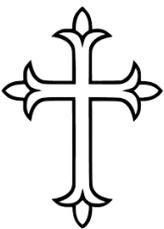
Beginnings: St. Barnabas' Book Group by Joan Gibbs

Everyone in the church who is interested in contemplating their faith through books with religious themes is welcome to join *Beginnings*. Knowing how busy our lives are, there will be times when you can't read the current book; you are still welcome to come and discuss the main topic for the night! These topics will be relevant to each of us as we move through our religious journey. Most chosen books are short, inexpensive, and deep enough in meaning that we might spend several sessions on one book. We are now reading Rowan Williams' [Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life](#). We will be choosing our new book at the end of the December meeting.

We meet the first Monday of each month, so the next meeting will be held on Monday, December 5. The time is 7:30-9:00 pm. The place is Joan and Lee Gibbs' home at 8528 Parliament Drive, Springfield, which is about two miles from the church. There is always coffee, tea, water, and a small snack. We are all at different stages of our faith development, so this is a safe and friendly place to share.

If you are interested, call Maria Macfarlane at 703 298-1322, or email her at mariamacfarlane@hotmail.com and she will put you on the book club email list to receive information.

In Memoriam



Richard Patrick McLaughlin, father of Cindy McLaughlin

Died September 25, 2016 - Funeral held at St. Barnabas' on November 19, 2016; interment with military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on December 12, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Sheila N. Richardson, long-time parishioner and wife of the late James G. Richardson

Died November 15, 2016 - Funeral held at St. Barnabas' on November 26, 2016, with interment in the St. Barnabas' Memorial Garden.

Thanks and More Thanks

- Bob Macfarlane for celebrating Holy Eucharist for the Wednesday morning group.
- Janice Carroll for coordinating the Tweeners' Dinner, and Leigh & PJ Kennedy for hosting the dinner in their home.
- All those who came out for Working Together Day to get our grounds ready for colder weather.
- The Gibbs' for their faithful hosting of the Beginnings Book Group..
- All those who worked so hard for the success of the WOSB Christmas Bazaar, and for those who turned out for the event and shopped.
- The ladies of the WOSB who continue to host lovely receptions for funerals.
- All those who serve on the vestry, especially outgoing vestry members PJ Kennedy, John Westerlund, Carolyn Lilienthal, and Scott Moser.
- Catherine Dubas, Parish Administrator, who is keeping the church afloat during the week and reminding the volunteers of the congregation of all that needs to be done in this time of transition.
- The diligent work of the Stewardship Committee, and all who tend to the financial tasks of running of the parish.
- Wayne Bottlick for his weekly volunteering in the parish office.

J2A Pilgrimage: God in Nature, God in Music, God in Other People

by Katie Westerlund

The *Journey to Adulthood* is the youth ministry program of spiritual formation for 6th-12th graders here at St. Barnabas'. This curriculum encourages relational ministry and uses Bible study, prayer, rites of passage, outreach ministries, and different activities both soulful and playful in nature to underscore the two guiding principles of the larger program: 1) Manhood and womanhood are free gifts from God; and 2) Adulthood must be earned.

Throughout the program, our youth engage with their same group of peers. The bonds they form grow strong and support them. These years are a pivotal time, when the importance of Christian community is forged. The middle two years of the program, known as *J2A*, is when the bulk of the learning takes place, when they focus on developing critical thinking and other skills they will need in adulthood, including but not limited to active listening, negotiation, assertion, research and information management, partnership, and leadership.

In addition to the skills listed above, *J2A* explores different methods of Scripture reading, prayer, and community-building. After these two years, the teens are equipped for new levels of responsibility, and the hope is that they will then be confirmed. The end of the *J2A* phase of the curriculum is marked with a spiritual pilgrimage—an experience that is often a life-changing one for the group.

This is where we find ourselves now in our *J2A* group. We are in the midst of planning for and raising funds to embark on a weeklong pilgrimage. The theme for the pilgrimage, which has been developed by this *J2A* group, is, "God in Nature, God in Music, God in Other People." Our group would like to experience its pilgrimage in South Dakota at Borderlands Education and Spiritual Center, a destination well-suited to their theme.

<http://www.borderlandsranch.org/pilgrimage.htm>

The Borderlands Education and Spiritual Center is located in the Black Hills of South Dakota, on land sacred to the Lakota peoples. The immediate area near the ranch offers much to explore related to the theme, as there are many sacred and educational sites that are a day trip from the ranch. Among these sites are Bear Butte, Shrine to Crazy Horse, Wounded Knee, and Devil's Tower. Another possibility for the pilgrimage is the opportunity to attend a spiritual ceremony and/or cultural event. Being a pilgrim is to approach these sites with a particular state of mind—an awareness of God in everyone, and looking for God upon encountering that place. "It is an attitude of seeking God in all people, all places, and all things, and of being thankful for all that is encountered," according to the pilgrimage page on the website for Borderlands Ranch.

In exploring the possibility of travel to Borderlands Ranch, our contact, Linda Kramer, has shared much about Borderlands Educational and Spiritual Center that reflects our hopes for this pilgrimage—a spiritual journey that underpins and guides the experience of place, providing the chance to see different kinds of spiritual expression with the culture of the Native American community in the Black Hills.

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Above: Garrett Patterson & Matthew Dugger

J2A Pilgrimage *(continued from p. 5)*

Borderlands is rooted in the Anglican tradition, where “the worship...honors and is inspired by all of creation, reflecting particularly several dimensions of the Lakota and Celtic spiritual traditions...” Additionally, it offers a great outdoor physical experience, exploring one of our indigenous cultures and its connections not only to spirit, but also to place.

In order to take advantage of this opportunity offered at Borderlands, the pilgrimage should include at least eight to ten participant pilgrims. As our *J2A* group includes two teens, Matthew Dugger and Garrett Patterson, plus two *J2A* mentors, Cy Tamanaha and Katie Westerlund, we welcome others in the St. Barnabas’ community to consider joining with us as pilgrims. Please let us know if you would like to learn more about this unique opportunity for spiritual exploration.

We have estimated the cost at approximately \$2,200 per pilgrim, depending on final transportation costs. This total would cover cost for accommodations at Borderlands Ranch (eight days, seven nights), flights, rental van costs, and funds for self-catered food. Currently, *J2A* is raising funds to defer costs for our teen pilgrims. Look for our pilgrims announcing ways to support this pilgrimage and other youth programs at St. Barnabas’. We appreciate your support!

For questions and to learn more about the Pilgrimage please contact Katie Westerlund or Cy Tamanaha through the parish office.

Annandale Safe Youth Project Gifts for the Holidays



Once again, we will be gathering Christmas gifts for our Annandale Safe Youth Project (ASYP) friends who participate in the after-school program that we host. Student wish lists will be available soon. Please have gifts returned no later than Wednesday, December 7th. The wrapping party will be at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 13th, and the **Christmas Party** will be from **5-6 p.m. on Wednesday the 14th**. *The more the merrier.* We’d love to have your help! Please contact Ann Woodle for any questions: 703-425-5631 or ann@woodle.vacoxmail.com.

Placing Ourselves in the Presence of God

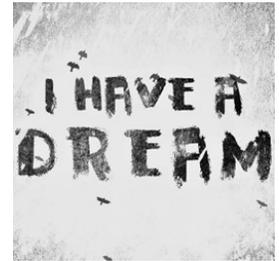
We pray for God’s presence, strength, and healing ... for Jonathan Barber, Deborah Batten, Bernard Blair, Emma Blevins, Wayne Bottlick, Ellen Crutchley, Margaret Donnelly, Pam Doty, Simone Dugger, Bob Frye, Bruce Gras, Pete Gustin, Barney Hawkins, Ellen Hawkins, Fred Holmes, Carolyn Kercheval, Tom Lyles, Cindy McLaughlin, Marion Meany, Jean Mesle, Barbara Metz, Jane Moya, Berenice Palmer, Paul Palmer, Aliyah Phillips, Harvey Sawatis, Ann Sayles, Bob Sayles, David Snyder, Clare Stankwitz, Kathleen Stark, Marjorie Williams, Mareea Wilson, and Dana Wiseman.

For the Church ... the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby; our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry; and our Diocesan Bishops, The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston, The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff, The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. “Ted” Gulick, and their families.

For our former Rector, The Rev. Linda Wofford Hawkins, and her family; for Jeff Stevenson, seminarian; for our supply clergy; for our vestry, wardens, and staff; and for the work and ministry of Espiritu Santo and its mission of San Martine, Tela, Honduras.

Sunday Adult Forum Schedule 9:15 am, Richardson Room

November 27 - Advent I	Meet the New Vestry
December 4 - Advent II	<i>Lift Every Voice and Sing</i> Advent Hymns
December 11 - Advent III	<i>The Magnificat (The Song of Mary)</i>
December 18 - Advent IV	The Annunciation
January 8 - The Feast of the Epiphany (transferred)	Reflections on Race
January 15 - The Second Sunday after the Epiphany	A Christian Response to Gun Violence
January 22 - The Third Sunday after the Epiphany	A Christian Response to Gun Violence (cont.)
January 29 - The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	Kairos Prison Ministry



Centering Prayer this Advent by Betty Dunlop

Centering Prayer is a contemplative way to grow closer to God. God created us because God loves us and wants to be closer to us. Remember that Jesus tells us in John that we are no longer called disciples, but are called friends (John 15.15). And as friends, Jesus wants us to grow closer to Him.

Some say that God is the initiator of all prayer, or, in other words, when we pray we are responding to the ongoing presence and action of the Spirit. We don't have to wait until God is available because God is always ready and waiting and inviting us to respond.

Centering Prayer does not replace other forms of prayer. Centering Prayer is neither a relaxation exercise nor a technique to holiness. Centering Prayer is a "being to being" conversation with no intermediary.

Centering Prayer is a relationship and a discipline. We may feel that we are not doing anything when we sit in silence, but we are in fact engaged in the great work of consenting to God's will and letting go of our own agenda.

Relating to God in a contemplative way is a gift from God to us. We can't make it happen, but it's a little like catching a bus. To catch a bus, we have to stand at the right stop. (Footnote: from Elizabeth Smith and Joseph Chalmers, *A Deeper Love*, Continuum, New York, 1999)

This Advent we are offering a weekly Centering Prayer Thursday mornings, December 1, 8 15, and 22, at 9:30 in the Library at St. Barnabas'. We expect each session will be 45 minutes and we will covenant to stop on time. For more information, talk with Dottie Rogerson (703-975-8805), Maria Macfarlane (703-273-2253), or Betty Dunlop (703-642-6490).



Happy Birthday Marjorie Williams

Best wishes to Marjorie Williams who celebrated her 105th birthday in November.

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as her days increase; bless and guide her wherever she may be. Strengthen her when she stands; comfort her when discouraged or sorrowful; raise her up if she fall; and in her heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days in her life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lifetime Service Award at Kanuga Conference Center

by Stanley Hubbard, President

Following is the text by Stanley Hubbard, President, for the presentation of the Lifetime Service Awards on October 8 during the Board of Visitors weekend at Kanuga near Hendersonville, NC.

The Rev. Dr. J. Barney Hawkins IV and the Rev. Linda Wofford Hawkins

Barney serves as the Vice President of Institutional Advancement and is the Arthur Carl Lichtenberger Professor of Pastoral Theology and Continuing Education at Virginia Theological Seminary. Linda has served as the rector of St. Barnabas' Church in Annandale, VA. Amid their busy lives over the past 30+ years, they have made time to be active members of the Board of Visitors. As faithful volunteers, Barney and Linda have touched and improved many aspects of life at Kanuga, and as a couple, they have been faithful and generous in their support.

Both were selected as the first Guest Period chaplains endowed by gifts in memory of the Rt. Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Augustus Fraser. They have provided innovative leadership to conferences--familiar to many as popular conference leaders, chaplains and panelists. Barney and Linda have also served at different times on our program committees. They have creatively produced fresh, new programming and have drawn widely on their extensive networks to secure outstanding keynoters. Linda served on the inaugural Endowed Conferences Committee, setting direction as Kanuga added a second annual conference funded in perpetuity. They also represented Kanuga at Trinity Wall Street's 300th anniversary honoring Trinity's generous grant to establish Kanuga's national programs.

Their daughter, Ellen, served two years on summer staff, and their son, Crawford, volunteered at Camp Bob.

Barney served as a Kanuga trustee and on two search committees for Kanuga presidents. In his roles at the seminary over the past 16 years, Barney has personally initiated a number of mutually beneficial partnerships with Kanuga and was an unfailing source of wise counsel during Kanuga's capital campaign and renovation.

As South Carolina natives, Barney and Linda treasure Kanuga's history and traditions. Also understanding Kanuga's importance to the Church's future, they have worked tirelessly to see that the generations ahead will have this thin place in their lives. Thanks be to God!

Ellen stole the show when she was presented a custom made fascinator with a Kanuga motif to add to her collection of hats.



At left: Stanley Hubbard, Jr., President, Kanuga, The Rev. Linda Wofford Hawkins, Ellen Hawkins, The Rev. Barney Hawkins, and Crawford Hawkins

Women of St. Barnabas' by Gertrude Jones

Christmas Bazaar Success

The WOSB want to thank the congregation for its support of our Christmas Bazaar. The final count is not in yet, but we have made close to \$3,500. We could not have done it without the generosity of our church members.

Now for some special thanks: to Catherine Dubas, our Parish Administrator, whose artistic help is much appreciated, and to John Otwell, our sexton, who helped set up, take down, and did the final cleaning up. Thanks to Carolyn Lilienthal who manned the kitchen, to the soup makers, and to the young people who handed out the hot dogs. We thank Frank Spink who bought the wine and gave us the tips. He and Kathleen Stark also donated part of the sales of their art work. Thanks to George Sinclair and Nancy Peyton for help collecting money, and also to Sarah Kiely who was in charge of the bake sale. Thanks to those who brought in goods for the bake sale—we made lots of money selling your contributions. Thanks to Mark Patterson and Dana Wiseman for offering their plants for sale, and to Lorrie Scattergood for help in selling jewelry.

Now for hearty thanks to those parishioners who helped us set up for the bazaar and stayed around to help put it all away and clean up. Special thanks to Molly Newling who was with us all the way. We also want to thank John and Katie Westerlund, Ken and Camille Mittelholtz, and Cy Tamanaha for their help. If you don't find your name here and helped—and I know there are others—please know that the WOSB are most grateful to you for making the Bazaar a success. All the money will be given to the inreach/outreach organizations and charities we support.

New Year's Brunch—Saturday, January 14th

The Women of St. Barnabas' will not meet in December. Our next meeting for all women of the church will be our New Year's Brunch on Saturday, January 14, 2017, at 10 a.m. Our brunch features fellowship and food. There will be no business other than an update on our Bazaar receipts. Please bring a dish to share.

Miles of Pennies

How many pennies in a mile? Well, there are 16 pennies to a foot, and with a little multiplying one comes up with 84,480 pennies per mile which equals \$844.80. The Miles of Pennies fund was started by the Church Periodical Club which was established in 1888 by the Episcopal Church Women in New York City to help supply books for seminarians. They later sent bundles of books and periodicals westward to missionaries and pioneers by stagecoach. On the 100th anniversary of the founding of CPC in 1988, the Miles of Pennies Fund was established to supply reading material for children. Today the fund is supported by many dioceses. The common way of collecting money is to place a jar in the coffee room and mark it Miles of Pennies. When it is full a check is sent to the local CPC diocesan director. St. Barnabas' container is on the shelf in the narthex, and Janet George, our Miles of Pennies chairperson says we can put in larger coins as well as bills!

Grants of an actual mile of pennies, \$844.80, are given to groups for books, secular or religious, CD's, videos, workbooks, libraries, for tutoring and other aids to children, K through 12th grade. The scope of the funding in Virginia has expanded to include other organizations relating to the welfare of children and youth. Janet donated her last check to fight child and human trafficking. There is a list of groups we can support including the Mission to Virginia's Native Americans, Campus Ministries, Episcopal Relief and Development, Scholarships to Shrinemont Camps, Boys Home and others. If you know of a group working with young people with a need for support you can apply for a grant.

So please remember when coming to church on Sunday, after you have put your food in the baskets under the narthex shelf to feed the hungry, put some change (or a bill) in the Miles of Pennies container. Thanks!

Trunk 'n' Treat - October 30, 2016





Trunk 'n' Treat *(continued)*

Thanks again to everyone who hosted a trunk and helped in the Richardson Room at the 2016 Trunk 'n' Treat! We had several first time hosts. We were joined by approximately 50 kids and had 18 cars in the parking lot, which included the MOMS Group, the Girl Scouts and a neighbor. We appreciate you helping make this another successful event. ~ Librada Estrada

Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA)

- ACCA's *Challenge Campaign* is collecting funds through the end of January 2017. The campaign is ACCA's major fundraiser to support programs to help our neighbors in need. Checks should be payable to ACCA, Inc., with "Challenge Campaign" in the memo line, and may be mailed to ACCA at 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale VA 22003 (addressed envelopes are in the narthex) or given to Camille Mittelholtz.
- Thanks to everyone who has donated to support the work of Church World Service to help refugees, fight hunger and poverty, respond to disasters, and improve access to clean water and sanitation. As of November 15, St. Barnabas' CROP walkers had raised \$2,840 in donations. Special thanks to Grace Robbins, who was not included in the list of St. Barnabas' members who walked.
- You can help make the holidays special for a needy family through the County's holiday MAKE A DIFFERENCE program. The families in need are referred by school and County social workers. ACCA puts sponsors in touch with a family, and you shop for holiday food or a gift certificate, and make the delivery to the family. Sponsors can provide small gifts for the children under 18 in the household. To adopt a family, please contact Mary Lee DiSpirito at 703 256-9513 or ddmld@verizon.net, or Camille Mittelholtz. The deadline for requesting a family is December 12.
- St. Barnabas' is scheduled to volunteer at the ACCA furniture warehouse on Saturday December 3 and January 28. Volunteers meet at 8 am at the warehouse located at Annandale United Methodist Church.
- ACCA is collecting outerwear, including winter jackets, sweaters, hooded sweatshirts, gloves, and warm wool hats. These will be shared with day laborers, women and men at the Baileys Crossroads Shelter, and children in the Child Development Center. Please bring donations to St. Barnabas' by December 6.

For more information about these activities or ACCA, please contact Camille at kcmittelholtz@gmail.com or by calling 703-573-0074.



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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SPECIAL SERVICES



Saturday, December 3 – St. Barnabas' Christmas Festival
for the Young and Young-at-Heart 2:00-5:00 PM

with Christingle or "Christ Light" service

Sunday, December 18 – Advent IV
Holy Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:15 AM

Wreath-Making & Greening of the Church at 2:00 PM
Pageant at 5:00 PM, followed by Chili Supper

Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve
Festival Choral Eucharist Musical Prelude at 4:30 PM; Holy Eucharist at 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day
Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8:00; Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:15 AM

Sunday, January 1 – The Feast of the Holy Name
New Year's Day Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8:00 AM
Lessons & Carols and Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:15 AM

Sunday, January 8 – The Feast of the Epiphany (*transferred*)
Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8:00 a.m. Christian Formation for All Ages at 9:15 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II & Children's Chapel at 10:15 a.m.