# The St. Barnabas' Reporter



#### The Peace of the Lord

The Rev. Canon Carol Cole Flanagan **Interim Rector** 

Recently, a parishioner asked me about the exchange of the peace. It has gotten me to thinking. The practice in parishes varies from those where it is an- SPECIAL POINTS OF nounced by the celebrant but decidedly NOT exchanged, EVER, to those at the other end of the spectrum that treat it as "half-time." Some of you have heard me quote Bishop Eugene Sutton who is known to say, "Please cease the Peace!"

So what is it we are doing at the peace? The Lutherans have a good descrip- • Rampersaud Thanks tion on their web site.

"Sharing God's peace is **not** simply offering a friendly hello to those sitting around you. Sharing God's peace is **not** a time for catching up on news with your neighbor or for reminding someone about an upcoming meeting. Sharing God's peace does not require each worshiper to offer a sign of God's peace to every other worshiper present. The "exchange of peace" (also commonly called "sharing the peace" or "passing the peace") is an act of reconciliation that serves as a transition point between the Word and Meal portions of the liturgy.... The exchange of peace is a ministry, an announcement of grace we make to each other, a summary of the gift given to us in the liturgy of the Word. This ministry ...is far • Girl Scout Troop 675 greater than a sociable handshake or a ritual of friendship or a moment of informality. Because of the presence of Jesus Christ, we give to each other what we are saying: Christ's own peace. Then, having been gathered by the Spirit around the Risen One present in the word, we turn to celebrate his meal" (emphasis supplied).

The exchange of the peace is a practice that dates back to the early years of the church, but got lost at the time of the Reformation – with one exception. The one place where it continued unbroken was in the marriage rite with the kissing of the bride. The passing of the peace was restored to our worship services in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer.

Here at St. Barnabas' we are more likely to over-do it than under-do it. While some of our parishioners greet the people around them and then sit down, others feel they might be expected to greet absolutely everyone.

My caution to us all is that we must remain faithful to the intent of the peace—offering "Christ's own peace"—and be considerate of those who may be new in our midst. It can be very intimidating to a visitor to be approached by a crowd of strangers. Putting ourselves "in their pews" would suggest greeting people at the peace with a dose of Episcopal restraint, and offering our personal fellowship at Coffee Hour.

Grace and Peace,

Carol+

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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 9:00 a.m.)

#### **Wednesday Morning**

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

## **Vestry Highlights - Summer 2018**

The Vestry did not meet in July or August. During this time the Vestry approved by email a sidewalk that will improve access to the Memorial Garden from the parking lot. This project will address the



concern that wheelchair access to the Memorial Garden is now only possible from inside the church.

The Vestry also received updates on several activities:

- The planning committee for the Shrine Mont parish retreat September 28-30 is working to plan the weekend, and the congregation has been invited to register.
- Fifteen volunteers participated in the July parish workday, and completed a great deal of weeding, mulch replacement, and minor repairs.
- The announcement for a proposed part-time Director of Christian Education position has been posted, with an invitation to submit applications to Canon Flanagan. The Vestry included this position in the 2018 budget, with the intention that this person would help lay leaders design, carry out, and evaluate the youth and adult Christian education and formation programs at St. Barnabas'.
- Second Story has asked St. Barnabas' to host the Annandale Safe Youth Project a fourth day, allowing the program to operate Monday through Thursday for the 2018-19 school year. (See separate article)
- The Building & Grounds Committee reported that it has received an estimate for the project to construct and install built-in furniture for the narthex. The project includes construction of cabinets in the church entry way, the narthex, and just inside the nave for storage of name tags, usher supplies, altar guild supplies, etc.

Camille Mittelholtz, Senior Warden

#### **Office Notes**

The deadline for the October issue of The St. Barnabas' Reporter is Saturday, September 15th. Please submit announcements and/or photos to Catherine in the parish office at <a href="mailto:stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com">stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com</a>. Hard copies of announcements and photos are welcome, as well.

Beginning September 1st, parish office hours resume the normal schedule: 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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

# Stewardship for 2019 Doing the Work God has Given Us to Do

by Gil Baldwin



"Now into the World" is the ministry for the annual giving program in the Diocese of Virginia, based on the post-communion prayer on pg. 365 in the <u>Book of Common Prayer</u>. As we move toward making our pledges for 2019, we invite you to reflect on the various ministries at St. Barnabas' and beyond and the urgency ... the *now* ... with which Jesus Christ calls us. This fall you will be hearing from fellow parishioners about these ministries and the commitment of time, talent, and treasure which enables them to happen.

Your Stewardship Committee is always delighted to have new members and we invite you to join us.

Gil Baldwin and Bonnie Baldwin, co-chairs; James Carroll, Janice Carroll, Maria Macfarlane, Molly Newling, Mark Patterson, Grace Robbins, Katie Westerlund.

# **2018-19 Adult Forum to Focus on the Catechism of the Episcopal Church**

by Ed Ing

Are you familiar with the Catechism of the Episcopal Church? In short questions and answers, the Catechism outlines our principles of faith. The Catechism's importance led to its inclusion in the Book of Common Prayer as far back as 1549. Over the centuries it has been periodically revised to be more clearly understood. The current, 1979 "American" Catechism has become so influential, the Oxford Guide to the Book of Common Prayer observes, that it has been largely adopted by other provinces of the Anglican Communion.

Of greater significance than the text itself, is the Episcopal Church's insistence that the Catechism is "a point of departure." It is a launching point for us to examine, understand, and live our faith. In this light, the recurring theme for the 2018-2019 Adult Forum sessions is an exploration of the Catechism's chief topics—their background, meaning, and intent. The sessions take place at 9:15 a.m. on most Sundays in the Richardson Room.

September 9- Introduction to the Catechism of the Episcopal Church, Speaker: Rev. Canon Carol Flanagan

September 16 - Shrine Mont Preview: Reclaiming Jesus, Speaker: Stephen Ackert September 23 - The Episcopal Church's Diocese of Cuba: Before 1966, Afterwards, and Now into the Future, Speaker: Len Leroy



## Thank you from the Rampersaud Family

Dear St. Barnabas' Family,

Thank you for your loving prayers and support during this difficult time. We are blessed having a family like you and thankful for all you have done.

Warm Regards, The Rampersaud Family (Desiree, Grace, & Joshua)

Walter Rampersaud's ashes were interred in the Memorial Garden on Saturday, August 18th. Page 4 September 2018

## **Imperial Airlines Heroes Recognized**

by Phyllis McKoy



This state historical marker honoring the unsung heroes of Imperial Airlines (IA) Flight 201/8, was issued by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. It was unveiled and dedicated June 21, 2018 at 1:00 pm in Richmond, Virginia.

Speakers at the ceremony included Senator Dave Marsden, who introduced in 2017 Senate Resolution #104 that the General Assembly passed to recognize the crash victims; Matt Gottlieb of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources; The Reverend Molly Bosscher of St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Richmond); and Phyllis McKoy and Paula Kirk, sisters of one of the unsung heroes, PVT Michael E. McAllister, U.S. Army.

The marker recalls an IA flight that crashed southeast of the city on November 8, 1961. At that time it was the worst crash in Virginia history, and the second deadliest single civilian aircraft in U.S. History. The crash resulted in an investigation and Congressional mandates in 1962 over some charter carriers.

The marker's manufacturing and installation costs were covered by generous donations from The Friends of the IA Historical Roadside Marker Project,

which included many St. Barnabas' Church members and the Women of St. Barnabas' organization.

Kudos and many thanks to all who helped the marker project to come to fruition, a job well done!

The marker is located at the intersection of South 2nd and Spring Streets in Richmond. We hope you will be able to see it in person one day soon.





## **Six Choristers Attend MAD Camp**

Great fun was had by all who attended Shrine Mont's Music & Drama (MAD) Camp this summer. MAD Camp is an opportunity for young people from age 9 through rising high school seniors to prepare a biblically-based musical, learning songs and movement, and creating sets and costumes. Preparation of the musical isn't all—there's swimming hiking, and a host of other activities, the most important of which are worship and Christian fellowship. Below are notes from those who attended.

#### Dear St. Barnabas.

Thank you soooo much for letting me go to MAD Camp! I loved every minute I was there and was so happy I was part of this great church! I hope I get to go again some day! Thank you soooooo much! I love being part of this church and church family!

Some of my farvorite parts were: the dance party, pool party, free elictives, and so much more! We also had each cabin plan worship, and our show was very good and fun! We did "Moeses and the Freedom Fantists"! I wish everyone could have been there! I loved it and Thank you soo much!

Love, Johanna!

#### Dear St. Barnabas.

Thank you for giving me the chance to go back to MAD camp at Shrine Mont. I love the chance to go to the mountain. This year we put on the play Moses and the Freedome Fanatics. The play is about Moses freeing all the slaves from Pharoh. Also I love the Chrine Mont food, so knowing the one week in the year I can enjoy the food from Shrine Mont is always a plus. I thank you for all that you do to let me go to Shrine Mont. I can't thank you enough!

From, Jay

#### From Lulu Harris:

Thank you St. Barnabas' Church family for donating to our choir's MAD Camp experience in June. It was fun roasting marshmallows, swimming in the pool, having Worship time, walking around Shrine Mont with friends and putting on the show at the end of the week. The counselors are always great. I love MAD Camp!

#### Dear St. Barnabas,

Thank you for supporting us kids to go to MAD camp. It was generous of you to donate the money. So thank you. The best part of MAD camp was getting to be with all my friends.

Signed,

Laura

#### Dear people of St. Barnabas,

Thank you so much for the scholarship to MAD Camp. I had so much fun there, now I want to go back! But I wouldn't have done it if not for the support from all of you! You gave me (and everyone else) the chance to have a lot of fun. I made a lot of friends and the counselors were really nice. My favorite part was worship in the outdoor shrine. Thank you so much! You are the best!

#### ~ Ali Kennedy

Thank you to everyone who gave me the MAD Camp scholarship. I had lots of fun there and hope to come back next year. Honestly my favorite part was the play. I was a "Featured Frog". What?? That's what they kept calling me when practice was happening! My cabin counselor was really nice, and I had a generally good time. I hope you are all doing good. Thanks again!



Love, Jordan Kennedy

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## **Beginnings Book Group**

The Beginnings Book Group will be discussing <u>The Case For Christ</u> by Lee Strobel at our first meeting on Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm at the Starks' home. On the 8<sup>th</sup> we will view the movie of the same name (based on the book), and discuss, as time permits.

Lee Strobel was an investigative reporter for The Chicago Tribune. He and his wife and daughter were having dinner at a restaurant when the daughter began choking. A woman nearby saw what was happening, rushed over, and, using the Heimlich maneuver, saved the child's life. This event began a friendship between Strobel's wife and the woman. Strobel's wife started going to church with her friend, and became a Christian. Strobel was furious and set out to prove to his wife that Christianity was a hoax and a cult. He used his investigative skills to do this. The book is the story of how he went about his proof, and what conclusions he came to. The Case For Christ was on the best seller list for many months.

Beginnings is open to all. We love new members! Please email Kathleen Stark <a href="knstark72@gmail.com">knstark72@gmail.com</a> or call 703 -569-8760 for questions or directions to our home. - Kathleen Stark

#### Thanks and More Thanks to...

- ...everyone who adjusted so graciously to the summer schedule with one service.
- Jack Miller (Junior Warden) and Alan Phillips (Asst. Junior Warden) for planning the recent work day, and for all those who came out to help.
- Larry Stark for his work cleaning out various storage areas around the building.
- Anne Radway for her thoughtfulness in arranging recipients for the altar flowers on a weekly basis.
- Rotha Frye for her advocacy for the Annandale Safe Youth Project and its students.
- Carolyn Lilienthal for her recent work weeding and trimming bushes around the Memorial Garden.
- Barbara Rigden, Bonnie Baldwin, Ann Sayles, Maria Macfarlane, Shirley Newman, and Molly Newling who volunteered to provide office coverage while the Parish Administrator was on vacation.

## Placing Ourselves in the Presence of God

We pray for God's presence, strength, and healing ... for Jonathan Barber, Bernard Blair, Emma Blevins, Jean Anne Braddon, Matthew Dugger, Lee Gibbs, Linda Wofford Hawkins, Fred Holmes, Carolyn Kercheval, Tom Lyles, Bob Macfarlane, Cindy McLaughlin, Marion Meany, Jean Mesle, Barbara Metz, Jack Miller, Rusty Moore, Jane Moya, Aliyah Phillips, Anne Radway, Ann Sayles, Dave Snyder, Frank Spink, Kathleen Stark, Karen 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. Shannon S. Johnston, The Rt. Rev. David Colin Jones, The Rt. Rev. Peter James Lee, The Rt. Rev. F. Clayton Matthews, The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff, The Rt. Rev. Robert Wilkes Ihloff, and their families.

For our Interim Rector, The Rev. Canon Carol Cole Flanagan, and her family; for The Rev. Jeffrey Neal Stevenson, Deacon, and his family; for our vestry, wardens, and staff; and for the work and ministry of Espiritu Santo and its mission of San Martine, Tela, Honduras.

## **Annandale Safe Youth Project - GREAT NEWS!**

by Rotha Frye

We are so happy and blessed to announce that Second Story (formerly Alternative House) has granted an additional day for our ASYP students. St. Barnabas' will host our mentees from Braddock Elementary School Monday through Thursday starting August 28. Program hours will continue unchanged: 3:45 to 6:00 p.m. each school day.

The is more good news! Vania Velasquez (ASYP Project Coordinator), Deborah Batten, and I attended Braddock Elementary's Promotion Exercises in June. Our 5th graders earned multiple award and certificates. Many thanks to Principal Keesha Jackson-Muir, Fairfax County Schools Principal of the Year for her advocacy on behalf of the students..

We are grateful for the continued support of the St. Barnabas' family. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming a mentor. Mentors may help with homework, English or Math literacy, or may just be a friend to these wonderful and deserving young people.

#### Women of St. Barnabas' News

The Women of St. Barnabas' will hold their first meeting of the program year on Tuesday, September 12th at 10:00 a m in the Richardson Room. We meet not only for fellowship, but also raise money to fund outreach to charities and to special needs of St. Barnabas'. If you know of a group doing good works that you think could use some help, come to a meeting and share your thoughts.

Grace Inside Prison Ministry is the newest group we support. They provide chaplains for prisons in Virginia. A member of this charity, The Rev. Lynn Litchfield, visited on June 3rd and gave a moving talk of her experience among women prisoners. This is just one of many ministries we support.

Our main fundraiser is our Christmas Bazaar. This year's bazaar will be held Saturday, November 10. We invite all our parishioners to a preview on the Friday night before. Our theme this year is "A Nutcracker Christmas". In addition to money we earn throughout the year at various functions, we also receive generous donations from church members, as well as donations for the receptions we prepare after funerals. Our outreach spending for 2018 so far is \$7,000, with additional money already earmarked for the support of youth programs.

Please join us and help us do the work we are called to do. We heartily thank all women for their support, both those who are able to come to our monthly meetings and those who are not, as well as the men of the church who help so much at our various fundraisers.

Thank you! Gertrude Jones



Prayers for healing are offered every Sunday at the 8:00 am worship service. If you desire prayers for yourself or others, you are invited to return to the altar rail following the dismissal. You will be met by persons who will pray with you and for you. In addition, a service of healing is included with Holy Eucharist on the first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Library.

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## **ACCA News – Annandale Christian Community for Action**

The 2018 Annandale CROP Hunger Walk is planned for Saturday, October 20 at Lake Accotink Park. Registration starts at 8 am near the Marina. Come enjoy a walk around the beautiful lake and fellowship, while helping others. The walk raises funds for Church World Service (CWS), which funds programs for hunger, disaster and refugee relief, and sustainable development. CWS returns part of the funds raised by CROP Walks to local organizations like ACCA. Last year's Annandale CROP Hunger Walk raised \$18,214, and of this, CWS returned \$4,501 to ACCA. We need walkers and sponsors, as well as volunteers to help at the walk. Please contact Camille or see the bulletin board for more information.



The ACCA Child Development Center (CDC) has received accreditation through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The NAEYC promotes high-quality learning by connecting practice, policy, and research. This accreditation ensures high-quality experiences for children in early childhood education programs. This approval is an important recognition of the excellent work done by ACCA CDC leadership and staff.

ACCA has committed to supporting a refugee family this year, in partnership with the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services. ACCA planners expect to learn in early October about the family we will sponsor, and the family should arrive shortly after that. ACCA will provide the family with furniture from the Furniture Warehouse, and household items donated by members of ACCA churches. Volunteer drivers and mentors will be needed to help the family adjust. A dinner and discussion for volunteers will be held on Saturday, September 8th at Peace Lutheran Church from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Peace Lutheran is located at 6362 Lincolnia Road, Alexandria. The discussion is intended to improve awareness of the culture of the Middle East, especially Afghanistan, and will provide information for volunteers. Please R.S.V.P. to melia@lssnca.org (by September 1, if possible). If you would like to volunteer or have household items to donate, please contact Camille.

Since 1979, ACCA has awarded four-year college scholarships to Fairfax County high school seniors who have overcome disabilities to succeed in school and life. These awards are made as a tribute to Emily & Fred Ruffing, leaders of the group that founded ACCA. In July, Kyle Gatesman and Vardan Ratna Tuladhar were announced as the 2018 scholars. Scholars awarded in prior years who will continue to receive funding from the scholarship include Raymond Phung, Katherine Cespedes, Esraa Mahran, and Molly McCracken.

The ACCA Furniture Ministry will resume operations after Labor Day. We expect to receive the schedule for volunteer furniture crews in late August, and expect that St. Barnabas' will be asked to serve about once every two months.

For more information about ACCA, please contact Camille or Ken Mittelholtz at 703 573-0074 or kcmit-telholtz@gmail.com.

## **Yoga with Friends**

Join us in the Richardson Room on Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. for an all-levels slow flow Vinyasa Class featuring sun salutations, warrior poses, standing balances, and centering. The cost is \$10 per person per class. Please bring your own yoga mat. Yoga props will be provided. For more information, see the <u>Yoga with Friends</u> website.

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#### St. Barnabas' Flower Guild

by Anne Radway

The altar flowers which we display each week for the Sunday services are now being arranged by members of our newly-formed Flower Guild consisting of Theresa Merchant, Dana Wiseman, Molly Newling, Behn Ayala, Karen Steidel, Janet George, and Anne Radway. This variety gives the congregation a chance to see different styles of flower arranging. The flowers are purchased fresh each week from Mid-Atlantic Wholesale Florists in Alexandria.

Following the Sunday services, the altar flowers arrangement is dissembled, and smaller bouquets are then taken to shut-ins or others who may not be able to attend services. It is a valuable ministry which brings together congregants who attend services and those who have not been able to attend. These visits provide an opportunity for them to become better acquainted with each other, and also lets those who cannot attend services know that the St. Barnabas' family has not forgotten them.

Last year I attended a two-day seminar at the Cathedral on flower arranging for sacred spaces. It was a valuable hands-on class and well-attended with participants coming from as far away as Oregon and Washington State. It provided a good vehicle for exchanging ideas with others who arrange the flowers for their respective churches. I'm hoping that as many members of St. Barnabas' Flower Guild who are interested will be able to attend next year's session, which will be held just before Lent.

Everyone is welcome to join the Flower Guild. No experience necessary, just interest and enthusiasm. Also, we are in particular need of more people who will deliver flowers after the 10:15 a.m. service (which resumes on Opening Day, September 9<sup>th</sup>). Please see Anne Radway for more details, and to offer to help out.

#### **News from the Barnabees**

The Barnabees are preparing for this year's Christmas bazaar, "A Nutcracker Christmas" which will take place on Saturday, November 10 (with preview party on Friday, November 9). How can you help? It's easy!

#### JEWELRY NEEDED

One of our popular tables at the annual bazaar is that of costume jewelry. We are again asking for donations of gently used items – rings, bracelets, necklaces, pins, and watches – which we will sell.



We also ask for the not-so-gently used pieces, broken pieces, and single earrings which we will use in making crafts. Please take a few minutes to go through your jewelry collection and give us pieces you no longer wear or ones you haven't gotten around to throwing away. We can use them! Please give them to Gertrude Jones, any member of the Barnabees, or drop them off in the office.

#### **SCARVES**

A new feature of our bazaar this year is the offering of gently used scarves for sale. We will gladly accept donations of scarves. Please check your closets and dresser drawers for ones you never use but could be passed on to brighten up another woman's wardrobe! Just give them to any member of the WOSB or drop them by the parish office.

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FROM: The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Virginia TO: Our family in Christ in the Diocese of Virginia

August 20, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Bishop Shannon Johnston has announced that he will resign as our Bishop Diocesan during our Annual Convention in November 2018, and he will fully retire on June 30, 2019. In his letter of August 3, Bishop Shannon called for "new vision and new energy for the church in our Diocese." To create the best opportunity for that vision and energy, the Standing Committee is seeking a Bishop Provisional for election at the November convention, per General Convention Title III.13.1. We want to make all of you aware of the steps involved in this process, as we work for the good of our Diocese.

As stated in Bishop Shannon's letter, we have been in communication with the Presiding Bishop's Office to ensure a smooth transition. The process the Standing Committee will follow will be similar to what happens in a parish when a rector leaves, and an interim rector is appointed by the Vestry. In this case, the Standing Committee is working with the Presiding Bishop's Office of Pastoral Development to identify individuals who would be willing to serve as our Bishop Provisional for approximately three years, with extensions to that time frame, if needed, to be voted on at Diocesan Convention. As with any process like this, confidentiality will be kept to preserve the privacy of all involved.

This month, we are working to prepare questions to ask of the prospective candidates. We have sought input from Diocesan staff, current and former Bishops, leadership of Diocesan bodies, and the Regional Deans and Presidents to help us formulate these questions. We are also reviewing documents on file at the diocesan offices, to assist in preparing for these interviews, which we plan to hold in September. Once we have completed interviews, and a review of all paperwork, we will present the name of one candidate for the Diocese to elect in November, similar to the way a Vestry would for a parish.

This election will be the final act of our Annual Convention. The Bishop Provisional will be an experienced Bishop who will have the canonical authority of a Bishop Diocesan, and who will partner with us in a thorough diocesan review to enable us to prepare for a healthy call for our next Bishop Diocesan.

Many have asked about the role of Bishop Susan Goff in the Diocese as we move forward. In the same way that an associate or assistant rector is not eligible to serve as interim of a parish after the rector leaves, we have discerned, in close consultation with Bishop Goff, the Presiding Bishop and a variety of wise advisors, that our Bishop Suffragan will serve the Diocese best by remaining our Suffragan. She will be an integral part of the new team of leadership of our Diocese and we are grateful for the gifts she will continue to bring.

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We ask for your prayers, for this process and for all the individuals involved, as we undertake this work. The best interests of this Diocese are at the center of all we do.

In Christ's Love,

Helen K. Spence, President

Deen L. Spince

**Standing Committee** 

Diocese of Virginia

FOR CHRIST. FOR THIS TIME. FOR ALL TIME.



## Girl Scout Troop 675 Summer Trip

Thanks for all your support! Here is Troop 675 in Freeport, Maine. We spent a week on Mt. Desert Island. We hiked, went sea kayaking, stand-up paddle-boarding, whale watching, and on a ghost tour. We even cooked our own lobster! We had a lot of fun and made many memories.

Thanks again, Kate Lauderdale Leader, Girl Scout Troop 675





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#### **Change Service Requested**

## Opening Day September 9th

Our program year officially begins on Sunday, September 9th. We will resume the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. service schedule, with Christian Formation for children, youth, and adults beginning at 9:15 a.m. Come for the first Adult Forum of the year, and enjoy opening celebrations for Godly Play and the Journey to Adulthood classes. You may also be interested in checking out Adult Choir (9:15 a.m. in the Choir Loft) and Children's Choir (following the 10:15 a.m. service).