

## St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

# The Parish Pen

September 2009

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### ANOTHER YEAR OF GRACE

Happy New Year! I know, of course, that the calendar year begins on January 1 and that the Church calendar year begins on the First Sunday of Advent. Our lives, however, run on a very different schedule. On this calendar, the New Year begins in September, when vacations are over for most of us and the schools and University reopen. Sunday School, choir rehearsals, youth activities, and many other parish programs begin a new year this month. We acknowledge the New Year's beginning on Sunday, September 13. On that day, we return to a full sung service of the Holy Eucharist at 10:00. The choirs resume their leadership of our music, and we will be registering our Sunday School students. We will hold our annual Welcome Back Picnic following the service. We hope to see all of you.

This year begins in ways we did not anticipate, and we are getting accustomed to changes at St. Barnabas'. Some of us are anxious about those changes. What will be happening in our parish in this year? While we cannot predict this any more than we could predict any other new year in advance, we can be sure of one thing. This will be a new season in which we experience God's grace.

The Prayer Book describes the church this way: "The Church (in the Bible) is described as the Body of which Christ is the Head and of which all baptized persons are members. It is called the People of God, the new Israel, a holy nation, a royal priesthood.... The Church is holy, because the Holy Spirit dwells in it, consecrates its members, and guides them to do God's work." (BCP, p. 854). With Christ as the Head of St. Barnabas' and with the Holy Spirit making a home here, how can it be anything other than another year of grace?

A New Year's carol, #250 in our Hymnal, is one of my favorites:

"His love abundant far exceeds the volume of whole year's needs.  
Rejoice, rejoice, with thanks embrace another year of grace.

With such a Lord to lead our way in hazard and prosperity,  
What need we fear in earth or space in this new year of grace?"

Peter Huiner

### WELCOME BACK!

We, at St. Barnabas, are about to embark upon our new Fall schedule in September! I, personally, want to welcome everyone back from vacation. We are anxious to get started on these new Fall events with Sunday school for the children, Youth Group for the teens, and adult education for the rest of us! It is going to be an exciting time, with Harvest Fest, Blessing of the Animals, Thanksgiving, Annual Bazaar, Advent, Christmas, new events for the Spring, etc.

We have been through some unsettling times, and we need to come together, unite and move onward and upward. Stay tuned by reading your bulletin inserts, and the PEN for upcoming, exciting events!

I am open to suggestions from any and all of you about new things you would like to implement here at St. Barnabas. We are all Children of God, so let us break bread and sing together, hand in hand, as we move into the Fall.

Sister Cassandra

### Worship Services

**Saturday**

5:30 pm Holy Eucharist

**Sunday**

7:30 am

10:00 am

Holy Eucharist

### Coming Events

**Thursdays**

6:30 am

Early Risers

Lounge

**Thursday, Sept 3**

1:00pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Lady Julian**

**Tuesday, Sept 15**

**Sunday, Sept 13**

**Welcome Back Picnic**

**After 10 am service**

**Saturday, Sept 19**

**5-7 pm**

**Young Family's Dinner**

**Great Hall**

**Sunday, Sept 20**

**Sunday School Registration**

**9:45 am**

**Children's Choir Rehearsals**

**Stephen Ministry Training**

**September**

**Sunday, October 4th**

**Blessing of the Animals**

**Saturday, Oct. 17, 5:30 pm**

**THE HARVEST FEST**

**Blood Pressure Monitoring**

**will be available on every  
first Sunday after the 9:00  
am service during the Parish  
Breakfast.**

## Vestry Minutes May, June, July 2009

In May, Lori Kramer was elected Senior Warden and Brian Engler, Junior Warden.

In June, the Sr. Warden shared a message from the Bishop. Fr. Broesler's leave has been extended beyond May 14 and Fr. Huiner will continue his service to St. Barnabas. The new wing will be "blessed" on May 14 with a formal dedication in the fall.

The minutes for all meetings were approved as written or amended.

Treasurer's Report \_ Budget profit and loss statements for April were approved and filed for Audit. J. Connell and J. Renzi continue to refine the reports requested by the vestry. The Diocese has agreed to pay half of the supply clergy cost for Fr. Huiner's services while Fr. Broesler is on leave. The need to evaluate the duties of the Treasurer were discussed. The hiring of an expert in QuickBooks was approved to assist the Treasurers function in producing the reports required by the vestry. Comparative Revenue and Expenditures report was presented in July. A resolution was presented by the Sr. Warden to close the current Rector's Discretionary Fund and open a new account. Per Canon Law, during an official interim period, the Sr. Warden assumes responsibility for the account. The Bishop's Vicar and the current Sr. Warden are to be listed on the account as signatories. The account will allow for rotation of the Sr. Warden annually.

Building and Grounds – Building Expansion – Spend out detail vs budget was discussed in May. Three air circulators were replaced in the boiler room with payment from the HVAC Maintenance reserve. The water heater also needs to be replaced. A maintenance agreement will be investigated. B. Zimmerman has agreed to work with T. Watson to learn the workings of the system as a backup will be available as needed. HVAC Reserve will need replenishment.

Capital Campaign– We are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the Capital Campaign. The Finance Committee will audit the expenditures. Current report of the contractor spend-out was discussed. A list is being developed of those who have not paid the pledged amount as well as new members who may not have been contacted at the beginning of the campaign. Leon Slocomb and Patrick Kaser will discuss strategies for continuation of the campaign. G. Tyler has estimated July 22 completion date for the building. Bob and Kay Herzog have offered to donate a tree for planting outside the new entrance. Furniture available after renovation will be sold with proceeds going to the Office Expense Budget. Bids from Security Companies are being reviewed.

Worship, Christian Ed and Youth – Fr. Huiner proposal in July to maintain the Summer Schedule in the fall was accepted. The current leaders of the confirmation class feel that this class should be redesigned and not included as part of a Sunday School class. Fr. Huiner agreed that it is an adult commitment not a rite of passage. The leaders and Fr. Huiner will have a separate class for those interested in confirmation. Youth Group - the Mesters wish to split the Youth Group into 2 groups based on age with each group meeting every other week. B. Jefferson has agreed to become more involved in the Youth Group activities. Continuity of this program is essential and Sarah, John and Beth are committed to this ministry.

### BUILDING EXPANSION

**With the Certificate of Occupancy awarded by New Castle County on June 5<sup>th</sup>, the new offices and facilities in the William B. Merrill Administration Wing have been functioning over the summer with the St. Barnabas' Clergy, Staff and Volunteers firmly in place. The existing first floor lounge has been expanded to include reclaimed former office space. A major enhancement of the new lounge is a new hardwood floor installed by our own Chris Kanagie, who donated, with thanks, his skilled craftsmanship to the project. Chris also fashioned a cross inlay, in contrasting dark oak, in the floor for our devotion and meditation while we are about the Lord's work. Other features of the expanded lounge include new hardwood doors to separate study areas and mirrored doors for the Communion Assistant and Choir Robes closet and a hallway shelf with clothes hanger rod.**

**And, we appreciate the many hours ( approximately 500) contributed by Chuck Simmermon's "Sweat Equity" team for demolition, material removal, construction craft skills, furniture handling, painting and staining. ( GOOD JOB! ) .**

**Final building and systems inspections, approvals, and certifications were received from the Delaware State Fire Marshall and New Castle County on July 30<sup>th</sup> and August 3<sup>rd</sup>, respectively. The project cost overrun is indicated at \$17K or 5.8% of budget. A major factor contribution to the overrun include multiple inspections by New Castle County who mandated, during five separate site inspections, engineering changes to the bio-retention and drainage control systems. Other cost-impacting changes made, in the interest of safety, include sidewalk and entrance step additions. A final cost audit is underway. The project is now essentially complete.**

**Richard Leaning**

**YOUNG FAMILIES' DINNER  
2009-2010**

Please join the family group dinner this coming year. Although focused on families with children under 10, anyone is welcome. The goal is to give both parents and children a chance to get to know one another. The dinners are held the 3rd Saturday of most months from 5-7 pm in the Great Hall. Cost is \$10/adult and includes babysitting.

RSVP or questions to Andrea Zimmerman (akzimmerman@yahoo.com or 302-633-2928). The schedule for the 2009-2010 year is below. Please put these dates on your calendar and share in the fun and fellowship!!!

September 19,  
October 17—please join us at the Harvest Fest  
November 21 —no family dinner  
December 19— no family dinner  
January 16  
February 20  
March 20  
April 17  
May 15

**FOYERS**

Summer is coming to a close and it's that time again to think about "Foyers". Foyers groups have been gathering for more than 20 years at St. Barnabas, so let's continue to carry on that tradition. The idea is quite simple. Each couple or single is assigned to a small group of 10-12. You meet once a month at the home of each couple/single in turn. The Host provides the main dish and the others each bring a pre-arranged covered dish. The meals are to be kept simple, the idea being to relax and enjoy each other's company.

Some groups get together for Lunch on Sunday after church.

Why not join us for Foyers this year, for fun food and fellowship.

The first gathering for the new season will be held on Sunday, September 27, 2009 at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall.

To join, drop the completed form from the Church Bulletin in the basket in the back of the Church. If you have any questions, please call Jon and Jackie Hall at 633-0643 or the Church Office at 994-6607.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Prayer Shawl monthly get-togethers will resume on Thursday, Sept 3, at 1pm. We are looking forward to seeing all of our faithful knitters/crocheters and welcome all those who have an interest in sharing in this special pastoral care ministry. The meeting will be in the new lounge! For information please contact Charlotte Sheehan or Barbara Connell.

**STEWARDSHIP**

The summer seems to be passing much too quickly. The television ads have started to remind us that the biggest milestone of the fall, the re-starting of school, is a mere few days away. (My favorite television ad is the one of parents skipping through the store, buying school supplies, to the tune of the Andy Williams classic 'It's the most wonderful time of the year' - I must add it's not high on my daughter's list of favorites). Our thoughts turn nonetheless to the changing of activities in our daily lives - vacations coming to a close, schools starting for some, college for others. Our church activities also re-start - Christian education begins, more formal choral activities resume and the full breadth of life at St. Barnabas picks up again. While it's been an unsettled summer for us at St. Barnabas, we are blessed with a parish and people who have maintained their faithfulness to our church and its mission. Truly God is good.

We also begin to think through the fall calendar and our annual stewardship activities. The parish is working very hard to maintain or lower its expenses in light of the current economic realities. The Stewardship Committee is beginning to work through the calendar of stewardship events with Fr. Peter and the Vestry. We will continue to communicate to you the plans of how we will conduct our Stewardship Campaign as it firms up. We hope that you will begin to consider how you can support the parish in our upcoming campaign.

**Terry Flanagan and the Stewardship Committee**

**Thanks to the St. Barnabas Woodworkers**

It is with much regret that the St. Barnabas Woodworkers are closing up shop. The group began over 30 years ago and contributed a great deal to the church, the Bazaar and the community. No job was ever too small or too large for this dedicated group! Over the years they created, installed and repaired many items for the church. This included the Memorial Garden Cross, some of the hymn boards, the pew candle holders and the wooden crosses for the choir. There were countless projects for the Sunday School, most notably, the Godly Play toys which remain in constant use today. The most recent project was the addition of pullout shelves in the closet behind the choir where the wall hangings are now stored.

Over the years the Woodworkers have contributed thousands of dollars to St Barnabas. Their Bazaar items have always been particularly popular and will certainly be missed! I have been very happy and blessed to have had "my little men in the basement" and will definitely miss their Thursday get-togethers.

Catherine Scarborough

## FALL SERVICE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

The Vestry has decided to "hold on to summer" indefinitely. We cannot do anything about the changing weather, of course. Our Sunday services this fall, however, will continue on our summer schedule: two services on Sunday at 7:30 and 10:00. The early service will follow Rite I, and the second service will be Rite II. Also at 10, on the first Sunday of the month, the Sunday School will not meet. On that day, our Children's Choirs will sing, and the service will include a children's homily. Saturday services, using Rite II, will continue at 5:30 p.m.

Because of this changed schedule, we will be making some shifts in our Sunday School and the children's choir rehearsals. Sunday School will now meet during the 10:00 service. We want to use our shortened class time effectively, so children will report at 9:45 for snacks and getting settled. Coffee will be available for parents at this time. Children will join their families in church at the Breaking of the Bread immediately before Communion. Children's choirs will rehearse during Coffee Hour. They will leave for their rehearsal during the singing of the final hymn in the service.

-Peter Huiner-

## TEDDY BEAR MINISTRY

As a wonderful addition to our Prayer Shawl Ministry, please bring a new Teddy Bear (12"-15") to church on Oct 3rd and 4th. They will be blessed and will be given to the sick or infirm, and to children who are either sick or going through a tough time, as a reminder that we at St. Barnabas love them and that they deserve a hug.

This project will involve the entire parish, including the children. At Easter and/or Christmas seasons we will distribute them throughout nursing homes, Ronald McDonald House, children's wards in the hospitals, and homeless shelters.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration is Sunday, September 13th after the 10 am service. Meet the teachers and find your classroom before or on your way to the Welcome Back Picnic.

First official Sunday School Christian Education class will begin at 9:45am on Sunday, September 20th. At 9:45 there will be snacks for the parents and time for them to settle their children before the 10 am service.

The 3-4 year olds through Grade 4 will be using the Godly Play curriculum, Grades 5 & 6 (Genesis Group) follows a lectionary based curriculum and Grades 7 & 8 will be working this year on the Book of Common Prayer and the History of the Episcopal Church.

Youth Group, Grades 7 -12 will continue on Sunday evenings from 7 pm to 8:30 pm.

## Welcome Back Picnic

Sunday, September 13  
After the 10:00am Service

Come and enjoy old friends and make some new ones!

See "Annie's Menagerie" – for the children and young of heart of any age.

Main course and drinks will be provided. Please, bring a side dish based on your last name:

- \*A – H Dessert
- \* I - R Fruit or Green Salad
- \* S – Z Pasta Salad

Questions or to help, contact:  
Barbara Taylor (610-274-3256 or  
[davebarbtaylor@verizon.net](mailto:davebarbtaylor@verizon.net))

JoAnn Michael (610-268-1384 or  
[joannmichael@comcast.net](mailto:joannmichael@comcast.net))

## Harvest Fest 2009 Saturday, October 17

Service 5:30pm  
Dinner 6:30pm

Followed By:  
Entertainment  
Live & Silent Auction

Proceeds Benefit:  
The Food Bank of Delaware  
ERD, Gifts for Life

Thanks to you, last year we raised \$5000 for these charities. Don't miss a fun evening that makes a difference in others' lives.

## CHERUB AND SERAPHIM CHOIRS

Choir Families - first, thanks for hanging in there through the tumult of the past 4 months. As we gear up for another season of making a Joyful Noise for Jesus, let's keep Fr. Bob, Fr. Peter, and St Barnabas in our prayers. Pray for recovery, strength, and patience! Our church family will need our beautiful voices more than ever this year to remind them what and Who is *really* important.

A tentative Cherub and Seraphim Choir schedule for Sept - Nov 2009 has been prepared, watch the Church Bulletin for dates and times. Please bear with us as we navigate the room rearrangements (not quite sure yet where we'll be practicing). Not quite sure what time rehearsal will begin - it will begin with the Cherubs and Seraphim recessing with me and Cara during the last hymn - we will march down the aisle and directly to practice (where snacks will be waiting - so no long detours to the Great Hall). Practice will be 45 minutes, so depending on the length of the sermon, practice could be 11 - 11:45 or from 11:15 - 12:00.

FYI - Sunday School will be 9:45 am until just before communion; the kids will come up for communion. But you'll be hearing more about that from Cathy Cooling. Blessings and Peace to all - enjoy the rest of your summer

Love ya - Miss Sandy (Witman)

### 2009 Christmas Bazaar Update.

**Friendly's offers Family Fun Night— any organization that can bring in 75-100 people on their night will receive 10% of their sales. Monies received will be used to support our outreach program. (Sponsored by the Christmas Bazaar Committee). Please tell you family and friends and let's have some fun.**

**Back to School Night. Tuesday, September 8th from 5-9pm Friendly's Kirkwood Highway. Make sure your child puts their name in the basket for a chance to win school supplies.**

**Halloween Celebration. Tuesday, October 27th from 5-9pm Friendly's Lantana Square. Wear your Halloween Costume and get a bag of goodies.**

## NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

As September quickly approaches I hope that all have had a relaxing and renewing summer. Linda and I have had a very nice summer, including the opportunity to travel quite a bit. I always look forward however, to getting back into my September routine which of course includes the music ministry at St. Barnabas as well as my work at the Music School of Delaware, and the New Ark Chorale.

As our program year at St. Barnabas is about to begin I would like to issue again a warm invitation to you, and/or your children to consider joining one of our choirs. There are so many reasons why singing in a choir can be a great experience. Here are just 4 reasons:

To serve your Creator and Church by musically leading our congregation's worship and liturgy!

As part of a church choral ensemble make music together with beauty, meaning, and truth that augments the scriptural themes of our worship services.

Have a great time with great fellowship!!

Cement old friendships, make new ones!!

All are welcome regardless of past musical experience. Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals on Thursday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and Renaissance Quire will resume rehearsals on Thursday, Sept. 24 at 6:45 p.m. Rock of Ages Choir and our youth choirs will also soon be resuming rehearsals and participation in Sunday worship. Join us as we "sing to God a new song," and have a wonderful time doing just that! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me either by phone, email, or before or after a Sunday Service.

Here is looking forward to another year of beautiful music and vibrant, meaningful, and uplifting worship and praise at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church!

Peace,

### ST BARNABAS CRAFTS for BAZAAR

There will be a table of items crafted by parishioners of St. Barnabas for sale at the annual bazaar, December 5. We are hoping to have a variety of projects—sewn, crocheted, knitted, stamped, woven, painted, etc. Please make and donate an item or two. Don't forget.... Bazaar projects support our outreach programs! For questions, contact Laura Gracie.

## YOUTH CORNER

The St. Barnabas Youth Group is gearing up for an exciting fall! We are meeting at St. Barnabas from 7-8:30 pm, Sunday evenings, unless otherwise scheduled. Schedules will be mailed & additional copies will be available in the back of the church. We are kicking off the year with a welcome back party on September 13<sup>th</sup>. On September 20<sup>th</sup> we are having an Ice Cream Social for all youth group members from 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades *and their parents*. We will socialize and share information about the youth ministries at St. Barnabas (Confirmation Class, Sunday School, and Youth Group). On September 27<sup>th</sup> we are having our bike ride extravaganza (postponed from the summer due to inclement weather) from 2:30-5:00pm. We will leave St. Barnabas at 2:30 and bike in White Clay Creek State Park and return at 5:00 (there will be no evening program). Please RSVP!

We have a new email address: [stbyouth-group@gmail.com](mailto:stbyouth-group@gmail.com) and can now be found on Facebook by searching for St. Barnabas Youth Group (Wilmington, DE). You can also reach us at 443-406-7984 (home) or 302-562-3712 (cell). Here's to another great year!

John & Sarah

The annual Ministries Fair has been discontinued. In its place, the many St. Barnabas Ministries will be highlighted in the PEN. This month it is the Emmanuel Dining Room, please see below.

### EMMANUEL DINING ROOM (Greg Yulduzian)

St. Barnabas' provides food to the Emmanuel Dining Room (2<sup>nd</sup> & Jackson) on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. It's a two-step process that's become highly efficient over the years. At 8:30 a.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup>, 4-5 people, usually led by Greg Yulduzian, meet at 8:30 a.m. in St. B's kitchen. They spend about 45 minutes preparing a delicious, nutritious "stew" with discount ingredients from Shop Rite. Sue Martin's baking brigade makes sure there are 6 dozen homemade cookies waiting in St. B's freezer. Greg takes the stew and cookies to the dining room around 9:15. On the 15<sup>th</sup>, 4-5 volunteers meet at St. B's at 11:00 to carpool downtown. The dining room serves hot lunch daily to 150-225 people, starting at noon and ending promptly at 1:00. When St. B's volunteers arrive, the food is hot and trays must be prepared. Volunteers from other organizations act as waiters, and guests usually leave happily with a "goodie bag." At 1:00, the staff sits down and breaks bread together before going home. Greg (239-9529) and Sue (994-0012) have a combined 30 years of experience with the dining room. Greg says, "Once you do it once, you'll see that you really enjoy it." Sadly, four churches have had to drop out this year for economic reasons, so this outreach is more important than ever. If you are interested in being on the list as a helper for cooking and/or serving, please contact Greg (or Sue for the baking).

## Can't Be At Harvest Fest 2009? Saturday, October 17

You can bid in advance on 3 fabulous leisure opportunities!

--- 1-week summer vacation in 3-bedroom, 3-bathroom condo in Ocean City, MD.

Condo sleeps 6 people and has kid-friendly equipment. Walk to beach; short walk or drive to restaurants; 15 minutes to boardwalk. Complex includes pool and small fitness center. Winner will work out dates with owner. Major summer holiday weeks are not included.

Minimum Bid: \$500.

--- Winterfest 2009 weekend in 3-bedroom, 3-bathroom condo in Ocean City, MD.

Same condo as above. Weekend includes 4 tickets to Winterfest of Lights (11/19/2009 – 01/02/10). Ride a tram and see over 1 million holiday lights and other decorations. Enjoy hot chocolate, snacks and a visit with Santa at the end of the ride or go back and do it again. Winner will work out dates with owner. Weekend of 12/18/09 is excluded.

Minimum Bid: \$200

--- Chesapeake Bay Weekend (up to 3 nights) in 2-bedroom, 2-bathroom condo in Cambridge, MD

Condo sleeps 4. Weekend includes an optional day of sailing and lunch on a 38-foot sailboat. Complex has outdoor pool. Condo overlooks Cambridge harbor and is within walking distance of historic downtown and restaurants. Within 30 minutes of major Eastern Shore attractions in St. Michaels, Oxford, Easton. Golf, kayaking, bird-watching nearby. Winner will work out dates with owner. Any weekends except major holidays.

Minimum bid: \$200

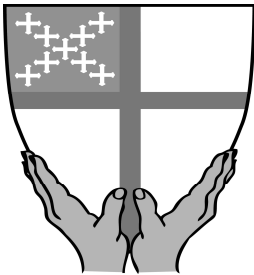
**Note: Both properties are non-smoking and no pets allowed.**

We will begin accepting bids at the Welcome Back Picnic on September 13. Come to the Harvest Fest table and pick up a form to submit your sealed bid. Bids will also be accepted at the live auction during Harvest Fest.

Thanks from Dee Howard

I wish to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers during my recent illness. I received a good report from the pathologist and I am currently making a speedy recovery. The flowers were beautiful and greatly appreciated.

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**Saturday**  
**5:30pm Holy Eucharist**  
**Sunday**  
**7:30 and 10 am**  
**Holy Eucharist**  
**10:00 am**



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