

# The St. Barnabas' Reporter



## The Clergy Page

The Rev. Linda Wofford Hawkins, Rector

On St. Barnabas Day, we bustled around in preparation for the festivities in celebration of our patronal feast and the retirement of our Minister of Music, David Snyder. Sunday morning is one time when I never encounter the electronic world---not just as sabbath observance but also due to all the busyness behind the scenes in preparation for Sunday worship. So in mid afternoon I was stunned to learn of our nation's biggest mass shooting in a gay bar in Orlando. Like all of you, I have been grieving and praying ever since.



I took a glance at this headline in a news magazine: "This week was a massacre." Yet this did not refer to the Orlando shooting but to the prior week when in three days seven hundred migrants drowned in the Mediterranean trying to reach Europe. That announcement came from Save the Children in Sicily. Here are two major epidemics sweeping across our world today--gun violence and the displacement of refugees. We can add other major issues that threaten humanity--hunger, climate change, human trafficking, and racial and ethnic division.

This is a time when if the people lead, the leaders will follow. Now a majority in this country are in favor of increased gun regulation. In a land of freedom, we are accustomed to living with significant regulations in many areas of our lives. Could we not agree to more careful regulations? Could we not agree that some products are unsafe and therefore not available for sale to the public?

As followers of Jesus, we have a calling to put aside self for the sake of others, to seek the well being of all. We have a long tradition of turning swords into plowshares. We have prayed for those who have died. We have prayed for change. Now, both as individuals and as a congregation, I sense that we are ready to act. Our vestry is pondering the way we as St. Barnabas are called to act in this critical time.

Many of our ministries become all the more timely. Our dialogue with our Muslim neighbors in the *Gathering of Friends* (to resume in September) becomes an opportunity for solidarity and peacemaking. Our work with children at risk in our after-school program is a powerful place to influence children nearby. These are ministries that I have been involved in initiating. It is my deepest prayer that they will continue well beyond my retirement from this part of God's vineyard.

Let us pray but also act. May each of us find the near edge of the huge problem that is ours to embrace--for change and for the hope of our world.

In Christ's love,  
Linda+

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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- Shrine Mont Parish Retreat
- Farewell for Annandale HS WAT Students
- Letter from Ellen Riddle
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- Insert: Calendars & Participant Schedules

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Catherine Dubas  
*Newsletter Editor*

**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)

## Vestry Highlights by PJ Kennedy, Sr. Warden

- Long Range Planning Committee work is well underway. They have organized into four groups to start: Envisioning led by Ed Ing, Mission/Vision led by Grace Robbins, Empathy/Persona led by Librada Estrada, and Strategy led by Sanjiv Augustine. The groups will work to determine various aspects of the long range plan, with the goal to provide their report to the vestry by the end of the year.
- We discussed what the church needs in a gift acceptance policy. We are working to take the by-laws of the Endowment Fund as a start and will add things that are not specifically covered.
- The vestry will meet in July to discuss the options before us as the time of Rev. Linda Wofford Hawkins' transition comes before us. We must decide on an approach based on the conversation with The Rev. Dr. Mary Brennan Thorpe, Diocesan Director of Transition Ministry, earlier this month. Please speak with a vestry member if you have questions about the approaches or feedback on what you feel would be the right choice.
- There was a discussion on the coming impact of change on the budget for 2016. While we are about level with our dollars for the year, there are some changes that were not anticipated. As a result there will likely be a shortfall at year end. We have asked the Treasurer and Finance Committee to determine what this shortfall most likely looks like so that a call to the congregation might be made. More will follow as this information becomes clearer.

## Farewell Thanks for Annandale HS WAT Students

This year St Barnabas' has been privileged to have four students from the Annandale High School Work Awareness & Transition (WAT) program come to the church for two hours a week to practice their skills in following instructions and learning how to perform in the workplace. Because of their dedication, St Barnabas' has become a neater, cleaner, and more cheerful place!

Some of the jobs they have routinely carried out, under the watchful eye of their teacher Ms. Debbie Nickles, and with assistance from Anne Radway, Molly Newling, and Catherine Dubas, are: raking leaves and removing sticks from the front entrance, weeding, emptying the recycling bins, preparing the Sunday bulletins, cleaning all the cushions of the folding chairs in the Richardson Room, and thoroughly cleaning the kitchen counters.

On June 9 the students received certificates of appreciation from the church and were treated to an ice cream sundae party as a small token of appreciation. The ice cream and toppings were provided through a generous donation from Giant Food Stores. We are grateful for the students' help, and will miss their enthusiasm, energy and senses of humor!

- Molly Newling

## Long Range Planning Committee by Ed Ing

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*

The Vestry and Rector have authorized a Long Range Planning Committee to develop recommendations addressing our future. For this initiative, the committee will map out four strategic planning approaches: (1) parishioners' vision, aspirations, and desires for the church, (2) a church mission statement in line with our vision, (3) the church and parishioners' character – persona or personal traits – that want to serve as well as to be served, and (4) financial scenarios for realistic planning.

Committee members include Sanjiv Augustine (Chair), Ed Ing, Grace Robbins, Librada Estrada, James Carroll, Maria Macfarlane, Molly Newling, Clare Stankwitz, Ann Woodle, Mark Patterson, Sarah Kiely, Dick Crutchley, Dana Wiseman, Rotha Frye, Ann Sayles, Larry Goldschmidt, and Jack Miller.

To submit the recommendations by year end, the committee has scheduled initial congregational discussion sessions. The Sunday service bulletins and weekly e-mail will publicize dates, times, and sign-up information. Regular updates will be printed in *The Reporter*, and the final report and recommendations will be distributed to the entire congregation. An effective long range plan needs everyone's input. Please participate.

Back in 2007, St. Barnabas' undertook similar planning. In that initiative, over 100 parishioners in 15 small group sessions identified our church's strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities. The Vestry and Rector have implemented practically all of them over the past ten years. Now, as then, the objective is to ensure that our church "remains a dynamic, faithful, and financially stable congregation." For more information, contact committee chair Sanjiv Augustine: [sanjiv.augustine@gmail.com](mailto:sanjiv.augustine@gmail.com).

## Annandale Safe Youth Project (ASYP) *Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

-We celebrated ASYP's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a great party that included Judith Dittman, Executive Director, and Nandred Navarro, Director of Outreach Programs at Alternative House.

-The ASYP **summer program** starts at 2:00 p.m., so be mindful of children playing outside and in the lower parking lot.

-We still need a place to **swim**.

-On June 20 we celebrated the **graduation** of seven kids to middle school.

-Please respect the ASYP **rock garden**. Many of the rocks are missing from under the overhang outside of the Richardson Room. Painting the rocks is a favorite ASYP activity.

Thank you.

- Ann Woodle



*Right: PJ Kennedy with Judith Dittman and Nandred Navarro*

*Left: Jack Miller with Judith Dittman*



### LET US WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Adam Edwards  
Schaefer  
son of Dawn & Jeff  
Schaefer  
and  
Harrison Russell  
Barnes  
son of Courtney Hill &  
Christopher Barnes

### Upcoming Events:

July 1 - *MAD Camp I Closing*, Shrine Mont

July 11 - *MAD Camp II Closing*, Shrine Mont

July 26 - *Anderson Memorial Service*

### Special Insert for July/Month

Enjoy the special insert for this issue of *The Reporter*: book reviews and recommendations from your church family!





## Rebuilding Together - April 30, 2016

### A Fond Farewell



Dear Friends,

What a great St. Barnabas' Day celebration we shared! Thank you for everything you did to help make my transition to retirement easier.

Please know that I will keep St. Barnabas' in my daily prayers, always.

Sincerely,  
David K. Snyder  
Minister of Music  
(retired)

At the *Rebuilding Together* workday on April 30, volunteers from St. Barnabas', Annandale United Methodist, and Annandale Ward, LDS joined forces to clean up the yard and do repairs at a house in Annandale. Frank Spink and Ken Mittelholtz provided project the leadership as the "house captains." Bob Gribbin, Shelley Kallop, Carolyn Lilienthal, Jack Miller, Camille Mittelholtz, Scott Moser, and Molly Newling participated in the project, and St. Barnabas' provided half of the funding to sponsor the repairs.



The volunteers did a lot of pruning and other yard work, repaired and painted two sheds, repaired a retaining wall, and built a new well cover. A volunteer built a new railing on the main steps to the house, and another repaired a storm door. Volunteers installed ground fault circuits, grab bars, a kitchen faucet, and a new kitchen light. It was great having so many skilled volunteers, and a number of volunteers learned new skills. The homeowner worked along with us, and was very happy about all the yard work and repairs. Because of the wet weather, we were not able to paint the deck and new railings that day, but a small group will paint them later. A tasty lunch was provided by Lincolnia United Methodist Church.

The house assigned to our ACCA team was one of about 30 houses in Arlington, Fairfax, and Falls Church repaired on April 30. Nationwide, more than 700 projects were undertaken, with more than 20,000 volunteers working together for safe and healthy homes. Over 27 years, ACCA has repaired and rehabilitated the homes of 117 low-income homeowners and non-profit housing facilities. These projects have helped provide many disadvantaged people a safe and decent place to live. St. Barnabas' has sponsored or co-sponsored a house every year since 1994 - 23 years.

ACCA is looking for homeowners who need help to repair and spruce up their homes. If you know of someone who can use help, Ken or Camille Mittelholtz can provide contact information for Rebuilding Together Arlington-Fairfax-Falls Church. The 2017 *Rebuilding Together* workday will be April 29.

For more *Rebuilding Together* photos, please see ACCA's Facebook page. The first 20 are the house assigned to St. Barnabas':

<https://www.facebook.com/ACCACares/photos/pb.119141584775796.-2207520000.1462451798./1103583522998259/?type=3&theater>

**Other ACCA news:** The Annandale CROP Hunger Walk will be on October 15, 2016.

- Camille Mittelholtz

## Thanks and more thanks to:

- All those who prepared for and attended the *Gathering of Friends* at Ezher Bloom Mosque in April and at St. Barnabas' in May
- All those who have pitched in recently in funeral preparations
- The Music Search Committee chaired by Leigh Kennedy
- All the teachers of children and youth for their faithfulness during this year
- Maria Macfarlane for organizing adult Christian formation and all those who have assisted her
- All those who participated in *Rebuilding Together* in April
- The WOSB for the Mad Hatter's Tea with its record-breaking attendance
- Sarah Kiely, Carolyn Lilienthal, Shelley Kallop, and Katie Westerlund who stayed to clean up after the Tea on May 4th
- Cindy McLaughlin and all those who prepared for the celebration of St. Barnabas Day and the retirement of David Snyder
- Jocelyn Leatherwood for initiating the communications survey to enhance the delivery of parish communications



## Bill & Joyce Anderson Memorial Service

I wish to express my sincere THANK YOU to all the wonderful parishioners who have graciously sent their thoughts and prayers to the Riddles. My parents, Bill & Joyce Anderson, have instilled the foundation of love, spirituality, and personal relationships with God into their children, which, in turn, have continued to their grandchildren.

They were both born & raised in the Episcopal Church, and now continue their journey together, with God.

Bill & Joyce & we kids began at St. Barnabas' in the early 60's. Their time and talents were priceless. Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Building Committee Chair, Vestry member, President of Region 8, Soloist, ACCA's beginnings, mentor, Chalicists, Lector, are just a few of the many hats they wore.

Where ever their residence may have been, they were always a part of the Episcopal Church.

And now they are coming home to St. Barnabas'. Please join me and my family in a service to Celebrate their Lives on Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. Their ashes will be interred in the Memorial Garden. **COLORS** have been requested by Bill & Joyce to be worn! *In lieu of flowers, contributions are welcome to the William & Joyce Anderson Memorial Fund – in hopes to update the Narthex.*

God Bless!

Ellen

## Rector's Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for your kindness while I was out for minor surgery on my foot. The prayers, meals, and flowers were a tremendous boost. Thanks for bearing with me as I move toward normal footwear.

I recently had a breakthrough and am now staying on my feet in a normal fashion. I learned that my profession is not as sedentary as I might have thought.

Sincerely,  
Linda Wofford Hawkins

## Rector's Discretionary Fund

Please remember those in need who may be served by the Rector's discretionary fund during the summer months. Unexpected bills and misfortune know no season. If offering a check, please put "Discretionary Fund" in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity and your compassion.

## Annual Shrine Mont Parish Retreat – September 30 - October 2

Relax, unplug, and enjoy the beautiful mountain scenery of Orkney Springs at the Shrine Mont Parish Retreat, Friday, September 30 (evening) - Sunday, October 2. This is a multi-generational event. There will be activities for adults and children, delicious meals, and comfortable accommodations. This is a special weekend for our parish and is designed to be fun for all ages and stages, young and older, singles and families. This year's theme is Christian Activism! If that sounds familiar, it was to be the theme of last year's retreat, which was cancelled due to the storm.



Shrine Mont is a restful place apart from the hustle and bustle of daily life. Once you arrive, everything is taken care of, and you can do as much or as little as you desire. Sign up for a weekend of discussion, fellowship, great food, beautiful scenery, free time for sightseeing, hiking, or just relaxing.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **Where is Shrine Mont and how do I get there?**

Shrine Mont is a conference and retreat center located in Orkney Springs, a community in western Shenandoah County, Virginia. The trip is about 2 hours by car from Annandale. To reach Shrine Mont, follow Route 66 West to I-81 South to Mt. Jackson (Exit #273). Turn left onto Rt. 703 (East), then right (South) on US 11, follow through town, turn right on Rt. #263, and follow approximately 13 miles to Orkney Springs. For maps and directions see: <http://shrinemont.com/>.

#### **What is the cost?**

Adults & Youth (13 years old and over): \$155, Children 8-12 years old: \$100, Children 4-7 years old: \$50. Limited partial and full scholarships are available.

#### **What should I bring?**

Bring sweatshirts or sweaters for the cool evenings, a flash light, snacks and beverages (soda, wine, etc.) for happy hour, coffee mugs, a reusable cup, or wine glasses. (We try to be green in the midst of all the rustic splendor.)

#### **When is check-in/check-out?**

Check-in is Friday at 4 p.m. Check out is Sunday at 11 a.m.

#### **Can I use my cell phone?**

Cell phone service is very limited. There are no phones in any of the rooms or cottages. Guests may use the phone located in the Virginia House lobby or in Tucker Hall.

#### **Can I leave a tip?**

There is a "Tip Box" in each dining facility. Tips are distributed equally to kitchen staff and housekeeping staff. Tipping is at the discretion of the group or individual.

#### **Are there any nearby attractions?**

There are several nearby attractions including antique and country stores, fishing (with license), Bryce Resort\* (mountain biking, rock climbing wall, golf-- contact Shrine Mont [Guest Services](#) about special rates at Bryce Resort), Route 11 Potato Chips, Caverns (Shenandoah, Endless, Luray), New Market Battlefield Military Museum, vineyards and orchards, Skyline Drive, and Lake Laura.

#### **How do I sign up?**



## Annual Shrine Mont Parish Retreat *(continued from page 6)*

### How do I sign up?

A registration form will be available on July 15, 2016 in the parish office, in the narthex, and on-line (st-barnabas.org). If you have any questions, please contact Sujatha Augustine at 202-257-1208 or sujatha.augustine@gmail.com.

## WOSB Tea - May 7, 2016 by Gertrude Jones

The WOSB's Mad Hatter Tea Party was a great success. We had over 70 guests and earned almost \$2,000. Our thanks to all who came and supported us. We especially thank George Sinclair and Frank Spink for their generous support.

At our meeting in May we presented our Spring Outreach/Inreach budget. We voted to give \$2,600 to various organizations, including ACCA, Alternative House, the Heritage Site, and FACETS, among others. We will post a financial report. We welcome suggestions from members of the parish of other worthy causes which we can support.



*Left: The winning hat!*

## Placing Ourselves in the Presence of God

***We pray for God's presence, strength, and healing*** ... for Jose Ayala, Bernard Blair, Emma Blevins, Wayne Bottlick, Ellen Crutchley, Margot Donnelly, Pam Doty, Simone Dugger, Bob Frye, Bruce Gras, Pete Gustin, Barney Hawkins, Grace Haines, Fred Holmes, Carolyn Kercheval, John Kiely, Tom Lyles, Cindy McLaughlin, Marion Meany, Patricia Megill, Audrey Merchant, Jean Mesle, Barbara Metz, Jane Moya, Berenice Palmer, Aliyah Phillips, Sheila Richardson, Bob Sayles, David Snyder, Kathleen Stark, Marjorie Williams, Mareea Wilson, and Dana Wiseman.

***And for those deployed overseas*** ... Tim Greer, son of Diana & Tim Greer.

***And for the faithful departed*** ... Joyce Anderson, mother of Ellen Riddle.

***For the Church*** ... the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby; our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry; and our Diocesan Bishops, The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston, The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff, The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. "Ted" Gulick, and their families.

For our Rector, Rev. Linda Wofford Hawkins, and her family; for Jeff Stevenson, seminarian; for our vestry, wardens, and staff; and for the work and ministry of Espiritu Santo and its mission of San Martine, Tela, Honduras.



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