

The St. Barnabas' Reporter



The Clergy Page

The Rev. Linda Wofford Hawkins, Rector



Recently I saw one of the leaders of ACCA (Annandale Christian Community for Action) whom I had not seen lately. His passion for his ministry filled the room. He did not look a day older than when I met him on my first day at St. Barnabas' over 13 years ago. He reminded me of other people I have known who give themselves to a purpose beyond themselves and then demon-

strate the life giving impact of gratitude and generosity.

For years studies have shown that people who live connected in community (churches in particular) have better health and live longer. Isolation can be death dealing. Recently Nicholas Kristof, the New York Times columnist, reeled off one statistic after the other about altruism, generosity, and volunteering. So I am now reading the book he wrote with his wife, Sheryl WuDunn, called *A Path Appears: Transforming Lives, Creating Opportunities*.

Perhaps the key is the wisdom of Brother David Steindl-Rast: "Gratefulness makes us young." Gratefulness is the driver behind the ministries in which we work and give for the common good. It is gratitude for all that we have received which is expressed in a natural flow of giving

One of my favorite commercials on television shows the adult son picking up the bill at the restaurant. After that moment of generosity, we hear the inner voices of concern for one another in the heads of father and son. Generosity and caring come from both father and son. Emotion wells up in me every time I witness that scene. I know what it has meant for me for my son to reach that turning point both in family and community life. It is beginning to happen in the church and society, but I do yearn to see that same scene in the life of the church as more of us discover the joy of giving.

Nicholas Kristof says secular organizations have something to learn from religious groups who bring to their giving both celebration and community (or even competition). As a church, we do our giving in community, discovering what happens as we join together and how much we need each other. The chart provided by our Stewardship Committee this year shows the giving of our pledgers in steps. Each of us can find oneself on the chart and ask, "Does this spot keep pace with my gratefulness to God? Can I take another step?" Some are already saying "Yes" to that second question. This year over \$31,000 in pledges will be "moving away" due to transitions. Can we step up to their places on the chart? We are a community.

We are also a community of celebration. November 9, Ingathering Sunday, is our time to celebrate. As we adopt a practice of gratitude, that day can be a time of sharing the gratefulness that grows even as we give of ourselves and our treasure.

In Christ's generous love,
Linda+

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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Schedule of Services

Sundays

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:15 a.m. Christian

Formation for All Ages

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

& Children's Chapel

(Nursery available

at 9:15 a.m.)

Wednesday Morning

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

(with Healing Service on

the first Wednesday of each

month)

'Sing to the Lord a New Song'

OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAISE GOD THROUGH MUSIC

The Adult Choir: The Adult Choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Education Wing. On Sunday mornings, the Choir meets 1 hour prior to the beginning of the service to rehearse. The Adult Choir is open to anyone who wishes to praise God in song and is able to make the commitment of weekly rehearsals.

The Children's Choir (children between the ages of 5 and 14): The Children's Choir meets every Sunday immediately following the conclusion of the 10:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist. On the days that the Children's Choir sings, they meet at 9:15 a.m. in the Choir Loft. The Choir is designed to teach our younger members good singing techniques, and to learn about basic customs and liturgies in the Episcopal Church. The Children's Choir is open to anyone who wishes to praise God in song and is able to make the commitment of weekly rehearsals.

Parish Musicians: A group of parishioners who, at the request of the Minister of Music, participate in the Music Program by offering their gifts of instrumental music during services.

NEW MASS SETTING BY THOMAS PAVLECHKO

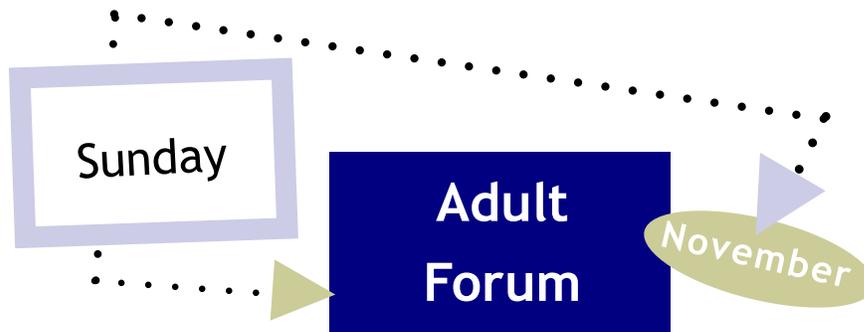
On Sunday, October 19, the Choir introduced a new mass setting by Thomas Pavlechko. Thomas was born into a Slovak-Ukrainian family of organists, pianists, vocalists, accordionists and folk dancers, and was dancing to the music of family polka bands at the age of 4. He began playing piano by age 6, was on the organ bench by 13, and was earning \$5 a week as a self-taught church organist by age 15. He proceeded with his education and ultimately earned a Bachelor of Music degree in organ performance and a Master of Music degree. He has also pursued post-graduate studies in symphonic orchestration. His skills as an organist and choral director are becoming legend. He is currently Cantor and Composer-in-residence at St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas. His fresh interpretation of liturgy and music bring us 'The Calvary Service.' I hope that the congregation enjoys this new setting as much as the choir has enjoyed preparing it.

RITE 13 LITURGY

Thank you to everyone who was involved in helping Matthew and Garrett celebrate their Rite 13 liturgy several weeks ago. Our liturgy is based on the Judaic liturgy of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah. On the music side of the



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The 9:15 Adult Forum on Sunday mornings takes its theme this year from the Collect for St. Barnabas found in the Book of Common Prayer:

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

We will explore our ministry following the ways that “Barnabas gave...”. The season continues with the theme:

BARNABAS GAVE...FOR THE RELIEF OF THE POOR...

October 26 Who is our neighbor?

Jane Thatcher, social worker at Braddock Elementary School, shares her perspective on our neighbors as she sees works with children in their families nearby. How do we serve?

November 2 Who is our neighbor?

Barbara Bolin, social worker at Goodwin House, shares the gifts and needs of the elders of our community. How do we serve?

November 9 Who is our neighbor?

Current vestry members and vestry nominees join us to explore their hopes and dreams for St. Barnabas' ministries.

November 16 Who will lead us as we serve our neighbor?

Penny Gross, Fairfax County Supervisor for the Mason District, joins in the conversation as we explore the ways the community needs us to serve.

Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing,
there is a field. I'll meet you there.
When the soul lies down in that grass,
the world is too full to talk about.
Ideas, language, even the phrase “each other”
doesn't make any sense.

- Rumi - 13th century (translation by Coleman Barks)

Sunday, November 2

6 p.m.

All Saints

Choral

Evensong

The names of the faithful departed will be read after the solemn collects. Please contact the parish office to provide names you would like included in the service.

*Reception immediately
following in the
Richardson Room.*



Outreach Commission Designates Funds for 2014

During 2014, the Vestry designated \$1,500 for the Emergent Needs Fund which is administered by your Outreach Commission. Additionally, two parishioners donated an additional \$200 to the fund. With your input, the Outreach Commission has distributed or designated grants to the following organizations:

1. Stop Hunger Now - \$200
2. The Honduran Mission, Tele, Honduras (for roof repairs) - \$300
3. The Center for Liturgy and the Arts - \$200
4. Doctors without Borders (Ebola relief) - \$200
5. Episcopal Relief & Development (Ebola relief) - \$200
6. Samaritan Ministry (relief for the homeless) - \$200
7. ACCA Challenge Grant (aid the less fortunate—rent, utilities, groceries, child care etc.) - \$100
8. Braddock Elementary School (aid the students) - \$150
9. Annandale Food Site - (aid the hungry) - \$150

Assuming we receive funding in 2015, the Outreach Commission is actively seeking your ideas as to the best use of our Emergent Needs Fund. Please contact any members of the Outreach Commission or myself.

Jack Miller 703-941-4926

Ubi caritas . . .

In Latin, *caritas* denotes not only love, but also dearness or affection; it can even be used to describe something that's very expensive (and therefore valuable), much like the somewhat-archaic English use of "dear." In the Christian tradition, *caritas* or charity is often used to mean love of God and of humankind. Echoing St. Paul, Thomas Aquinas called *caritas* "the most excellent of the virtues."

One of the most ancient hymns of the Western begins, "Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est" or, in English, "Where charity and love are, God is there." Our *Wonder, Love, and Praise* hymnal includes the Taizé setting of the refrain in both Latin and English. The hymn is often sung on Maundy Thursday, though it is suitable for almost any occasion. Paul Mealor's motet setting was commissioned by Prince William for his marriage to Catherine Middleton and was sung by the choirs of Westminster Abbey and Her Majesty's Chapel Royal at the couple's wedding.

Following the ancient tradition, St. Barnabas' Caritas team was formed to do neighborly acts of love within our parish. The team's ministries include taking Communion to someone's home, providing meals, delivering altar flowers, and providing rides to church or to a doctor's appointment for parishioners needing assistance. To request one of these ministries for yourself or for a friend or family member, contact the team member on call or the church office.

Ingathering of Pledges

Sunday, November 9

Join the celebration as we offer our financial pledges in gratefulness to God to continue our core missions: Feeding the Hungry, Feeding the Other, and Feeding the Soul.

Tuesday, November 25

Ecumenical

Thanksgiving Service

with ACCA Member

Churches

7:00 p.m.

John Calvin Presbyterian

6531 Columbia Pike

Annandale, VA 22003

Looking forward:

Annual Meeting

and Election of

Vestry Members

January 11, 2015

ACCA News

St. Barnabas' hosted the October ACCA meeting. The meeting featured a presentation by Child Development Center Isabel Ballivian showing the graduation ceremony at the Center.



The Annandale CROP Hunger Walk was held on October 18. The Walk raises funds for Church World Service (CWS) work with partner organizations around the world to help people achieve a better quality of life, through development projects like well drilling, refugee and emergency relief assistance. In the U.S., CWS re-

sponds to natural disasters and works with local communities to fight hunger. Thanks the following people who planned to walk or help at the walk: Sanjiv Augustine, Bonnie Baldwin, Elsa and Scott Cannon, Bob and Connie Gribbin, Judy Falkenrath, Theresa Merchant, Grace Robbins, Fred and Wanda Warren and Ken Mittelholtz. I (Camille) have coordinated the Annandale CROP Hunger Walk since 1986, and I am as committed as ever to working with others to do something to help address hunger, poverty and emergencies. Many thanks to everyone who have donated or pledged to support a walker. Donors can make a check payable to CWS-CROP or to St. Barnabas, designating CROP Walk. Donors can also give online. Please see www.cropwalkonline.org/annandaleva and look for the St. Barnabas' team.

The Sunday School class made CROP Walk posters this fall. The posters announced the CROP Walk and focused on ending hunger. Thanks to each child who made a poster!

The St. Barnabas' team had a successful day serving at the ACCA Furniture ministry on October 11. Our team included Rob Perkins, Elsa and Scott Cannon and Ken and Camille Mittelholtz. Thanks to the furniture volunteers. St. Barnabas is scheduled to serve next on December 6. In 2015, our duty days are January 31, March 14, May 2, and June 20. Furniture volunteers deliver donated furniture to needy families and individuals, and pick up donations. To give used mattresses (all sizes except king), bedding, tables and chairs, sofas, dressers and other basic furniture, please contact Ken or Camille Mittelholtz or email the DiSpiritos at ddmld@verizon.net.

The ACCA Challenge Grant is under way, now through January 31. The Washington Forrest Foundation and anonymous donors have pledged a total of \$36,000 to encourage others to donate to ACCA. The challenge campaign is ACCA's major fund raiser each year. The grant helps ACCA serve less fortunate neighbors in our community by giving financial help to avoid eviction, keep utilities on and help meet other urgent needs, buying fresh milk, bread and meat to supplement the donated nonperishable food, and supporting the ACCA Child Development Center. Please see information and envelopes in the narthex and consider making a donation to ACCA.

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ANNANDALE FOOD SITE

We regularly see 60 to 80 people a week now. Last week we totally ran out of canned food! We seem to be scraping the bottom fairly regularly now but we do make it through each week. These are local families, most of them living in the apartments around the area of the food site. We appreciate your generosity. Stop by and see what is going on some Thursday night. It would amaze you what seems like total chaos at first is really a well-oiled volunteer team able to handle most anything.

LET'S KEEP THE KITCHEN CLEAN

Please put all food in the kitchen in airtight, sealed containers. Food that is not properly sealed attracts mice. This has become quite a problem as of late. Also we request that all groups clean up after functions. Our sexton is now cleaning more frequently, but even overnight is too long to leave food residue.

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REPORTER DEADLINE

Please note:

***The deadline for the
combined December-
January Reporter will be
November 15.***

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Thank you.

Annandale Safe Youth Project

ASYP is gradually adding new members, including several girls. One of the boys said something to the effect they have such great manners. Amaris and Gladys are working hard on behavior and establishing a study schedule. Kids read aloud with adults when possible and the volunteers read aloud to them during snack time to help improve their language skills. ASYP is fortunate to have good volunteers who are really stepping it up, but we can always use more help! The program runs from approximately 3:45 p.m. - 6 p.m.

We're doing Spook Hall again this year, and we really need help setting up and taking down, plus a few people to add to the excitement in the totally dark hallway. It's great fun, but it does take a lot of work. Please contact Amaris or the church office if you can help.

Braddock Elementary School need your help! With approximately 730 students, Braddock Elementary, is bursting at the seams and is way overdue for remodeling. Most schools have been remodeled at least twice since any work has been done at Braddock. Resource teachers have to work with the kids in the hallways and there's no room for the Braddock Boutique, which provides used clothing to families with clothing needs. If you are so inclined, you can contact Braddock District representatives (see side bar to the left).

Also, you can register with Safeway or Giant and select Braddock Elementary as the school you want to help. The kids deserve better!

- Ann Woodle

Shrine Mont Parish Retreat 2014

Our Shrine Mont retreat gave us a chance to come together in new ways. I loved the way the children were very much part of our life, coming and going from our meetings, participating in worship, letting their presence bring light to us all! When we were doing improv skits on Saturday night after dinner, it was probably the children's bed time, but they were there to participate in the hilarity. One challenge from Andy Riddle was to find a make something using a collection of pool noodles. While we adults were waiting, feeling shy, for someone to be brave and start up, Laura Westerlund, 6 years old, came forward and with aplomb made a very interesting construction with the wands, took a bow, and went back to her seat. There was great audience applause! We all loved it, and it encouraged more of us to try our hand.

- Maria Macfarlane



Mark Your Calendar For Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 2, 6:00 p.m. - All Saints Choral Evensong with reception to follow in the Richardson Room.

Sunday, November 9, 8:00 and 10:15 a.m. - Ingathering Sunday

Friday, November 14, 6:00 p.m. - Women of St. Barnabas' Christmas Bazaar Preview.

Saturday, November 15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. – Women of St. Barnabas' Christmas Bazaar.

Sunday, November 16 – Commissioning of the Music Ministries at 10:15 a.m. (Choir Call for all choir members at 9:15 a.m.).

Saturday, December 6, 4:00 p.m. – Parish-wide caroling. Refreshments in the Richardson Room following.

December 13, 9 a.m. - noon – Breakfast with St. Nicholas of Myra. This year the former Breakfast with Santa combines with our former Advent Celebration to give us a Breakfast with Nicholas, Bishop of Myra. Join us for fun and enrichment of our observance of Advent.

Sunday, December 14, 10:15 a.m. service – Candlelight Advent Lessons and Carols.

December 18, 7:30 p.m. – Blue Christmas Service. Join us for the second annual service as we acknowledge the sadness and loneliness that can beset us in the holiday season. Come and invite others. Reception will follow.

December 21, 3:00 p.m. – Greening of the Church followed by Chili Supper.

January 4, 10:15 a.m. – Epiphany Pageant. Casting Call—Coming Soon!

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preparation, they helped choose the hymns for this very special event in their lives as well as participating in the Adult Choir.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The Blessing of the Animals brought meows and barks of support from most of the participants. This service is always a joyful celebration of the role that pets play in our lives. Following the blessing, we processed to the labyrinth to dedicate our beautiful new stone altar. The serenity and beauty of that special place is truly inspiring. Take a minute and go visit the space. It might surprise you!

I ask that you keep the Music Ministries of St. Barnabas' in your daily prayers, as I keep the parish in mine. Keep singing!

– David K. Snyder, Minister of Music



THE CELTIC CAT

With all of the worry and concern about Ebola and other catastrophes that could beset this nation I would like to take this time to set the record straight. Of course we should be concerned about possible spread of disease but we need to remember that we do enjoy the best medical care in the world. Mistakes do happen but overall the care could not be better.

Several months ago I was diagnosed with a very serious medical problem. I was extremely sick and lost so much weight that I was just white fur stretched over bones. Fortunately, I was going to an excellent doctor. She did "one more test" and that did the trick. I am now much better—not cured—but doing very well and feeling fine.

Of course my family was very worried and prayed for me. They also had the good sense to do what the doctor suggested. Modern medicine does walk hand in hand

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with God. Prayer alone works very well in many instances. But with a serious illness prayer and good medical advice cannot be beat.

I am so thankful to be well now and enjoying my meals and playing with my toys.  Praise You and thank You Lord for giving us the best medical care in the world.

- Katarina

Sunday, December 14, 4:30 p.m. – Musical Meditation for an Advent Afternoon

Daylight Saving Time**ENDS on Sunday,****November 2**

Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour.

An Advent Invitation

Dear Friends and Family at Saint Barnabas’,

As you may know, I am pursuing a Master’s degree in church music at Shenandoah University. One of the requirements in my program is to complete a series of conducting classes, culminating in a “conducting half-recital.” That means I have to conduct a program of about a half-hour of music. My advisor and I have had long discussions about what this should mean for a church music major and have concluded that the coming season of Advent offers an opportunity to present the music within a liturgical setting. With that in mind, we have crafted a “Musical Meditation for an Advent Afternoon.” Hold that thought.

We are coming to the end of the season of Pentecost and the short Advent season is approaching. To me, these are seasons of rejoicing and celebration of Easter and the powerful events that ensued in the life of a newborn church and of anticipation of the Christmas celebration of Christ’s birth. They look both backward and forward. The juxtaposition of the end and start of the two seasons is a great image for me as I contemplate the events that have brought me to this point in my studies – including the support and encouragement of the parish family at St. Barnabas’ as I have made decisions to go back to school – and as I anticipate events yet to come – anticipating the future of completing this chapter of my studies.

So what do these thoughts have to do with each other? Simple. I thank St. Barnabas’ for allowing me to present my “Musical Meditation” at St. Barnabas’. I invite you to join me on Sunday, December 14, at 4:30 p.m. as I do so. I will direct a small vocal and instrumental ensemble in a musical program centered on the Great “O” Antiphons that accentuate the joys of the Magnificat as we await the coming of our Lord at Christmas. You will hear each of the “O” Antiphons and a brief recitation of the scripture it reflects followed by the corresponding verse of the Advent hymn, Veni Emmanuel (O come, O come Emmanuel) and by a movement from one of Bach’s Advent cantatas based on the hymn, Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland (Savior of the nations, come). The instrumental ensemble will present a prelude based on Michael Praetorius’ settings of that same hymn and conclude the afternoon with a joyous postlude, the Gigue from Bach’s Suite Number Three in D. Afterward, you are invited to a reception in the Richardson Room. I hope you can be there.

Thanks for your steady support. I look forward with great anticipation to the coming Advent and the opportunity to greet you on December 14.

- Alan Moser

Thanks and More Thanks To...

- ★ All those who made the Rite 13 ceremony possible--Sara and Scott Moser hosting the rehearsal dinner, Dave Snyder providing musical support, and of course, the celebrities, Matthew Dugger and Garrett Patterson
- ★ All those who participated in the CROP Walk and Camille Mittelholtz who serves as overall coordinator
- ★ the Stewardship Committee: Rob Perkins, Grace Robins, Maria Macfarlane, Pam Doty, Scott Moser
- ★ All those who participated in the Shrine Mont Parish Weekend—all 68 of us
- ★ The Music, Art and Drama Campers (MAD) who shared their experience in Adult Forum
- ★ Frank Spink for his presentation in Adult Forum on his trip to Turkey
- ★ All two- and four-legged participants in the Blessing of Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi

Placing Ourselves in the Presence of God

We pray for God's presence, strength and healing ... for Jose Ayala, Sara Denby, Chepi DiCalogero, Margot Donnelly, Robert Haines, Ellen Hawkins, Tom Lyles, Cindy McLaughlin, Maria Macfarlane, Audrey Merchant, Barbara Metz, Rusty Moore, Jane Moya, Berenice Palmer, Sheila Richardson, Bob Sayles, Marjorie Williams, Mareea Wilson, Dana Wiseman, Ann Woodle.

And for the faithful departed ... Gloria MacKenzie, wife of Blair MacKenzie and mother of Deborah Gustin.

For the Church ... the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby; our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori; our Diocesan Bishops, The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston, The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff, The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. "Ted" Gulick, and their families.

For our Rector, the Rev. Linda Wofford Hawkins; our vestry, wardens, and staff; and for the work and ministry of Espiritu Santo and its mission of San Martine, Tela, Honduras.



Daylight Saving Time ENDS on Sunday, November 2

Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour so you can make it to church on time.

ACCA NEWS

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Please consider making a pledge to ACCA when you make your decisions in workplace giving campaigns. ACCA's designation code for the Combined Federal Campaign is #58934, and the designation code for the United Way of the National Capital Area is #8058.

The ACCA food pantry was well stocked for a short time because of food donations made at the Annandale Giant and Safeway and other area stores in response to the Governor's Day to Serve effort. However, the need for food from the pantry has increased. In July, August and September 2014, the pantry was giving out the same amount of food in one week as was typically given in one month in 2013. Please bring donations of nonperishable food, household paper goods and soap to church. There is a basket in the narthex for donations.

For more information about ACCA and volunteer opportunities, please contact Camille or Ken Mittelholtz at 703-573-0074 or kemittelholtz@gmail.com.



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**WOSB
Christmas
Bazaar**



The WOSB is excited to welcome St. Barnabas' members and their friends to our bazaar on Friday and Saturday, November 14 and 15. We offer a private showing to members of the congregation and their friends on Friday night at 6 p.m. This has become a night of fellowship, food and drink, fun and fundraising!

In addition to our many hand-crafted decorations and baked and canned goods, we will also have items to raffle on Friday night. We have three baskets, a wine basket, a dog theme basket, and an orchid basket donated by Mark Patterson. There will also be a jewelry tree, thanks to all who donated old jewelry. The raffle tickets are \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5 and the drawing will be at coffee hour on a Sunday before Christmas. We also have artwork and pottery by member artists who generously donate a portion of their profits to the WOSB.

We are asking for donations of baked goods, which will be for sale on both days and welcome members who can help us set up for the bazaar on Thursday and Friday and help take down and clean up on Saturday.

We depend on the generosity of the members of St. Barnabas' to fund our work. At our October meeting, the outreach committee presented us with our fall budget. We are donating over \$2,000 to various charities and organizations including ACCA, Facets, the Annandale food site, Braddock Road PTA, and the rector's discretionary fund.