

SAINT BARNABAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Yearly Celebration!

Happy New Year!

Christopher, Saint Barnabas Member

ANNUAL MEETING / YEARLY CELEBRATION JANUARY 31

Come hear what 2015 has brought and where the Holy Spirit is leading us for 2016! Our Yearly Celebration/Annual Meeting will be on January 31, 2016 at 11:45am, after the 10:15am/10:21am services. All are invited to celebrate what is to come in this vibrant parish community. Together we will explore our exciting future as well as review our 2016 budget and vote for new Vestry members and Diocesan Convention delegates. Join us in Hutton Hall. Childcare and lunch provided.

MEET OUR VESTRY NOMINEES



Carol Okin, Jr. Warden



Don Bivens



Tom Dietrich



Jim Hoselton



Ann Shannon

The Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Parish of Saint Barnabas on the Desert will be conducted January 31, 2016. As required by our bylaws, we will conduct our annual election of new Vestry members and Diocesan Convention Delegates and Alternates.

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following slate of candidates: Carol Okin is our nominee for an additional year as Junior Warden. Jim Hoselton is a nominee for a three-year term on Vestry. Jim was elected last year for a one-year term to serve in a spot vacated by a former Vestry member. Our other three-year Vestry nominees are Don Bivens, Tom Dietrich, and Ann Shannon. The following are nominated to attend the 2016 Diocesan Convention as Delegates: Tom Fitzsimons, Donna Piscopo, Jim Piscopo, Karen Steckler, and Stephanie Stewart. Alternates who would attend Convention if Delegates are unable to attend are: Tom Baker, Jim Berg, Ellen Shreve, Ken Vegors, and Judie Wimmer.

Saint Barnabas is blessed with the dedication of these parishioners. When you see these members on our campus please thank them for their service!

CAROL OKIN Retired member of the Senior Executive Service of the federal government. My husband, Bob, and I love to travel, entertain, read, and enjoy the wonderful Southwest. Member of Saint Barnabas since 2008. We have made wonderful friends here!

DON BIVENS Member of Saint Barnabas since 1996. Don and his wife, Trish Refo, both attorneys, were married here and son Andrew (15) was baptized here. Andrew is in year two of confirmation class. Don served four years as Senior Warden during 2002-2005, during which we completed the Music Center and called Fr. Jim to be our Rector.

TOM DIETRICH Born and raised in Texas, Tom moved to Arizona in 1985, where he practices law. Active member of Saint Barnabas since 2012 with his wife, Sue. Tom serves as a Lay Eucharistic Minister, a *TAEHS* study member, in several dinner groups, and in the Company of Men. Tom and Sue enjoy the contemplative aspects of Saint Barnabas, and participate in Centering Prayer groups and retreats.

JIM HOSELTON Born in Iowa, I was married at Saint Barnabas in 1985 to my lovely wife, Lee. We are blessed to have two wonderful sons, Jimmy and Jake.

ANN SHANNON Member of Saint Barnabas for nearly 20 years, active in Family Promise, youth group, supper clubs, and EfM (which she reports as AMAZING). Retired marketing/communications executive, now turning time to family, friends, travel, and Saint Barnabas. Mother of two, grandmother of three – all redheads!



LABYRINTH WEEKEND

February 26–29, 2016

In celebration of our newly-completed outdoor labyrinth, you are invited to learn about this ancient path of prayer now available to us on our campus. Join us as we explore the labyrinth during a weekend series of events presented by special guest **The Rev. Dr. Kay Mutert**, a retired United Methodist minister, labyrinth workshop leader, musician, and author.

Friday, February 26 at 7:00pm

Walking the Sacred Path: the History and Significance of the Labyrinth

Open lecture presented by Dr. Mutert for Saint Barnabas members and friends. Reception to follow. Free event.

Saturday, February 27 from 9:00am – 3:30pm

The Way of the Labyrinth Retreat

This unique day-long retreat with Dr. Mutert explores the history and spirituality of labyrinths and includes practices for labyrinth walking, journaling, art expression, and more. Registration required. To register, visit the Events page on www.saintbarnabas.org or pick up a brochure in the entry of our church.

Sunday and Monday, February 28–29

Labyrinth Facilitator Training

For more information about facilitator training, please visit the Veriditas website: www.veriditas.org.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Christian Formation and Direction Ministries (CFDM) is again offering a two-year spiritual direction certification program at Saint Barnabas. Applications are being accepted for the fourth Arizona Cohort beginning in January. Spiritual directors do not actually “direct” anyone; they are trained to help individuals discern the direction of the Holy Spirit has for their lives. If you are interested, have questions, or wonder if God is calling you to this ministry of companionship, you may access the application at www.cfdm.org/arizona or contact Joyce Vidal-Thornburg at: (602) 750-9970 or jvidal460@gmail.com. The deadline for receiving applications is the first week of January.



CELEBRATE FATHER PHIL!

On Thursday, January 28, enjoy delicious food, happy memories, and good wishes in celebration of Father Phil Carlson’s retirement. We’ll begin with a cocktail hour from 5–6pm followed by a dinner of bacon-wrapped meatloaf and mashed potatoes (Fr. Phil’s favorite!) from 6–8pm. Please RSVP on the patio on Sundays, on www.saintbarnabas.org, or by calling the church office: (480)948-5560.



CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

Calling artists of the parish of Saint Barnabas! Whether amateur or pro, as a livelihood or as a passion (or both!), we are seeking artists to create a piece of art that reflects on one of the traditional Stations of the Cross for our 2016 Lenten Program: *The Artist's Way of the Cross*.

To learn more, view scriptural references, and/or to sign up for one of the stations, visit: www.saintbarnabas.org/Lent2016. **Deadline for submissions is January 31, 2016.** Please sign up online indicating which station you feel called to address with your art. Offer your gifts of creative expression to the parish family to enrich and deepen our 2016 Lenten journey!

Left: "Spirit Healing Creation" by Connie Backus-Yode

JANUARY 2016

JAN 1	New Year's Day - Parish Office Closed	
JAN 3	No Faith Formation Classes	
JAN 4	Music Together Resumes	9:30am
JAN 5	MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers Group	9:30am
JAN 6	Children's Wednesday Music Program Resumes	5:30pm
JAN 9	Quiet Day	9:30am
JAN 10	Newcomer Orientation Begins	9:00am
	Healing Prayer Orientation	11:30am
	JAM Activity (5th-6th Grade)	11:30am
JAN 17	Fine Arts Campus Tour with Judee Morrison	11:30am
	Frame Making for Millet House	11:30am
JAN 18	Martin Luther King Day - Parish Office Closed	
JAN 19	MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers Group	9:30am
JAN 21	SAGES - Senior Program/Lunch	11:30am
JAN 24	Depression Presentation by Scott Bartlett	11:45am
JAN 28	Parish Dinner Celebrating Father Phil	5:00pm
JAN 30	Habitat for Humanity Work Day	7:00am
JAN 31	Yearly Celebration/Annual Meeting	11:45am
	Serving Phoenix	1:00pm

PARISH REGISTER

Baptism
Joshua Chase Farley

Marriage
Lynnette Townsend & Michael Bruce

Deaths
George C. Berger
Elsie S. Menzel

UPCOMING EVENTS



January Quiet Day

On Saturday, January 9, Quiet Day will explore **Receiving the Mystery of Christ: The Christmas/Epiphany Mystery Part II**. All are welcome. Please bring your Bible. We hold a Quiet Day monthly, usually on the second Saturday of the month, from 9:30am to 1:00pm in the Sanctuary. The Rev. Jim Clark leads the day, which includes teaching, quiet solitary time, and sessions of communal silent prayer in the Sanctuary. Participants are welcome to the Sanctuary, to quiet areas for reading or journaling, or to walk our beautiful campus, including our new labyrinth.



Grief Circle

If you are walking the path of grief and living with the loss of a loved one, please come together for support and to learn strategies for coping with the holidays. We will meet after church on January 10. For more information or to reserve a space, please contact Pam Bell at (480) 609-1294.



Coffee Hour Fun: Frame Making Project for Millet House

Millet House is an art gallery in Mesa providing community and creative space for people from all economic backgrounds. Help the artists of Millet House by stretching canvases with us after church in Hutton Hall during coffee hour on January 17! No experience necessary. A fun outreach project for all ages. Questions? Contact Jim Piscopo at (480) 375-5454.



Fine Arts Campus Tour

On Sunday, January 17, Judee Morrison, member of the Memorial and Fine Arts Acceptance committee, will lead a campus tour for newcomers as well as anyone wishing to become more familiar with our campus and the beautiful works of liturgical art that adorn it. Beauty is an important way that we recognize the goodness of God as we offer our best selves to God's service. Join us to learn more! The tour is conversational and will last one hour. Meet in the Chapel after the 10:15/10:21am services.



January SAGES

SAGES is a group of senior adults who gather monthly for lunch and a program. We say "Senior Adults", but, of course, all are welcome! On January 21 at 11:30am, join us for lunch followed by a presentation from Peter Wingert, Chief of Police for Paradise Valley, and Kevin Albert, Community Relations Officer for the Paradise Valley Police Department. We'll see you there!



Depression Presentation by Scott Bartlett, MSW, DCSW

When you have depression, it's far more than feeling sad. Depression is a medical illness, not a sign of weakness, and it's treatable. Please join us on Sunday, January 24 at 11:45am in the Learning Center to hear parishioner Scott Bartlett talk about depression and how we can care for each other. Scott is the Behavioral Health Case Management Services Director at Banner Health. This event is sponsored by the Saint Barnabas Mental Health Task Force and Lay Visitors.



Habitat for Humanity Work Day

Calling all adults and youth (age 16+)! Join us on January 30 at 7:00am for a work day. Together we are helping provide affordable housing to those in need. To join us or learn more about how to help, please contact Jay Harris: (480) 620-8722 or email: jayharris_1@yahoo.com