

Annual Report 2025

Memorial Acceptance and Fine Arts Committee

Peggy Iacobelli, Chair

Membership: Peggy Iacobelli, Chair, Tom Baker, Secretary, Marilyn Black, Grace Chen, Ann Goodman. Marian Green, Marga Fritze, Nancy Harvey, Judee Morrison, Donna Piscopo, John Thornton, Jr., Tammy Underwood and Jack Wilson continue service on the committee. Kent Levine joined the committee in February.

Nine meetings were held.

Financial Report: Donations of \$450 were received as a memorial for Larry Brainard. \$24.09 in interest was added to the MAFA funds. \$396.52 was spent repairing vestments, and the balance of \$5535 paid to Liturgical Designs following the completion of the new Green Set. Financial Summary Attached.

Holiday Decoration:

Lent/Easter: Marilyn Black installed and then stored the Stations of the Cross for Lent. She ordered the Easter lilies from Ken Young, Marian and Grace placed them in the sanctuary.

Thanksgiving: Donna Piscopo, Marian and Marilyn decorated the altar for Thanksgiving. The decorations referred to the 5 C's of Arizona; Cattle, Copper, Cotton, Citrus and Climate.

Christmas: Grace Chen chaired the committee to prepare the sanctuary for the Christmas season. Kathy Ritt and Grace remade the red tree bows after taking the eight apart and steaming them. Red poinsettias decorated the trees on the altar; Whitfill Nursery fulfilled the tree order, 8 for the Sanctuary walls and three of varying heights for the fountain area. The red poinsettias were ordered from Phoenix Flowers. Every other day, Committee members watered and removed dead leaves from the plants, until they were removed on January 11. It has been suggested that we purchase new ribbon for the bows for next season.

Tours and Education: Judee Morrison hosted tours in January, February, May and November following the 10:15 church services.

Repairs/Conservation:

Chapel Garden Cross: The Ditson Cross had significant rust damage. Jim Hatfield engaged Larry Richardson of LJR Metals to fabricate a new cross which now holds the original circular decoration. Chris Falkenstein and Tom Baker chiseled out the old base, put a new pipe in the ground which extends 15 inches above ground into the new cross. New concrete was poured to complete the project.

The Purple Chasuble: Former parishioner Nicole Truelove repaired the panel of the Chasuble, the applique of which was tearing apart. To match the fabric as closely as possible, she dyed several swatches of material, cost of the repair \$257.54

Pew sticker numbers: The Covid-Era adhesive pew number stickers were removed.

Projects:

Chapel Needlepoint Kneelers: Three kneelers which were not used for the individual chapel chair kneelers have been framed and installed on the west wall of the chapel. Tom Baker made the frames and installed the needlepoint.

Vestments: JB Liturgical Designs completed the new ordinary time (green) set which includes: 1 chasuble, 4 priest vestments, 5 deacon stoles, 2 hangings and a burse and veil. The Committee approved the completed project on May 12. The set was given in honor of our Deacons; past, present and future by Tom and Nancy Harvey. They were consecrated on Sunday, October 19th.

History of St. Barnabas Book: Marga continues her research and in-person videos. She continues to digitize documents as they become uncovered. Many of the original documents are stored in the cabinets at the back of the Music building rehearsal hall. Marga's research has uncovered many interesting documents, including a consecration program from 1973, a copy of the original bylaws, the bid from T.S. Montgomery and a church census from 1965.

Online Tour: The tour continues to be a work in progress. Peggy is working with Momentum360 to improve the Tour, including numerous edits and additional pictures. John Thornton, Jr. was able to provide the vendor with a longer music loop. We would like to add website links to the tour.

Ode to Joy: The subcommittee identified viable sections and began cutting the collage. The perimeter edges have been secured with fabric, and frames made for several of the pieces. Several large sections have been hung in the St. Mark's and St. Lukes classrooms in the learning center. Grace Chen, Tom Baker and John Thornton, Jr. have completed about 40% of the project.

:based record keeping central location for all MAFA documents. This single location would include information such as policies, forms, a live calendar, inventory, historical reports and scheduled maintenance timeline information.

Chapel Sedelia Cushion: The cushion, completed in 2024, was consecrated on January 19th.

New Projects

Sanctuary Music/Sermon stand: The committee has identified the need for an adjustable music stand for the Sanctuary. The one currently in use was purchased for use in the Chapel, where its style is more in keeping with the décor. Donors have been identified, and the search is ongoing for an artist.