

# The St. Barnabas' Reporter



## The Clergy Page

The Rev. Linda Wofford Hawkins, Rector

When I was treated for cancer in 1999, the first sign of change in our household came from the fuse box. In the midst of the morning routine, the circuits would blow. It took a while to figure out that the normal routine was based on me getting up so early that my hairdryer never competed with the television and such. So we had to adjust when I slept later and changed the rhythm of our life. Off went the television when time for the hairdryer.



The the various members of the family learned to buy groceries (and even find bargains), pick up prescriptions, and put lights on the Christmas tree. It meant trying things they had never done before and finding abilities they never knew they had. They discovered things I did and issues I anticipated and dealt with. We got through only because everyone stepped up and took on something new.

Something similar is about to happen in the life of St. Barnabas' as I depart on September 25. For a while I have pointed out to the vestry and wardens things that folks would not realize that I do. Some of it is the janitorial part of my job, but other parts are deeply pastoral. I am not likely to remember all of those elements woven into my daily life, so there probably will be some moments equivalent to the fuses blowing. It will take all of us together being attentive and willing to respond.

This time of transition is a wonderful time for more people to get involved. There will be opportunities for new people to enter leadership. Our hot meals program for the homeless (FACETS) will need new leadership as Sue and Robin Erskine step down. As a search committee is formed, opportunities to serve will open up there or in other ministries that people may vacate while participating in the search.

It will be an important time to look around and discover the members we have not met and discover their gifts and talents. I was surprised lately to find quite active folks not recognizing the names of lovely, gifted, newer people who are in our midst. At my last vestry meeting, I will point out some of those folks--hidden jewels who are being missed.

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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 Clergy Page (cont. from p. 1)

Sometimes people can shy away from church in a time of transition, but I assure you that it can be an exciting and Spirit filled time. There will be challenges, but there will be much more good than bad. As you step up and get more involved, there will be discoveries about the gifts of St. Barnabas'. You will discover your own giftedness and that of others.

Finally, there will be spiritual discoveries as the Holy Spirit leads you into new adventures. Your trust in God will grow ever deeper as you engage in this time in between. You will be blessed in the process.

In Christ's love,  
Linda+

## Vestry Highlights by PJ Kennedy, Sr. Warden

### July

- A Parish Family celebration for The Rev. Linda Wofford Hawkins will be held on September 25 to celebrate her retirement, and especially her service with us at St. Barnabas'. Parishioners, current and former staff, her family, and local clergy are to be invited. There will be a combined service at 9:30 a.m., followed by a program of reflection and lunch on the grounds.
- The Vestry voted to ask the Diocese for an Interim Rector to serve St. Barnabas' while a search is made for the next Rector. The intent is for the Interim Rector to be in place by the beginning of Advent.

### August

- A request has been made by a congregation, Santa Sion de el Salvador, to rent space at St Barnabas' for worship. The Vestry voted to approve the request for a trial period IF our requirements for times and dates that would not conflict with St Barnabas' church activities, rental amount, insurance, and sexual awareness training are agreed to. If the rental goes forward, the congregation will be more fully informed of the terms of the agreement.
- Shrine Mont will be held the weekend of Sept. 30-Oct. 1. Registration forms are available.
- Plans were made for leadership during the transition period of September 25-early Advent. Supply priests will be hired for Sunday worship, and arrangements are being made to have priests on call for pastoral care. Additional leadership from lay members of the parish will be needed.

# A History: The Women of St. Barnabas'

by Gertrude Jones

Much has changed since the doors of St. Barnabas' first opened more than 50 years ago, and nothing reflects that change more than the evolving role of women in the church. In the 60's women had a vital but limited role as helpers rather than leaders, but today there is greater equality, and more freedom for all to follow their different callings. Although the Women of St. Barnabas' (WOSB) now have a much smaller group attending our monthly morning meetings than in years past—as women may choose other ways to serve in the church or may work or have young children at home—the WOSB are thriving and meeting our goals of fellowship and service.



The WOSB mission statement is to support our church and help the wider community, with an emphasis on providing aid to women and children in need. The several events we host during the year provide fellowship and earn money to support this work. Our main event is the *Christmas Bazaar* which will be on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> this year. This is when every woman in the parish has an opportunity to take

full advantage of her WOSB membership! The outpouring of help is so gratifying. Those who don't come to the meetings help set up and take down for the bazaar, and donate crafts, jewelry, baked goods, themed baskets, and wine for the preview party. Two artists exhibit their works at the bazaar and donate a portion of their profits to us. The preview party for the parish will be the Friday night before, with complimentary food and wine.



Other fun fund raisers are the *Mardi Gras* celebration in February with its popular New Orleans style jazz band, and the *Mad Hatter's Tea Party* in May which enjoyed record-breaking attendance this spring! We also receive welcome donations for funeral and wedding receptions. With the generous support of our church, the WOSB were able to donate almost \$8,500 last year to inreach for St. Barnabas' needs and to outreach for the many charities we support. (continued)



## Reminder:

Please send all e-mails to the current Outlook accounts:

stbarnabasrector@outlook.com

and

stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com.



## Rector's Discretionary Fund

Please remember those in need who may be served by the Rector's discretionary fund. Unexpected bills and misfortune know no season. If offering a check, please put "Discretionary Fund" in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity and your compassion.

## A History (cont. from p. 3)

Just a word about the *Barnabees*: St. Barnabas' women busy as bees! This is the craft arm of the WOSB. We meet on Thursdays at 10 a.m. and make the crafts for the Christmas bazaar. We work year round as needed. Over the years I have known many beautifully talented crafters and artists, and yet there is room for those of us who just lend the helping hand and follow directions. All are welcome.

We have two special meetings during the year. On the second Saturday in January we have a brunch for the WOSB. We bring food to share, and enjoy fun and fellowship. There is no business meeting, but by then the treasurer can tell us how much we made at the Bazaar. On the first Tuesday in June we have our *Soup and Salad Supper* with an interesting speaker to address us in the evening so our working women can attend. We extend a warm welcome to all newcomers and longtime members to our meetings and to participation in all of these activities.



## Annandale Safe Youth Project (ASYP)

ASYP has had mostly-girls program this summer—a very easy group. We had a great water day recently—a “first” for some of them. A trip to the movies to see *The Jungle Book* was also a “first” for one youngster. We will finish the summer activities with a trip to the Atlantic Water Park at Bull Run as soon as the heat breaks. Last, we will have an end-of-summer party and say a final farewell to Bryan, who is moving on to 7<sup>th</sup> grade. He has really loved ASYP and we will miss him. We hope you can join us for this final celebration of summer with ASYP! (See photos next page.)

It looks like we will have four 6th grade students this coming school year that will cause a need for more volunteers. If you can possibly help for just an hour during the week I would love to talk with you. Getting cleared to work with children takes several weeks so now is the time!

Alternative House will provide some school supplies for our ASYP students. Please help complete what's needed by donating the following school supplies:

- reclosable plastic bags (quart and gallon size)
- large glue sticks
- large erasers
- Clorox wipes (large container)
- boxes of tissues

I will do my best to supply other items from what is stored at my house. I will put a container near the food site tub for the school supplies. We appreciate your help. - Ann Woodle

*2016 - Celebrating 10 years of  
Annandale Safe Youth Project ministry*

## ASYP Water Day (cont. from p. 4)



Summer activities for ASYP include both academics and summer fun - water day, soccer, trips to the library, and even an afternoon movie. Thank you to the dedicated volunteers who help keep the program running!



## FACETS “Opening Doors for People in Need”

### Hot Meal Program in Need of Team Leader

Our Hot meals program is in need of a team to replace Sue and Robin Erskine on the first Sunday of each month. They are planning to step down from leading this effort after the hot meals delivery in October. This ministry is very rewarding, and essential to feeding the homeless clients of Fairfax County. Each and every day of the month, some church or religious organization in the county prepares and delivers approximately 100-120 meals, water, milk, and personal products to the homeless, some of whom live in the Breezeway Motel or actually “in the woods.” Our assignment has been and is the first Sunday of each month.

St. Barnabas’ has been doing this without fail for over 30 years. There are a number of volunteers still willing to prepare and deliver meals. What we need going forward is someone to organize and lead by ensuring the products are purchased, the recipe for our assigned meal is followed, the proper number of meals are prepared, and the drivers are organized for delivery for the Sunday evening meal for which we are responsible.

A leadership team needs to be in place for the November 6<sup>th</sup> event. Anyone interested in taking over this ministry should contact Sue ([serskine2006@yahoo.com](mailto:serskine2006@yahoo.com)) or Robin ([rerskine@verizon.net](mailto:rerskine@verizon.net)) or a Vestry member by September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016.



## Audrey Merchant

I wanted to say Thank You So Much to all of you who sent your prayers and condolences to our family, to the Women of St. Barnabas' for the wonderful reception, and to everyone who participated in the funeral for Audrey Merchant, a dear Mother, Granmother, and Mother-in-Law.

She brought so much joy, happiness, and love to our family and many others. She was an Episcopalian all her life and enjoyed going to St. Barnabas'. One of her favorite things to do was to go to Shrine Mont on the parish retreat. It brought back memories of the many trips she made there during her youth.

Audrey touched so many lives and was such a huge part of our community. When our children were young she was always there helping, guiding, and doing all the things a Grandmother does. All of the children in the neighborhood called her Grandmother. She was an incredible person, a great friend, and an inspiration to many.

We don't think about Audrey as being gone from our life, but as a strong spirit that is still living within us. She would want all of us to laugh and dance and enjoy life to its fullest. We will always remember her for the beautiful angel she was. - Theresa & Doug Merchant

## Outreach/Ministries Information Table

We will be setting up the first of our **Outreach/Ministries Information Tables** on Sunday, September 4th during the hospitality hour after the 10:15 service. The first featured program will be our outreach work with **Fairfax Area Christian Emergency and Transitional Services (FACETS)**.

We would like to offer the opportunity to all of our church ministry and outreach groups to provide information about their important work for and on behalf of St. Barnabas'. Please drop by the table to learn more about what these ministries and outreach groups do and how you might be able to help. Groups can schedule their time by contacting Mark Patterson at [mark.patterson@lcps.edu](mailto:mark.patterson@lcps.edu).

## CROP Hunger Walk - Saturday, October 15th

The Annandale CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Saturday, October 15 at Lake Accotink Park. Registration starts at 8:00, and the walk begins at 8:30 am. This 10-k walk raises funds for Church World Service programs around the world to fight hunger and poverty, assist refugees, support sustainable development and respond to disasters. Part of the funds are returned to ACCA to support our local efforts to fight hunger and poverty. We need volunteers to walk and to help the morning of the walk, as well as donors who will sponsor walkers. Donors can give by check, cash, or online. The Annandale CROP Committee is inviting posters for the CROP Walk, as well. The posters should be about fighting hunger and show the CROP Walk location and date. For complete details please contact Camille Mittelholtz at 703 573-0074 or [kcmittelholtz@gmail.com](mailto:kcmittelholtz@gmail.com).

- Camille Mittelholtz



## Adult Forum - Sundays at 9:15 a.m. Fr. Tony Lewis to Open Adult Forum's Fall Program

The fall Adult Forum begins with a two-part presentation by The Rev. Lloyd "Tony" Lewis on September 11 and Sep18. The Forum will meet at 9:15 a.m. in the Richardson Room.

Continuing our exploration of the baptismal vows, Fr. Lewis will discuss the duty to proclaim the good news of God in Christ. The first part explores what is this good news. The second part examines what we are to proclaim as we grow in faith.

Fr. Lewis had been professor of New Testament at Virginia Theological Seminary until his retirement. He and the Hawkins family were seminary neighbors. He has become a welcomed presence at St. Barnabas'.

Come and hear Fr. Lewis our good friend at the Forum's opening sessions.

## Shrine Mont Parish Retreat September 30th - October 2nd

Registration forms are now available for our annual Parish Retreat to Shrine Mont in the lovely Shenandoah Valley. This year's theme is "Activism for Christ". Join in as we look to our Lord for practical acts of social justice in which we can bring God's kingdom to a hurting world - both as individuals and as a Christian family. Forms are available in the narthex, or can be sent to you by the parish office (703-941-2922 or [stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com](mailto:stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com)).

Besides the wonderful scenery and program, enjoy great music, great food, free time, and specially-designed children's programming. Most of all, this is a time to get closer to God and to one another.

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Shrine Mont is located in Orkney Springs, VA, about a two-hour drive from the Washington, DC metro area. <http://shrinemont.com/>

## 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, Grace Haines, Fred Holmes, Carolyn Kercheval, Tom Lyles, Cindy McLaughlin, Marion Meany, Jean Mesle, Barbara Metz, Jane Moya, Berenice Palmer, Paul Palmer, Aliyah Phillips, Sheila Richardson, Bob Sayles, David Snyder, Kathleen Stark, Marjorie Williams, Mareea Wilson, and Dana Wiseman.

*For the faithful departed* ... Audrey Merchant, mother of Doug Merchant; and Jane Taylor, former parishioner and Church Secretary at St. Barnabas'.

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



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**Opening Day & Blessing of Backpacks**

for Christian Formation Programs is Sunday, September 11  
All are welcome for our programs for all ages beginning at 9:15 a.m.



*Let's Celebrate!*

**Rite 13 Ceremony for Sameer Augustine**

Sunday, September 18 at 10:15 a.m.



**Farewell for The Rev. Linda Wofford Hawkins**

Sunday, September 25

Combined service at 9:30 a.m.

Followed by a program of reflection and lunch on the grounds