

“Made for Joy” is the theme of our Pledge Campaign this year.

As Rev. Jim has said many times in his sermons, God made us for joy, to experience joy ourselves, to bring joy to others, and to know ourselves as a joy to God. How does God bring joy to you? With a quiet walk early in the morning? With a child’s smile or touch of the hand? Or with a rowdy game of football?

I find joy when I walk onto the grounds of Saint Barnabas. I have many memories of wonderful times here, of God’s generosity and love for me. My experience has convinced me that God does walk among us here and calls us to love and be generous in response.

We are called to give of ourselves, our expertise, and our treasure. We are called to give our first fruits, to give cheerfully, and to give generously. This year let us also give joyfully.

We have four events planned for 11:30am, after the 10:15 services on Sunday: an expanded Missions Festival to include our ministries where we serve one another, a Chili Festival, and an opportunity to express our appreciation for Military Service. Then on Gratitude Sunday, the day we say Thank You to God and make a financial commitment to Saint Barnabas to further His mission and ministry, we will celebrate with a “Joy = Eat Dessert First” event. These events will ring familiar to some. However, we’ve planned a few surprises along the way!

How can you participate? You are invited to post the enclosed schedule on your refrigerator and put the events on your calendar. Come to the events and invite your friends. Share your own culinary talents by cooking some chili, or making some coleslaw, or baking some cornbread. Contact me at psrector@gmail.com or (602) 400-8314 to learn more. Sign up to serve in a new way at the Missions and Ministries Festival. Write a note to a military serviceperson.

Finally, you can participate by sharing about a joyous moment for you at Saint Barnabas on the heart found on the inside of this flyer. Cut it out and bring it on Sunday, October 30, to the Missions and Ministries Festival. We will have ways to attach it to the wall between the Bookstore and The Other Cup. We are “Made for Joy,” let’s show it!

I look forward to a joyous celebration of our life together, to bringing joy to others, and to being examples of God’s generosity and love for us.

Joyously,



Phyllis Rector



Joyous EVENTS

All events will follow the 10:15am service

OCTOBER 30
Missions & Ministries Festival

NOVEMBER 13
Chili Festival

NOVEMBER 6
Military Service Appreciation

NOVEMBER 20
Gratitude Sunday

For more information go to saintbarnabas.org/pledge2023 or call the church office.

WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY *at Saint Barnabas?*

To paraphrase **Emily Krob**, our daughters running down the aisle after Children's Chapel, Centering Prayer as the happy class. She says "God loves us and so does Saint Barnabas."

For **Linda Killmer**, joy is the liturgy, the 104 prayers she learns every year as she sings the anthems for us.

Don Bivens mentioned that coming to church and gathering together for worship is larger than the sum of the individuals present. Have you felt that? The sheer beauty of the music, choir and organ, children's choir and piano bring him joy. He feels tears of joy when he remembers his and Trish's wedding at Saint Barnabas and the baptism of their son.

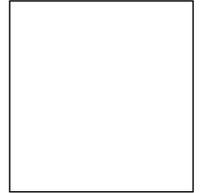
Communion is the theme that **Charles Colmark** used when talking to us last spring. It is clear that for him, the communion that we share with one another at the altar, that happens among the people at Wednesday evening family time, that is an integral part of how we serve others, brings him joy at Saint Barnabas.

It is your turn! Share what brings YOU joy on the heart to the right. Cut the page out and bring it to church and we will hang it up, joining together all of our expressions of joy!



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