



Boundless Presence

May 8, 2018

Dear Parishioner,

As I announced in church on April 29, our Rector Jim Clark will be on a three-month sabbatical this summer, beginning on June 3 and ending on Welcome Sunday, September 9.

Our faithful pastor and spiritual leader since 2004, Jim has had only one sabbatical during his 14-year tenure. He has devoted himself to deepening our spiritual life at Saint Barnabas, and we are grateful we can provide this opportunity for Jim to renew and replenish himself. We pray he will return to us with fresh energy, ideas, and motivation for our future.

Saint Barnabas will be well led in Jim's absence by our Vicar, The Rev. Erika von Haaren, assisted by our other wonderful clergy and staff. In addition, our Vestry, our Junior Warden, Jeff Bell, and I, as your Senior Warden, are ready to provide any needed support during Jim's time away. Resources are also in place to hire an experienced part-time priest to assist Erika, if needed.

Please remember Jim in your prayers as he begins this time of rest and renewal. I would ask you to respect Jim's sabbatical and not to contact him during his time away from us.

Thank you for your generous and faithful support of Jim, the other clergy, and our staff. As always, please contact me at davidhgetts@cox.net or 480-922-6338 if you have any questions or concerns.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David H. Getts". The signature is written in a cursive style.

David Getts
Senior Warden