

# The St. Barnabas' Reporter



## The Clergy Page

The Rev. Linda Wofford Hawkins, Rector

*It is both terrible and comforting to dwell in the inconceivable nearness of God, and so to be loved by God that the first and last gift is infinity and inconceivability itself. But we have no choice. God is with us. —Karl Rahner*

We are about to begin a new year in the life of the church with the season of Advent (November 29). We observe the ending of the Christian year celebrating Christ the King and the ending of the growing season with a celebration of Thanksgiving. In each of these moments, we come face to face with God's nearness in all its terror and its comfort. We discover once again what it is to "dwell in the inconceivable nearness of God."

We take stock of what has been and set our eyes toward the dream of God, a full awareness of God's nearness for all the children of God. Taking stock inevitably leads to gratitude. Slowing down to notice the nearness of God that we often take for granted draws us into gratefulness. That gratefulness is the source of all our giving—as we give to the work of the church, to our loved ones, to those far away. Our gratitude erupts in a need to give. It leads us toward others in their need.

This has been a hard year for many of us as we have known death and illness. In the midst of those moments, we have perhaps known the terrible side of God's nearness as well as the comfort. For some of us, our gratitude is for survival in the midst of the storm as we await the one who is to come. That experience puts us in the lineage of the ancient Hebrews as they leaned forward for the coming of the Messiah.

We will all become pregnant like Mary in these days of waiting. Let us slow down to honor the new life growing within us. As we slow down, we can become aware of our gratitude and our deep need to give.

That need to give can change the way we spend money in this season. It can change the way we spend time as we devote ourselves to worship and to the needs of others. As we look outward, we will discover the urge to invite. Each of us encounters someone whose life can be changed by an invitation into the life and worship of this faith community. Our Blue Christmas service (December 17) can be life changing for someone in grief or far from home in this season. The worship of Advent and Christmas might be the first time for someone to know that God is truly near in the Word Made Flesh.

We have no choice. God is indeed near us. Together may we discover the terror and the comfort of being loved and transformed into lovers of others.

In Christ's love,  
Linda+

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- *Worship Space*  
*Renewal Status*
- *Bishop's*  
*Visitation*
- *Interfaith Thanksgiving Service*
- *Ski Trip*
- *Parish-wide*  
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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) and Adult  
Choir rehearsal  
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
& Children's Chapel  
(nursery available)  
Children's Choir following  
service

**WEDNESDAYS:**

10 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 4-6 p.m.

**1ST TUESDAY OF THE  
MONTH:** WOSB 10 a.m.  
(Sept.—May)

**1ST SATURDAY OF THE  
MONTH:** Men's Breakfast,  
8 a.m., Juke Box Diner

**2ND MONDAY OF THE  
MONTH:** Finance Commit-  
tee, 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.

*This year in the life...*

**DECEMBER 2015**  
5—Fun at Christmas  
12—Parish-wide Caroling  
17—Blue Christmas Ser-  
vice  
20—Greening of the  
Church  
24—Christmas Eve  
25—Christmas Day

**JANUARY 2016**

3—Epiphany Pageant and  
Installation of Vestry &  
WOSB  
16—Vestry Retreat &  
WOSB New Year's Brunch  
18—MLK, Jr. Day  
21-23—Diocesan Council

**FEBRUARY 2016**

6—Mardi Gras Party  
9—Shrove Tues-  
day/Pancake Supper  
10—Ash Wednesday/Lent  
begins  
12-15—Annual Ski  
Trip/Presidents' Day week-  
end

**MARCH 2016**

20—Palm Sunday/start of  
Holy Week  
24—Maundy Thursday  
25—Good Friday  
26—Holy Saturday/Easter  
Vigil  
27—Easter Sunday

**APRIL 2016**

17—Hammered Dulcimer  
& Harp Guitar Concert

**MAY 2016**

7—Mad Hatter's Tea Party  
8—Mothers Day  
15—Pentecost  
22—Trinity Sunday  
30—Memorial Day

**JUNE 2016**

12—Saint Barnabas' Day  
(parish celebration)  
19—Fathers Day

**JULY 2016**

4—Independence Day  
TBA—Vacation Bible  
School

**SEPTEMBER 2016**

5—Labor Day  
TBA—Blessing of the Ani-  
mals  
30-Oct. 2—Shrine Mont  
Parish Retreat

**OCTOBER 2016**

10—Columbus Day  
TBA—ACCA CROP Walk  
TBA—Trunk 'n' Treat  
31—Halloween

**NOVEMBER 2016**

1—All Saints' Day  
6—All Saints' Sunday  
20—Annual Meet-  
ing/Vestry Election  
24—Thanksgiving  
27—Advent begins

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



This year's Adult Forum explores the Baptismal Covenant and the promises we make in the Rite of Holy Baptism: *Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers? ...—Advent Series*

**NOVEMBER 29 - PERSONAL PRAYER**

How we learn to get ourselves out of the way and allow God to speak to us, led by The Rev. Betty Dunlop.

**DECEMBER 6 - PRAYER TRADITIONS AT HOME**

The Rev. Dr. Lisa Kimball will discuss prayer and traditions in the home. Dr. Kimball is professor of Christian Formation and Congregational Leadership and Director of the Center for Ministry of Teaching at Virginia Theological Seminary.

**DECEMBER 13 - CHILDREN AND THE ADVENT THEMES FOUND IN GODLY PLAY**

We will look at the work of Godly Play with the Biblical stories of the Annunciation and Visitation.

**DECEMBER 20 - THE ANNUNCIATION AND THE VISITATION IN ART AND MUSIC**

Stephen Ackert, recently retired as head of the National Gallery of Art's music department, will make a presentation on the Annunciation and the Visitation, as expressed in art and music.

**DECEMBER 27 - FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS (NO ADULT FORUM)**

**JANUARY 3 - EPIPHANY CELEBRATION - CHILDREN'S PAGEANT (NO ADULT FORUM)**

***Will you persevere in resisting evil? As we think about 'resisting evil' we can name Racism and Abuse of Power***

**JANUARY 10 - FORUM BASED ON THE WORK OF OUR DAY WITH THE DR. JUDY FENTRESS-WILLIAMS**

**JANUARY 17 - REFLECTIONS ON THE LEGACY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

Members of the Adult Formation Committee will share passages from Dr. King's speeches and his writing. There will be time for reflection by the whole group on the importance of Dr. King's legacy today.

**JANUARY 24—THE EVIL OF BULLYING**

We will have a speaker who will describe how children are helped to understand and deal with bullying in school.

**JANUARY 31 - BISHOP'S VISITATION (NO ADULT FORUM)**



**Forum on Racism with  
The Rev. Judy Fentress-Williams**

**Saturday, January 9**

**Time: TBD**

**at St. Barnabas'**

Dr. Fentress-Williams is

Professor of

Old Testament at

Virginia

Theological Seminary

**BISHOP'S  
VISITATION**

Bishop Susan Goff will visit St. Barnabas' on January 31. Please speak with the Rector if you are interested in participating in the Inquirers Class to prepare for confirmation, reception, or simply a refresher course in Christian faith.



## Interfaith Thanksgiving

### Service

Wednesday,

November 25, 7:30 pm

at Providence

Presbyterian Church

9019 Little River

Turnpike, Fairfax

Participants include:

Providence Presbyterian

Church

Fairfax Presbyterian

Church

Christ Evangelical

Lutheran Church

and

Ezher Bloom Mosque

## Inquirers Class

In preparation for the visit of Bishop Susan Goff on January 31, 2016, plans are being made for an Inquirers Class for adults. Please contact the Rector if you are interested in taking part. (703-941-2922 or [stbarnabasrector@outlook.com](mailto:stbarnabasrector@outlook.com))

This class can be a refresher course or an introduction to the Christian faith and the Anglican way. Participants may choose to be presented to the bishop for baptism, confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation. Members of the church who were baptized as infants may choose to affirm their faith as adults through the rite of confirmation. In addition, those who have been confirmed in other denominations by a bishop in the historic succession (Roman Catholic, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, or Eastern Orthodox) may be received into the Episcopal Church. Those who have been baptized and confirmed but wish to recommit themselves to the life of faith may choose to reaffirm their baptismal covenant.

Most of all, the class is a time to delve deeper, to ask questions, and to share our spiritual growth with others. We will make use of a variety of resources including the January sessions of the adult forum. Please contact the Rector as soon as possible to express your interest in participation. The schedule will be determined as participants are identified.

## Beginnings – St. Barnabas’ Book Group

The St. Barnabas' Book Group, **Beginnings**, will meet on Monday, December 7, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Joan and Lee Gibbs. We will discuss the book, *Pleading, Cursing, Praising: Conversing with God through the Psalms*, by Irene Nowell, a Benedictine nun who is also a Biblical scholar. We will meet again on Monday, January 4 (book yet to be chosen).

## Work Zone Ahead - Getting Started on the WSR Project!

We have now have passed all of the Fairfax County reviews and have been granted a building permit for the Worship Space Renewal (WSR) project. Our plans passed the county zoning, building, mechanical, electrical and Fire Marshal reviews. Our next step is to establish a project start date. We anticipate work beginning on Monday, November 30 with project completion no later than Friday, December 18!

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. We have now received well over half of this 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

### Next Baptism Date

Sunday, January 10

*The Baptism of Our Lord*

Service will include

Renewal of Vows

for godparents.

Contact the Rector to

begin preparation.

## *Tidings of Comfort: A Blue Christmas Service*

Thursday, December 17, at 7:30 p.m.  
followed by reception

Advent and Christmas often bring feelings of sadness, memories of painful holidays, awareness of distance from home, or the loss of loved ones. Last year, church members reached out to invite others to take part in this service designed to include everyone, and discovered the healing and hope it can bring. This simple service is a chance to lift up the pain and prepare to enter more fully the feast of the Christ Child who came amongst us in the midst of pain and loss.



## Annandale Safe Youth Project

**Christmas Alert:** The ASYP Christmas Party will be held on December 15 due to this year's school calendar. I'll need gifts for the children by Wednesday, December 9. The wrapping party will be Monday, December 14, in the Education Wing. I will have the wish slips in a yellow folder in the narthex by Wednesday, November 18. So far, we only have ten children so this should be do-able. Alternative House just offered the job of Coordinator to someone new and she is starting on her paperwork. She seemed to be excited about the job. We will keep our fingers crossed this time.

You may have seen the headline, "Annandale Man Charged with Raping Fairfax City Child." Well, that Annandale man lived in my neighborhood and the child was under the age of 13. I checked to see if Det. Bill Woolf had been given any help yet, only to find that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has not committed to funding the human trafficking unit again. The other side of the coin is that the pimps and johns (rapists) are not being pursued either because of shortage of police to do so! The thought of giving gangs more power sends shivers down my spine.

We know that the problem is exploding in the schools and that gangs are running more than 50 percent of the teen sex trafficking! That this is not considered a high priority is mind blowing. Should we just let the gangs take over? Should we continue to stick our heads in the sand about this horrible problem?

I spoke to Braddock District Supervisor John Cook's chief of staff and he confirmed that the Board of Supervisors had not yet committed to this. The next budget will not be marked up until next spring but it is *very important that we all* let our District Supervisors and the Chairman At-Large, Sharon Bulova, know how we feel about protecting our teens (and adults) from being turned into sex slaves, and ruining families. Let your voice be heard, everyone *can* make a difference.

- Ann Woodle

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday morning Bible study group is focusing on one book of the Bible for a period of time, beginning with the Gospel of Luke, to be followed by the Book of Acts. New members are most welcome. The group meets at 11 a.m. following Holy Eucharist (10 a.m.).

### SENIOR BIBLE STUDY

The next meeting of the Senior Bible Study will be Sunday, December 13 at 2 p.m. The topic is *Full Armor of God, Ephesians Ch. 6*. For inquiries or to join this rich, in-depth Bible discussion group, please call Larry at 703-569-5576 or email him at: [Lgoldschmidt3dw@cox.net](mailto:Lgoldschmidt3dw@cox.net).

### Annual Meeting and Vestry Election

followed by

covered dish lunch

**Sunday, November 22**

One *Combined Service*

at 10:15 a.m.



**PARISHWIDE  
CAROLING  
SATURDAY,  
DECEMBER 12  
4- 6 P.M.**

*please note date change*

Join us as we take the  
Christmas spirit to all.

We'll return to the  
Richardson Room for  
goodies afterwards!

All are welcome!

#### **MAKE THE TREASURER SMILE**

If you wish to catch up on an unfulfilled pledge to the ministry of St. Barnabas' or drop off an end-of-year check for the church, please note that the parish office will be open December 28 & 29 (9 a.m.-12 noon) and 30 & 31 (9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.). Note: For your giving to be applied to your 2015 statement, all donations must be turned in and deposited in 2015.

## **ACCA News—Annandale Christian Community for Action**

ACCA's 2015 Challenge Campaign is under way, now through January 31, 2016. The Washington Forest Foundation and several anonymous donors have provided a total of \$40,000 for the challenge. The campaign is ACCA's major fundraising effort, and provides important supplement to funding from ACCA churches, grants, and Fairfax County contributions. A successful campaign will help ACCA provide emergency assistance and other critical services for struggling households in our area, as well as support for the developmental childcare for infants and preschool children. Please consider a generous contribution, and send it to ACCA at 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003, payable to ACCA and noting "Challenge" in the memo line. Online donations may be made through ACCA's website at [accacares.org/give.html](http://accacares.org/give.html) or through [catalogueforphilanthropy-dc.org](http://catalogueforphilanthropy-dc.org) (look for the ACCA profile). The Catalogue for Philanthropy has named ACCA "one of the best small nonprofits in the Washington Metro area." For more information, please see the letter and envelopes in the narthex or contact Camille or Ken Mittelholtz.

St. Barnabas' volunteers are scheduled to serve at the ACCA furniture ministry on December 5 and on January 30. The crew picks up donations of gently used furniture and delivers them to needy households. We meet at 8 a.m. at the warehouse, on the grounds of Annandale United Methodist Church, 6935 Columbia Pike, Annandale. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Ken Mittelholtz. To donate mattresses, bedding, sofas, dressers, tables and chairs, and other gently used furniture items, please contact Ken or Camille, or contact the Di Spiritos at 703-256-9513 or [ddmld@verizon.net](mailto:ddmld@verizon.net).

ACCA is collecting used and new outerwear garments for local day laborers, residents of the Baileys Crossroads Shelter, and children of the ACCA Child Development Center. Winter jackets, hooded sweat shirts, heavy sweaters, hats, and gloves are needed for men, women, and children. Please bring your items to St. Barnabas' no later than December 13. Also, an ACCA truck will be at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 3305 Glen Carlyn Road, Falls Church on December 12, 2-4 p.m., to receive donated clothing.

Many thanks to all who contributed to or walked or volunteered at the 2015 Annandale CROP Walk. Already, St. Barnabas' has raised over \$1,800 toward the walk. Church World Service uses the funds to support disaster and hunger relief, refugee assistance and resettlement, and sustainable development around the world, as well as disaster relief and support of community efforts to help fight hunger and poverty in the U.S.

Please bring nonperishable food items and household paper goods and soap for the ACCA Food Pantry, including canned vegetables, meats and fruits, rice and pasta, peanut butter, juices, etc. Donations may be left in the narthex.

For more information about ACCA or to help with the efforts mentioned above, please contact Camille or Ken Mittelholtz at 703-573-0074 or [kcmittelholtz@gmail.com](mailto:kcmittelholtz@gmail.com).

## Alternative House Receives 4-Star Rating

Alternative House has been awarded Charity Navigator's highest four-star rating for the fifth consecutive year! Only six percent of charities evaluated have received four stars for five or more consecutive years. The rating indicates that Alternative House adheres to good governance and other best practices that minimize the chance of unethical activities and consistently executes their mission in a fiscally responsible way.

President and CEO of Charity Navigator Michael Thatcher states, "...Alternative House outperforms most other charities in America. This *exceptional* designation from Charity Navigator differentiates Alternative House from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust."

Four stars for FIVE years!!

## Annandale Food Site

As we move into the winter months, the number of clients is increasing. So far our numbers are running a little behind last year at this time. Our estimated number of people served (including household members) through the month of October 2014 was 11,195. This year, through October, we've served about 9,878. Our busiest month so far this year was April, although October was very close behind.

We really had to scramble to get enough food a few times, so we have our fingers crossed for this winter. Coming up with enough food for that many people on a weekly basis is a real challenge but we have faith and have made it so far. Your support helps to keep us open. As they say, "It takes a village". Thank you for your continued support and for helping Annandale's poorest members.

- Ann Woodle

## Welcome Our Helping Hands

Please welcome the four Annandale High School special needs students who will be working at St. Barnabas' twice a week for this school year. As in the last several years, these students are part of a Fairfax County program to prepare special needs students for working once they have finished the program. The students come to St. Barnabas' for one hour twice a week. In good weather they work outside on landscaping projects, and in inclement or cold weather, work inside the church at various useful tasks. This past week, for example, they sharpened all the small yellow pencils in the pews and made sure that each pew had some. They also folded and replaced yellow pew cards. Outside, they raked and bagged leaves. They are hard workers and their efforts are appreciated. - Anne Radway

**Sunday, December 13,  
10:15 a.m.**

**A Candlelight Service  
of Advent Lessons and  
Carols**

Both the Adult Choir and  
the Children's Choirs  
will offer music for  
this liturgy.

**ST. BARNABAS'  
PARISHIONER TO  
RECEIVE DEAN'S  
CROSS FOR SERVANT  
LEADERSHIP**

Robert E. Frye of St. Barnabas' will receive the Dean's Cross for Servant Leadership at the Virginia Theological Seminary on December 6 at a service of Lessons and Carols. He is being recognized for his leadership on behalf of racial reconciliation and incorporation of immigrants in Fairfax County as documented in the book [A Nation of Nations](#) by Tom Gjelten. Other recipients this year are Barbara Bush and Stanley Hubbard, President of Kanuga Conference Center.

**Sunday, January 3,  
The Feast of  
the Epiphany  
Pageant at the  
10:15 service**

*The Best Intergenerational Epiphany Pageant Ever* will take place during the Liturgy of the Word at the 10:15 a.m. service on January 3. Following the conclusion of the service, the Adult Choir invites you to *The Best Intergenerational Epiphany Pageant Reception Ever!* Please see the casting call insert in this newsletter!



**Saturday, January 23  
Music Ministries  
(Fundraiser) Spaghetti  
Supper at 5 p.m.  
Richardson Room**

It's time to tune up your gondola and head down *Via Ravensworth* to the Music Ministries' '*A Night in Venice*' Spaghetti Supper. All proceeds collected will go to the Worship Space Renewal Project.

## Sing to the Lord a New Song

### ADVENT WORSHIP

Beginning on Sunday, November 29 (Advent I) we will be using the service music of noted British composer Healey Willan and our presentation hymn will be to the hymn tune of 'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel' at the 10:15 a.m. service.

### THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who helped us welcome back '*The District Eight*' vocal ensemble on October 18. It was a wonderful concert featuring music from colonial days to the present. The concert was followed by a lovely reception in the Richardson Room. Thanks to Carolyn Lilienthal for heading up the reception.

Thank you to all who participated in the All Saints' Day Choral Evensong and reception. It was a beautiful service and the choirs sounded great!

Thank you to all the Music Ministries members who helped with preparing and serving hot dogs for the WOSB Bazaar.

My special thanks go to *all* members of the Music Ministries who so generously give of their time and their talent (aka their treasure) each week.

### WORSHIP SPACE RENEWAL UPDATE

Fairfax County has approved our application and drawings, so, all that is left is completing the funding for the project (see related article). If you would like to make a contribution to this project, please make your check payable to St. Barnabas' Church and put Worship Space Renewal Project in the memo line. All contributions gratefully accepted.

### MUSIC MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

- Saturday, November 21, 1-3 p.m. – All Music Ministries rehearsal followed by snacks!
- Sunday, November 22 – Commissioning of the Music Ministries at the 10:15 a.m. service. All Music Ministries choir call at 9:15 a.m.
- Saturday, December 19, 1- 3 p.m. – **Full** All Music Ministries rehearsal with instrumentalists. Attendance required.
- See the back page of this newsletter for the Christmas service schedule.
- Sunday, December 27 – Combined service at 10:15 a.m., Holy Eucharist with carols. No Children's Choir that day.
- Wednesday, December 30, – **No** Adult Choir practice.

If you have any questions or suggestions concerning the Music Ministries at St. Barnabas' and the role that music plays in our worship, please do not hesitate to contact me.

- David K. Snyder, Minister of Music



## Women of St. Barnabas'

The Women of St. Barnabas' (WOSB) will meet Tuesday, December 1, at 10 a.m. in the Richardson Room to discuss our outreach/inreach programs. We will review the programs we now support, accept suggestions for new programs, and prepare a final budget. We will use the profits from the Christmas Bazaar added to our current funds to prepare the budget. Please join us to help the WOSB make the best use of the money. We will post it in the February *Reporter*. After the meeting we will enjoy lunch together.

The WOSB tied for second place in number of participants attending the 125th Annual Episcopal Church Women (ECW) meeting held at the Falls Church on October 15! The group heard from The Rev. Catherine Hicks, United Thank Offering (UTO) recipient, who shared the challenge of meeting the food needs of her small parish; Beblon Parks, past ECW president, who addressed Gifts and Scholarships; and Beth Saunders of *Just Ask* who spoke about teen sex trafficking in our area. Thanks to the generosity of the Women of St. Barnabas,' we presented a check for \$1,435 at the UTO Ingathering Ceremony.

## Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

The Women of St. Barnabas' give a hearty thank you to all who helped make our Christmas Bazaar a success. We were all saddened by the deaths of two stalwart hardworking members, Rosemary Sinclair and Robin Holmes. We dedicate our bazaar to them.

We have so many people to thank. First, to the parishioners of St. Barnabas,' thank you for coming and supporting us. This is our primary fundraiser, and we rely on your support. Thank you also for donations of baked goods and jewelry as well as for spending your money! A hefty pat on the backs of the Barnabees. This small, hardworking and talented group is so essential to the success of the bazaar. They think about the bazaar almost the whole year long. They plan and make crafts. And then the biggest job of all—setting it all up and then taking it all down. It is a lot of work. We thank Camille and Ken Mittelholtz who were so helpful in getting the Richardson Room ready for Sunday morning.

We thank Sarah Kiely for overseeing the baked goods sale, and Molly Newling for managing the lunch sale. We thank Frank Spink for donating the wine for our Friday night preview, and Frank and Kathleen Stark for donating part of the money they receive from the sale of their artwork. Thank you to Dave Snyder, Minister of Music, and our Rector, The Rev. Linda Wofford Hawkins, who both gave items for the Friday night auction. We also thank Berni and Ken Ryder who rent the Richardson Room for their dance classes. They donated four huge ferns, two dried flower arrangements, two apple cakes, and lots of cranberry muffins.

Inevitably we leave someone out—but please know that the WOSB are grateful for your help! - Gertrude Jones



### NEW YEAR'S BRUNCH

In place of the January WOSB meeting, we will have a New Year's Brunch on January 16, at 10 a.m. in the Richardson Room. Please bring a dish to share, and join us for a time of fellowship, fun, and food.



### SAVE THE DATE! WOSB MARDI GRAS

Our popular Mardi Gras party will be Saturday, February 6 at 6 p.m. We will welcome back the same great New Orleans style jazz band we've had in the past.

### 33RD ANNUAL ST. BARNABAS' SKI TRIP FEBRUARY 12-15, 2016

See sign-up sheet in the Richardson Room. For more information contact Keith Peyton, 703 -941-5633.

**REPORTER DEADLINE**

*Please note:  
The deadline for the  
next Reporter  
will be  
January 15.*

Please send your submissions 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).

**REPORTER DEADLINES FOR 2016**

January 15—February issue

February 15—March/April combined issue

April 15—May/June combined issue

June 15—July/August—combined issue

August 15—September issue

September 15—October issue

October 15—November issue

November 15—December/January combined issue

**Thanks and More Thanks to...**

- Gil and Ben Baldwin for recycling old computer components and helping to declutter the bookkeeper's office.
- The Women of St. Barnabas' for the outstanding Christmas Bazaar.
- Librada Estrada and all her team for the Trunk 'n Treat event.
- Gil Baldwin and the Building and Grounds Committee for their hard work in securing approval from Fairfax County for the Worship Space Renewal Project.
- Camille Mittelholtz and all those who took part in the CROP Walk.
- Grace Robbins and the Stewardship Committee for their dedication throughout the pledge drive for 2016.
- Teachers for Rite 13—Leigh Kennedy, Jeff Schavland, and Kathleen Stark.
- Teachers for Journey to Adulthood—Cy Tamanaha and Katie Westerlund.



**COME DANCE WITH US IN THE  
RICHARDSON ROOM  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 7-9 P.M.**

Members of the RYDERS ROUNDERS dance club have been dancing this fall in the beautiful Richardson Room at St. Barnabas' Church on Thursday evenings. We dance a range of ballroom rhythms including rumba, cha-cha, waltz, foxtrot, jive, bolero, slow two step, two step, mambo, quickstep, and tango.

We'd love to have you join us to celebrate the New Year at a special "First Nighter" dance party in the Richardson Room on Saturday, January 9 from 7-9 p.m. You don't need to know how to dance—we will teach everyone a few basic rumba and cha-cha figures and you will be dancing those rhythms the rest of the evening. We'll also have some refreshments to add to our celebration. Come share the fun, fellowship, and excitement we enjoy with our dancing. We call our activity a "social contact sport" so come and find out why!!

- Berni and Ken Ryder, Cuers and Dance Instructors

PS: Since this is a party dance to celebrate the New Year, comfortable party attire would add to the festivities. Also, shoes with leather soles will make your dancing easier and more enjoyable.

PPS: Please RSVP to Catherine Dubas at the St. Barnabas' office, 703 941-2922, to help us plan and prepare for the party.

## 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, Rotha Frye, Pete Gustin, Barney Hawkins, Grace Haines, Fred Holmes, Tom Lyles, Cindy McLaughlin, Marion Meany, Audrey Merchant, Barbara Metz, Jane Moya, Berenice Palmer, Aliyah Phillips, Sheila Richardson, Bob Sayles, Marjorie Williams, Mareea Wilson, Dana Wiseman, Ann Woodle, and Colleen Zanin.

*And for the faithful departed* ... Robin Holmes and Patricia (Patty) Marion.

*For the Church* ... the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby; our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. 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.

## Giving Summary

Giving this year includes contributions to: Bethany House, Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington, Center for Liturgy and the Arts, Virginia Theological Seminary, Annandale Food Site, and Episcopal Relief and Development (Nepal Earthquake aid).

In addition, the congregation supported the Discretionary fund of Bishop Johnston, and, with the help of Music Ministries, sent a sizeable check to the *Shout It From the Mountain* capital campaign for Shrine Mont. Also, scholarships were provided for four youth from St. Barnabas' to attend Music and Drama (MAD) Camp at Shrine Mont over the summer.

## Coat Drive

In partnership with the Ezher Bloom Mosque, we are collecting blankets & coats in good condition to be shipped to Syrian refugees. You can find a wealth of information on how to help at <http://helpsyrianrefugees.us/>, including the *GoFundMe* link to make a monetary donation. The blanket & coat drive was started last year in response to the dire circumstances of refugees in camps, particularly in Turkey. As the need has increased, so the goal of the program has increased: whereas last year 18,000 blankets were donated, the goal for this year is 100,000. The coat and blanket drive is on-going through December 5; we will accept donations at St. Barnabas' until December 3. For questions please contact the parish office or call 757-597-4712.

### COFFEE HOUR HOST

Please contact Shirley Newman to become part of the team for the 10:15 Coffee Hour: 703-825-7411 or [snewman7078@gmail.com](mailto:snewman7078@gmail.com).

### IN MEMORIAM

Elisabeth Blair (Robin) Nicholson Holmes  
Died October 12, 2015  
Funeral held at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Annandale, VA on October 23, 2015

Patricia (Patty) Marion  
Died October 16, 2015  
Memorial service held at Trinity Episcopal Church in Fredericksburg, VA on October 24, 2015

John Joseph (Jack) Dami  
Died September 26, 2015  
Interred with military honors at Quantico National Cemetery on November 2, 2015

**► December 2015 Schedule of Participants – St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church ◀**

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DATE	ACOLYTES	LECTORS	READINGS	CHALICISTS	USHERS	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	OPENERS / GREETERS / VESTRY-CLOSERS
<b>December 6</b> 8:00 am <b>2 Advent</b> 10:15 am	The acolyte schedule will be published separately.  Schedules will be available in the narthex, on the web ( <a href="http://stbarnabaschurch.org">stbarnabaschurch.org</a> ) or through the parish office (703-941-2922).	Maria Macfarlane Stephen Ackert Shirley Newman Lyn Harris	Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3:1-4 Canticle 4 or 16 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6	Debra Gustin Maria Macfarlane Scott Moser Ann Sayles	Charles Camp  Robin Erskine Larry Stark	8AM: Cricket & Charles Camp 10:15: Sujatha & Sanjiv Augustine	Vestry: John Westerlund Opener: Betty Jo Fortune Greeter: Leigh Kennedy Greeter: PJ Kennedy
<b>December 13</b> 8:00 am <b>3 Advent</b> 10:15 am <b>Advent Lessons &amp; Carols at 10:15 am</b>		Debra Gustin Barbara Rigden Clare Stankwitz Hugh Agnew	Zephaniah 3:14-20 Canticle 9 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18 <i>(see below for 10:15)</i>	Barbara Rigden Debra Gustin Michael Dugger Ellen Riddle	Dottie Rogerson Sanjiv Augustine Art Hamerschal	8AM: Harvey Sawatis 10:15: Nancy & Keith Peyton	Vestry: Librada Estrada Opener: Harvey Sawatis Greeter: Robin Erskine Greeter: Sue Erskine
<b>December 20</b> 8:00 am 10:15 am <b>4 Advent</b>		Cricket Camp Lita Mellon Ann Sayles Cindy McLaughlin	Micah 5:2-5a Canticle 3 or 15 or Psalm 80:1-7 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)	Maria Macfarlane Debra Gustin Ann Sayles Scott Moser	Stephen Ackert  Cy Tamaaha Tim Greer	8AM: Lita Mellon & Dottie Rogerson 10:15: Connie & Bob Gribbin	Vestry: Cindy McLaughlin Opener: Harvey Sawatis Greeter: Connie Badger Greeter: Peter Badger
<b>December 24</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b> 4:30 pm Choral/Prelude 5:00 pm Festival Eucharist		Ellen Riddle Andy Riddle	Isaiah 9:2-7 <i>(omit Psalm)</i> Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-20	Scott Moser Ellen Riddle	-	-	Opener: Harvey Sawatis
<b>December 25</b> 11:00 am <b>Christmas Day</b>	Barbara Rigden	Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1:1-4 John 1:1-14	Barbara Rigden	-	-	Opener: Harvey Sawatis	
<b>December 27</b> <b>1 Christmas</b> <b>Combined service</b> <b>Holy Eucharist with</b> <b>Carols</b> 10:15 am	Ed Ing Michael Dugger	Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Psalm 147 or 147:13-21 Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7 John 1:1-18	Maria Macfarlane Ann Sayles	Ken Mittelholtz Robin Erskine	Carolyn Lilienthal & Frank Spink	Vestry: Rotha Frye Opener: TBA Greeter: Phyllis McKoy Greeter: Karen Steidel	

**Counter Schedule - December**

DATE	TEAM
<b>December 6</b>	1 Hammerschlag, K Mittelholtz, Stark
<b>December 13</b>	2 Braddon, Stetzer, Westerlund
<b>December 20</b>	3 Moser, Frye, C Mittelholtz
<b>December 27</b>	4 Patterson, Lilienthal, Newling

**Altar Guild Schedule - December**

DATE	CAPTAIN	TEAM
<b>Dec 5-11</b>	Newling	Anderson, Sayles
<b>Dec 12-18</b>	Yeaman	Augustine, Leatherwood
<b>Dec 19-23</b> <b>(Sat-Wed)</b>	Miller	G. Jones, Lilienthal
<b>Dec 20 (Crèche Setup)</b>		Leatherwood, S. Jones, Newling, Robbins
<b>Dec 24</b>	Robbins	Radway, Sayles
<b>Dec 25</b>	-	McLaughlin, Robbins
<b>Dec 26-Jan 1</b>	McLaughlin	S. Jones, Augustine

**Advent Lessons for 3 Advent 10:15 a.m. service:**

Genesis 3:1-22, Isaiah 35:1-10, Isaiah 7:10-15, Jeremiah 31:31-34,  
Isaiah 65:17-25, and Luke 1:5-25



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January 3 8:00 am Epiphany 10:15 am (transferred) <i>Epiphany Pageant, Installation of Vestry and WOSB</i>	The acolyte schedule will be published separately.	Stephen Ackert Cricket Camp Lyn Harris Shirley Newnman	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12	Barbara Rigden Debra Gustin Michael Dugger Ellen Riddle	Harvey Sawatis Larry Stark Sanjiv Augustine	8AM: Cricket & Charles Camp 10:15: TBA	Vestry: Carolyn Lilienthal Opener: Harvey Sawatis Greeter: Alusine Kanu Greeter: Ellen Hawkins
January 10 8:00 am 10:15 am The Baptism of Our Lord		Lita Mellon Harvey Sawatis Hugh Agnew Clare Stankwitz	Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	Maria Macfarlane Barbara Rigden Ann Sayles Scott Moser	Charles Camp Art Hamerschlag Cy Tamanaha	8AM: Mary Yeaman & Deborah Batten 10:15: TBA	Vestry: Scott Moser Opener: Harvey Sawatis Greeter: Anne Radway Greeter: Jonathan Barber
January 17 8:00 am 10:15 am 2 Epiphany	Schedules will be available in the narthex, on the web ( <a href="http://stbarnabaschurch.org">stbarnabaschurch.org</a> ) or through the parish office (703-941-2922).	Barbara Rigden Maria Macfarlane Kathleen Stark Ellen Crutchley	Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11	Debra Gustin Maria Macfarlane Ellen Riddle Michael Dugger	Dottie Rogerson Tim Greer Ken Mittelholz	8AM: Betty Jo Fortune 10:15: TBA	Vestry: Molly Newling Opener: Betty Jo Fortune Greeter: Scott Moser Greeter: Sara Moser
January 24 8:00 am 10:15am 3 Epiphany		Debra Gustin Stephen Ackert Cindy McLaughlin Ann Sayles	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21	Barbara Rigden Debra Gustin Scott Moser Ann Sayles	Stephen Ackert Robin Erskine Larry Stark	8AM: Harvey Sawatis 10:15: TBA	Vestry: Mark Patterson Opener: Harvey Sawatis Greeter: Leigh Kennedy Greeter: PJ Kennedy
<b>Combined Service Bishop's Visitation</b> January 31 4 Epiphany 10:15 am		Cricket Camp Lita Mellon	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30	Maria Macfarlane Michael Dugger	Sanjiv Augustine Art Hamerschlag	Lita Mellon & Dottie Rogerson	Vestry: PJ Kennedy Opener: TBA Greeter: Connie Gribbin Greeter: Bob Gribbin

**Counter Schedule - January**

DATE	TEAM
January 3	5
January 10	1
January 17	2
January 24	3
January 31	4

**Altar Guild Schedule - January**

DATE	CAPTAIN	TEAM
Jan 2-8	G. Jones	Badger, Erskine
Jan 9-15	Lilienthal	Anderson, Radway
Jan 16-22	Yeaman	Leatherwood, Newling
Jan 23-29	Miller	Badger, Erskine

► January 2016 - St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church Activities ◀

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					New Year's Day Parish Office Closed	
						8:00 am - Men's Breakfast Juke Box Diner Annandale 12:30 pm Pageant Dress Rehearsal (required)
<b>2 Christmas</b> <b>Epiphany (transferred)</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Adult Choir (No Christian Formation) 10:15 am Holy Eucharist & Pageant (No Children's Choir) 4-6 pm FACETS - RR	4 10:00 am AI Anon - RR 3:45-6 pm ASYP - RR 7:30 pm Beginnings - Home of Lee & Joan Gibbs	5 9:30 am MOMS - EW 3:45-6 pm ASYP - RR	6 10:00 am Holy Eucharist w Healing - L 11:00 am Bible Study - L 3:45 pm ASYP - RR 7:30 pm Adult Choir - EW 8:30 pm AA - RR	7 (No Barnabees in Jan.) 3:45-6 pm ASYP - EW 6:30 pm Ryders Rounders - RR	8 9:30 am MOMS - EW	9 Racial Reconciliation Workshop TBA 7 pm Ryders Rounders First Nighter Dance - RR
<b>The Baptism of Our Lord</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Christian Formation for all Ages & Adult Choir 10:15 am Holy Eucharist & Baptism After Service: Children's Choir - EW 4-5:30 pm Girl Scouts - EW	11 10:00 am AI Anon - RR 3:45 pm ASYP - RR 7:00 pm Finance Committee - L	12 9:30 am MOMS - EW 3:45 pm ASYP - RR 7:00 pm Building & Grounds - L	13 10:00 am Holy Eucharist - L 11:00 am Bible Study - L 3:45 pm ASYP - RR 7:30 pm Adult Choir - EW 8:30 pm AA - RR	14 3:45 pm ASYP - RR 6:30 pm Ryders Rounders - RR	15 9:30 am MOMS - EW	16 10 am WOSB New Year's Brunch - RR Vestry Retreat
<b>2 Epiphany</b>	<b>MLK Day</b> <b>Parish Office Closed</b>	19 9:30 am MOMS - EW 3:45 pm ASYP - RR 7:00 pm Building & Grounds - L	20 10:00 am Holy Eucharist - L 11:00 am Bible Study - L 3:45 pm ASYP - RR 7:30 pm Adult Choir - EW 8:30 pm AA - RR	<b>Diocesan Council</b> 21	<i>through</i> 22	<b>Saturday</b> 23
8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Christian Formation for all Ages & Adult Choir 10:15 am Holy Eucharist & Children's Chapel After Service: Children's Choir - EW	18 10:00 am AI Anon - RR (No ASYP)	26 9:30 am MOMS - EW 12:30 pm Clericus (No ASYP)	27 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:00 am Bible Study - L 3:45 pm ASYP - RR 7:30 pm Adult Choir - EW 8:30 pm AA - RR	3:45 pm ASYP - RR 6:30 pm Ryders Rounders - RR	9:30 am MOMS - EW	9:00-12 noon The Hunt Course - RR 5:00-7:00 pm Music Ministries Annual Spaghetti Supper - RR
<b>3 Epiphany</b>	25 10:00 am AI Anon - RR 3:45 pm ASYP - RR	26 9:30 am MOMS - EW 3:45 pm ASYP - RR 7:30 pm Endowment Board - L	27 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:00 am Bible Study - L 3:45 pm ASYP - RR 7:30 pm Adult Choir - EW 8:30 pm AA - RR	28 3:45 pm ASYP - RR 6:30 pm Ryders Rounders - RR	29 9:30 am MOMS - EW	30 8:00 am ACCA Furniture delivery 9:00-12 noon The Hunt Course - RR
<b>4 Epiphany</b> <b>Bishop's Visitation</b>	31 9:15 am Christian Formation for all Ages & Adult Choir 10:15 am <i>Joint</i> service Holy Eucharist & Children's Chapel After Service: Children's Choir - EW					

Legend: Library - L; Richardson Room - RR; Education Wing - EW; Annandale Safe Youth Project - ASYP; MOMS - Moms Club of Annandale



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## CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE

- ◆ **Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve,  
The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord**  
*(note schedule change - new time):*
  - ◆ 4:30 p.m. – Music for choirs, brass, and organ
  - ◆ 5:00 p.m. – Festival Choral Eucharist
- ◆ **Friday, December 25 - Christmas Day**
  - ◆ 11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist with Carols
- ◆ **Sunday, December 27 - 1 Christmas**
  - ◆ 10:15 a.m. (combined service) – Christmas Lessons and Carols, followed by the Holy Eucharist

