



The MOCKINGBIRD

All-Parish Newsletter | *July - September 2026*



SEPTEMBER 25-27 | CHAPEL ROCK, PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

Join us this fall at Chapel Rock Camp and Conference Center for our annual weekend retreat! Gather with old friends and make new ones while enjoying hikes, games, crafts, delicious meals, a clergy-led learning session, time to relax, Sunday morning worship, and maybe even a campfire! Set in the nation's largest ponderosa pine forest, Prescott is a short 90-minute drive from Phoenix and about 20 degrees cooler than the Valley. This is an excellent opportunity for everyone, especially newcomers and families of all shapes and sizes.

Visit saintbarnabas.org/parish-retreat for information about registration.



Upcoming Stewardship Campaign Emphasizes Hope

by *The Rev. Robyn M. Neville, Ph.D., Rector.*

“Hope Grows Here.” That is a statement and a promise that I truly believe in. I believe that as a church, we sow the seeds of hope together: hope in the promise of new life in Christ, hope in the promise of new growth in community, and hope in the promise of renewed strength and energy as a church.

I’ve come here to Saint Barnabas as your new rector to inject a new sense of hope for the future and new energy for ministry. I hope you’ve been able to feel some of that new energy and hope as you get to know me. My hope is that we can grow this church and build up its ministries in powerful, new ways by working together. I can’t do it all by myself – I need your help and your support to bring new life, new energy, and new growth to Saint Barnabas.

“Hope Grows Here” is the theme for our upcoming Stewardship campaign this Fall. Hope doesn’t just happen all by itself: it needs our care and support. Hope needs community participation and encouragement in order to take root. Hope needs all of us, pitching in and giving our best, in order to grow. I have seen how all of you keep on planting seeds – seeds of kindness, seeds of beauty, seeds of witness, seeds of welcome. Those seeds need support to grow strong and produce good fruit. Those seeds of hope can’t survive unless we all pitch in to give our time, talent, and treasure.

Here at Saint Barnabas, **Hope Grows Here** when:

- A child learns the story of God’s love through Jesus for the first time in Sunday school or Children’s Chapel;
- A grieving spouse feels the warmth of support through our pastoral care ministry and grief support groups;
- A hungry neighbor in need receives a bag of groceries and a smile through our missions and outreach ministries;
- A seeker finds contemplative refreshment by walking our labyrinth and sharing their questions about faith with members of our clergy;

•A newcomer knows that they belong here because a member of our staff has said, “all are welcome – especially you! – and we are so happy that you are here. How can I help you get to know Saint Barnabas better?”

Without your support, none of these wonderful moments of ministry can happen. Every gift you give and every pledge you make is a seed. Stewardship is about planting those seeds with trust that God will make them flourish. Your pledge this year for our 2027 budget can help grow the programs that bring so many people to Jesus, that give so many people hope. I hope you will prayerfully consider pledging in a way that will not only sustain our ministries and programs but help them to flourish and grow.



Last year, we raised a little under \$1.7 million in pledges. Our Sunday plate offerings brought our total church income to \$1.9 million. While that may seem like a lot, it was not enough to cover our 2026 operating budget. Despite aggressive trimming and drastic reductions in our annual expenditures, the 2026 operating budget for Saint Barnabas comes in at \$2.5 million.

We tried not to cut our vital ministries, but a deficit budget has required some reductions.

We still have a way to go to ensure that our ministries remain strong and vibrant in the year ahead. With the impact of rising costs, our Stewardship goal for 2026–2027 has increased to \$2.53 million about a 15% rise over last year’s goal of \$2.2 million. We need your help.

Together, through faithful giving, we can meet these challenges and continue to ensure that hope truly grows here at Saint Barnabas. Each pledge, no matter the amount, nurtures the mission and ministries that make Saint Barnabas a beacon of hope and love.

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Our Stewardship campaign, “**Hope Grows Here**”, kicks off in September. I ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge during the campaign that truly reflects your love for this church: a pledge that will truly meet the needs of our parish community as we seek not only to sustain our ministries, but to grow them in meaningful ways. We need your help now more than ever. If you have never pledged before, now is the time to start. I would be delighted to speak with you further about how you can contribute to the mission and ministry of Saint Barnabas. **Thank you** for your generous hearts and your kind support. It is truly meaningful to me and to the Saint Barnabas leadership and staff. **We are so grateful for you.**

Hope Grows Here. Let’s work together to keep it growing!

Faithfully, with warm regards in Christ,

Robyn +

The Rev. Robyn M. Neville, Ph.D.

Discover Your Next Faithful Step:

Enroll in EfM *by Sarah Porter*

Are you looking for a space to ask big questions, deepen your faith, and connect with a supportive community? **Education for Ministry (EfM)**, developed by the School of Theology at the University of the South, is a unique formation program for Episcopalians and others. Saint Barnabas group meets weekly in a small online seminar for 36 weeks a year. To fit participants' unique schedules and seasons of life, EfM offers two pathways:

EfM Classic (4-Year Program): An in-depth, multi-year journey that walks deeply through the Old Testament, New Testament, Christian History, and Theology.

EfM Wide-Angle (1-Year Program): A focused survey path that covers scripture, history, and ethics in a single year using diverse media like podcasts and short texts—perfect for busy schedules.

Through study, vibrant discussion, and the core practice of **theological reflection**, both pathways help you connect Christian tradition, scriptures and theology with your everyday life. There are no tests, no papers, and all seekers are welcome.

Ready to learn more? Contact **Mark Burton** at markgumby@gmail.com or **Sarah Porter**, sarahporteraz@gmail.com, or visit the EfM Program Page at saintbarnabas.org/efm to see which path is right for you. Group registration for the upcoming term **will start soon!**



Welcome Sunday

SEPTEMBER 13: A TIME TO GATHER AND CELEBRATE

By The Rev. Robyn Neville, Ph.D., Rector

Welcome Sunday will be on Sunday, September 13, 2026, and I could not be more excited! I can't wait to welcome everyone back to an inspiring new program year at Saint Barnabas. Welcome Sunday kicks off our 2026 Fall program season, and we have so many exciting ministry opportunities planned for you this program year to keep you rooted, grounded, growing, and thriving in the love and light of God. If you haven't met me yet, this is the perfect opportunity to meet your new rector. I hope I will get a chance on Welcome Sunday to greet each and every one of you in person!



Between worship services on this very special Sunday, during the 9am Formation Hour, we will serve a delicious breakfast in Hutton Hall – and it's for everyone! This is a fantastic time for fellowship and a great chance to make new friends and greet one another as we begin a new program year. It is also an opportunity to learn about the ministries of our parish and get excited: I can't wait to tell you all about the good things coming up this program year. Come learn about our plans for Adult Faith Formation, outreach and missions, the upcoming concert season, contemplative life, and our many ministry programs. Learn how you can deepen your faith, offer your service to others, and enrich your sense of belonging here at Saint Barnabas. All are welcome, and I can't wait to personally welcome you!



On **Welcome Sunday**, our wonderful children's programs start up again for the program year. Sunday School for all ages begins on Welcome Sunday, September 13. We will offer our Godly Play program for children, with classes available for pre-K through 6th grade. Our Sunday programs for 7th through 12th grade Faith Formation also start on Welcome Sunday; all youth and children's classes meet in the Children's Center. For more information and to register your child, please visit our church website at:

saintbarnabas.org/registration



This program year, I hope that you will find Saint Barnabas to be a community that loves you, welcomes you, and surrounds you with the love of Jesus Christ. I love how our church welcomes and nurtures people of all ages. I love how our parish comes together to serve and minister to people of all walks of life. I love how this beautiful and sacred place nourishes our inner hearts, refreshes our vision, and strengthens us for ministry in the love of God. I hope you will join me in celebrating Welcome Sunday, and I pray that you know that here, at Saint Barnabas, **you are welcome, you matter, and you belong.**



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, SEPTEMBER 12**
- **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10**
- **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

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.

Missions

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Donor Spotlight:
Jay & Fran Harris



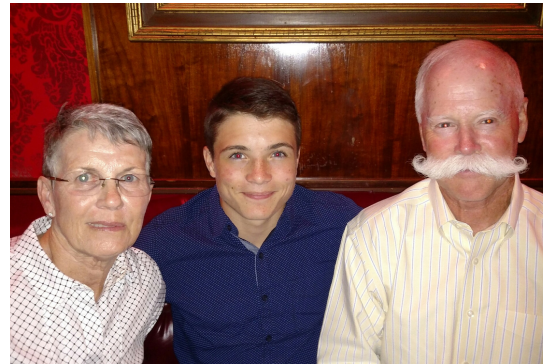
A Home Built in Honor and Memory of Jake Tilley

For Jay and Fran Harris, helping others has always been a way of life. Their journey with Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona began through Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church, where Jay connected with the Episcopal Habitat Coalition as a volunteer after retiring in 2011. Since then, both Jay and Fran have spent countless Saturdays on the build sites alongside fellow Episcopal Coalition volunteers.

This past October, Jay and Fran made a meaningful decision to partner with the Episcopal Habitat Coalition to sponsor a new home in the Sunnyslope neighborhood in honor and memory of their grandson, Jake Tilley.

Jake was 22 years old when he passed away in an industrial accident three years ago. He was an Army veteran, a Mesa High School graduate, and by all accounts someone who made every room a little better. He was polite, curious, and quietly strong. He was the kind of person who mentored younger coworkers, showed up for his family without hesitation, and always showed genuine respect for others.

Jake had planned to join Jay on a build someday. In a way, he finally will. Building this home, in honor of Jake, is a way to remember his legacy. The values he embodied, service, community, hard work, and care for others, are now woven into the very walls of the house that Blerta Esati and her three-year-old son, Erik, will call home. For Jay and Fran, knowing that a home built in Jake's name, where the Esati family will build their life, is the most fitting tribute imaginable and is exactly the kind of legacy Jake would have been proud to be a part of.



FAMILY PROMISE | Living the Praise: A New Volunteer's boundless Welcome

by Susan Tuttle



Grace Harris Johnson

When **Julie Harris** signed up to bring dessert for Family Promise guest families in March, she, her daughter **Grace Harris Johnson**, and Grace's 18-month-old daughter, **Noni**, had no idea it would be the beginning of a deeper connection with Saint Barnabas. Grace baked cupcakes, and the three generations spent the evening sharing a meal, activities, and conversation with families transitioning from homelessness, while also getting to know fellow Saint Barnabas volunteers. Just two months later, Grace had become an active member of boundless Welcome: Family Promise at Saint Barnabas. She now volunteers regularly, helping organize supplies, plan congregational events, and learn more about the ministry's work supporting families through **Family Promise of Greater Phoenix**.

With a lifelong commitment to community service, Grace found this experience especially meaningful. "It showed how we can actually live 'Praise God,'" she said. She was inspired by the way Saint Barnabas volunteers "open their hands and hearts without judgment" to create a welcoming, safe, and comforting environment for families in crisis. As a parent, Grace also values the opportunity to serve alongside her daughter, demonstrating how acts of kindness can strengthen communities and bring people together across different backgrounds and experiences.



The Family Promise team is grateful for Grace's enthusiasm, leadership, and generous spirit. We look forward to welcoming Grace—and perhaps you—to our remaining host weeks this year: **August 9–16** and **November 15–22**. Volunteer sign-ups begin in July in Hutton Hall after services and online at saintbarnabas.org/ministries/missions. For more information about boundless Welcome: Family Promise at Saint Barnabas, please contact **Kate Fimbres** through the church office at (480) 948-5560 or kate@saintbarnabas.org.

BACKPACK BLESSING | Sunday, August 2, 2026 10:15am | Sanctuary

Students and teachers of all ages are invited to bring backpacks, bags, and briefcases to church for a special **Blessing of the Backpacks** during worship as we celebrate the beginning of a new school year. Together, we will offer prayers for students, educators, school staff, and families, asking God's guidance, protection, wisdom, and encouragement throughout the year ahead. This year, we will also bless more than 100 backpacks filled with school supplies by our Mexico Medical Mission team, which will soon be delivered to children in Ensenada, Mexico. As we gather in prayer, we will celebrate both the start of a new school year and the spirit of generosity that connects our Saint Barnabas community with our neighbors across borders. Infant and toddler nursery care will be available in The Children's Center. For more information, contact **Sarah Imai** at children@saintbarnabas.org.



BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS: LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED | Supporting 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.

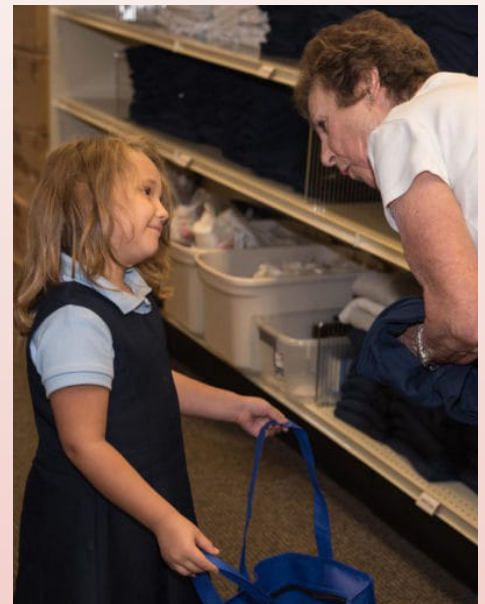
Why This Mission Matters

The Mexico Medical Mission is about more than providing healthcare—it is about building relationships, offering hope, and sharing God’s love in tangible ways. For many of the people served, this clinic may be their only opportunity to receive medical attention, basic personal care supplies, and the kindness of a caring presence. Your generosity helps extend the impact of this mission beyond medical treatment, offering small but meaningful comforts that restore dignity and well-being. As this year’s contingent prepares to travel and serve people in need in Mexico, we ask for your prayers for their safety, strength, compassion, and faithful service.



DELIVERING DREAMS BUS PROGRAM

Saint Barnabas is proud to partner with **Delivering Dreams of Arizona**, a nonprofit organization that helps children succeed by providing essential school clothing and supplies. Through its unique *Delivering Dreams Bus Program*, converted buses travel directly to Title I schools, where volunteers help children select and be fitted for new school uniforms, shoes, books, and hygiene kits. For more than 25 years, this ministry has supported thousands of students throughout the Phoenix area, helping them begin the school year with confidence and dignity. Saint Barnabas volunteers have the opportunity to serve once or twice each month at local elementary schools, offering encouragement and practical support to children and families in our community. It is a rewarding and meaningful way to make a direct impact in the lives of young people. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact **Kate Fimbres**, Minister of Youth and Parish Life at, kate@saintbarnabas.org. All are welcome to join and experience the joy!



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.



The Barnabas Legacy Society



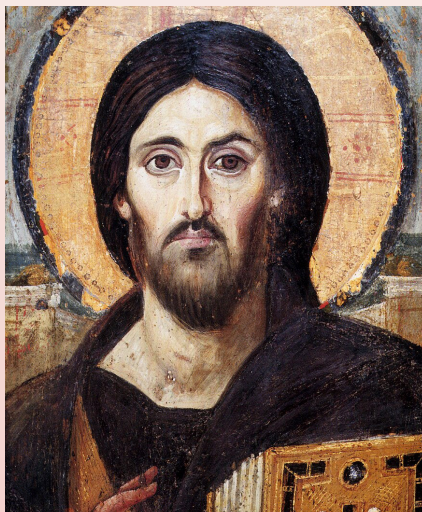
Our hope for the future is Saint Barnabas. Here's how one Barnabas Legacy Society member answered the question, why did you make Saint Barnabas a part of your estate plan? "Over the years I have had grandchildren and great-grandchildren baptized here, confirmed here, and married here. I support Saint Barnabas to be able to do so much for future members." This member looks to the future, not for herself, but for others. What do you hope for the future of Saint Barnabas and how can you help it be here for future families?

Sometimes the simplest way is the easiest. Two straightforward ways to make a legacy gift to Saint Barnabas are 1) *creating a bequest* or 2) *changing the designated beneficiary* of your IRA, insurance, or bank account. Either way you will be supporting our congregation for future generations.

Charitable Bequest: You can make a charitable bequest in your will or trust simply by including instructions to give a specific amount of money or a percentage of your estate to Saint Barnabas. A bequest can specify a dollar amount, indicate a certain percentage of your estate, or, with a residuary bequest, indicate that whatever is left after other designations are fulfilled will go to Saint Barnabas.

Change Beneficiary: It is even easier to change the beneficiary on a life insurance policy, retirement account, or bank account. Simply contact your financial institution to submit a new beneficiary form.

These two actions—making a bequest to Saint Barnabas or changing your beneficiary to Saint Barnabas—are easy ways to ensure your legacy will help Saint Barnabas offer blessings and hope to future generations.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION ONLINE IN JULY!

Rev. Robyn will offer her first online "Summer Series with the Rector" via Zoom: *The Image as Text: Faith, Semiotics, and Visual Language in Christian Art History*. The class will meet Thursdays at 5pm throughout July. Join Rev. Robyn online as she explores how Christian art communicates faith and meaning through visual language. Because the course is offered via Zoom, you can participate from anywhere. The Zoom link will be shared in our weekly email newsletter. To subscribe, contact **Manny Fimbres** at manny@saintbarnabas.org or sign up by scanning the QR code to the right. **All are welcome!**





SAINT BARNABAS ARTS CAMP

Discovering Patience in the Great Outdoors: Exploring *Our Nature* at Saint Barnabas Arts Camp

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

Another wonderful season of **Saint Barnabas Arts Camp** has come to a close, and what an incredible summer it was! This year, nearly 300 campers joined us over three weeks to explore the theme *Our Nature*, a camping-inspired adventure that invited children to slow down, pay attention, and discover lessons about patience in the world around them.

Parents and campers driving into the parking lot on Monday morning were greeted by drop-off lane campsite that looked just like a National Park in the summer – filled with tents, camping chairs, and even a waterfall off the roof of Hutton Hall. Volunteers spent months hunting for these props and weeks setting up turf, trees, and forest creatures. The cars drove slowly through the Saint Barnabas parking lot all through the week as the kids spotted new treasures in the forest. Once inside the buildings, the campers experienced original videos, music, drama, visual arts, culinary arts, and games, while they learned that nature has much to teach us about living patiently.

Our theme centered on four different kinds of patience. We explored patience with others, learning how kindness and understanding help us build strong communities. We practiced patience with ourselves, discovering that growth often takes time and mistakes are part of learning. We considered patience in anticipation, waiting for the right moment to come along when we know something is coming. Last, we reflected on patience in the unknown, recognizing that it's ok to not know what will come next. Accepting this allows us to live in the moment.

Throughout the week, campers met a family on a camping trip through our original video series. As unexpected challenges arose—from setting up camp to navigating new experiences—the characters modeled perseverance, patience, and trust. These stories sparked thoughtful conversations in every camp room and helped children

connect the lessons of patience to their own lives. We are ever grateful to our official camp writer, **Adele Powers**, who created a mockumentary script this for our talented Saint Barnabas acting team. This year's cast included **Jillian Fondry, Grace Rogers, Christopher Shivers, Meredith Williams, Bill Marshall, and Susan Tuttle.**

A mockumentary is a video show that presents fictional events as reality, using the visual style and conventions of a traditional documentary. Adele, who lives in Madison, Wisconsin now, came to Arizona to direct our amazing volunteer actors over the Christmas vacation and then spent countless hours editing the footage. The stories that she created were funny, touching, and meaningful for all who viewed them during Arts Camp (adult leaders included!).

Adele also wrote a campfire song that went right along with the videos. Every camper who came through the halls in June left singing the *I Want to Be* patience song. We also filmed the campers singing and signing on each Friday so they could have their own music video to watch for years to come. You can check out all our camp song videos on the Saint Barnabas YouTube channel: @SaintBarnabasTV

The Arts were, as always, at the heart of the experience. The Art Workshop presented a week-long project in the *Patience Pouch* that took every day of camp to complete. Every day the campers worked on their bags and even how to sew. They were so proud of all the work they put into this creation, even if they didn't understand how it would ever come together in the end. In Culinary Arts, children prepared delicious treats while practicing the patience required to follow directions, learn new knife skills, and work together. Every day offered opportunities to create, explore, and

grow. The Music and Drama Workshops were fun opportunities for creativity and performance each day.

One of the most remarkable aspects of Arts Camp continues to be the community that forms each summer. More than 40 volunteers and staff members shared their time, talents, and enthusiasm with our campers. Middle school Junior Counselors (JCs) served as mentors and role models, helping younger children navigate activities while demonstrating patience, responsibility, and leadership. Their energy and dedication helped make each week a success.

As we watched children form friendships, master new skills, and gain confidence throughout the week, we were reminded that patience is not simply about waiting—it's about growing. Like the plants, animals, and landscapes we observed throughout camp, each child is developing in their own unique way and in their own time.

We are deeply grateful to every volunteer, teacher, artist, musician, actor, JC, parent, and supporter who helped make Arts Camp possible. Your generosity and commitment create a place where children can experience joy, creativity, friendship, and faith in meaningful ways. As we pack away the tents and trail maps for another year, we carry with us the lessons we learned in the great outdoors: to slow down, pay attention, trust the process, and appreciate the beauty of growth. We are already looking forward to next summer's adventure and hope you'll join us.



Youth Mission Trip at Rainbow Acres in Camp Verde, Arizona

by *Kate Fimbres*,
Minister of Youth and Parish Life

Our summer mission trip to **Rainbow Acres** was a tremendous success! A team of 12 youth and 7 adults spent three meaningful days serving at this unique Christian community that provides a safe, supportive, and enriching home for adults with developmental disabilities. During our time there, we completed a variety of projects, including laying a brick walkway, painting the front entrance gate, weeding the large indoor garden, and moving rock to prepare resident pathways for new red rock landscaping. While we were grateful for the opportunity to improve the campus, the highlight of the trip was building relationships with the residents, who range in age from 28 to 80. We shared laughter and fellowship through bingo, carnival games, crafts, and countless conversations that allowed us to get to know one another. The experience was a powerful reminder that ministry is not only about the work we do but also about the connections we make and the love we share. We are deeply grateful to everyone who supported Broadway Bash, whose generosity made this mission trip possible. Our team returned home inspired, encouraged, and already looking forward to returning to Rainbow Acres. To learn more about this wonderful ministry, visit: www.rainbowacres.org. (Photo credit: *Deacon Pam Bell*).



CALENDAR | JULY - AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2026

JULY 3	Independence Day Observed (<i>parish office closed</i>)
JULY 4	Independence Day
JULY 7	Taizé Worship
JULY 8	Wednesday Fellowship Dinner
JULY 9	Mahjong
JULY 15-17	Mexico Medical Mission
JULY 18	The International Order of Saint Luke
JULY 19	Food Drive
JULY 22	Wednesday Fellowship Dinner

AUGUST 2	Backpack Blessing Backpack Packing Party
AUGUST 4	Taizé Worship
AUGUST 10-17	Family Promise week
AUGUST 12	Wednesday Fellowship Dinner
AUGUST 16	The International Order of Saint Luke
AUGUST 17	Food Drive
AUGUST 23	Splashdown
AUGUST 26	Blood Drive Wednesday Fellowship Dinner

SEPTEMBER 1	Taizé Worship
SEPTEMBER 2	Wednesday Night program resumes
SEPTEMBER 3	Exploring Poetry as a Spiritual Practice
SEPTEMBER 7	Labor Day (<i>parish office closed</i>)
SEPTEMBER 12	Quiet Day
SEPTEMBER 13	Welcome Sunday Program Year Kickoff Youth Group
SEPTEMBER 17	Book Club Resumes
SEPTEMBER 19	The International Order of Saint Luke
SEPTEMBER 20	Food Drive 4th - 6th Grade Group Newcomer Lunch Youth Group
SEPTEMBER 25-27	Saint Barnabas at Chapel Rock
SEPTEMBER 27	Grief Circle

THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF SAINT LUKE THE PHYSICIAN | The Other Cup



The International Order of Saint Luke the Physician (OSL) meets on the **third Saturday of each month from 9:45am to 12pm** and welcomes all who are interested in the ministry of healing prayer. OS� has been a faithful presence at Saint Barnabas since the 1960s, when Fr. Getz served as Rector, and has continued its mission of praying for healing in body, mind, and spirit for individuals, families, our parish community, and the wider world. Through prayer, study, fellowship, and service, members seek to deepen their faith and respond to Christ's call to be instruments of His healing love. Whether you are new to healing ministry or have been involved for many years, we invite you to join us. For more information or to receive the Zoom link for virtual participation, please contact **Nancy Backes** at nancybackes@gmail.com.

GRIEF CIRCLE | Sean's Place



Grief is a deeply personal journey that touches every aspect of our lives and takes many different forms. Whether you are mourning the loss of a loved one, a relationship, your health, a job, or another significant life change, you do not have to walk this path alone. Our Grief Circle offers a compassionate and supportive space where individuals can gather, share, listen, and find comfort in the company of others who understand the challenges of loss. Meeting monthly, this drop-in group provides encouragement, connection, and gentle reminders that while grief has no timetable, healing and hope can be found through community and faith. We invite you to join us on **Sunday, September 27, at 11:45 a.m. in Sean's Place**. Whether you are seeking support, companionship, or simply a place to be heard, you are welcome here. For more information, please contact **Rev. Pam Bell, Deacon**, at pam@saintbarnabas.org or call the church office at (480) 948-5560.

BOOKSTORE SUMMER SCHEDULE: | During June, July, and August, the bookstore will be open only on the first Sunday of each month: June 7, July 5, and August 2. Please plan ahead and visit us on those dates for your shopping needs. **We will return to our regular Sunday schedule beginning September 13.**

rites of passage

Baptisms

Roscoe Daniel Bosworth April 14, 2026
Liam Theodore Norris May 17, 2026
Arthur Jeffrey Wilson May 17, 2026

Deaths

Emily Shriver May 18, 2026
Dirck Iacobelli Jun 11, 2026

Confirmations/Receptions

May 3, 2026
C Patrick Sean O'Hara
C Roscoe Bosworth
C Evan Ryklin
C William Alden Kamau
C Leila Schafernack-Perez
C Dawson Boyd
C Adrian Imai
R Stephen Nebgen
R Jan Caraway


Weddings

Amy Otto & Andrew Higdon April 18, 2026
Sarah Petersen & Adrian Imai May 2, 2026

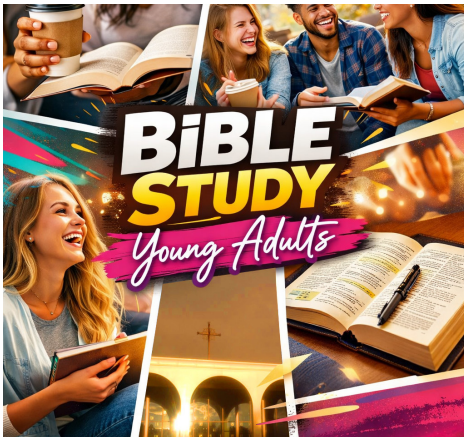


Our Summer Splashdown is back!

SAVE THE DATE!
SUNDAY, AUGUST 10
4PM-6PM | COURTYARD



Get ready for a sizzling summer extravaganza and escape the Arizona heat with our annual family event Splashdown! Kids, bring your swimsuits and towels for an afternoon packed with crazy water fun! We've got slip 'n' slides, games galore, and plenty more at this FREE event! Little ones will love our cool kiddie pools especially set up for infants and toddlers. And that's not all – enjoy a delicious dinner and mouthwatering desserts served hot and fresh. Don't forget to pack your flip-flops for a splashing good time under the Arizona sun! Just see all the fun we had last year. More at: saintbarnabas.org/splashdown



YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

First and Third Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8pm
Meets in the Blue Room of the Children's Center

Grow in faith and community with the Saint Barnabas Young Adult Bible Study. Connect with fellow young adults for scripture, meaningful conversation, and authentic fellowship as we journey together in Christ.

The group meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 6:30pm to 8pm in the Children's Center Blue Room, and dinner will be provided. For more information, contact **Kristin Weldy** at 602-686-9312 or **Nick Bratcher** at 602-481-8132.

BOOK CLUB RETURNS ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:30am, meets in the Other Cup - Love to read? Join fellow book lovers as the Saint Barnabas Book Club resumes after the summer break on Thursday, September 17. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month, September through May, in The Other Cup. For more than 30 years, this beloved ministry has brought readers together to share ideas, insights, and meaningful conversation. Even if you haven't finished—or even started—the month's selection, you're welcome to join us. Our September book is *Where the Water Goes: Life and Death Along the Colorado River* by **David Owen**, an engaging look at the Colorado River and the challenges of water use in the American West. Questions? Email **Karen Talus** at kr18talus@hotmail.com.





SUMMER DRIVE TO SAVE LIVES



Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church Blood Drive

DATE: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026

TIME: 8AM - 11AM

MUSIC CENTER

Questions? Contact Kim McClintic at:
480.213.2629

To reserve your donation time,
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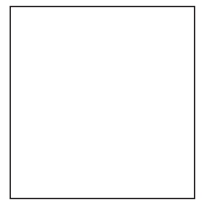
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~ Donate May 22 – Sept. 11, donors will be automatically entered to win a 2026 VW Taos S, donated by our Valley Volkswagen dealers.

~ Donate August 1-31 and use code AUGUST15-2026- when scheduling an appointment will receive a \$15 Rewards gift card* Donor Rewards program opt-in required.



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