

October 2020

The St. Barnabas' Reporter



Discerning Our Way

Dear Friends,

For the conclusion of the September Vestry meeting, I offered the prayer for the human family, found on page 815 of the Book of Common Prayer. I was particularly drawn to the fact that the prayer names “our struggle and confusion” as we seek to accomplish God’s purposes.

We are living through a time of particular “struggle and confusion” in our nation and across the world, and it is in this context that faithful discernment has become even more powerful and crucial as a spiritual discipline that helps us to stay grounded in our faith, following our unique calling by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Discernment has to do with clarifying our understanding of God’s particular call on our life, in the midst of our life. Discernment doesn’t mean that we won’t experience disappointment or frustration at times. But it does mean that we are seeking to faithfully be a part of God’s creative healing and redemption of our world, following Christ’s example and call. A long time ago, a friend recommended a book, “The Way of Discernment: Spiritual Practices for Decision Making” by Elizabeth Liebert. It helped me at that time to read about how sometimes God’s revelation and guidance can happen through our intuition, through the wisdom of our bodies, and through the insight of imagination, in addition to our well-reasoned processes of planning and our abstract thinking, as we engage the work of theological reflection.

Another friend suggested that sometimes the process of discernment involves being willing to take the risk of new or different relationships, reaching out to friends, colleagues, mentors, mentees, and even individuals we may not know all that well (yet!), for the sake of obtaining information about what a particular potential future path might look like and involve. For me as an introvert, it was helpful for me to be reminded that our calling to go forth, our calling to seek and serve God in the world, is a calling that also simultaneously helps us to learn more about our particular gifts and unfolding roles. Exploring new ways to serve doesn’t just challenge us to learn something new: it also gives us the opportunity to learn and listen to how our intuition, our body, and our mind is responding to different kinds of roles and situations. This is all helpful information to draw upon, as we seek to envision future grace-filled possibilities for offering our gifts down the road.

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The Rev. John Bolin Shellito
Rector

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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*

Discerning Our Way *(continued from previous page)*

God knows I don't discern perfectly. To me it feels like an art form, more than a science. But I hope that an inspired and ongoing practice of discernment can provide space for some new beginnings in your life, however small. Our Blessing of the Backpacks and Work Tools on Sunday September 13th was a celebration of the beginning of our program and school year—but there are other seeds of new beginnings that God may be planting in the upcoming year, each bringing with it the possibility for miraculous growth and transformation in God's good time. In the words of the Prayer for the Human Family,

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessings,

John+

\$\$ Treasury Notes \$\$

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

It's that time of year again when the Finance Committee needs to plan the next year's budget. If you have any comments or concerns, please reach out to the Sr. Warden, a member of the vestry, or me. We would like to maintain the outreach and community service that St. Barnabas' provides so we need to balance limited resources against efforts to be surged and others that may be put on hold. Please let us know which projects need funding or not.

St. Barnabas' upgraded its business internet to 300/30 so we could better provide streaming services to our membership. St. Barnabas received a neat three-year deal which sets us up for success in these times of COVID.

To date, St. Barnabas' has received \$270,000 of its \$392,000 pledges for 2020. Thank you again to everyone who has kept up with their pledge giving. Canon Carol often said that a good figure for healthy parishes is about \$400,000 on average, and getting to that point indicates a parish will be around for a long time.

Stay safe and God bless!

JW

St. Barnabas' Mission:

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

Vestry Highlights—September 2020

- In-Person Worship Outdoors

The outdoor service on September 13th was well-received: 20 attended the 8:00 a.m. service in person, and at least 38 attended online; 54 people attended the 10:15 service in person, and at least 73 online.

Weather permitting, in-person worship will continue outdoors on the first Sunday of the month, and the 10:15 a.m. service will be live streamed. The other Sundays' services will be broadcast via Facebook and YouTube.

October 4th – *18 Pentecost*, including Blessing of the Animals at the 10:15 a.m. service, and Stewardship Kickoff at both services.

We plan to live stream only the 10:15 a.m. service on October 4th and November 1st.

November 1st – *All Saints' Day*, including Stewardship Ingathering at both services

- Stewardship

The Vestry Stewardship Statement dated September 2020 was approved.

Stewardship Kickoff will be Oct. 4; Ingathering will be Nov. 1.

The Vestry expressed its thanks and appreciation for Beth Harper, Chair, and the entire Stewardship Committee.

- Treasurer

Parish finances continue to be good.

Internet service has been upgraded so that we can live stream services.

Building & Grounds has sufficient funds to provide for maintenance and grounds upkeep.

Mrs. Sayles thanked the Finance Committee's for including a line item to cover Shrine Mont overages.

- There was discussion about providing a program for adults after the 10:15 service which would allow the choir and others to attend, possibly a "Lunch & Learn" model.
- The Vestry expressed gratitude to Jeff and Dawn Schaefer for their contributions to the 9 am online Bible Study.
- "Chats With John and Haley" are happening on September 22 and 27, with various ministries after that time.
- We will use the same snow removal company as last year. Many thanks to Mrs. Robbins and the Building & Grounds Committee.
- The Minister of Music recruitment has been placed on hold for now. Stephen Ackert has graciously agreed to continue as Interim Minister of Music.

Ann Sayles, Register

Next Date for Baptisms

All Saints' Day



November 1, 2020

If you or someone you know is interested in Holy Baptism please contact the Rev. John Shellito or the Parish Office.

Recently Moved



Kathleen & Larry Stark

1827-B Harrowgate Cir.
Springfield, VA
22152

Welcoming



Cyrus Leland Elliott
Parents Sheena Friend
and Aaron Elliott
Big sister Darcy

Born Tuesday,
September 15, 2020

**Stewardship Statement of the Vestry
St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church**

September 2020

We believe...

As elected Stewards of St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church, we bear witness to the importance of stewardship in our lives. Stewardship is using the tools God has given us to do the work God has given us to do. We believe that God is the true giver of all, and that we are accountable as God's stewards of that which has been entrusted to us. We affirm the Biblical tithe as the time-tested ideal for a Christian practice of generosity. Some of us are tithing now, and some of us are praying and working toward the goal of tithing in a future year.

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We commit...

We will work toward this goal of prayerfully giving ten percent of our income, talent, and time to fulfill our understanding of God's purpose in the world each year, and that we will share our experience of endeavoring to achieve this goal with others.

We commend...

We commend this statement of commitment to you, the members of our congregation, and we invite you to join us in prayer for the advance of God's reign.

We invite you to join us in seeking to move toward a mindset of deeper gratitude for what we have been given, a more celebratory perspective with respect to the abundance of God's creativity, a more mindful awareness of God's presence with us at all times, and a desire to move toward tithing if tithing is not already an established practice.

We encourage you join us also in recalling and sharing with others your early and formative experiences of giving, compassion, and generosity, that we may be the heart and hands of God in the world.

Signed,

The St. Barnabas' Vestry

The Heart of St. Barnabas'

by James Carroll

Ingathering – it is a time of discernment, and the season in which we are asked to be intentional in our financial commitment to the church. For many, this is an uncomfortable topic to discuss, moreso in times of great uncertainty and anxiety. So I find myself asking, “Why did I volunteer to write a Stewardship article for the Reporter?”

I confess that the first ~~few~~ several drafts of my article were filled with ham-handed, or cutesy ways to work this year’s Stewardship theme into the text. I focused on the typical things one finds in Stewardship writings: why we should pledge; the ways the church used this year’s pledges to provide support to the community; and what pledging can do for the giver. I quoted Scripture, and sometimes fell into a trap of using Stewardship-talk like “proportional giving”, “aspirational budgeting”, and “stretch and grow pledging”. (Okay, I made that last one up, but it sounds like it could be a thing.)

They all had some good points, but sounded hollow in my ears – they lacked the emotional connection that I was trying to make. They didn’t convey the primary reason I feel called to Stewardship, which is that St. Barnabas’ is a special place to me. I want it to grow and thrive so we can continue as a church family. I have experienced the joy of fellowship at Spaghetti Dinners, Oktoberfests, and Game Nights. I have had the chance to have deep, meaningful conversations that gave me a better understanding of what I didn’t know, and an insight into other’s experiences. I have developed a connection to God and Jesus, and a sense of church family unlike any I have known.

Wonderful, positive experiences such as these are often mentioned when people are asked why they are part of St. Barnabas’. These moments fill our annual reports, newsletters, and Adult Forum discussions. They reinforce that the heart of St. Barnabas’ is the welcoming, loving, and inclusive spirit of the congregation.

But they are not the only moments that reflect the heart of St. Barnabas’. The spirit of love can be seen when a comforting hug is given as someone’s pain pours out in uncontrolled sobbing; when a flicker of light flashes in a lonely person’s eyes at the realization they are not alone; and when tense muscles relax as a burden is shared. I feel a part of it when I serve our neighbors as part of the FACETS team. We receive thanks for the meals, but I know they are also thanking us for treating them with dignity. They need the love and caring of St. Barnabas’ almost more than the food.

The prospect of creating more opportunities for people to be part of, and receive the love of the heart of St. Barnabas’ is what drives me to give my time, talents, and treasure. Therefore, as you prayerfully consider your pledge, remember you are part of the heart of St. Barnabas’. Reflect on the positive impact you can have on people’s lives as we grow God’s good works.

*There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God’s call to us;
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.*



ACCA News – Annandale Christian Community for Action

CROP Hunger Walk – ACCA is planning a virtual Annandale CROP Hunger Walk. Join with us to raise funds for Church World Service and ACCA to fight poverty and to respond to disasters. Participants can walk in family or small groups or alone on Saturday October 17 at 9 a.m., or at another any time. Walkers can raise funds online, by check, or by cash. If you would like to walk or learn more about the walk, contact Camille Mittelholtz. To donate online look for the St. Barnabas Team at www.crophungerwalk.org/annandaleva. To donate by check, please make a check payable to CWS/CROP (or to St. Barnabas' designating CROP Walk in the memo line) and mail or deliver it to St. Barnabas'.



The **CROP poster event** also will be virtual. Children and youth through grade 12 are invited to make posters about the CROP Hunger Walk and fighting hunger. Please submit a photo image of each poster to accacrop@gmail.com no later than October 15 and copy Mariel York on your email (stbarnabasdce@outlook.com). Please include the artist's first and last names and age with the email. Entries will be displayed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/AnnandaleCROP/>.

Family Emergency and Food – ACCA continues to respond to significantly increased calls for rent and food assistance due to economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. ACCA works closely with Fairfax County social services to help people who are at risk of eviction or having power cut off, making payments directly to the landlord or utility. ACCA is using money from the Fairfax County allocation of Federal CARES Act funds to help those affected economically by the pandemic. ACCA expects to exhaust CARES assistance this fall. Donations to ACCA can be made online at <https://accacares.org/> or by check to ACCA, 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003.

The ACCA Food Pantry gives a week's groceries and personal care products to a household that has an urgent need. Volunteers receive requests from Fairfax County staff, and volunteers bag and deliver food and other items to the household in need. Deliveries include donated nonperishable food, laundry soap, personal care products, toilet paper, and special needs such as diapers and fresh dairy and produce. The food pantry is collecting donations of nonperishable food and hygiene items at 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale- weekdays between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. You can bring donations to St. Barnabas' by arrangement with the Parish Administrator or bring food to the monthly outdoor service.

Furniture – St. Barnabas is scheduled to provide volunteers for the furniture ministry on October 10 (8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.). Volunteers will pick up donations and deliver furniture to low-income households in need. Protocols have been developed to help protect volunteers and those who receive furniture from spread of the coronavirus. We meet at the warehouse on the grounds of Annandale United Methodist Church, 6935 Columbia Pike, Annandale.

Child Development Center – The ACCA CDC is meeting state guidelines for safe operation during the pandemic, and is now able to serve children at about 90 percent of its usual capacity. This summer the center served infants, toddlers, preschool, and school aged children.

Transportation – ACCA is working with the Shepherd Center to provide rides for senior citizens. In August, the program provided 38 two-way rides.

Thank you for your support of ACCA programs. If you have questions, please contact Ken or Camille Mittelholtz through the Parish Office.

Chats With Haley and John

by Grace Robbins, Transition Team Chair

Of the many deprivations of the pandemic, one that hits us hard at St. Barnabas' is our inability to visit in person with our new rector, John, and his wife, Haley Bolin Shellito. We have the great benefit of participating with them virtually in Sunday services and Adult Christian Education--and some of us work with John at Zoom meetings--but that doesn't take the place of visiting over a Danish at Coffee Hour or having them over to supper on a weeknight.

Well, thanks to the wonders of the Internet, that's about to change! Haley and John have suggested dates when we can sign up to get to know each other for an hour on Sundays or on Tuesday nights either during dinner or after their children have been tucked in. Ministries who would like to schedule a group visit are welcome to do so. Our Parish Administrator has sent out a link where parishioners can sign up for a visit, or you can sign up by contacting the Parish Office.

Fellowship, Formation, and Conversation

Sponsored by the Adult Christian Education Committee

Join us for a time to chat, to share, to laugh, and to enjoy friendship on Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

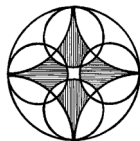
[Zoom Login for Fellowship, Formation, and Conversation](#)

Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91836486389?pwd=Vyt6SnNzTkZEMFV3Y2JZSjZLSkJwQT09>

Formation for Children and Youth

by Mariel York, DCE

Students registered in the B'Tweens, Rite 13 and J2A classes will be receiving lesson packets through parent email addresses the beginning of October. These materials are the ones recommended by the Diocese of Virginia and come from the *Weaving God's Promises* and *Journey to Adulthood* programs.



B'Tweens



WEAVING GOD'S PROMISES

Parents of *Godly Play* students are encouraged to purchase *Stories of God at Home: A Godly Play Approach* written by Jerome W. Berryman. (If you are ordering the book please remember that you can purchase through the link on the home page of the parish website, and a portion of the purchase will go directly to St. Barnabas'. There is no change in the price you pay, and the church benefits. You can use it for all your online shopping!)

If you have any questions please contact Mariel York, DCE: stbarnabasdce@outlook.com



Have You Remembered St. Barnabas' in Your Estate Plans?

by Art Hamerschlag

St. Barnabas has benefited greatly through the generosity of parishioners who have remembered St. Barnabas' in their will or trust. Most recently, the St. Barnabas' Endowment, which received a large bequest, paid for a significant portion of the new Narthex furniture.

Please, consider how much St. Barnabas has meant to you and your family as you make your estate plans. For more information, please contact the parish office, who can put you in touch with a member of the Planned Giving Committee.



Women of St. Barnabas' (WOSB) News

The Women of St. Barnabas' (WOSB) have been meeting by e-mail and telephone since March. Our Treasurer, Camille Mittelholtz, has been keeping us up-to-date on funding of our Inreach/Outreach charities and organizations. As of August we have given to the ACCA Challenge Grant, the ACCA Food Pantry, Church World Service (hygiene kits), and Episcopal Relief and Development. For Inreach we have given to the Rector's Discretionary Fund and the Youth Pilgrimage.

We earn our money by sponsoring events during the year. Our biggest money maker is our Christmas Bazaar held over Friday night and during the day on Saturday one weekend in November. Of course, we do not plan to have it this year and so will not have the funds to spend as we did last year. This year we will fund our charities at a lower rate, with a total donation budget of \$4,500. Going forward we will give to the following: Inreach—the Rector's fund and the Youth Pilgrimage; Outreach—ACCA, ASYP, Annandale UMC Heritage Site (another local food pantry), Bethany House, the Boys Home of Virginia, Grace Inside Prison Ministry, Jackson-Feild Homes, Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute, Rebuilding Together Express, Warrior Canine Connection, and the Episcopal Church Women. We also invite church members to suggest other charities and organizations that may need our support.

Our vice-president, Janet George, has recently sent \$25 from the Miles of Pennies jars to the diocesan office. Miles of Pennies was started by Episcopal Church Women in NYC in 1888 to help supply books for seminarians. While its mission has evolved, grants of a mile of pennies—\$844.80—are given to organizations who supply reading materials for children and for other good causes.

While we are limiting physical contact during the pandemic, if you would like to donate to Miles of Pennies or any of the other causes we support, please make a check out to WOSB (not to St. Barnabas') and indicate in the memo line how you would like the donation allocated. General donations are encouraged, as well. Cash donations (pennies! ...nickels, dimes, and quarters, too) may be dropped off at the Parish Office on Mondays and Thursdays.

We would like to thank Mariel York for organizing a virtual English High Tea for the ladies of the church. Several of us met on Zoom on Friday, September 11th, and had a lovely time. We shared our unusual tea pots and cups. Mariel shared some visuals of the history of the English tea and pictures of interesting tea pots. She plans to schedule our next tea on a Saturday to accommodate those with a full weekday schedule.

When we are able to have meetings in the church we will schedule a WOSB meeting. Until then let us keep in touch. - Gertrude Jones

► **October 2020 Lectors – St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church** ◀

If you cannot serve as assigned, please find a replacement and notify the Rector and Parish Office no later than 8 p.m. on the Sunday prior. Thank you.

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ONLINE WORSHIP: THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING RECORDINGS IS 8:00 P.M. on the TUESDAY PRIOR TO SUNDAY

DATE	Reader 1	Reader 2	Reader 3	Reader 4	Notes
October 4 18 Pentecost Stewardship Kickoff <i>Outdoor services at 8:00 & 10:15 am Blessing of the Animals at 10:15</i>	Cindy McLaughlin Ann Sayles Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Cindy McLaughlin Ann Sayles Psalm 19	Cindy McLaughlin Ann Sayles Philippians 3:4b-14	Charles Camp Ellen Riddle <i>See note right</i>	Reader 4 Prayers of the People: readers' choice of any one of Forms I-VI (BCP p. 383-393). Please include names of those on St. Barnabas' prayer list in the petitions.
October 11 19 Pentecost	Cricket Camp Venite (BCP p. 82) Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23	Hugh Agnew Exodus 32:1-14 Canticle # 15, <i>The Magnificat</i> (BCP pp. 91-92)	Andy Riddle Apostles Creed The Lord's Prayer Suffrages--either A or B (BCP p.96-98)	Kathleen Stark <i>See note right</i>	
October 18 20 Pentecost	Jocelyn Leatherwood Jubilate (BCP p. 82-83) Psalm 99	Michael Dugger Exodus 33:12-23 Canticle #16, <i>The Song of Zechariah</i> (BCP p. 92-93)	Cindy McLaughlin Apostles Creed The Lord's Prayer Suffrages--either A or B (BCP p.96-98)	Michael & Simone Dugger <i>See note right</i>	
October 25 21 Pentecost	Lyn Harris Venite (BCP p. 82) Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17	Ellen Riddle 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Canticle #18, <i>A Song to the Lamb</i> (BCP p. 93)	Mark Patterson Apostles Creed The Lord's Prayer Suffrages--either A or B (BCP p.96-98)	Grace Robbins <i>See note right</i>	
November 1 All Saints' Day Ingathering <i>Outdoor services at 8:00 & 10:15 am</i>	Charles Camp George Sinclair Revelation 7:9-17	Charles Camp George Sinclair Psalm 34:1-10, 22	Charles Camp George Sinclair 1 John 3:1-3	Bob Macfarlane Shirley Newman <i>See note right</i>	

Please record yourself and send the video file to Rev. John via Dropbox or Google Drive **no later than 8 pm on the Tuesday prior to your assigned Sunday**. Please include your name, the Sunday service date, and your Lector assignment in the video file name.

If you are unable to serve as Online Lector for your assigned Sunday, it is your responsibility to find someone who can serve as your replacement. Please let the Rev. John and Catherine Dubas know if you have made a **substitution no later than 8 am on the Monday prior** to your assigned Sunday: 703-941-2922 or stbarnabasrector@outlook.com and stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com.

If you need a copy of the Book of Common Prayer, and/or would like a hymnal, *Forward Day by Day*, or other worship materials please contact the Parish Office. Your help with this effort to adapt our worship to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic is deeply appreciated.

► **October 2020 Participants – St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church** ◄

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DATE	Acolyte	Ushers	Greeters (10:15 a.m.)	Vestry/Closer	Altar Guild/Flower Guild
October 4 18 Pentecost Stewardship Kickoff <i>Outdoor services at 8:00 & 10:15 am Blessing of the Animals at 10:15 Reader Schedule: see other side</i>	TBA TBA	TBA Art Hammerschlag Cy Tamanaha (+2 TBA)	n/a TBA (2)	Vestry: A Hammerschlag	Altar Guild: C Lilienthal B Miller, B Ayala Flower Guild: TBA
October 11 19 Pentecost	<i>Online worship; no participants needed beyond readers (see other side)</i>				
October 18 20 Pentecost	<i>Online worship; no participants needed beyond readers (see other side)</i>				
October 25 21 Pentecost	<i>Online worship; no participants needed beyond readers (see other side)</i>				
November 1 All Saints' Day Ingathering <i>Outdoor services at 8:00 & 10:15 am Reader Schedule: see other side</i>	TBA TBA	TBA (2) TBA (4)	n/a TBA (2)	Vestry: B Ayala	Altar Guild: B Miller M Botlick, S Jones Flower Guild: TBA

Online English Afternoon Tea

by Mariel York, DCE

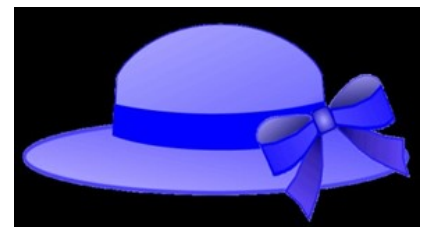
There are few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated to the ceremony known as afternoon tea. Henry James

On Friday, September 11, the ladies of St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church attended an Online English Afternoon Tea, to make up for the cancelled annual Mad Hatters Tea sponsored by the WOSB. We met virtually due to the pandemic.

The ladies wore their best hats, sipped on cups of English tea, and chatted about their knowledge of the tradition of the English Tea. We learned the history of the Afternoon Tea, discussed how to make a proper pot of tea, and shared experiences of attending Tea gatherings both in the United States and in other countries.

Another Tea will be scheduled soon for a Saturday afternoon, which we hope will be more convenient for ladies who have packed weekday schedules. Invitations will be emailed.

Meanwhile, you may be interested in the slideshow of the recent *National Teapot Show* held at the Cedar Park Gallery in Creedmoor, North Carolina. Cedar Creek Gallery holds this show once every three years, an event which "showcases the talents of artists across the United States and Canada." Here is a link to their slideshow: <http://www.cedarcreekgallery.com/National-Teapot-Show-X-view> .



Regathering Committee Outdoor Services Continue

by Molly Newling, Regathering Committee Chair

It was wonderful to see all the people who turned out for our first “upper courtyard” Sunday service at St. Barnabas’ on September 13. There were 20 people at the 8 a.m. service, and 54 at 10:15 a.m. And, of course, there were many of you who watched the services at home as they were being livestreamed.

Many, many thanks to those who made these services possible; to name just few: Jessica and Andy Riddle who did the filming; James Harris and Ken & Camille Mittelholtz for planning and setting up the site; Catherine Dubas for creating signs and printing the service bulletins; Grace Jones Robbins and Connie Badger of the Altar Guild; and especially the Rev. John Bolito Shellito, Rector, and Maria Macfarlane, Senior Warden, for their continuing support.

October 4 will be the next day for in-person, outdoor services. We will have two services, at 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. The 8:00 a.m. service will not be livestreamed; you may either attend in person or tune into another online service. (Links are provided on the parish website’s Online Worship page: <https://www.st-barnabaschurch.org/default.asp>). The 10:15 a.m. service will be livestreamed and will include the Blessing of the Animals. Both services will include the 2020 Stewardship Kickoff.

If you plan to attend an in-person service please sign up at <https://forms.gle/56k1hdEmZm82JJsD8> or contact the Parish Office at 703-941-2922 or stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com.

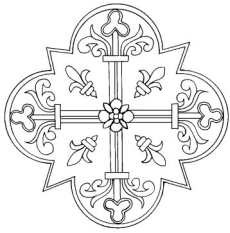
We so look forward to seeing you there!

The Regathering Committee: Molly Newling - Chair, Betty Jo Fortune, Ed Ing, Maria Macfarlane, Camille Mittelholtz, Kathy Schaefer, John Bolin Shellito, Delilah Stearns, Cy Tamanaha, and Mariel York



Photos from Our First Outdoor In-Person Worship Services September 13, 2020

Our first in-person worship services on September 13th included the Blessing of the Backpacks and Work Tools. Andy & Jessica Riddle handled all technical aspects of audio and video, including live streaming the services on YouTube and Facebook. Thank you to Beth Harper for providing music, to all who served as acolytes and lectors, and to all who participated online.



Thanks and More Thanks...

- To Andy Riddle, Beth Harper, Camille Mittelholtz, Ellen Riddle, Jess Riddle, Ken Mittelholtz, and Molly Newling, for their crucial work as we prepared for and completed our first live streamed Outdoor Worship Services on September 13th.
- To Grace Robbins for organizing and advertising our successful Parish Workday on the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend.
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- To James Harris for his thoughtful care for both the building and the people of St. Barnabas'.

In the Presence of God

We pray for God's strength and healing for ... Bernard Blair, Emma Blevins, Ginger Braddon, Jean Anne Braddon, Tracy Braddon, Dick Crutchley, Margot Donnelly, Frank Donnelly, Rotha Frye, Preston George, Lee Gibbs, Roger Hefferan, Sharon Jones, Tom Lyles, Bob Macfarlane, Cindy McLaughlin, Marion Meany, Barbara Metz, Marie Pannier, Aliyah Phillips, Beth Phillips, Anne Radway, Barbara Rigden, Ann Sayles, Frank Spink, Kathleen Stark, David Steidel, 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 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.

Reporter Deadline ▪ Parish Office Hours

The deadline for the November 2020 issue of *The St. Barnabas Reporter* is Thursday, October 15th. Please submit announcements and/or photos to the Parish Office at stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com. Hard copies of announcements and photos are welcome, as well.

Normal Parish Office hours are Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please note, the Parish Administrator will be working from home whenever practical on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Please leave voice mail messages or send an email; they are both checked regularly.

KIDS PAGE

Pumpkin Photo Contest

In lieu of Trunk 'n' Treat this year, we are requesting parents to email Ms. Mariel a photo of the jack- o-lantern your family has carved or decorated together. You may just win a prize!

Send your submission to stbarnabasdce@outlook.com no later than Friday, October 31st.



Color Elmo - Add a Mask

Draw a mask on Elmo to encourage him to keep wearing his mask. Decorate Elmo's mask with your own special design.... a smile, a star, or a *HI* written on his mask. Use your own creativity!

<http://www.supercoloring.com/coloring-pages/happy-elmo>



Book Recommendation:

Heroes Wear Masks: Elmo's Super Adventure

Elmo is heading to school, and he wants to be a school superhero! Young children will join Elmo as he gets ready like a hero and learns about wearing masks and washing hands. This Sesame Street book includes bonus tips that grown-ups can use with young children to talk about staying healthy. Available at your favorite bookseller.



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*There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.*

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**Stewardship Kickoff
Sunday, October 4, 2020**

**Stewardship Ingathering
Sunday, November 1, 2020
All Saints' Day**