



The MOCKINGBIRD

All-Parish Newsletter | *October-December 2024*

Abundance in a time of transition

Stewardship Season is Coming November 3

Stewardship is our personal response to God's generosity, using the gifts that God has given us to do the work God is calling us to do. Stewardship is comprised of three broad categories: time, talent, and tithe. Tithe refers to our giving to God's church, in joyful response to the blessings we receive.

As we search for a new Rector, we are in a time of transition. Your Stewardship Committee is looking to the future and embracing the change. Here are some of the differences you will experience this year:

We are starting stewardship later than we have in previous years. Although we will continue to focus on giving as an act of gratitude for our relationship with God, we will be presenting more financial information. Our Ministry Minutes will share parishioners' stories that intend to keep you wondering and encourage more conversation at coffee hour.

As we celebrate making our prayerful financial commitment to Saint Barnabas on Sunday, November 24, join us at 11:30am to put a cherry on top at our Grateful Sundaes Social! We'll be scooping up ice cream from the Sugar Bowl, with plenty of toppings to satisfy any sweet tooth. Mark your calendars now to enjoy dessert first with Grateful Sundaes on November 24!

Please look inside to see the schedule of planned events.

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SAINT BARNABAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Presents



● November 9 | 4pm
Organ Classics on the Desert - *FREE*

● December 14 | 4pm
Advent Lessons & Carols- *FREE*

● January 5 | 7pm
Twelfth Night Concert

CONCERTS ON THE DESERT

● February 8 | 4pm
Duo on the Desert

● March 1 | 4pm
Urban Nocturnes

● April 5 | 4pm
Dvorák Stabat Mater

● May 4 | 4pm
Phoenix Brass Collective:
Star Wars on the Desert

SCAN QR CODE ABOVE TO PURCHASE INDIVIDUAL TICKETS. OR VISIT:
SAINTBARNABAS.ORG/CONCERTS

UBE Arizona Kicks Off New Programming Year

DIOCESE OF ARIZONA

On September 7, 2024, the Union of Black Episcopalians Karl and Virginia Washington Arizona Chapter gathered at Saint Barnabas



• BLESSED TIES

We are all likely familiar with the words of the hymn, “*blessed be the ties that bind our hearts in Christian love.*” Maybe some of us are less familiar, though, with the ties that continue to grow and strengthen between Saint Barnabas and the Union of Black Episcopalians Karl and Virginia Washington Arizona Chapter (“UBE Arizona”).

On September 7, Saint Barnabas hosted UBE Arizona’s kick-off meeting for its new programming year. Twenty-eight Chapter members and guests from across the state gathered in the Music Center for a morning of food, fellowship, presentations, and planning. As the service component of the meeting, UBE Arizona members generously brought donations for the monthly Saint Barnabas Food Drive.

A highlight of the meeting was the fun, interactive presentation by the Diocese’s new Canon for Black Ministry, **Alex Leonard**, on this, her first visit to Saint Barnabas. She told a bit about her background and what the role of Canon for Black Ministry is and can be; then, with the able assistance of **Brayden Benedict**, engaged the group in a real-time series of survey questions about their experiences and goals for UBE Arizona and how the Diocese can support them.



► BLESSED TIES (CONTINUED)

Saint Barnabas clergy, staff, and parishioners figured prominently in the event: **Rev. Pam Bell**, a long-time UBE Arizona member, cooked the delicious meal that started the day; parishioner **Susan Tuttle**, who serves on the UBE Executive Board as Corresponding Secretary, ran the support for the presentations; parishioner **Kyle Tuttle** was the photographer for the event; and **Chris Falkenstein**, our Director of Facilities, made sure everything was in place and ready to go throughout the day. (Parishioners **John Farley** and **Jim Newman**, who are also UBE Arizona members, were unable to attend.)

Among the featured presentations was a discussion of the successful May 4, 2024 and eagerly anticipated November 23, 2024 “**Evening of Service to Family Promise of Greater Phoenix**” at Saint Barnabas. In May, with the guidance and leadership of **Rev. Susie Parker**, eleven UBE Arizona volunteers had what was described as a “truly life changing” evening here at Saint Barnabas, serving the families of Family Promise. The experience was so powerful that an even larger group of UBE Arizona volunteers has already worked with Deacon Susie and made plans to serve Family Promise again in November!

The ties that unite Saint Barnabas with our UBE Arizona brothers and sisters in Christ are growing ever stronger, blessing both immeasurably. If you are interested in joining, learning more about UBE Arizona, or making a donation in support of its mission and outreach, please visit ube-az.org.



Deacon, Rev. Pam Bell



Canon for Black Ministry: Alex Leonard

Missions at Saint Barnabas

OUTREACH & MISSIONS

ONE HUMAN FAMILY | PEOPLE TO PEOPLE MISSIONS MINISTRIES | LISTENING 'TIL THE LISTENING STARTS

Our outreach mission vision is “*To promote dignity and build community through love and service.*” In response to God’s goodness in our lives, Saint Barnabas partners with ministries, schools, and nonprofit organizations throughout the Valley, Arizona, and the world to bring comfort to those in need. We seek to share in God’s mission of reconciling the whole world to one another and to God. Parish representatives from each partner organization meet regularly to build collaboration among missions and strengthen our faith.

Ongoing Missions are:

Millet House • Food Drive • Blood Drive • Habitat for Humanity • Bridging Arizona • Angel Tree
Mexico Medical Mission • United Thank Offering • Operation School Bell – Assistance League of Phoenix
Saint Luke’s at the Mountain • Family Promise

Food Drive

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15
7:45AM-10:15AM | FRONT OF MUSIC CENTER

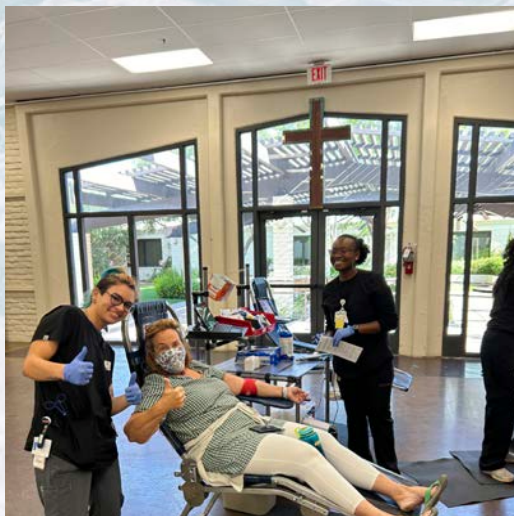


Our food drive collection has moved to the **third Sunday of the month!** Food can be dropped off in front of the Music Center between 7:45am and 10:15am. Also, it can be dropped off any Sunday of the month. Look for shopping carts in the courtyard! **Thank you!**

More than half a million people in the Phoenix area, many of them children, regularly experience food insecurity. Saint Barnabas is helping our fellow Children of God who are in need. We coordinate a monthly food drive and YOU can help! The food you donate will go to food banks that have Episcopal roots. More at saintbarnabas.org/fd-oct - saintbarnabas.org/fd-nov - saintbarnabas.org/fd-dec

Blood Drive

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 8AM TO 12NOON | HUTTON HALL



Across the Valley, the critical need for blood continues. This is one very important way we can help our community friends and neighbors. See the link at the end of this paragraph or scan the QR code to the right for important information on Donor Eligibility, Donor Preparation, Parental Consent forms (for 16 – 17 year olds), general information concerning blood drives, and even a Self-Scheduling link. Appointments are required for our blood drives.

Visit saintbarnabas.org/bd-november for more information.
Or email **Hank Parker** at: hank@sewfromtheheart.com



A MESSAGE FROM THE RT. REV. JENNIFER REDDALL

Dear Siblings in Christ,

We've all seen the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene, which has affected Episcopal churches and communities across several dioceses, particularly in Western North Carolina, but also in Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, and Kentucky. Episcopal Relief and Development is actively providing disaster relief, working with local churches to offer supplies, housing, and long-term support for rebuilding. Bishops in the affected areas have asked us to contribute through them. Please consider donating at www.episcopalrelief.org.

If you're interested in volunteering to help in person, scan the QR code to the left. Let us also offer prayers for those in need as they begin the recovery process.

In Peace and Gratitude,
+Jennifer



The Rev. Pam Bell



The Rev. Susie Parker



The Venerable
Sarah Getts

What is a Deacon?

It's a common question here at Saint Barnabas, where our three deacons play important roles. Deacons are a distinct but equal order of ministry alongside priests and bishops. They assist in public worship, lead prayers, proclaim the gospel, and prepare the table for Holy Eucharist. More importantly, deacons serve as a bridge between the church and the wider community, bringing the world's needs to the church. To become a deacon, one must complete training and formation and be ordained by a bishop. Arizona's Deacon Formation Academy provides this preparation.

At Saint Barnabas, our deacons serve in various ways:

- ⊕ **Rev. Pam Bell:** Pastoral Care, Kitchen Ministry, and Confirmation.
- ⊕ **Rev. Susie Parker:** Missions and Outreach.
- ⊕ **Venerable Sarah Getts:** Liturgy support and lay ministries, previously served as Archdeacon to the Diocese of Arizona under Bishops Smith and Reddall.

In addition, they all assist in worship services, proclaim the Gospel, and provide pastoral care. As vocational deacons, they are permanent members of this ministry, not transitioning to the priesthood. Deacons in our diocese serve without salary, at the direction of the bishop.

rites of passage

† Deaths

Elaine Ryan	June 22, 2024
Gary Goodman	July 7, 2024
Thelma Dunn	July 21, 2024
David Gillman	July 22, 2024
Phyllis Hokanson	August 15, 2024
Eileen Fiedler	September 12, 2024
Suzanne Richards	September 25, 2024

⊕ Baptism

John Stetson Sellers
September 29, 2024

⊕ Marriages

Emily Rector & Andrew Berke
April 6, 2024

CALENDAR | OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2024

OCTOBER 12	Quiet Day	9am
OCTOBER 14	Indigenous Peoples' Day (parish office open)	
OCTOBER 17	Book Club	9:30am
	Lunch & Speaker Series	11:30am
OCTOBER 19	Introduction to Centering Prayer	9:30am
OCTOBER 20	Food Drive	7:45am-10:15am
	Grief Circle	11:45am
NOVEMBER 3	Missions & Ministries Festival	11:30am
NOVEMBER 5	Taizé Worship	7pm
NOVEMBER 7-10	Centering Prayer retreat, Tucson	-
NOVEMBER 7	Exploring Poetry as a Spiritual Practice	10am
NOVEMBER 8-9	Youth Mini-Mission	-
NOVEMBER 9	Quiet Day	9:30am
	Organ Classics concert	4pm
NOVEMBER 11	Veterans Day (parish office open)	-
NOVEMBER 13	Blood Drive	8am-12pm
NOVEMBER 16-17	4th-6th Grade Group overnight	-
NOVEMBER 17-24	Family Promise week	-
NOVEMBER 17	Food Drive	7:45am-10:15am
	Newcomer Lunch	11:30am
	Grief Circle	11:45am
NOVEMBER 21	Book Club	9:30am
	Lunch & Speaker Series	11:30am
NOVEMBER 24	Gratitude Sunday with Ice Cream Social	-
NOVEMBER 28	Thanksgiving Day worship and meal	10:15am
NOVEMBER 29	Parish office closed	
DECEMBER 3	Ladies' Christmas Luncheon	11:30am
	Taizé Worship	7pm
DECEMBER 5	Exploring Poetry as a Spiritual Practice	10am
DECEMBER 8	Grief Circle	11:45am
	A Visit with Saint Nick	2pm-4pm
DECEMBER 14	Quiet Day	9:30am
	Advent Lessons & Carols	4pm
DECEMBER 15	Food Drive	7:45am-10:15am
DECEMBER 19	Book Club	9:30am
	Lunch & Speaker Series	11:30am
DECEMBER 24	Christmas Eve worship (parish office closes at noon)	
	<i>Please visit our website for full Christmas schedule</i>	
DECEMBER 25	Christmas Day worship	



Discover How You Can Serve!

Our Fall Missions Festival

SAVE THE DATE!
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3
11:30AM | COURTYARD

Mark your calendars for a day of fun at Saint Barnabas! Enjoy homemade fry bread from Millet House, healthy tacos at our taco bar, and carnival games for kids. Visit booths to learn about our missions and ministries.

With 43 ways to serve at Saint Barnabas, you'll find a place to contribute your talents. After the 10:15am service, meet our ministry leaders and discover how you can get involved. We partner with 11 missions to serve our neighbors - come see how you can help!

This is always a joyful event for all ages, with games for kids and lunch for everyone. Bring a friend and donations for our mission partners! Visit saintbarnabas.org/missionsfestival for a list of needed items and learn more about how you can get involved.

To learn more about missions visit:
saintbarnabas.org/missions
We look forward to seeing you there!





Thanksgiving Day at Saint Barnabas

10:15PM ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 | SANCTUARY - SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for a joyous Thanksgiving Day worship service at 10:15am in the Sanctuary. Through traditional liturgy and prayers, we will share our gratitude for God's abundance. This year, we will also be having our meal right after the service. The church will provide for the Thanksgiving meal: turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, and beverages. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. **Reservations are required.**

We are also in need of kitchen help! Visit saintbarnabas.org/thanksgiving-meal to see ways and times to volunteer and sign up! For more information contact **Kate Fimbres** at kate@saintbarnabas.org All are Welcome!



a visit with Saint Nick

2PM ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 | SANCTUARY - SAVE THE DATE!

Join us at Saint Barnabas to celebrate the legacy of Saint Nicholas. Known for his generosity and compassion, Saint Nicholas was a 4th-century bishop from Myra (in modern-day Turkey) who became famous for his acts of kindness towards children and the poor. At this event, you'll also have the opportunity to make festive crafts, enjoy tasty snacks, and take photos with Saint Nick, Mrs. Claus, and Santa! It's the perfect way to kick off the holiday season while learning about the true spirit of giving that Saint Nicholas represents. Presentation begins at 2 pm in the Sanctuary, followed by a joyous performance of songs by our children's choirs. Afterward, head to the lawn for family-friendly crafting activities and refreshments, including popcorn and hot chocolate. Be sure to invite your friends to this cherished Christmas tradition! You can see amazing photos from last year at saintbarnabas.org/saint-nick-2023

Contemplative Life

► **CENTERING PRAYER** | Mondays 2pm – 3:30pm | Meets in the Jim Clark Contemplative Chapel

We intend to open ourselves to the Holy Spirit's transformative action in our minds and hearts. The practice of centering prayer is at the heart of all of our contemplative life ministries at Saint Barnabas.

More at: saintbarnabas.org/centeringprayer

► **TAIZÉ WORSHIP** | Every First Tuesday of the month at 7pm | Sanctuary

Escape the bustle of life at Saint Barnabas' monthly Taizé service every first Tuesday at 7pm. Step into the Sanctuary's serene ambiance, echoing the tranquil landscapes of France's Taizé community. Experience a unique worship style that offers solace, connection, and spiritual renewal. For further details, don't hesitate to reach out to the **Rev. Jennifer Tucker** at jennifer@saintbarnabas.org or contact the church office. To learn more about our contemplative life program, please visit: saintbarnabas.org/contemplative-life

► **EXPLORING POETRY AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE** | Every First Thursday of the month, 10am – 11:30pm | Meets on ZOOM - Not a writing workshop or book club, but a circle of poetry enthusiasts inviting the Holy Spirit's guidance. Each session, we share spiritual poems, taking turns reading and reflecting. To join, contact **Mary Stone** at maryspeckerstone@gmail.com

► **FALL SILENT RETREAT** | November 7-10 | Redemptorist Renewal Center in Tucson, Arizona
Registration is open NOW!

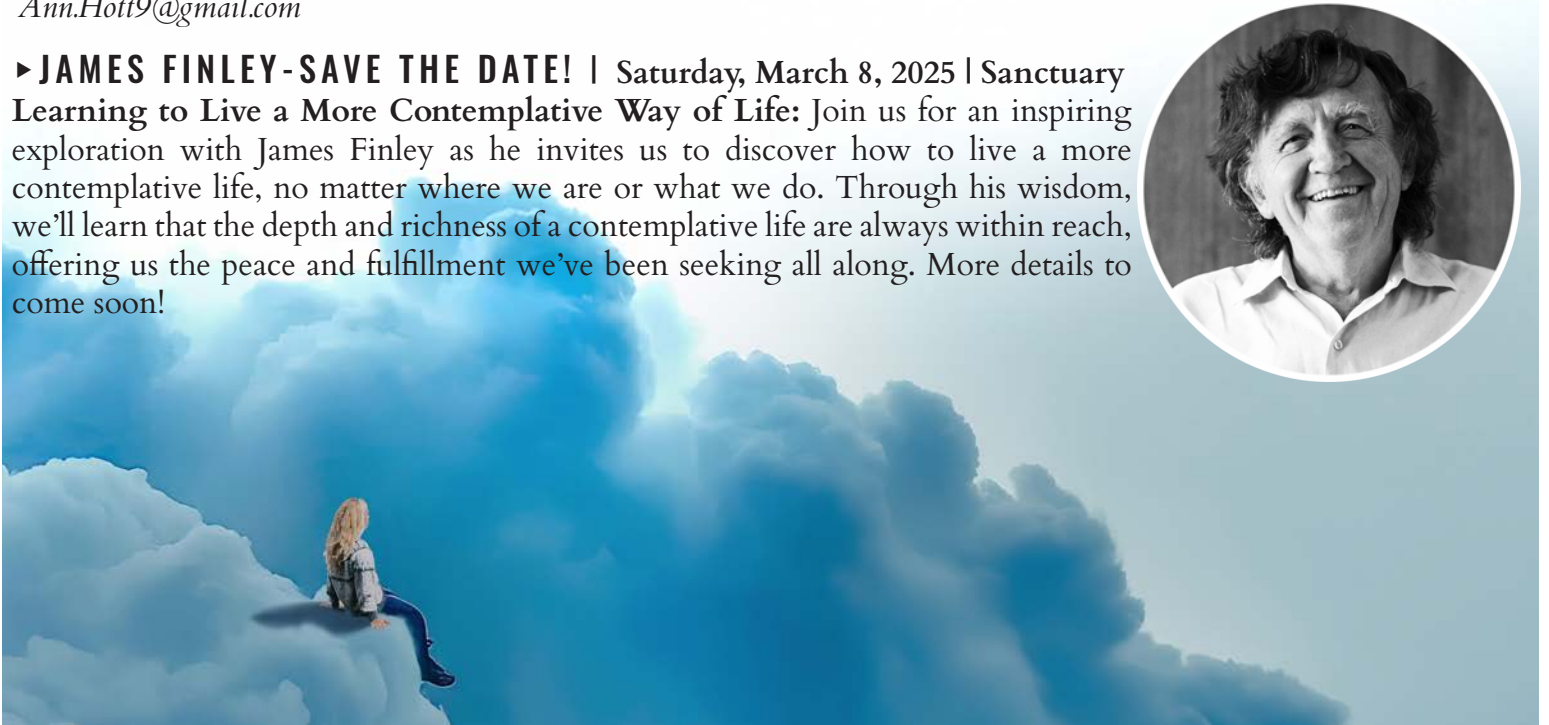
The fall intensive retreat is for those with a daily practice of Centering Prayer or meditation. Each day includes three 1-hour prayer sessions, walking meditation, and compline, with silence honored throughout. Participants can walk the labyrinth, explore the desert, or rest, with time for sharing at Sunday's closing ceremony. Meals are provided, and snacks and drinks are always available. Single and shared rooms are offered, with spiritual direction and massage available by appointment. To register, contact **Debbie Moore** at (508) 942-8953.

► **TAEHS** | The ART of Engaging Holy Scripture | We have a few open slots for fall 2024

The TAEHS curriculum at Saint Barnabas is a Bible study written by our former rector Jim Clark, unique in the opportunity to read, engage and learn from scripture. Small groups of 8-10 parishioners begin with overall studies and then select from studies including the Gospels, Genesis, and some Epistles. We have groups on Sunday mornings, Tuesday evenings, Wednesdays at 7:30am (this one on Zoom) and Wednesday mid-morning on campus. Interested? We have a few groups with slots available. Send your questions or requests to **Ann Hott** at:

Ann.Hott9@gmail.com

► **JAMES FINLEY-SAVE THE DATE!** | Saturday, March 8, 2025 | Sanctuary
Learning to Live a More Contemplative Way of Life: Join us for an inspiring exploration with James Finley as he invites us to discover how to live a more contemplative life, no matter where we are or what we do. Through his wisdom, we'll learn that the depth and richness of a contemplative life are always within reach, offering us the peace and fulfillment we've been seeking all along. More details to come soon!



Quiet Days

- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9
 - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
- 9:30AM - 1PM
▶ SANCTUARY + ZOOM

A Quiet Day with **The Rev. Catherine Gregg**
Rest in the peace of God on Quiet Day

The Rev. Dr. Catherine Gregg is a retired Episcopal priest with a background in spiritual direction and Celtic Spirituality. She and her late husband Douglas created a 3-year training course in Spiritual Direction for the western United States. Catherine served as a Rector, developed a Chaplaincy program, and worked as Canon to the Ordinary in Nevada. She now directs the Contemplative Center for Spirituality and Healthcare in Southern Nevada. After her husband's recent death, she finds solace in solo hiking and writing.

The contemplative life involves pausing, being still, and resting in Christ's presence. Quiet Day features reflections by Rev. Gregg, solitary time, and communal silent prayer in the Sanctuary, concluding with Holy Eucharist. Participants are encouraged to bring their Bibles and explore the grounds for reading or journaling.

To join the day of the event on Zoom, go to zoom.us/login and type the following:
Meeting ID: 825 3083 3892
Passcode: 504615

Questions? Contact Ann Hott at ann.hott9@gmail.com. All are Welcome!



Saint Barnabas Arts Camp

TREASURE HUNT

Choose one of three weeks:

June 9-13
June 16-20
June 23-27

Registration opens
JANUARY 15

Questions? Contact Sarah Petersen at sarahp@saintbarnabas.org
Read more information at saintbarnabas.org/camp

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