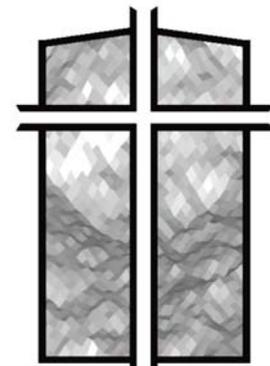


St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

The **SALTIER**

You are the salt of the Earth. Matthew 5:13

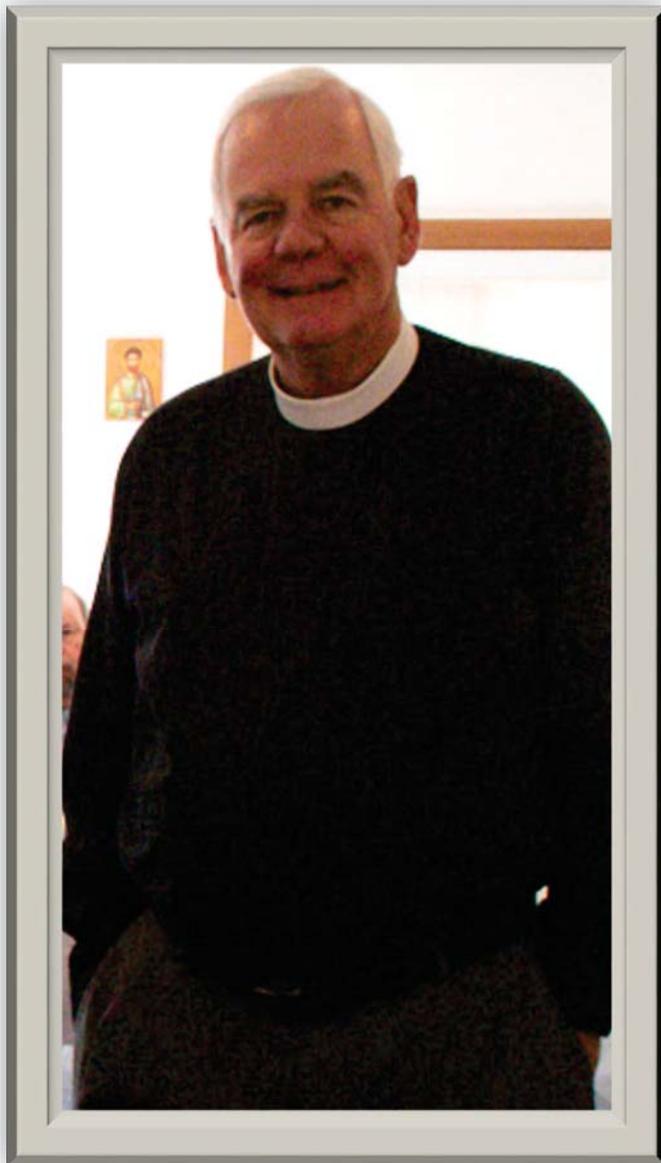


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The Rev. Michael Dunnington Priest-in-Charge

FAREWELL AND BE WELL!



Dear Friends:

I can't believe how quickly our (almost) year together has gone by, and that it's nearly time to say farewell. It's been wonderful being with you, worshiping with you, and getting to know you. It's also sad that the past few months of COVID quarantine have meant that we have had to do this as a dispersed community.

But Leslie and I are truly thankful for our time together at St. Barnabas. Your music program is top-notch, and always inspiring. Your fellowship together is always fun and heart-warming. And your welcoming and loving of us has been wonderful. I hope that your welcoming and loving of the Rev. Mary will be no less than what it has been for us. I know that she will work hard at helping you grow. And I know she'll work with you to discern where God is calling St. Barnabas to share in God's mission to this hurting world.

I still miss seeing each of you in person, but I will continue to hold you in my heart and pray that you all will be well and will grow in the love of Jesus Christ.

Blessings and Peace,

The Rev. Michael+

REFLECTIONS



Change is hard. And we are in the midst of change on many levels. Covid 19 has changed the way we live together. The deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor have changed the way we understand racial justice. We have a brand-new Bishop, a new shepherd of our Episcopal Diocese. You are about to say goodbye to Rev. Michael Dunnington. And soon, I will be your new priest-in-charge. That is a whole lot of change at one time!

Psychologists don't have to tell us that change is stressful. We who are experiencing it know that. But psychologists explain that if we encounter change and we feel like we have the resources to handle it, we tend to react positively. If we fear that we might not have the resources to handle change, then the stress can become overwhelming.

I can assure you that we *do* have the resources to handle this time of stress. We have the faith that our ancestors have passed down to us. We have the Sacred Scriptures that tell us the story of God who has promised us abundant life. We have one another, as brothers and sisters in Christ. Truth is, change is the bedrock of Christianity. To follow Jesus is to be open to transformation. Our faith isn't a once and done thing. It is a day to day commitment to seek out the will of God in our lives and to allow God to transform us day in and day out. As a transformed people we are then called to go out and change the world.

So, as we go forward in this time of unprecedented change may we care tenderly for one another, even at a distance. May we embrace this time of upheaval as an invitation to see how God is calling us to transformation. On July 15th I will begin that journey with you. I can't wait! I am looking forward to carrying out the mission of the church together to pray and worship, to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, and to promote justice, peace, and love.

Peace and Blessings,

Rev. Mary

Message from the Senior Warden

Some wise person once said that change is inevitable. Change is certainly true for our parish. Especially for the month of July this year. We will say farewell to Rev. Michael and Leslie Dunnington and Hello to Rev. Mary and Bill Haggerty. I would like to thank Rev. Michael and Leslie Dunnington for all that they have done for us over the past year. They came to us at a time when we needed continued consistent spiritual leadership. The time and effort they put in during the unique Covid-19 pandemic situation was well beyond the call of normal duty. Both have also been a source of personal guidance for me. They both were available to listen and provide input when I needed it most. **When** it is appropriate to gather again in fellowship, we will have them back to celebrate their gifts to us.

The next St. Barnabas chapter starts on July 15 when Rev. Mary Haggerty becomes our Priest in Charge. I would like to officially welcome her and her husband Bill. She will have a busy month. The announcement of the ordination has been released:

<https://www.diocesemo.org/news/2020/06/13/ordination-mary-moloney-haggerty>

The ordination service will take place at St. Barnabas on July 11. I wish all of you could be in attendance but unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 restrictions for gathering set forth by the Bishop's office, the service will be will be attended only by a small group. Our Jr. Warden Dusty Hassler, our Director of Music Leah Milton, and I will be proudly representing all of you. A plan is in place to live stream and record the service. It will be available through the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri web site. Please use the link provided earlier in this message to locate the link to watch the service on July 11. We hope that you will be able to watch.

As we, being a church family, attempt to navigate the current and post Covid-19 pandemic in a modern society, with the current technical abilities of instant access to information, I am struck with a thought. There is really no guide book to what we are dealing with. We have historical information from the Spanish flu epidemic of 1918, but the world society, and economy is so much more advanced now and people are so much more mobile, that I am not sure that all of the lessons from that epidemic apply. Some perhaps.

To this point I ask for your patience, understanding, and prayers as we attempt to understand what is the correct criteria and procedures for gathering together again for worship. We have received emails of appreciation and support from many of you. We appreciate your confidence and support as we work to understand what the "new normal" will be.

May God bless and keep you,

Dennis Haefner
Sr. Warden

We Are Family: Quilts Around the World



Deaconess Anne House corps members spend a year living, working and serving the community and are challenged to create a praxis project in response to their experiences. This year's DAH members are asking for your help with their project: Create a quilt square that tells a story of your experiences during the pandemic. You don't have to be a great artist, or even do the quilting! Just send in your square to be included in a quilt that will be displayed at a local art gallery. (Video available on the Deaconess Anne House website)

About Deaconess Anne House and this project: The presence of Deaconess Anne House (DAH) in Old North St. Louis emerges from the lineage of Grace Episcopal Church and Holy Cross House, a settlement house run by Deaconess Anne Pew for six years in the early 1900s. During this time, Deaconess Anne Pew organized community services and "was everything to the people except their Bishop". In the spirit of this strong woman of faith, DAH corps members live in intentional community and strive to uphold the values of justice, hospitality, and relationship at their nonprofit service sites and in the neighborhood of Old North.

During their year of service, corps members listen deeply to their housemates, neighbors, friends around the Diocese, those at their nonprofit service sites, and God. In response, corps members are challenged to develop and complete a praxis project that answers the liberating call to live faithfully in God's community. This year, DAH is inviting you to help them do this work.

Join the "We are Family: Quilts Around the World" project! You don't have to be an artist because COVID-19 has impacted all of us.

*Sew or paint a 13x13" quilt square telling the stories of your joys and sorrow, awakenings and hopes during COVID-19.

*Add your name and location

*Leave a ½ inch border for stitching

*No backing necessary!

*Mail completed squares to 1416 Sullivan Ave, St. Louis, MO, 63107

*Visit Old North's Zuka Art Gallery in August to see the first quilt in person!

Submissions are accepted through the fall with hopes of displaying multiple quilts in the Missouri History Museum at Forest Park!

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Arwen Milton
Daughter of Leah Milton



Charlie, Layla and Logan Graue
Children of Amanda Haefner Graue



Kennedy and Declyn Brown
Children of Allyse Haefner

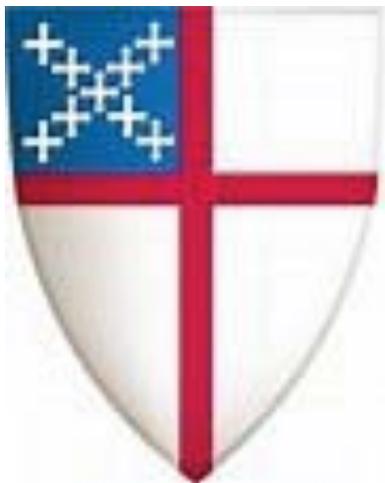
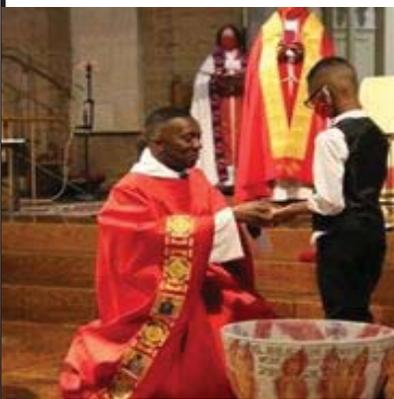
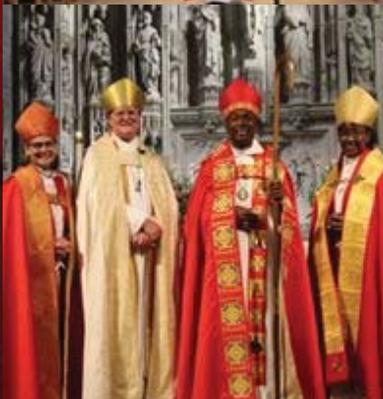
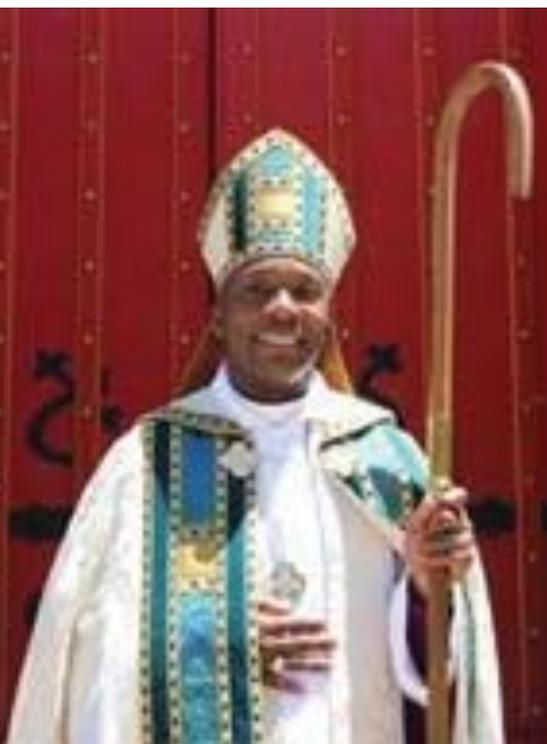
THE ORDINATION OF
DEON JOHNSON



**Bishop of
Missouri**

June 13, 2020
Christ Church
Cathedral





BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS



Max Burnham	July 3
Ed Manton	July 9
Ryden Grames	July 18
Bruce Vantine	July 21
Abby Haefner	July 28



PLEASE DONATE TO TEAM

The Covid-19 pandemic has brought financial burdens on so many families. We all have a chance to help them, especially helping those with children by donating either food or money to TEAM.

Thank you!



VISION AND MISSION

Our vision for St. Barnabas Episcopal Church is to build and to sustain a vibrant and diverse community centered around common worship, fellowship, service and education.

The mission of St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church, a parish for all people, is to extend God's gracious love and hospitality to each other and to the community by providing worship that inspires opportunities for service and growth on life's journey, and a sacred place in the heart of Florissant where people can find wholeness and strength.

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Clark Burton (2021)

David Daniels (2023)

Deb Palmer (2020 ext.)

Kelly Snider (2020 ext.)

Ron Grames (2022)

Convention Delegate: Diana Howarth

Alternate Delegate: Debbie Haefner

- ◆ *A monthly calendar and the*
- ◆ *servicing schedules will be sent*
- ◆ *out separately as soon as we*
- ◆ *know exactly when we will be*
- ◆ *resuming services.*
- ◆ *Sincerely, thank you for your*
- ◆ *support, patience and*
- ◆ *understanding during these*
- ◆ *unusual situations.*