

May/June 2021

The St. Barnabas' Reporter



Easter's Great 50 Days; With Outdoor Celebrations of Ascension, Pentecost, & St. Barnabas Day, and Weekly Outdoor Worship, Starting in June

The Rev. John Bolin Shellito
Rector

Dear Friends,

This Easter season we celebrate the decisive victory that has been won for all of us: a victory of love over fear, of compassion over hatred, and of new life overcoming sin and death. The reign of God is springing forth among us, here and now, and the presence of the Incarnate Word is closer than our every breath.

That is not to say that we aren't still striving for a world where everyone can breathe free. That is not to say that we won't still encounter occasional setbacks. We are still plagued with injustice: injustices of race, class, gender, and medical access, among so many others. So, while the medical miracle of the vaccines might have turned the tide of our national struggle with the virus, we might still find ourselves in the process of healing from the pains of the pandemic. Our whole world is still in the process of healing from the pains of the pandemic. It is in this context that I hope that we can find the temperate spring weather here in northern Virginia to be a balm in Gilead that allows us to gather to share the Eucharist and some church fellowship outdoors, even as we lift up our prayers for God's work of redemption that continues in miraculous and mysterious ways among us.

We are in a fifty-day journey of rejoicing, a time of celebration that takes us toward Pentecost, one of the major feast days of our church. At one time Whitsunday was a bigger celebration than Christmas and Easter! Pentecost is an occasion to give thanks for the movement of the Holy Spirit among the earliest disciples, and to give thanks for the movement of the Holy Spirit in our midst even today, inspiring us in our ministries and service. A short two weeks later, on June 6th, we'll celebrate St. Barnabas' Sunday together.

I hope that we can all join in continuing our celebrations outdoors this spring & summer —

Blessings,
John+

St. Barnabas' Mission:
Serving our community, the world, and each other
through the love of Jesus Christ.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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Catherine Dubas
Newsletter Editor

Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m. Online Worship

9:00 a.m. Spiritual Coffee
Hour & Bible Study

10:15 a.m. Online Worship

11:15 a.m. -12 noon
Forum & Fellowship

Vestry Highlights—March 2021

- Plans for Spring/Summer worship:

Palm Sunday:

10:15 a.m. - outdoor service (live streamed)

Maundy Thursday:

7:00 p.m. – ZOOM – Deacon Celal Kamran will preach.

Good Friday:

Personal Prayers in church. Parishioners are asked to sign up for their personal prayer times via the Sign Up Genius.

12 noon: outdoor service (not live streamed)

7:00 p.m.: ZOOM

Easter Day:

10:15 a.m. outdoor service (live streamed)

- There are plans for weekly outdoor services in June
- Summer:
Weekly joint outdoor services at 9:00 a.m. beginning on St. Barnabas Sunday; St. Barnabas Sunday will be celebrated on June 6.
- A parish clean-up day is scheduled for 3/17.
- We will have a virtual guest preacher on 3/21.

Ann Sayles, Register

April Vestry Highlights will be available in the next Reporter.

Building & Grounds Report

Thank you to everyone who participated in the in the parish workday on April 17. We accomplished much to make the grounds more beautiful.

The Building & Grounds Committee is supporting the Regathering Committee on matters relating to building ventilation and safety, looking forward to a time in the future when we will be able to gather again for indoor worship.

For anyone who is taking out trash or recycling after a church activity, please note that we need to be very careful about what goes into the recycling bin. Our trash service cannot pick up any recycling if the bin is contaminated with any unallowed items.

Allowable items include paper, cardboard, clean aluminum or metal food containers, beverage cans, clean plastic bottles, clean aluminum trays. The recycling service cannot pick up glass, plastic bags, styrofoam, plastic cutlery, paper plates, pizza boxes, light bulbs, or ceramics.

Ken & Camille Mittelholtz (Building & Grounds) and Larry Stark (Junior Warden)

Worship Schedule: May and June 2021

Last Online Worship Trinity Sunday, May 30th

Outdoor Worship Services at 9:00 a.m.

by John Bolin Shellito

May 2nd—The Fifth Sunday of Easter—8:00 and 10:15 a.m. Online: Morning Prayer

May 9th—The Sixth Sunday of Easter—8:00 and 10:15 a.m. Online: Morning Prayer
(*Mother's Day*)

May 16th—Ascension Day (*transferred*)—9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship: Holy Eucharist with Spiritual Communion (also livestreamed)

May 23rd—The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday—9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship: Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist with Spiritual Communion (also livestreamed)

May 30th—Trinity—8:00 and 10:15 a.m. Concluding Prerecorded Worship of the Pandemic (so help us God): Online Service of Morning Prayer (*Memorial Day Weekend*)

June 6th—St. Barnabas Day (*transferred*)—9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship: Holy Eucharist with Spiritual Communion—parish fellowship time to follow

June 13th, 20th, and 27th—9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship: Holy Eucharist with Spiritual Communion

Please note: We are transitioning to 9:00 a.m. joint outdoor worship services (weather permitting) starting in May, both to make use of the favorable weather, and accommodate expected temperatures. These services will be livestreamed and available on YouTube and Facebook. (Weather cancellations will be published via email by 6:00 a.m. that Sunday; in that case worship will be livestreamed from the church with no congregation present.)

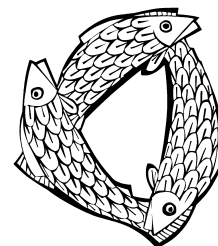
Our last three "online only" services are at 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. on May 2nd, May 9th and May 30th (so help us God).

A Collect for the Feast of St. Barnabas

Grant, O God, that we may follow the example of your faithful servant Barnabas, who, seeking not his own renown but the well-being of your Church, gave generously of his life and substance for the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Trinity

(*transferred*)



Sunday, May 30, 2021

Final Prerecorded
Online Service of the
Pandemic (please Lord)
8:00 and 10:15 a.m.

Memorial Weekend



Next Dates for Baptism



**The Day of Pentecost
May 23, 2021**

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**All Saints' Sunday
November 7, 2021**

*Please contact John+ or
the Parish Office three
weeks ahead of time if you
or someone you know is
interested.*



May

5/1 John Bolin Shellito

5/3 Hugh Agnew

5/3 Jim Aikin

5/4 Larry Stark

5/4 Blair MacKenzie

5/6 Jennifer Henry

5/9 Adam Schaefer

5/12 Barbara Miller

5/14 Katie Westerlund

5/15 Betty Jo Fortune

5/18 Mark Patterson

5/20 Kathleen Stark

5/22 Paulina Kanu

5/23 Margot Donnelly

5/31 Michael Henry

June

6/5 Andy Riddle

6/6 Garrett Patterson

6/6 Joshua Dugger

6/9 Katherine Greer

6/9 Jeff Schaefer

6/15 Jessica Riddle

6/16 Diana Greer

6/24 Jonathan Barber

Updates from the Adult Christian Education Committee

by Mariel York, Director of Christian Education

Did you know that you can call in from your home or cell phone to participate in programs offered by the Adult Christian Education Committee? For those without easy computer access, calling in is a great alternative to Zoom! Please contact the Director of Christian Education, Mariel York for details.

Neither Spiritual Coffee Hour & Bible Study nor Forum & Fellowship meet on Sundays when there is in-person worship offered.

Programs:

Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings; facilitated by Jeff Schaeffer

Forum & Fellowship 11:15 a.m. Sunday mornings; various Session Leaders

May 2, 2021 Final week of *Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent and Easter*

May 9, 2021 Overview of Upcoming Adult Christian Education Programs; Session Leaders *tbd*

May 16, 2021 *Outdoor Worship Service* (Forum & Fellowship postponed)

May 23, 2021 *Outdoor Worship Service* (Forum & Fellowship postponed)

May 30, 2021 Hymns Session Leader Stephen Ackert

Looking ahead:

This summer we look forward to exploring a program from the national church, *Sacred Ground: A Film-Based Series on Race & Faith*. The program includes a set of documentary films and short videos which form the basis of this dialogue series. More details to follow.

This fall we look forward to an offering of Education for Ministry (EfM), with Beth Harper as the facilitator. Please see the article on the next page.

Birthdays

We plan to include a list of birthdays in each issue of the Reporter. Please make sure your information in Realm (our parish database) is up-to-date. If you have not yet logged into your Realm account, please consider doing so: Call or email the Parish Office for an "invitation" which will allow you to establish your login credentials. Or, contact the Parish Office directly to have your information updated.

Education for Ministry (EfM)

by Beth Harper

Do you have questions about your faith? Most people do, and most find it challenging to get answers. **Education for Ministry (EfM)** was developed by the School of Theology in Sewanee, Tennessee to provide a mechanism for people to work through those questions. This four-year course of study provides the framework for the group to connect faith to their daily lives through reading and discussion. EfM is not a path to ordained ministry. Instead, EfM helps lay people encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together.



At its heart, EfM is a program in practical theology, a program based in a set of five core practices that form and support us in the various ministries to which we are called:

- Living in Community
- Regular Prayer and Worship
- Theological Reflection
- Study of the Christian Tradition
- Vocational Discernment

Meeting once a week in small groups with people from your community, led by mentors trained to facilitate the experience, you will begin to think theologically, reflect faithfully, and speak civilly when confronted by beliefs and principles in opposition to your own. And that's something we can all appreciate in today's world.

By being an EfM participant, you will learn how to articulate your faith. You will learn how to shape your faith into action. You will become involved in ministries in your community and you will make a difference.

Since its inception in 1975, more than 100,000 people have participated in this vital program. EfM groups meet regionally in nearly every diocese of The Episcopal Church, in six provinces of the Anglican Communion, and some in virtual classrooms with participants from across the globe.

St. Barnabas' has offered EfM in the past, but the last group graduated in 2009. We plan to offer the program again beginning in fall 2021. EfM is a four-year program, but participants register for one year at a time. The program is designed so that people in different years can be in the same group, so we might have Year One and Year Four participants working together. A group typically has 6-12 members and meets weekly for about two hours. You should also plan to spend two to four hours each week in preparation. We follow an academic calendar, meeting during the fall and spring with a break for Christmas; the group will not meet during the summer.

For more information, contact me, Beth Harper. You can also find more information at www.efm.sewanee.edu.

New Address:

Kathleen & Larry Stark • 5500 Holmes Run Parkway #416 • Alexandria, VA 22304-2853 (as of May 7)

Shrine Mont Parish Retreat

by Ann Sayles and Beth Harper



Save the Date:

October 1-3, 2021

Our 2021 Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont, in Orkney Springs, VA is scheduled for Friday afternoon, 10/1, through Sunday after lunch, 10/3. We will be using the same “downhill” facilities as we did in 2019. This retreat is an opportunity to join with our St. Barnabas’ family for meaningful adult sessions and children’s’ programs, as well as general fellowship in the lovely Shrine Mont facilities.

Mareea Wilson and Monnie Riggin will return as our facilitators to continue our conversations around anti-racism. This year we will review concepts and definitions from our last session together in 2019, to be sure we’re all on the same page. We then plan to discuss white supremacy and internal oppression, and how they manifest themselves in our lives, regardless of our color.

We used to think that white supremacy was synonymous with the KKK, but not anymore! It’s much bigger than the evil of the KKK. One of our sessions will be devoted to the life and work of The Rev. (Saint) Dr. Pauli Murray. We will look at her courage, her determination, and her impact upon the world in which we live now. We hope you will join us for these critically important conversations.

We will keep the parish informed as to the specific plans. Please think about joining us in this retreat. It restores the soul!! Please feel free to reach out to either of us, Ann Sayles or Beth Harper, if you have any questions.

Reporter Deadline ▪ Office Hours

The deadline for the July/August 2021 combined issue of *The St. Barnabas Reporter* is Tuesday, June 15th. Please submit announcements and/or photos to Catherine in the Parish Office at stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com. Hard copies of announcements and/or photos are welcome, as well.

Parish Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, or as arranged with the Parish Office. Voice mail and email messages are checked regularly. The Office will be closed on Monday, May 31st for the Memorial Day holiday.

Sacred Ground Program A Film-Based Dialogue Series on Race and Faith

by Mariel York



The Adult Christian Education Committee will be offering the “Sacred Ground” program starting this summer. The 10-part series is part of the “Becoming Beloved Community” initiative of The Episcopal Church, a long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society.

Bishop Curry’s introduction to the program and additional information can be viewed on the Episcopal Church’s website: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/>.

“Sacred Ground” is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America’s history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity.

The 10-part series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories.

“Sacred Ground” is part of “Becoming Beloved Community,” The Episcopal Church’s long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice.... This series is open to all, and especially designed to help White people talk with other White people. Participants are invited to peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divides of the present day – all while grounded in our call to faith, hope, and love.

Specific dates and times will be listed in the weekly announcements.

Thanksgiving for Heroic Service

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Women of St. Barnabas' (WOSB)

Our president, Mary Yeaman, is hopeful that the Women of St. Barnabas' can meet in September and begin planning for the events that fund our charities. We hope especially to have our Christmas Bazaar in November, our major fund raising event. One ministry that has continued is Miles of Pennies. Janet George recently sent \$25 from our Miles of Pennies collection jars to the Diocese. Contributions are always welcome!

We will advertise our meeting in September and hope to have some new active members. (All women of the church are WOSBs!) The Women of St. Barnabas' are dedicated to service and fellowship.

Gertrude Jones

ACCA News – Annandale Christian Community for Action



The ACCA Child Development Center was one of four childcare centers highlighted in a March 31, 2021 New York Times article, "Child Care in Crisis: Can Biden's Plan Save It?" The article featured these cen-

ters for their exemplary work to provide services during the pandemic. The full article can be viewed here: [Child Care in Crisis: Can Biden's Plan Save It? - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/31/us/politics/biden-plan-child-care.html).

In addition, the National Child and Adult Care Food Program Sponsors Association recently recognized the CDC's work to ensure that every child has access to nutritious food. On April 15, 2021, CDC Director Maria-Isabel Ballivian participated in an event led by Vice President Kamala Harris publicizing the Administration's proposals to invest in childcare through the American Rescue Plan.

In May, ACCA plans to resume its Furniture Ministry, which has been suspended for several months due to pandemic precautions. ACCA will pick up donations of gently-used furniture and deliver furniture to needy households, following protocols to reduce spread of COVID-19. St. Barnabas' is scheduled to provide volunteers on Saturday morning, June 26. Please contact Ken for details if you can help.

Save the Date! The 2021 CROP Hunger Walk will be held October 16, 2021. The walk committee will decide this summer whether the walk will be in-person or virtual. The 2020 Annandale CROP Hunger Walk was recognized among the top 100 fund-raising walks for the year, having raised a total of total of \$19,485. Thank you to everyone who supported or walked in the 2020 virtual Annandale CROP Hunger Walk! ACCA received a total of \$48,751 from Church World Service as part of CWS efforts to fight hunger and poverty in the U.S.

ACCA is considering participation in a Rebuilding Together/Arlington-Fairfax-Falls Church (AFF) workday this summer or fall to help lower-income homeowners with repairs and deferred maintenance. The projects would recruit teams of 10 volunteers to help homeowners with repairs. Since

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Ken Mittelholtz, Rebuilding Together Express

Sara Denby Memorial Grant Applications Now Being Accepted

by Robin Erskine

The St. Barnabas' Endowment Board would like to announce that it will be awarding grants from the Sarah Denby Memorial Grant in 2021. Thanks to contributions from parishioners and some growth in our investments, the fund will be providing funds for grants upon application from members of our congregation. The grants will be awarded to support projects in three areas: 1) outreach ministries, 2) new ministries and special projects to strengthen the parish, and 3) improvements to the buildings and/or grounds.

Step 1: Submit a Letter of Interest by September 30, 2021. In a one-page letter, describe the proposed project, who it will benefit, who will be involved in implementing the project, and how much it is expected to cost overall. If the grant happens to be insufficient to complete the project, then how much would be requested from the Endowment fund? Please include the telephone number of the point of contact and e-mail address and the best time of day for contact. The Endowment Board will review the proposal and then call or e-mail as to whether or not a full, more complete, proposal is to be submitted.

Step 2: Submit a full proposal by October 30, 2021. If your proposal falls within the grant guidelines, you will be given guidance on how to submit a full proposal – it will be easy and straightforward.

The Endowment Board anticipates making 2 - 4 grants totaling approximately \$1,200 to \$1,400. We hope to see several applications. Any member of the Endowment Board may be contacted: James Carroll, Mark Patterson, or me, Robin Erskine.

In 2020, the Endowment Fund supported the improvement to the closet and doors at the end of the hall in the Narthex and provided funds for COVID-19 relief to the Annandale Christian Community for Action organization.

ACCA News *(continued from previous page)*

summer 2020, small teams of volunteers and contractors have been making critical repairs in small projects through the Rebuilding Together Express program. In April 2021, ACCA gave Rebuilding Together/AFF \$2,500 to help fund small "Rebuilding Together Express" repairs, including \$500 which St. Barnabas' gave ACCA for the program.

Also in April, Volunteer Fairfax gave a group award to Rebuilding Together AFF and a team of six volunteers who lead projects to help Fairfax County homeowners with these critical repairs under the Rebuilding Together Express program. Congratulations to Ken Mittelholtz, who was part of the volunteer team.

The high demand for emergency rental and food assistance, day care and other services for low-income families in the Annandale-Baileys Crossroads-Lincolnia area continues. ACCA will soon receive Federal funds to distribute to households severely affected by the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. ACCA will work with Fairfax County Coordinated Social Services to provide emergency assistance.

The ACCA Food Pantry collects donations of nonperishable food and hygiene supplies at 7200 Columbia Pike weekdays from 1-5 p.m. and selected Saturday mornings. To leave food at St. Barnabas' for the pantry, please contact the Parish Administrator. A list of most needed items is found at <https://accacares.org/foodpantry/>.

For more information on volunteer activities and ACCA programs, please contact Camille and/or Mittelholtz.

Thanks and More Thanks...

- For all who pitched in for the Parish Workday.
- For those praying for our church and for those on our parish prayer list.
- For Mariel York, in her research of the curriculum options for our Lent and Easter small groups.
- For James Harris, in his courageous and generous care for our buildings.
- For our Altar Guild and Flower Guild, in their support of our worship services, both online and outdoors, and especially to Barbara Miller, Jocelyn Leatherwood, Behn Ayala, Connie Badger, and Sharon Jones for the service during Holy Week and Easter.
- For Ann Sayles' generous gift of Easter pansies to the Children and Youth of the parish.
- For our Regathering Committee, in their wise guidance of our parish.
- For our Youth Committee as they make plans for restarting our ministries in an adjusted way this fall.
- For the Building & Grounds Committee, for their leadership as we care for our building and grounds
- For our musicians, especially Beth Harper, Stephen Ackert, and Dick Crutchley.
- For all who have been courageously adapting and improvising their ministries and life in response to the unprecedented times in which we are living.

Thanks from the Family of Phyllis McKoy

I have received all the cards and really appreciate all the cards and love and prayers you have sent. My family and I so appreciate all that you have done!

Paula Kirk, sister of Phyllis McKoy

Please stay tuned for the date and time of Phyllis' burial in the Memorial Garden.



In the Presence of God

We pray for God's strength and healing for ... Bernard Blair, Emma Blevins, Jean Anne Braddon, Margot Donnelly, Frank Donnelly, Rotha Frye, Preston George, Lee Gibbs, Roger Hefferan, Sharon Jones, Carolyn Lilienthal, Tom Lyles, Cindy McLaughlin, Marion Meany, Shirley Newman, Aliyah Phillips, Beth Phillips, Anne Radway, Barbara Rigden, Ann Sayles, Frank Spink, David Steidel, Dana Wiseman, Ann Woodle, and Addison Yeaman.

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. Susan Ellyn Goff, the Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, the Rt. Rev. Porter Taylor, the Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick, and the Rt. Rev. David Colin Jones and their families. For our Rector, the Rev. John Bolin Shellito, and his family; for Cindy McLaughlin (in discernment); for our vestry, wardens, and staff; and for the work and ministry of St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, Palma Soriano, Cuba.

KIDS PAGE

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Barnabas Welcomes Saul

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**Ascension Day
(*transferred*)**

May 16, 2021

Outdoor Worship ~ 9:00 a.m.

**The Day of Pentecost:
Whitsunday**

May 23, 2021

Outdoor Worship ~ 9:00 a.m.

Trinity

May 30, 2021

Memorial Weekend and Final Farewell
(God Willing) to Pre-recorded Worship

Online Worship

8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

**St. Barnabas Day
(*transferred*)**

June 6, 2021

Outdoor Worship ~ 9:00 a.m.

Weekly 9:00 a.m. Joint Outdoor Worship Starting in June