



SAINT BARNABAS  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# LIVING *Generously*

A Special Invitation

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A couple of weeks ago, I gathered together with some of the leadership of Saint Barnabas for dinner. As we broke bread, we discussed the many ways we live generously as faithful disciples of Jesus. There were many meaningful stories and powerful experiences shared, and we want to invite all of Saint Barnabas to experience these conversations with your parish friends and family.

This is a continuation of what we began last year as we highlighted the theme of generosity in our life at Saint Barnabas. Even as we encourage one another in prayer and worship and relationship with God, even as we seek to grow in service and kindness and patience, and in welcome and hospitality and invitation, so too, we realized, are we called to encourage one another in gratitude and thankfulness and generosity.

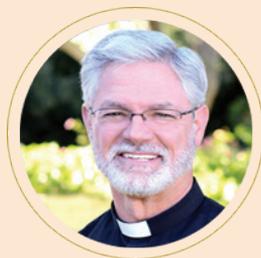
We are engaging this theme of “Living Generously” with Collaborative Feasts (also known as potlucks!) in the homes of some of our members and everyone is invited: members, newcomers, and friends of the parish alike. Many dates and times are available so that everyone can attend. Registration begins on **August 7**. Details to follow!

These dinners will be fun and a great opportunity to make new friends. Please join us!

In Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim".

The Rev. Jim Clark  
Rector/Senior Pastor



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## *Collaborative Feasts!\**

- \*A SERIES OF IN-HOME POTLUCK DINNERS
- GATHERINGS OF 15-25 PEOPLE PER DINNER
- MANY LOCATIONS AND TIMES AVAILABLE
- THIS SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2016
- REGISTRATION BEGINS AUGUST 7



**Don't miss the best mini-vacation of the year! All ages.**

Looking for a relaxing, memorable, wallet-friendly retreat? Why not join us in celebrating ten years of Saint Barnabas at the Mountain? Register now for our annual retreat in Prescott, AZ. The whole family is invited! Please visit: [www.saintbarnabas.org](http://www.saintbarnabas.org)

**OUR ANNUAL ALL-PARISH RETREAT  
SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2016**

# Happening Soon!



## It's Back! Summer Splashdown

Wear your swimsuit for crazy water fun! Slip 'n' slides, games, and more! Cool kiddie pools for infants and toddlers. Dinner and dessert served. Free event! Sunday, **August 21** at 4:00pm.

## Back-to-School Backpack Blessing

On Sunday, **August 7**, students and teachers of ALL ages are invited to bring backpacks, bags, and briefcases to church to be blessed during our 10:15am worship service. Join us for a celebration of learning and teaching.

## August Quiet Day

Discover how teaching, quiet solitary time, and sessions of communal silent prayer work together to create the peaceful rhythm of our monthly Quiet Days. Participants are welcome to the Sanctuary, to quiet areas for reading or journaling, or to walk our beautiful campus. On **August 13** we will explore *Reflections on Contemplative Life & Practice (Part III)*. Teaching led by Jim Clark. 9:30 to 1:00 in the sanctuary. Please bring your Bible.



## Wednesday Night Music

Have fun while developing a love for music! Our tuition-free **Wednesday Night Music Program** resumes on **August 17** (5:30pm every Wednesday for children ages 3-grade 4). Includes excellent music education and choral performance opportunities as well as a simple dinner option for the whole family! Please contact Sarah Petersen to inquire about Children's music: sarahp@saintbarnabas.org. **The Saint Barnabas Choir**, our parish choir for adults, also resumes Wednesday evening rehearsals on **August 17** (7:30pm) and is now accepting new members. Interested in participating? Please contact Paul Lee: paul@saintbarnabas.org.

## Family Promise: Serve Homeless Families with Children

Saint Barnabas hosts families who are transitioning out of homelessness for a week at a time, 3-4 times per year, right here at the church. Our next hosting week is **August 21-28**. There are many volunteer opportunities! To sign up, please contact Jane Gharibian: (602) 368-9138 or email: jgharibian@cox.net. Thank you!

## Women's Chorus

Looking for a fun, two-day choral experience? Participate in Women's Chorus! Gather for a rehearsal and supper on Saturday, **August 27** at 4pm in the Music Center. The Chorus will sing for Sunday services on **August 28**. Invite a friend who sings, especially if she is not from Saint Barnabas! Please contact Paul Lee: paul@saintbarnabas.org.

## New TAEHS Groups Begin This Fall! Discover more on September 18.



### *The ART of Engaging Holy Scripture (TAEHS)* Community • Growth • Perspective • Spiritual Friendships

To be a member of Saint Barnabas is to grow more fully into experiencing the presence of God in our own selves, in our sisters and brothers, and in our common lives together. One of the ways we do this together is in life-changing, Scripture-oriented adult small groups known as TAEHS groups.

Reading the Bible can generate a multitude of honest responses (which may include confusion, surprise, curiosity, anger, joy, doubt, or comfort). Our TAEHS groups utilize a unique curriculum that encourages authentic exploration. TAEHS provides a dynamic space for you to respond to God while learning and growing from the responses of others. The experience is as meaningful and transformational for Bible beginners as it is for Bible scholars. Groups consist of 10-12 members and most meet on Sunday mornings at 9am or at various times during the week.

If you want to get connected at Saint Barnabas or start on a new path in your spiritual journey, joining a TAEHS group may be the best place for you to start. All members and newcomers are invited to join a group.

For those wanting to become members of Saint Barnabas, TAEHS is the path to membership.

**Learn more about TAEHS at a special Sunday morning workshop led by Jim Clark on September 18. Begins at 9:00am in Hutton Hall. All are welcome.**

### **New Series: Grief Circle**

Led by Joyce Vidal-Thornburg, a Bereavement Counselor for Hospice of the Valley for over 12 years, Grief Circle is a four-week program offering grief support for those who have experienced the death of a loved one within the last two years. We will meet on Sundays from 12:00-1:15pm beginning **September 18**. Sessions will focus on comprehensive recovery and support. Registration is \$100. Scholarships available upon request. To register, please contact Joyce Vidal-Thornburg: [jvidal460@gmail.com](mailto:jvidal460@gmail.com) If you have an immediate need for grief counseling, please contact the Rev. Elizabeth Roles: [elizabeth@saintbarnbas.org](mailto:elizabeth@saintbarnbas.org).

### **Parish Register**

**Baptisms:** Vivienne Rose Hartwell, Willibel Riddle Ripley Sawh

**Death:** William J. Arendt

# Welcome SUNDAY!

SEPTEMBER  
11, 2016

JOIN US  
FOR WORSHIP

The kick-off of our program year, Welcome Sunday is where it all begins. Children and youth begin Sunday School classes, adults gather for an event hosted by our Senior Pastor, Jim Clark, and our contemplative 10:21am worship service resumes for the season. It's a great time to get involved in new outreach missions, meet new friends, and get started on your first steps for a new season of faith at Saint Barnabas!

*All are welcome*

7:45AM, 10:15AM, 10:21AM, AND 6:00PM

9:00AM  
HUTTON HALL

*Starting  
POINT*

On Sunday, September 11 at 9:00am, don't miss "Starting Point": a special seasonal introduction led by The Rev. Jim Clark. All Saint Barnabas members, newcomers, and friends are encouraged to attend. Children and youth meet in Sunday School classes to kick off the year.

## Calendar at a Glance

<b>AUG 1-6</b>	Youth Mission Trip to LA	
<b>AUG 7</b>	Backpack Blessing	<b>10:15am</b>
<b>AUG 7-13</b>	Sandwich Making for East Valley Men's Center	<b>7:15am</b>
<b>AUG 13</b>	Quiet Day	<b>9:30am</b>
<b>AUG 17</b>	Wednesday Night Music Resumes (Children & Adults)	
<b>AUG 21</b>	Summer Splashdown	<b>4:00pm</b>
<b>AUG 21-28</b>	Family Promise Week: Hosting Homeless Families	
<b>AUG 27</b>	Women's Chorus Rehearsal & Supper	<b>4:00pm</b>