

The St. Barnabas' Reporter



The Clergy Page

The Rev. Linda Wofford Hawkins, Rector

During the interviews as I was called to come to St. Barnabas' in 2001, someone said, "It looks like you are an activist." Clearly, "activist" was not a word that was well received. My observation at the time was that it was my tendency to step up when no one else was and I felt a matter was important.

Therefore, I had founded a child care center for developmentally disabled children when we moved to a town where there was none to receive the state-level funds available. When I was a hospital chaplain in the 1980's, I got involved with the local AIDS service organization, writing a grant proposal, leading a support group, and reflecting with clergy theologically while a nurse taught them about the disease.

Now I look back and realize that I am much more a person of contemplation than of action. The consultant for the hospital noted after a battery of management tests, "You need to be ready to act with only 90% of the data." My profile was definitely that of a theologian who could contemplate and analyze forever before doing something.

In October, our parish retreat will bear the title, "Activism for Christ." When we brainstormed about adult Christian formation for this season, the word "activism" was put forward, and many ideas clustered around this theme. Before long it became the clear favorite for Shrine Mont. Meanwhile, our Sunday morning Adult Formation follows the Baptismal Covenant this fall and addresses "activism" in the spring.

Our biblical and theological tradition grounds us in activism for the sake of Christ. The Letter of James that we are encountering on Sundays reminds us that faith without works is dead. Theresa of Avila told us that God has no hands and feet but ours. Jesus told us not to worship but to follow him.

The world about us is calling us to take the near edge of some large problems and make a difference. We of St. Barnabas' were ahead of many faith communities in digging into racism, but the daily news reveals the need to do much more. Many are saying it is time to move from talk to action. Income inequality cries out. The needs of migrants locally and across the globe are growing. Human trafficking is not a remote issue, but affects every high school in Fairfax County.

We have a tradition of activism to reclaim and embrace as we follow Christ. Let us worship and praise God with all our being, but let us also step out with action rooted in contemplation. Our world and our God depend on us.

In Christ's love,
Linda+

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Shrine Mont Parish Retreat
- Blessing of the Animals
- Worship Space Renewal
- District 8 Concert
- ECW Meeting

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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)

For parishioners both new and long-term, this page* is included in each issue of the Reporter to help plan personal calendars to include vital parish functions.

**Every week in the
life...**

SUNDAYS:

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:15 a.m. Christian For-
mation (all ages)

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
& Children's Chapel
(nursery available)

WEDNESDAYS:

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
w/Bible Study includes
Healing on the first Wed.
of each month

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir re-
hearsal

**Every month in the
life...**

1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:

FACETS ministry 4-6
p.m.

1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH:

Men's Breakfast 8 a.m.
Juke Box Diner

2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH:

Finance Committee 7 p.m.

2nd Tuesday of the month:

Buildings & Grounds
Committee 7 p.m.

3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:

Stewardship after church

3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH:

Vestry meeting 7 p.m.
(events are open to all)

**Every year in the
life...**

JANUARY 2015

4—Epiphany Pageant

11—Annual Meet-
ing/Vestry Election

19—Vestry & WOSB In-
stallation/MLK weekend

FEBRUARY

7—Vestry Retreat

13-16—Annual Ski
Trip/Presidents' Day
weekend

14—Mardi Gras Party
(Saturday before Lent)

17—Shrove Tues-
day/Pancake Supper

18—Ash Wednesday/Lent
Begins

MARCH

29—Palm Sunday/start of
Holy Week

APRIL

2—Maundy Thursday

3—Good Friday

4—Holy Saturday/Easter
Vigil

5—Easter Sunday

25—Rebuilding Together
Work Day

MAY

2—MadHatter's Tea Party

10—Mothers Day

24—Pentecost/Memorial
Day weekend

31—Trinity Sunday

JUNE

7—Saint Barnabas' Day
(parish celebration)

21—Fathers Day

JULY

4—Independence Day

12-16—Vacation Bible
School

SEPTEMBER

7—Labor Day weekend

27—Blessing of the Ani-
mals

OCTOBER

2-4—Shrine Mont (parish
retreat)

12—Columbus Day week-
end

17—Annandale CROP
Walk

TBD—Trunk n' Treat

31—Halloween

NOVEMBER

1—All Saints Day

11—Veterans Day

26—Thanksgiving

29—Advent begins

DECEMBER

TBD—Breakfast w/Saint
Nicholas

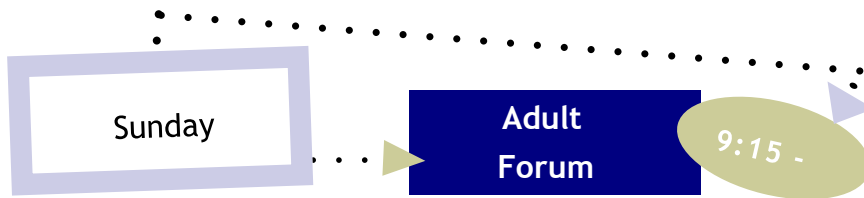
TBD—Blue Christmas
Service

TBD—Greening of the
Church

24—Christmas Eve

25—Christmas Day

*Schedule is not all-inclusive and subject to change. Check the most recent Sunday bulletin or weekly email for the latest information.



The Adult Forum resumes in September with an exploration of the Baptismal Covenant. In the liturgy of Baptism we make promises that reflect what we need to do if we are to follow Christ. We'll begin with the first question from the Baptismal Covenant:

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers?

SEPTEMBER ADULT FORUM: *WILL YOU CONTINUE IN THE APOSTLES' TEACHING... READING THE BIBLE*

To "continue in the apostles' teaching" we need to read the Bible. We read in order to learn and understand the faith taught by Jesus and his followers. The Adult Forum will present a three-part series on reading Holy Scripture. The first and third sessions will be led by the Rev. Lloyd (Tony) Lewis, Professor Emeritus of New Testament at Virginia Theological Seminary. The second session will reflect on parishioners' responses.

SEPT. 13 - READING THE BIBLE, PART I: WHAT IS THIS?

Dr. Lewis will lead the discussion, What is the Bible? Why do we read it? What draws us into reading it? Why is reading the Bible important?

SEPT. 20 - READING THE BIBLE, PART II: PERSONAL MEANING

To build on Dr. Lewis' talk, this session asks attendees to share how reading Scripture affects them. This group discussion is a crucial part of the Forum's purpose. Ed Ing and Michael Dugger will facilitate the discussion.

SEPT. 27 - READING THE BIBLE, PART III: HOW MIGHT AN EPISCOPALIAN DO IT?

Dr. Lewis will lead the discussion – How do we read Scripture on our own? In church? What are some ways of interpreting Scripture? How can Scripture shape our lives? The talk will use, as a focus, the lessons from Advent I, Lectionary Year C (Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; and Luke 21:25-36).

COMING UP:

- September/October: *...and fellowship, ... Coming Together in Christian Fellowship*
- November/December: *...and in the prayers...Advent Series*

The Adult Forum is held Sundays from 9:15 to 10:00 a.m. in the Richardson Room. For more information, see the Adult Forum brochure.



**Save the Date!
Parish Retreat
October 2-4,
2015**

Please reserve the first weekend of October for our annual parish retreat at Shrine Mont. A registration form is enclosed.

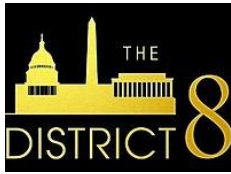


**THE BLESSING OF
THE ANIMALS**

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 27
AT 4 P.M.**

*Rescheduled from
October 4*

The Blessing of the Animals service will be on Sunday, September 27th at 4 pm in the courtyard, followed by refreshments for *all*.



**THE DISTRICT EIGHT
CONCERT
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
6 P.M.**

The District Eight vocal ensemble returns to St. Barnabas' for another one of their stellar evening performances, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. A free-will offering will be collected.

**REMINDER!
FALL ECW MEETING**

The Fall meeting of the ECW, Diocese of Virginia, will be held on October 15, 2015 at the Falls Church Episcopal in Falls Church, VA. Please plan to come for a day of Education and Celebration at this nearby church. Registration forms are on the WOSB Board in the Richardson Room and should be mailed to the address listed, along with the \$25 registration fee by **September 27**. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. and the fee includes a light breakfast, lunch, and childcare. Hope to see you there!

Sing to the Lord a New Song

Thanks to everyone who participated in Summer Choir and who provided special Music during August this year. Hopefully, much needed re-creating was accomplished!

Looking ahead to September, regular Adult Choir rehearsals resume on Wednesday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m. Sunday warm-up (9:15 a.m.), vesting, and processions begin September 13. The Adult Choir is open to anyone who wishes to praise God in song and is willing to make the commitment of weekly rehearsals and Sunday services. All are welcome! Regular Children's Choir rehearsals resume on Sunday, September 13, following the 10:15 a.m. service in the Education Wing. The Children's Choir is open to children between the ages of 5 and 14 who wish to praise God in song and who are willing to make the commitment to weekly rehearsals and Sunday services. All are welcome!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR NEWS

MAD Camp (Music and Drama Camp) is over for 2015 and I am pleased to report that both sessions I and II were a smashing success. Please see notes from two of our campers on the next page. Watch the next issue for two more!

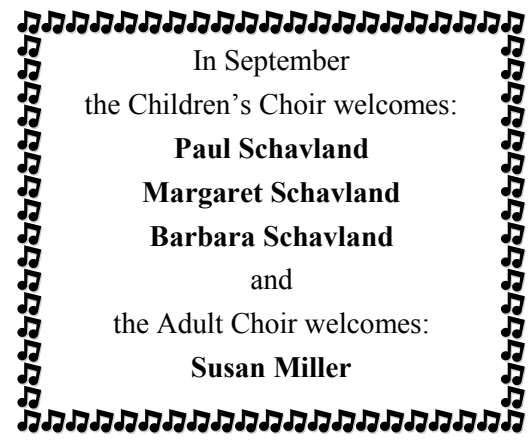
WORSHIP SPACE RENEWAL PROJECT UPDATE

This project continues to wind its way through the maze of government offices and hierarchy! However, I have all faith that it will be completed in this century! All humor aside, this project, like any project undertaken at St. B's, requires not only strong planning but strong financial support. That's where you, the congregation, come into play. I ask that you prayerfully consider making a contribution to ensure that this project (whenever it receives final county approved) comes to fruition. There are drawings on the wall in the Narthex if you would like to see what is planned.

You've been hearing about this project for almost three years now. As we get closer, it's very exciting to think that we can have good lighting, a good line of sight to the Director and chancel, and both choirs and instrumentalists in the loft simultaneously without having to play "musical chairs." [No pun intended.] If you wish to make a contribution, please write a check payable to St. B's, with "Worship Space Renewal Project" in the memo line to ensure that it is attributed to the correct account. For more information, please also see Gil Baldwin's article in this newsletter. Thank you for your consideration and support.

I ask that you keep the Music Ministries of St. Barnabas' in your daily prayers, as I keep the parish in mine. Keep singing!

- David K. Snyder, Minister of Music



In September
the Children's Choir welcomes:

**Paul Schavland
Margaret Schavland
Barbara Schavland**

and

the Adult Choir welcomes:

Susan Miller

Dear St. Barnabas',

My time at Shrine Mont was a great success this year, just as the years before. The campers were great, the counselors were great, the musical was great, and the food was especially great. Every time I go to Shrine Mont I know that I'm going to get showered with smiles and appreciation from the Shrine Mont counselors. The campers are some of the best kids you can meet, because they are so talented and interesting to talk to. It's really cool to share stories and experiences from the school year, and share new experiences during our time together at camp. We really had a lot of fun together.

We (MAD Camp) played games with other camps like the Sports Camp. Our favorite game as a camp was called King Ball. Getting to know the kids at the other camps was a lot of fun. The relationships and friendships I have at MAD Camp are strong. However, my favorite part and what I'm most proud of is the making of Saturday mornings' sermon, our musical production. It was very demanding and time consuming. We only had 10 days to prepare and learn choreography, music, and dialogue; every individual worked very hard. It was an awesome experience and a great success. The audience really enjoyed it as well.

Shrine Mont 2015 was another great success for St. Barnabas' and will be for the next group of kids that have the opportunity to go.

Appreciatively,
Matthew Dugger

Dear Saint Barnabas',

Thanks for sending me to M.A.D. Camp. It was really fun, and I hope I can go next year. We did a lot of fun stuff at camp like Chaplain's time, evening games, and "special surprises". We had a schedule that kept us busy, except for rest period (which was a time to relax and take a break after rehearsing our show). Right after rest period was lunch.

Most of the time we ate at a place called Tucker Dining Hall instead of the Virginia House. We had to switch because of a violin camp called Suzuki Camp. What does Suzuki even mean? Tucker did things way differently than the Virginia House. In the Virginia House there was a buffet, so you served yourself. In Tucker it was family style, so you had to say, "Pass the tortillas" ... stuff like that.

We played this game called King Ball, sort of like Capture the Flag. If you get tagged you are frozen until one of your teammates tags you; then you have to crab walk back to your side of the field. It was really fun. Our Chaplain was really funny and gave really good speeches.

Thanks for sending me to M.A.D. camp; I had a great time.
Jacob Dugger

In Case You Missed It...

The article *Mutual Ministry Review - Key Points* in the July/August 2015 issue of The Reporter explores three factors—Third Place, Levels of Participation, and Changing Church Size—that influence our church nationwide and that every parish feels in one way or another.

VESTRY CANDIDATES

New Vestry members will be elected this fall. As church leaders, Vestry members serve for three years, participating in the oversight and management of the day-to-day operations of Saint Barnabas'. If you are interested in learning more about serving on the Vestry, contact outgoing Vestry member Noah Stetzer at noah.stetzer@gmail.com.

SEEKING CHRISTMAS PHOTOS

The Barnabees are planning for the upcoming Women of St. Barnabas' Christmas Bazaar, and would like any photos you might have of the St. Barnabas' altar decorated with poinsettias for Christmas. They plan to make Christmas cards and notes with them. Please place your photos in the WOSB box in the Library or give them to Carolyn Lilienthal at church. Thank you.



Celebrate
with us this
joy you
have given
us!

Thanks for the flowers. We are so grateful! We have shared them and will continue to do that.

Blessings,
Wanda and Fred
Warren

Women of St. Barnabas'

The WOSB welcome all the women of the church to our new season. Our first meeting of the year will be Tuesday, September 8 at 10 a.m. in the Richardson Room. We will discuss our outreach/inreach budget. We fund primarily groups that support women, children, and families but also give to inreach programs that benefit St. Barnabas'. We welcome those who know of other worthy organizations that need funding to tell us about them.

Our next topic to discuss will be our November Christmas bazaar. We have much work to do to have a successful bazaar. Our success at the bazaar and at our other fund raising events dictates how much money we are able to give to the worthy causes. We will need many hands to make the Christmas crafts, wreaths, ornaments, and decorations that are needed. We'll also offer gently used jewelry, have items to raffle, and will have a baked goods table with homemade items, which is always very popular. We plan having the bazaar on Friday and Saturday, November 13 and 14. Friday night will be a private showing for the members of St. Barnabas', and we welcome you with complimentary food and wine. On Saturday when the bazaar is open to the general public, we will sell lunches.

- Gertrude Jones

Annandale Safe Youth Project

We are winding up donations of school supplies and waiting for Alternative House to bring the kids what they collected. We are now down to the nitty-gritty that drives me crazy: which class wants one-hole pencil sharpeners, which class wants two-hole pencil sharpeners; which class wants two boxes of crayons, which wants two boxes of colored pencils, or which wants a combination. Some want 10 glue sticks, some want 2 jumbo sticks, and I saw one request for 16 glue sticks. There are scissors, types of folders, and it goes on forever.

We just had a terrific field trip to the Atlantis pool at Bull Run and everyone came back in one piece and happy. We had 13 kids and 4 adults and took our own snacks. It was a perfect day! We hope to have a trip to the movies and maybe a slip-n-slide day with the heat continuing. Thank you all for your assistance!

I worked with Maria, our bookkeeper, to straighten out the ASYP account. Several donations had been put in the scholarship account, and I do not get notified about those. I think we have it straight now. If you did not get a thank you letter from me, it was because I did not know about the donation. I now have the July donations, and those letters are going out. Again, I appreciate all your support in every way. That is what keeps up going!

School starts late this year (September 8), so kids will be outside during the day a while longer. There is a ballroom dance group using the space right after us on Thursdays so we will be cleaned up and out a little earlier than usual.

- Ann Woodle, ASYP Coordinator

The Spirit Directs

I will begin an Ignatian Formation Program for Spiritual Directors at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Georgetown in September. I'm writing to let you know how it happened and what it means, to encourage you on your journey, and to request your prayers.

The journey is lifelong, but in hindsight we recognize milestones, often in the form of a certain person. Betty Glover was a seminarian at St. Barnabas' several years ago and it was from her that I first heard the phrase "spiritual direction." God travels with us on this journey but sometimes we get confused about where we are going or what God is trying to communicate.

The term *spiritual director* is a misnomer because the Holy Spirit is the director, so I prefer to say that I sit with someone in spiritual direction. The person I sit with is a prayerful listener and a witness to my journey. And she often asks the thought-provoking questions I was unable to articulate, or too bogged down to consider.

In my own journey I have found spiritual direction so helpful that I wish everyone could have such an opportunity. It seems that God is developing me so that I may someday sit with others in spiritual direction. This next stage in my formation is a three-year program at Holy Trinity, beginning in September.

God engages us all the time. Sometimes we don't notice, sometimes we don't understand, sometimes we're not sure if it's really God. Thankfully, God is patient and persistent.

Where are you on your journey? What milestones can you recognize as you look back? To what is God inviting you?
- Jennifer Henry

Placing Ourselves in the Presence of God

We pray for God's presence, strength, and healing ... for Jose Ayala, Jonathan Barber, Deborah Batten, Bernard Blair, Emma Blevins, Wayne Bottlick, Ellen Crutchley, Sara Denby, Margot Donnelly, Pam Doty, Pete Gustin, Barney Hawkins, Grace Haines, Robin Holmes, Tom Lyles, Cindy McLaughlin, Marion Meany, Audrey Merchant, Barbara Metz, Rusty Moore, Jane Moya, Berenice Palmer, Anne Radway, Sheila Richardson, Ellen Riddle, Bob Sayles, Ceil Snyder, Karen Steidel, Marjorie Williams, Mareea Wilson, Dana Wiseman, and Ann Woodle.

And for the faithful departed ... Lois Loehr Brown; and Dale William Stetzer, father of Noah Stetzer.

For the Church ... the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby; our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori; our Presiding Bishop Elect, Michael Curry; our Diocesan Bishops, The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston, The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff, and The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. "Ted" Gulick, and their families. For our Rector, the Rev. Linda Wofford Hawkins; our vestry, wardens, and staff; and for the work and ministry of Espiritu Santo and its mission of San Martine, Tela, Honduras.

THE BARNABEES

The Barnabees' first meeting will be on Thursday, September 3, at 10 a.m. We welcome everyone to our meeting. If you have ideas for crafts please come to share them, and if you come as a worker you will be equally welcome. Ours is a craft group for all, handy or not! We will have tasks for all to get ready for the WOSB bazaar in November.



SEEKING GENTLY-USED JEWELRY

Our sale of second-hand jewelry has been a good money maker for us, and we take pride in the environmentally friendly aspect of re-using items. What you may be tired of might be just what someone else is looking for! Please look around in jewelry boxes, drawers, and on dresser tops and give us what you no longer want. Please give them to Gertrude Jones, to one of the Barnabees, or leave them in the Richardson Room in a bag marked "Barnabees."

Dear People of St. Barnabas'

Thank you all for your kindness, love, and support following the death of my dear brother Daniel. Many thanks to the WOSB for the beautiful reception following the service.

- Jocelyn Leatherwood

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION

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Jeff Stevenson
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2015 REPORTER DEADLINES

Next Issue:
September 15—October
(single issue)
October 15—November
(single issue)
November 15—
December/January
(combined issue)
Please send your contributions to our editor, Jocelyn Leatherwood, at jsmith5617@aol.com and a copy to the church office at stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com.
Thank you.

ACCA News

The 2015 Annandale CROP Hunger Walk will be held Saturday, October 17 at Lake Accotink Park. Registration begins at 8 a.m. near the marina. The 10-kilometer walk raises funds for Church World Service (CWS) and for ACCA. Church World Service works with Christian organizations around the world to sponsor programs for hunger, disaster, and refugee relief, and helps with emergency relief in the U.S. CWS also funds development projects to drill wells, provide farming tools, vaccinate animals, and help people increase skills that improve income. CWS returns part of the funds raised to local organizations—the Annandale Walk benefits ACCA. The walkers raise funds by seeking sponsors. 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. Children are invited to make entries for the CROP Walk poster event, which is organized to promote awareness about hunger and about the CROP Walk.

St. Barnabas' is scheduled to volunteer at the ACCA Furniture warehouse on Saturday October 10. Volunteers come to Annandale United Methodist Church at 6935 Columbia Pike. St. Barnabas' is asked to serve Saturday mornings about once every six weeks. Volunteers collect donations of furniture and deliver requested furniture to needy households. Donations of gently used mattresses (all sizes except king), sheets and blankets, dressers, tables and chairs, sofas and other basic items are needed. To donate, please contact Camille or Ken Mittelholtz, or contact the DiSpiritos at 703 256-9513 or email ddmld@verizon.net.

At the July ACCA board meeting, the committee announced the new recipient of the Ruffing Scholarship—Esraa Mahran. Raymond Phung, Darling Lievano-Perez, and Genesis Andia will continue to receive scholarships. All will attend George Mason University. The Scholarship honors Emily Ruffing and the late Fred Ruffing for their work to found ACCA and help the needy in our community.

Please bring nonperishable food items for the ACCA Food Pantry. Items most needed include canned vegetables, meats and fruits, rice and pasta, peanut butter, and juices.

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

Annandale Food Site

The demand for food is incredibly high for this time of year. As far as we can tell, most of the people are coming from the complexes behind the food site. Lately, we are averaging 65-67 families per week and that is way over the top for this time of year.

We appreciate what you give, but we need more people to give. Betsy is also trying to

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get donated school supplies for the kids that come, and we are still doing diaper night the first Thursday of the month. The sandwich mill will continue to provide approximately 800 sandwiches each week and very few of those make it home. To the people who bring in fresh garden produce: THANK YOU!

The new storage shelves are in and the old stage has been removed, which is a big help—no more piles and boxes on the floor. The teen volunteers have been a great help organizing and keeping things that way. Thank you for your support.

Ann Woodle, Annandale Food Site

Status of the Worship Space Renewal Project

As you have heard, we are embarked upon a project for choir loft renovation, related electrical work, and lighting improvements in the nave. In June we signed a contract with our general contractor, Charles Wood Builders. Since then our design has been worked up by an architect and a package has been readied for submission to Fairfax County for review and permitting. The County does not make this an easy process for any church, and questions continue to arise about our existing infrastructure. As of mid-August, we do not yet know whether the County will require additional renovations. Consequently, an actual project start date is still not yet known. However, once work begins we expect that completion of the carpentry and electrical components will take about two weeks. Installation of new nave and chancel carpet will be the final step.

Earlier this year we obtained a \$25,000 Small Church Revitalization Grant from the Diocese of Virginia, with the stipulation that the church match this grant dollar for dollar. The total project cost is likely to exceed \$59,000, so we started with the goal to raise at least \$20,000 from contributions. At this point we have received less than half of that amount. All contributions are welcome and we invite your prayerful consideration about supporting this work. Please mark your check as being for “Worship Space Renewal.”

- Gil Baldwin, Chair, Building and Grounds Committee

Absences for Leaders in Liturgy

If you are scheduled to have a role on Sunday morning or other times of worship, please contact the church when you have to be absent unexpectedly due to health or inclement weather. The best way to be in touch at the last minute is to call the church at 703-941-2922 and leave a message on the Rector's extension. In her absence, someone will be watching for the messages on that line. If the phone system does not move into voicemail, the phone is out due to phone company problems or a power outage. Many thanks to all.

THANKS TO ST. BARNABAS'

On behalf of the leadership of the *Shout It from the Mountain* Campaign, I want to thank The Children's Choir of St. Barnabas' Church-Xochi, Sandhya, Lulu, Joaquin, Ali, Jacob, Jordan, Joshua, Laura, Francine, Paulina, Sameer, and Sabastian for your generous gift of \$589.55 made on June 8, 2015.

We appreciate your commitment to the Shrine Mont Camps and to young people who are exposed to this wonderful ministry. The *Shout it from the Mountain* campaign will enable hundreds of youth to come to Shrine Mont through the *More to the Mountain* fund for camp scholarships. The campaign will also make improvements to the Shrine Mont facilities to make the camps safer and more inviting for campers and provide an endowment for the ongoing care of the facilities. Thank you!

Kevin Moomaw, Executive Director, Shrine Mont

► **September 2015 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.

DATE	ACOLYTES	LECTORS	READINGS	CHALICISTS	USHERS	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	OPENERS / GREETERS / VESTRY-CLOSERS
September 6 8:00 am 15 Pentecost 10:15 am	Debra Gustin Clare Stankwitz Matthew Dugger Garrett Patterson	Barbara Rigden Debra Gustin Lyn Harris Shirley Newman	<u>Isaiah 35:4-7a</u> <u>Psalms 146</u> <u>James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17</u> <u>Mark 7:24-37</u>	Barbara Rigden Debra Gustin Ann Sayles Ellen Riddle	Charles Camp Sanjiv Augustine Art Hamerschlag	8 am: Mary Yeaman & Deborah Batten 10:15: Carolyn Lilienthal & Frank Spink	Vestry: Scott Moser Opener: TBA Greeter: Phyllis McKoy Greeter: Karen Steidel Flowers: Dana Wiseman
September 13 8:00 am 16 Pentecost 10:15 am	TBA Michael Dugger Paul Schaviland Margaret Schaviland	Harvey Sawatis Lita Mellon Ellen Crutchley Michael Dugger	<u>Isaiah 50:4-9a</u> <u>Psalms 116:1-8</u> <u>James 3:1-12</u> <u>Mark 8:27-38</u>	Debra Gustin Barbara Rigden Scott Moser Michael Dugger	Dottie Rogerson Cy Tamanaha Tim Greer	8 am: Harvey Sawatis 10:15: Camille & Ken Mittelholtz	Vestry: Molly Newling Opener: Harvey Sawatis Greeter: Alusine Kanu Greeter: Ellen Hawkins Flowers: Rhodes Family
September 20 8:00 am 17 Pentecost 10:15 am	TBA Kimberly DuPorte Xochi Tamanaha Sandhya Augustine	Cricket Camp Stephen Ackert Cindy McLaughlin Hugh Agnew	<u>Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22 or Jeremiah 11:18-20</u> <u>Psalms 54</u> <u>James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a</u> <u>Mark 9:30-37</u>	Barbara Rigden Debra Gustin Ellen Riddle Ann Sayles	Stephen Ackert Ken Mittelholtz Robin Erskine	8 am: Lita Mellon & Dottie Rogerson 10:15: Shirley Newman & Anne Radway	Vestry: Mark Patterson Opener: Betty Jo Fortune Greeter: Jonathan Barber Greeter: Anne Radway Flowers: Dugger Family
September 27 8:00 am 18 Pentecost 10:15 am	Debra Gustin Ellen Hawkins Jacob Dugger Sameer Augustine	Debra Gustin Harvey Sawatis Ann Sayles Clare Stankwitz	<u>Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29</u> <u>Psalms 19:7-14</u> <u>James 5:13-20</u> <u>Mark 9:38-50</u>	Debra Gustin Barbara Rigden Michael Dugger Scott Moser	Harvey Sawatis Larry Stark Sanjiv Augustine	8 am: Margot Donnelly 10:15: Sujatha & Sanjiv Augustine	Vestry: Noah Stetzer Opener: Harvey Sawatis Greeter: Scott Moser Greeter: Sara Moser Flowers: Nancy MacIachlan

Counter Schedule

DATE	TEAM
September 6	3 Moser, Frye, C Mittelholtz
September 13	4 Patterson, Lilienthal, Newling
September 20	5 Estrada, TBA, McLaughlin
September 27	1 Hamerschlag, K Mittelholtz, Stark

Altar Guild Schedule

DATE	CAPTAIN	TEAM
Aug 29-Sept 4	Miller	Badger, S. Jones
Sept 5-Sept 11	Yeaman	Erskine, Radway
Sept 12-Sept 18	Robbins	Anderson, Leatherwood
Sept 19-Sept 25	G. Jones	S. Jones, Sayles
Sept 26-Oct 2	Newling	Erskine, McLaughlin

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AN EXPERIENCE AS A LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

One of the first parishioners I visited as a Lay Eucharistic Visitor was Jean Mesle. She lives at Heatherwood, in Burke. She is 90 years old! and very young. As we talked after the communion, she mentioned that she has been writing poetry all her life. She was willing to share some of her poems with us. One very special poem, *Number One Son*, is about her first born child who died in 2012.

- Maria Macfarlane



NUMBER ONE SON

I bore him, nursed him, cradled him
I followed him all about.
I felt his tiny hand in mine.
I heard his first real shout.

I went through crawling, toddling stages
(My nerves were sometimes frayed)
I picked up, straightened all the rooms
Where one small boy had played.

I kissed his hurts and dried his tears
And wiped his runny nose.
I tried to understand his wiles
And mend his "knead-out" clothes.

The days and years fly by with speed,
And he grows with every passing week.
He'll soon outgrow his hugs and kisses
I'll miss his wet, warm smudge on my cheek.

But the trust and admiration I've received
Willingly given by one small boy
Will remain with me for the rest of my days
A gift of love to cherish and enjoy.