

The St. Barnabas' Reporter



The Clergy Page

The Rev. Linda Wofford Hawkins, Rector

In Luke's account of Easter Day, the women went forth and shared the resurrection of Jesus which they had experienced. In our baptismal covenant, we have committed ourselves to sharing the good news by word and example. The word "evangelism" (from the Greek word for good news) has become frowned upon in many quarters, but it is the task at the heart of our life as followers of Jesus.

*Invite
Welcome
Connect*

Nothing could be a more important focus in the life of St. Barnabas' at this time. We are about to move into a process that will help us shape our life together in a way that helps our spiritual gifts blossom as we connect with people outside the church who are hungry for the gospel. It is called *Invite-Welcome-Connect*. Mary Parmer, a gifted layperson, developed this process to empower laity for ministry with the support and encouragement of the clergy. Launching this emphasis on reaching out, sharing the gospel, and discovering spiritual gifts captures the spirit of Eastertide and Pentecost. What a fitting way to be Easter People!

We will develop three teams. "Invite" will embrace personal invitation (still the most effective connector) and invitation in public modes including the electronic world. "Welcome" will enhance the strength St. Barnabas' already has in the ministry of hospitality to newcomers. "Connect" will explore the spiritual gifts of newcomers and longstanding members alike, seeking to connect everyone to vital ministries that match our giftedness. Transformation awaits us in this process.

Six of us (James Carroll, Larry Goldschmidt, Phyllis McKoy, Cindy McLaughlin, Maria Macfarlane, and myself) attended a workshop at The Falls Church. Now we and the vestry will be building the three teams in the days ahead. We welcome a conversation with you about where you might be involved.

The discovery of this process has led me to see where I have been an obstacle (as Parmer says clergy are her biggest obstacle). As rector, I have taken on too much of the welcoming role which rightfully belongs to lay people who are the first order of ministry by virtue of baptism. Failing to see that the three tasks need three different teams with three sets of gifts, I have pushed every iteration of our newcomer ministry to take on more than any single group could handle. This is the work of us all.

When I came to St. Barnabas' fifteen years ago, I was impressed with a welcoming spirit, but also with the absence of a structure to harness that welcome for the growth of the Kingdom. Now we have what we need to answer the call of our Presiding Bishop (and the Holy Spirit, I might add) to go into the world, listen to God's people there, and share the good news. This is holy work for us all.

In the love of our Risen Christ,
Linda+

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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)

'Sing to the Lord a New Song'

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! – Where to start?

My personal thanks to Stephen Ackert for taking over the Adult Choir during my recent surgery and recuperation; to Leigh Kennedy for taking over the Children's Choir, and to Cy Tamanaha for taking over as accompanist for the Children's Choir. How lucky we are to have such resources within our parish. Thank you so much!

And, as long as I'm mentioning thanks, thank you to the parish for all your kind thoughts, prayers, cards, visits, and food! The Adult Choir even came out *en masse* and 'caroled at me.' All together, it really helped me get better! Special thanks to the Rev'd. Mother for her pastoral care. Please know that I am so very appreciative of everything.

Shrine Mont Music and Drama (MAD) Camp – The camping season is upon us. Last year, St. Barnabas' sent five Children's Choir members to Choir Camp on scholarships. This year, we will send six! Through the generosity of the parish and community musicians, we are able to send these six children on full scholarship to Shrine Mont. Thank you so much for all the kind and generous contributions! Remember that you are investing in the future of St. Barnabas' with these young people. Be sure to watch *The Reporter* for their reports on MAD Camp.

The Spaghetti Supper Music Ministries' Fund Raiser - Thanks to all who helped make '*A Night in Venice 2016*' such a spectacular success. Special thanks to the Adult and Children's Choirs [aka the Music Ministries], Children's Choir parents, and members of the Youth Committee for staffing the kitchen, waiting on tables, etc. The donations collected will benefit the Music Ministries' MAD Camp Scholarship Fund.

Special thanks also go to all the Children's Choir parents and children for spearheading the Game Night fundraiser, as well as the Baked Goods sale fundraiser. Both were rousing successes!

CODA (a musical term meaning the closing section of a movement):

As noted in my previous Reporter article, I wear my emotions on my sleeve! Saying good-bye to all of you will be difficult for me. It's time for me to leave you and pursue the next chapter in our life. Ceil and I are very grateful for the opportunity of getting to know you. You will remain in my prayers!



Sincerely,
David K. Snyder
Minister of Music (until
June 12, 2016)

Invite - Welcome - Connect

by Jocelyn Leatherwood

Before James Carroll and his family came to St. Barnabas' they attended another church for about a year. "We never really felt welcome," he said. "There was a sense of having to earn our way in." The sion planning at the time cloud where the biggest friendly. "That's how they "Where was the discon- ed the Invite-Welcome- March, he heard something that made sense: congregations should strive to be a friend community—not just a community of friends.

*I was a stranger
and you welcomed me.*

- Matthew 25:35

church was involved in vi- and they produced a word words were *welcome* and saw themselves," he said. nect?" When James attend- Connect workshop in

Invite-Welcome-Connect is a framework to help congregations develop intentional practices of evangelism, hospitality, and connectedness. It includes a set of resources—assessment tools, surveys, and checklists—that that help congregations formulate an intentional newcomer ministry rooted in scripture. Invite-Welcome-Connect covers the full spectrum from getting people in the door to helping them find a way to use their gifts.

Invitation

Invitation isn't so much about inviting someone to church, it's about inviting someone into a relationship with God. Inviting people to church is something many of us Episcopalians are reluctant to do. In his article "Extending the Invitation," Miguel Angel Escobar writes "My reasons for not extending an invitation are plentiful and familiar: I'm worried about what my friends will think of me; I'm concerned over whether the sermon will be good and whether the music will be well-chosen; I wonder how I'd feel if, at the end of the day, they aren't interested. Like most people, I need regular reminders that it's not all about me. Evangelism isn't about inviting people to *my* church. There's no way to control what people will think of me, or what will happen during the service that day, or whether my friends are open to starting a new journey." We can't control the outcome. We need to invite people and get out of the way.

Invitation can take many forms. A good web site and social media (Facebook, blog, Twitter) is essential. Maybe an invitation to a church service doesn't feel quite right. St. Barnabas' hosts many other activities, e.g., concerts, suppers, vacation bible school, game nights, tea parties, Blessing of the Animals, Trunk'n'Treat, etc. to which you could invite someone.

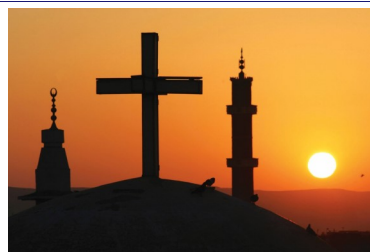
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A Gathering of Friends Muslims & Christians Talk Friday, May 13th St. Barnabas' 7:00-8:30 pm

For this second event in our series of interfaith dialogues, we will meet to discuss the question, *How Do We Pray?*

In the month of June, the mosque will join with our Christian congregations for iftar dinners during the fast of Ramadan. Then in September the series will move on to the other congregations.

RSVP to St. Barnabas' at least one week prior to the event: 703-941-2922 or stbarnabasoffice@outlook.com or sign up on the sheet in the Richardson Room. Please consider offering to help organize our hosting this event.



Upcoming Events:

May 1 - *Thank You Tour & Reception*, Virginia Theological Seminary

May 2-4 - *Lay Professionals & Clergy retreat*, Shrine Mont

May 3 - *WOSB Final Business Meeting*

May 7 - *WOSB Mad Hatter's Tea Party*

May 8 - *Youth Sunday*

May 13 - *A Gathering of Friends*

May 14 - *Annandale USPS food collection*, local routes

June 4 - *Diocesan Stewardship Workshop*, Epiphany, Herndon

June 14 - *WOSB Soup & Salad Supper meeting*

June 18 - *ACCA furniture ministry*

July 10-14 - *Vacation Bible School*

MANY THANKS!

Many thanks to all of the individuals who supported the MAD Camp fundraising efforts: family game night, bake sale, and annual spaghetti supper. The donations of supplies, time, energy, and money helped us raise over \$3500! We will support six members of the children's choir to attend MAD Camp at Shrine Mont this summer.

- Librada Estrada

**Annandale Christian
Community for Action
(ACCA)**

Saturday, June 18 -

ACCA furniture warehouse: Volunteers meet at 8:00 am at the Annandale United Methodist Church, pick up donations of furniture, and deliver them to needy households. To donate gently used tables and chairs, dressers, mattresses or sofas, please contact Ken or Camille Mittelholtz: kcmittelholtz@gmail.com

Saturday, May 14 -

Annandale Post Office food collection: Carriers will be collecting canned and dry food on their regular routes. Food collected will go to the ACCA food panty.

Annandale Food Site

The Food Site is in need of either plastic or paper grocery bags (clean).

They can be left in the baskets in the narthex.



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Welcome

Welcoming the stranger is welcoming Jesus. Jesus paid attention to what was going on around him and especially to those people he encountered on a daily basis. He modeled for us a new way of seeing the other—the way of love, compassion, and forgiveness. Welcoming is probably our strength as a congregation, but we can always look for ways to be more welcoming. Welcome includes everything from ushers and greeters, banners and interior signage, and name tags, to coffee hour, newcomer cards, and follow-up contact.

Connect

Invite-Welcome-Connect project founder Mary Parmer refers to *connect* as “closing the back door.” She feels that in medium-to-large sized churches many people come in the front door and go out the back door. Connection helps newcomers figure out where they fit in. We can help newcomers connect by listening to their stories and helping them discern their gifts. In her piece, “Tell Me Your Story: Homer and Hospitality”, Carla Yarnell writes, “... there’s one key ingredient of welcoming that has so often seemed to be missing, an element that was central to hospitality as the ancient Greek poet Homer envisioned it in the *Odyssey*, where King Alcinous pauses at a key moment during the evening banqueting and turns to Odysseus with a special request. ‘Tell me your story, stranger,’ he asks.”

Invite-Welcome-Connect workshop attendee Maria Macfarlane observed, “If we want to share our church with people, we need to be ready to pay attention to them, to listen to what they say to us in many ways—body language, response to our initial greeting, what they tell us about themselves.”

According to Parmer, many churches don’t do this piece well. Connection helps newcomers answer these questions: Where do I fit in? Can I make friends in this church? Is there room for me relationally? Can I find a place to belong and serve? Am I safe here?

Implementing Invite-Welcome-Connect at St. Barnabas’

It is envisioned that the invite, welcome, and connect ministry will function as separate teams. In the past, we’ve tried to extend the Newcomers Committee to cover all three aspects, but it’s a lot for one group to handle. A variety of different skillsets are needed. People who may not feel they’re good at traditional hospitality may find they can help with something like developing invitation materials or setting up for an event. There’s a way for everyone to get involved. “It’s an interesting concept,” noted Phyllis McKoy, one of the workshop attendees. “It will be on parishioners to implement it and move it forward.”

As you think about where your gifts might lie, feel free to talk to one of the workshop attendees (James Carroll, Larry Goldschmidt, Maria Mafarlane, Phyllis McKoy, and Cindy McLaughlin) or to a vestry member. Watch for announcements in the coming weeks to find out more information and for ways to get involved.

Vestry Highlights by PJ Kennedy, Sr. Warden

At the March Vestry meeting we discussed the Invite-Welcome-Connect program (see the Rector’s letter and the article by Jocelyn Leatherwood); a proposed change in church software; work on a new long-range plan; and the hire of Mr. Rasheed Coleman, sexton. In addition, the Finance Committee recommended moving to BB&T in order to put credit card and operating accounts at the same institution.

Anticipated April meeting topics include the Long Range Planning Charter, a Gift Acceptance Policy, finalizing the Rector’s Letter of Agreement (update for 2016), Library/copier move update, and vestry team reports.

A Parting Note

Interview with Dave Snyder, Minister of Music

by Grace Robbins

We had a chance to catch up with Dave Snyder before he leaves St. Barnabas' in June for retirement in Rochester, New York with his lovely wife, Ceil. Dave has been our beloved music director for seven years, and we will miss him dearly. Dave, we encourage you all to come back for visits early and often! In the meantime, please know that you will always have a permanent place in our hearts.

What is the thing you're going to miss most about St. Barnabas' and why?

Clearly, what I will miss most will be the people. After seven years at St. B's, you have become a part of my life. I will also miss the orchestral oboe stop on the organ—it creates such a warm and comforting sound.

What is your favorite traditional hymn? Contemporary one?

The Choir will tell you I have a list of 400-500 favorites, but due to space constraints, I've narrowed it down to two:

Traditional: "Hail Thee, Festival Day;" contemporary: "The Church of Christ in Every Age" (St. Barnabas), which was composed for the 50th anniversary of St. Barnabas'.

Your most memorable event at St. B?

All of the St. Barnabas' Day events! This festival brings everyone out and allows us to worship as a true community of Christ.

You are known as St. Barnabas' *bon vivant*. What is the funniest thing that's happened to you here?

The organ dying on Easter Sunday right smack dab in the middle of my prelude (prior to our getting the new organ) – it wasn't funny at the time, but it has become a real tale to tell!

What is your favorite food and best wine (or other beverage) to go with it?

I love the Agape following the Easter Vigil. After a long Lent and busy Holy Week, seeing all the tired but happy choir members always brings to mind Matthew 25:23 ("Well done, thou good and faithful servant.") It makes all the food and wine we share taste even better.

What is the first thing you will do when you get to New York?

Are you kidding? Unpack! Unpack! Unpack! Then, sleep, sleep, sleep. However, we are also getting a new puppy so maybe the sleeping—not so much!

What is one new activity you want to take up in retirement?

There is a culinary institute located in the town where we will be. I want to take classes "in chocolate!" I would also like to visit the many Finger Lakes vineyards and attend their workshops. Wine and chocolate. Sounds like retirement to me.

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Music Ministries

Sunday, May 8, 2016

10:15 a.m. Youth Sunday Celebrating the youth of our parish and the roles they play in our lives and in the life of the church

Saturday, May 14, 2016

1:00-3:00 p.m. Special Called Full Music Ministries rehearsal (followed by pizza) (Nave and Richardson Room)

Sunday, May 15, 2016

10:15 a.m. The Feast of Pentecost, Holy Baptism, and the Children's Choir Ribbon Ceremony [don't forget to wear flame colors]

Saturday, June 4, 2016

1:00-3:00 p.m. - Special Called Full Music Ministries rehearsal (followed by snacks) (Nave and Richardson Room).

Sunday, June 12, 2016

10:15 a.m. St. Barnabas' Day (*transferred*) and Retirement of David Snyder

The Children's Choir welcomes:

Jay Carroll
and
Johanna Carroll
children of
James and Janice
Carroll



Save the Date!

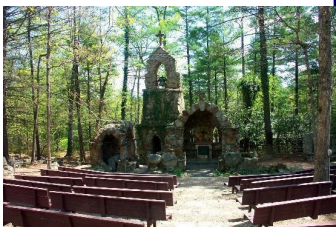
Vacation Bible School

July 10-14

Annandale Safe Youth Project (ASYP)

ASYP welcomes
HERANI NEGA
our new coordinator

NEEDED: We are in need of a used late-model lap-top, up-to-date enough to be of use with the kids' homework. Please call Ann Woodle if you can help: 703-425-5651.



SHRINE MONT PARISH WEEKEND

Friday, September 30
through
Sunday, October 2

A Parting Note (continued from p. 5)

What vision you would like to leave with St. Barnabas'?

That the music program continues to expand, and most especially the support of the Children's Choir. Due to the generosity of the parish and community musicians, this year we will have six members of the Children's Choir attending the Diocesan Music and Drama (MAD) Camp at Shrine Mont, on full scholarship. What they learn at camp will guide them as they progress into many other ministries. Our children are the future of the Church and I pray that we can help them grow in faith, commitment, and service.



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, Bob Frye, Diana Greer, Pete Gustin, Barney Hawkins, Linda Wofford 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, Mareea Wilson, Dana Wiseman, and Colleen Zanin.

And for the faithful departed ... William (Bill) Anderson and Sara Denby.

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" Glick, and their families.

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



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

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

MAY 1 - INVITE-WELCOME-CONNECT

Invite-Welcome-Connect, a program which we are undertaking at St. Barnabas, gives us a framework through which we can seek to serve Christ in newcomers. We will see a video about this program and talk about how we can realize its promise in our church community.

Will you strive for justice...

MAY 8 & 15 - JUSTICE AND THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

Rich Geissler will talk about issues of justice and spiritual life and how they affect what goes on in government. A member of St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Reston, Rich has led mission trips to Kenya and fund-raising for victims of Hurricane Katrina. In the 1980s, he was an advisor on judicial affairs to Senator John Meltzer (D-MT) and has since been a regular contributor to publications that deal with justice issues.

MAY 22 - STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

We will discuss fair treatment of our environment, as well as those who live in it.

...and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being?

MAY 29 - INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

Interfaith Dialogue - Mehmet Ayaz, imam at the Ezher Bloom Mosque, and friend of our rector, will talk with us about Islam. Both he and Rev. Hawkins are part of a dialogue group called "A Gathering of Friends." Our parish will have been part of two of these meetings, held at the Ezher Bloom Mosque in Fairfax on April 22 and here at St. Barnabas' on May 13.

JUNE 5 - INTERFAITH DIALOGUE CONTINUED

JUNE 12 - ST. BARNABAS' DAY AND DAVE SNYDER'S SEND-OFF; NO ADULT FORUM

JUNE 19 - LOOKING BACK & LOOKING FORWARD

A time to hear from participants in Adult Forum about the past year's program, and take a look at the program for next year.

Women of St. Barnabas' (WOSB)

Tuesday, May 3 - 10 am:
Final business meeting before the summer break

The topic will be the WOSB Inreach/Outreach budget. Your suggestions are welcome. Contact any WOSB member (Mary Yeaman, President).

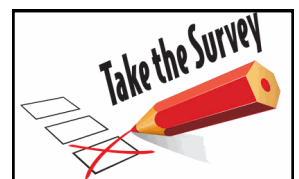
Saturday, May 7 - 1 pm
Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Reserve your space now for the WOSB annual tea. Contact Mary Yeaman or the parish office.

Tuesday, June 14 - 6:30 pm
Soup & Salad Supper

This evening meeting will feature a presentation by Anne Radway on her garden tour of Spain. Please sign up in the Richardson Room, and plan to bring a dish to share.

- Gertrude Jones



Communications Survey: We are making some changes to the format of *The St. Barnabas' Reporter* newsletter.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the communications survey (inserted here, or on-line at

<http://goo.gl/forms/yQBF3oY0T4>).



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*St. Barnabas' Day (transferred) - June 12, 2016
and Celebration of the Ministry of David K. Snyder*



Sunday, June 12 10:15 a.m.

(combined service)

Celebrating our patron saint, Barnabas,
and celebrating the ministry of our
Minister of Music, David K. Snyder,
who will retire this day.

No 8:00 a.m. service this day.

Please join us for 10:15 a.m.!