

October 2016

The St. Barnabas' Reporter



The Clergy Page

The Rev. Linda Wofford Hawkins, Rector

As I write, my departure from St. Barnabas' draws nigh. Even though I have moved on from churches before, it is the first time that retiring (or rewiring) lies ahead. For many—the youngest among us and those who are new to life in the church—it is the first time to say farewell to a rector. For us all, discovery and the unknown lie ahead.

I will be entering five months of sabbatical when rest, exercise, and healthy eating will be the first plan. I will move into the joys of gardening, hiking, basketball, reading, and time with family and friends. My family is blessed to have built twenty-two years ago a home at the end of the Blue Ridge Mountains in the tip of South Carolina where we are near family and longstanding friends. That house will increasingly be home base, even as my husband Barney continues as Vice-President for Institutional Advancement at the Virginia Theological Seminary and my daughter Ellen continues life in Alexandria. I will travel as much as feasible. It will help that Barney has a funded sabbatical in 2017.

My calling as a priest will continue. I hope to embrace the writing that has taken a backseat in recent years. My writing life will be rooted in the ministry I have been privileged to share with you. As Eugene Peterson has said, "Being a writer and being a pastor are virtually the same thing...--an entrance into chaos, the mess of things, and then the slow mysterious work of making something out of it...Prayer, intensity of spirit at attention before God, is at the heart of both...In writing, I am working with words; in pastoring, I am working with people. Not mere words or mere people, but words and people as carriers of spirit/Spirit."

Do not be surprised if I "flunk" retirement in time. Interim ministry or certainly substitute work in the church are likely. I might even indulge my fantasy of working in a garden center.

I will no longer be your pastor, but I will pray for you and your ministry in this place. Letting go will be a major part of my contribution to St. Barnabas'--as hard as it may be. My hope for St. Barnabas' is a fruitful time in between for reflection and self-study. An interim period is a healthy and life-giving process that will prepare you to embrace a new rector with whom you will enter the next stage of life as a congregation in mission and ministry.

Thank you for being carriers of Spirit for me, for one another, and for the world we serve. I am grateful for the privilege of walking with you in the path of Jesus.

Blessings and peace now and in the days to come,
Linda+



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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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

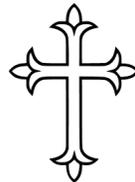
(with Healing Service on
the first Wednesday
of each month)

Let Us Welcome the Newly Baptised

Sander Bønlykke Agnew-Moløkken
son of Robert Agnew & Charlotte Moløkken
September 11, 2016



In Thanksgiving for the Life of Grace Haines



The Celebration of the Resurrection in Thanksgiving for the Life of Grace Haines, mother of Stacy, Christine, Becky, and Bob, will be held at St. Barnabas' on Saturday, October 15th at 2:00 p.m., with a reception to follow. Grace died on September 1st.

Vestry Highlights by PJ Kennedy, Senior Warden

September

- The Vestry is still waiting for names and resumes of potential Interim Rectors from the Diocesan Office of Transition Ministry. Once the names have been received the Vestry will review them and call an Interim. The target date for having an Interim Rector in place is late November.
- The ASYP program will be granting college scholarships from the scholarship memorial fund to two members of the first ASYP class. The event will be held on Tuesday, September 27 at 4:00 p.m. All in the congregation are invited to attend.
- The Blessing of the Animals for St Francis Day will be held on October 9. Stay tuned for the service time.
- Mr. Young Kwon, our interim Minister of Music, has been working with both the Adult Choir and the Children's Choir, with the assistance of Leigh Kennedy, for both rehearsals and Sunday worship.
- The Vestry has agreed to move the church database software from Logos to ACS. LOGOS support has been dramatically reduced, and we have been searching for a replacement. The switchover will occur in the next few months.
- The Vestry responded to the Santa Sion de el Salvador congregation's request for rental space with our financial requirements and time/space availability. Santa Sion requested every Saturday afternoon, which the Vestry feels we cannot provide. Unless there is a change in the time request we will not be renting to Santa Sion.

Projects Great and Small

by Gil Baldwin

The Building & Grounds Committee works for the Vestry and supports the activities of the Junior Warden. It is a direct successor of the earlier Facilities and Major Repairs Committees. Generally B&G manages projects which require a commercial contract but our members are also very "hands-on." We are a focal point for issues about St. Barnabas' infrastructure, both inside and out. We research, review, and evaluate proposed solutions to renovation, repair, or remodeling projects. The committee recommends solutions and plans to the Vestry, including cost estimates. Project funding generally comes from the annual budget, the church's reserve fund, or memorial gifts.

If you were a fan of "This Old House" or watch HGTV you know about the "while we're at it" syndrome which often leads to project expansion. Many of the discussions in the Committee involve discerning the "nice to have" ideas from the "must do" items like fixing the rotting beams. Other instances of scope expansion are caused by County or State regulations and requirements which emerge or change during the life of the project. We had several examples of this, such as the new emergency lighting in the nave, with the choir loft renovation project.

Things We Have Done

Since our 2013 startup the B&G Committee and its members have accomplished numerous projects great and small for St. Barnabas'. Some of these include:

- Repaired the water-damaged drywall in the chancel clerestory window area.
- Repaired the deteriorating concrete footers under the beams by the main entrance sidewalk.
- Replaced/repared the rotting spots in the exterior wooden siding on the chancel.
- Replaced the HVAC unit which serves the chancel.
- Designed and installed the screening walls and plantings to beautify that area.
- Repaired the rotted wood siding on the chancel exterior walls.
- Rebuilt the steps and stone path leading to the memorial garden.
- Assisted with decluttering efforts by recycling obsolete electronic equipment.
- Completed the Worship Space Renewal project (choir loft, lighting, carpet), a multi-year effort.
- Planned the March 2016 Working Together day.
- Installed assistive technology for the choir loft.
- Revamped our waste disposal contract to comply with County recycling guidelines.

Works in Progress

Narthex furniture project. We have some conceptual drawings for the furniture pieces and some ideas about architectural changes to better define the space. Possible funding sources have been identified. Frank Spink will convene a series of meetings with various interested parties/persons to get design input.

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Working Together

Roll up your sleeves and help us prepare for cooler weather and the fall season. Our next Working Together day will have tasks for all ages and abilities. Mark your calendars for Sunday, Oct. 9, 1PM-3PM. A pizza lunch will be provided!

St. Barnabas' Office of IT

St Barnabas is upgrading its WiFi network. There are now two WiFi hotspots -- StBarnabasLAN (or StBarnabasLAN-5G) in the front of the church, and StBarnabasWAN (or StBarnabasWAN-5G) in the back of the church. The access code for all hotspots are:

guest12345

The current hotspot - 'activity logged' will be secured in order to prevent non-patrons from using the church's network for personal use.

If you have questions please contact John West-erlund:

jwesterlund@gmail.com

Projects Great and Small *(cont. from p. 3)*

Arranging paid assistance for groundskeeping, such as that used in the cleanup of the Memorial Garden and the berm area by Ravensworth Rd.

Repair of the woodpecker damage on the chancel exterior wall, now waiting on confirmation of a repair bid.

Sidewalk connection to the Memorial Garden. This will connect the parking all the way through to the existing ramp for handicap access.

Memorial Garden Directory of who is interred there. We are getting color samples from the manufacturer of the recommended product. We are also looking at signage for the Memorial Garden and the Labyrinth.

HVAC issues in Education Wing. We are considering upgrades or replacements to our aging equipment so that heating and cooling is provided more evenly.

When We Meet – Who May Come

Our members include the Senior and Junior Wardens, Tim Greer, Camille and Ken Mittelholtz, Frank Spink; Cindy McLaughlin; Jack Miller; and Carolyn Lilienthal. This is a great core group but we would love to see some new faces!

B&G meetings are open to all! Your ideas and participation are welcome. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM. Meetings are announced in the Reporter and the service bulletins.

Gil Baldwin

2016 B&G Chair

Annandale Safe Youth Project (ASYP)

Summer Recap

- Trip to Atlantis Water Park at Bull Run (\$131.50) included purchasing bathing suits and sandals for 3 youngsters who could not afford them.
- Barnes & Noble 7 Corners to select and purchase books (\$193.41) best field trip in recent memory!
- Cirque du Soleil (a treat from Alternative House).
- Soccer recognitions (ASYP t-shirts \$166.36).
- Snacks for field trips (\$66.74).

School Start-Up

There were a multitude of picky requirements for each grade level. With careful shopping both in my basement (!) and in various stores, over \$600 was spent making sure our students were ready for the beginning of the 2016- 2017 school year school year. Thank you for your generous support!

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Students at the 7 Corners Barnes & Noble with their new books!

ASYP *(cont. from p. 4)*

Changes afoot

- Miss Herani has accepted another position, and is no longer the ASYP coordinator.
- The ASYP program has been cut from 4 to 3 days a week, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.
- A letter has been sent to Sandy Chisholm, the faith-based coordinator for Fairfax County, with a copy to Sharon Bulova, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, expressing our concern about this cutback..

- Ann Woodle

Invitation to ASYP College Scholarship Presentation

Join us on Tuesday, September 27 at 4:00 p.m. for the first awarding of scholarship funds for graduates of the Anandale Safe Youth Project after-school program. This fund was established in memory of Aden Riggan, the first volunteer coordinator for the program. It has now completed ten school years, and the first students are college age. Current students will have the opportunity to hear memories of those early years and the impact of this work in the lives of these young people. All are invited for this historic moment in the life of this vital program.

A Gathering of Friends

Wednesday, November 2, 7:00 p.m.
at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
6509 Sydenstricker Road, Burke.

Join our friends from the Ezher Bloom Mosque and other Christian congregations
as we explore our commitment to faith and the common good.

Please contact the church office to indicate your plans to attend.

FACETS Ministry Comes to an End

For over 30 years on the first Sunday of the month, St. Barnabas' has prepared and delivered 100-120 meals to the homeless who gather at the Breezeway Motel for assistance. Sadly, with our coordinators, Sue and Robin Erskine, moving on to other activities and no one coming forward to take over the coordination of this ministry, our last Sunday to serve will be October 2nd.

We invite anyone who would like to join us in this last Sunday afternoon of ministry to join us in serving some of the most marginalized in our community. Thank you for all the many years of fun, fellowship, and ministry together!



Update on Long-Range Planning

Over the past two months, the Long-Range Planning Committee has conducted visioning sessions on St. Barnabas' future. Announcements in *The Reporter*, the Thursday parish e-mail, and Sunday service bulletins asked the congregation to participate. At the discussion sessions 93 people shared their thoughts and visions. The committee will now evaluate all the input. That evaluation will be the basis for the report and recommendations to the vestry later this fall.

- Ed Ing

Join the Annandale CROP Walk! - October 15th



The 2016 Annandale CROP Hunger Walk will be held Saturday, October 15 at Lake Accotink Park, 8 am. Enjoy the 10-kilometer walk around Lake Accotink, and raise funds for Church World Service and for ACCA. CWS works around the world to sponsor programs for hunger, disaster and refugee relief, to fund sustainable development projects, and to help people increase skills that improve income. The children are making CROP Walk posters which will be displayed at the walk. Please consider walking or sponsoring a walker. On the day of the walk, we will also need volunteers to help with registration, snacks and other logistics. If you would like to walk, donate or help, please let Camille Mittelholtz know-phone 703 573-0074 or email kcmittelholtz@gmail.com. Donations can be made by check, payable to CWS/CROP and given to a walker or to Camille, or online at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/annandaleva/StBarnabas>.

- Camille Mittelholtz

Annandale Food Site

- Three weeks of school supplies as well as food assistance placed a heavy demand on the food site.
- Moving Just Neighbors has hit a snag; the building was built with a residential permit.
- The Women of St. Barnabas' made an emergency cash donation that helped a lot! Thank you, WOSB!
- We welcome your donations of non-perishable food and paper products for the Food Site, as well as the ACCA Food Pantry year 'round.

Thanks and More Thanks

- All those who took part in the send-off for David Snyder at his retirement on June 12.
- Leigh Kennedy and the Search Committee for Minister of Music.
- Youth Committee for their preparations for the new season of Christian formation.
- Maria Macfarlane and the Adult Formation Committee for all their preparations for this season's program.
- All those who have helped in preparations for recent funerals.

Called to Proclaim by Word and Action The Good News of God in Christ

St. Barnabas' Adult Forum and Shrine Mont Parish Weekend

In September, Adult Forum was privileged to have Tony Lewis, retired New Testament professor at Virginia Theological Seminary and friend of St. Barnabas', talk about how we understand the Gospel imperative to proclaim The Good News.

Our Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont will continue the focus of Tony Lewis' talks, giving us an opportunity to think and talk with each other about our lives as Christians, what action we are called to, and how we are supported and enabled to engage in the world.

October Adult Forum

St. Barnabas' Adult Forum meets on Sundays in the Richardson Room, between the early and the late service, from 9:15 to 10:00. The sessions are planned to give participants an opportunity to explore different significant aspects of our Christian faith, from social action to prayer, church history, Christian traditions within families, and much more. In October we will have an opportunity to hear from the presenters of the Shrine Mont weekend retreat. There will be sharing what happened over the weekend, and everyone present will have a chance to reflect on the session topics.

October 9 – *Baptized into Action: God's Dream, Our Work* A discussion of Christian action, which is rooted in God's dream for a creation renewed and our identity as baptized children of God. Led by Rotha Frye.

October 16 – *A Cloud of Witnesses* A look at the rich tradition of Christian activism and activism in today's world. Led by Beth Harper.

October 23 – *Was Jesus an Activist?* Exploring the context of the ministry of Christ and our own reflections on Activism in Society today. Led by Katie Westerlund and Ellen Riddle.

October 30 – *From Where Will My Help Come?* Led by Rotha Frye.

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Placing Ourselves in the Presence of God

We pray for God's presence, strength, and healing ... for Deborah Batten, Bernard Blair, Emma Blevins, Wayne Bottlick, Ellen Crutchley, Margot 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, Sheila Richardson, Harvey Sawatis, Bob Sayles, David Snyder, Kathleen Stark, Marjorie Williams, Mareea Wilson, and Dana Wiseman.

For the faithful departed ... Grace Haines, long-time parishioner and mother of Stacy, Becky, Christine, and Bob Haines.

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.

Called to Proclaim (continued from p. 7)

Shrine Mont Parish Retreat, Friday, September 30 – Sunday October 2

Friday Session:

Session 1 – *Baptized into Action: God's Dream, Our Work*

Synopsis: Christian action is rooted in God's dream for a creation renewed and our identity as baptized children of God. We begin our weekend journey reflecting on this gospel imperative and our place within it as people of God.

Leader: Jeremy Sullivan

Saturday Sessions:

Session 2 – *A Cloud of Witnesses* (Matthew 25:34-40)

Synopsis: We'll look at the rich tradition of Christian activism and talk about activism in today's world. Who are the activists you admire? Leader: Beth Harper

Session 3 – *Was Jesus an Activist? Exploring the Context of the Ministry of Christ and Our Own Reflections on Activism in Society Today*

Synopsis: We'll explore reactions to Christ's ministry through the eyes of different cultural and political groups of his time. How do the culture and politics of our own time compare and challenge how we as Christians work to live our Baptismal Covenant? We will invite everyone to join together in a large group project to take back to St. Barnabas', with representations of these reflections as the centerpiece. Leaders: Katie Westerlund and Ellen Riddle

Sunday Session:

Session 4 – *From Where Will My Help Come?* (Psalm 121)

Synopsis: Inspired by this retreat we are ready to set out as Christians Activists. Before we go, let us remember that our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth. Let us begin with prayer so that God may direct our activism, and let us return to prayer so that God may teach us through our experiences. Leader: Rotha Frye

- Maria Macfarlane

Save the Date - ACCA Thanksgiving Service and 50th Anniversary **November 22nd, 7:30 p.m.**

The annual ACCA ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be Tuesday, November 22, 7:30 p.m., at Annandale United Methodist Church, 6935 Columbia Pike, Annandale. The service will be especially joyful, as ACCA begins celebrating its 50th Anniversary year. For more information, please contact Camille Mittelholtz.

M.A.D Camp Was a Blast by Jacob Dugger



Thank you for funding my scholarship for M.A.D Camp. It was by far my favorite week of camp of all time. I enjoyed the play, and my cabin friends were very dedicated to make the play as good as possible. My counselor was very cool and knew what to do when somebody was doing something wrong. We had many surprise trips to some odd places. I really loved this year's M.A.D camp adventure. Thank you for being the ones to send me there.

See photos and notes on the following pages.

Dear St. Barnabas,
Thank you for sending me to Shrine Mont. I really liked putting on the play, we all had fun. The play was called "A Technicolor Promise." The show we put on was about Noah and his ark. I also worked on the set for the play. I always loved the evening program. My favorite two were the pool party and the talent show. I met a new friend named Andrew. He was in my bunk. He and I did a funny thing for the talent show.

Thank you for letting me go, I had a fun time.

From,
Jay



MAD Campers with former Minister of Music David Snyder



More MAD Camp Thanks

Dear St. Barnabas,

Thank you so much for the Shrine -
mont Scholarship. The week was so fun it
was nice meeting new & old friends, we had
fun rehearsing & the food of course was great
as always - We would wake up & be
freezing but then would get ready & talk,
we laughed & told stories at breakfast.
at night we had feeling check & would talk
about the day & there was hardly any
one who felt sad or unhappy. We would
have a blast at the pool. We had a pool
party & everyone had so much fun we jumped
in & sang songs. Each cabin would hold a
service, we would get together with the
other camps & in the evening on day we
had a dance party & we got to dress
up. I had a blast that week so
thank you once again.

—Korhi
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Women of St. Barnabas' News

- WOSB made donations to the Food Site and paid for landscaping work in the Memorial Garden this summer.
- Rev. Hawkins joined us for a last meeting with the WOSB in September.
- Upcoming: Christmas Bazaar on November 12, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
 - Bake Sale donations requested; please deliver to the kitchen by Friday morning, to allow time for pricing.
 - Gently-used/mismatched jewelry donations are welcome; please leave in the parish office or kitchen, clearly marked "WOSB".
 - Parishioner and Friends' Preview Sale will be Friday, November 11 from 6:30-9:00 p.m.
 - Volunteers to help with set-up, tear-down, and clean-up are most welcome. Please contact any member of the WOSB to offer your assistance.

Men's Group Hosts Oktoberfest – Saturday, October 22nd

The Men's Group of St. Barnabas' will host an Oktoberfest party at the church on Saturday, October 22nd, from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. There will be entertainment, as well as activities for children—an evening for all ages! For more information contact George Sinclair at george.m.sinclair@outlook.com.



Goblins, Ghouls, and Ghosts—Oh My!

Join us at the 7th Annual Trunk 'n' Treat on Sunday, October 30. The event takes place from 4-5 p.m. in the parking lot and Richardson Room. The Girl Scouts and MOMS Club of Annandale will participate, along with you! Please see Librada Estrada for details and to sign up to host a trunk (parking lot) or table (Richardson Room). lcestrada@gmail.com





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Change Service Requested

You are cordially invited to celebrate
the ministry of our Rector,
The Rev'd Linda Wofford Hawkins,
on the occasion of her retirement.

On Sunday, September 25th, we will begin with
a combined service of Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.
The service will be followed by a time of reflection
on our ministry together and a luncheon for all.