

October 2021

# The St. Barnabas' Reporter



## Our Presence, Our Treasure

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we get into the Fall, it's an appropriate time once again to consider Stewardship—not only how we care for our bodies—our minds, hearts, muscles and guts—but also how we care for our souls. A crucial part of this is taking action to care for those in our various different spheres of influence, whether at home or outside it; among our families, friends, and neighbors; and this includes our church. Throughout Scripture, various biblical figures responded to God's messengers with a simple statement of presence: "Here I am." More than anything else, our positive presence means we are ready to respond to another's initiative, and we are especially ready to respond to God's initiative. Our caring actions acknowledge our common humanity and celebrate God's compassion. Our connectedness and our presence with one another (even through the words of this letter!) are an acknowledgement of God's presence among us.

In addition to our time and talent, stewardship also involves the challenge of talking about our treasure—and, I'm not just talking about compassionate actions here—I'm also talking about the more problematic and at times emotionally fraught arena of our finances. I'll share a funny money story:

A young lady wrote to Ann Landers, recounting a story about her uncle and aunt. She shared: "My uncle was a notoriously cautious saver, having endured some tight times in his life. Every time he got a paycheck he made a point of taking twenty dollars out, first thing, so that he could put it under his mattress. Finally, toward the end of his life, he was confined to his bed, and he realized that death was near. He called his wife over and asked her to make him a promise. "What is it?" she asked. He said "I want you to promise me, that when I die you'll take the money under the mattress and put it in my casket so that I can take it all with me"

The young lady continued her story. "Well, not too long after that, my uncle did die, and his wife kept her promise. She very day he died she went and got the money from under the mattress, and she took it and put it in the bank. Then she wrote out a check, and put the check in the casket with my uncle's body."

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The Rev. John Bolin Shellito  
Rector

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***Sunday Worship Schedule***

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
with music

## **Our Presence, Our Treasure** *(continued from previous page)*

Wherever you choose to put your treasure, I hope that our interconnectedness here at St. Barnabas' can be a part of how we laugh and learn and mature together.

Blessings,  
John+

## **Vestry Highlights - September 15, 2021**

- The Ministries Fair is being planned for early in 2022.
- The Vestry tentatively decided on the title of Coordinator of Christian Education for our recruitment to replace Mariel York. The final title might be changed depending upon the qualifications of the new hire.
- Resolutions from the Finance Committee:
  - \* that the St. Barnabas' Vestry approve up to \$1,200 for videography contracting for special occasions, such as All Saints', Christmas, Epiphany Pageant, and Easter; the resolution passed.
  - \* that the Vestry approve \$1,800 for new planting, with additional funds to be made available if needed.; the resolution passed.
- The Vestry Stewardship Statement was discussed.
- The Finance Committee would like to have the congregational pledges turned in by October so that the Committee has time to prepare the 2022 budget.
- The St. Barnabas' pledge to the Diocese was discussed. Our pledge should be sent to the Diocese in November before the Diocesan Convention. The Finance Committee recommends that St. Barnabas increases its pledge to \$50,000 (up from \$45,000 in 2021). The Vestry concurred.
- Treasurer's Report
  - \* DCE check was mailed.
  - \* Budget 2022 planning begins in October 2021.
  - \* EcoHouse solar energy recommendations are delayed until October.
- The Rev. Shellito reminded us that the Rector's Discretionary Funds is available to assist with financial issues.
- We will have a supply priest with us for October 3 (Parish Retreat-Shrine Mont weekend) and the Sunday after Thanksgiving.
- Stephen Ackert has arranged for the quintet from 2020 to return for our Christmas prelude.
- The Vestry feels that the office hours should be scheduled at the wish and convenience of the Rector and staff.

## Fall Sermon Series: Creation

by the Rev. John Bolin Shellito

As we celebrate weekly Eucharist together outside this Fall, we have a unique opportunity to appreciate nature. Our sermon series will reflect on God's presence and work in Creation: among us, with us, for us, and through us. (And, in case of adverse weather, all are invited to a masked indoor worship service.)

September 19th *Leading With Creation*

September 26th *Generosity and Courage in Creation*

October 3rd *Creation's Comfort in Adversity*  
Sermon to be preached at Shrine Mont

October 10th *Peace With Creation: St. Francis and the Blessing of the Animals*

October 17th *Who's on First? The Mysteries of Creation and the Mysteries of Service*

October 24th *The Redemption of All Creation (and What to Do About It)*

October 31st *The Gifts of God for the People of God: On Being a Sojourner with God in Creation*

## Christian Education - Fall 2021

Spiritual Coffee Hour & Bible Study will meet on Monday, October 4 and Monday, October 18 at 7:30 PM. Please check the weekly announcements for the Zoom link or information on how to join via telephone.

Discussions will include the lectionary for the upcoming Sunday. The lectionary can be found at <https://www.lectionarypage.net/>.

## Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet for a Men's Breakfast on Saturday, October 2nd 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.

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

## 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*

### October

- 10/1 Dottie Rogerson
- 10/1 Jonathan Barber
- 10/2 James Carroll
- 10/3 Marilyn White
- 10/4 Charles Camp
- 10/6 Connie Badger
- 10/7 John Rogerson
- 10/13 Carolyn Lilienthal
- 10/14 Helen Mosher
- 10/18 Nancy MacLachlan



## Cuba Update

by Ed Ing and Len LeRoy

As earlier reported, the COVID outbreak in Cuba has led to dire hardships for a fragile economy. Acting with our Rector and the Vestry's approval, your St. Barnabas mission team dispatched a food shipment. On September 14th, St. John's in Palma Soriano received 11 pounds of meat, 20 pounds of spaghetti sauce, 26 pounds of tomato sauce, 21 pounds of tomato paste, and a box of cleaning supplies.

The aid is modest. Our brothers and sisters in the Episcopal Church there will know, however, that they are not forgotten.

Your mission team intends to send another food shipment next month and the month after.

Please consider supporting this effort with a check made out to St. Barnabas's Episcopal Church designated for the Cuba mission. Thank you.

The reconstructed church on the night of its consecration with an overflow crowd outside (2012)



## 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

The Women of St. Barnabas' (WOSB) happily had their first meeting in over a year on Tuesday, September 14. There was a good turnout, and we were glad to see one another. We agreed that we would not be able to hold our number-one fundraiser, the Christmas Bazaar, this year. We discussed what we could do to raise money for our outreach and inreach efforts, and have decided to hold a Bake Sale on Sunday, November 21 after services. We will be asking for donations of cakes, pies, cookies & candies, and jams & jellies from anyone who is able to help support this fundraiser.

In January, we hope to have our New Year's Brunch for the women of the church. Typically, everyone brings a dish to share, and we enjoy wonderful fellowship. The brunch currently is scheduled on Saturday, January 8 at 10 a.m.

Looking forward to February, we believe we can present our Mardi Gras Party on February 26 at 6 p.m. in the Richardson Room. We plan to make this year's party a family affair and invite the children, too. We will expand our menu beyond spicy jambalaya, with something for everyone.

On Saturday, May 7, we plan to hold our famous Mad Hatter's Tea Party; "Hats and Spats" is our motto. We have fabulous food and many prizes for hats.

We end our year at the June WOSB meeting which we have in the evening so that women who are unable to come to daytime meetings can attend. We start with a shared dinner, and then have a speaker of interest. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7.

Our Interim Treasurer, Camille Mittelholtz, gave a report. We gave \$200 to the fund established at the University of Maryland in honor of our dear member Phyllis McKoy. We also welcomed our new Treasurer, Shirley Newman.

The Barnabees will not meet since we are not having our bazaar. Members are encouraged to make items for November 2022 when we are planning to hold the bazaar again. We will make an announcement when the Barnabees begin meeting again.

*Please note: Our 2022 dates are tentative.*



## Thank You's



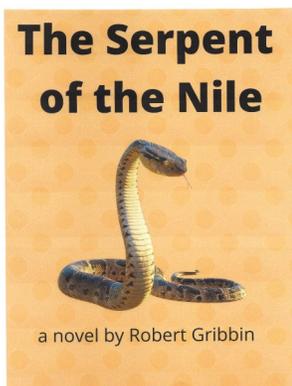
Thank you dear parishioners and my dear colleagues for remembering me with the most unexpected and heartwarming monetary gift. Also, thank you for all the prayers as my surgery and recovery has been successful. Blessings, Mariel

Many thanks to all those who helped with prayer, good wishes and good food. Jonathan and I are enormously grateful to all who have helped out. Anne Radway

## “Mary, Mary” an Art Exhibit

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 1132 N. Ivanhoe St, Arlington 2205 is sponsoring an art exhibit during Epiphany. The theme for the exhibit is "Mary, Mary." It will include the artists' interpretations of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The dates of the show are November 17, 2021 to January 12, 2022. Kathleen Stark will have paintings in this show. For more information contact Kathleen through the Parish Office. For exhibit hours contact St. Michael's at (703) 241-2474 or parishoffice@stmichaelsarlington.org.

## Bob Gribbin's Latest Novel Now Available



Hi all, My latest novel, The Serpent of the Nile, is now available on Amazon. Here is a blurb:

A former peace Corps Volunteer, now a Nairobi based free-lance journalist, pursues stories of corruption, arms smuggling, and human trafficking in war-torn South Sudan. He becomes caught up in the violence and intrigue that plagues the world's most desperate nation. Set against the grim reality and history of the region, this novel accurately portrays the despair, hope, and aspirations of South Sudan's beleaguered people.

Read and enjoy!

Bob

## Building Use and an Invitation

Use of the building by outside groups, including our ministry partner Second Story, is slowly resuming. Together with Second Story, St. Barnabas' serves at-risk youth in grades 3-5 through the Annandale Safe Youth Program. The group resumed in-person, masked meetings this summer, and has continued with Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons since school started. If you might be interested in volunteering as a mentor/homework helper, please contact the Parish Office.

The AA group is meeting in a hybrid model, with some people in person and others via technology. Al-Anon is still meeting virtually at this time, though hopes to meet in person soon. Our Reiki Friend also have resumed meeting one Friday each month.

Ryders' Rounders have resumed Thursday evening dance. They also are starting a Basic Rumba Class on Sundays beginning October 17th. Dance will be from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Richardson Room. Dancers stay with the partner they came with and all church protocols are followed. Ken & Berni Ryder invite you to check out the Basic Rumba Class! New members are always welcome. For more information please contact the Parish Office (stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com or 703-941-2922).



► **October 2021 Schedule of Participants – St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church** ◀

If you cannot serve as assigned, please find a replacement and notify the Altar Guild Chair / Team Captain / Parish Office. Thank you.

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October services are at 10:15 a.m. outdoors, and will be livestreamed, with the exception of October 3rd (supply priest for Parish Retreat weekend).

DATE	ACOLYTE	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	USHER	OPENER / VESTRY-CLOSER
October 3 19 Pentecost <i>Parish Retreat Wknd</i>	Michael Dugger	L Mellon Job 1:1; 2:1-10 Psalm 26	G Sinclair Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Prayers of the People	Cy Tamanaha	Vestry Rep: TBD Closer: K, C Mittelholz Openers: Agnew, Ing, TBD Flower Guild: Radway Flower Del: TBD
October 10 20 Pentecost	Michael Dugger	H Mosher Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Psalm 22:1-15	M Newling Hebrews 4:12-16 Prayers of the People	Ken Mittelholz	Vestry: D Schaefer Openers: Patterson, Schaefer, Erskine Flower Guild: Newling Flower Del: Badgers
October 17 21 Pentecost Assumption	Michael Dugger	K Stark Job 38:1-7, 34-41 Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b	H Agnew Hebrews 5:1-10 Prayers of the People	Charles Camp	Vestry: G Robbins Openers: Newling, Friend, Fortune Flower Guild: TBD Flower Del: Agnew
October 24 22 Pentecost	Michael Dugger	S Newman Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8	G Sinclair Hebrews 7:23-28 Prayers of the People	Art Hamerschlag	Vestry: L Stark Openers: Patterson, Kennedy, Agnew Flower Guild: Wiseman Flower Del: E Riddle
October 31 23 Pentecost	Michael Dugger	M Patterson Ruth 1:1-18 Psalm 146	C McLaughlin Hebrews 9:11-14 Prayers of the People	Robin Erskine	Vestry: B Ayala Openers: Newling, Robbins, Ing Flower Guild: Radway Flower Del: TBD
November 7 All Saints' Sunday Baptism	Michael Dugger	E Riddle Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 24	Charles Camp Revelation 21:1-6a Prayers of the People	TBD	Vestry: J Barber Openers: TBD Flower Guild: Newling Flower Del: BJ Fortune

**Counter Schedule**

DATE	TEAM
Oct 3	
Oct 5	No count, Parish Retreat Weekend
Oct 10	Patterson, Ayala, Ricketts
Oct 17	Crutchley, Newling, Riddle
Oct 24	Hamerschlag, K Mittelholz, Stark
Oct 31	Robbins, C Mittelholz, Friend
Nov 7	Jones, Barber, D Schaefer

**Altar Guild Schedule**

DATES	CAPTAIN	TEAM
Oct 2-8	Leatherwood	Anderson
Oct 9-15	Newling	Robbins, S Jones
Oct 16-22	Robbins	Friend, Leatherwood
Oct 23-29	Yeaman	Sayles, Badger
Oct 30-Nov 7	Leatherwood	Ayala, Newling

## Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA) News



The ACCA Furniture Ministry has begun operating twice a month to deliver donated furniture to families who need it and to pick up donations. St. Barnabas' upcoming turn to volunteer is Saturday, October 30. Volunteers report at 8 a.m. to the warehouse on the grounds of Annandale United Methodist Church, 6935 Columbia Pike, Annandale VA 22003.

We are moving ahead with plans for an ACCA home repair project with Rebuilding Together/Arlington-Fairfax-Falls Church. RT/AFF assigned ACCA a group home that serves disabled women, operated by a nonprofit. The house is in Annandale. Most work will be outside. Tasks include repair and removal of a lot of fencing, painting shutters, and ramp/deck repair. We need volunteers at all skill levels to help with the work. The workday will be October 2. If needed, we will do additional work on October 9.

The Annandale CROP Hunger Walk will be on Saturday October 16 at Lake Accotink Park with registration at 8 a.m. Any walker who prefers to walk at a different time and place due to health concerns is encouraged to do so. We need walkers, and welcome donations in support of St. Barnabas' team members. To register to walk or to donate online, please see <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/st-barnabas-episcopal>. You can also donate by check payable to CWS/CROP, or with a check to St. Barnabas designating CROP Walk in the memo line. There also will be a link on Realm, accessible through the parish website.

The Walk raises funds for Church World Service and for ACCA. CWS funds hunger and disaster relief and refugee assistance and resettlement in the U.S. and around the world, as well as sustainable development projects overseas, like drilling wells and giving animals to families. The 2020 Annandale CROP Hunger Walk raised \$19,485 and ranked 82<sup>nd</sup> among the top fund-raising walks nationally. CWS gave ACCA \$4,871 to fight hunger locally.

To volunteer, or for more information about ACCA, the CROP Walk, or Rebuilding Together please contact Ken or Camille Mittelholtz.



## Fall Parish Workdays

by Camille Mittelholtz

The Junior Warden and Building & Grounds Committee are planning a parish workday on Saturday morning, October 23. Please come when you can between 9 a.m. and noon. We will be taming summer growth, weeding, and renewing some garden spaces. Please bring gloves, shovels, clippers, gardening tools, and your enthusiasm.

We are planning a second parish workday on Saturday November 20, also from 9 a.m. to noon. This workday will focus on leaf removal. In addition to gloves and gardening tools, please bring rakes and tarps.

Please plan to join us for one or both days.

Larry Stark, Ken & Camille Mittelholtz, and Mark Patterson



## The Collect for the Feast of St. Francis (October 4)

*Gracious God, your servant Francis, who called each creature of air, sea and land, brother or sister, reminds us of your great love for all creation. Grant that every creature gathered here today, large and small, may live lives of praise as you intend. Grant also that we may love your creation, and revere its sacredness; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. AMEN.*

## Reporter Deadline

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

October office hours: Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Friday the Parish Administrator works from home. The Office will be closed on Monday, October 11th in observance of Columbus Day.



## J2A Pilgrimage

The Pilgrimage was a great experience for me because I got to see a different part of the country. My favorite moment was seeing Crater Lake. Waking up early for the sunrise was painful but it was really nice having the lake all to ourselves for a few hours. I would like to thank the parish for supporting us and helping us with fundraising. And I really want to say thank you to Ms. Ellen, Jessica, and Andy for guiding us on our J2A journey.

-Xochi

The 2021 Pilgrimage was a spiritual experience to say the least. I thoroughly enjoyed the time I spent in nature in God's creation. I'm happy I shared that time with people I enjoy and could be myself and not have to worry about anything but the present time. Even though it took us near 3 years to get to this point we finally did it, it was great.

- Jacob

We had such a lovely journey with Xochi and Jacob in Oregon. Here are some photo descriptions to help paint a picture. (Photos are roughly left to right, top to bottom, beginning on the facing page.)

1 Visiting the Sand and Stone Garden at the Portland Japanese Garden.

2 At The Grotto - an outdoor Shrine to Mother Mary carved into the side of a cliff

3, 4, 5 Haystack Rock at Cannon Beach - We had an awareness program tour that provided an ecological perspective of Haystack rock and its importance to the various sea animals and seabirds and human impact.

6, 7 Multnomah Falls - There was a beautiful hike along the falls, and Andy and Jessica got to experiment with some photography skills.

8, 9 Crater Lake - The lake was the grand finale to the pilgrimage and it was more than we could have ever hoped for. We started the day with the sunrise, followed by a strenuous hike down to the lake. Both were nice and peaceful because there was no one around since it was so early. Then we had Eucharist looking over the lake, right by where we took our group photo.

-The Riddles



## In Honor of the Feast of St. Francis

Inserted in the newsletter are the descriptions provided by each family or person submitting a photo for this issue. Some people submitted more than one photo. See if you can match the person/description to the photo!





## Thanks and More Thanks...

- For the Vestry's leadership
- For all those helping with Barbara Metz's Celebration of Life on September 25th
- For the Christian Education Search Committee
- For the Minister of Music Search Committee
- For the Youth Committee for their fortitude and adaptability
- For our instrumentalists and singers in worship—especially for their generosity in sharing their musical gifts
- For the Altar Guild
- For the Flower Guild
- For all those helping with Children's Chapel
- For the Building and Grounds Committee
- For the Finance Committee
- For the Stewardship Committee
- For the Endowment Committee
- For the Digital Footprint Committee
- For the Parish Retreat (Shrine Mont) Committee—especially as they prepare for our upcoming retreat.
- For the staff at Shrine Mont for their care of the campus and guests.

## In the Presence of God

*We pray for God's strength and healing for* ... Jonathan Barber, Bernard Blair, Emma Blevins, Jean Anne Braddon, Charles Camp, Margot Donnelly, Frank Donnelly, Simone Dugger, Rotha Frye, Preston George, Lee Gibbs, Roger Hefferan, Sharon Jones, Alusine Kanu, Joy Lyles, Tom Lyles, Bob Macfarlane, Maria Macfarlane, Cindy McLaughlin, Marion Meany, Helen Mosher, Aliyah Phillips, Beth Phillips, Anne Radway, Barbara Rigden, Ann Sayles, Frank Spink, David Steidel, Marea 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.

## KIDS COLORING PAGE



Pope Francis chose his name in reference to St. Francis of Assisi, whom he referred to as, "...the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation." St. Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of animals and the environment. He lived at the turn of the 13<sup>th</sup> century. He was the son of a wealthy merchant; he gave his fortune away to the less fortunate.



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**Change Service Requested**

**Sunday, October 10, 2021**

**Blessing of the Animals**

**10:15 a.m. Outdoor Eucharist**

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

In case of inclement weather, the service will be indoors;  
masks are required indoors at all times.

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