

The St. Barnabas' Reporter



Dwelling in God's House

Dear St. Barnabasians,

I am thankful that the mother bird who has made her nest in the back wall of the Nave has been adding to the songs of praise offered by our choir and congregation this spring. Even as her young advocate for the food they need to survive, the presence of her family with us on Sunday mornings is a reminder of the promise offered in the words of Psalm 23, that we *“shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”*

Usually, I'm more familiar with thinking of dwelling in God's house as a heavenly aspiration, but here we have been given a very practical example of making a home with God and with God's people. I'm reminded of a mother duck who decided to make her nest in the quad at the center of Union Theological Seminary while I was a student there—countless students and staff pitched in to try to help her feel comfortable—including by providing a kiddie pool complete with steps for her little ones.

To me, these two examples of a (creaturely) family dwelling in God's house are a fitting embodiment of our lectionary Psalm for Mother's Day—and the optimism of those two mothers is a healthy counterbalance to the earlier parts of the psalm, that have historically been descriptive of the grief journey: *“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.”* The pathway through grief is fraught and difficult—and yet, God's comfort is there, too.

For me, journeying through the White Savior Video series on Sundays this past Lent and Eastertide has been an opportunity to lament the history of chattel slavery, race-based dehumanization, and Jim Crow laws in the United States. And, it is also an opportunity to remember that even though it might feel like the valley of the shadow of death goes on and on, the promise in the fourth chapter of Malachi is that the *“sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.”* This is the reminder we'll hear once again in our lectionary reading on November 16th of this year.

And, as we get more toward summer, we may find ourselves longing for the blessedness of shade—the cool provided by trees full of leaves. I remember hearing one of Frank Spink's family members reading Psalm 121 during

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The Rev. John Bolin Shellito
Rector

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8 a.m. Sunday Holy
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Dwelling in God's House *(continued from p. 1)*

my last visit with him—when we heard the reminder that “*the Lord, watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your side, so that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.*” This is a reminder we’ll hear in our lectionary on October 19th.

Even in the times when we might feel like we have been in a deep valley for a long time, God can be present in the bright hope of a sunrise and God can also be present in the sheltering shade of a strong tree—present with us like a mother hen, just as Jesus said. And, maybe to God’s ears, all our prayerful cries are as beautiful as birdsong.

Peace and Grace,

John+

Vestry Updates

Adult Forum: Discussion on Service Times – May 18: All are invited to a special Adult Forum on **Sunday, May 18**, where we will reflect together on our worship schedule. The Vestry is inviting parish-wide input as we consider whether our current service times best serve the needs of the community. In particular, lower attendance at the 8 a.m. service has raised important questions. What makes the 8 a.m. service meaningful to you? Should alternative times or forms of worship be explored? This forum will be one of several opportunities to share your insights and hopes for our worship life.

St. Barnabas’ Day Potluck – June 15: We warmly invite you to a special St. Barnabas’ Day celebration following the 10:15 a.m. service on Trinity Sunday, June 15. Please join us for a festive potluck luncheon in the parish hall. Bring a favorite dish to share as we come together in gratitude for our patron saint and the vibrant life of our parish.

Summer Worship Schedule: Beginning June 22 through August 17, St. Barnabas will shift to one Sunday worship service at **9:30 a.m.** This seasonal schedule aims to bring us together in a spirit of unity during the summer months. Children's Chapel will continue to meet, and nursery care will be available during this service. We hope this single service time provides a meaningful way to worship together in a more relaxed summer rhythm.

Vestry News & Parish Updates: The Vestry has continued its work with dedication and care through meetings held from January to April 2025. Below are some highlights:

- **Sheena Friend** has been appointed as a trustee of St. Barnabas’, joining **Ken Mittelholtz** and **Lyn Harris** in overseeing important business matters, including borrowing and property decisions.

- Acting on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the *Richardson Scholarship Fund* has been formally closed following the full distribution of its funds. Established in memory of Jim and Sheila Richardson, the fund supported several seminarians over the years, most recently **Nathan Harpine**.
- The Vestry has worked in partnership with Rev. John to arrange a proposed schedule for his summer leave during selected weeks in June, July, and August.
- Each Vestry member has committed to serving as a liaison to a parish committee, helping to strengthen communication and collaboration across our ministries.

Finally, we extend our thanks to the Vestry for hosting the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, a joyful occasion that brought many in the parish together in fellowship. We are grateful for all who contribute to the life of St. Barnabas and look forward to sharing this summer season with you — in worship, in dialogue, and in joyful community.

ACCA News ■ *Annandale Christian Community for Action*

Rebuilding Together – In mid-April, the ACCA teams were preparing for the April 26 workday to repair two houses through Rebuilding Together-Arlington/Fairfax/Falls Church. St. Barnabas' is working with members of Annandale United Methodist Church to repair a house in Annandale. The Annandale house team will paint a shed, install a garage door, repair foundation walls and complete other outside and inside tasks. Thank you to St. Barnabas' volunteers and to the church for providing financial support for our participation. A second team of volunteers from Ravensworth Baptist, John Calvin Presbyterian and Providence Presbyterian is planning repairs for a house south of Alexandria.

Furniture—St. Barnabas' is scheduled to volunteer for the ACCA Furniture Program on Saturday morning May 31, 8 a.m. to about 11:30 a.m. We meet at the furniture warehouse on the grounds of Annandale United Methodist Church, 6935 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Through the program, volunteers collect and deliver donated furniture and items such as bedding and lamps to needy families in the Annandale- Bailey's Crossroads- Lincolnia area.

Child Development Center – The CDC provides quality care and schooling for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. The Center served 185 children as of late March, and there are preschool openings. The lower enrollment has affected the income to the school. The CDC works with Fairfax County Child Find and Infant/Toddler Connection to identify children who need special services -over a quarter of the children receive some special services.

Food Pantry and Family Emergency Assistance – In March the Food pantry provided 7-10 days' groceries to 80 families. Demand is somewhat reduced, likely due to more work availability in warm weather and to fears about immigration enforcement actions. Thank you to everyone who has given food for the ACCA Pantry and for the AUMC Heritage Mission Center Food Site. The ACCA Family Emergency Committee gives emergency assistance for rent and utility payments to people who are behind in payments.

Neighbor to Neighbor – ACCA continues to provide English classes and conversation groups and tutoring for local immigrant families from Afghanistan.

For more information on ACCA, please see accacares.org, contact Ken or Camille Mittelholtz, or contact the Parish Office.

Update on Iglesia Episcopal San Juan Bautista

By Len LeRoy and the Cuba Mission

On April 4 our good friend Yumilka moved to Palma Soriano at Archdeacon Pons' urging to take the position of church lay leader. For the past year San Juan has been without a rector. One of Yumilka's first actions is to expand their "meals on wheels" to 12 and possibly 20 household deliveries each weekday. Yumilka Galban is a History Professor at the Universidad de Oriente, the second largest university in Cuba. She has been helping at San Juan Bautista since before our visit in 2019 and organized both of the vacation bible schools that we helped put on there. Being on the scene she can best tailor the effort to the needs. In addition to lay leader duties, she is also considering preparation for the diaconate.

After San Juan was re-built in 2011, the Diocese of Minnesota installed a water purification system there. Potable water is iffy and electricity is spotty. When power is available, water can be purified and stored in a holding tank. Yasmany the caretaker/acolyte/sacristan at San Juan opens the church during the day and people can draw water to carry home. A nearby nursery school gets water for students this way. The Minnesota Diocese provides replacement filters and parts to keep the system running at San Juan and at other locations.

As part of the February mission trip, the latest water purification system was installed at the Episcopal Church Mission of San Pedro in Santiago. The Rev. Rodhin serves as priest both for this mission and for Iglesia Santa Maria in another neighborhood. A weekly community lunch is offered alternating one week at San Pedro and the next at Santa Maria. With food becoming scarcer, the numbers at weekly lunches have grown well above 200. As at San Juan, volunteers start early in the morning to prepare meals. St. Barnabas and other churches have helped with food cost.

Deacon Vaughn of the Church on the Square in Baltimore -- a joint Episcopal/Evangelical Lutheran Church of America congregation -- organized the February mission. The team included Len LeRoy, Eileen Walsh, other Episcopalians, and Lutherans. Of particular note, Methodist, Roman Catholic, and Orthodox volunteers also joined. The team worked at several Episcopal Church sites and a Lutheran Church facility in Santiago.

The February mission made a Sunday afternoon visit to San Juan Bautista. Many San Juan members were on hand to greet the team. This was an opportunity to talk about their church services, activities, and building improvements. Their demonstration and witness of faith surpass everything else. And they were eager to convey their greetings to their friends at St. Barnabas.

From the very outset, St. Barnabas' mission assistance -- for San Juan, San Pedro, Santa Maria, and other places -- has come entirely from individual volunteers and personal donations. Please keep in mind Christ's family.

Women of St. Barnabas' (WOSB) Updates

In February, the Women of St. Barnabas' distributed funds. Our work is funded by the bazaar and donations. We gave St. Barnabas programs \$1950, distributed to the Rectors' Discretionary Fund, our FACETS homeless food program expenses, the J2A Youth Pilgrimage and the Annandale Safe Youth Program. WOSB also supported local charities and organizations endorsed by Episcopal Church Women with a total of \$3050. Locally, WOSB donated funds to ACCA, Northern VA Mental Health (in memory of Claire Williams), Bethany House, the Center for Liturgy and the Arts, the AUMC Heritage Mission Food Site and Rebuilding Together /AFF. We also donated to Episcopal Relief and Development, Grace Inside, Boys Home of Virginia, Jackson Feild Behavioral Health Services and Our Little Roses.

FACETS Clients Increase

With the recent closure of the winter **Hypothermia Shelter**, we've seen a significant rise in the number of individuals and families turning to us during our monthly **FACETS food distribution**. This increase in need is deeply felt across our entire volunteer team — our cooks, baggers, shoppers, and drivers — who continue to rise to the challenge with generosity and dedication.

However, the growing demand, coupled with the rising cost of food, has placed real strain on our resources. While we are doing all we can, we are beginning to feel the pressure of meeting every request with the fullness of care and dignity our mission calls for.

When we joined the **Hot Meals Program** many years ago, we made a promise: to provide every person who came to us not only with a **warm, nourishing meal**, but also with extras — a piece of bread, a serving of applesauce, and a small treat — a simple gesture of kindness that reminds each recipient that they are seen, valued, and not alone.

Thanks to the incredible support from the **St. Barnabas' community**, we have been able to honor that commitment year after year. We have worked hard never to turn anyone away, and it is our deepest hope to continue fulfilling that promise — even as the need around us grows.

To all those who have supported this ministry — whether through time, food, funding, or prayer — please know how profoundly grateful we are. Your generosity is felt in every meal served and in every smile received. **We feel your support behind us, and it gives us the strength to carry on.** You are truly making a difference.

If you have questions about any aspects of the program, please contact me at mnewling42@gmail.com.



The 2025 Annual Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Join the Women of St. Barnabas (WOSB) for their **Annual Mad Hatter's Tea Party** on **Saturday, May 10th at 2:00 p.m.** Step into a world of charm and cheer as we gather for an elegant high tea featuring an array of classic treats such as dainty finger sandwiches, fresh-baked scones, buttery cookies, and other delicious delights. Whether you're a tea aficionado or simply looking to enjoy a delightful afternoon with friends and family, this event promises a warm and welcoming atmosphere for all.

Dress to Impress! Hats are *highly encouraged*... the more whimsical, the better! Don't have one? No worries! Enjoy browsing our special display of vintage hats, sure to inspire smiles and spark conversation.

This is a family-friendly event — **escorted children are welcome** to join in the fun.

Mark your calendars and prepare for an afternoon of elegance, laughter, and community. We can't wait to share a cup of tea with you!



J2A Pilgrimage to Arizona

Six members of the Journey to Adulthood (J2A) class and three chaperones went to northern Arizona for their pilgrimage April 12-18, 2025. We flew into Phoenix and drove north to our VRBO in Munds Park, which is about halfway between Phoenix and the Grand Canyon. We combined spiritual activities with amazing sightseeing and fellowship opportunities for us to see God everywhere, big and small.

Saturday was spent traveling and getting settled into our home away from home. On Palm Sunday, we worshiped with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Sedona, where we were welcomed with open arms. They have an incredible ministry for the hungry in the community. We also stopped by the only McDonald's in the world that doesn't have "golden arches". They're blue because Sedona is a "Dark Sky" community!

On Monday, we hiked around the Sedona Airport vortex loop and took in the incredible sights in Sedona. We also attended the beautiful and moving Taizé service at the Chapel of the Holy Cross.

On Tuesday, we chilled at the VRBO until after lunch, when we explored downtown Flagstaff, toured the ruins at the Wupatki National Monument, and stargazed with compline at the Sunset Meteor Crater.

We were on the go again on Wednesday, with visits to Montezuma Castle National Monument, a roadside stop for authentic fry bread, and more stargazing at the Lowell Observatory.

On Thursday, we watched the sunrise at the Grand Canyon and had "eucharist on the edge" followed by brunch, shopping, and sightseeing.

On Friday, we dropped off groceries for St. Andrew's ministry for the hungry as we made our way south to Phoenix for our red-eye flight home. We also took the opportunity for some pure fun at a trampoline park before

attending Good Friday mass at Trinity Cathedral. It is a gorgeous church, and the sermon was awesome! Our red-eye flight was delayed by almost two hours because of the weather, and we were so thankful to be home when our flight landed around 8am on Saturday morning.

After returning home from our pilgrimage and reflecting on the experience and our journey, with all its beautiful views, lovely moments, and especially our visits to amazing churches in Arizona, God has never felt closer. The greatest lesson we learned was that the Lord's creation is vast, everywhere, and gorgeous, and being a part of it is something we should all be grateful for. The planet is unique because the holy spirit made it so, and this was seen by us in every step we took on our pilgrimage. This message of the Lord being everywhere we look is expressed in a quote from our Taizé service at the Chapel of the Holy Cross, "Always awake to Your sacred presence, to Your divisive compassionate love, may we see in all that happens to us, in the beautiful and the bad, the mystery of Your Holy plan".

It was truly a blessing to go on this pilgrimage, and we can't thank the people of St. Barnabas' for your funding and support. Thank you for everything you all do for us.



Parish Life Photos

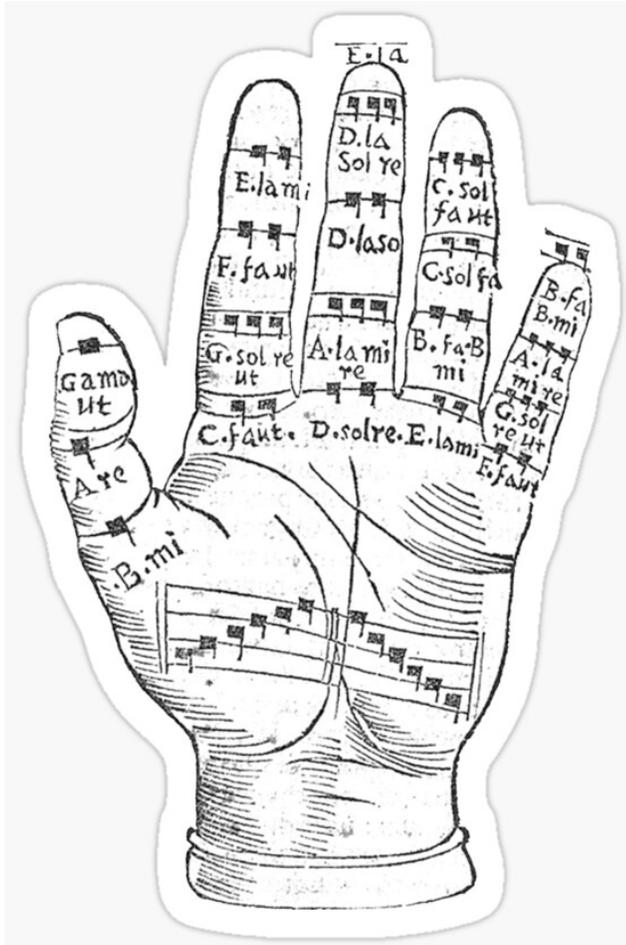


Above: the J2A class (plus chaperones) on their pilgrimage to Arizona.



Left: participants in the Icon-Painting workshop, arranged by Kathleen Stark and the St. Barnabas' Arts Ministry, proudly displaying their work painted under the tutelage of George Ziobro, Iconographer.

The Guidonian Hand: An Early Precursor to Solfège



Above: an example of the Guidonian Hand

Guido of Arezzo, an 11th-century Benedictine monk, profoundly transformed music education with his innovative methods for teaching sight-singing. His system, based on the memorization of six pitches—C, D, E, F, G, and A—was foundational in developing the solfège technique still in use today. In this hexachord, the interval between E and F is a semitone, while all other adjacent notes are whole tones. To aid memorization, Guido assigned each note a syllable derived from the first syllable of each half-line of the 8th-century hymn "Ut queant laxis," attributed to Paulus Diaconus. The resulting syllables—*ut, re, mi, fa, sol, and la*—correspond to the notes C through A, with the semitone occurring between *mi* and *fa*. Over time, the syllable "*ut*" was replaced with "*do*" by Giovanni Battista Doni in the 17th century, making the vowel sound more open and facilitating smoother vocalization. Later, the syllable "*si*" was introduced for the seventh note, B, derived from the initials of "Sancte Iohannes" (Saint John), completing the diatonic scale. In the 19th century, English music educator Sarah Glover modified "*si*" to "*ti*" to ensure each syllable began with a distinct consonant, a change that also freed "*si*" for use in indicating a raised solfège syllable (sol-sharp).

Guido's solmization system was part of a broader pedagogical approach that included the development of staff notation. Prior to Guido's innovations, musical notation was primarily neumatic, lacking precise pitch representation. Guido introduced a four-line staff, using colored lines to denote specific pitches, a system that significantly improved the accuracy and efficiency of musical transcription and learning.

Another of Guido's notable contributions was the *Guidonian hand*, a mnemonic device that assigned each joint and fingertip of the hand a specific note of the hexachord. This visual aid allowed singers to associate hand positions with pitches, enhancing their ability to sight-sing and internalize musical intervals.

Guido's methods dramatically shortened the training period for singers. Before his innovations, it could take up to ten years for a cantor to become proficient; with Guido's system, this was reduced to just one year. His contributions laid the groundwork for modern music education, influencing both theoretical and practical aspects of musical training that continue to be used worldwide.

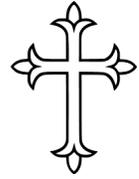
Today, Guido's legacy endures in the solfège system, a cornerstone of music education. Solfège, utilizing syllables like "do-re-mi," aids in developing sight-singing skills, pitch recognition, and understanding of musical intervals. This system is integral to music programs globally, from elementary schools to conservatories, and remains a testament to Guido's enduring impact on music pedagogy.

Thanks and More Thanks

- For Camille and her excellent leadership as our Senior Warden
- For Leigh and her inspiring leadership as our Junior Warden
- For Linda's generous willingness to step up and serve as our Register at Ann's invitation
- For Ann Sayles' generous willingness to continue to serve as our Assistant Register
- For Jeff's guidance through our White Savior video series
- For Dawn, Jessica, and Andy's generous leadership of the J2A pilgrimage.
- For all of our J2A pilgrims and their courage in taking the red-eye back to northern Virginia
- For all those connected to our Building and Grounds committee who helped improve our water fountain--
- For Fiona, Nancy, Ann, Eileen, Ron, Grace, and Tom, and all those who helped Shirley Newman's cat, Georgie find a new home.
- For Fiona and her excellent leadership as our Interim Parish Administrator
- For our Bishops and other staff of the Diocese for their leadership
- For the Vestry and their care

Give Thanks

In Memoriam



Preston Robert George

March 23rd, 2025
Annandale, VA

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Shirley Newman

March 28th, 2025
Fairfax, VA

~

Frank H. Spink

April 11th, 2025
Falls Church, VA

~

David K. Snyder

April 28th, 2025
Canandaigua, NY

Rest eternal grant to your servants, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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The St. Barnabas' Reporter for Michaelmas & All Saint's

The deadline for submissions to the Fall 2025 issue for *Michaelmas & All Saint's* is **Wednesday, August 13th**. We welcome a variety of content, including announcements, ministry updates, personal reflections, and event photos that reflect our parish life during this sacred season. Please consider how your contributions can enrich our collective story during the autumn months. To contribute, please email your announcements, photos, or other items to the Parish Office at stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com. Alternatively, hard copies of your submissions can also be dropped off at the office.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share the life and activities of our parish community with one another. We look forward to receiving your submissions to help create a beautiful and meaningful *Michaelmas & All Saint's* edition of *The Reporter*!

Pastoral Care

For urgent pastoral or prayer concerns, whether for yourself or others, in addition to Caritas, please feel free to contact the Rev. John Bolin Shellito directly at (571) 402-2218.

Summer Birthdays

Hugh Agnew
 Maria Anderson
 Lydia Arana
 Gil Baldwin
 Deborah Batten
 Cricket Camp
 Francine Conteh
 Malia Conteh
 Joshua Dugger
 Matthew Dugger
 Liam Ewald
 Lulu Harris
 Linda Hartman
 Ed Ing
 Randy Jones
 Pauline Kanu
 Luke Lilienthal
 Sophie Lilienthal
 John Lowrey
 Todd McKeever
 Theresa Merchant

An Introduction to Pentecost for Students



WHAT IS PENTECOST?

Pentecost is a very special day in the Church, which is celebrated fifty days after Easter. It's sometimes called the "birthday of the Church" because on this day, the Holy Spirit came to help Jesus' followers spread the good news about Him.

The story of Pentecost is told in the Bible in the book of *Acts, Chapter 2*. After Jesus rose from the dead and spent time with His disciples, He told them to wait in Jerusalem for a special gift from God: the Holy Spirit. The disciples were gathered together in one place when something amazing happened. Suddenly, they heard a loud sound like a rushing wind, and tongues of fire appeared above their heads. The Holy Spirit came upon them and gave them the ability to speak in many different languages. This was a miracle because people from many different countries were in Jerusalem for a Jewish festival, and they could all hear about God in their own language.

Peter, one of Jesus' disciples, stood up and preached to the crowd, telling them that Jesus had been raised from the dead and was the Savior. He explained that the Holy Spirit had come just as Jesus had promised. Peter's speech is recorded in *Acts 2:14-36*. Many people came to believe in Jesus that day, and about 3,000 people were baptized and became followers of Christ. This was the beginning of the Christian Church.

Pentecost is important because it shows how the Holy Spirit helps us to share God's love and message with others. The color red is used on Pentecost to remind us of the fire and power of the Holy Spirit. Churches often decorate with red, and people may wear red to celebrate.

The Holy Spirit continues to work in the lives of Christians today, helping us to live with love, courage, and faith. Pentecost reminds us that God gives us the strength to share His love with the world, just like the first followers of Jesus did.

HOW IS PENTECOST CELEBRATED?

- **Red Clothing:** Many people, including many priests, often wear red clothing to represent the tongues of fire that appeared above the apostles' heads on Pentecost.
- **Praying for the Holy Spirit:** Pentecost is a time when many Christians pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help them be strong in their faith, to guide them, and to give them the courage to share God's love with others.

- **Baptisms and Confirmations:** Pentecost is a popular time for baptisms and confirmations, as it focuses on God's Spirit being poured out on believers and is a time to celebrate the new life in Christ.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT PENTECOST

1. Pentecost Sunday is a "movable feast." This means it's on a different date every year! Since Pentecost is celebrated fifty days after Easter, the date of Pentecost depends on the date we celebrate Easter.
2. The name "Pentecost" comes from a Greek word *Pentēkostē*, which means "fiftieth." This is because Pentecost is celebrated fifty days after Easter. You may recognize the sounds of this word from the word "pentagon," a shape with five sides. Both of these words share the same root word!
3. The words "apostles" and "disciples" are often used interchangeably, but they mean slightly different things. Being a "disciple" means being a *follower*, and being an "apostle" means being a *teacher*. Jesus had more than twelve followers, however, the people he chose as his apostles are also known as the Twelve Disciples, to show that no matter who you are, you can always be a student of others.
4. Pentecost is sometimes called "*the Feast of Wind and Fire*" because of the wind that blew and the flames that appeared when the Holy Spirit came.

PENTECOST FLAME CRAFT: PAPER FLAME WINDSOCKS

What You'll Need:

- Red, orange, and yellow construction paper (to represent the flames)
- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- String or yarn (for hanging)
- Markers or crayons (optional for decoration)

Steps:

1. **Cut Out Flames:** Cut strips or shapes from the red, orange, and yellow construction paper to create flame-like shapes.
2. **Create the Windsock:** Take a piece of paper (about 8x11 inches) and roll it into a cylinder shape. Tape or glue the edges to hold it in place.
3. **Attach the Flames:** Glue or tape the paper flame shapes to the bottom of the cylinder, letting them hang down like fiery flames. You can layer the colors or cut them in different sizes for a fun effect.
4. **Add a Hanger:** Tape a piece of string or yarn to the top of the cylinder to hang your windsock.
5. **Decorate:** You can decorate the cylinder with markers or crayons, adding words like "Holy Spirit" or "Pentecost" to remind everyone of the special meaning of the day.

Summer Birthdays

(continued)

Jackson Miller

Meagan Morrison-Crabill

Ron Parlow

Garrett Patterson

Paradise Paul

Genevive Phillips

Andy Riddle

Jessica Riddle

Adam Schaefer

Jeff Schaefer

Kendall Schottler

Cat Bolin Shellito

Kathleen Stark

Larry Stark

Joaquin Tamanaha

Nora Verstandig

Laura Westerlund



May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Mad Hatter's Tea Party— 2pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Celebration of Life for Frank Spink—11am

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Pentecost	9	10	11 FCPS Last Day of School	12	13	14
St. Barnabas' Sunday + Trinity Sunday	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	Fourth of July 4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	FCPS First Day of School 18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

In the Presence of God

We pray for God's strength and healing for ... Bernard Blair, Charles Camp, Cricket Camp, Margot Donnelly, Charlie Flaherty, Rotha Frye, Joan Gibbs, Beth Harper, James Harris, Barry Hayhurst, Roger Hefferan, James Hughes, Gertrude Jones, Sharon Jones, Joy Lyles, Tom Lyles, Bob Macfarlane, Maria Macfarlane, Blair MacKenzie, Cindy McLaughlin, Theresa Merchant, Jack Miller, Helen Mosher, Val Nelson, Linda Pettit-Waldner, Alice Phillips, Anne Radway, Grace Rampersaud, Norma Ricketts, Ellen Riddle, Barbara Rigden, Mary Riggs, Grace Robbins, Ann Sayles, Trisha Serven, Kathleen Stark, Larry Stark, Karen Steidel, Samuel Tonge, Dana Wiseman, Dave Wright, Mary Yeaman.

For the Church ... the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby; our Presiding Bishop, the Rev. Sean Walter Rowe; and our Diocesan Bishops, the Rt. Rev. Mark E. Stevenson, Bishop; the Rt. Rev. Gayle Elizabeth Harris, Assistant Bishop; the Rt. Rev. James Joseph "Bud" Shand; 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 our sister parish of San Juan Bautista in Palma Soriano, Cuba and for the Archdeaconate of Eastern Cuba.

St. Barnabas' Mailing List Update

Your help is needed to ensure we have up-to-date information for future Reporters! As we transfer, update, and confirm everyone's details in our new(ish) *Realm* database—covering postal mail, email, phone, and emergency contacts—we ask for your assistance in this important process.

Our current Reporter address database is housed on an operating system and computer that has served St. Barnabas' for many years. However, it will no longer be updatable or transferable as our oldest desktop computer is expected to become incompatible with a functional internet browser by the end of 2025. This makes it vital for everyone to update their contact information in the new *Realm* system.

Please take a moment to log in to your *Realm* account, our church's online directory and communication tool, to review and confirm your contact details. Whether it's your **mailing address, phone number, email, or emergency contact**, we need this information updated to keep you informed about church activities, events, and special announcements.

You can quickly update your information by holding your phone's camera up to the QR code and clicking the link provided, or by clicking the following link in the online Reporter: acstechnologies.com/realm. If you cannot verify your information through the link or no longer receive the Reporter due to this computer incompatibility, please reach out to us by phone, postal mail, or email. We'll ensure your updated details are entered into the new *Realm* database.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated as we work to streamline our communications, ensure continued access to church news, and provide better care for all our parishioners. Thank you for helping us stay connected!

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

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Change Service Requested

Mad Hatter's Tea Party: Saturday, May 10th

Mother's Day at St. Barnabas': Sunday, May 11th

8am Memorial Day Outdoor Worship: Sunday, May 25th

Pentecost at St. Barnabas': June 8th

St. Barnabas' Day and Trinity Sunday: Sunday, June 15th

Potluck and with an acknowledgement for Father's Day to follow the 10:15 service

Combined 9:30 am Summer Services: June 22nd to August 31st

*Please note: Rev. John Bolin Shellito is away without pay
on summer leave between June 15th to July 12th and July 27th to August 9th*

**100th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral Shrine of the
Transfiguration:** Thursday, August 6th