



SAINT BARNABAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The MOCKINGBIRD

All-Parish Newsletter | *August 2020*



Dear Friends,

The pages of this *Mockingbird* reflect how the Spirit continues to animate the Saints of Saint Barnabas.

In the midst of a global crisis – a pandemic, and a national human and spiritual relationships crisis – racism, we remain rooted and grounded in the bedrock of Jesus and his love.

We remain those who see and radiate Beauty, Truth, and Goodness. In the midst of so much loss and pain and uncertainty and grief, boundless Presence continues to be our Life.

Even when we can't be together, we are together, bearing fruit for Jesus and the world he loves.

I miss you dearly. More than I ever thought possible. Yet, I feel myself and all our staff and ministry teams carried by your prayers, even as I hold you in mine.

Bless you and blessed be God!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

And the Spirit says, "Come!"

Indeed, let us continue to come. Let us be nourished. Let us be sent.

UPDATE ON OUR WELCOMING THE NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT

By David Getts

As of June 26, our Vestry has approved moving forward with Phase I of our Welcoming the Neighborhood project.

1. INTERNAL RENOVATION OF THE CHILDREN'S CENTER BUILDING

New bathrooms, a new kitchen, new carpeting and flooring, new windows, new cabinetry and paint, and a new door into the playground area.

2. RENOVATION OF THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AREA

New fabric shade structures, new overhead lighting, new fencing, and new, beautiful landscaping around the perimeter.

3. ADDITION OF A COVERED WALKWAY

It will extend from the current Sanctuary walkway all the way to the Children's Center building.

4. INSTALLATION OF NEW FIBER-OPTIC CABLING TO HUTTON HALL AND THE 3 EDUCATION BUILDINGS

New wi-fi installations and wiring for new phones and future security cameras.

Our architects, Chris Winters and Associates and Archicon, are preparing the detailed drawings for the Phase 1 project needed to obtain building permits from the Town of Paradise Valley.

We hope our general contractor, Redden Construction, and their subcontractors can start the installation and construction work in September and complete the work by the end of 2020.

While our campaign was put on hold in March due to the pandemic, we've been grateful and humbled by your continued gifts to this effort.

To learn how you can make a gift, please contact **Katie Vinger** at:

Katie@saintbarnabas.org
or 480-355-9750.

Thank you.

WORSHIP IN CORONA - TIDE

Our worship life has certainly changed dramatically in our time apart! Worship is now found on our website: www.saintbarnabas.org on Sunday mornings. When you click “Worship” you’ll find a service video with music, readings, prayers, and a sermon. At the request of our Bishop, we stopped offering “virtual communion” in April. However, we will begin offering Holy Communion once a month and you can stop by at designated hours to pick up blessed communion for you to receive at home or during brief prayer in the Sanctuary. We have tried to connect more intimately by offering some worship via Zoom, and we’ve also started offering Noonday Prayer via Facebook Live on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Though times are tough, the center of our life--worshipping--continues. We hope you will keep returning to our main website where you will always be able to find the links to what is happening each week!



HOW DO I GIVE WITHOUT AN OFFERING PLATE?

Visit www.saintbarnabas.org/give to make an online gift.
Call **Katie Vinger** to set up Electronic Funds Transfer: 480-355-9750.

Mail a check the good ol' fashioned way!
Saint Barnabas, 6715 N. Mockingbird Lane, Scottsdale, AZ 85253.

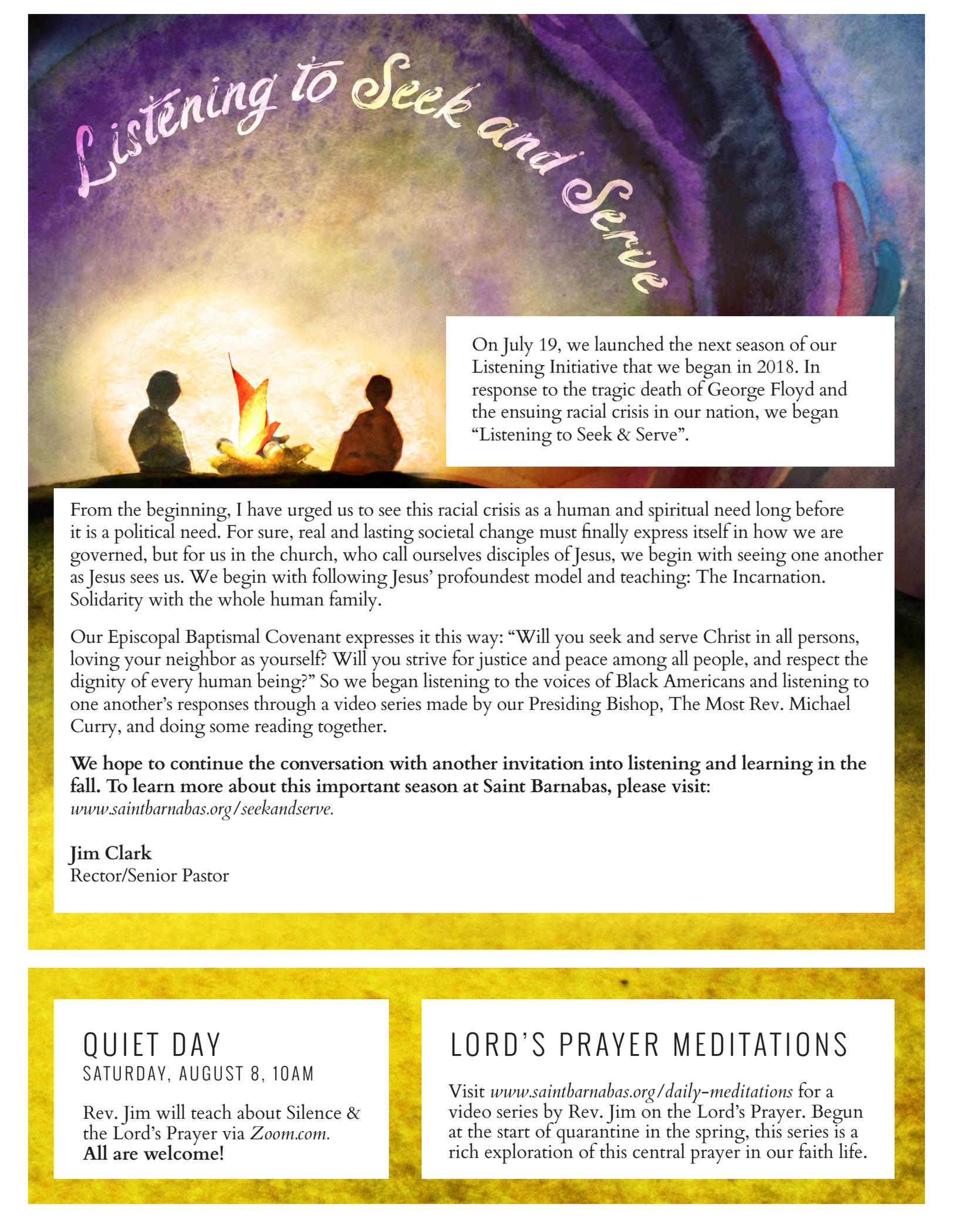
Drop it by! Need a reason to get out of the house?
There's a new outdoors mailbox by the office door on the south end of campus where you can drop off an envelope.

WHEN CAN WE COME BACK TO CHURCH?

The Diocesan Taskforce on Regathering created a guide called Gathering for Abundant Life that directs our ability to safely gather for worship again in a phased plan. Each parish was asked to apply the guide to their own circumstances and submit their parish plan for approval to the Diocese. We have received approval for our plan and you can read the Guidelines and our plan on our website at:

www.saintbarnabas.org/gathering.

Please extend your thanks to our Saint Barnabas Re-Gathering Taskforce: **Jim Rector**, Chair and team members: **Lee Kolstad, Judee Morrison, Taylor Bell, Jennifer Collier, Kevin Merritt, John Farley**. Staff consultants: **Ann Hott, Kate Fimbres, Sarah Getts, Rev. Erika von Haaren**.



Listening to Seek and Serve

On July 19, we launched the next season of our Listening Initiative that we began in 2018. In response to the tragic death of George Floyd and the ensuing racial crisis in our nation, we began “Listening to Seek & Serve”.

From the beginning, I have urged us to see this racial crisis as a human and spiritual need long before it is a political need. For sure, real and lasting societal change must finally express itself in how we are governed, but for us in the church, who call ourselves disciples of Jesus, we begin with seeing one another as Jesus sees us. We begin with following Jesus’ profoundest model and teaching: The Incarnation. Solidarity with the whole human family.

Our Episcopal Baptismal Covenant expresses it this way: “Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?” So we began listening to the voices of Black Americans and listening to one another’s responses through a video series made by our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Michael Curry, and doing some reading together.

We hope to continue the conversation with another invitation into listening and learning in the fall. To learn more about this important season at Saint Barnabas, please visit:

www.saintbarnabas.org/seekandserve.

Jim Clark
Rector/Senior Pastor

QUIET DAY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 10AM

Rev. Jim will teach about Silence & the Lord’s Prayer via *Zoom.com*.
All are welcome!

LORD’S PRAYER MEDITATIONS

Visit *www.saintbarnabas.org/daily-meditations* for a video series by Rev. Jim on the Lord’s Prayer. Begun at the start of quarantine in the spring, this series is a rich exploration of this central prayer in our faith life.

JOIN US ONLINE!

Need to know how to connect with our various ministries and opportunities during Corona-times? Here are our Online Ministries that happen via Zoom Video Conferencing!

- 1- Go to *www.zoom.com* - Click “**Join Meeting**” and then type in the Zoom Meeting ID.
- 2- The next page will ask for your name and for the **Password/Code** for the meeting.
- 3- Select “**Join with Computer Audio**” to be able to hear the meeting.

If you need assistance with any of this, please contact parishioner **Lindsay Estabrooks** at 480-216-4150 or *lindsay.estabrooks@hotmail.com*

| GROUP | DAY/TIME | FOR WHOM? | ZOOM ID | ZOOM PASSWORD |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Centering Prayer | Four groups available! See Below | Those who practice or would like to practice Centering Prayer | See below | See below |
| Conversations Class | Sundays at 9am | All are welcome | 858 503 385 | 183327 |
| Gathering Families Class | Sundays at 9am | Parents & young adults | 745 752 386 | 890102 |
| Coffee Hour | Sundays at 11:15am | Open to all (Suspended through August) | After Aug 30: 910 4869 3100 | After Aug 30: 868122 |
| Gathering Kids | Sundays at 11:15am | For kids age 3-12 | 822 7842 2572 | kids |
| Circle of Care | Thursdays at 10am | For Community of Hope Lay Chaplains | 867 365 919 | 477420 |
| ECW | Every other Tuesday at 12pm | Women of all ages | 352 583 706 | 788581 |
| Friday Morning Men's | Fridays at 7am | Men of all ages | 837 2173 2368 | 266923 |
| Children's Chapel | Videos each Sunday at 9am | All ages! | On YouTube & our website | |
| JAM | Thursdays at 4pm | 4th-7th graders | 966 970 767 | 161883 |
| Youth Group | Tuesdays at 4pm | 10th-12th graders | 397 024 200 | 201542 |
| Confirmation | Mondays at 4pm starting in September | 8th-9th graders | 920 773 996 | 224338 |
| Choir | Wednesdays at 7pm | All choir members | 897 0290 3652 | 266276 |

CENTERING PRAYER GROUPS & CONTACT INFORMATION:

Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. Contact **Liza Bell**, *lizabell@cox.net*, 602-527-6161.

Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am. Contact **Suzy Dodds**, *suzydodds@gmail.com*, 480-390-4364.

Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm. Contact **Debbie Moore**, *deb.j.moore@gmail.com*, 508-942-8953.

Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm. An 11th Step centering prayer group for people with experience in any 12-step recovery fellowship. Contact **Mary Stone**, *maryspeckerstone@gmail.com*, 480-993-4507.

In memoriam

One of the most painful components of being separated during this time of Covid-19 is that we cannot come together to celebrate the lives of the parishioners of Saint Barnabas who have died. Below please find a small way for us to acknowledge these beloveds of God until we can someday gather to give them their due celebrations.

Father of all, we pray to you for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



BILL ALBINSON

For 30+ years, Bill faithfully and tirelessly tended, and meticulously watched over, our Memorial Garden. His partnership was an ever present strength.



JOHN RAUGUTH

A big heart beamed through his big smile whenever you saw him on the patio at church. His thoughtfulness and kindness was expressed through his special ability to be encouraging to all he met.



BILL CORBIN

He was a best friend to many. The giver of meaningful hugs. A source of sound and kind counsel. An inspiration and a mentor. He loved his family and was the epitome of the greatest generation.



MARY HELEN BARNES

One of several "Okies" like our rector, Mary Helen's effervescent smile lit up the room. A devoted life-long Episcopalian, she enjoyed the prayers and was so happy to be surrounded by her sons at the last.



DAN DANEHEY

Dan passed away unexpectedly on June 2 following a round of golf with his buddies. Loved his wife, Shelly, who died in 2014, and his two children and four grandchildren.



ROY KLINE

A senior amongst our seniors (age 105!), Roy was known for his bolo ties on Sundays and a big smile. His gratitude and kindness were always on full display. A General in the Army, Roy's skill in encouraging church leaders was unsurpassed. He is sorely missed.



IAN LAMONT

A gentle dignity infused everything Ian did or said. A Vestry member and an usher for many years with a passion for the music program. He was always kind, respectful, and easy with a smile.



SHIRLEY CEDERQUIST

Shirley's big Iowa-born heart was always on full display as a lay reader and LEM. You could always rely on her to speak her mind and to enjoy a good joke.



ELDRED THIERSTEIN

A well-loved professor/teacher who brought beautiful music into the lives of many. His gentle spirit was felt immediately when you encountered him and so there was a peaceful aura about Eldred that felt like a warm hug.

And we celebrate the joys of life too:

THE MARRIAGE OF DANNY COLLIER & JENNIFER HAWKINS - 3 | 7 | 2020



Just under the wire of our public gatherings, Jen & Danny were wed by Rev. Jim in early March. Members of our contemplative ministries for the past few years, Danny is now assisting with the organization of our blood drives and Jen is participating in our re-gathering taskforce. Congratulations to you both!

THE BIRTH OF AMELIA JANE VANCE - 5 | 14 | 2020



Brian & Alyssa Vance welcomed their second child, Amelia, in May. Big brother Max is enamored of his little sister too. All are safe and well and settling in as a family of 4!

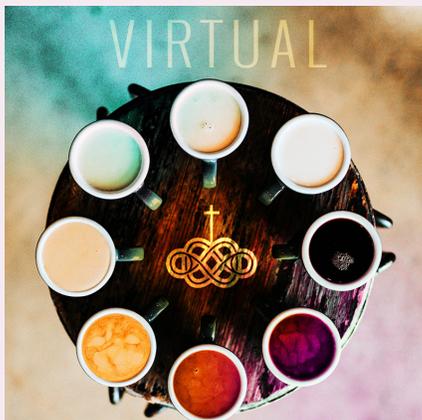
LAY CHAPLAIN TRAINING STARTS IN OCTOBER!

Do you feel God calling you into a new ministry to be the hands, feet, and listening ears for a broken world? Are you ready for a new commitment to your faith and in service to others? A 12-week training for Community of Hope lay chaplains begins in October 2020. Community of Hope (COH) is a pastoral care model based on Benedictine Spirituality. The program builds a community of caregivers who are united in prayer and worship. COH equips and deploys lay chaplains to meet the varied pastoral needs in our community: loss, grief, illness, aging, loneliness, and life transitions. Meetings are Thursdays from 6pm-8pm. **Fall session:** weekly Oct. 15- Nov. 19, 2020, **Winter session:** weekly Jan. 7- Feb. 11, 2021 To learn more, visit: www.saintbarnabas.org or email **Steve Bartlett** at schinaz@gmail.com.



DISCIPLESHIP IN DISPERSION FORMATION CONTINUES!

Adult Formation continues online! Join us! In spite of the pandemic and even though we usually take the summer off, many groups are still meeting to stay connected: TAEHS and centering prayer groups, Gathering Families for parents and young adults, and Conversations, a drop-in group for any and all. This newsletter contains a chart where you can find the access codes to join the fun. See you online!





mission updates

Saint Barnabas believes in living our discipleship through service to others. Here are some updates on our mission partners who help make that possible and some ways to still get involved in serving God's people. To learn more, please contact **Deacon Susie Parker**: susie@saintbarnabas.org or 480-239-1300.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Olea family will be getting the keys to their new house in early August thanks to all the hard work of our dedicated volunteers. Time-line for the Olea home:

Rained out in February - Dedication in early March with heroes from Saint Barnabas on the job

Finished the interior early July (see pictures on Saint Barnabas website in Missions) Mission Leader: **Jay Harris**

FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise stopped all church stays on March 12. Families have been staying at the Family Promise Day Shelters since then. Saint Barnabas was able to provide funds for the "Night without a Bed" initiative in May. Family Promise has thankfully continued to "graduate" families and bring in new families during this time. Saint Barnabas is scheduled to host again in October, but watch for updates to see if it will be possible!

Mission Leader: **Jane Gharibian**

EAST VALLEY MEN'S CENTER LUNCH-MAKING PROGRAM

The EVMC volunteers and Saint Barnabas staff organized lunch-making in May and we will do so again the first week in August. This was accomplished through observing social distancing (limited number of volunteers) and face masks, and we are thrilled we were still able to provide the needed number of lunches and delivery drivers for the week. Mission Leader: **Bil Zeleny**

THE MILLET HOUSE

The Millet House is currently hosting a virtual art show, "Art While Apart | Black Lives Matter" at <http://themillethouse.com>. The next show will begin mid-August. We are meeting Fridays at 5:30 on Zoom, replacing weekly face-to-face Pizza Nights. All are invited! Come and meet the artists! We're also providing small emergency stipends to the most marginalized among us. Most of our members are remaining positive -- but some are having a very hard time -- we stay in touch. Mission Leader: **Sandy Andrews**

MEXICO MEDICAL MISSION

Although the team cannot travel this year to serve our neighbors in Ensenada, funds have been repurposed for: staples/food/paper/care packages for families, daily bread/water ministry for the homeless on the street, and daily funds for the running of two important rehabilitation centers. Later this Fall, our mission team will be “seen” by photo to the families normally journeying to our medical clinic -- to remind them of our love and care. We are so grateful for your support! Mission Leader: **Mary Beth Volberding**

TEAM SAINT BARNABAS

Although our Arizona MS ride was cancelled in March, the team members continue to fundraise for the MS Society. We are still one of the top fundraising teams in Arizona! There may be an opportunity to participate in a ride in California in October, but it's still uncertain. Hopefully, we'll be able to ride next spring here in Arizona. Mission Leaders: **Tom Timmer and Tom Baker**

ST. LUKE'S AT THE MOUNTAIN FARMER'S MARKET

The Farmer's Market on the 2nd/4th Saturdays at St. Luke's saw a significant rise in the number of families served monthly in April and May (352/312) compared to the usual ~275 families. The needed number of food boxes also sharply increased in March and April (96/75) compared to the usual 60. A need for delivery food boxes also rose. St. Luke's Food Pantry received 1,800 lbs of food from the May and June Saint Barnabas Food Drives, which was a tremendous blessing! The Farmer's Market could use more volunteers from 6-8am on Saturdays. Mission Leaders: **Tom Baker and Tom Timmer**

BRIDGING ARIZONA

Got Legs Furniture & Décor opened in January and offers gently-used furniture for sale to benefit Bridging AZ's mission. We celebrated 16 years as an organization on June 4 and are glad to be back to our work after being shuttered for a couple months. We are currently furnishing 3-8 apartments per week for our core clients: previously homeless veterans and mentally and physically disabled people. Got Legs has also reopened with limited hours: Thurs-Sat, 12-5pm. We are thankful to be able to serve. Mission Leaders: **Jim & Donna Piscopo**

LILLIAN VALLELY SCHOOL

After over 20 years of serving the Native American Community in Blackfoot, Idaho, the Lillian Vallely School closed at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. The school has meant so much to the Blackfoot community and to the staff and volunteers who served the school with so much love and dedication. Saint Barnabas members served the school for the past 2 decades via mission trips, financial gifts, supply drives, and prayers. We await hearing more about a possible foundation for the continued education and support of these wonderful students and their families. Mission Leaders: **Jon and Tammy Underwood**

NEW! THE GREAT SAINT BARNABAS FOOD DRIVE

In response to community need, we initiated a monthly drive-through food drive the last Saturday in May. The recipients of your donations are:

St. Mark's Food Pantry in Mesa, Matthew's Crossing Food Bank in Chandler, St. Luke's Farmer's Market in Phoenix, ICM (Interfaith Cooperative Ministries) in Phoenix, and the White Mountain Apache Tribe in Eastern Arizona. Drive through every 4th Saturday between 8-10am to drop off your donations! Mission Leaders: **Kate Fimbres and Pam Bell**

NEW! SAINT BARNABAS BLOOD DRIVE

In response to community need during Covid-19 times, Saint Barnabas is partnering with Vitalant to offer quarterly blood drives on our campus. Our first drive in May resulted in a full appointment schedule and 40 hospital patients receiving blood from our drive within just hours. Participants keep social distance and wear masks during donation. Check our website for the link to schedule your appointment. Mission Leader: **Danny Collier**

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRIES

For information about any of our online programs/endeavors, contact **Sarah Petersen** at sarahp@saintbarnabas.org or **Kate Fimbres** at kate@saintbarnabas.org



CHILDREN'S CHAPEL ONLINE EVERY SUNDAY AT 9AM ONLINE

Designed specifically for children ages 3–10 years but open to all, Children's Chapel Online premieres each week at 9am on Sundays and is available for viewing any time after. Parishioners of all ages have enjoyed engaging in this interactive and encouraging experience. Find all the episodes on our website!

BLESSING OF LEARNING | AUG 9 DURING WORSHIP

Saint Barnabas families with school-aged children will receive blessing stickers (for devices, water bottles, etc.) in the mail before the new school year begins. On August 9, we will bless their learning endeavors with a special liturgy during the main worship service and Children's Chapel.

GATHERING KIDS | 11:15 EVERY SUNDAY ON ZOOM STARTING AUG 9

Kids of all ages are invited to join us on Sunday mornings at 11:15am via Zoom for our Gathering Kids time (formerly known as "Kids' Coffee Hour"). We will spend our time together playing games, visiting, and asking questions. This is a chance for Saint Barnabas kids to stay connected and laugh a bit while also learning about life and Jesus.

SPECIAL GUEST: GATHERING KIDS | AUG 23 AT 11:15

Susan Stoltz, acclaimed children's book author and Saint Barnabas member, works at the Phoenix Zoo and spends her days writing books about animals. Her latest release, *Steve the Dung Beetle: On a Roll*, chronicles a day in the life of little Steve who is rolling his ball of poo home. Join us as she reads her new book and answers your questions. Find information on Susan and her wonderful books at www.pygmygiraffestore.com



GROUPS FOR AGES 10 & UP

contact **Kate Fimbres** for more info: kate@saintbarnabas.org

JAM: JESUS AND ME

4-7th Grade Group for fun, prayer, and fellowship online!
Meets each Thursday at 4pm.

CONFIRMATION

Grades 8-9 will start meeting in September at 4pm on Mondays for fellowship and preparation for confirmation (typically) scheduled for the end of a student's 9th grade year.

YOUTH GROUP

Grades 10-12 meet every Tuesday from 4-5pm for fellowship, Bible Study, and community.



RESPECT THE DIGNITY OF ALL: KIDS ENGAGING RACIAL EQUITY

Fall Family Formation Program | Sundays at 8:30am via Zoom | September 13–November 22

Beginning Sunday, September 13, our Episcopal Diocese of Arizona will offer a weekly formation program focusing on storytelling and themes of racial equality, specifically designed for elementary-school-aged children and their caregivers. This is a pivotal time for all of us—including, and perhaps especially, children—to listen to the stories of people of color and engage in a discussion of what it means to respect the dignity of every human being (BCP, p. 305).

We will engage in the program via a weekly Zoom session hosted by Ms. Sarah & our Sunday School teachers on Sundays at 8:30am, during which kids (and their parents, if so desired) will interact with games, discussions, and the occasional craft. The video lesson from the Diocese will be available on the Diocesan YouTube page, but the interactive component will happen with Saint Barnabas families on Sunday morning.



CONSTRUCTION!!



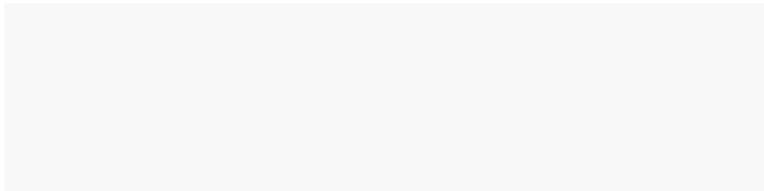
“Small Mercies” might mean: if you’re going to have half the street access to your campus taken away due to road construction, do it during a pandemic when very few people are coming to campus!! Alleluia!

The construction on Mockingbird Lane has begun in earnest. You can access the church only by driving SOUTH on Mockingbird from Cheney Road or Hummingbird Lane off Scottsdale Road. Indian Bend is closed too! We will not be able to drive north from Lincoln Road until 2021! But don’t worry; you can still get in every 4th Saturday between 8am–10am for our monthly food drives!

STAYING CONNECTED IN CORONA TIMES

Have You Heard from Us?

We’ve attempted to call/email/text/carrier pigeon (?!) every household of the parish since this all began! If you haven’t heard from us, please contact **Rev. Robert** at Robert@saintbarnabas.org or call the office at: 480-948-5560 to let us know. We want to stay in touch with you!



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