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# The St. Barnabas' Reporter



## The Clergy Page

The Rev. Linda Wofford Hawkins, Rector

*The business of a Christian is everywhere and always one: to increase one's fire and let it give light to everyone.*



So said Leo Tolstoy in his day. So say the members of St. Barnabas' who invite us all into a season of reflection upon our stewardship of the gifts God has given us. In conjunction with our parish retreat which takes the theme "Activism for Christ," we will ponder the ways that we increase our fire so that the light of Christ can make a difference in the world.

We begin with a recognition that we need the home fires to be burning. Without the foundation of a supportive structure--the fire of hearth and home, as it were--it is hard to keep body and soul together in order to serve. I myself have learned that lesson well in recent months, living out of a suitcase at a hospital followed by a house move. As a church as well, we need a stable place to gather for worship, learning, fellowship, and service--in other words, a place to call "home." We need stable leadership to pull us together as a team of God's servants.

Then we light a candle, receiving the light of Christ and helping it burn. As individuals and as a community, we must be intentional about feeding the fire in ourselves and others. That means figuring out what helps one's spiritual fire burn stronger and what we can do to help others increase their fire. One may lean more in the direction of contemplation, another toward action. There are many kinds of fuel to add to the fire. Perhaps the oxygen necessary for fire is the atmosphere of supportive love that pervades Christ's church.

Finally, that fire gives light to everyone. When we give a lighted candle to a newly baptized Christian, I often say, "Light that is not shared is darkness." We send that new Christian forth to join us in sharing the light of Christ with the world. To share that light we give of ourselves--our time, our energy, our gifts, our financial resources, and our prayers.

May this be a rich season of renewed commitment to receive the light of Christ with joy, to keep the fire burning with loving care, and to share that light with those who sit in darkness.

In Christ's love and light,  
Linda+

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- CROP Walk
- Feast of All Saints
- By-laws change
- Shrine Mont Parish Retreat
- Christmas Bazaar
- Stewardship Campaign
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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—Mad Hatter'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

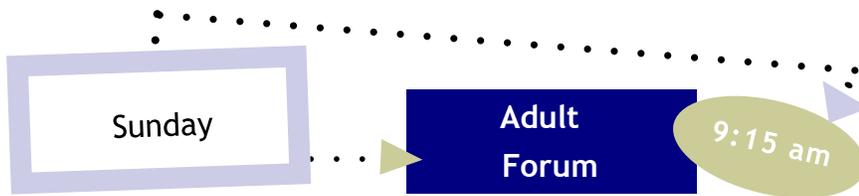
TBD—Greening of the  
Church

24—Christmas Eve

25—Christmas Day

*TBD: date yet to be deter-  
mined*

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



This year's Adult Forum will be an exploration of the Baptismal Covenant. In the Rite of Holy Baptism we make promises that reflect what we need to do if we are to follow Christ. We'll delve into this question from the Baptismal Covenant:

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

**...AND FELLOWSHIP,...—COMING TOGETHER IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

#### **OCT 4 - SHRINE MONT - PARISH RETREAT (NO ADULT FORUM)**

An important time for fellowship, study, worship, and prayer.

#### **OCT 11 - SHRINE MONT RECAP**

A time to reflect on the experience of the Parish Retreat.

#### **OCT 18 - WHAT IS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP?**

Katie Westerlund, Carolyn Lilienthal, and Maria Macfarlane will lead an exploration of why it is essential for us as followers of Christ to have time together in fellowship.

**...IN THE BREAKING OF BREAD...—UNDERSTANDING BREAD, HUNGER, FEEDING, AND BEING FED**

#### **OCT 25 - BREAD—WHAT DOES IT MEAN?**

A conversation about what bread means to us—its Eucharistic meaning; the manna in the wilderness; the meaning of Jesus' words, "I am the bread of life." We will look at passages of scripture where the image of bread gives us a way to understand God's gift of life to us.

#### **COMING UP:**

- In November we'll continue the series on **Understanding Bread, Hunger, Feeding, and Being Fed**.
- For Advent the focus will be on prayer—personal prayer and prayer within families.

The Adult Forum is held Sundays from 9:15 to 10:00 a.m. in the Richardson Room.



#### **Shrine Mont Parish Retreat**

**October 2-4, 2015**  
**Activism for Christ**

Join us 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.

Sign up for a special weekend apart from our hectic world—and enjoy thought-provoking sessions, great music, great food, beautiful scenery, free time for shopping, hiking, etc.—and, most of all, time to get closer to God and one another.

Shrine Mont is located in Orkney Springs, VA about a 2-hour drive from the DC metro area (More information at <http://shrinemont.com>.) Shrine Mont is open to both adults and children. Children age 7 and younger can attend for free.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Sunday, November 22

*Combined Service*

at 10:15 a.m.

followed by Annual  
Meeting with Election

of Vestry

and lunch

**FEAST OF ALL SAINTS****SUNDAY, NOV 1****HOLY EUCHARIST AT  
8:00 AND 10:15****EVENSONG AT 6 P.M.**

During the Office of Choral Evensong the names of the faithful departed known to this congregation (called the ‘necrology’) will be read after the solemn collects. Please notify the parish office at 703-941-2922 or [stbarna-baschurch@outlook.com](mailto:stbarna-baschurch@outlook.com) to have your names listed.

## Bylaws Revision Changes Number of Vestry Members

At the September vestry meeting the following revision was unanimously voted into our bylaws (see below). The original bylaws stated our vestry is to have 14 members; the revision decreases the number of vestry members to 9. This change was made to better match the total vestry number to our total number of parishioners. This change will occur gradually over a number of years as current members roll off the vestry and fewer members are voted on, until we reach the goal of nine. As you can see, this year three new members will be elected to the vestry instead of four. Recommendations for new vestry members can be sent to [noah.stetzer@gmail.com](mailto:noah.stetzer@gmail.com).

### Section 5.02. Number, Eligibility, and Term of Vestry Members.

A. Number. The Vestry shall consist of nine members in accordance with Diocesan Canon 11, Section 2. Beginning with the Annual Election in calendar year 2015, the following election cycle shall take place in order to reach and maintain 9 members:

2015 – Elect 3 members; repeat in 2018, 2021, etc....

2016 – Elect 3 members; repeat in 2019, 2022, etc....

## Status of the Worship Space Renewal Project

We are still in a bit of a holding pattern on the Worship Space Renewal (WSR) Project for choir loft renovation, related electrical work, and lighting improvements in the nave. Our design has been worked up by an architect, and a package is being readied for submission to Fairfax County for review and permitting. The delay we are experiencing now involves meeting the County’s submission requirements for any kind of electrical work in a public space. We have ironed out most of the questions, and we should have a package at the County for review very soon. However, such reviews often raise questions about existing infrastructure, and we still do not know whether the County will require additional renovations. Consequently an actual project start date is yet to be determined.

Our \$25,000 grant from the Diocese of Virginia requires 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 about half of that. 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

## ACCA News—Annandale Christian Community for Action

The ACCA Food Pantry continues to need donations of nonperishable foods. Volunteers pick up a week's groceries at the pantry and deliver it to households who need the food. Most people receiving food are referred by Fairfax County Social Services or by clergy at ACCA churches. Items most needed are jelly, crackers, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, bar soap, and paper products (toilet paper and paper towels). Donations can be left in the basket in the narthex. Annandale area food collections on the Governor's "Day to Serve" (September 26) are expected to help replenish the pantry shelves.

The ACCA Child Development Center has begun the new school year. During the summer, the CDC offered a three-week school readiness camp to help children formerly in the ACCA preschool program prepare for kindergarten. The children worked with new teachers and classmates, and took field trips to various museums and local businesses.

The ACCA Furniture ministry has resumed delivery of furniture and collecting donations of gently used furniture. St. Barnabas' next turn to volunteer at the ACCA furniture warehouse is October 10. Volunteers report to the warehouse, on the grounds of the Annandale United Methodist Church, at 8:00 a.m. In addition to the October 10 date, St. Barnabas' is asked to provide volunteers on December 5, and, in 2016, on January 30, March 5, April 23 (tentative), and June 18.

Please consider designating ACCA to receive your donations through your workplace giving campaign. The Combined Federal Campaign number for ACCA is #58934, and United Way is #8058.

Save the date: The Rebuilding Together workday next spring is scheduled for April 30, 2016.

For more information about ACCA activities, please contact Ken or Camille Mittelholtz, 703-573-0074 or [kcmittelholtz@gmail.com](mailto:kcmittelholtz@gmail.com).

## Beginnings – St. Barnabas' Book Group

The Beginnings book group will meet on Monday, October 5 at 7:30 p.m. Lee and Joan Gibbs have graciously invited us to meet again in their house, 8528 Parliament Drive, in Springfield.

For this meeting, we invite people to bring suggestions of books they think would be interesting for the group to read this year. We hope that those of you who were in the group previously will join us again, and of course, we welcome others to join us, whether new to the congregation, or just new to Beginnings. Talking about a book you have read with other people is an interesting and helpful experience. It can surprise you. Almost always there is something positive to be gleaned in these conversations.

Any questions? Please call Maria Macfarlane at 703-298-1322.

**COMING SOON!  
ANNANDALE CROP  
HUNGER WALK  
SATURDAY, OCT. 17  
LAKE ACCOTINK  
PARK**

Registration begins at 8 a.m. The walk raises funds for Church World Service, which works with local organizations around the world to provide disaster and hunger relief, refugee resettlement, and sustainable development. CWS also works in the U.S. with local organizations, including ACCA. You can help by walking, donating, and/or helping with registration and refreshments the morning of the walk. You can give your donation to Camille Mittelholtz or to a walker. Make your check payable to CWS/CROP, or if you prefer, payable to St. Barnabas (please designate CROP Walk). You can also register or donate online at [www.crophungerwalk.org/annandaleva](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/annandaleva) - look for the St. Barnabas' team. To volunteer, please contact Camille Mittelholtz, 703-573-0074 or [kcmittelholtz@gmail.com](mailto:kcmittelholtz@gmail.com).

# WOSB 2015 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

November 13 & 14, 2015



## Let's Get Cooking!

The Women of St. Barnabas' invite women, men, young chefs, and especially our new members to make something for the bake sale at our Christmas Bazaar in November. The bazaar is the major fundraiser for the WOSB, and the bake sale is a great moneymaker. We give away all we earn; our overhead is the hard work of our members. Last year we gave away about \$7,000 to our many outreach/inreach programs. We give to St. Barnabas' needs as well to charities and programs that aid children, girls and women, and families.

We can use *homemade* cookies, breads of all kinds, pies, cakes, and candies. We will need them on the morning of Friday, November 13, for that evening's (6 to 9 p.m.) private showing of our bazaar, which is for members of St. Barnabas' and any friends they may want to bring. There will be free food and wine (thanks to Frank Spink). We sell the baked goods that night and the next day when the bazaar is open to the public.

Please think about contributing to the bake sale. We want the things freshly prepared of course, but if you have a recipe that freezes well, you can make some things early. We also will have jars of preserves for sale. Some of these are sugar free, and Bonnie Baldwin who makes the preserves can take special orders.

## October Meeting of the Women of St. Barnabas'

The WOSB will meet Tuesday, October 6, at 10 a.m. in the Richardson room. We will discuss the progress of the bazaar and would appreciate a good turnout so that we can assign the various tasks that make the bazaar successful. We will continue with suggestions for our outreach budget. We also will plan our January meeting. Instead of the usual Tuesday meeting, we will have a brunch on Saturday morning, January 16. It will be a social gathering featuring food and fellowship—a great beginning for the New Year. The date for our very popular Mardi Gras celebration has been set, and the New Orleans style jazz band will be with us again. Be ready to let the good times roll on Saturday, February 6, 2016.



## Items Needed!

The Barnabees craft group is looking for donations of the following:

- Any kind of plastic flowers—the brighter the better! (Note: must be plastic, not silk.) Please give to Janet George or bring to the parish office in a bag clearly marked, "WOSB."
- Any photos you might have of St. Barnabas' altar decorated with poinsettias for Christmas. The Barnabees plan to make Christmas cards and notes with them. Please place your photos in the WOSB box in the Library or give to Carolyn Lilienthal at church.
- Costume jewelry. Don't forget to go through your costume jewelry to see if there are any pieces you no longer want to keep. The gently used pieces will be for sale and the single earrings and necklaces and bracelets can be used in crafts. Please give them to Gertrude Jones or leave in the Richardson Room labeled "Barnabees".
- Canning jars—a very popular stop at the bazaar! Bonnie Baldwin is industriously putting up preserves of various fruits. She can use more of the smaller (8 ounce) size canning jars.

## The Light Shines in the Darkness

As we embark on our 2015 stewardship campaign, our first goal is to keep the fires burning—that is, to care for the infrastructure of our church. As well as the building itself, St. Barnabas' infrastructure includes our clergy, administrative staff, minister of music, and sexton—and the tools they use to fulfill their mission in serving our parish, such as salaries, music, vestments, and so on. When we tend to our fires and keep them burning bright, we are equipped to help each other and spread the Gospel to the world.

The next phase in our stewardship campaign is to light a candle. Lighting one another's candles in the darkened church on Holy Saturday symbolizes the love and care we have for one another. Ministering to each other as individuals and as a church family takes many forms—Caritas, Women of St. Barnabas', and the flower ministry are just a few examples. Like keeping the fires burning, lighting each other's candles strengthens and encourages us in our Christian walk.

Our fall campaign concludes with shining a light. When our church home is well cared for and with the support of one another, we are fully equipped to love our neighbors as ourselves. At St. Barnabas', we show our love in concrete ways in our outreach programs—FACETS, ACCA, the organizations supported by the Women of St. Barnabas'—the list goes on.

Please know that your support is crucial in all three aspects of our church life—keeping the fires burning, lighting a candle, and shining the light. We invite you to prayerfully consider your pledge as we approach Invitation Sunday on October 25 and Ingathering Sunday on November 8. Thank you, lights of St. Barnabas'!

## Memory and Portrait Collage Workshop with Kathleen Stark

I will be holding a Memory Collage Workshop Friday, October 23 at The Village Gallery in Fairfax from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Village Gallery is located at 3950 University Dr. in the center of the City of Fairfax. There is plenty of free parking in the garage next to the Gallery.

A memory collage is an artistic arrangement of items such as photographs, letters, theater tickets, pressed flowers, jewelry, etc. that remind you of or belong to a person, place or time you wish to remember. These items are then glued to a hard background and framed. I will suggest ways to make your arrangement and will have an example of a portrait collage that I did of my mother using things that she loved and used in her life. The possibilities are endless, and limited only by your imagination. Your collage could make a wonderful Christmas gift.

If you are interested, contact me at [knstark72@gmail.com](mailto:knstark72@gmail.com) or 703-569-8760 for more information and a list of suggested items to bring. The cost of the workshop is \$25.

- Kathleen Stark

**Sunday, October 25**

Invitation Sunday—be sure to pick up your pledge cards

**Sunday, November 8**

Ingathering of Pledges to support the ministries of St. Barnabas'



### COOKIES IN THE COURTYARD

On Sunday, September 6, the Coffee Hour following the 10:15 service was moved outside. Mark Patterson worked all summer to turn the space outside the Richardson Room into a pollinators' garden with milkweed, a butterfly bush, and other plants attractive to butterflies and hummingbirds. He also added umbrellas to the tables there for our further enjoyment. The inauguration of Cookies in the Courtyard proved a great success, and we hope to repeat it, weather permitting, through the end of September and into October. Hope you will join us!

## WELCOME OUR NEW SEXTON!

Please welcome Brad Pizzola, our new sexton. Brad began working on a temporary basis in August, and now has been hired as our regular sexton. He already has 3 months' experience with us! Brad and his wife have two daughters and live in Falls Church. Brad is very entrepreneurial and is working on starting his own business, Pizzola Enterprises, over the coming year. Please take time to welcome Brad if you should happen to see him. Thank you, Brad, for keeping things bright and clean for us!

### 2015 REPORTER DEADLINES

Next Issue: Oct. 15—  
November (single issue)  
November 15—Dec/Jan  
(combined issue)  
Please send your contributions to our editor, Jocelyn Leatherwood, at [jsmith5617@aol.com](mailto:jsmith5617@aol.com) and a copy to the church office at [stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com](mailto:stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com).  
Thank you.

## Annandale Safe Youth Project

The kids finished painting the last batch of rocks for our rock garden. They really got into it, but of course the girls had to sit separately! We really have some lovely additions to our "garden."



The new kids have not arrived yet and some of the sixth graders have been dropping by until the middle school after-school programs start up. Miss Amaris has announced she will be moving back to New Jersey with her son. Her last day with ASYP will be September 29. She will be living with her mother until she can get a job and place of her own. We will be having a small farewell party for her on the 29th. Please feel free to drop by.

Alternative House will be recruiting for new kids at the Annandale Food Site on the 17th. We will be limited to the 14 seats on the van for kids, unless we can find any mothers willing to drive children to the church. Our program renews next spring and we will have to see what the county says about the reduced numbers. Also, we are looking for a few good people! We only have the kids for 2 hours a day and need homework helpers and people to read with the kids. We have a decent library with books starting at the first grade level on up, but no one to sit and help them read, or with other homework. We can also use people cleared just to help with special occasions or field trips. If you think you might be interested please give me a call 703-425-5631.

Ann Woodle, ASYP Coordinator

## Let's Travel Light

In preparation and clean up for the fall programs, we have made strides in clearing away all sorts of clutter. Please help by refraining from delivering discarded items to the church on the chance that they would be used. Unsolicited materials take up much needed space and contribute to a cluttered appearance. Staff and program leaders are working hard to clear things out, but the help of everyone in removing unneeded items and making contributions only when requested is greatly appreciated.

## St. Barnabas' Supper Club Signup



Supper Club is a wonderful tradition at St. Barnabas'. It is a group of 6-8 adults (couples and/or singles) who meet occasionally for lunch or dinner, either in each other's homes or at restaurants that the group chooses (you may choose to be in either a restaurant or home group, or both). At the end of September everyone who has signed up will be assigned to a group and sent a list of the people in that group. It is then up to the first person on the list to plan the first meeting. It's a great way to get to know other people in the church. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Richardson Room. Contact Kathleen Stark, at 703-569-8760 or [knstark72@gmail.com](mailto:knstark72@gmail.com) for more information.

## Annandale Food Site

Many of you have heard that we are limping along without our manager, Betsy Clevenger, since she broke her collar bone. We are getting by with many long-standing volunteers who know how to run the place and have stepped up while Betsy recovers—a terrific example of a community effort to help the less fortunate!

Bonnie Baldwin shopped for us at the authorization of the Women of St. Barnabas, and helped fill in the grocery list. That was a wonderful help! Betsy is ordering the bulk of the food from Walmart and, because of the quantity, they will deliver it to the food site at Immanuel Church. If there is anything you can do to help please let me know. And thank you for your support! - Ann Woodle

## 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, Fred Holmes, Robin Holmes, Tom Lyles, Cindy McLaughlin, Marion Meany, Audrey Merchant, Barbara Metz, Jane Moya, Berenice Palmer, Aliyah Phillips, Anne Radway, Sheila Richardson, Bob Sayles, Marjorie Williams, Mareea Wilson, Dana Wiseman, and Ann Woodle.

*And for the faithful departed* ... John Baptist Zanin.

*And 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.

### NEW CONTACT INFORMATION FOR FRED AND ROBIN HOLMES

Fred Holmes  
Sunrise of McLean  
8315 Turning Leaf Lane  
McLean, VA 22102  
703-748-8279 (direct)

Robin Holmes  
Goodwin House  
Alexandria  
4800 Fillmore Avenue,  
Room 220  
Alexandria, VA 22311



### The Blessing of the Animals

**Date Change: Sunday,  
September 27, 4 p.m.**

Bring your furried, scaled, finned or stuffed friends to receive a blessing in honor of St. Francis, Patron Saint of Animals. We will complete the afternoon with special treats for all attendees immediately following the blessing.

**OPEN HOUSE AT THE  
MANN'S SATURDAY,  
OCT. 17, 3 TO 9 P.M.**

Jack and Sue Ellen Mann want to thank you as well as celebrate the wonderful work that we accomplish and activities we enjoy together at their house near St. Barnabas'. Feel free to stop by, just to say "hi," or bring a lounge chair and stay a while. Come hang out on the porch, by the creek, or anywhere you can find space. (If rain, event will take place inside.) An appetizer buffet, soft drinks, and beer and wine will be provided. Please RSVP by October 14 at 703-354-2124 or [ex-taxsueellen@aol.com](mailto:ex-taxsueellen@aol.com). Their address will be provided upon RSVP.

**BETTY GLOVER'S NEW  
POSITION**

Our former seminarian, The Rev. Betty Glover, is now an Interim Rector at St. David's Episcopal Church in Topeka, Kansas. She was a seminarian at St. Barnabas' back in 2006 - 2007.

## Sing to the Lord a New Song

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

We kicked the new year off with a bang on September 13 with 14 children (note that we were missing four). 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. Regular Children's Choir rehearsals are held on Sundays in the Education Wing, immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service. We are so very lucky to have such an energetic group of children who enjoy praising God in song! All are welcome! Thanks also to Leigh Kennedy for agreeing to be Choir Parent for another year! Her help on Sundays is invaluable.

The Children's Choir is hard at work preparing for the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, September 27 at 4 p.m. Be sure to bring your pets to St. B's for this wonderful service! Treats for *all* will follow the service.

### The Children's Choir welcomes Jackson Miller

### ADULT CHOIR

The Adult Choir is open to anyone who wishes to praise God in song and is able to make the commitment of weekly rehearsals and Sunday services. All are welcome! Regular Adult Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Education Wing, with Sunday warm-up at 9:15 a.m.

We are beginning to rehearse music for Christmas Eve. The offertory anthem will be Pietro Yon's *Gesu Bambino* with both the Adult and Children's Choir. If you would like to join us for Christmas Eve and can commit to rehearsals through December 24, please come and join us! We will welcome you with open arms and soaring voices!

### WORSHIP SPACE RENEWAL PROJECT

This project continues to wind its way through the maze of government offices and hierarchy! It's exciting to think that we can have good lighting, a good line of sight to the Director and the chancel, and both choirs and instrumentalists in the loft without having to play "musical chairs." [No pun intended.] The drawings are on the wall in the Narthex if you would like to see what is planned.

This project, like any project undertaken at St. B's, requires not only strong planning but strong financial support. I ask that you prayerfully consider making a contribution to ensure that this project comes to fruition. If you wish to make a contribution, please write a check payable to St. Barnabas', with "Worship Space Renewal Project" in the memo line. For more information, please see Gil Baldwin's article, *Status of the Worship Space Renewal Project*, in this newsletter.

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

**SHRINE MONT****MAD CAMP REFLECTIONS**

MAD Camp (Sessions I and II) is but a memory now. Please see the two reflections about MAD Camp and Shrine Mont from our last two campers.

Dear Mr. Snyder

Thank you so much for the scholarship that let me go to ~~and~~ MAD Camp. I had so much fun! All the music we did was all sung together it was amazing. I loved waking up to these different sounds. The counselors were also so much fun. The food was really good too. The activities were always so fun! I hope I can go next year so thank you alot something I'm going to take with me is that never run away from god because hes always there

*Tori*  
Tori



I had a great time at Shrine Mont MAD camp this year! There were a lot of returning friends from last year who I met up with and had a great time with. Our play this year was called "Bones." It is an adaption of the story of Ezekiel and the Valley of the Dry Bones. The counselors were really nice and supportive of us. My solo in the closing song of the musical was greatly improved and influenced by one of the counselors, and for that I am quite grateful. Shrine Mont is an incredibly holy, calm place, and I enjoy going there even without the camp. I highly recommend that any who can come to the Shrine Mont retreat should come because Shrine Mont is truly a sight to be seen. Also, as a big plus, the food there is some of the best I've ever had.

Garrett Patterson



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**EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW) FALL MEETING  
AND 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

*You are invited to a day of fellowship, celebration, education, and Holy Eucharist with The Rt. Rev. Edwin "Ted" Gulick Jr.*

**Thursday, October 15, 2015**

**at The Falls Church**

**115 E. Fairfax St., Falls Church, VA**

**9 – 9:30 a.m. Registration,**

**11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, lunch & celebration**

**2:30 Adjourn**

**Registration fee: \$25, due by Oct. 4**

**Free childcare provided. Please bring bag lunch and snack  
for each child.**

Since the meeting is local this year, we are hoping for a good turn out from St. Barnabas.' For more information please see Cricket Camp, check the flyer posted in the Richardson Room, or visit the ECW Website at: <http://www.thediocese.net/Forms/form.asp?FormID=71&Action=Edit>.