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## St Barnabas Episcopal Church



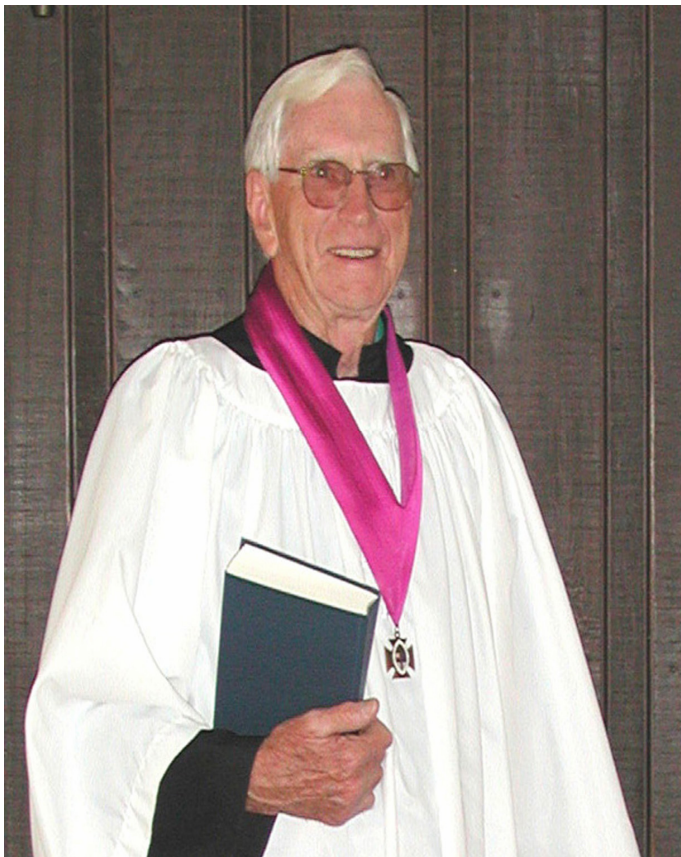
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### In Appreciation and Loving Memory of ADDIS



There was a time, early in the fall, when we learned that Ann and Ron Shepherd were not returning, and there were no new clergy on the horizon to be considered for St. Barnabas. Snowbirds began to flutter back, but the numbers were lower than usual and the enthusiasm for our church life seemed at an all time low.

Then one Sunday there he was—bringing up the rear of the procession: tall, thin, smiling but stern. Our Senior Warden, Addis Ward, had returned from his home in Nebraska. Once again we heard that familiar voice say, “Let us pray.” And we did.

He led us and lifted us, and somehow he lured God and +Gethin into finding us a full time vicar. He worked tirelessly presiding over memorial services, vestry meetings and stewardship drives. He negotiated with the Diocese. He guided us through a meaningful and calm Christmas-tide. And in the end, he got us where we are today—a relatively intact group on the verge of change and growth. His strength gave us strength; his quiet assurance kept us on track when there were many opportunities to bolt. And on the dreariest days, there was that quick flash of humor. Many who walk this earth think they have never seen an angel. But we have. We’ve looked in the face of Addis Ward. Now we simply say, “thank you.”

~Nancy Bye

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### *In Memoriam*

Addis Ward served for many years as our Senior Warden Emeritus, as our Prayer Leader at early services and as a counselor to the finance committee. He died in Arizona the morning of August 4th, 2011. In Lincoln, Nebraska on September 3rd friends and family will gather when his ashes are interred in the columbarium where his wife, Beverly’s ashes are deposited. We will always remember them and wish them eternal peace.

# The Indispensable Man

By Victor Levine

Addis Ward, dead at 87, leaves a storied legacy behind him of dedication to St Barnabas in the long series of functions he performed during his lifetime.

I do not stand alone in characterizing him as the indispensable man. His bearing and height, and his devotion to the church, fitted him naturally for the series of positions he graced during his long association with St Barnabas.

It was easy to recognize in him a natural affability that allowed him to lead the way in all that he did for St Barnabas. He served wherever he could, on the vestry as senior warden and, when his term ended, continued to offer well-grounded advice to those who succeeded him. At the same time, he was the chalice bearer of first choice. He was the official crucifer. For years, he was recognized as the person of choice for effortlessly taking down the old and putting up the coming week's hymn numbers.

Addis was born in Bancroft NE and attended the University of Nebraska from 1941-49, which took in the years he worked toward his degree, as well as his military service in the US Army Engineers during World War II.

Addis was a tall (6.3) and imposing gentleman who belongs in the 'Greatest Generation' by virtue of his military service. Following his active duty, he continued serving in the US Army Reserve until his retirement as a full colonel in 1977.

Why indispensable?

There are several reasons. Some I've touched on. The most persuasive has to do with his leading St Barnabas through the 2000-2001 crisis which centered on the loss of one priest and the gaining of another.

If you were here in 2000, you will remember it as a poignant time, a time of loss, bewilderment and pain. We had received the news at the last possible moment that part-time vicar, Ron Shepherd, could not join us the following year.

At that time Addis, as the effective leader of St Barnabas, began a continuing dialog with Bishop Gethin Hughes which focused on finding a replacement person who would, they came to agree, function in a full-time capacity. That dialog evolved through 2000. It was supported by the vestry and members of the church. It was joined by a second decision made by the assembled St Barnabas community that we should move from mission to parish status. That would occur under the direction of the new vicar (later to become rector).

Addis remained the principal player in negotiating with the Bishop and his team. When it seemed the diocesan effort was bogging down, Addis pushed for faster action and got it. The result was the finding and hiring of a new priest, Alex Nagy, who working closely with Addis and the vestry, quickly brought the church to parish status.

Addis was deeply involved in the lead-up to the acquisition of a new priest in 2007, following the sudden departure of Rev. Nagy. Addis served yet again, this time on the search committee that made the final and most happy choice of Laura Brecht as the current rector of St. Barnabas.

Addis possessed a moral charisma that gave him authority to define his immediate world, whether in church or outside its environs. That quality allowed him to quietly negotiate with those who came into his ambit, whether bishop, priest or members of the various church committees on which he served.

He was a man much admired and, yes, loved. It isn't often that such a person comes within one's range. In the end, I think, that sense of personal worth and rectitude will stay with all of us who knew him, wept with him when his wife Beverly died and now bless him as he takes leave of us. We will know, what we only sensed before, that we have been in the company of a very special man.

**“Good-night, sweet prince, and flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.”**

# VESTRY REPORT

No Vestry Meeting in August.....



## GOOD TIMES ARE A'COMIN!

**Sunday, September 11th, 8:30 a.m.** Laura+ will be back in St. Barnabas.

**Tuesday, October 4th, 4 p.m.** Blessing of the Animals in our Courtyard

**Sunday, November 13th, 5:30 p.m.** "Welcome Back Snowbirds" Cocktail & Dinner Party at the Rectory

**Saturday, December 24th, 7:30 p.m.** Lessons & Carols at St. Barnabas

## SEPTEMBER PRAYER LIST

We pray for healing for.....

for Tracey Alexander, Jean Smith, Martha Mitchell, Ferrell Manning, Dave Otis, Hiram Lewis, Michelle Thornton, Sylvia Paquin, Ron Shepherd, Phil Decker, Janell Vesci, Jennifer Levine, Richard Bye, Mary MacDonald, Frank Crowley, Tony Ward, Carol Kittelson, Hugh McLean, Nancy Groll, Bev Kuhrts, Kurt Levens, James Carroll, Paul Carroll, Robert Heylman, Dan French, Evelyn Parks, Agnes Schleicher, Joyce Girard, Peggy Brown.

## Addis en route

01  
Gone  
You once helped  
To define our lives

Now you journey  
To a place unseen  
Unknown

While we are bereft  
Of your counsel  
And in disarray.

02  
Unable to grasp  
The enormity  
Of your loss

We know only  
That we will not see  
Your like again.

03  
How could we not feel  
Dismay at the loss  
Of one who taught us

How to best  
Comport ourselves  
On our sacred rounds

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## Tad Dead

Tad dead leaves a gap  
That will not close  
A space that will remain;

He was as men go  
Essential to our small lives  
As vital as breath

He fulfilled our lives  
A head above most  
In the way he served

His kind comes once  
In our common days  
And never again.

Fare well dear friend  
You carry our blessings  
As you journey into a new realm

Our love goes with you  
And our regrets  
That you chose to leave

To explore new lives  
In search of an end  
To your pain

Remember us  
As you go  
With the God

Farewell.

## *IN LOVING MEMORY*



Bev and Addis Ward are among the most active members of our church. She is past president of the Women of St. Barnabas and a member of the Altar Guild. He prepares our weekly bulletin during the winter months, is a lay reader, and has served many years as Junior Warden and is a member of our vestry. Bev and Addis met when they were students at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, and married at Trinity Cathedral in Omaha. Since 1949, their life in Lincoln has included active membership in Holy Trinity Church where one or the other has taught Sunday School, held a variety of offices, and served on many committees. They have strong friendships among clergy and parishioners, and have belonged to a church-sponsored dinner club for over 40 years! Addis worked for 40 years with Miller & Paine, a family-owned department store, and concluded his service in the Army Reserve in 1977 with the rank of colonel. The Wards have five children (Nancy, Marc, Thom, Susan and Matthew) and five grandchildren, one of whom was christened Joseph Plantagenet in 1988 at St. Barnabas. They both are avid golfers and competitive bridge players.

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# BITS & PIECES

The St Barnabas Prayer Chain of NINETEEN .....

.....continues to provide prayers to those in need.

We invite you to join us. We also invite those in need of prayer to let us know how we may help. All prayers and persons requesting those prayers are confidential and known only to those of us in the Prayer Chain. Contact Victor if you have prayers, questions, concerns: 767-7746 or <[ravok1931@nethere.com](mailto:ravok1931@nethere.com)>

## BLESSING of the ANIMALS

Horses, dogs, cats, birds, reptiles, fish, etc.

By The Reverend  
Laura Brecht

**Tuesday,  
October 4 at 4 p.m.**

Courtyard  
St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

**ALL ARE WELCOME**



# CROSSROADS

The Women of St. Barnabas are facing a turning point. Although I sometimes feel like the villain in this chain of events, I nevertheless announced several months ago that I would not be serving another term as Co-chair. With responsibilities to the Vestry and the *Carillon*, two part-time jobs and Soroptimist activities I feel I just need to say "no" sometimes. As you know, Faye Dorsey, our dedicated Co-chair, is now spending most of the time in her other home in Washington.

As of this writing, no one has volunteered to assume the position. The duties include arranging for a hostess and speaker for the monthly potluck luncheons, reminding the membership via e-mail and/or announcement in church as the event approaches, preparing an agenda and chairing the business meeting. As Parish Life and Hospitality Chair for the Vestry, I will continue to coordinate the Holy Happy Hour and special events. As a *Carillon* staff member, I will continue to write monthly articles on WOSB activities.

Without a Chair, WOSB will face the option of disbanding or changing into a more loosely knit organization like the Men of St. Barnabas, meeting at a restaurant without the speakers and formal business meetings. We have a wonderful group of women and it's been my privilege to serve as your Co-chair this past year. I pray that one or two of you will find it in your heart to keep WOSB together.

*Wendy Quinn*

## WHAT CAN WE DO?

Last Friday afternoon I took my new dog out for her walk around 4:30 p.m. (I do this everyday at that time so I can get her back in, fix her supper, fix my scotch and soda, turn on the tube, and settle in for the 5 o'clock news.) On July 29th, I tripped over her leash and fell at the far end of our driveway. It took me until 11:30 p.m. to crawl and roll back into my house and get to a phone to call Laura+ (the only number I know by heart—I had lost my glasses somewhere along the way) and ask her to call Ann Marie Tidwell. Together they got me up into a chair, started cleaning wounds, and rehydrating me. The heat index that afternoon was 117! My toes are torn and twisted. My elbows and hip are bloodied and bruised. My knees look like raw hamburger. The muscle pain is amazing.

BUT—I am not the only one. We've had many tragic falls in our little town. We are all getting older. Not many folks are here in August, and while I wailed for help anyone in a nearby house was closed in with the AC running and unable to hear. When we bought this house nearly 25 years ago, Richard dubbed it the FRP—Final Resting Place. We do not want to move to assisted living, thank you.

People say, "Well, didn't you have your cell phone?" I am not a cell phone person, though I may have to become one. My cell phone is plugged into my car so I know where it is, and it's always charged, in case I should have a problem on the road. I studied and worked and lived and raised a child in mid-town New York City—no cell phone. I traveled throughout the southwest selling books for 13 years—no cell phone. We've been to Europe over 30 times—no cell phone.

Somehow we need to get a Guardian Angel Patrol going here. Not expensive, not complicated, just efficient. If you know how people in other villages do it, let's talk.

The May/June AARP magazine has an excellent article, "Keep Your Home", and talks of creating a "village"—[vtvnetwork.org](http://vtvnetwork.org). But I'd be happy to drive around Deep Well one night a week to look for possible problems—people fall walking dogs, taking out trash, looking at stars. We could invest in some signal that all is ok. Let's think!

UPDATE: Thanks to the urging of Chuck Bennett and Diane Hydoski I now have a new cell phone to hang around my neck. It has an emergency button that rings the cell phone of my guardian angel and care giver, Annmarie Tidwell.

~Nancy Bye

# Mark Your Calendar

## SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY SERVICES 8:30 AM

**September 4—8:30 AM Holy Eucharist with Rev. George Keith**

**September 11—LAURA RETURNS!**

**September 7, 14, 21, 28 Tuesday at 7:30 AM The Men of St. Barnabas @ Kendall's Café**

**September 18– 11:00—5:00 PM Food Bank Distribution**

**September 22 9:00 AM—Finance Committee**

**September 29 8:00 AM-Vestry**

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