

September 2021

The St. Barnabas' Reporter



A Temporary Return to 10:15 AM Outdoor Worship

Dear Friends in Christ,

This fall, we are presented with an occasion for both thanksgiving and mindfulness as we continue to adjust and improvise our worship routine to this liminal COVID time in which we live. In the Regathering Committee meeting in late August, it became clear that in seeking to both welcome and protect children (and others who are not yet eligible to be vaccinated) from the risk of a more demanding case of the Delta variant here in northern Virginia, St. Barnabas' needs to make a temporary return to Outdoor Worship.

We are planning on having one joint Sunday service in front of the church at 10:15 a.m. during September and October, in much the same style as our summer outdoor worship: livestreamed, with both congregational singing and masks (encouraged but not required). However, while our summer outdoor worship happened at 9 a.m. to avoid the heat of the day, our fall outdoor worship is scheduled at 10:15 a.m. so that we can avoid the briskness of the early morning as we get further into fall. We are hoping that by November we can return to our regular 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. indoor worship schedule, with masks and other precautions as we did in August.

While this is an adjustment, I am thankful that it will give us an opportunity to sing together outside as a congregation and also appreciate the weather that is frequently so refreshing in September and October. In case of rain or other inclement weather, an email will be distributed before 7:00 a.m. on Sunday morning—and in that case, parishioners are welcome to either mask up and participate in person in 10:15 a.m. worship in the Nave (without congregational singing), or, alternatively, worship virtually from home.

As is our regular practice, I'm grateful that we'll be able to offer our Blessing of the Backpacks during worship on September 12th, the Sunday after Labor Day. As it happens, this same Sunday will also give us an opportunity to mark the twenty year anniversary of 9/11 during worship. We are also planning on continuing with our Parish Retreat (Shrine Mont) in the first weekend of October, and our Blessing of the Animals during 10:15 a.m. worship on Sunday, October 10th.

While our Gospel readings this September focus on service and sacrifice, the Epistle of James encourages us once again to a proactive practice of our

The Rev. John Bolin Shellito
Rector

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- *10:15 Outdoor Worship*
- *Endowment—Final Call*
- *Diversity in the Body of Christ*
- *McKoy Scholarship*
- *Christian Education for Children & Youth*
- *Youth Committee Updates*
- *Heritage Food Site*
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Catherine Dubas
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Sunday Worship Schedule

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
with music

Vestry Highlights - August 18, 2021

- The Vestry approved the following resolutions:
 - * Appointment of Shirley Newman as Treasurer of the Women of St. Barnabas' (WOSB).
 - * Authorize new signatories for the checks for the WOSB.
 - * Invite EcoHouse to assess possibilities for energy efficiency improvements for church and/or solar energy installation.
 - * Appoint Ann Sayles as Chair of the Search Committee for a Christian Education staff member.
- June minutes approved upon clarification (if needed) of financial information from the Treasurer.
- Treasurer's Report:
 - * July's income was \$54,000; YTD income is \$263,000.
 - * We have received contributions from parishioners for the University of Maryland Incentive Awards Program (scholarship) in honor of Phyllis McCoy. A check will be sent to the university soon.
- James Harris, our Sexton, will be out of town for a few weeks to care for his brother.
- Office hours will return to Monday-Friday in September.
- Additional teachers are needed for the Children's and Youth programs.
- The continuing needs of our sister parish in Cuba, the Church of San Juan Bautista in Palma Soriano, were discussed. Len LeRoy and Norma Ricketts are maintaining communications with them.

A Temporary Return to Outdoor Worship *(continued from p. 1)*

faith. I wonder about the tensions in faith and life as we give thanks for the service of those who are helping evacuees resettle, as well as the medical workers who have done so much for humanity during the course of this pandemic. Both groups have demonstrated what it means to serve, in the midst of danger and exhaustion. And their inspired humanity invites us to help however we can. In those iconic words from Dr. King, "we are tied in a single garment of destiny."

God in Christ is continually showing up in our midst, to incarnationally do a new thing among us. And that includes our practice of faith, in Outdoor Worship this September and October.

Blessings,

John+

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

Returning to 10:15 a.m. Outdoor Eucharist September 5

Sunday services at St. Barnabas' will switch to one outdoor service at 10:15 a.m. starting September 5. Services will be outdoors unless there is inclement weather, in which case parishioners are welcome to mask up and join worship inside the church (or participate via livestream from home). One upside to this change is that congregational singing is allowed outdoors, led by our St. Barnabas' musicians. However, if the service has to be held indoors there will continue to be *no* congregational singing. While masks are encouraged outdoors, masks must be worn indoors. The service will continue to be broadcast on Facebook and Zoom; please check the Thursday announcements for information and links. As has been the case throughout the summer, if the service moves indoors due to rain there will be no Children's Chapel on the Peace Patio.

This schedule will be in place for September and October. We are continuing to assess the Covid-19 rate in our area and hope to be able to move services back into the sanctuary in the late Fall as we learn more about the Delta variant and/or vaccinations are available for those under age 12.

This change has been made due to the rising number of Covid-19 cases in the area and our continuing care for our young unvaccinated members. As the upcoming cooler weather makes it possible for us to have an outdoor service at 10:15am, we are moving to a schedule that provides the safest possible option for all our parishioners.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

- The St. Barnabas' Regathering Committee

Endowment Grant Final Call for 2021

by Robin Erskine

The Endowment Committee would like to entertain as many proposals as possible for our Endowment Grant(s) of 2021. While we already have some proposals, including a couple for landscaping, we welcome other proposals that fit the criteria of outreach, new ministries for strengthening the parish, or improvement to the building and grounds.

Please submit a Letter of Interest (available from the Parish Office) by September 30, 2021. If the proposal falls within the grant guidelines and is selected as a candidate, a full proposal will be needed by October 31, 2021.

While we only have \$1,400 to spend this year, any proposal that fits the criteria could easily be considered in next year's slate. Based on the fund's 2021 performance so far, it appears we have a good chance of increasing the funding in 2022.

For any questions, please contact James Carroll, Mark Patterson, or myself as soon as possible so that we can ensure the paperwork is in order for consideration and discussion. Our next meeting will be in early September 2021.

Next Date for Baptism



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

Please contact John+ or the Parish Office if you or someone you know is interested in finding out more information.

Parish Database Realm



Did you know you have a Realm account? Would you like to be able to look up contact information for your fellow parishioners?

The parish database is called Realm. Many of you already use Realm for online giving. But also you can opt into the online (closed group) parish directory, check your giving status, and communicate easily with groups you might be involved in (Altar Guild, Ushers, etc.)

Contact the parish office for more information.

HAPPY
Birthday

September

9/1 Christopher Greer

9/1 Timothy Greer
(junior)

9/7 Fiona Agnew

9/8 Carolyn Horn

9/9 Aliyah Phillips

9/11 Aaron Moore

9/15 Cyrus Elliott

9/21 Doug Merchant

9/21 Ellen Riddle

9/22 Haley Bolin Shellito

9/23 Jack Verstandig

9/24 Barbara Rigden

9/24 Megumi McKeever

9/26 Camille Mittleholtz

9/28 Dick Crutchley

9/28 Janice Carroll

9/30 Mareea Wilson

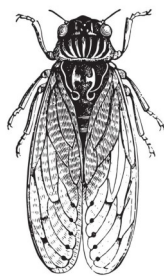


Summer 2021

St. Barnabas Day



Cicadas!!



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Parish Workday

Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet for a Men's Breakfast on Saturday, September 4th 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 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.

Women of St. Barnabas' (WOSB)

by Gertrude Jones

All women of the church are members of the Women of St. Barnabas', and we are hoping to have good attendance as we begin our new season. We will meet on Tuesday, September 14, at 10 a.m. in the Richardson Room, and, of course, masks are required. While our last business meeting was on March 3, 2020, still, the needs of our church and wider community are always with us, and we have managed to meet some of them. Our last fundraiser was our February 2020 Mardi Gras; we also have received donations from funeral receptions during the year. We were able to fund both outreach and inreach programs in 2020, and have been giving as we are able to fund a number of charities and organizations this year. We will discuss our 2021 budget further at our meeting.

We realize that women working outside the home and those with young children are not always able to come to daytime meetings. Therefore, we plan two meetings each year to better accommodate their schedules. Our New Year's Brunch is in January on a Saturday morning (date TBD), a wonderful opportunity for simple fellowship. Then in June we have an evening Soup & Salad Supper, replacing that month's daytime meeting. We usually plan for an interesting speaker, and all enjoy some amazing soups.

We are indebted to our Interim Treasurer, Camille Mittelholtz, who has managed our budget, along with Mary Yeaman, President, and Janet George, Vice President. Camille also sent us monthly updates throughout the pandemic, which we deeply appreciate. We will now have a new Treasurer, Shirley Newman, who was elected by resolution. Also by resolution, and with assistance from Camille, the WOSB has made a generous donation to the Phyllis McKoy Incentive Award Scholarship Fund in honor of Phyllis. *The Reporter* has also helped keep us together during these months when we have not been able to meet face to face.

The Barnabees

The Barnabees are the craft group of WOSB, however one does not have to be crafty to have a wonderful time of fellowship and of doing good works. There is a place for all. We meet on Thursdays at 10 a.m. in the Richardson Room. We will start Thursday, September 16, and will take stock of our supplies and do a general tidying of our space. Please join us.

Gertrude Jones



How Many Pennies in a Mile?

How many pennies in a mile? Well, there are 16 pennies in a foot. With 5,280 feet in a mile, that comes to 84,480 pennies, or \$844.80. That is what a mile of pennies is worth, and is the maximum amount that can be requested from the Church Periodical Club (CPC). CPC grants serve the needs of children from kindergarten through high school wherever there is a need.



We have a jar in the nave and one in the Richardson Room where you can drop your pennies, change or even bills! Janet George collects the money and sends it to the diocesan headquarters where it funds various charities. We hope you find it easy to contribute to this worthy effort.

Gertrude Jones

Diversity in the Body of Christ

by the Rev. John Bolin Shellito

The lectionary this summer has given us a chance to reflect on Christ as the bread of heaven. This miraculous sustenance is received not only in the Eucharist we celebrate on Sunday, but also in the stories of God in our midst. This includes the scriptural stories of Christ among the people, and especially of Christ's presence in the feeding of the five thousand. The multitude gathered that day represented unity in the midst of diversity—indeed, a unity across multiple forms of diversity. This formed the basis for a sermon series celebrating our diversity in the Body of Christ this summer. We took seven Sundays as an opportunity for us to understand more about our unique gifts and callings, strengthened by our interconnectedness and lifted up in our particularity of background and experience. Here was the schedule:

July 25th Diversity of Failures

August 22nd Diversity of Class

August 1st Diversity of Spiritual Gifts

August 29th Diversity of Life Seasons

August 8th Diversity of Race and Culture

September 6th Diversity of Practice in Faith

August 15th Diversity of Gender

McKoy Scholarship Contributions

In honor of Phyllis McKoy's joyous life and service with St. Barnabas', an Incentive Awards Program Fund scholarship has been established in her name by her sister Paula Kirk. The scholarship fund is awarded to selected students "who have thrived despite difficult backgrounds.

To contribute, please go to: <https://giving.umd.edu/giving/campaign.php?name=in-memory-of-phyllis-mckoy>. Click on "Give Here"; indicate "In Memory of"; enter "Phyllis Susan McKoy" and provide her sister's name and address: Paula Kirk, P.O. Box 192, Smyrna, DE 19977-0192. - John Westerlund

Children's Chapel on the Peace Patio



Each week, we learn about Bible stories and the word of God through fun [and developmentally appropriate] activities. Thank you to our terrific teachers, Ms. Theresa and Ms. Haley, to Mr. Larry, for the picnic tables and umbrellas, and to Mr. Ken for the sun shade!



Christian Education - Fall 2021

We celebrate the start of fall this September 12th with a Blessing of the Backpacks during worship. The Annual Parish Retreat (Shrine Mont) will happen October 1st-3rd, and we hope to resume Adult Forum on November 7th, All Saints' Sunday. The Nursery staff and Sunday School teachers are coordinating with our Youth Committee and Regathering Committee on appropriate coronavirus precautions and adjustments, which will include regular mask usage, HEPA indoor air filters, and increased ventilation. The Riddles are leading our Youth Group, which includes students in Rite 13, J2A, and 4WARD (previously called YAC). Stay tuned this fall for a report on the J2A Pilgrimage to Oregon!

Godly Play: Making Meaning Through Story, Wonder, and Play

Nurturing Spiritual Lives by Honoring the Centrality, Competency, and Capacity of Children Through Wondering

Thank you to Dawn Schafer, Delilah Stearns, Mark Patterson, Amy Grupp, Sheena Friend, and Theresa Merchant for attending new and advanced workshops offered by the Godly Play Foundation.

Youth Committee Updates

by Dawn Schaefer

The St. Barnabas' Youth Committee has been collaborating with John+ and the Regathering Committee to ensure a safe return to in-person worship and Christian formation for the children and youth of our parish, while planning and holding some exciting events. We have an amazing group of folks!

Youth Formation activities are resuming! We hope to see Sunday School and Children's Choir return soon, pending input from the families of the parish.

Our St. Barnabas' Youth Group (Rite 13 through high school) continues to gather for fun outdoor activities. Be on the lookout in your weekly announcements for details!

Please join me in showing gratitude for the leadership and care of our Youth Committee members:

- Ellen Riddle and Theresa Merchant for organizing outdoor youth events during the pandemic.
- Haley Bolin Shellito and Theresa Merchant for leading our weekly outdoor Children's Chapel.
- Simone Dugger, Ellen Riddle, Jessica Riddle, and Andy Riddle for organizing our parish-wide roller skating event.
- Andy and Jessica Riddle for leading our St. Barnabas' Youth Group.
- All who attended our workday on July 24, where we worked in the Sunday School classrooms to prepare them for a return to in-person Sunday School.
- Ellen Riddle, Jessica Riddle, and Andy Riddle for chaperoning our J2A group on their Pilgrimage to Oregon.

If you haven't already done so, please complete this survey to help us plan for the activities and safety of all our children: <https://forms.gle/CsDwVwcfirfqgd3C9>.

If you would like to join us at a future meeting, please contact me through the Parish Office.

Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA) News



ACCA is working with Rebuilding Together/Arlington-Fairfax-Falls Church to plan for a fall home repair project. We will make repairs for a lower-income homeowner or a nonprofit group home. The repairs usually make houses safer, more accessible and more energy efficient. Under current COVID protocols, up to ten volunteers each day may work on outside or inside tasks. We expect that our assigned house will be in Annandale, and that ACCA volunteers will do the work on two project workdays (9/25, 10/2 and 10/9 are being considered). ACCA and ACCA churches have rehabilitated 125 homes over the past 30 years through Rebuilding Together (formerly Christmas in April). Volunteers at all skill levels will be needed to help with repairs, safety improvements, and yard work.

The Annandale CROP Hunger Walk will be on Saturday October 16 at Lake Accotink Park. Registration starts at 8 a.m. Anyone who prefers to walk at a different time and place (due to health concerns) may do so. The Walk raises funds for Church World Service and ACCA. We welcome donations in support of our St. Barnabas' team members. CWS works with Christian organizations around the world to fund hunger and disaster relief, refugee assistance and resettlement, and sustainable development projects like drilling wells and giving animals to families. The 2020 Annandale CROP Hunger Walk raised \$19,485 and was ranked 82nd among the top fund-raising walks nationally. CWS gave ACCA \$4,871 to fight hunger locally.

The ACCA Food Pantry continues to deliver a week's groceries and hygiene products to households with an urgent need for food. Most households are referred by Fairfax County Social Services. Donated items can be left in the basket in the narthex.

The ACCA Child Development Center Board of Directors has a new Chair, Simon Workman. Simon is a consultant on Early Child Development. Kathy Holmes, daughter-in-law of the late Fred Holmes, provided excellent leadership as the previous CDC Board Chair, especially in helping to meet the challenges of the pandemic. The Child Development Center provides quality education for about 200 infants and pre-school children, as well as care for a small number of school-aged children.

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



Annandale United Methodist Heritage Food Site

by Camille Mittelholtz

The Annandale United Methodist Church Mission Center at 7901 Heritage Drive, Annandale has a food program that is distributing bagged groceries to about 200 families a week. Donations of food can be left at St. Barnabas' in the blue box in the narthex. We need a volunteer to take food collected at St. Barnabas' to the Heritage Food Site. The center can also use volunteers on Thursdays to bag and distribute food. Please contact Camille Mittelholtz for more information on the program or to volunteer.

Suggested food donations include pasta and spaghetti, 1 lb. boxes; pasta sauce, 20 oz cans; dried beans, 1 lb; white rice, 1 lb; chunky soup, 20 oz cans; meals in a can, 15 oz (Chef Boyardee, chili, beef stew, etc.); tuna, 7 oz cans; mac & cheese, regular boxes; cereal, regular boxes; peanut butter, 1 lb containers; jelly, 18 oz jars; cans of beans, 15 oz (no pork); canned vegetables/corn, 15 oz (no green beans); canned fruit, 15 oz; diced tomatoes or tomato sauce, 15 oz; and ramen noodles. The center also needs sturdy paper grocery bags with handles or nylon tote bags.

Journey to Adulthood Updated Curriculum

Journey to Adulthood is our online, downloadable youth ministry program of spiritual formation for 6th-12th graders. Fully revised and updated recently, it is centered on inclusive, relational ministry and uses Bible study, prayer, rites of passage, outreach ministries, and both serious and playful activities. Creative, developmentally appropriate lessons are arranged within three categories of Self, Society, and Spirituality. There are three two-year segments included in the program: RITE13, J2A, and 4WARD (replacing YAC).



- A two-year cohort for ages 11-13
- Includes the Rite 13 ceremony
- Uses serious and fun activities, reflection, and discussion
- Introduces Bible study, prayer, service projects



- A two-year cohort for ages 13-15
- Helps develop critical thinking and responsibility
- Introduces new ways of engaging with scripture and prayer
- Concludes with the Pilgrimage experience

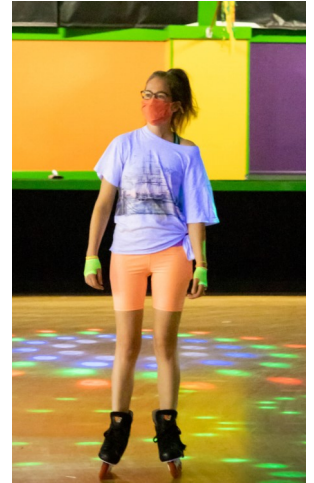


- A two-year cohort for ages 15-18
- Emphasis on discernment and vocation
- Robust Bible studies and focus on service to the church and community
- Concludes with the 4Ward ceremony

If you are interested in looking at the new curriculum please contact the Parish Office.

Family Skate Party

photos by Jessica Riddle



Name the Room Update

by John Bolin Shellito

Our ranked choice voting system for our *Name the Room* contest made it clear that St. Barnabas' is interested in naming the central room in the Education Wing to honor and remember the ministry of both Joy and +Bob Lyles here at St. Barnabas'—especially during the time when +Bob served as Rector. The legacy of the first Rector and “first family” continues to be significant here at St. Barnabas'. We are grateful to be able to honor the Lyles family for their faithful and inspired leadership of St. Barnabas' in its early decades.

In retrospect, the Olympics were a very appropriate backdrop for our *Name the Room* contest. The energy and creativity that went into all the submissions brought heightened meaning to our shared understanding of St. Barnabas' particular calling and legacy. We appreciate everyone who entered a name for voting!



Cuba Update

by Len LeRoy

Our sisters and brothers at St. John's Church in Palma Soriano, Cuba are facing grave shortages of food. The COVID pandemic has essentially closed down their economy, with food and medicine frequently unavailable in stores. Residents have been using phones and public Wi-Fi to communicate news of grocery stores that do have food and other essentials available, and phones have helped to facilitate more informal systems of trade as well. Now, with people going hungry, the Rev. Deacon Noel Josue Rodriguez Santos has been leading St. John's effort to feed the needy. In response, the St. Barnabas' mission team (with our Rector's consent) has resolved to help Deacon Noel and St. John's, and we ask for your prayers and support also.

During the 2019 mission trip our team spent a week with the people at St. John's. They assisted with their Summer Vacation Bible School program, and conveyed gifts from St. Barnabas' including communion linens, over-the-counter medication, clothing, softball equipment, and greeting cards from our children to the St. John's children. In addition, Canon Carol Flanagan sent Deacon Noel the ordination stole and chasuble which she had worn to celebrate Holy Eucharist at the National Cathedral. St. Barnabas' also provided financial assistance for St. John's to purchase and rehabilitate a rectory.

A surplus then remained, which St. John's set aside towards a future parish hall. Now, because of the current need, your mission team has informed Deacon Noel that he is free to use the remaining funds to feed the hungry. Deacon Noel so far has provided food assistance to 31 families with 111 members. Your team hopes to raise additional aid and is exploring how best to provide assistance.

Below are some photos Deacon Noel sent recently. You might notice that it is mostly toiletries. The Ultrex is laundry detergent. While basic supplies are hard to come by, our efforts to help Deacon Noel's community are more important than ever.

We appeal to you for your continued prayers and support for our sisters and brothers in Cuba. If you wish to help financially, please make your check payable to St. Barnabas' with "St. John's Aid" on the memo line. You can also contribute through Realm; look for St. John's Aid (Cuba) on the drop-down.



Updates from the Bishop Search Committee

June Update from the Search Committee for the 14th Bishop of Virginia 6/25/2021

We are happy to report we have held our first organizational meetings and are diving head first into the work before us. We were blessed to come together (via Zoom) for a retreat on May 7 and 8. The retreat allowed us to get to know each other, learn more about the path ahead for the search, and pray and reflect on where the Holy Spirit is leading the Diocese of Virginia.

We resolved to meet twice a month going forward. We are also hoping to engage together in training on racial reconciliation and healing. This aspect of our common life together is very important to us. None of us needs reminding of how integral slavery and segregation were to shaping not just The Episcopal Church in Virginia, but American Christianity writ large (for a primer on this subject please pick up a copy of White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity by Robert P. Jones).

Going forward, we pledge to keep you informed as much as we can about the progress of our work. All the people of God are important in this process. Going forward we will solicit input from key diocesan stakeholders to inform our search process. We are the church, the Body of Christ. Every member of the body has a seat, and a voice, at the table. We are committed to listening deeply to the hopes, fears, dreams, and concerns of the saints as we engage in this sacred responsibility.

Most importantly, we ask you to pray: pray for the search committee, pray for the Diocese of Virginia, pray for The Episcopal Church, pray for your own parish family, and pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as we discern God's will for us as a people of faith.

-The Bishop's Search Committee

July Update from the Search Committee for the 14th Bishop of Virginia 8/3/2021

Dear friends in Christ,

After several Zoom meetings this spring, our committee gathered last Saturday at Roslyn. Our day-long meeting was characterized by joy, gratitude, and optimism: joy, at our first chance to be together in person, to make small talk during coffee breaks, and to share a meal; gratitude for the gifts we are discovering in one another, and for the trust you have placed in us; and optimism about what God will do and reveal in the next chapter of the life of our Diocese.

We are still in the "pre-search" phase of our work, meaning that we are not yet considering potential nominees to be our next Bishop. At Roslyn, with the help of consultants from the Kaleidoscope Institute, we explored the diversity of perspectives we bring to our task. We are educating ourselves and one another about the character and history of the Diocese, and we are seeking insight from people with deep, firsthand experience of diocesan functioning under recent Bishops. We are laying plans for the fall to invite every member of our diocesan family to share hopes, prayers, and aspirations for where God may be calling us under the leadership of our next Bishop.

It is a joyful blessing and a high privilege to be doing this work on your behalf. Thank you in advance for your participation. And thank you for your prayers. You are in ours!

-The Bishop's Search Committee

Safe Church, Safe Communities Update

Many of you are aware that the Episcopal Church has a required program in place for Sunday School teachers, Vestry, Staff, Clergy, Eucharistic Ministers, and others in positions of church authority, to educate church leaders on safe policies, procedures, and expectations. This program is designed to minimize the risk of misconduct by establishing healthy norms and a culture of awareness. We want to maintain a safe church by adhering to policies that protect against misconduct (whether intentional or unintentional) and that seek to protect well-intentioned church volunteers and staff against suspicion of misconduct.

In 2019, the Diocese of Virginia updated its guidelines, such that beginning August 1, 2022, recertification will be required every 5 years (rather than every 10). Training received prior to August 1, 2022 is still considered current for the next 10 years.

The vendor for the program, Praesidium, and the Episcopal Church recently have updated both the program itself and the process for completing the training. The new training program is called *Safe Church, Safe Community*, and the new platform is Praesidium Academy. The program courses include *Introduction and Theological Background*, *Organizational Rules and Model Policies*, and *Abuse and Neglect*.

In addition, the following courses will be added to Praesidium Academy by the end of 2021:

- Healthy Boundaries
- Power & Relationships
- Inclusion
- Pastoral Relationships
- Anti-Harassment
- Bullying
- Reporting Abuse

The Church's Task Force to Develop Model Sexual Harassment Policies and Safe Church Training has worked with Praesidium for the last 5 years to develop this updated training program, which has resulted in a program that is more user-friendly and which enhances the learning experience.

For more information on Misconduct Prevention training in the Diocese of Virginia, please visit:

<https://www.thediocese.net/resources/administration/sexual-misconduct-prevention/>

Reporter Deadline and Invitation for Pet Photos

The deadline for the October 2021 issue of *The St. Barnabas Reporter* is Wednesday, September 15th. Please submit announcements and/or photos to the Parish Office at stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com. Hard copies of announcements and/or photos are welcome, as well.

Now for a special request: We would like to publish photos of your pets in our October issue, in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. Please send an electronic copy, along with your pet's name. (Names may or may not be included in the newsletter, depending on space, etc.) No need to have yourself in the photo, as it will be a match-this-pet-to-its-owner type of page. Physical photos are accepted, as well! The same deadline applies: September 15th.

September office hours: Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Office will be closed on Monday, September 6th in observance of Labor Day.

Thanks and More Thanks...

- For Catherine Dubas for her excellent office management.
- For Maria Bottlick for her conscientious bookkeeping.
- For Beth Harper and Mariel York leading an informative and clarifying Sacred Ground Series.
- For Mariel York building up the Children and Youth program over the course of the three years she served as Director of Christian Education at St. Barnabas'.
- For the Caritas ministry: Cricket Camp, Beth Harper, Carolyn Lilienthal, Maria Macfarlane, Molly Newling, and Kathy Schaefer.
- For James Harris' care for our building.
- For Grace Robbin's leadership as Senior Warden.
- For Larry Stark's leadership as Junior Warden.
- For the Vestry's careful leadership and inspired decision-making.
- For the Youth Committee and Adult Christian Education Committee.
- For the Regathering Committee.
- For our Parish Office volunteers, especially Ann Sayles, Beth Harper, and Mable in August.
- Ken Mittelholtz for various repairs and consultations, including most recently the office phones!
- For Molly Newling and her contribution of a high chair for the Richardson Room, as well as an infant changing table for the men's restroom in the Education Wing.
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10:15 a.m. Outdoor Eucharist ■ September & October 2021

Our Sunday services in September and October
will be outdoors at 10:15 a.m., weather permitting.

In case of inclement weather, the service will be indoors and all are invited.

Masks are required indoors at all times.

Services will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and also
available via Zoom for those worshipping online.

September 12, 2021

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Blessing of the Backpacks and Music

October 10, 2021

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Blessing of the Animals and Music