

The St. Barnabas' Reporter



Seeking a Christian Response

The Rev. Canon Carol Cole Flanagan
Interim Rector

Not long ago it dawned on me during a Sunday morning Service that there was an elephant in the nave. We have been praying the standard intercession “for refugees and migrants and those displaced by poverty, disaster and war” as if the caravan approaching our southern border wasn’t happening.

Mary, Joseph and their infant son were refugees. As were Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Abraham and Sarah, and Moses, to name a few. It is because of the slaughter of the Holy Innocents ordered by Herod that the Holy Family was unable to return home. The Flight into Egypt wasn’t a vacation trip. It was an escape from disaster.

Much of what follows comes from the Episcopal Church, the Office of Government Relations, and the Episcopal News Service with my thanks for the good work being done in our name.

Michael Hunn, Bishop of the Rio Grande was driving along Interstate 25 when he spotted a billboard that almost made him crash his pickup truck.

“I was so confused by the billboard. It said in broad letters, two sentences ... ‘Heaven has a wall and strict immigration policies. Hell has open borders,’” said Hunn. “I almost wrecked the truck. ... I had to slow down. ... Does it really say that? I was so confused, and I’m still confused.”

The billboard reminded Hunn, that “for those of us in the church, part of the work of engaging and following Jesus Christ is always theological. And we are living in a society and in a culture where there are Christian people who go to church regularly who are interpreting their faith in such a way that they can buy a billboard that can say, ‘Heaven has a wall and strict immigration policies. Hell has open borders.’”

“If that sentiment is out there, if that theology is out there – and I think it’s real in all of our places – then it would make sense for us as Episcopalians, for us as Anglicans, to do some theological work,” said Hunn in his sermon during the closing Eucharist of the first-ever Border Ministries Summit in El Paso.

Although the summit focused on border ministries carried out by dioceses that share a border with Mexico, attendees came from as far as Massachusetts. The Diocese of the Rio Grande, which covers 40 percent of the U.S.-Mexico border, hosted the summit to bring together people engaged in borderland ministry to share experiences and to network.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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- *Thank You's*
Jocelyn Smith
Kathleen Stark
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- *Annandale Safe Youth Project*
- *Trunk 'n' Treat and Bonus Photos*
- *WOSB New Year's Brunch*

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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 9:00 a.m.)

Wednesday Morning

10:00 a.m. Worship

(Holy Eucharist and Healing
on the first Wednesday
of each month)

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The caravans have been politicized in United States and in their Central American countries of origin, Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras, where one of the main drivers of migration – forced displacement by violence – is often denied.

On November 17, representatives from the dioceses of Northern Mexico, West Texas, Arizona, San Diego, Western Mexico, and the Rio Grande gathered. Given the media coverage devoted to the caravan, it can be easy to forget that some thousands of people arrive at the U.S. border every day.

The Episcopal Church's Washington, D.C.-based Office of Government Relations compiled "[A Faithful Response to the Caravan: Five Things to Know](#)" available online.

The bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island says he is heading to the U.S.-Mexico border near Tijuana to assist the caravan of several thousand migrants to apply for asylum.

The Right Rev. Lawrence Provenzano said he plans to help the migrants cross into the United States to apply for asylum and possibly physically protect them from armed anti-immigrant militias who may try to prevent their entry.

"Travel with me and stand, literally stand, between these vulnerable people and the people with guns — to keep the vulnerable safe, to shield them, to escort them as they seek asylum and provide for them the dignity and care of brothers and sisters in Christ," Provenzano said.

Provenzano said the migrants "are being vilified and disparaged by a nationalist administration here, which is now permitting armed, civilian militia to join the thousands of military personnel massing at the border to prevent them from entry to request asylum." There have been reports of armed civilian groups from the United States traveling to the border to meet the caravan.

The bishop said he expects to travel to the border in early December. He expects to stay there one to two weeks. Provenzano said he and the others probably will enter Mexico and escort the migrants to the U.S. border as they seek to apply for asylum.

Below are five things to know about the current caravan courtesy of the Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations.

1. Most of the individuals in the caravan are asylum seekers and are fleeing dangerous and unstable conditions.

- Individuals from Central America experience human rights abuses, gang violence, extreme poverty and hunger, and their governments are often unable or unwilling to protect them. Of the several hundred members of the April 2018 caravan who requested protection, 95 percent were found to have a credible fear of persecution and were referred for a full hearing in the immigration courts.

2. It is legal to seek asylum.

- The U.S. has a responsibility to respond to those seeking asylum in a humanitarian way that complies with international law. Deterring asylum seekers or turning them back is unlawful and inhumane.

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3. We must address the conditions forcing people to flee.

- The U.S. must commit to advancing policies and aid that will uplift Central Americans and allow them to live safe and prosperous lives.

4. Detention and harsh forms of deterrence are not the solution. Compassion – not brutality – will help people fleeing violence now and prevent others from needing to flee.

- When someone fears for their life or the lives of their family members, cruel tactics like detention or family separation will not work. We should respond in an orderly, sensible, and compassionate manner to these families.

- There are several models for alternatives to detention that are less costly, more humane, and have high compliance rates with court hearings. We encourage members of Congress and the Administration to rely on [solutions that do not further traumatize asylum seekers](#) and that do not expand the immigration or family detention center system.

5. The Episcopal Church urges upholding rational and compassionate asylum and protection systems.

- Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry [wrote](#), “What is the Christian way to manage borders? Strength does not require cruelty. Indeed, cruelty is a response rooted in weakness. Jesus was clear about what true strength is and it always is driven by love. There may be many policy prescriptions, but the prism through which we view them should be the same: does the policy treat people with love, acknowledging our common humanity? If the answer is no, it is not a Christian solution.”

Grace and Peace,
Carol+

Office Notes

The deadline for the February issue of *The St. Barnabas Reporter* is Tuesday, January 15th. Please submit announcements and/or photos to Catherine in the parish office at stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com. Hard copies of announcements and photos are welcome, as well.

The parish office will be closed Monday through Tuesday, December 24 through Tuesday, January 1 for the Christmas holidays, with very limited access to email during this time. The deadline for announcements for the December 27th Sunday bulletin is Tuesday, December 15th.

The office also will be closed Monday, January 21st for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday.

Thank you for your understanding.

St. Barnabas' Mission: Serving our community, the world, and each other through the love of Jesus Christ.

Next Date for Baptisms Baptism of Our Lord



January 13, 2019

If you or someone you know is interested in Holy Baptism please contact the Parish Office or Canon Flanagan.

Recently Moved



**Daphne & Stan
Spraitzar**

Interim address
(until 1/14/2019)
3732 Kilauea Avenue
Apt. B
Honolulu, HI 96816

Look for their permanent (new) address this spring. Meanwhile, Daphne's phone number and email address remain unchanged. (Contact the parish office to confirm.)

2018-19 Adult Forum

The Catechism of the Episcopal Church

Advent /Christmas/Epiphany 2018-19		
December 2 (Advent I)	The Virgin Mary in Iconography	Beth Harper
December 9 (Advent II)	So You Think You Know the Messiah	Stephen Ackert
December 16 (Advent III)	The Holy Family and ACCA's Refugee Family Sponsorship	Camille Mittelholtz
December 23 (Advent IV)	<i>(no Forum today)</i>	<i>Greening of the Church</i>
December 30	God the Son as Proclaimed in Music	Stephen Ackert
January 6	<i>(no Forum today)</i>	<i>Combined service at 9:00 a.m. with Epiphany Pageant</i>
January 13	The Catechism and the Eucharist: Part 1	Tony Lewis
January 20	The Catechism and the Eucharist: Part 2	Tony Lewis
January 27	The Catechism and the Eucharist: Part 3	Tony Lewis

Thank you from Jocelyn Leatherwood



Dear St. Barnabas' Family,

Thank you for the cards, messages, flowers, and prayers after the recent death of my father. I'm deeply touched by your words of condolence and am grateful for my St. Barnabas family.

Warm Regards,

Jocelyn Leatherwood

Thank you from Kathleen Stark

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers and the loving wishes you sent me last Sunday, November 4. It is the loving kindness and prayers from St. Barnabas that keep me going. The flowers are so special because they come from God's altar and the notes are special because they come from you.

Thank you again with all my love,
Kathleen Stark



The Women of St. Barnabas'

The WOSB are pleased to announce the success of their Christmas Nutcracker Bazaar. We heartily thank our wonderful congregation who supported us at every stage. They donated goods and services, helping set up and take down. They came to our events on Friday and Saturday and bought our wares. We thank our craft group, the Barnabees, who labored months to create amazing Christmas crafts, and others who donated hand crafted gifts, jewelry, and items for our *White Elegants* table.

We thank Frank Spink, the WOSB sommelier, who bought the wine we enjoyed Friday night and also donated his tips. Frank exhibited paintings and pottery and gave us a portion of the money he earned. A hearty thank you to Ken Mittelholtz, George Sinclair, and Robin Erskine for helping set up and take down. We thank the soup ladies and those who worked in the kitchen preparing lunch, and also the youth group for offering hot dogs.

Thanks to Sarah Kiely for managing the baked goods table and also to all who donated home baked goods. Thanks to Catherine Dubas for her many useful suggestions about publicity and advertising, and to Kathleen Stark who entertained the children. We also had very generous donations from several parishioners. Thank you St. Barnabas'!

We are pleased to announce that we earned \$4,565 from the bazaar. There will be additional money from the raffle items. We will meet early in the New Year to prepare our Outreach/Inreach budget, and will announce the time to allow for anyone to come with suggestions for new donations. Our next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 5, 2019.

Another thanks is extended to all who made generous donations to this year's United Thank Offering (UTO) Ingathering. A check for \$1,670.00 will be presented to the Diocese. The circle of thankful people continues to expand!

All ladies of the church are invited to the New Year's Brunch at 10:00 a.m. in the Richardson Room on Saturday, January 12, 2019. This annual brunch meeting is for fellowship and food; please bring a dish to share! While this will not be a business meeting, we hope that Bonnie Baldwin, WOSB Treasurer, will be able to announce the final total earnings from the bazaar. There will be no meeting in December.

- Gertrude Jones on behalf of the WOSB, and Cricket Camp, UTO Chair



ACCA News – Annandale Christian Community for Action

The annual ACCA Challenge Campaign continues through January 31, 2019. ACCA will use funding from the annual campaign to continue to assist our neighbors who need urgent help with rent, utilities, prescription drugs, and food. ACCA also helps meet other needs and operates a quality Child Development Center. ACCA has been named as “one of the best” small nonprofits in the area by the Greater Washington Catalogue for Philanthropy, most recently in 2017-18. If you would like to donate to the campaign, please make a check payable directly to ACCA, mark “Challenge” in the memo line, and mail it to ACCA at 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale VA 22003. More information and pre-addressed envelopes are available on the table near the church entrance.

St. Barnabas’ next turn to volunteer for the ACCA furniture ministry is December 8, 2018. Volunteers report at 8 a.m. to the furniture warehouse, located on the grounds of Annandale United Methodist Church, 6935 Columbia Pike, Annandale 22003 (near Columbia Pike and Gallows Road).

Thanks to Michael Dugger, Frank Spink, Molly Newling, Elsa & Scott Cannon, and Ken & Camille Mittelholtz, who helped or walked in the Annandale CROP Hunger Walk on October 20. Thanks to everyone who donated. As of mid-November, St. Barnabas’ had raised nearly \$2,900. Thirteen of our Sunday School students made CROP Walk posters for display at the walk (see right photo, below). Funds raised by CROP Hunger Walks support Church World Service programs around the world for hunger, refugee and disaster relief, and sustainable development. CWS gives part of the funds raised to ACCA.

Because of the low number of refugees to be resettled during FY2019, ACCA may not be assigned a family until spring. The ACCA planning team for refugee sponsorship recommended that ACCA shift its focus to several refugee and Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) families in our community who have been here beyond 90 days and need ongoing support. The team proposed a program for homework help for children and English and other mentoring help for adults.

If you make donations through the Combined Federal Campaign or the United Way of the National Capital Area, please consider designating ACCA to receive funds from your donation. For the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), please use ACCA’s agency code #58934. For the United Way of the National Capital Area, please use agency code #8058.

ACCA will link families interested in sponsoring a family under Fairfax County’s holiday baskets program to needy families. Donors give groceries or a grocery store gift card for a Christmas season holiday meal and modest gifts to the children in the household. If you would like to sponsor a family, please contact Mary Lee DiSpirito at ddmld@verizon.net, or contact Camille.



For more information on ACCA programs, please contact Camille or Ken Mittelholtz at 703 573-0074 or kcmittelholtz@gmail.com.



Annandale Safe Youth Project

by Rotha Frye

It's the most wonderful time of the year, and the busiest for ASYP! We would like to express our gratitude in advance for the upcoming Christmas season. On December 2nd, Christmas wish lists for the ASYP students will be distributed. On December 9th we will collect the gifts from St. Barnabas' sponsors, and on the 16th we will wrap gifts in the Library following the 10:15 a.m. service. (There will be surprises for our volunteer "elves.") Tuesday the 18th from 4-6 PM we will "party" with our mentees and distribute presents. All are invited!



This December ends my first year as ASYP Coordinator. What an adventure and what a blessing! I must thank Ann Woodle who went before, and all our regular volunteers: Jack Miller, soccer coach extraordinaire, Joe Santoro, Jack Bagnulo, Christine Almeyda, Deborah Batten, and Mary Alan Beckley. Another thank you to Vania Velasquez and Gladys Artola, who are phenomenal in their roles as Second Story leaders.

Last but certainly not least, we want to thank Catherine Dubas for her steadfast support; the St. Barnabas congregants who have been so generous to our students, especially the WOSB, the St. Barnabas' Foundation, and the Vestry; and Canon Flanagan for her inspired leadership.

Thanks and More Thanks to...

- The Caritas Team who work tirelessly to provide lay pastoral care to parishioners,
- Katie Westerlund and Janice Carroll for their leadership of the young people's stewardship initiative,
- The organizers and contributors to the bazaar,
- All who showed up for the November Work Day,
- All who arrange and deliver flowers week in and week out,
- Art Hamerschlag's leadership of the Endowment Board,
- Phyllis McKoy, Librada Estrada, Camille Mittelholtz, and all those who provide photos for the Reporter.

Placing Ourselves in the Presence of God

We pray for God's presence, strength, and healing ... for Bernard Blair, Emma Blevins, Jean Anne Braddon, Lee Gibbs, Fred Holmes, Sharon Jones, Carolyn Kercheval, Tom Lyles, Bob Macfarlane, Cindy McLaughlin, Marion Meany, Barbara Metz, Jack Miller, Rusty Moore, Jane Moya, Aliyah Phillips, Anne Radway, Barbara Rigden, Ann Sayles, Frank Spink, Kathleen Stark, Mareea Wilson, Dana Wiseman, Ann Woodle, and Mary Yeaman.

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. Susan E. Goff, The Rt. Rev. Robert Wilkes Ihloff, The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston, The Rt. Rev. David Colin Jones, The Rt. Rev. Peter James Lee, The Rt. Rev. F. Clayton Matthews, and their families.

For our Interim Rector, The Rev. Canon Carol Cole Flanagan, and her family; for Cindy McLaughlin (in discernment); for our vestry, wardens, and staff; and for the work and ministry of Espiritu Santo and its mission of San Martine, Tela, Honduras.

9th Annual Trunk ‘n Treat

by Librada Estrada

On Sunday, October 28, more than 55 children and their families attended our 9th Annual Trunk ‘n Treat. We had 15 families and individuals hosting trunks in the church parking lot. Camille Mittelholtz and Simone Dugger oversaw activities inside the Richardson Room. Thank you so much for helping make the event so much fun for our visitors!

Families:

- Dugger
- Girl Scout Troop 675
- Jackson
- Kennedy
- Miller
- MOMS group
- Riddle
- Tamanaha
- Westerlund

Individuals:

- Jim Aikin
- Simone Dugger
- Rotha Frye
- Phyllis McKoy
- Theresa Merchant
- Camille Mittelholtz
- Molly Newling and her granddaughter
- Mark Patterson



Yoga with Friends - New Time



Join us in the Richardson Room on Tuesdays, 7-8 PM for an all-levels slow flow Vinyasa Class featuring sun salutations, warrior poses, standing balances, and centering. The cost is \$10 per person for each class. Please bring your own yoga mat. Yoga props will be provided. For more information or for class cancellations, see the Yoga with Friends website: <https://www.findyouryogablog.com/yoga-with-friends>.

WOSB New Year's Brunch

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Above: More Trunk 'n' Treat fun!



Above: Sameer Augustine, Eagle Scout

Right: Joan & Lee Gibbs visit with the parents of Michael Dugger, visiting on Thanksgiving weekend.



► **December 2018 Schedule of Participants – St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church** ◀

If you cannot serve as assigned, please find a replacement and notify the Altar Guild Chair / Team Captain / Parish Office. Thank you.

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DATE	ACOLYTES	LECTORS	READINGS	CHALICISTS	USHERS	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	OPENERS / GREETERS / VESTRY-CLOSERS
December 2 8 am 10:15 am 1 Advent	TBA	L Mellon M Macfarlane S Newman G Sinclair	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-91 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	B Rigden G Sinclair S Newman	S Ackert K Mittelholtz A Kanu	8 am: M Macfarlane, M Donnelly 10:15 am: Peytons	Vestry: D Crutchley Opener: M Macfarlane Greeter: C Badger Greeter: P Badger
December 9 8:00 am 10:15 am 2 Advent	TBA	B Rigden L Harris M Patterson	Batuch 5:1-9 Canticle 4 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6	M Macfarlane E Riddle M Patterson	D Rogerson C Tamanaha A Hamerschlag	8 am: Betty Jo Fortune 10:15 am: Greers & D Crutchley	Vestry: S Jones Opener: M Newling Greeter: P McKoy
December 16 8:00 am 10:15 am 3 Advent	TBA	C Camp K Stark E Ing	Zephaniah 3:14-20 Canticle 9 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18	B Rigden M Dugger A Sayles	C Camp T Greer L Stark	8 am: Mary Yeaman, D Batten 10:15 am: S Mann	Vestry: A Phillips Opener: M Patterson Greeter: A Kanu
December 23 9:00 am 4 Advent Combined service followed by Brunch & Greening of the Church	TBA	M Macfarlane B Harper	Micah 5:2-5a Canticle 15 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45	B Rigden M Macfarlane	K Mittelholtz C Tamanaha	N/A	Vestry: M Macfarlane Opener: M Macfarlane Greeter: K Steidel
December 24 Christmas Eve Choral Prelude 4:30 pm Holy Eucharist 5:00 pm	TBA	A Riddle E Riddle	Isaiah 62:6-12 Psalm 97 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:1-20	M Patterson E Riddle	T Greer A Hamerschlag	N/A	Vestry: TBA Opener: M Newling Greeter: P McKoy Greeter: A Kanu
December 25 10:00 am Christmas Day	TBA	B Rigden	Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1:1-12 John 1:1-14	B Rigden	D Rogerson	N/A	Vestry: TBA Opener: TBA Greeter: TBA
December 30 8:00 am 10:15 am 1 Christmas	TBA	C Camp H Agnew B Harper	Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Psalm 147:13-21 Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7 John 1:1-18	M Macfarlane S Newman G Sinclair	C Camp R Erskine L Stark	8 am: Charles & Cricket Camp 10:15: K & C Mittelholtz	Vestry: S Kiely Opener: M Patterson Greeter: C Badger Greeter: P Badger Flower Guild: TBA Flower Del: TBA

Counter Schedule

DATE	TEAM
Dec 2	Crutchley, Miller, Lilienthal
Dec 9	Hammerschlag, K Mittelholtz, Stark
Dec 16	Braddon, G Baldwin, B Baldwin
Dec 23	C Mittelholtz, Macfarlane, Phillips
Dec 24	TBA
Dec 30	Jones, Kiely, Carroll

Altar Guild Schedule

DATE	CAPTAIN	TEAM
Dec 1-7	Miller	Anderson, Sayles
Dec 8-14	Robbins	Carroll (Sun), Kiely, Lilienthal
Dec 15-21	Newling	Badger, Leatherwood
Dec 22-28	G Jones	Robbins, Kiely
Dec 29-Jan 4	Miller	Badger, Sayles

As of:
11/15/2018



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The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24, 2018

4:30 p.m. Choral Prelude

5:00 p.m. Festival Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist