

July/August 2021

# The St. Barnabas' Reporter



## As We Emerge From the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Rt. Rev. Susan Ellyn Goff, Bishop Suffragan and  
Ecclesiastical Authority, Diocese of Virginia

Friends in Christ,

In our [recent] lectionary reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians, we heard these words:

*If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 2 Corinthians 5:17*

A new creation! What a marvelous promise, and a timely one. Because as we emerge from the pandemic and gather again in groups, we want to go back to the way things were, to the old creation. Of course we do! So, how do we as people who follow Jesus acknowledge our human impulse to go back to the old, even as Jesus beckons us forward into the new?

When the pandemic first began, we fasted from in-person worship and from the Eucharist. We made sacrifices for the sake of those over age 65 and those with compromised health, since they were infected and were dying at alarming rates. We made sacrifices for the sake of black, indigenous, and persons of color who were dying at disproportionate rates. Our actions helped protect our communities, our families, and ourselves. Even with those sacrifices, some 600,000 people died of COVID-19 in this country alone. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. May their families and loved ones know God's peace in their grief.

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As we reflect on what we have lost and what we have gained, we continue to exercise some restraint for the sake of the most vulnerable, including children under the age of 12 who cannot be vaccinated. Rates of infection and rates of death are decreasing in our Commonwealth and in our country, but the virus is still active and people are still dying. So we continue to wear masks indoors public places. We do well to follow the two out of three rule—outdoors, distancing, and masks. If we do two out of three of those each time we are with

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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

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Catherine Dubas  
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**Sunday Worship Schedule**

**July**

9 a.m. Outdoor Worship  
Outdoor Children's Chapel

**August**

8 & 10:15 a.m.  
Indoor Worship  
Outdoor Children's Chapel

See articles pp. 5, 6

## \$\$ Treasury Notes \$\$

### May 2021 Recap:

May 2021 income: \$19,650

May 2021 expenses: \$27,415

May 2021 net income: -\$6,820

YTD 2021 income: \$166,523

YTD 2021 expenses: \$138,298

YTD 2021 net income: \$28,255

Several reminders as we head into the summer months:

- The Finance Office will have reduced hours over the summer so please be patient with any monetary issues.
- If you have expenses for your ministry, the regular course of action is to purchase items at the point of sale and turn in receipts and a completed Reimbursement Request for reimbursement.
- Please, please, please use the Reimbursement Request form (found in the Business Office) and staple the receipt/s to it.
- Reimbursements usually go out within 5-7 business days.
- Your ministry leader is always free to check in with the Finance Office and ask how much money remains in your ministry budget.
- Have a great Summer!!!

May the peace of the Lord be with you!

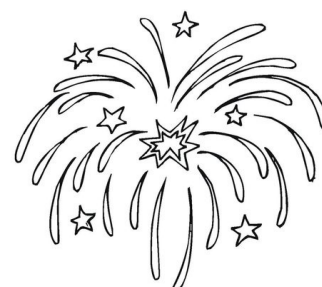
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## Reporter Deadline ▪ Office Hours

The deadline for the September 2021 issue of *The St. Barnabas Reporter* is Sunday, August 15th. Please submit announcements and/or photos to Catherine in the Parish Office at [stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com](mailto:stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com). Hard copies of announcements and/or photos are welcome, as well.

Updated Summer Parish Office hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and closed on Friday. The Office will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of the Independence Day holiday. Happy July 4th!

Happy 4th of July!



## Vestry Highlights - April ▪ May ▪ June 2021

### April ▪ 2021

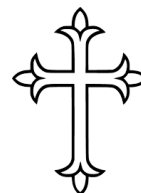
- Adult Christian Ed Committee will have a Sacred Ground program here this summer.
- We plan on one outdoor services this summer at 9:00 a.m. The last prerecorded service will be May 30. All outdoor services will be livestreamed.
- St. Barnabas Day will be celebrated June 6.
- Ken Mittelholtz is working to improve indoor ventilation in preparation for future indoor worship.
- Larry Stark is looking into installing cameras in the Nave to continue livestreaming services for those who worship from home.
- Helen Mosher has volunteered to upgrade the parish website.
- Upcoming Memorial Services: Betty Dunlop June 26; Phyllis McKoy this summer (date TBD).
- Beth Harper is planning to resume Education for Ministry (EfM) this fall.
- The Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont will be Oct. 1-3, 2021.

### May ▪ 2021

- The Diocese has authorized parishes to move toward opening up, under the direction of the priest. For the remainder of 2021, all those serving at the altar, lectors, and choir are required to be fully vaccinated in order to participate in services.
- Phyllis McKoy's Memorial Service will be May 29 outdoors (rain date May 31).
- Funding was approved to support application for for Bob Macfarlane to be licensed in this diocese.
- Vestry will take turns leading devotions at each meeting.
- There will be a contest to name the central room in the Ed Wing.
- Vestry approved a new laptop for the Parish Office to improve ability to work remotely.
- Mariel York voted as primary fund manager for the Adult Christian Education Committee for the remainder of 2021.
- Approved annual condensing and archiving of financial records by the Bookkeeper.
- Approved purchase of QuickBooks Premier.
- Small picnic tables will be purchased for use by Children's Chapel.
- John+ announced that he will change his day off to Thursday on an exploratory basis for the summer; John+ will take two weeks of vacation in July.

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### In Memoriam



**Fred Byers Warren**  
Monday, June 7, 2021  
Springfield, Virginia

*Rest eternal grant to him,  
O Lord; and let light  
perpetual shine upon him.  
May his soul, and the  
souls of all the departed,  
through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace. Amen.*

### Next Date for Baptism



**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.*



### July

7/6 Jay Carroll  
 7/7 Lydia Metz  
 7/10 Deborah Batten  
 7/14 Laura Westerlund  
 7/14 Nora Verstandig  
 7/15 John Westerlund  
 7/22 Liam Chacon  
 7/24 Genevieve Phillips  
 7/27 Matthew Dugger  
 7/28 Francine Conteh  
 7/31 Maria Anderson

### August

8/1 Lita Mellon  
 8/8 Cat Shellito  
 8/10 Alex Bottlick  
 8/17 Julian Chacon  
 8/18 Jackson Miller  
 8/20 Sophie Lilienthal  
 8/21 Cricket Camp  
 8/24 Lulu Harris  
 8/28 James Glaeser  
 8/28 Johanna Carroll

## Vestry Highlights *(continued from p. 2)*

### June ▪ 2021

- The Vestry appointed Katie Westerlund as Delegate and Beth Harper as Alternate to the Diocesan Convention (November 2021).
- Worship through July will be outdoors at 9 a.m. Worship beginning in August will be indoors at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. (using masks and distancing).
- ASYP Program began its summer program on 6/15 on Tu, W, and Th from 1pm – 6pm.
- Vestry is discussing the possibility of installing solar panels, etc. Mrs. Sayles will follow up with two consulting groups that might assist.
- Vestry approved a \$10,000 budget for the Summer 2021 J2A Pilgrimage to Oregon.
- As of May 31, the year-to-date Profit and Loss statement shows income of \$166,523.56 with expenses of \$138,298.75.
- The Men's Group is planning to have their Oktoberfest party this year.
- The Youth Group is planning a roller skating party on July 25; all parishioners are invited. The Vestry approved \$650 for the roller rink rental.
- John+ mentioned that Shrine Mont is looking for male counselors for the summer camps.
- John+ is planning a 2-week vacation in July; there will be a Supply Priest July 4 & 11.
- The Memorial Service for Betty Dunlop (June 26) will be an indoor service, with masks and social distancing.

## Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet for a Men's Breakfast on Saturday, July 3rd at 8 AM at the Juke Box Diner, 7039 Columbia Pike, Annandale. All men of the parish and their guests are welcome to attend. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

## 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.

## Summer Worship Schedule

by Molly Newling, Chair, Regathering Committee

The following worship schedule for St Barnabas' has been planned by the Rector and Regathering Committee, with input from the Youth Committee, the Music Committee, and Building & Grounds.

\*\*\*This schedule is contingent upon CDC, Commonwealth of VA, and Diocese of Virginia guidelines remaining favorable to indoor worship, and a case rate for COVID-19 and its variants at or below current conditions.\*\*\*

**July** - ONE service only, at 9 am, outdoors. Congregational singing will be permitted. No masks are required for those who are vaccinated. Children's Chapel will be held outdoors during the first part of the service. (*No Children's Chapel on July 4<sup>th</sup>*) Children of all ages are invited to join in helping with Children's Chapel, or simply participate, according to their own ability and interest (including Nursery-aged children). If the weather is inclement the parish will be notified before 8:00 a.m. Sunday and the service will be livestreamed from the Nave. There will be no congregation and no Children's Chapel in this case. Please note: there will be no livestreaming on July 4 & 11. Please see the note on the back cover for more details.

**August** - TWO services – 8:00 and 10:15 a.m. – will be held inside the Nave. Masks must be worn by *all* participants\*, and pods (family groups) are asked to maintain at least 3' of physical spacing between their group and other groups, as much as possible. To help with this effort, every other pew will be utilized for seating. At this time, we are not permitted to have indoor congregational singing; the congregation will be notified if that policy changes. There will be no Coffee Hour (as of this time).

Children's Chapel will be held (except in the case of rain) outdoors during the first part of the 10:15 a.m. service. Children of all ages are invited to join in helping with Children's Chapel, or simply participate, according to their own ability and interest (including Nursery-aged children). If the weather does not permit outdoor Children's Chapel, children are welcome in the church with their family. In fact, children – with all their vocal contributions to worship – are ALWAYS welcome in church!

In the event of a known COVID-19 case among any service attendees, a congregational email will be sent.

\* While masks generally are not required among those who are vaccinated, our youngest members – those under 12 years old – are not yet eligible for vaccination. It is on their behalf that we continue to don our masks while indoors.

## In the Presence of God

*We pray for God's strength and healing for ...* Bernard Blair, Emma Blevins, Jean Anne Braddon, Charles Camp, Margot Donnelly, Frank Donnelly, Rotha Frye, Preston George, Lee Gibbs, Roger Hefferan, Sharon Jones, Carolyn Lienthal, Tom Lyles, Cindy McLaughlin, Marion Meany, Aliyah Phillips, Beth Phillips, Anne Radway, Barbara Rigden, Ann Sayles, Frank Spink, David Steidel, Mareea Wilson, 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.

## July Outdoor Worship in the Round at 9:00 a.m. August Indoor Worship at 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.

by the Rev. John Bolin Shellito

Among other decisions this June, the Regathering Committee and I have determined (and the Vestry has concurred) that August is the month for us to move indoors for (masked) worship in the Nave at 8:00a.m. and 10:15 a.m. This will help us get a running start on the “new normal” of our program year in September.

For the sake of those who cannot yet get vaccinated, (including the children of our parish!), we want to continue to take care with regards to masking and distancing as much as is practicable indoors. Still, this is a long-awaited transition! I write this with an awareness that contravening guidance could still redirect our path, and also with deep appreciation for the courage, solidarity, and adventurousness we’ve embodied in our joint outdoor worship services thus far.

Speaking of outdoor worship, there has been much enthusiasm and support among Vestry and others for an idea that Maria Macfarlane lightheartedly offered in our Regathering Committee meeting—that our remaining 9:00 a.m. outdoor worship services this June and July could happen in the round. This arrangement will allow our outdoor liturgical space to more intentionally reflect our incarnational theology: in Christ, God is among us. The Triune God is in our midst. “Liturgy” literally means “the work of the people.” Thus, by placing the Altar at the center of our gathering, we can align our outdoor worship space with this theology. The Table can become even more of a central focal point for our congregational worship. However, because it will be a new thing for St. Barnabas’ to be arrayed in a semicircle around the Altar, on the north side of the Sanctuary, I encourage everyone who has read this far to take (or bring) their seat closer in, toward the glass doors into our church building. This will allow those who might arrive right at the start of worship to take their seat on the grass closer to the parking lot. With the Altar facing the office wing of our church building, our semicircle will orient us in various ways toward our Nave.

Finally, for those who choose to continue to participate in worship virtually, we plan to continue our broadcast via Facebook Live whenever the Rector’s smartphone is available, starting just the five minutes before the service, at <https://www.facebook.com/StBarnabasEpiscopal/>. Please note that even though they may suggest logging in, a Facebook account is not required to view our Facebook Live broadcasts. We want our broadcasts to be available to all, even as we seek to make God’s grace and peace in Christ available to all.

Blessings,  
John+

### Did You Know?

- 85% of CEOs with diverse and inclusive cultures notice increased profits.
- Companies with equal men and women earn 41% more revenue.
- Racially and ethnically diverse companies are 35% more likely to perform better.

Source: <https://www.fundera.com/resources/diversity-in-the-workplace-statistics>



## Christian Education Updates

by Mariel York, Director of Christian Education

### Outdoor Children's Chapel

Outdoor Children's Chapel services began on St. Barnabas' Sunday, June 6, 2021. Children attended the beginning of the 9:00 a.m. outdoor service with their parents, and after the opening prayer (Collect) went to the Peace Patio for Children's Chapel. Children were escorted back to their families at the Peace. Thank you to the Building & Grounds committee for purchasing three Little Tykes picnic tables with umbrellas for the children to use during Outdoor Children's Chapel.



As we transition to indoor services (beginning in August), Children's Chapel will continue to be held outdoors, since those under the age of 12 are not yet able to be vaccinated. Children's Chapel will be held in conjunction with the 10:15 a.m. service.

Parents are requested to attend Children's Chapel with any child who is 3 years old or younger. In order to safeguard our students, all children over the age of 2, youth, and adults are required to wear a mask and maintain appropriate distancing. This program will be cancelled in case of inclement weather.

*Please note:* There will be no Children's Chapel on July 4th.

For more information, please contact Haley Bolin Shellito, Theresa Merchant, Dawn Schaeffer, Delilah Stearns, or me, Mariel York.



### Sacred Ground Dialogue Circle



Participants in the Sacred Ground Dialogue Circle have been reading excerpts from *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman and *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving. These resources are wonderful aids to our Thursday evening discussions on race in America.

We are reflecting on personal family histories and stories, as well as the narratives that have shaped the collective American story, including the experiences of Native Americans, European Americans, African Americans, and Latino and Asian/Pacific Americans.

We also have added St. Barnabas' own *Reflections on Race and Culture*, published in the summer of 2014, to our discussions, which has been a wonderful addition..

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people beyond our household, we protect the children and others who remain vulnerable.

Throughout the pandemic, we pivoted many times, each time responding to the latest change. With so much pivoting for so long, with so many changes from week to week, even day to day, it is not at all surprising that we are a little dizzy right now. Some people are frustrated that a complete end to pandemic living is not coming quickly enough. Some people are in grief over the things that were lost. Some are angry. Many are exhausted, just plain exhausted. We all are feeling some combination of those experiences as we come out of the disruption, challenge, and trauma of the past year. It's ok to name and acknowledge all the feelings before God and each other. And it's ok to rest a bit as we move toward the new normal.

Because we who are in Christ are a new creation. The old has passed away, God is making everything new. The old normal is gone. The new normal is still being shaped. And we are a part of the shaping. 6/14/2021

## Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA) News

ACCA is partnering with Fairfax County to help households unable to pay rent and/or utilities and avoid evictions. The pantry continues to make deliveries of groceries and hygiene supplies to households with urgent needs. Fortunately, the urgent requests are fewer than they were early in the pandemic. However, requests are still nearly three times the level of pre-pandemic need. To donate nonperishable food or hygiene products, you can bring items to St. Barnabas'. You also can drop items directly at ACCA (7200 Columbia Pike) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Please see the weekly church announcements for information on Saturday collections in July and August.



ACCA expects to sponsor a Rebuilding Together project to help lower-income homeowners with repairs this fall, and St. Barnabas' will be part of that. To observe COVID prevention measures, the project is expected to involve fewer repairs and use fewer volunteers than the National Rebuilding Day projects we have normally participated in.

After months of virtual activities, ACCA's Homework Club for Afghan immigrant families has begun meeting again in person (outside) with children for learning games and tutoring. ACCA also has been providing online classes in English as a Second Language/conversation for adults since July 2020. The sessions for children and their parents will continue, alternating virtual and in-person formats. One-on-one life skills tutoring staffed by volunteers is also planned to resume in the fall. The Homework Club program is helping Afghan families who came to the area through the Special Immigrant Visa Program, which provides visas for persons who worked with U.S. Armed Forces or the U.S. Mission in Afghanistan or Iraq (families in NOVA are Afghan).

The Child Development Center continues to provide quality care for pre-school children. The families of about four-fifths of these children receive subsidies through Fairfax County and the Commonwealth. The Center has provided care for school age children not attending in-person classes at County schools. In the fall that may change.

The ACCA furniture ministry resumed operations in May. The furniture ministry will be closed from mid-July through August. Thanks to those who volunteered to deliver furniture and pick up donations on June 26.

For more information about ACCA or to volunteer, please contact Ken or Camille Mittelholtz.



## Ideas for Endowment Grants

by Robin Erskine

The Endowment Board met on May 5 and began discussing some projects for and Endowment (s) this year. We are asking the congregation if there are any other projects or ministries that they want us to consider that will satisfy any of the three areas:

Outreach Ministries and Grants

New Ministries and Special Projects to Strengthen Parish Programs,

Improvements to Parish Buildings and Grounds

Some of the projects we have been discussing have come from the Building and Grounds committee, such as:

a conference table for the Rector's office

improved storage for our banners

replacing fluorescent bulbs with LED lights to save electricity costs

a new piano for the choir room

Other items discussed are outreach funds for ACCA or for Episcopal Relief and Development.

We find ourselves with about \$1,400.00 that we are obligated to spend this year. In years past, our fund availability has been greater than this. We hope that, as our Fund grows, more will be available next year. However, it is not too early to let us know if there are other ideas that you might want us to consider.

Please let James Carroll, Mark Patterson, or Robin Erskine know if you want us to consider something you may have been thinking of or anything that comes to mind that will fit the three categories above.

## ***Contest Announcement! Calling All Parishioners!***

*What's in a name?* William Shakespeare

We are launching an exciting *Name the Room* contest and are looking for your input! The “big room” in the Education Wing has been called various names, including the Choir Room and the Multipurpose Room, but also is a place for meetings (Vestry, Altar Guild, etc.), Christmas Crafts, and tutoring (ASYP).

Help us choose a name that helps to identify this space by submitting your suggestion (one or more) to [stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com](mailto:stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com). Submissions are accepted through Sunday, July 4, and voting will be completed via a Doodle Poll (or equivalent) by August 1. Look for an email after July 4 with the link to vote. And remember to submit your suggestions by Sunday, July 4! We'll find out the winning name during announcements at the Feast of the Assumption service, Sunday, August 15, 2021.

## Save the Date!

### Annual Parish Retreat (Shrine Mont) October 1-3, 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

We are now in the midst of planning our annual Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont, scheduled October 1-3, 2021. If you are interested in helping with the planning, please contact Ann Sayles at [sayles.ann.bob@verizon.net](mailto:sayles.ann.bob@verizon.net) or 703 569 4640. We would love to have you join us!

The Parish Retreat (Shrine Mont) registration form is included with this Reporter, and includes lots of details about Shrine Mont and the weekend. Since we need to give Shrine Mont a head count by the end of August, please respond ASAP, along with your registration fee, to me or the office. Catherine and I are coordinating the registrations.

We will be housed “downhill” as we were in 2019. You’ll receive your room assignment at check-in. Currently, we expect to be in Maryland House, Hall Housel B, and Portlock Cottage. We may be in other venues, as well, depending upon the number of attendees.

More good news: Monnie Riggin and Mareea Wilson, former parishioners, will be joining us again as our program leaders. I know that their sessions will be uplifting and thought provoking.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Love to all,  
Ann



## Congratulations to the Verstandig Family

Baptism ▪ Pentecost ▪ May 23, 2021

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

*We will!*

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## Education for Ministry (EfM) Coming This Fall

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 on 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 this fall. 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.

Please plan to attend a Zoom information session on Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Watch your inbox in July for an email with the Zoom link. Please contact me, Beth Harper, with any questions. You also can find more information at [www.efm.sewanee.edu](http://www.efm.sewanee.edu).

## Phyllis Susan McKoy

**February 28, 1955 – January 7, 2021**

A "Keepsake Snapshot In Time" of Phyllis Susan's Life, Legacy & Achievements

by Paula Kirk

Phyllis Susan was born to Mary and Charles Jones, on 28 February 1956, in Washington, DC. She had a Big Brother, Michael and has a Sister, Paula. She was born and raised in The Prospect Hill Community of Wash, DC. Phyllis Graduated from The William McKinley Technical High School, Wash. D.C. Class of 1973. As a youth, Phyllis was a Brownie, Campfire Girl, a McKinley Student Class Rep, a member of her high school Glee Club, a flautist, tap dancer and played on her high school's volleyball team. She was fluent in French and Chinese. Phyllis has an Undergrad Degree from The School of Business, The University of MD, College Park, MD, and a Master's Degree from Central Michigan University. Alexandria, Virginia Campus.

In high school, Phyllis was a Stay-In-School Student employed with The Dept of Navy. She was eventually employed with the Dept Of Interior and The Dept of Defense for 45+ years, as a Training and Safety Officer. She mentored many high school and college students throughout her career, assisting them with career goals, and training: developing required knowledge, skills and abilities. She also managed several scholarship programs for deserving high school and college students. Phyllis is the recipient of many Awards and Recognitions for Outstanding Performance and Service in her field, as a member of the Senior Executive Service Level (SES). She retired from The Department of Defense, Federal Executive Service in December 2012. She received a Letter of Recognition for Outstanding Civil Service Performance from President Barack Obama.

She was a member of

- The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Kappa Phi Undergrad Chapter
- The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapter (NoVAC)
- A Lifetime Member of The 9th and 10th Horse Calvary, Buffalo Soldiers, Wash, D.C. Chapter
- A Graduate of the 1st Class of The Executive Women's Leadership Program, Dept Of Interior
- A Vestry member of St George's and St Barnabas Churches, she also taught Sunday School and participated in Vacation Bible School and in the annual Blessings of the Backpacks.

She enjoyed her role as Auntie in raising her niece, Alexis, and nephew, Geoff. An awesome Auntie and True Role Model. Her favorite songs are *Amazing Grace* and *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*.

Phyllis always loved to travel, especially, as a world traveler, visiting very interesting, exciting Countries and States, such as China, Dubai, Australia and The Mediterranean. Her love for Music, History, "Afternoon Tea at The Strathmore" and The Fine Arts, complimented her journey.

Phyllis is truly an awesome Sister, Friend, Soror, Auntie and an Empowered Black Woman. Thanks again for all your continued prayers, love and support--

Phyllis loved her family more than life, so...

"For His Anger Endureth But A Moment, In His Favor Is Life: Weeping May Endure For The Night, But Joy Cometh In The Morning." Psalm 30:05 KJV.

Thanks Be To God!

## Women of St. Barnabas' (WOSB)

by Gertrude Jones

We are joyfully looking forward to our first meeting of the WOSB in what seems an eternity! God willing, we will meet in the Richardson Room on

Tuesday, September 14, at 10 a.m. Every woman member of the church is a member of this group. Of course, in today's world so many women work and are unable to attend day meetings. We are aware of this fact and try to make an environment for women to feel they belong even if not able to attend meetings. Our meetings for the rest of the year are on the first Tuesday of the month. We have it later in September in recognition of Labor Day.

Our aim is to do good works both in outreach—the world outside our church—and inreach—the needs of St. Barnabas'. We hold fundraisers to make the money we need for our goals, and the fellowship we enjoy is an invaluable reward.

We sponsor several events during the year. The first and biggest event is our November Christmas Bazaar. We sell mainly crafts, food, and jewelry, and often have items for auction. It is held on a Saturday in mid-November. We also sponsor a Friday Night Preview Party for church members and guests. It has become a favorite event. The Bazaar is our main money raiser.

In February before Lent we have our own version of Mardi Gras. We hire a New Orleans style jazz band. While a small fundraiser, this event is something of a gift to the parishioners who support us so generously.

We have our Mad Hatter's Tea Party around Mother's Day in May. Kathleen Stark often organizes a craft project for the children. The food is great, and we give prizes in various categories for the hats. Our motto is "Hats and Spats encouraged but not required."

We end up our year in June with a Soup & Salad Supper. Instead of a daytime meeting, we meet in the evening so that our working mothers and mothers with young children may attend. Instead of a business meeting we have an interesting speaker for this fellowship event.

Our officers are Mary Yeaman, President; Janet George, Vice President; and Gertrude Jones, Secretary. Our treasurers have the bad habit of moving from the area! Our last Treasurer was Bonnie Baldwin, who moved to Florida in early 2020. Camille Mittelholtz has been kind enough to take the position while we looked for another treasurer, and Shirley Newman has kindly volunteered for the job. Thank you, Shirley!

## The Barnabees

The Barnabees are the craft group of the WOSB. We meet in the fall to prepare crafts for the Christmas Bazaar. We meet on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Richardson Room, and hope you will join us for our first meeting of the program year on Thursday, September 16th.

While our in-person numbers have shrunk over the years, many women donate crafts to the Bazaar which they make on their own, as well as wonderful homemade items for our bake sale. They give us candies, cookies, cakes, and pies, as well as canned jams and preserves. We look forward to new bakers to become known for a pie or preserve!



For questions or more information please contact Mary Yeaman, President, or the Parish Office.

## Thanks and More Thanks...

- For James' care for our building.
- For Molly ably leading the Regathering Committee and for the Committee who is doing excellent work to provide safeguards for our congregation, ministries, and ministry partners, as we gather together in person again.
- For Jessica and Andy generously sharing their gifts for videography with the church—their artistry has been an incredible blessing.
- For Catherine's excellent ministry and coordination as our Parish Administrator.
- For Mariel's faithful leadership and coordination of our Christian Formation ministries.
- For our generous volunteer musicians, and their contribution to worship: Beth, Crutch, Jordan, Laura, Leigh, Sharon, and Stephen.
- For the Women of St. Barnabas' and for the Men's Group.
- For our Building & Grounds Committee, Finance Committee, Altar Guild, and Flower Guild.
- For our St. Barnabas' Sacred Ground circle, and especially for Beth and Mariel's leadership in convening it.
- For our Caritas and Prayer Chain ministries.
- For all St. Barnabas' ministry partners, including Second Story, Rebuilding Together, ACCA, and many others.
- For all caregivers and teachers, including parents and those who mentor or care for others.
- For all frontline workers, essential workers, healthcare workers, first responders, and all who serve: for their willingness to risk their lives to make the world a better place.
- Thank you to Karen Steidel for the craft materials for our Sunday school program.
- Thank you to all who facilitated and attended *The Way of Love in Lent and Easter* series, and especially Rev. John for coordinating the series and working with the facilitators.

## ASYP Returns to St. Barnabas'!

Annandale Safe Youth Project (ASYP) is back at St. Barnabas' on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons. The new Program Coordinator is Jess, joined by the well-loved and well known Gladys. It is a smaller group for now, in order to adhere to St. Barnabas' Regathering Guidelines.

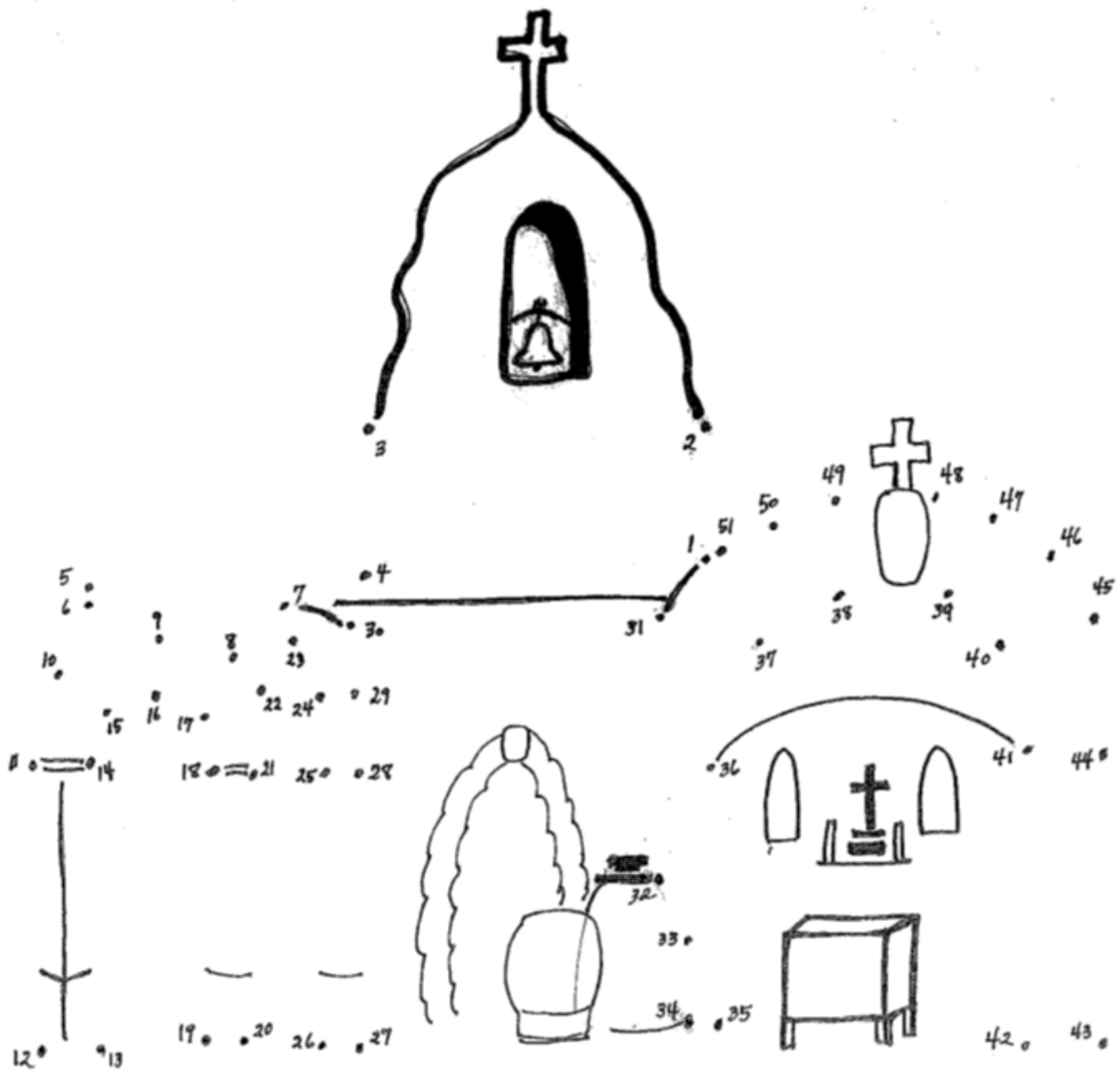
It is a privilege for St. Barnabas' to serve as a ministry partner. If you happen to be at the church during those times, you may hear children's laughter floating down the hall. Your prayers are welcome, especially that these students might know St. Barnabas' as a safe and encouraging space for growth, fun, and learning.

John+

Right: Jess and Gladys prepare for the ASYP Summer Session



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Reading desk or stand

Table where the bread and wine are consecrated for communion

Holy place





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## **Sunday Worship**

**July 2021**

**9:00 a.m. Joint Outdoor Worship**

**Children's Chapel outdoors, weather permitting**

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**August 2021**

**8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Indoor Worship**

**with masks and physical distancing**

**Children's Chapel outdoors, weather permitting,  
during the first part of the 10:15 a.m. service**

## **July Services**

In case of rain, a parish email will be sent prior to 8 a.m., indicating that worship will be indoors, with masks required for those over age two and vaccines and masks required for participants over age eleven. The doors on either side of the Altar Rail will be open for ventilation, and our vaccinated musicians will be the only ones singing.

Since we do not have livestreaming capabilities on July 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, anyone who needs to participate virtually on those Sundays is encouraged to worship virtually with the Washington National Cathedral.