



SAINT BARNABAS  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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*The* MOCKINGBIRD

*All-Parish Newsletter | November 2021*

MAKING ALL THINGS NEW  
*Blessed to be Together*



## GRATITUDE SUNDAY

What a joy it is to get our church family back together again on campus and in person! The past few weeks have given us a chance to renew our lives together – and virtually online, too – as we support the good work of our church. We hope you are enjoying our stewardship-themed events as our pledge drive season continues, all leading up to Gratitude Sunday. That will be November 21, when we'll celebrate the energy and love that will take us into 2022. Don't miss that annual opportunity to make our prayerful pledges to the mission and ministry of the parish we love. Look inside for more opportunities to gather during our pledge season. Let's give thanks for all that God has blessed us with and be grateful for the generosity, love, and devotion that makes our parish life so rewarding and life-giving. Learn more at [saintbarnabas.org/pledge2022](https://saintbarnabas.org/pledge2022).

# TIME TO GATHER



*Military Appreciation*  
**Sunday, November 7 | Hutton Hall**

Gratitude is part of our spiritual life at Saint Barnabas. And we can never say “thank you” enough to our military men and women – active and veterans – for their service to our country. Join us after church as we write thank-you notes and letters to those in our Veterans Administration Hospital in Phoenix. What a treat for our children (and adults!) as we show our love and gratitude for those who have served so selflessly.



*Movie Sundae*  
**Sunday, November 14 | Hutton Hall**

Our children's ministries bring so much love and joy to our lives together at Saint Barnabas. Join us after church Nov. 14 as we enjoy a rolling video with highlights of our children's ministry activities all while enjoying ice cream sundaes, a treat that helps make us all feel like kids again!



**Thursday, November 25**

**WORSHIP | 10:15am in the Sanctuary**

Join us for a joyous Thanksgiving Day worship service at 10:30am in the Sanctuary. Together we will share our gratitude for God's abundance with traditional liturgy and prayers.

**DINNER | 1:00pm in Hutton Hall**

Need someplace to be together with others on Thanksgiving? Join us at Saint Barnabas! The whole Thanksgiving meal will be provided this year! Reservations are required.

Sign up on the website, through the church office, or on the patio on Sunday mornings. **ALL INVITED**—Reservations required so we'll have enough turkey! Invite friends and family for this special celebration! **Sign up:** [saintbarnabas.org/thanksgiving](http://saintbarnabas.org/thanksgiving)

# SAGES Returns



## Senior Anglican Group of Eternal Stewards

THURSDAY, November 18, 11:30AM | HUTTON HALL Lunch is served at 12 Speaker at 12:30  
SAGES is back and open to ALL parishioners! Starting this fall in November, we will gather each month during the program year to meet over lunch (a \$10.00 offering is requested) and host a speaker. Our November guest speaker will be Ted Taylor, executive director of Family Promise. Learn more at [saintbarnabas.org/sages-nov-2](http://saintbarnabas.org/sages-nov-2)

## Sandwiches For East Valley Men's Center

MORNINGS at 7:30am, November 7-13 | Hutton Hall Kitchen  
Sandwich Week is here again! This is a time where we spend a week of mornings making sandwiches and assembling bag lunches for the men currently residing at the East Valley Men's Center in Mesa. You can serve by making sandwiches, bagging up veggies, chips, or cookies, putting each bag together, and more. Stations will be set up (socially distanced) in Hutton Hall. Please bring your mask; if you forget, one will be provided. Please email Deacon Susie Parker at [susie@saintbarnabas.org](mailto:susie@saintbarnabas.org) if you would like to help out. Thank you!

## Exploring Poetry As A Spiritual Practice

THURSDAY, November 18, 10am - 11:30am | on Zoom  
A poetry reading group meets monthly on the third Thursday through December. We use a lectio divina format to read and contemplate poems together and to share their significance in our individual lives. Facilitated by Mary Stone and Kathy Kramer-Howe. For more information or to join the Zoom meeting, contact Mary Stone.

## Book Club

THURSDAY, November 18, 9:30am | The Other Cup  
Join the Book Club! This month we will discuss *Bold Spirit* by Linda Hunt (260 pg.) You can come at 9:30am for fellowship and our discussion begins at 10am. Find our 2021/2022 schedule and reading list at [saintbarnabas.org/book-club](http://saintbarnabas.org/book-club).

## Food Drive

SATURDAY, November 27, 8-10am | In Front Parking Lot  
Drive up to our monthly food drive thru! This is an easy opportunity to serve our five local food bank partners. To find our current list of needs to go to: [saintbarnabas.org/food-drive](http://saintbarnabas.org/food-drive)



Calling all adults and youth (age 16+)! Join us for a Habitat for Humanity workday.  
SATURDAY, December 18 | 7:30AM-1:30PM

A great opportunity to spread the joy of Christmas and do fellowship while we work for the Habitat for Humanity Fall 2021 house. There are still slots available for signing up. Our task will be exterior painting. Come out the Saturday before Christmas to help decorate the best gift ever – a safe, secure home.

No previous construction experience is required! We provide maps and directions to the location and all instructions and tools are provided on-site, as well as lunch and snacks. Even if you've never swung a hammer before, join us! Together, we're taking one step further on the path to eliminating homelessness in the Valley.

Registration is required. You can sign up at [saintbarnabas.org/habitat-fall-2021](http://saintbarnabas.org/habitat-fall-2021). If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Jay Harris at [jayharris\\_1@yahoo.com](mailto:jayharris_1@yahoo.com).

# Holiday Festivities

## Christmas Flower Memorials

Would you like to donate towards poinsettias and Christmas trees for the altar for our Christmas season? You can help beautify our church home in honor of someone you love. All thanksgivings/memorials will be listed in our Christmas bulletins. Order online by Sunday, December 12 at: [saintbarnabas.org/donate-flowers](http://saintbarnabas.org/donate-flowers). Suggested donation range is \$50 - \$250. Thank you!

## Angel Tree

For over 20 years, Saint Barnabas has partnered with Angel Tree®, a national program of Prison Fellowship, to share God's love by helping to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the families of prisoners. When mom or dad is in prison, their children are often the silent sufferers. You can let them know they are not forgotten by shopping for Christmas gifts on behalf of their incarcerated parent and in the name of Jesus. With your help, Saint Barnabas provides Christmas gifts to over 400 children during the holiday season.

Due to current circumstances, our Angel Tree season will be different again this year. But as always we are committed to getting gifts out to as many children as possible! Here are four different ways you can get involved this year:

2. Shop Virtually starting in NOVEMBER at our Amazon.com registry, where you can purchase specific items that have been requested by children. All gifts will be shipped to Kate Fimbres, Minister of Youth & Parish Life. Click the link below and search SAINT BARNABAS (all caps) in thesearch bar.

3. Visit in Person by Hutton Hall on Sundays from 8am to 12:30pm and choose names. Masks are required and we will socially distance.

4. Connect Directly by emailing Kate Fimbres and she will email you relevant information and mail the gift tags to you!

4. Give Joyfully by going to our website to donate any amount of money and someone else will do the shopping for you!

For more information, please contact Kate Fimbres at [kate@saintbarnabas.org](mailto:kate@saintbarnabas.org). We would love to have you participate in continuing this important holiday mission. Thank you!

Learn More: [saintbarnabas.org/angel-tree](http://saintbarnabas.org/angel-tree)

## A Visit with SAINT NICK

SUNDAY, December 5 at 2pm | Sanctuary

Hear the story of the real Saint Nicholas at Saint Barnabas. Make crafts, eat dinner, and take a photo with Saint Nick, Mrs. Claus, and Santa! Invite friends to this delightful Christmas tradition. Each family will receive a photo to take home and a digital copy a few days later. Learn More: [saintbarnabas.org/saint-nick](http://saintbarnabas.org/saint-nick).

## Advent Lessons & Carols

Saturday, December 11 at 4:00pm

Join us for our annual Advent Lessons & Carols service as we hear God's Word and prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ through beautiful choral anthems and carols. Listen, worship, ponder, and sing as our Parish Choir leads us through the traditional telling of God's plan for the salvation of mankind.



# I AM PRAYER STATION Corner Table



## Do You Know About Our New Corner Table?

The prayer station has been created in a corner of the Sanctuary, to the side of the altar, to be used during the Eucharist for the benefit of those seeking to receive intercessory prayers. The prayer station corner table will serve along with the other liturgical furnishings (the Prie Dieu, the wall banners, and the floor covering) to create a defined space for prayer.

The I AM element of the table design is intended to bear witness to the profound use of I AM throughout the Bible and serve as a reminder of the Boundless Presence of God during the time of prayer. As the I AM is in the table top, it does not become visible until one is close to the table, as during the time of receiving prayers. The table is given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Judy Echols.

The design was motivated not only by the functional need for a table that serves a basic function but also by the impact of I AM throughout the Bible, as taught in the Gospel of John TAEHS forums by Fr. Jim. The hope is that it may serve to the Glory of God for many years! You can read on about this lovely handmade piece on our website at [saintbarnabas.org/i-am](http://saintbarnabas.org/i-am)

## DO YOU HAVE A GREEN THUMB?

*We Are Looking For Help To Upkeep Our Beautiful Memorial Garden*

...or Do you know someone with a green thumb? Our Memorial Garden at Saint Barnabas is in need of some TLC and we are looking for someone who is willing to join the team, offer some help, and sprinkle some care around this beautiful space. Besides the green thumb, we are looking for someone who is self-motivated, has strong communication skills, and takes pride in their work. This is for 1-2 days/week, for 8 hours, either 2 half days or 1 full day at \$15.00/hour Activities: Weed, water, plant flowers, wash benches, general gardening of area. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please email Deborah Biritis at [deborah@saintbarnabas.org](mailto:deborah@saintbarnabas.org) or by calling 480-377-2774.

MAY THE **PEACE** *which passes all understanding always be with you.*

## RITES OF PASSAGE

*Deaths*

*Jack Mattingly (September 26, 2021)*

*Roderick Macdonald (October 2, 2021)*

*Jean Parker (October 19, 2021)*

*Fern MacKenzie (October 21, 2021)*

## QUIET DAY

**Seeing with the Eyes of the Heart. Part II**

**Saturday, November 13 at 9:30am – 1pm MST | Sanctuary and on Zoom**

A mystery hidden from the foundation of the world was revealed to Saint Paul. He called it the mystery of the Gospel: In Christ, the All in all, all things are being re-created and united. Paul prayed the eyes of our hearts would be enlightened to experience this mystery, that our inner being would be made strong to know and experience boundless love. This was Saint Paul's way of describing a transformation of consciousness, not just seeing something different but a different way of seeing. We will explore practices that prepare us to receive and live into and out from this mystery of love that transforms how we see and everything.

To join online go to [ZOOM.US](https://zoom.us)

**Meeting ID:** 825 3083 3892 | **Passcode** 504615

## LISTENING 'TIL THE LISTENING STARTS

**Join us Sunday Mornings at 9am in Hutton Hall or on Zoom**

"We will learn not just what we might do but how we can do it. And we can. The skill is imminently learnable.

We will practice, practice, practice. And we will learn to laugh at ourselves!" -The Rev. Jim Clark

Learn More at [saintbarnabas.org/listening](http://saintbarnabas.org/listening)

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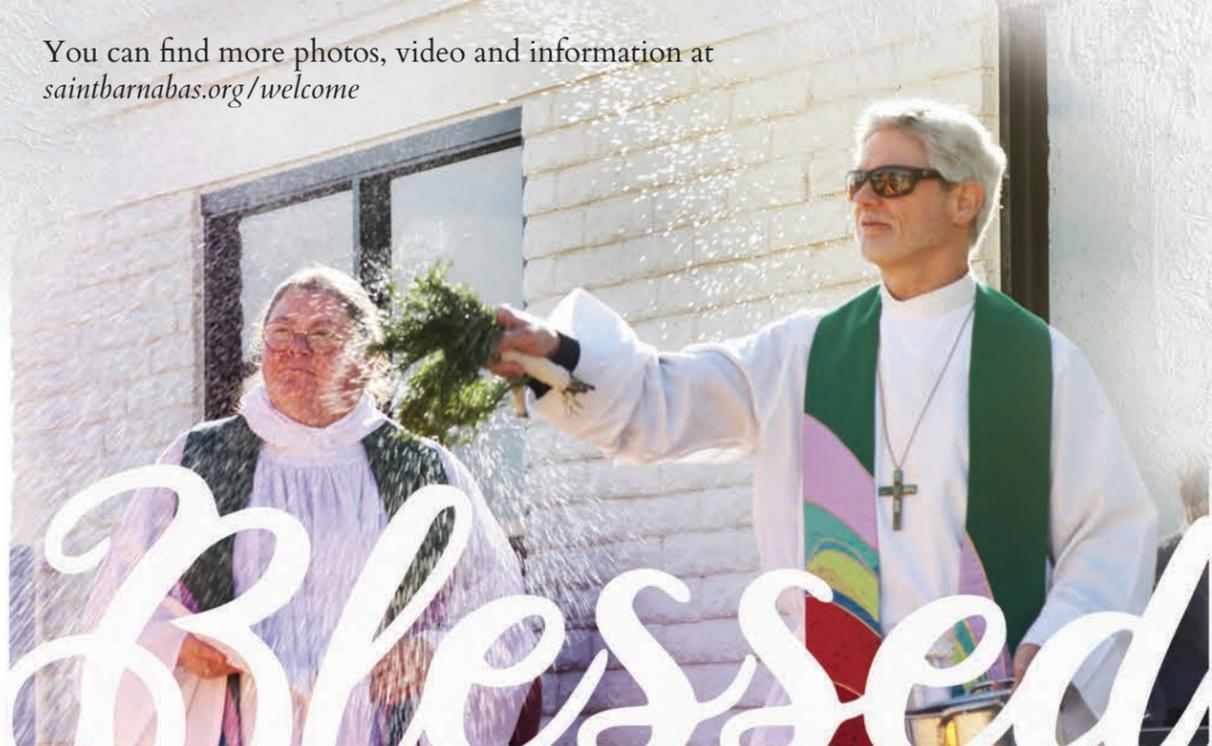
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# CHILDREN'S CENTER DEDICATION

## *The Completion of Welcoming the Neighborhood | Phase 1*

Thank you so much for joining us in the celebration of our Children's Center Grand Opening on October 17. It was a joyous morning for our parish to recognize the work that has been done to refurbish the Children's Center building, expand and improve the playground, extend our iconic covered walkway, and greatly enhance our landscaping.

You can find more photos, video and information at [saintbarnabas.org/welcome](http://saintbarnabas.org/welcome)





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# Concerts on the Desert 2021•2022

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## Lord Nelson Mass SECOND CONCERT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2:30PM

Our Adult Parish Choir will join with orchestral forces to perform Haydn's *Missa in Angustiis* (Mass for troubled times). Widely considered one of Haydn's greatest compositions, this work for soloists, orchestra, and chorus is a glorious combination of emotion, musical timbres, and reflective piety. Individual tickets are \$35.00. Season tickets are still available at a discounted rate.

Go to [saintbarnabas.org/concerts](http://saintbarnabas.org/concerts)  
to order or call the church office.

