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November 2017
 Newsletter



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GRATITUDE SUNDAY November 19, 2017

Join us as we reflect on all that God has provided for us this year. Gratitude Sunday is a time to gather together as a congregation and enjoy the indescribable Presence of God as we worship with one another. It is a time to appreciate each other in our lives. It is also an opportunity for all members to make their pledge of financial support for 2018. The pledges will be honored and blessed in the Sunday services to help Saint Barnabas do God's work here in the Valley and throughout the world.

Holiday Festivities

Advent Lessons & Carols

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 4PM | SANCTUARY

Come gather to hear the Saint Barnabas choir sing the poetry of the ancient prophets and listen to the story of Christ's coming retold through Scripture and song. All are invited to attend. Childcare is available for infants and toddlers.

Thanksgiving

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Invite your friends and family and join us for Thanksgiving Day festivities.

10:15 AM WORSHIP | SANCTUARY

Join us for a joyous Thanksgiving Day worship service followed by a lovely dinner together.

2 PM DINNER | HUTTON HALL

We will cook the turkey and provide the fixings and beverages--wine too! You can bring your favorite dish to share. Reserve a table for your family!

ALL ARE INVITED!

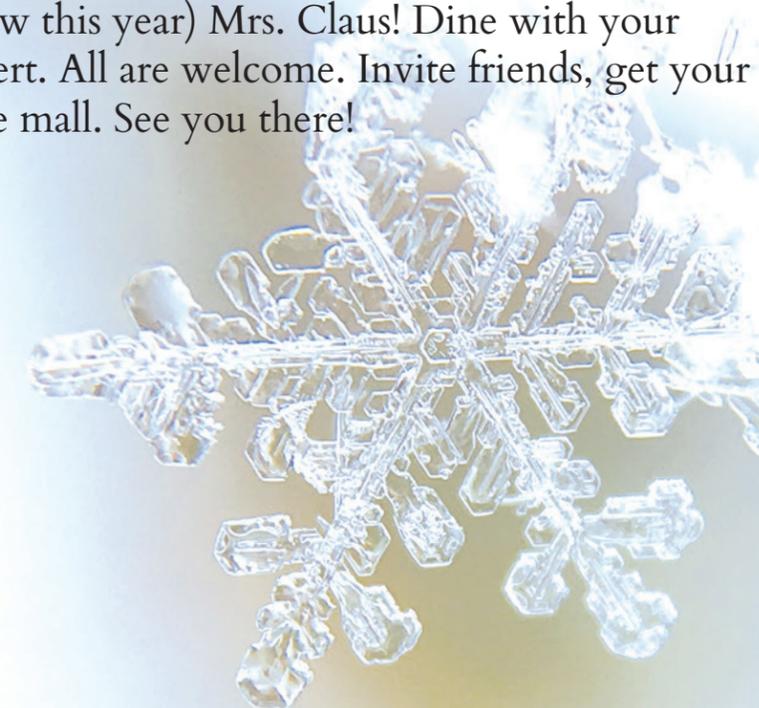
SIGN UP

We will reserve tables for parties of 6 or more. You can sign up after church on Sunday or go to:
saintbarnabas.org/thanksgiving

Dinner with Saint Nick

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 4-6PM | HUTTON HALL

Come and join us for our third annual Dinner with Saint Nick. Hear the story of the real Saint Nicholas and listen to the Saint Barnabas Children's Choirs perform. Take time to make some memorable crafts and then take a photo with Saint Nick, Santa Claus, and (new this year) Mrs. Claus! Dine with your friends and create a yummy decorated sugar cookie for dessert. All are welcome. Invite friends, get your photo to take home with you, and avoid all those lines at the mall. See you there!



Christmas Cheer For Every Child

Angel Tree

For over 20 years, Saint Barnabas has partnered with Angel Tree®, a national program of Prison Fellowship, to share God's love by helping to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the families of prisoners. When mom or dad is in prison, their children are often the silent sufferers. You can let them know they are not forgotten by shopping for Christmas gifts on behalf of their incarcerated parent and in the name of Jesus. With your help, Saint Barnabas provides Christmas gifts for over 650 children during the holiday season.

There are lots of ways to be involved and you can find out more on our website. We will have trees out on the patios after church on Sundays starting mid-November for you to come by and choose children's names off the trees. You can either purchase gifts with your own money or use one of the gift cards provided by a very generous donor. Thank you!

Kate Fimbres
Minister of Youth and Parish Life
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Learn More & Sign Up:
saintbarnabas.org/angeltree

How to Help

There are many ways to help with Angel Tree. Whether you're shopping, wrapping presents, labeling bags, making phone calls, or delivering gifts, there are MANY opportunities to get involved and we need your help!

1. Shop

By Christmas shopping and spending around \$50 per child, you can help provide much-needed clothes and shoes as well as toys for 650 children this Christmas. We partner with the children's caregivers to know what each child wants and needs – just let us know how many children you would like to shop for and we'll provide details.

2. Wrap Gifts

In December, we'll meet together and have a wrapping party. Join us as we fill Hutton Hall with hundreds of wrapped gifts!

3. Deliver Gifts

Join us in delivering Christmas gifts to families in December. We need lots of drivers!



Habitat for Humanity

On Saturday, November 18, we will be building a three-story townhome in Tempe, about a mile from ASU. It will be a three-bedroom, three-bath attached home for K-12 substitute teacher Genet Asress.

She is originally from Ethiopia. She has lived in the US for over 28 years with her location ranging from Ohio to Pennsylvania to California. Currently, she's settled in Arizona, living with her sister, brother-in-law and niece. While she appreciates her family's hospitality, she feels as if living with them has fulfilled its purpose.

In her free time, she enjoys playing volleyball, watching *Fresh Prince of Bel Air*, and reading *Chicken Soup for the Soul*. Because she's from Ethiopia, Genet will be the first to admit that all her traditions vary. In celebrating their heritage, the family speaks the Ethiopian Amharic language at home.

Genet is grateful for becoming a home owner. She will no longer have the stress of living in someone else's home. She does not have any children; however, she would love to adopt in the future. She knows that having a stable and safe living environment will not only affect her, but anyone else who enters her life in the years to come.

“Thank you for participating in a great build project and providing me a home. You are awesome!” - Genet Asress



GET IN ON THE ACTION!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 6:30AM - 1PM

We will be building a three-story townhome in Tempe, about a mile from ASU. Our scheduled job is to put up sheetrock, but is subject to change depending on schedule slips. Lunch and snacks are provided. All tools and safety equipment are supplied by Habitat. Sign up after church beginning at the end of October. Questions? Contact Jay Harris at jayharris_1@yahoo.com or (480) 620-8722.

MORE WAYS TO SERVE

Sandwiches for East Valley Men's Center

**NOVEMBER 5 - 11, 7:15AM
HUTTON HALL KITCHEN**

During the week of November 5 we will spend each morning making sandwiches and assembling bag lunches for men who are currently residing at the East Valley Men's Center in Mesa. It is an easy way to swing by before work and provide support for those in need. Join us at 7:15am in the Hutton Hall Kitchen.

Family Promise

**NOVEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 3
SAINT BARNABAS**

Family Promise is a multi-denominational program which helps homeless families who are motivated to get on the right path to a job and an apartment. They receive counseling, a safe place to spend the night, health care and assistance in finding employment. The program has a 78-80% success rate in getting families on the right track. Saint Barnabas has been a Church host to families since 2003. For each Family Promise visit, parishioners provide and prepare a dinner meal, with companionship, every night, and provide food for breakfasts, lunches and snacks for the week. We parishioners serve as helpers to prepare food, we provide entertainment/crafts, etc. after dinner, and some stay overnight. There is laundry to be done when the guests leave; there is set up to be done on Sunday morning before they arrive. There are many ways to help and many hands needed. This is a fun, enjoyable and valuable ministry. You can sign up on the patio after church on Sundays in November. Come join us!

Contact Jane Gharibian (602) 368-9138 or Tom Tischer (480) 231-0782 for information.

CONTEMPLATIVE LIFE

The 10:21

SUNDAYS, 10:21AM | MUSIC CENTER

Worship in a place where it's okay to clear and empty your mind. Let go of time and space, experience meditation and be present with God. Refuel your soul at this contemplative service. Join us Sundays at 10:21am in the Music Center.

Quiet Day

Practice, Practice, Practice Part III

November's Quiet Day continues our focus on an in-depth look at the practices of the contemplative life. What are they and when, where, how, and why do we practice them, and why do these practices matter and matter so much? This new Quiet Day series intends to be helpful to the beginner and the experienced. Reflections by Jim Clark. Please bring your Bible. All are welcome.

Becoming a Presence of Peace in the World

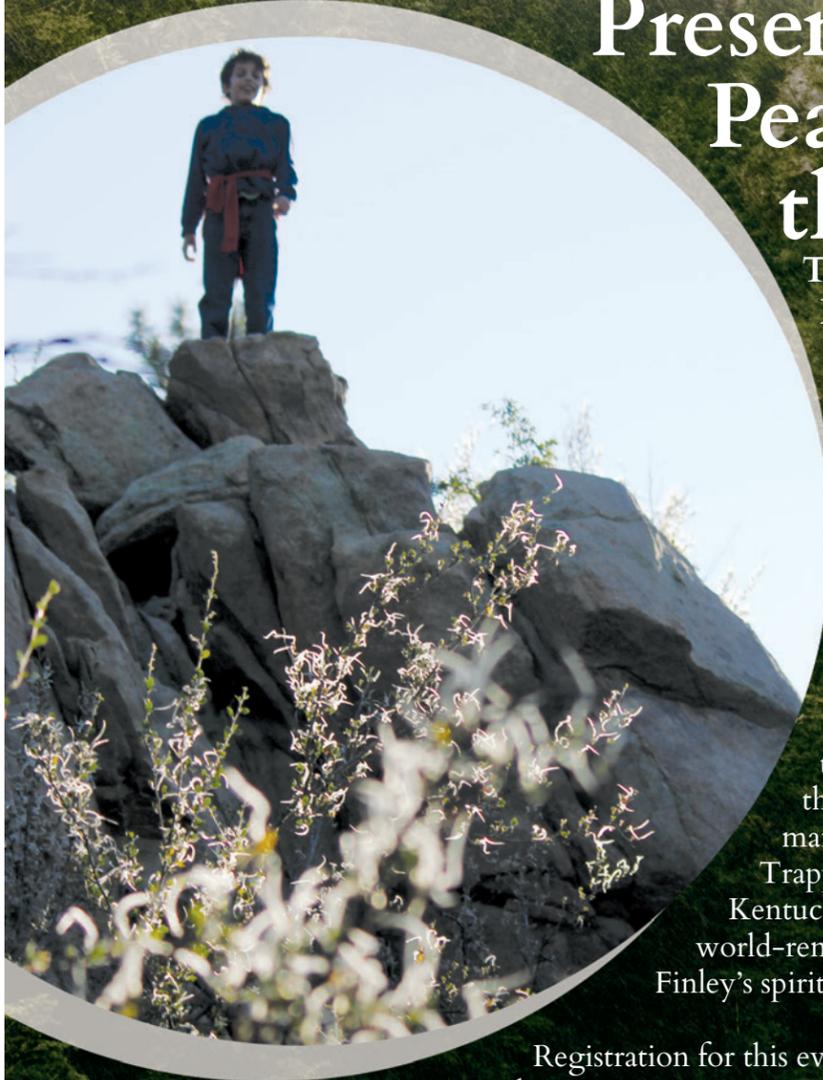
The Art of Acceptance, Listening and Compassion

James Finley, Ph.D.

On Saturday, March 17, 2018, James Finley will lead a one-day conference at Saint Barnabas:

An internationally revered author, retreat leader, Merton scholar, and master of the Contemplative Way, James Finley attracts people from all religious traditions who seek to live a life awakened to God's presence in the midst of today's busy world. As a young man, Dr. Finley lived as a monk at the cloistered Trappist monastery of the Abbey of Gethsemane in Kentucky. It was there he met Thomas Merton, the world-renowned monk and author, who became Finley's spiritual director.

Registration for this event will be available on our website beginning November 15, 2017.



STEWARDSHIP

As our pledge drive season continues, we are continuing to enjoy time together during our stewardship themed events. We hope you have enjoyed yourselves so far at events such as the Military Prayer Project when we gathered together to write heartfelt notes to the courageous men and women serving in our Military. If you haven't had an opportunity to sign up for one of our Collaborative Feasts, there are still a few potluck dinners that you can attend through November 18. It is a wonderful way to get to know your fellow parishioners better. Sign up at saintbaranabas.org/dinners

SERVING PHOENIX PACKETS PROJECT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 11:30AM | HUTTON HALL

Gather together with us and help assemble care packs for the homeless. After the 10:15am service, we will pack 400 baggies of toiletries such as chap stick, tissues and socks to help them through the winter. Invite your friends!

There will be a drawing station for children to create pretty pictures and messages to include in the bags.

The bags will be passed out to the homeless at our monthly Serving Phoenix event on Sunday, December 17. Kate Fimbres and the youth group will lead in the project downtown, but all are encouraged to attend on November 12. Join us!

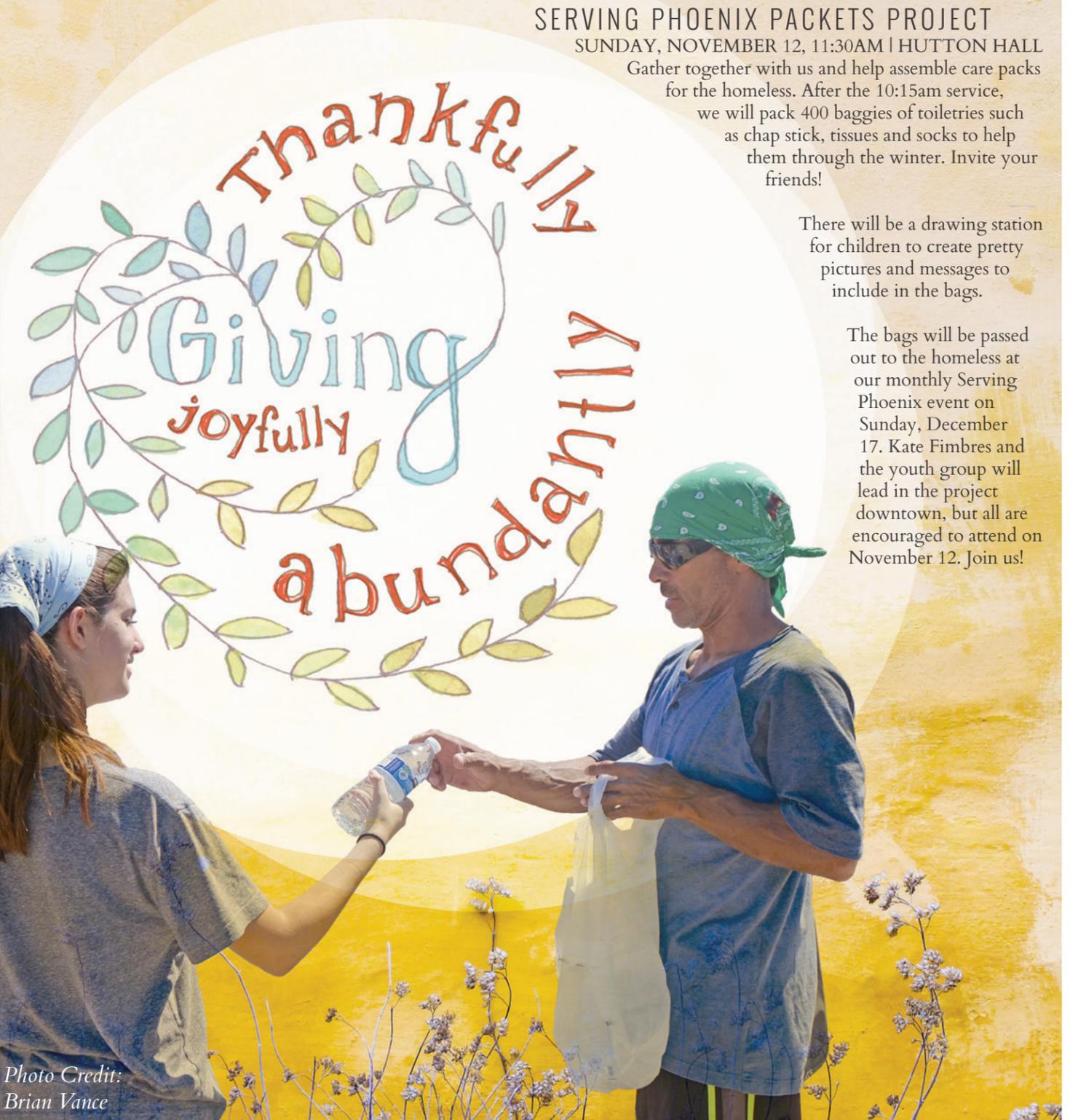


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EFM (EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY)

INFORMATIONAL MEETING - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 11:30AM | THE OTHER CUP
 If digging deeper into the Christian faith through the study of Scripture, Church history, and theology, and reflecting on how to connect all this with life experience appeals to you, then Education for Ministry (EfM) is where you need to be on Monday mornings or Tuesday evenings beginning in January. To learn more about this mini-seminary for lay people, please visit the EfM table on the patio or contact Mentor Ken Allison at ksallisonr@gmail.com or 480-483-9065. There will be an informational meeting at 11:30 on Sunday, November 26, in the Other Cup next to Hutton Hall.



SAGES | Immunotherapy in Oncology: Past, Present and Future

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 11:30AM | HUTTON HALL
 We will welcome Debra A. Wong, MB, BCh, BAO, MD to our SAGES luncheon in November. Dr. Wong is a medical oncologist at The University of Arizona Cancer Center at Dignity Health St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center. She specializes in gynecologic malignancies, melanoma and other skin cancers, as well as the integration of supportive care throughout the cancer continuum. The goals of her talk are to provide a basic understanding of immune-based therapies in cancer care. She will also review the unique mechanisms and side effects of immunotherapies, their current applications in treating cancer, and future directions in immuno-oncology. All are welcome. Lunch \$5.



COMMUNITY OF HOPE

AT SAINT BARNABAS NO ONE SUFFERS ALONE
 Community of Hope Lay Chaplains are here to walk with you through any hardship. We are here for you when you encounter any of life's tough spots such as death, divorce, illness, loss of a job or a dream, a move you didn't choose or even a seemingly happy occasion like the birth of a child. We are here for you. To be connected, please contact the Rev. Elizabeth Roles or Mrs. Susan Tuttle through the church office, (480) 948-5560.



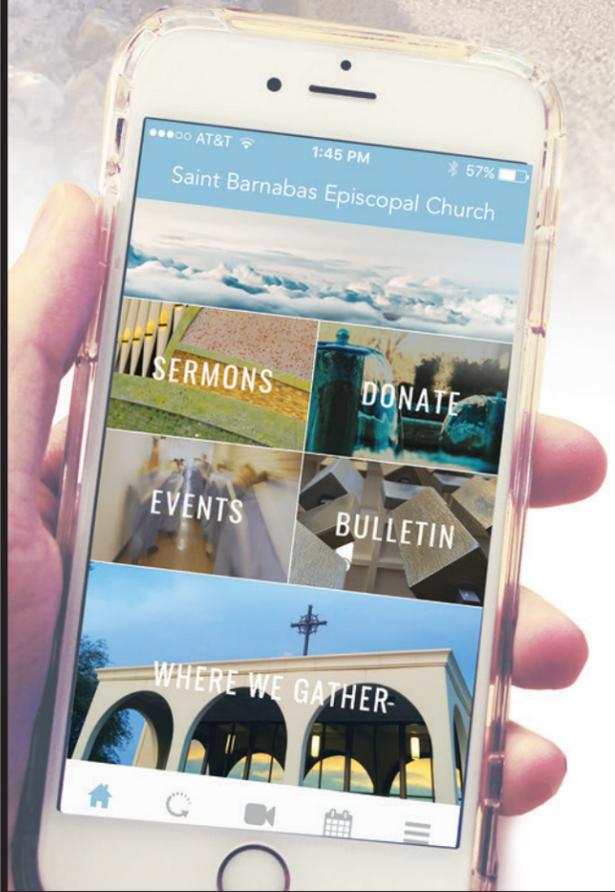
MEN'S DIOCESAN RETREAT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19
CHAPEL ROCK CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER
 On behalf of Bishop Smith and Canon for Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Jesse Villegas, you are invited to attend this year's Men's Retreat at Chapel Rock. Register at: http://www.azdiocese.org/digital_faith/events If you have any questions or need help registering, please contact Dawn Jackson at dawn@azdiocese.org or 602-254-0976.

OUR NEW SAINT BARNABAS APP

CHURCH AT THE PUSH OF A BUTTON

Saint Barnabas is taking the next step in the digital age with the development of our first ever Saint Barnabas APP for your smart phone! Download the Android or iOS version from your app store and find a calendar, a place to easily make regular donations, the Sunday bulletin (so you don't have to use paper if you want to use your phone or tablet!), and more. Search for "Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church" in the app store.



November 2017

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| NOV 2 | Worship at Westminster Village | 10 am |
| NOV 5-11 | East Valley Men's Center sandwich making | 7:15 am |
| NOV 11 | Quiet Day | 9:30 am |
| NOV 12 | Serving Phoenix | 11:30 am |
| NOV 16 | Book Club, <i>The Nightingale</i> SAGES | 10 am 11:30 am |
| NOV 18 | Habitat for Humanity build day Jesus and Me (JAM) Overnight | 6:30 am 3 pm |
| NOV 19 | Gratitude Sunday | |
| NOV 23 | Thanksgiving Day worship Thanksgiving dinner (Hutton Hall) | 10 am 2 pm |
| NOV 24 | Parish office closed | |
| NOV 26- | Family Promise week | |
| DEC 3 | | |

rites of passage

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| Baptism Phoebe Rae Williams | Deaths Jeanne W. Archer Willard Merritt Hayes, Jr. Lois K. Mayer Martha Lee McCaleb Patricia Ann Talley |
| Marriage Jordan Jones & Jeff Senkovich | |



Tickets available at saintbarnabas.org/concerts