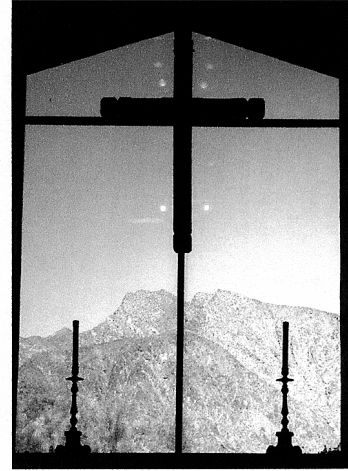


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St Barnabas Episcopal Church



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RESURRECTION IS ON THE LOOSE!

On that first Easter morning, Mary ran to tell the apostles: "I have seen the Lord!" Who could believe such a thing; no one in the history of the world had ever been resurrected from the grave. But that is the impossible truth on which we stake our faith as Christians. Jesus is alive! He burst forth from the tomb where sin wanted to keep him buried. But death is no match for the power of God's love for us.

On that first Easter morning, Jesus defanged sin and death - they no longer have any lasting power over us. When Jesus rose from death and emptied his tomb, he also emptied all of our tombs.

Resurrection is on the loose! Easter is still happening; it is happening to us. Jesus is alive and coming to us in our places of darkness and living death to unbind us and give us new life. By God's grace we feel his presence with us. Jesus is making a new creation in us and through us that is pulsating with resurrection life.

The unbelievable is true - Jesus lives and resurrection is on the loose. Easter is happening every day - it is happening to you. Alleluia!

Easter blessings, Laura+

THE ACT OF RECONCILIATION

For the past 60 years I listened to my friends, mostly Roman Catholics, tell me about confession and feeling relieved because they had spilled their sins to some local priest. They made it quite clear that I would be going south (towards hell) instead of north (to heaven) unless I went to confession for all the so called sins I had committed while living my life. The interesting part was that they would go to confession, repeat their sins and knew that the same priest would again forgive them. I often wondered what the priest thought each week when they would return to again ask for God's forgiveness. I thought that when one confessed, the idea was to try and not do that sin again, *oh well!*

Probably the reason I never bought into this program of confession was that I was having too much fun and felt that I was not doing anything that GOD was not already aware of. I believed that GOD actually liked the idea of having a little fun. I was always led to believe that GOD was walking with us so why go to a priest and ask for forgiveness when GOD already was aware of what we were doing. I usually went to church each week but never complained about things. I think GOD knew that we were just having fun and probably watched over us anyway.

Then something happened in February that really made me rethink about the act of confession or reconciliation. My longtime friend passed away, but before he passed he asked that I be with him during his last confession. I watch this friend, in excruciating pain from the cancer that was slowly destroying his body; confess to his priest all that he had done over the past twenty years of his life. As he went through this two hour confession, I noticed that he became more at peace and I was truly taken back. When he was finished his confessions he told me he was ready for the next step in his journey and hoped that I would someday join him.

He passed away six hours later and I am so thankful that I was allowed to spend those last hours with him. He showed me a part of the reconciliation act that made sense. My friend needed to know that GOD still wanted him in his kingdom despite all the years of not going to church. I already believed he was going to heaven as he was a good person and followed the rules GOD gave to all of us.

I now understand the act of confession and how important it is to those who feel they need to talk to someone be it a priest or a friend. We are all called to help each other get through our life's journey and my friend showed his true love that day when he asked me to join him during that last confession. I believe GOD was with us that day and heard my friend. Thank you my friend, you were always truly a blessed person.

~Garrett Westover

WANTED FOR THE MEMORIAL GARDEN.... DONATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

4 RED CLIMBING ROSES

1 BOXED 3X4' PALO VERDE TREE

1 BIRDBATH

If you are interested in helping get these items for the Memorial Garden call Tracey @ 767-9818

VESTRY REPORT

The Vestry was delighted to hear from Bonnie Walker on April 25 that our stewardship contributions are ahead of target - \$98,000 with a goal for this date of \$93,000! We still have a way to go to our total budgeted amount of \$110,000, but we're sure on the right track. Thanks to all.

Tracey Alexander has been busy with buildings and grounds projects, including plans to repair and eventually replace the palapa roof, paint the church and adjacent buildings inside and out, and replace the irrigation systems at the church and rectory. He needs volunteers following the monthly food bank to clean up the area, so please see Tracey or Haddon Salt if you can help.

Committees are being formed to welcome newcomers to the church, plan Christian education programs and coordinate gifts and memorials. Anyone interested may contact Laura+ or any Vestry member. Also, with summer coming, volunteers are becoming scarce, so please consider signing up in the Parish Room to serve as a host/hostess or greeter.

Plans are underway for an updated parish brochure and directory. If you haven't done so, please stop by the directory table in the courtyard after church and make sure your entry is correct or you call Lynn at 760-767-3914. We also welcome photos of church activities for the brochure. The Vestry continues to appreciate the efforts of all our dedicated parishioners, especially at this time of year when our numbers are dwindling. Keep up the good work!

~Wendy Quinn

WANT TO WRITE?

The Carillon NEEDS writers!

Call or email Lynn at (760) 767-3914 or lynnwilderson@gmail.com or Wendy Quinn at quinns@cableusa.com. The deadline for each issue is the 16th of the month emailed to Lynn.

Come Face the Blessing

**Come face the blessing offered
In joy abiding kneel
Beneath the blue and silver**

**Ground upon which the raging eye
That once orange sat
Behind pale wine and lilac veil**

**Now rises from gray to white flame
So that endowed we may inhabit
The moment filled with liquid grace**

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MAY PRAYER LIST

We pray for healing
for **Jennifer Levine, Sonja McGrath,
Richard Bye., Carl Welker, Addis
Ward, Hiram Lewis, Mary Mac-
Donald, Merryn Lorraine Oliveira,
Frank Crowley, Tony Ward, Carol
Kittelton, Nancy Bye, Hugh McLean,
Nancy Groll, Bev Kuhrts, Kurt
Levens, James Carroll, Robert Heyl-
man, Dan French, Evelyn Parks,
Agnes Schleicher, Joyce Girard,
Peggy Brown.**

HAPPY EASTER FACES.....



Photos by Tracey Alexander

PALM CROSSES

What fun we had on April 15 creating the crosses for Palm Sunday! It's an opportunity to give to the church and share camaraderie with our fellow parishioners and guests. Remember next year, you don't have to be creative. We have an instructor. This year we were led ably by Marian Tremain. Thanks, Marian! Eight of us spent a little over an hour and created over a hundred palm crosses. A special plus this year was the participation of Gayle Beasley, a guest from Lake San Marcos, and her granddaughter Catherine Vanderpool. We were also blessed by the presence of Mary Mitts, not a parishioner but friend of Dave and Ruth Otis. The palm crosses are a special addition to the Palm Sunday service, and thanks to all who contributed!

~Wendy Quinn



Addis ...looking GOOD! He would appreciate your visits and letters. WE MISS YOU!
Get well soon!

NEW
ADDRESS FOR ADDIS WARD

Addis Ward
7878 E. Vista Bonita Drive
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

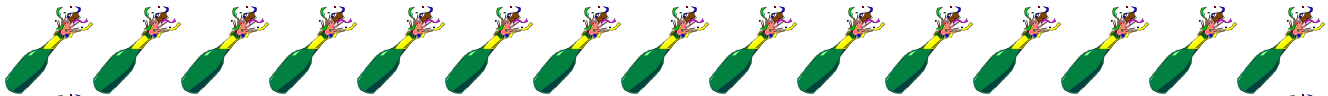
**Call 602-418-4460 for authorization to see
Addis—(son's phone number)**

BITS & PIECES

The St Barnabas Prayer Chain of NINETEEN

.....continues to provide prayers to those in need.

We invite you to join us. We also invite those in need of prayer to let us know how we may help. All prayers and persons requesting those prayers are confidential and known only to those of us in the Prayer Chain. Contact Victor if you have prayers, questions, concerns: 767-7746 or ravok@nethere.com



EASTER BASKETS AND FLOWERS

Fred and LLouise Jee In honor of Our Parents

Ruth Blaschak In memory of husband John and Parents

Cathy and Gary Westover In memory of Ruth and Russ Westover

Patsy Schumacher in honor of my children grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

Louise Burmester in memory of husband Heinz and Parents

Laura+ and Lyle Brecht

Nancy and Bill Parker

Bill and Bonnie Walker

Chuck and Mary Bennett

Lyn Loerke

Haddon and Sue Salt

United Community Methodist Church

Center Market

Martha Mitchell

Carol Sargent

Kathleen Killman

Diane Hydoski

Jean Smith

Cathy Gay

Jim Bennett

Barbara Dickey

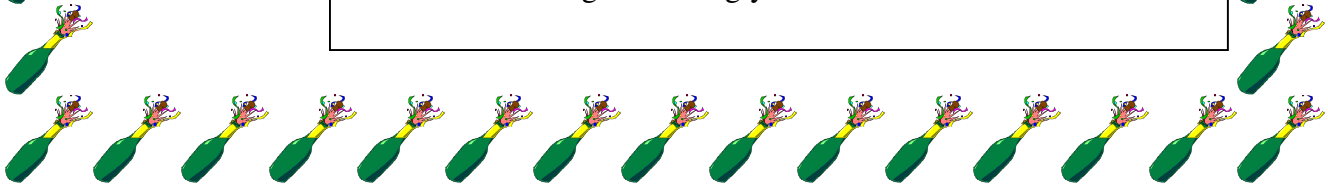
Nancy Bye

Faye Dorsey

Jane Lilley

EASTER BASKETS FOR THE POOR

The Women of St. Barnabas provided 25 of the most beautiful Easter Baskets of food for poor families in Ocotillo Wells. Baskets were delivered by Ernie Loza and his crew on April 21. Thank you EVERYONE who gave willingly of their time and donations!



WOMEN OF ST. BARNABAS REPORT

MAY 2011

The Women of St. Barnabas enjoyed another scrumptious potluck lunch, heard a very interesting speaker and took care of some business on April 6. Our hostess was Irene Foster, and we had a beautiful view of the Montesoro Golf Course.

Pearl German, a Certified Nursing Assistant at Meadow View Cottages, kept our rapt attention as she described her work at the assisted living facility at T Anchor and Country Club. The Cottages are filled to capacity with a waiting list, but plans are underway to open a new location in 30 to 60 days. Residents may choose a private or shared room, meals are provided, and a Registered Nurse visits five days a week. The staff provides transportation to events such as the ballet, the casino and of course church, as well as offering crafts and exercises in house.

Pearl has been in the medical field for 25 years and at the Cottages for three. The WOSB assisted her in her education with a scholarship, for which she is very grateful. She now hopes to continue in the Licensed Vocational Nurse program. Given the average age of our group, we were all particularly interested in what she had to say as an alternative for our parents and/or ourselves.

At the business meeting we voted to earmark \$400 for the educational facilities at Ocotillo Oasis. Because they have received other donations, the funds will be presented after we determine which particular facet of the center is in need of our help. The rest of the session concentrated on Easter plans, including the baskets for the needy, crosses for Palm Sunday and the Easter Holy Happy Hour. Many thanks to Martha Mitchell, Carol Sargent, Marian Tremain, Betty McKee, Bonnie Walker, Jean Smith and Janell Vesci for volunteering to spearhead these important activities. The Women of St. Barnabas are blessed with so many wonderful members and encourage others to join us.

~Wendy Quinn



THANK YOU everyone WHO MADE A PLEDGE THIS YEAR.
WE CANNOT BELIEVE IT!

WE MET OUR GOAL.

Our goal was \$93,700.00 and you pledged 97,415.00! Great job!
I cannot thank you enough. You always come through with your time and talents, as well as your extra financial support.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL,
Faithfully your Stewardship Committee, Bill Walker, Chairman,
Sue Salt and Gary Westover

Mark Your Calendar

MAY

SUNDAY SERVICES 8:30 AM

May 3—8:00 AM Worship Meeting

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Tuesday at 7:30 AM The Men of St. Barnabas @ Kendall's Café

May 4—Noon Women of St. Barnabas @ Sue Salt's Home

May 4, 11, 18, 25— 5:00 PM Compline

May 4—4:00 PM Borrego Serves

May 5, 12, 19, 26—Morning Prayer at Rectory 7:00 AM

May 16— 12:00—5:00 PM Food Bank Distribution

May 18—6:00 Men of St. Barnabas

6:00 PM Sarah's Circle @ Sue Salt's Home

May 23—8:00 AM Vestry Meeting

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