



The MOCKINGBIRD

All-Parish Newsletter | *April - June 2026*

Welcoming our new Rector the Rev. Robyn M. Neville Ph. D.

We joyfully welcome The Rev. Robyn M. Neville, Ph.D. as our new Rector. Ordained in the Episcopal Church in 2003, Rev. Neville has served congregations in Virginia, Massachusetts, Georgia, and Florida, bringing a deep love for the Church and a passion for vibrant, growing communities of faith. She and her husband, Damian Reeder, are currently preparing their home in Scottsdale with their beloved English bulldog, Miss Mango. We look forward to welcoming her on her first Sunday, April 19, as we begin this new chapter of ministry together.

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INVITE. WELCOME. CONNECT

Join us for Holy Week & Easter

Journey with us through the sacred days of Holy Week, from the solemnity of Palm Sunday to the joy of Easter morning. Come as you are and experience the love, hope, and renewal of Christ's resurrection in a welcoming Episcopal community. We look forward to celebrating with you!



PALM SUNDAY SERVICES

Commemorating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and his crucifixion.
Sunday, March 29 | 7:45am and 10:15am | In-person + Online



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Associated primarily with the Last Supper of Jesus and his apostles, Maundy Thursday's liturgy begins our journey with Jesus to the cross.
Thursday, April 2 | 7pm



GOOD FRIDAY • STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The traditional readings and prayers for the fourteen Stations of the Cross, followed by a choral meditation.
Friday, April 3 | 12pm



GOOD FRIDAY • LITURGY

Recalling the Passion of Jesus Christ.
Friday, April 3 | 1pm | Good Friday Liturgy
Friday, April 3 | 7pm | Good Friday Liturgy | In-person + Online



THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

The Vigil features the children and youth of Saint Barnabas and the lighting of the new fire. Dinner and Dessert feast follows in Hutton Hall. All are welcome.
Saturday, April 4 | 5pm | In-person + Online



EASTER SUNDAY

"He is Risen!" All are welcome to join us for festive celebrations with Eucharist, music, and community. Childcare in the Children's Center is available at all morning services.
Sunday, April 5 | 7am | 9am | 11am
9am | In person + Online



EASTER EGG HUNT

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt takes place in the courtyard on Easter Sunday! All are welcome to participate. Easter crafts at 10am | Egg Hunt begins at 10:30am

Please Note: There is no Faith Formation (Sunday School) for children and adults on Easter. Children's Chapel does not meet on Easter Sunday. All children are welcome in worship.

Saint Barnabas Missions

FAMILY PROMISE MARCH 2026

A tale of Two Settings *by Susan Tuttle*

The week of **March 8-15, 2026**, was an epic Family Promise hosting with over 60 volunteers coming together in two locations on campus to provide fabulous food, festive fellowship, and faithful friendship formation. Our volunteers included seasoned veterans and first timers, families and birthday celebrants, Saint Barnabans and Union of Black Episcopalians members, and we ranged in age from 2 years old to 95!

We hosted a total of four families over the course of the week, with our youngest guest just 6 weeks old. We also celebrated the 17th birthday of one of our guests.

During the week, we enjoyed delightfully delicious meals prepped in Hutton Hall the first part of the week, and marvelous mobile meals in the Learning Center on Friday and Saturday. Our fellowship activities included: bringing out our inner Van Goghs with a painting session, a cookie-decorating contest; a read aloud of a children's book written by one of our volunteers, a movie night and bracelet-making session led by one of our young volunteers, bookmark making and book giveaway courtesy of the non-profit *Joy for Books*, and lots of basketball and running around the playground.

And in the midst of all the fantastic fun, our guest parents expressed their deep gratitude for the sense of peace they had here, being able to come to a room of their own, to be able to relax with a shower before bedtime, to just be together as a family in a beautiful, safe space, surrounded by caring people. As always, the hard work of our Saint Barnabas Facilities team provided the foundation for that blessing.

There truly is something for everyone in a Family Promise hosting week. Volunteer teams provide setup and take down on Sundays after church. They also provide "refresh duty" during the week and contribute food and fellowship for our guest families every evening. The week after hosting, volunteers do laundry to help us get ready for the next group of guest families.

Speaking of which ... mark your calendars for **August 9-16, 2026**. Please consider joining our wonderful family of volunteers as we share God's boundless Love and a warm **Saint Barnabas boundless Welcome** with more parents and children in need. Contact **Susan Tuttle** through the church office at (480) 948-5560 if you would like to learn more.



BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS: LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED | Support the Mexico Medical Mission 2026

We are called to love and serve our neighbors near and far. This summer, from Sunday, July 12, through Friday, July 17, a dedicated team from our church will travel to Ensenada, Mexico, to provide essential medical care to underserved communities. As part of this mission, we are collecting donations to supply basic toiletries, t-shirts, and handmade blessing bags to patients in need.

How You Can Help

Many of the individuals we serve arrive at the clinic with very little. By donating simple yet essential items, you can bring comfort and dignity to those receiving care. We are seeking donations of:

- Full-size toothpaste
- Full-size bar soap
- New or gently used t-shirts (all sizes welcome)
- Cotton fabric pieces (approx. 20"x22") to be sewn into blessing bags

Where to Donate

Donation bins will be available at Sunday services—just look for the marked boxes in the courtyard or ask a greeter for assistance. **Every contribution makes a difference!**

Why This Mission Matters

The Mexico Medical Mission is more than just providing healthcare—it is about building relationships, offering hope, and showing God's love in tangible ways. For many of the patients we serve, this clinic is their only opportunity to receive medical attention, basic personal care supplies, and a smile. Your generosity allows us to extend the impact of this mission beyond medical treatment, offering small but meaningful comforts that restore dignity and well-being.

Join Us in Making a Difference

For more information, please contact **Mary Beth Volberding** at mvolberding@live.com. Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and commitment to sharing Christ's love with those in need.



FOOD DRIVE

Every third Sunday of the month!

Our food drive collection is on the third Sunday of the month. Food can be dropped off in front of the **Music Center** between 7:45am and 10:15am or any Sunday of the month. Look for shopping carts in the courtyard! The food you donate will go to food banks that have Episcopal roots. More at saintbarnabas.org/food-drive.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY UPDATE

An exciting update on Jake's House - *by Jay Harris*

We've had several great work groups come out, and we've made a lot of progress. On March 12, we began painting the interior of the house. A team from Nationwide Insurance completed almost all of the ceiling and a large portion of the walls. On March 14, another group started the exterior painting.



The next workdays will focus on painting, so if that's something you enjoy, I'd love for you to join us and help on this project.



After painting, we'll wait for the flooring to be installed before adding cabinets and hardware—another excellent opportunity to get involved. As always, you can sign up through the Saint Barnabas Missions webpage or directly with Habitat for Humanity of Central Arizona. We learned that a family has been selected for our house. We haven't met them yet, but we're excited to get to know them and their story. I'll share an update as soon as more information is available.

We're getting close to finishing Jake's house, and it's been amazing to see the love and enthusiasm from everyone hearing his story. I know he would be happy to see this work being done in his name. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Jay at 480.620.8722.

OPERATION SCHOOL BELL (Delivering Dreams) Volunteer to Help Kids with School Uniforms & Shoes

Once or twice a month we go to an elementary school and help children get fitted for school uniforms and shoes. **Delivering Dreams of Arizona** has converted big busses into dressing rooms for the children. We also hand out books and toiletries. This is a great way to serve the community! Email **Kate Fimbres** (Minister of Youth and Parish Life) at kate@saintbarnabas.org with any questions about this service or to sign up to volunteer. For more information about Delivering Dreams of Arizona, visit: www.deliveringdreamsaz.org.



Contemplative Life

► **CENTERING PRAYER** | Wednesdays | 7pm | Meets in the Chapel

Experienced or new, you are welcome to come try this ancient form of prayer. Our Centering Prayer groups have 20 minutes of silent prayer followed by inspirational videos from **James Finley**, **Richard Rohr**, and other spiritual leaders. Contact **Emily Schneider Krob** at em.schneider@hotmail.com. More at: saintbarnabas.org/centeringprayer

► **TAIZÉ WORSHIP** | Every First Tuesday of the month | 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.

► **EXPLORING POETRY AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE** | First Thursday of the month | 10-11:30am Meets online | Please note: No meetings in July or August, resuming in September

Our format is simple: we each share a poem that speaks to us on a spiritual level, taking turns reading our selections and sharing our questions and reflections. Energizing and uplifting conversations emerge and, more often than not, so does a sacred theme that connects our diverse offerings. For more information, contact **Mary Stone** at maryspeckerstone@gmail.com or **Diane Neal** at dianenealaz@gmail.com.

► **TAEHS** | The *ART* of Engaging Holy Scripture

The TAEHS curriculum at Saint Barnabas is a Bible study, 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 (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

To learn more about our contemplative life program, please visit: saintbarnabas.org/contemplative-life

Quiet Days **SANCTUARY + ZOOM | 9:30AM - 1PM**

- **SATURDAY, APRIL 11**
- **SATURDAY, MAY 2** - World Labirynth Day (no Quiet Day in May)
- **SATURDAY, JUNE 13**

The contemplative life invites us to slow our pace, enter into stillness, and rest attentively in the living presence of Christ. Quiet Day offers a sacred space for reflection, unhurried solitude, and shared silence within the Sanctuary. Through moments of prayer, listening, and inward attentiveness, we open ourselves to God's gentle movement in the heart. The day concludes with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, gathering our quiet reflections into communal worship. Participants are encouraged to bring their Bibles and wander the grounds, allowing the beauty and stillness of the surroundings to accompany their reading, prayer, and 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.

Take note: We will not have Quiet Days in **July or August**. Quiet Day resumes on Saturday, September 12.

WORLD LABYRINTH DAY



MAY 2, 8:30AM
HUTTON HALL
**WALK AS ONE
FOR PEACE**

Join us as we create a unified rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to the next around the globe.

This event planned by the Saint Barnabas Contemplative Life Ministries Team. For more information: cdnealjr51@gmail.com.

A FAMILY-FRIENDLY CELEBRATION

Join us on Saturday, May 2, 2026 as Saint Barnabas joins thousands of people around the planet for the 18th annual World Labyrinth Day Walk For Peace.

We'll gather in Hutton Hall at 8:30 a.m. for remarks, refreshments and crafts, then make our way to the labyrinth to walk the path in prayer and reflection. Walking the labyrinth at a meditative pace takes about 15 minutes. Depending on how many participate, it may take a little longer. Live Native American flute music by Jenn Steege is planned. Not a walker? Finger labyrinths, shaded tables and chairs will be available nearby. Join us as we create a unified rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to the next around the globe. All are welcome—**bring a friend!**

What is a Labyrinth? A labyrinth is a path leading to a center. Labyrinths are an ancient symbol dating back 4,000 years or more... Labyrinths evoke spiritual pilgrimage, religious practice, mindfulness, well-being and community building.

"Labyrinths are found in a variety of belief structures, from Christianity to Judaism to Native American religions ... The labyrinth, neither inherently Christian or non-Christian, has been adapted by our faith tradition in the same way that symbols like the Advent wreath and the Christmas tree began as pagan practices and were later "baptized" by the Church and infused with Christian meaning. A labyrinth is merely a tool that helps us bring a spiritual reality into a tangible experience."

-From *A Labyrinth Year: Walking the Seasons of the Church* by Richard Kautz, Morehouse Publishing. Find out more at saintbarnabas.org/wld.



LABYRINTHS OFFER
PRAYER THROUGH
MOVEMENT &
PRESENCE

GATHER AT
8:30 AM IN
HUTTON HALL

LIVE NATIVE
AMERICAN FLUTE &
REFRESHMENTS

FINGER
LABYRINTHS,
TABLES & CHAIRS
AVAILABLE

ALL ARE WELCOME!
BRING A FRIEND!

WORLD LABYRINTH DAY

is an annual international event sponsored by The Labyrinth Society. Every year on the first Saturday in May thousands of people around the world participate in this moving meditation for world peace and celebration of the labyrinth experience.



The Art of Attention

Cultivating WONDER as

Our recent gathering, *The Art of Attention: Cultivating Wonder as a Spiritual Practice*, led by poet **Rev. Travis Helms**, invited participants into an experience of poetry not merely as literature but as a way of seeing. This weekend event became a celebration of language—the subtle power words hold to awaken awareness and deepen our relationship with the world around us.

The event opened with a thoughtful and engaging panel conversation featuring **Alberto Ríos**, Arizona's first Poet Laureate and an internationally recognized poet, essayist, and storyteller. Ríos is known for writing that reveals the extraordinary beauty of ordinary life, often drawing from his experiences growing up along the U.S.–Mexico border and from the cultural richness of the Southwest. His reflections during the panel centered on poetry as an act of attention—an art that teaches us to notice what might otherwise pass us by.

He spoke about how poetry helps us rediscover the significance of everyday moments: a conversation between friends, the echo of memory, the quiet rhythms of daily life. In poetry, the ordinary becomes luminous. Each person carries stories that deserve to be told, and poetry provides the language through which those stories can be shared and honored.

Rev. Travis Helms guided participants through an exploration of what it means to practice attention—



discipline. Poetry invites us to slow down. In a culture that so often urges us toward speed and constant motion, poems gently remind us that there is wisdom in stillness. When we pause long enough to truly listen—to language, to silence, to our own interior responses—we begin to notice something subtle yet profound. Words can open doors. A line of poetry might awaken a feeling we had forgotten, reveal a truth we had not yet named, or offer a new way of seeing what has always been there.

Sometimes poetry grants us permission to be idle in the most meaningful sense: to sit with our thoughts, to linger with an image, to contemplate the small details surrounding us. A shift in light, a remembered voice, the rhythm of breath—these moments become gateways into deeper awareness.

And in that quiet attention, something begins to open. This is the spiritual dimension of wonder. It does not arrive with spectacle. Rather, it emerges gently when we allow ourselves to notice, to listen, and to remain present. Poetry became a shared experience of listening—not only to the poet's words, but to the echoes they stirred within each of us. In the pauses and images, people found space for reflection and connection.

During Saturday's retreat, the Rev. Travis Helms invited participants to explore their own poetic imagination through nature, personal experience, and sacred texts. One meaningful part of the day was practicing focused attention and then turning those reflections into words and eventually poetry, showing how simple moments of presence can become creative and spiritual expressions.



Throughout the retreat, Helms drew on a collection of poems from the retreat program, reading them aloud and reflecting on how their language reveals insight, wonder, and devotion. The blend of reading, reflection, and writing helped participants see poetry as a spiritual practice and a way to slow down and notice meaning.

We would also like to extend heartfelt gratitude to the Contemplative Life Team who helped bring this

beautiful gathering to life: **Mary Stone, Ann Hott, Diane Neal, and the Rev. Bruce McNab.** Their care, vision, and dedication made the weekend possible.

And thank you to all who attended—your presence, your attentive listening, especially **your generous donations.** The many volunteers who helped support the event created the welcoming and reflective space that allowed this experience to flourish. Together, we practiced *the art of attention.* And in doing so, **we made space for wonder.**



Stepping Stones to Healthy and Secure Aging

Over the next year or two, the Pastoral Care Team and Barnabas Legacy Society will be presenting a series of Sunday luncheon events called *Stepping Stones to Healthy and Secure Aging*. Each program will cover one of the stepping stones on the road to happy, healthy, safe aging. Navigating aging requires a complex roadmap. Considering the steps ahead before needs emerge makes the path smoother. Topics to be covered are relevant for parishioners of any age whether they are laying the foundations for healthy aging, caring for aging relatives, or already walking the retirement path.

The series will consider topics such as these: In our increasingly online age, what legal documents and information can we gather for our loved ones to protect both our financial and emotional assets? How does one maintain a safe digital presence? How do we establish the foundational wellness practices that are so important in maintaining physical and psychological health later in life? What factors should we consider as we decide whether to remain in one's home or move to senior living alternatives? How do we deal with a lifetime of personal possessions?

► THE BARNABAS LEGACY SOCIETY LUNCHEON - **NO RESERVATION REQUIRED** CONSIDERATIONS FOR AGING IN PLACE | April 12 | 11:30am | Hutton Hall

Join us for lunch as our Pastoral Care Program and the Barnabas Legacy Society invite you to *Stepping Stones to Healthy and Secure Aging: Considerations for Aging in Place*. Erica Williams, Clinical Professor in the College of Health Solutions at ASU, will lead a discussion which will cover home safety advice and identify community resources available.

Read more at saintbarnabas.org/bls-aging.



Our Nature

Saint Barnabas Arts Camp Goes Camping in the Woods this June



by Sarah Petersen, Director of Children's Ministries and Arts Camp Director

It's exciting to think that our beloved Saint Barnabas Arts Camp is only a few months away! Planning has been underway since last fall as we prepare for this year's theme, **Our Nature**—a celebration of creativity, curiosity, and the wisdom we can learn from the natural world, with an emphasis on the value of patience.

Saint Barnabas Arts Camp is an opportunity for children ages 3 through those entering 6th grade to explore the world of fine arts and creativity in a welcoming environment. Gently faith-based, this one-week camp is filled with engaging activities that focus on the creative process. Each morning, campers rotate through visual arts, performing arts, and culinary arts, discovering new ways to express themselves while building friendships and confidence.

This year's theme invites campers to reflect on what nature can teach us. In a world that often moves quickly, nature reminds us to slow down. Watching a seed grow into a flower or tree teaches patience and care. Observing animals in their natural rhythm shows that not everything happens at once—and that quiet attention can lead to discovery. Through art, music, storytelling, and play, campers will explore how patience, curiosity, and wonder help us grow, just like the living things around us.

One of the unique elements of Arts Camp is our original video series, which helps introduce the theme and lessons for the week. Each year we write and produce our own story featuring characters who learn important lessons about loving God, loving our neighbors, and discovering the goodness within themselves.



Filming took place earlier this winter in Hutton Hall, where we turned the parish hall into an evergreen forest. We are now editing the series so it will be ready for adult leader training this spring. Our talented cast of Saint Barnabas members brings the story to life in ways that campers eagerly follow throughout the week. The *Our Nature* storyline is about grandparents taking their teenage grandkids out in the woods for a camping trip. The video is “mockumentary” style and delightful. Many thanks to our wonderful parish actors: **Meredith Williams, Jillian Fondry, Christopher Shivers, Grace Rogers, Bill Marshall, and Susan Tuttle.**

This year’s original camp song, *I Want to Be*, was intended to be sung around a campfire and played on the ukulele. Campers will learn some American Sign Language (ASL) this summer to engage in the lyrics. Every year, on the final day of Arts Camp (Friday), they come together to record a joyful “music video” to share with families. These songs often become lasting memories that campers sing long after the week is over. Here’s the clever chorus from *I Want to Be* written by Adele Powers:

**I want to be more patient with me
I want to be more patient with you
When I wait for an exciting thing
Or don't know what the day will bring
I want to see my patience come through
We all agree: being patient is great!
So if I'm not patient enough right now... wait.**

Each year we send a survey to families to gather feedback about their experience. We are always grateful for the thoughtful responses we receive.

One parent shared that the camp was “fun-focused and well organized, with character building woven throughout.” Another noted how much their children loved the creative variety: “The kids liked all of the arts and craft activities and getting to explore the culinary arts.”

Parents also frequently comment on the spirit of the camp and the dedication of volunteers. One family wrote, “The warmth and joy that radiated from the staff and volunteers was so genuine—you could feel how deeply they cared about the kids.” Another shared simply, “This camp truly goes above and beyond and we look forward to it each year.”



Preparations for this summer are already underway, and we are still looking for **Morning Room Leaders** to help guide campers through the week. Room Leaders play an important role in creating a welcoming and joyful environment by supporting campers as they participate in visual arts, performing arts, and culinary activities. Volunteers may commit to one, two, or all three weeks of camp (**June 8–12, June 15–19, and June 22–26**) from 8am–12:30pm, Monday through Friday. Room Leaders review daily lessons, engage with campers and staff, and help bring the spirit and mission of Arts Camp to life. Training and Safe Church certification are required and will be provided.

Saint Barnabas Arts Camp is truly a community effort, and it would not be possible without the support and encouragement of the entire congregation. Thank you for helping make this joyful ministry possible. Please contact **Sarah Petersen** at children@saintbarnabas.org today to find out how you can be part of this exciting ministry.

Be sure to mark your calendars for **Arts Camp Sunday on June 28**, when we will celebrate the creativity and joy of the summer and share our 2026 camp song with the congregation.

CONCERTS ON THE DESERT



PHOENIX BRASS COLLECTIVE SUNDAY, APRIL 19 | 4PM (\$30 TICKETED EVENT)

The Phoenix Brass Collective returns to Saint Barnabas to close their season in our Sanctuary. Under Jeff Quamo's direction, this dynamic ensemble blends classical masterworks and beloved film scores. Don't miss an afternoon of powerful, fun music for all ages. For tickets, visit saintbarnabas.org/concerts or scan the QR code.



EVENSONG - SAINT BARNABAS PARISH CHOIR SATURDAY, MAY 16 B | 4PM (FREE- GOODWILL OFFERING)

A service of Evensong offered by the Saint Barnabas Parish Choir, previewing their July 2026 residency at Salisbury Cathedral in England. This sung evening prayer will fill the Sanctuary with choral music and reflection. Free concert; goodwill offerings support the music ministry. To donate visit: saintbarnabas.org/concerts



rites of passage

Baptisms

Sutton Marie MacMunn	January 18, 2026
Eleanor Luna Avalos	February 15, 2026
Audrey Marisol Avalos	February 15, 2026
Stella Rose Avalos	February 15, 2026
Oscar Edward Wilson Shea	February 15, 2026

Deaths

Pauline O. Mundy	January 6, 2026
Ann Babcock Whitfiel	January 18, 2026
William F. Yelas	February 4, 2026
Jo-Ann B. Eastburn	February 5, 2026

CALENDAR | APRIL - MAY - JUNE 2026

APRIL 2 Exploring Poetry as a Spiritual Practice
 Maundy Thursday
 APRIL 3 Good Friday
 (parish office closed in the afternoon)
 APRIL 4 Easter Vigil / Baptisms / Dinner & Desserts Feast
 APRIL 5 Easter Sunday
 APRIL 7 Taizé Worship
 APRIL 11 Quiet Day
 4th - 6th Grade Overnight
 APRIL 12 Lunch Bunch
 APRIL 16 Book Club
 APRIL 19 Food Drive
 Phoenix Brass Collective Concert
 APRIL 22 Blood Drive
 APRIL 26 New Member Sunday
 Grief Group
 Lunch Bunch
 APRIL 29 Last Session of Confirmation

MAY 3 Bishop Smith Visit and Confirmations
 Tour the Grounds
 MAY 5 Taizé Worship
 MAY 7 Exploring Poetry as a Spiritual Practice
 MAY 9 Quiet Day
 Dinner & Fellowship
 MAY 10 Lunch Bunch
 MAY 13 Last Day of Wednesday Night Program
 MAY 16 Children's Choir at Westminster Village
 Evensong Concert
 MAY 17 Food Drive
 MAY 21 Book Club
 MAY 24 Pentecost
 Lunch Bunch
 MAY 25 Memorial Day (parish office closed)
 MAY 28 Youth Group Mission Trip Starts

JUNE 2 Taizé Worship
 JUNE 7 Newcomer Lunch
 JUNE 8-12 Saint Barnabas Arts Camp - Week 1
 JUNE 13 Quiet Day
 JUNE 15-19 Saint Barnabas Arts Camp - Week 2
 JUNE 19 Juneteenth (parish office closed)
 JUNE 21 Food Drive
 JUNE 22-26 Saint Barnabas Arts Camp - Week 3
 JUNE 24 Blood Drive
 JUNE 28 Arts Camp Sunday
 Lunch Bunch

Broadway Bash Recap

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The magic of music, storytelling, and community spirit came together beautifully at this year's Broadway Bash, a beloved annual event supporting the Saint Barnabas Youth Group and their mission work. This year's production, themed *Enchanted Woodlands*, transported guests into a whimsical forest filled with magical characters, heartfelt songs, and an inspiring message of friendship, belonging, and service.

Written by **Adele Powers** and directed by **Sarah Smith**, the show followed a group of fairies and woodland travelers on a quest through a mysterious forest. Along their journey, the characters searched for the true meaning behind their travels, ultimately discovering that their real mission was to care for others, build friendships, and serve those in need. Through lively musical numbers, enchanting costumes, and moments of humor and reflection, the production captured the imagination of the audience while reflecting the deeper purpose behind the evening's celebration.

This year's Broadway Bash carries special significance as the Saint Barnabas Youth Group prepares for their upcoming mission visit to **Rainbow Acres in Camp Verde, Arizona**. Rainbow Acres is a residential Christian community dedicated to providing promising futures for adults with developmental disabilities. During their time

there, the youth will support the community through a variety of service projects and, most importantly, by spending meaningful time with the residents—sharing conversations, laughter, and companionship that embody the spirit of Christian service.

The evening's entertainment was complemented by a magnificent five-course gourmet menu, thoughtfully prepared and served by an incredible team of volunteers. This team of dedicated helpers worked tirelessly behind the scenes, ensuring that every course was as memorable as the performance itself. Their efforts were an integral part of what makes Broadway Bash such a joyful and successful event year after year.

Broadway Bash is truly a celebration of the entire church community. From the writers and performers to the kitchen volunteers and event organizers, countless individuals contribute their talents and time to make the evening possible. Most of all, it is the smiling faces of guests, performers, and supporters that make this gathering so special.

We cherish this event not only for the spectacular show and delicious meal, but for the way it brings our community together in support of the youth and their mission to serve others.



To view a more complete gallery of images from Broadway Bash please visit: saintbarnabas.org/bb-2026 or scan the QR code to the right.







Sundays are better with friends. Lunch Bunch awaits!

Looking for a simple, fun way to connect with others at Saint Barnabas? Lunch Bunch might be just the thing. We're a casual group that meets after the 10:15 am service at Wildflower (Indian Bend & Scottsdale Rd.) on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month—except when there's an all-church lunch.

There's no need to sign up or RSVP. Just come by whenever you're free. Stop in for a few minutes to say hello and grab a drink, or stay and enjoy lunch with the group—it's completely up to you. Everyone is welcome, whether you come on your own or with family and friends.

Some join us regularly, others drop in occasionally. It's simply a relaxed space where friendships can grow naturally.

Upcoming Gatherings: April 12 and 26, and May 24. After that, Lunch Bunch will take a summer break from **June 1 through October 1.**

If you'd like to meet a few more friendly faces around Saint Barnabas, pull up a chair and join us—we'd love to see you there.

Current Resident or:

