

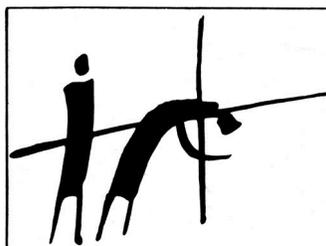
The St. Barnabas' Reporter



The Clergy Page

The Rev. Linda Wofford Hawkins, Rector

Frederick Buechner once found himself in a quandary as he faced an angry boarding school student who challenged him saying, "So what's so good about religion anyway?" After being speechless at first, he pondered that question. Finally, he built his response on the teaching of Jesus to become like a child to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.



He suggests:

"...what is good about religion is playing the way a child plays at being grown up until he finds that being grown up is just another way of playing and thereby starts to grow up himself. Maybe what is good about religion is playing that the kingdom will come, until—in the joy of your playing, the hope and rhythm and comradeship and poignance and mystery of it—you start to see that the playing is itself the first-fruits of the Kingdom's coming and of God's presence within us and among us." (Now and Then: A Memoir of Vocation, p. 72)

As we give ourselves to the seasons of Lent and Easter, we engage in such holy play. Once again we act out our sinfulness and yearning for forgiveness for a whole season. Together we walk through the events of the Passion of Jesus, going to the cross and waiting those dark and fearful hours at his tomb. With the first Alleluias of Easter in the Great Vigil of Easter, we become new people as we rise again with Jesus.

As Buechner suggests, we have a great need to "play" our way through the central story of our faith. The very act of playing the story in our practices of Lent and our liturgies of these days becomes the first-fruits of the Kingdom for which we yearn.

The great Orthodox theologian, Alexander Schmemmann, points in his way to the importance of our physical actions, our liturgical "play": "...the whole person--soul and body--repents. The body participates in the prayer of the soul just as the soul prays through and in the body. Prostrations, the 'psychosomatic' sign of repentance and humility, of adoration and obedience, are thus the Lenten rite par excellence." By the same token, we stand to pray during the Fifty Days of Easter and shout our Alleluias as "psychosomatic signs" of our rejoicing as Easter people.

May we enter deeply into these days at the heart of our story as Christians. May we allow ourselves to take the lead of children who are free to act out the story to enter into it fully. Along the way, may we know the "hope and rhythm and comradeship and poignance and mystery" of life in Christ.

In Christ's love,
Linda+

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- *Instructed Eucharist*
- *Mad Hatter's Tea Party*
- *Working Together Day*
- *Rebuilding Together*
- *MAD Camp Fundraisers*
- *Annual Council Rescheduled*
- *2016 Newsletter Schedule*
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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 THURSDAY OF THE
MONTH:** Vestry meeting ,

7 p.m.

This year in the life...

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
31—Bishop's Visitation

FEBRUARY 2016

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

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
30—Rebuilding Together

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
10-14—Vacation Bible
School

SEPTEMBER 2016

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

OCTOBER 2016

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

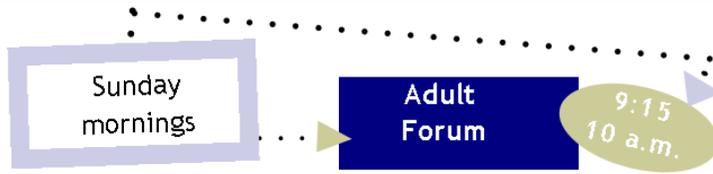
NOVEMBER 2016

1—All Saints' Day
4-5—WOSB Bazaar
6—All Saints' Sunday
20—Annual Meeting/
Vestry Election
24—Thanksgiving
27—Advent begins

DECEMBER 2016

TBA—Fun at Christmas
TBA—Parish-wide
Caroling
TBA—Blue Christmas
Service
TBA—Greening of the
Church
24—Christmas Eve
25—Christmas Day
TBA: 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.



The Adult Forum is held Sundays from 9:15 to 10 a.m. in the Richardson Room. This year's Adult Forum explores the Baptismal Covenant and the promises we make in the Rite of Holy Baptism.

March

and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

The Adult Forum Lenten series continues. The words of the Baptismal Covenant point to our need for the transformation of repentance, for change. We hope to push beyond an individual response to look at what our response to sin and turning to the Lord can be on a societal level. How do we bring about change?

MARCH 6 - THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Stephen Ackert will present a session on The Way of the Cross, comparing different ways in which the fourteen Stations of the Cross have been depicted in various eras and from various viewpoints. Works by African and American artists will be included.

MARCH 13 - THE LITURGIES OF HOLY WEEK

A look at the liturgies of Holy Week and the call to the transformation of repentance found in them. Our speaker will be Ed Ing.

MARCH 20 - PALM SUNDAY - NO FORUM

MARCH 27 - EASTER DAY - NO FORUM

April

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

Members of our parish will discuss people who have proclaimed the Good News by word and example.

APRIL 3

Beth Harper will be our speaker.

APRIL 10

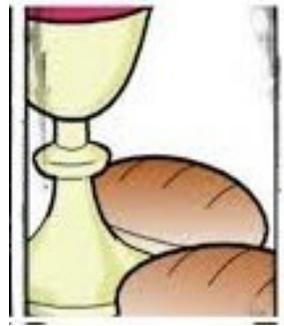
Sanjiv Augustine will speak about Bishop John Shelby Spong.

APRIL 17

Rev. Lee Gibbs will speak about a theologian, Hugh Ross Mackintosh, who had a great influence in Lee's spiritual growth.

APRIL 24

Stephen Ackert will speak about Albert Schweitzer.



**Instructed Eucharist
at both services**

Sunday, February 28

The reflections offered throughout the service open up the spiritual and theological significance of our liturgy for newcomers and longtime worshippers alike.



PALM SUNDAY

Weather permitting, the Palm Sunday 10:15 a.m. service on March 20 will begin with the blessing of the palms in the parking area outside the Richardson Room entrance.



NEXT DATE FOR HOLY BAPTISM

Saturday, March 26,
7:30 p.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter

*Many hands make
light work*

Save the Date!

Saturday,
March 19

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Working Together Day

Please join us for early spring grounds cleanup and inside work to get St. Barnabas' looking its best for Easter. Bring your tools and join with others in the care of our building and grounds.

Lunch will be provided. If you know of things which need attention, please advise Carolyn Lilienthal (celilienthal@verizon.net) or Gil Baldwin (gilbaldwin73@gmail.com).

Being the Church

Bishop Susan Goff, our speaker for the January 31 Adult Forum, spoke about *How do we do church now?* It's a question frequently asked as we face smaller congregations and smaller budgets. She told us that our job is to find out not what we do as a church, but rather who we are, as a church. When the focus is on what the church does, our attention is inward. We think of what we do in church on Sunday, our traditions, meeting our needs, making budgets, etc. When we look at who we are as a church, there is a new dynamic, an outward movement. She suggested that we think of a new verb: "go" instead of "come" to the church. We must take the Gospel out from the church. We need to shift from *Doing Church* to *Being the Church*.

Bishop Goff also talked about what the Church has to offer. First, we are a community, which many people find missing in their workday world, and in their often uprooted lives. Second, within the rhythm of the church's seasons, Church is a place where we can slow down and find refreshment.

We need to find a way to offer community, renewal, and refreshment to people outside the walls of our church. The church is changing. It may look different, but it is not going away.

Update on Staff Surgeries

As of this writing, David Snyder, Minister of Music, has undergone successful cardiac surgery and has begun his recovery. He anticipates returning to St. Barnabas' in April. In the meantime, Stephen Ackert is providing able leadership as organist and director of the adult choir while Leigh Kennedy and Cy Tamanaha are leading the children's choir.

The Rector had previously anticipated having foot surgery in early March. The surgery date has now been changed to April 6 when she will be out for two weeks followed by a period of relying on a walking boot and Uber!

Sexton Coverage

Currently sexton coverage is being provided on a volunteer basis by Cindy McLaughlin, vestry member. All users of the building are asked to step up and help with the care of the building. You may be asked to move the furniture to prepare for the next use of the room. Please take out food garbage left by your meeting group. Any cleaning that your group can do is helpful. Be mindful of turning out lights and locking doors. Always remember that old adage: *Clean up behind yourself. Your mother doesn't work here.*—that is, except for Ellen Hawkins. The cooperation of all is greatly appreciated.

- The Rector

ACCA News—Annandale Christian Community for Action

Please plan to join us for the Rebuilding Together home repair workday on Saturday April 30. The project is organized by Rebuilding Together of Arlington, Fairfax, and Falls Church to help make houses safer and more livable for low-income homeowners and non-profit organizations operating group homes, and St. Barnabas' participates through ACCA.

Volunteers at all skill levels will be needed. Frank Spink and Ken Mittelholtz again will be serving as “house captains” (project managers), and St. Barnabas' has budgeted funds for our co-sponsorship of a house. ACCA churches and volunteers have rehabilitated 117 houses over the last 26 years. If you'd like to help or would like more information, please contact Ken at kcmittelholtz@gmail.com or Frank at spinkfrank@gmail.com.

St. Barnabas' is on duty to help at the ACCA furniture warehouse on Saturday, March 5 and Saturday, April 23. If you can help, please come to the warehouse on the grounds of Annandale United Methodist Church on Columbia Pike, at 8 a.m. Volunteers pick up donations of used furniture and deliver furniture to households that need it. St. Barnabas' had been scheduled to volunteer on January 30, but the furniture ministry was cancelled that day because of snow conditions. If you would like to donate furniture, please contact the Mittelholtz' or contact the DiSpirito's at ddmld@verizon.net or 703-256-9513. The warehouse particularly needs dining room and kitchen chairs and dressers at this time.

Please remember to bring a food donation for ACCA to church. The ACCA pantry delivers groceries to needy households referred by Fairfax County social services or by clergy from ACCA churches. Non-perishable donations of food including beans, rice, canned vegetables, fruit, meat and fish, peanut butter and cereal, as well as soap and paper goods are always welcome.

ACCA's Family Emergency makes cash grants to help struggling families avoid eviction, pay overdue utility bills, pay for prescriptions and other urgent needs. In 2015, ACCA helped with rent, utility and other payments for 516 households.

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

Annual Council of the Diocese of Virginia

The blizzard cancelled the Annual Council scheduled for January 21-23 in Reston. An abbreviated convention is now scheduled for Saturday, March 5, at the Church of the Epiphany in Reston. Attending will be Scott Moser (Delegate), Cindy McLaughlin (Executive Board member for Region 8), and the Rector.



Saturday, March 19

10:30 a.m.

Richardson Room

Everyone is invited to help the Altar Guild strip palms for the Palm Sunday service.



Save the Date!

Rebuilding Together

A home repair workday

Saturday, April 30

Volunteers at all skill levels will be needed.

For more information or to volunteer, contact

Frank Spink (703-256-7830) or Ken Mittelholtz (703-573-0074).



Don't forget to
Spring Forward!
Daylight Savings
Time begins on
Sunday, March 13.
Clocks move
forward 1 hour.



Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School

July 10-14

Save the Date!

Shrine Mont

Parish Retreat

September 30

through

October 2

The WOSB Present
A MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY
Saturday, May 7, from 1 to 3 p.m.
The Richardson Room



A SCRUMPTIOUS FEAST

Scones, Sandwiches, and Cakes
Cookies, Candies, Nuts, and Mints
Tea, Hot Chocolate, and Sherry
Hats optional but encouraged
Prize for the most outstanding hat
Gentlemen especially welcomed

Little ladies and gentlemen (6 years and older) invited
\$15 - Adults; \$5 - Children 6-12 years old
Proceeds benefit WOSB outreach/inreach

The Hunt Course - Test Prep for High Schoolers

The Hunt Course, Virginia's oldest independently-operated test prep program, is coming to St. Barnabas'. The Hunt Course will offer a 5-week ACT Prep Class on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon beginning April 16 (skipping Saturday, May 7). The class, which costs \$495, will be discounted to only \$250 for St. Barnabas' high schoolers. For more information or to register, contact The Hunt Course at 703-425-7656 or find them on the web at www.huntprograms.com. Register now to get ready for the Spring ACT!

Shrine Mont Music Camp

The camping season will be upon us in a few short months. Last year, St. Barnabas' sent five deserving Children's Choir members to choir camp (Music and Drama Camp, aka MAD Camp, at Shrine Mont) on scholarship. This year, we hope to be able to do the same!

With the current budget constraints, scholarships will require some creative funding on our part. If you would like to help with this worthy cause, please write a check (with the following in the memo line, exactly as written: Parish Activity: MAD Camp Scholarship), or put cash in an envelope so marked. No contribution is too small! Remember that you are investing in the future of St. Barnabas' with these young people. Thank you.

Help Re-Dress the Altar at the Easter Vigil



St. Barnabas' parishioners are invited to participate in the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. This dramatic service begins in a darkened nave with an altar stripped to the bare wood. In the course of the service, members of the congregation will carry in silver, candles and flowers--all of the festive appointments that make the church beautiful at Easter. We will need many volunteer hands, and we welcome children!

Even better: no spoken parts and no rehearsal necessary! If you would like to be part of this special procession, please sign up on the poster in the Richardson Room, or call Connie Badger (703-569-3265) or Barbara Miller (703-941-4926).

Beginnings Book Group

Beginnings, the St. Barnabas' book group, will meet at the home of Joan and Lee Gibbs on Monday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. All are invited. We are reading *Community and Growth*, by Jean Vanier. Vanier founded a community for the mentally disabled and their helpers in France, called L'Arche. There are now several L'Arche communities in many countries. The book is available from Amazon.com. The book is not a history of L'Arche, but about community, as the title says. It provides good insight into the life of a church congregation. You may want to read quickly from the beginning, and mark passages to return to. If we read through the chapter "Growth" (p. 164) and we share the parts we found most important to us, we might want to take more time on what we have read already, or we may decide to go on through the remainder of the book.

- Maria Macfarlane

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS



Sunday, April 17,

6 p.m.

Concert

Internationally known hammered-dulcimer artist Karen Ashbrook and harp-guitarist husband Paul Oorts will return to St. Barnabas' on Sunday, April 17, for an evening of beautiful music in a candlelight concert at 6 p.m., followed by a reception in the Richardson Room. All proceeds will benefit the MAD Camp Scholarship Fund and St. Barnabas' Music Ministries.

Sunday, May 15,

10:15 a.m.

The Feast of Pentecost

During this service we will celebrate our Children's Choir with the Children's Choir Ribbon Ceremony.



Congratulations to
Noah Benjamin Stetzer
and
Jeffrey Neal Stevenson
on their marriage
February 6
at Immanuel Chapel,
Virginia Theological
Seminary

The Women of St. Barnabas' (WOSB)

The WOSB are happy to report that the Mardi Gras was a great success. We want to thank all those who set up, cooked, and those who stayed to clean. Our volunteer sexton, Cindy McLaughlin, stood up in church Sunday and pronounced that we had left the kitchen spotless. We especially wish to thank all those who came and enjoyed the food and the music. We greatly appreciate your support of our outreach. A great vote of thanks goes to Frank Spink who donated the wine and raised over \$200 in wine "tips". Thanks to all, we earned \$600.

Also at our February meeting, we voted to give \$500 to the scholarship fund for our children and youth to attend the Music and Drama Camp at Shrine Mont. Gertrude Jones

The Barnabees

The Barnabees will resume their weekly meetings on Thursday, March 3 at 10 a.m. in the Richardson Room. Our immediate task will be to plan for our Mad Hatter's Tea Party. It's an elegant affair. We serve a scrumptious tea, using china cups and tea pots. Ann Woodle has made beautiful floral table toppers, and as most of the guests wear fancy hats, a breath of spring comes to the Richardson Room. This is our spring fundraiser. Please join us—men and children are also welcome.

We will also begin planning our Fall bazaar which will be on the first Saturday of November this year. We hope that the earlier date will mean less competition from other churches. We are in dire need of new members. You don't have to be a gifted crafter—just come for the fellowship. It's amazing what you can do under the guidance of some talented member. We know that for younger members who work and have young children it is difficult to attend daytime meetings. If you have an idea and would like to make some Christmas crafts at home for us, please do. We get donations from members who are no longer able to come. Gertrude Jones

Thanks and More Thanks to...

- the Women of St. Barnabas' for the January brunch and the festive Mardi Gras party
- all those who prepared for the visitation by Bishop Susan Goff
- Caritas members for welcoming newcomers with a lovely lunch at the home of Carolyn Lilienthal
- the vestry for preparing, serving, and cleaning up a festive pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday
- all those who attended the *Farewell to Alleluias* service to guide us all into the season of Lent

REPORTER DEADLINE

Please note:
The deadline for the
May/June Reporter
will be
April 15.

Please send your submissions to our editor,
Jocelyn Leatherwood, at
jsmith5617@aol.com and
a copy to the church office
at stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com.
Thank you.

Placing Ourselves in the Presence of God

We pray for God's presence, strength, and healing ... for Jose Ayala, Deborah Batten, Bernard Blair, Emma Blevins, Wayne Bottlick, Ellen Crutchley, Sara Denby, Margot Donnelly, Pam Doty, Bob Frye, Rotha Frye, Janet George, Pete Gustin, Barney Hawkins, Grace Haines, Fred Holmes, 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, Marjorie Williams, Marea Wilson, Dana Wiseman, and Colleen Zanin.

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.

**UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS TO SUPPORT SHRINE MONT
MUSIC, ART, AND DRAMA (MAD) CAMP**

Saturday, March 5, 4-8 p.m.

Game Night

Donations are appreciated.

There will be food and (of course) games!

Sunday, April 3, Coffee Hour after 10:15 service

Bake Sale

Hosted by St. Barnabas' Youth

Saturday, April 9, 4-8 p.m.

Spaghetti Supper and Entertainment

Sponsored by the choir the Youth Committee in partnership

with the Adult and Children's Choirs

Thank you for your support!

We welcomed into the Household of God:

Winston Eliot Cochran

on January 10,

and

Julian Raye Chacón and

Malia Eve Conteh

on February 7.

On January 31, Bishop

Susan Goff confirmed

Michelle Sally Paul,

and

Sarah Kent Kiely

reaffirmed her

Baptismal covenant.

**2016 REPORTER
NEWSLETTER
SCHEDULE**

Due Date	Issue
1/15/2016	February
2/15/2016	March/April (combined)
4/15/2016	May/June (combined)
6/15/2016	July/August (combined)
8/15/2016	September
9/15/2016	October
10/15/2016	November
11/15/2016	December/ January



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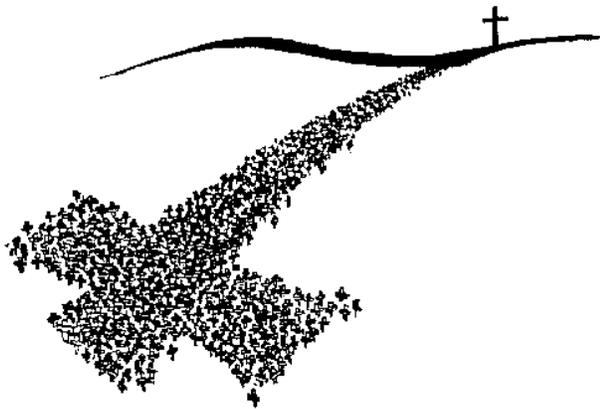
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Holy Week and Easter Service Schedule



PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 20

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Blessing of Palms
- 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Blessing of Palms

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 24

- 7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing
- Prayer Vigil until noon on Friday

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25

- 12:00 p.m. Proper Liturgy of Good Friday
- 7:30 p.m. Proper Liturgy of Good Friday with Choir

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26

- 7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter followed by an *Agape Feast* in the Richardson Room

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27

- 8:00 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist with Choir
- 10:15 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist with Choirs and Brass