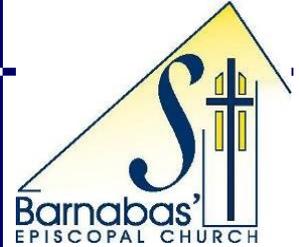


The St. Barnabas' Reporter



The Rev. Canon Carol Cole Flanagan
Interim Rector

Planning Ahead

This time I begin with an anecdote.

New College, Oxford, is of rather late foundation, hence the name. It was founded around the late 14th century. It has, like other colleges, a great dining hall with big oak beams across the top. These might be two feet square and forty-five feet long.

A century ago, so I am told, some busy entomologist went up into the roof of the dining hall with a penknife and poked at the beams and found that they were full of beetles. This was reported to the College Council, who met in some dismay, because they had no idea where they would get beams of that caliber nowadays.

One of the Junior Fellows stuck his neck out and suggested that there might be some oak on College lands. These colleges are endowed with pieces of land scattered across the country. So they called in the College Forester, who of course had not been near the college itself for some years, and asked about oaks. And he pulled his forelock and said, "Well sirs, we was wonderin' when you'd be askin'."

Upon further inquiry it was discovered that when the College was founded, a grove of oaks had been planted to replace the beams in the dining hall when they became beetle-y, because oak beams always become beetle-y in the end. This plan had been passed down from one Forester to the next for five hundred years. "You don't cut them oaks. Them's for the College Hall."

Cribbed from [Anecdote: putting stories to work](http://www.anecdote.com.au/index.php) (<http://www.anecdote.com.au/index.php>) who got it from Stewart Brand's "How Buildings learn." Brand apparently attributes it to George Bateson.

Are you not astonished that they thought to plant a forest five hundred years earlier because they knew they'd need it? Wow!

It is particularly striking to me right now when planning for tomorrow, or next week, or next month is an enormous challenge. When the Vestry met in mid-April by Zoom we reviewed some dates but couldn't actually lock in some of our plans. Right now the Bishop's order to refrain from worship ends May 8th, but she did say it could well be extended, so we may not know for a few weeks yet.

The silver lining may be that for many it is an enormous gift of time. When else do people have weeks to spend at home with their families? The memories

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. Adult Choir
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
*Nursery available
at 9:00 a.m.*

Wednesday Morning

10:00 a.m. Worship
*Holy Eucharist and Healing
on the first Wednesday
of each month*

Planning Ahead *(from page 1)*

from this time will last forever. We are experiencing a deep appreciation for all of the people on whom we depend day in and day out and seldom think of – the clerks in our drug stores and supermarkets, the people who staff the gates into my community, the home caregivers. I could go on and so could you. Who will ever forget the New Yorkers coming out on their balconies every night at 7 p.m. to cheer the healthcare workers? Or the grandparents dancing on the sidewalk to mirror their grandchildren across the street? Or the goats and other wildlife that have come down from the hills and out of the woods and moved into deserted city streets?

So we continue to plan, knowing it is a moving target. However, we also give thanks and praise for the many gifts God continues to give us, and for the people who surround us on every side.

Grace and peace,

Carol+

Vestry Highlights—March & April 2020

March 18, 2020 – ZOOM Meeting

- The Vestry reviewed the draft of the Letter of Agreement for the new Rector.
- Canon Flanagan's last Sunday with St. Barnabas' will be The Day of Pentecost, May 31, 2020. The new Rector's first Sunday with us is planned for June 14, 2020, St. Barnabas Day.
- Our new Sexton, James Harris, is working out well.
- On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Westerlund moved that the funds in various unused budgetary line items be reorganized to reflect current usage. The motion passed.
- The Vestry approved the request of the Parish Administrator, Catherine Dubas, to allow her to use her unused vacation days from previous years this year.
- The following people have been appointed to the Planned Giving Committee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>
Paul Palmer	2021
Peter Badger	2022
Phyllis McKoy	2023
Art Hamerschlag	2024
TBD	2025

Peter Badger will be the Chair of the Committee through 2021.

- The Youth Committee is working on its Charter to be presented at a later Vestry meeting. This document will define the role of the Committee.

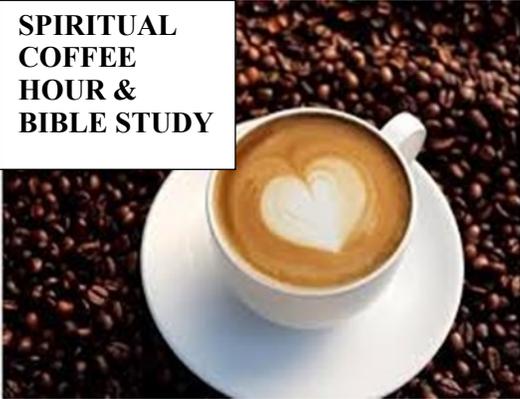
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St. Barnabas' Mission:

Serving our community, the world, and each other through the love of Jesus Christ.

Spiritual Coffee Hour & Bible Study

**SPIRITUAL
COFFEE
HOUR &
BIBLE STUDY**



St. Barnabas' Spiritual Coffee Hour/Bible Study Sunday Mornings at 9:00 a.m.

The readings will be listed in the weekly Thursday electronic Announcements.
(Readings are also available at www.lectionarypage.net.)

Sponsored by Adult Christian Education Committee

Permanent Log In Until the End of June, 2020

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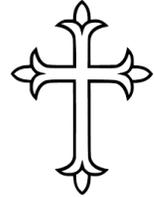
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Next Date for Baptisms: The Day of Pentecost

The next two dates for Baptisms will be The Day of Pentecost, May 31, 2020 and All Saints', November 1, 2020. Baptisms may also be performed at other times. Please contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know is interested in Holy Baptism.



In Memoriam



Carolyn B. Kercheval

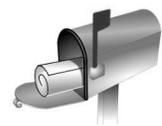
March 3, 2020

Easton, Maryland

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

Recently Moved



Bonnie & Gil Baldwin

2963 Galindo Circle

Melbourne, Florida

32940-5915

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For questions please contact the Parish Office.

Did You Know?

There Is a Virtual Worship Tab on Our Parish Website

As Canon Flanagan has reminded us, we, the people of St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church, *are* the church; the building is just one place where we gather. Even as we gather virtually, our church life of love and service continues. Mariel York, our Director of Christian Education, has provided the following links for online services:

St. Barnabas' Spiritual Coffee Hour/Bible Study Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Please join us each Sunday Morning at 9:00 a.m. for the St. Barnabas's Spiritual Coffee Hour/Bible Study.

The readings will be listed in the weekly Thursday electronic Announcements.

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Sunday Mornings (Updated with Password)

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/329965479?pwd=Wk1ZcE1zK2c3Zzh3S3RTMjhhMUZ5Zz09>

Meeting ID: 329 965 479

Password: 594694

Dial-in +1 301 715 8592

Organizer: The Rev. Cayce Ramey, All Saints Sharon Chapel

Morning Prayer, Weekdays, 8:00 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/155601838>

Meeting ID: 155 601 838

Dial-In number: 1 253 215 8782

Organizer: The Rev. Michael Cadaret, Rector, Olivet Episcopal Church

Compline, Weekdays, 8:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/582466717>

Meeting ID: 582 466 717

Dial-In number: 1 301 715 8592

Organizer: The Rev. Michael Cadaret, Rector, Olivet Episcopal Church

Washington National Cathedral

Online Morning Prayer is offered daily at Washington National Cathedral, as well as a daily meditation and an opportunity to submit prayer requests. Go to <https://cathedral.org/> for complete information.

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Did You Know? *(from page 4)*

Online Resources

Resource	URL
Diocese of Virginia	http://www.thediocese.net/news-and-events/covid-19-resources/
Washington National Cathedral Online Portal	https://cathedral.org/online/
The Lectionary Page	http://www.lectionarypage.net/
Book of Common Prayer Online	https://www.bcponline.org/
The Episcopal Church	https://episcopalchurch.org/
Episcopal News Network	https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/
St. Barnabas Facebook page	https://www.facebook.com/StBarnabasEpiscopal/

FACETS Continues in Face of Virus

Our intrepid group of FACETS volunteers continues to distribute food to the homeless and needy once a month, using all possible precautions for our safety and that of our clients. And we find that we have more clients than ever! At the April 5 distribution many who came for food were not homeless, but were in need of food because of job loss, school closings, and other disruptions. We distributed over 200 meals, even though we are only able to cook a little over 100 meals with our present equipment. That meant that we had to purchase extra meals to fill the need.

We are making plans to cook additional meals for the May 3 distribution, purchasing additional food and equipment. If you are able to help, we would love to have you join us. We are splitting the groups who prepare the cold bagged food and the hot food, to make sure that we have as few people as possible in the Richardson Room and kitchen at one time. Disinfectant wipes, gloves, and masks for those who do not have their own are provided.

If you are bored at home and would like to do something positive for your community, please consider joining us! Contact Molly Newling or Jack Miller for more information.

Thank you for all your support!

Molly Newling

I Had a Dream One Night...

This tidbit is being re-run from the March/April issue.

I had a dream that Queen Elizabeth came to visit St. Barnabas' and we all had to learn to curtsey properly. It was something of a nightmare, as her visit came during Lent and I was agonizing over whether to have flowers on the altar or not.

Who am I?



ACCA News – Annandale Christian Community for Action

The COVID-19 stay-at-home orders have changed ACCA operations, with some programs seeing increased needs and other programs suspended for the safety of both volunteers and the people ACCA helps.

The Rebuilding Together workday, originally scheduled for April 25, is on hold. Once it's safe to resume the program, Ken Mittelholtz and Frank Spink will work with the other ACCA churches involved to set a date. We will be repairing a group home for disabled women in Annandale which is operated by Hartwood Foundation, and expect the work to include fence repair, power washing, downspout/drainage repair, painting, and bathroom grout work. If you'd like to help, please let Ken know.

The economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have greatly increased requests for help with rent payments from ACCA's Family Emergency Assistance program. ACCA has made a substantial withdrawal from its Legacy Fund and has requested donations from supporters to finance this assistance. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to ACCA and mail it to 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003, or donate online through the ACCA web site: <https://accacares.org/> (see the DONATE NOW button).

Requests for help from the ACCA Food Pantry also have greatly increased. While the stay-at-home order is in effect, you can drop off donations of nonperishable food or household hygiene items at the Food Pantry Monday through Friday between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. The pantry is in the trailer next to the day care center at 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale. You can also leave food at St. Barnabas', but please arrange ahead with the Parish Administrator (703-941-2922).

The furniture ministry program currently is suspended. St. Barnabas' is scheduled to provide volunteers to deliver furniture and pick up donations on June 13 if those operations have resumed.

The ACCA Child Development Center remains open, and is following Virginia safety guidelines for childcare centers. In addition, ACCA continues to collaborate with the Shepherd Center to provide rides for older adults to medical appointments and grocery stores, though there have been fewer requests. The Homework Club has suspended its program to support refugee families.

Thank you for your continuing support for ACCA. If you have questions, please contact Ken or Camille Mittelholtz.



A coalition of churches serving those in need



Above: Helping Hands

ACCA work continues to serve those in need. Here, an ACCA volunteer loads household groceries and household products into a volunteer's car for delivery.



Left: Easter Altar Flowers

Yes, there were altar flowers for Easter, gathered from around St. Barnabas' lovely grounds! Thank you to Molly Newling for the beautiful arrangement..

Meet Your New Sexton, James Anderson Harris

by Behn Ayala

St. Barnabas has a new sexton as of March 2, 2020: James Anderson Harris from Cleburn, Texas. He is thrilled to be working at St. B's. James loves animals—and is currently raising a newfoundland puppy, Amy. He also has a 6 year old conure, named Jasper.

If you need James' assistance for any task, feel free to contact the Parish Office or your Junior Warden, Grace Robbins. Welcome, James!



\$\$ Treasury Notes \$\$

“May you live in interesting times.” *Chinese Proverb*

Interesting times, indeed, and altogether unprecedented.

First and foremost, the top priority for the Treasury is the health and safety of every person in the parish, so please take the utmost care during these dangerous times. The health and safety of our members is the number one asset and more valuable than all the gold in Fort Knox!

Second, I would like to communicate to everyone that, even as we have had to suspend physical gatherings, we have been in constant communication with our Rector, our Wardens, and the Vestry, and are linked into communications with our Diocesan network; the work of the church is still very much active! Our front office staff works continuously, fulfilling important services and assistance to our outreach partners and ministries. ACCA, FACETS, and other outreach programs continue to provide assistance to local families in need.

Therefore, it is my solemn duty to thank all those who have continued to send in their generous pledges and contributions; to thank those who will send in their pledges and contributions; and to emphasize the important assistance that is only possible because of your generous gifts. These gifts will continue to be used to support the helpless and needy -- especially now that unemployment has exploded to a level not seen since the Great Depression.

In closing, we will weather this storm like many biblical figures before us. Please take care and stay safe!

John Westerlund

Treasurer

Reporter Deadline ▪ Office Hours

The deadline for the July/August 2020 issue of *The St. Barnabas Reporter* is Monday, June 15th. Please submit announcements and/or photos (Choir? 2019 Parish Retreat?) to the Parish Office at stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com. Hard copies of announcements and photos are welcome, as well.

Parish Office hours are irregular during the covid-19 pandemic. Please call the office at 703-941-2922 or email stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com and leave a message. Messages are checked regularly.

Resources for Parents

compiled by Mariel York, DCE

“We’ll bring the Cathedral to You!”

Video timeline of Cathedral construction from 1907 Go to <https://cathedral.org/> for complete information. The Cathedral is a grand and glorious space, but it’s also full of wonder and whimsy. Join us as we take a flight through the world’s sixth-largest Cathedral.

Resources for Prayer and Worship at Home

<https://episcopalchurch.org/concerning-covid19/worship-formation>

- Churches Providing Live-Streaming Worship
- Bible Studies
- Color Your Way Through the Cathedral <https://cathedral.org/online/coloring/#windows>
- Concerning Covid-19
- [Episcopal Church Prayer Wall](#)
- Faith at Home
- For Children <https://episcopalchurch.org/WoL/bless/children>
- [Forward Movement](#)
- [Good Book Club](#)
- and more



50th Anniversary of Earth Day

compiled by Mariel York, DCE

Before the pandemic, Stephen Ackert and I were discussing which hymns might be sung during the service when we celebrate Earth Day. The original verses of the hymn, “Earth and all Stars” are proving to be even more meaningful as we celebrate separately, yet together in our homes....”*A new song* (a new normal), *flowers and snowstorms* (in April), *Loud clashing cymbals & Loud cheering people!* (residents of New York City nightly cheering healthcare workers), *Workers* (even the Easter Bunny is essential), *Classrooms* (at home), *test tubes* (a vaccine), *Knowledge, Truth, Wisdom and Loud Praying Members. Sing praises. A new song!*”



“The first Earth Day on April 22, 1970, activated 20 million Americans and is widely credited with launching the modern environmental movement. It remains the largest civic engagement event in human history. Growing out of the first Earth Day, Earth Day Network is the world’s largest recruiter to the environmental movement.

Above right: The most famous photo ever taken from space, “Earth Rise,” was taken by Astronaut Bill Anders in 1968 while on the Apollo 8 mission. It was the first colored photo of the Earth to be taken, and inspired the current environmental movement to better care for “this fragile Earth, our island home.” (BCP p. 370, Eucharistic Prayer C)

Women of St. Barnabas' (WOSB) News

We pray for the health and safety of our members and their families. Like the rest of the country, we are staying home and reducing contact with others. We are sad that our Mad Hatter's Tea Party will not be held this year. It has been a popular springtime event. Perhaps we can have a tea later in the year. Our Soup & Salad June meeting will probably be cancelled, as well. Molly Newling was to be our speaker, and we were looking forward to her talk about her recent visit to Japan. We will try to have that at a later date, too.

Another sad event for the WOSB was the moving of our dear Bonnie Baldwin, who moved with her husband Gil to Florida. We heard from Bonnie that they were able to move into their new house in spite of the restrictions. She sent me a great picture of her little green car rolling off the moving truck! They are very happy in their new home, which is located on a canal. They are enjoying watching the wildlife - no alligators as of yet!

Bonnie was our outstanding Treasurer for many years. Her reports were always clear and detailed. We will surely miss her! However, we have been faced before with losing some irreplaceable member, and always a replacement is found who carries on. We are grateful for Camille Mittelholtz who has volunteered to take up the task for now.

One recent outreach project was supporting a donation of 31 hygiene kits to Church World Service (CWS) in February. As you may recall, the proceeds from the Crop Walk each year are split between ACCA and CWS. This year people also donated items for hygiene kits. But not all of the kits were complete. The WOSB provided funds to purchase items needed to complete the kits, and also funded mailing them to the CWS offices. Camille took on the task of shopping for, assembling, and mailing the kits. They were sent to CWS for distribution to areas in need of relief, including the Bowery Mission in New York City. (See news release at <https://cwsglobal.org/new-york-city-coronavirus-kits-blankets/>.)

In March we decided to donate \$1,000 to Episcopal Relief & Development to aid Tennessee after the violent tornadoes in February. Currently, the WOSB is donating \$400 monthly to ACCA to support the Food Pantry, and will make a \$500 contribution to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

At our March meeting, Bonnie had reported that we had a total of \$8,075 in our treasury to give to outreach and inreach. We look forward to distributing more of our funds when conditions permit. Let us pray and hope that our quarantines will be lifted by our next newsletter. We look forward to gathering again in person for fellowship and service. - Gertrude Jones

In the Presence of God

We pray for God's strength and healing ... Bernard Blair, Emma Blevins, Alex Bottlick, Jean Anne Braddon, Margot Donnelly, Frank Donnelly, Jacob Dugger, Rotha Frye, Lee Gibbs, Roger Hefferan, Sharon Jones, Tom Lyles, Bob Macfarlane, Cindy McLaughlin, Marion Meany, Barbara Metz, Rusty Moore, Jane Moya, Marie Pannier, Aliyah Phillips, Beth Phillips, Barbara Rigden, Ann Sayles, Frank Spink, Kathleen Stark, Dana Wiseman, and Ann Woodle.

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 E. Goff, The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston, The Rt. Rev. David Colin Jones, The Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick, The Rt. Rev. Peter James Lee, and The Rt. Rev. F. Clayton Matthews and their families.

For our Interim Rector, The Rev. Canon Carol Cole Flanagan, and her 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. For The Rev. Canon Clinton Dugger, survived by his wife Virginia, Michael, Simone, and the boys.

Thanks and More Thanks...

- To Michael Dugger who came and retrieved a cross on Easter Sunday and carried it out to Ravensworth Road to mark the occasion.
- To the members of the Adult Christian Education committee for coordinating the 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning Spiritual Coffee Hour and Bible Study; to Jeff Schaefer for coordinating the Bible Study and John Westerlund for setting up Zoom.
- To Canon Flanagan for her weekly reflections and guidance.
- To Stephen Ackert and the members of the Musician Search Committee for their continued work.
- To the FACETS Team who continue their commitment to see to it that the hungry are fed.
- To those who have remembered to maintain their pledges to keep our ministries up and running, our bills covered, and our staff paid.
- To the staff who have worked to plug the holes in this strange time.
- To those who live nearby for checking on the church.
- To our Wardens, Maria Macfarlane and Grace Jones Robbins, for keeping the parish on course during this time of transition.

Vestry Highlights *(from p. 2)*

- The next Parish Retreat (Shrine Mont) Committee meeting is scheduled for 4/29/2020, after church. The Committee will be finalizing the fee structure.
- Ms. York, DCE, submitted the first quarter report of the activities of the DCE.

April 15, 2020 – ZOOM Meeting

- Canon Flanagan's last Sunday will be May 31. The Transition Committee will be planning farewell events for her.
- Regarding the new rector, the Transition Committee will be working in four areas:
 - Leadership: Introduction to the chairs of the various committees, e.g. Altar Guild, Acolytes, Choir, etc.
 - Community: Introduction to the Annandale community
 - Worship: Introduction to the clergy and faith leaders of the other Ravensworth Road churches
 - Fun: Celebrations
- The first quarter financials show that the quarter was good overall, but that the March figures were not. We are asking that parishioners send their pledges and other contributions to the office by USPS mail, bank check, or online giving.
- The Vestry approved the motion that the church apply for the federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).
- Planned Giving Charter is complete.
- Youth Committee Charter is in progress.
- It was suggested the drafts of the Charter be forwarded to our new Rector to bring him up to speed.
- The Parish Retreat (Shrine Mont) Committee will be meeting soon to finalize the fee schedule for attendees, and to prepare a draft of their Charter.
- The search for a new Music Minister is on hold, pending in-person worship and our new Rector joining us.

Anne Sayles, Register

KIDS PAGE



I wonder...when will we gather together again?

I wonder...how can we *Not Worry, Be Happy*?

I wonder if you remember when we walked the labyrinth together. Enjoy coloring the mandala. Ms. Mariel





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**The Rev. Canon Carol Cole Flanagan
Last Sunday ▪ May 31, 2020
The Day of Pentecost**

**The Rev. John Bolin Shellito
First Sunday ▪ June 14, 2020
St. Barnabas Sunday**

While last and first dates are fixed for Canon Flanagan and The Rev. Shellito,
celebrations will be scheduled based on direction from the Diocese.