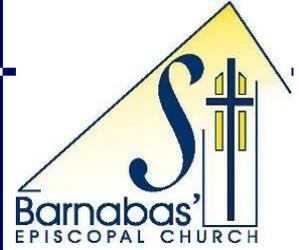


# The St. Barnabas' Reporter



## Metro Theology

Below are two paragraphs from Michael Gerson's recent article, *Evangelical Christians Found Their Own Goliath*, published in the Washington Post on January 4, 2019. Following those two paragraphs is a letter which The Rev. Bob Macfarlane wrote in response.

*Over the centuries, Christian faith (like other faiths) has been used to justify exploitation, oppression, imperialism and the persecution of minorities. But as its true precepts have taken root in reformers, Christian faith has also been a powerful source of criticism of those practices. And for a simple reason. Christianity inevitably raises the question: What if everyone we favor and everyone we fear, and everyone we help and everyone we exploit, and everyone we love, and everyone we hate, were the reflected image of God – unique, valuable and destined for eternity?*

*The Christian vision of human rights and dignity has grabbed men and women by the collar in every generation -- The Martin Wilberforces and Dorothy Days and Martin Luther Kings. A hypocrisy becomes unsustainable. A seed gets planted. And a greater power emerges, revealing new leaders and shaming those who reduce Christianity to a sad and sordid game of thrones.*

Dear Mr. Gerson,

Yes, we are all made in the image of God. That radical revelation is presented to us in the first words of the Bible. And then the story unfolds, revealing our human freedom to reshape that revelation according to our finite, self-regarding, fearful desires. It is a long story because we are slow learners, and the Bible presents us with an accurate picture of ourselves.

Clearly, we haven't yet learned the implications of your question: "What if everyone we favor, and everyone we fear...were the reflected image of God...?" Some of my work to absorb the meaning of this question is done when I am riding the Metro. I look around at those in the car with me and reflect that we will all be spending eternity together. It is both a sobering experience and a joyful one.

Faithfully,  
Bob Macfarlane

## 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 9:00 a.m.)

**Wednesday Morning**

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

## Vestry Highlights—January 15, 2019

The 2019 Vestry held its first meeting of the New Year on January 15th. The highlights follow:

**Election of Officers:**

Maria MacFarlane, Senior Warden

Jack Miller, Junior Warden

Alan Phillips, Assistant Junior Warden

John Westerlund, Treasurer

PJ Kennedy, Assistant Treasurer

Ann Sayles, Register/Recorder

The proposed 2019 annual budget was presented and discussed; approval is to follow.

The vestry voted to increase St. Barnabas' 2019 donation to the Diocese from 10% to 11%.

Because the hypothermia program has grown beyond the number of guests we can accommodate, St. Barnabas' will partner with St. Patrick's, Falls Church to host the hypothermia shelter March 17 to 24. The group will be housed at St. Patrick's; meals will be prepared by St. Barnabas' cooks and delivered to St. Patrick's. Cindy McLaughlin and James Carroll will be our organizers and liaisons with the program.

The Repaving Committee (parking lots) met on January 7. The next meeting is scheduled for January 21.

The Narthex Renovation Committee is moving forward with the plans designed by Frank Spink. The Vestry agreed to increase the budget for this project to ensure that all of the costs will be covered.

The Shrine Mont Retreat Committee will meet on January 20th after the 10:15 a.m. service in the Rector's Office to begin planning. Any parishioner who wishes to participate will be most welcome.

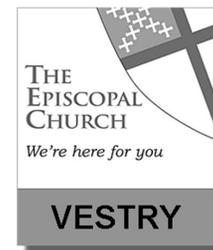
## Inquirers' Class

This Spring Matthew Dugger and Garrett Patterson will be preparing for Confirmation. We will meet on Sundays but have not yet set dates. We want to open this process to anyone interested in the Rite of Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows. If you are interested, please see Carol Cole Flanagan.

## Office Notes

The deadline for the March/April combined issue of *The St. Barnabas Reporter* is Friday, February 15th. Please submit announcements and/or photos to Catherine in the parish office at [stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com](mailto:stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com). Hard copies of announcements and photos are welcome, as well.

The parish office will be closed Monday, February 18 for the President's Day holiday. Thank you for your understanding.



## Adult Forum—Epiphany 2019

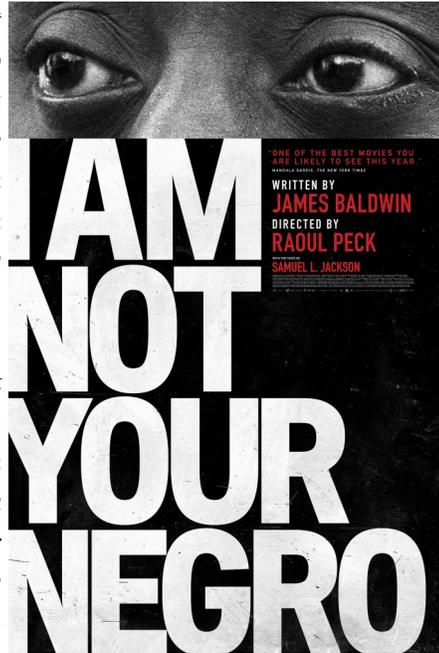
by Jocelyn Leatherwood

In honor of Black History Month, the February Adult Forum sessions will explore the heritage of black Americans. Over the course of three Sundays—**February 3, February 10, and February 17**—we will watch the documentary film, *I Am Not Your Negro*, a film by Raoul Peck. In each session, we'll watch about a third of the film and follow with discussion.

**Film Synopsis:** *In 1979, James Baldwin wrote a letter to his literary agent describing his next project, Remember This House. The book was to be a revolutionary, personal account of the lives and successive assassinations of three of his close friends—Medgar Evers, Malcolm X, and Martin Luther King, Jr. At the time of Baldwin's death in 1987, he left behind only thirty completed pages of his manuscript.*

Now, in his incendiary new documentary, master filmmaker Raoul Peck envisions the book James Baldwin never finished. The result is a radical, up-to-the-minute examination of race in America, using Baldwin's original words and a flood of rich archival material. *I Am Not Your Negro* is a journey into black history that connects the past of the Civil Rights movement to the present of #BlackLivesMatter. It is a film that questions black representation in Hollywood and beyond. And, ultimately, by confronting the deeper connections between the lives and assassination of these three leaders, Baldwin and Peck have produced a work that challenges the very definition of what America stands for.

On **February 24**, join us for another exciting installment of the "WHO AM I?" game. This session will showcase African-American scientists and inventors. The object of the game is to fill in the game board with provided pictures by listening to clues read by the game host. To boost your game skills, check out the posters in the Richardson Room and Godly Play area! Godly Play and J2A students are invited to participate. Following the game, Stephen Ackert will lead us in exploring hymns from Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS), which includes musical pieces from both the African American and Gospel traditions.



### Transferred In

Joy Sheelor Lyles  
from  
St. Paul's Episcopal  
Alexandria,  
Virginia

### Next Date for Baptisms

#### The Great Vigil of Easter



**April 20, 2019**

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

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

## ACCA News – Annandale Christian Community for Action

Thanks to everyone who donated to the annual ACCA Challenge Campaign. ACCA will use funds raised to continue to assist our neighbors who need urgent help with rent, utilities, prescription drugs, and groceries. ACCA also helps meet other needs, and operates a quality Child Development Center.



St. Barnabas' next turn to volunteer for the ACCA furniture ministry is March 9, 2019. 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). Our volunteers on December 8 were Jim Aikin, Elsa & Scott Cannon, and Ken & Camille Mittelholtz.

Thanks to everyone who donated jackets and other warm winter items for ACCA's outerwear drive. The items collected were distributed in December and January to day laborers, shelter residents, and children at the ACCA Child Development Center.

The 2018 Annandale CROP Walk raised nearly \$20,700. The St. Barnabas team—Michael Dugger, Frank Spink, Molly Newling, Elsa & Scott Cannon, and Ken & Camille Mittelholtz—raised \$2,900 in donations. Thanks to everyone who donated. The CROP Walk raises funds for Church World Service programs for hunger and for disaster and refugee relief in the U.S. and around the world.

The ACCA "homework club" began on January 12. ACCA will support several refugee and Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) families in our community who need ongoing support with homework help for children, as well as English and other mentoring help for adults. ACCA hopes to sponsor a new refugee family later this year.

St. Barnabas' will again co-sponsor home repairs for a needy homeowner or nonprofit organization through the Rebuilding Together National Work Day project. The work day is scheduled for Saturday April 27. Volunteers are needed at all skill levels. St. Barnabas' collaborates with other ACCA churches in this project. If you know of a low-income homeowner who needs help with home repairs and/or safety improvements, please ask Ken or Camille for information on how to apply for assistance.

ACCA has a continuing need for volunteers to review requests for emergency financial assistance and food. Volunteers are also needed to deliver food from the pantry.

For more information on ACCA programs, please contact Camille or Ken Mittelholtz at 703 573-0074 or [kcmitelholtz@gmail.com](mailto:kcmitelholtz@gmail.com).

### WOSB New Year's Brunch Photos



## The Women of St. Barnabas' (WOSB)

### Women of St. Barnabas'

The WOSB had a good turnout at our New Year's Brunch. It was a nice breather after the busy Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. We shared some great food and fellowship, and briefly discussed our financials. (See below and left for photos.)

We earned almost \$4,800 at the Bazaar from the sales of our crafts, jewelry, white elegance table items, and raffles. In addition, we were the beneficiaries of generous donations from some of our parishioners. We now have approximately \$9,400 total in our treasury.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 5, at 10:00 a.m. in the Richardson Room, when we will discuss and finalize our 2019 budget for outreach/inreach. We welcome all women to the meeting, and encourage suggestions from anyone for additional opportunities for outreach.

Our next fundraiser will be the Mardi Gras party on Saturday, March 2. We don't earn as much from Mardi Gras as from other events, but think of it as a gift to our generous supporters, members of St. Barnabas', and other guests.

Our last event of the program year will be the Mad Hatters Tea Party in May--another fun day for our St. Barnabas' family.

### Barnabees

The Barnabees are the craft arm of the WOSB. We primarily make crafts to be sold at the annual Bazaar in November. All are welcome and you don't need to be present to participate. We have members who make crafts on their own who don't attend meetings. We also welcome new ideas for raising money at the next Bazaar. The Barnabees will resume regular meetings on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Richardson Room; February 14th will be our first meeting in the new year. Come with your ideas or projects, or just come for the fellowship. We'd love to see you!

- Gertrude Jones



## Who Needs Misconduct Prevention Training?

The Diocese of Virginia requires those who work with children, the elderly, and those who are particularly vulnerable to take training in the prevention of misconduct.

For those participating in the Cuba mission trip, online training is available. Please contact Len LeRoy through the parish office (stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com) for details.

Those serving in the following parish ministries are required to take Child Misconduct Prevention Training:

Sunday school teachers who teach children

Catechists who teach youth, and confirmation class teachers

Youth group volunteers, chaperones, and mission trip chaperones

Those serving in the following ministries require Adult Misconduct Prevention Training:

Catechists who teach adults, and adult confirmation/reception class teachers

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

If you have questions or have not completed the Diocesan Safe Church workshop (the training) and are working with children, please consider the online workshop. See Mariel York, Director of Christian Education, for details: stbarnabasDCE@outlook.com.

All training is free, and *is valid for ten years*.

## What is Godly Play?

The result of a lifetime of research and practice by theologian, author, and educator The Rev. Dr. Jerome Berryman, the Godly Play® method is a curriculum of spiritual practice exploring the mystery of God's presence in our lives. The Godly Play curriculum engages what is most exciting about religious education. Godly Play is based upon the recognition that children have an innate sense of the presence of God. Early childhood has a specific process and during middle and late childhood, a similar process unfolds, but from a new developmental perspective. The Core Lessons are extended, and Enrichment materials added to the classroom. "Then in late childhood," Minor says, "the child can synthesize the lessons."

The Godly Play curriculum includes Synthesis Lessons for the older child to encourage this development in thinking. For example, the synthesis for the sacred stories integrates key narratives to make a lesson about the Holy Trinity.

Godly Play stories are available on the Godly Play Foundation's *YouTube* channel, [.https://www.youtube.com/user/GodlyPlayFndn](https://www.youtube.com/user/GodlyPlayFndn).

Learn more about Godly Play on the Foundations website:

<https://www.godlyplayfoundation.org/the-full-curriculum-taking-time-to-wonder/>

- Mariel York,
- Director of Christian Education



## Updates from the Search Committee

by Molly Newling

The Search Committee is meeting every two weeks and is making good progress.

Many thanks to those who filled out our first survey on Parishioner Attitudes. We received about 75 responses, which was very good. The results of that survey have been compiled and will be presented on **February 3**. The Committee will provide information from this first survey and answer any questions you may have immediately after the **8:00 a.m. service** and after the **10:15 a.m. service** in the Richardson Room. A special "kid friendly" interview will take place with the Church School at 9:00 a.m. to get input from our younger members.

Please come to learn and discuss, and pick up a copy of our second survey, Rector Attributes, which will be distributed then and on the following Sunday. Completed copies of the second survey may be returned to the box in the narthex; the final due date is **February 17**.

The information that we collect on these surveys will be used to make up the Community Ministry Profile which will inform prospective candidates about St. Barnabas', our community, and what we consider important in our Parish life. It will also give the Committee information we can use to screen and select the candidate that best fits our needs and aspirations.

We have hired a consultant, Kathi O'Neill of *Discerning Ways*, to help us navigate the process and communicate with the Diocese. She has been attending our biweekly meetings and providing useful background material.

## Placing Ourselves in the Presence of God

*We pray for God's presence, strength, and healing* ... for Bernard Blair, Emma Blevins, Jean Anne Braddon, Margot Donnelly, Frank Donnelly, Betty Jo Fortune, Lee Gibbs, Fred Holmes, Sharon Jones, Carolyn Kercheval, Tom Lyles, Bob Macfarlane, Cindy McLaughlin, Marion Meany, Barbara Metz, Rusty Moore, Jane Moya, Aliyah Phillips, Anne Radway, 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.

### Did You Know?

The Episcopal Church of the United States includes the dioceses in Taiwan and Micronesia, Honduras, Ecuador, Columbia, Venezuela, Haiti, our biggest diocese, the Dominican Republic, the British and U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and from the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, including Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy and Switzerland. Since 2010 we have discontinued the use of the term "the national church!"

## Epiphany Pageant January 6, 2019



Heartfelt thanks to Theresa Merchant and the Godly Play students and parent volunteers for this year's wonderful Epiphany Pageant!

## 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>.

## **An Invitation from Bishop Goff on Behalf of the Diocese: *Recall and Reconnect* - Join Us for a Listening Session in Your Area**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter into a new chapter together in the Diocese of Virginia following the retirement of Bishop Shannon Johnston and my becoming Ecclesiastical Authority, I invite us into renewed mission together in Christ's name. I invite us to look back – not to the recent past – but to our roots in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to a deep recollection of who we are called to be and what we are called to do in his name.

Strengthened by that recollection, I invite us to connect more deeply than ever with one another as lay people, deacons, priests and bishops, and to connect more powerfully than ever with a world so in need of the Good News we have to share in Christ Jesus. Summarized in two words, I invite us to RECALL and RECONNECT.

We will engage this work of recalling and reconnecting in five Community Listening Sessions that will take place around the Diocese during the season of Epiphany. I hope you will attend one. Each session will include a time for your Bishops and other diocesan leaders to talk about our deepest longings and heart-felt desires for our Diocese, followed by time for us to listen to yours.

Thursday, January 17, 6-8 p.m. ▪ Christ Church, Spotsylvania  
Saturday, February 9, 1-3 p.m. ▪ St. Barnabas', Annandale  
Wednesday, February 13, 5-7 p.m. ▪ Emmanuel, Woodstock  
Saturday, February 16, 5-7 p.m. ▪ Roslyn Retreat Center, Richmond  
Monday, March 4, 3-5 p.m. ▪ St. Margaret's School, Tappahannock\*

\*We hope to broadcast this listening session via Facebook Live.

What we hear from each other in these sessions will shape subsequent opportunities for sharing as we deepen dialogue and grow in community. What we learn will strengthen us to go Now Into the World. Please do plan to be a part of this time.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan E. Goff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross symbol at the beginning.

The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff  
Bishop Suffragan and Ecclesiastical Authority

### **Did you know?**

Episcopal Migration Ministries is one of the nine national agencies responsible for resettling refugees in the United States in partnership with the government. Episcopal Migration Ministries currently has 14 affiliates in 12 Episcopal dioceses.

## Annandale Safe Youth—Art Project November 2018



### Thanks and More Thanks to...

- Those who have provided rides to appointments: Gil Baldwin, Charles & Cricket Camp, Carolyn Lilienthal, Maria Macfarlane, Molly Newling, and Kathleen Schaefer;
- The St. Barnabas' Choir, who put in many extra hours at Advent and Christmas, and offers wonderful music on our behalf all year round ,
- Young Kwon, Stephen Ackert, Leigh Kennedy, Sharon Jones, and all who contribute to the musicianship and leadership of our worship;
- Michael Dugger, who leads our acolyte corps, for his initiative for the annual Acolyte Festival at the Washington National Cathedral, and for all those who serve as acolytes week in and week out;
- Everyone who participated in the production of our Epiphany Pageant, a true intergenerational event;
- Rotha Frye, who heads our ASYP ministry to local students and families, and for Ed Ing, Jack Miller, and all who make this a successful and important outreach;
- All who provide us with Coffee Hour Sunday after Sunday – sometimes known as “the 8<sup>th</sup> Sacrament of the Church”;
- For the renewed interest in the church’s ministry in Cuba; for our friend Len LeRoy, and for Ed Ing, Stephen Ackert, Maria Bottlick, Dick Crutchly, Sue & Robin Erskine, Connie Gribbin, Beth Harper, Fred Holmes, Gertrude Jones, Leigh & PJ Kennedy, Carolyn Lilienthal, Maria Macfarlane, Grace Robbins, Frank Spink, Wendy Williams, and Dana Wiseman.

## Stewardship of Creation

by Mariel York

*The Earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Psalm 24:1*

In order to honor the goodness and sacredness of God's creation, the General Convention asked that a commitment to creation care be further strengthened.



Sacred Grounds™ is the National Wildlife Federation's environmental stewardship certification program that gives people of all faiths the opportunity to connect to nature at their place of worship and to learn about the different ways their faith encourages them to be good environmental stewards. Congregations offer great opportunities to support wildlife habitat due to their often large acreage, community leadership role, and provision of spiritual guidance.

Sacred Grounds™ gives congregations an opportunity to receive recognition for undertaking landscaping projects that attract wildlife and reduce storm water runoff. Faith communities interested in participating in Sacred Grounds™ will bring a commitment from leadership to integrate environmental stewardship into religious activities, the ability to provide ongoing maintenance in outdoor spaces on site, and a team dedicated to engaging the congregation on relevant environmental issues and connecting these practices to the greater community.

I am pleased to announce that Saint Barnabas' Episcopal Church has met the first requirement of Sacred Grounds by qualifying as an official Certified Wildlife Habitat® site with the National Wildlife Federation.

All are invited to participate in the cross-generational Sacred Grounds™ project as we work together in continuing our efforts in creating outdoor areas that create habitat for birds and butterflies and welcome pollinators, and by adding native plants to our grounds, including our beautiful Peace Patio and labyrinth. Donations of hummingbird feeders, birdhouses, tulip bulbs, and a gift of your time will all be appreciated this Spring.

Please contact me, Mariel York, Director of Christian Education, with your interest in participating in this project: [stbarnabasDCE@outlook.com](mailto:stbarnabasDCE@outlook.com).



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***Recall and Reconnect***  
**Listening Session**

Hosted by St. Barnabas'  
Saturday, February 9, 2019  
1:00—3:00 p.m.  
Richardson Room

*See article on page 9.*