

The Briefly

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Rector's Letter

A couple weeks ago at the Diocese of Arizona presbyter retreat, our main speaker was The Rev. Dwight Zscheile, an Episcopal priest and faculty member in congregational mission and leadership at Luther Seminary. Dwight+ is a young man who grew up in a California beach town. Like 85 percent of the people around him, Dwight never went to church growing up. When he did experience the Episcopal church, he told us very plainly that he had to learn another language to become one of us.

It is not just California surf cities where unchurched folks are the norm. Almost 80 percent of the population of Arizona has never been in a church. The truth is, we live in a world where people don't know what church is all about. This profoundly different world should be influencing how we do everything inside the church. We need to understand that people have no idea what happens in here and we need to educate from the ground floor, bringing people to God in a very new way than in the past.

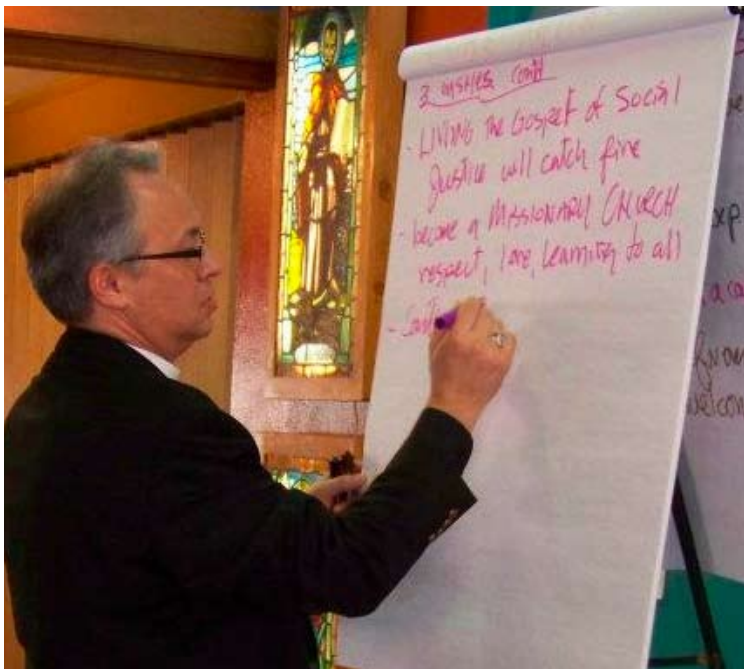
Being immersed in the church, it is easy to forget all this. Very often, the language we use makes absolutely no sense to others. The list of people who do understand that language continues to dwindle. Even those who go to

church are often no longer exposed to this language. A recent conversation I had with a lifelong member of the Methodist church reminded me of this. He asked me what the word "Eucharist" meant on our sign. (We have since changed those signs to read worship.) Another very intelligent person asked me a couple years ago what we meant when we called one of our services "ecumenical." (We have since changed that word to "Community.")

This presents all of us with a dilemma. While we don't want to discard all of our language, it makes no sense to use it if no one understands what it means. Religious illiteracy has reached an all-time high in America, a fact highlighted for me again this past week as I was writing that sermon for the Fourth Sunday in Lent about John

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The Rev. Canon Timothy Dombeck led GSP parishioners in an Appreciative Inquiry Summit "dreaming God's Dream for GSP"

Holy Week, 2012

by the
Rev. Steve Keplinger

If you are new to a liturgical church, Holy Week is something you may never have previously experienced. Not only is it an ancient tradition marking the events leading up to the death of Jesus, it is also the most important week of the year in our worship experience.

For those of you who have participated in Holy Week since you were knee high to a grasshopper, you know that these services have the potential of being profoundly moving and perhaps life changing. But you also know that they can be downright painful if they stay trapped in the Augustinian Lenten experience and the blood atonement theology of Anselm.

That is why the services of Holy Week at GSP are both old and new. We will not stray from the ancient worship tradition of the church but we have also created liturgies that we believe highlight what Jesus wanted us to remember the most about his last week on earth. Our goal is to create liturgies that will be

so profoundly moving that it will change you deep in your heart and bring each of you into a closer relationship with one another and with God.

Here is the breakdown of services:

April 1: Palm Sunday, 8 & 10 a.m.

We will begin the service of Palm Sunday outside, waving our palms and commemorating the day when Jesus is jubilantly honored as he enters Jerusalem. At the 10 a.m. service, those who are able will process around the block. After processing into the church and continuing the celebration, the liturgy will very suddenly turn to a narrative of the Passion Gospel. It is a stunning juxtaposition and a very emotional service.

April 2, 3 & 4: Holy Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Each day leading up to the Triduum (the three days), we will have a special communion

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3:16. I referred to Tim Tebow's writing John 3:16 in his eye black. It used to be that even non-Christians had some idea what John 3:16 says. But on Jan. 9, 2009, the day after Tebow appeared in the National College Football championship displaying that verse, John 3:16 was the most Googled phrase of the day. That means that those millions of people who Googled it, did not know what John 3:16 said.

I think about all of this as we are entering the most important week of the year for Christians. It makes me wonder, how many people even know what Holy Week is anymore? Every year, I spend much time describing the historic significance of Maundy Thursday and where the word Maundy comes from. But now I find that I also have to tell people what happened on Good Friday, which I must admit is more than a bit scary.

Of course it is true that we are battling a secular culture that finds no meaning in what we do. But our experience here at Grace St. Paul's and the continuing drop in religious literacy suggest something else. It is not that people reject what we do, but more that they just don't know. Perhaps this is *all* a matter of educating and creating the possibility for

people to experience what we do, especially during Holy Week. That has certainly been my experience of Holy Week in recent years. We had a number of folk here last year who were experiencing Holy Week for the first time. For some of them, it not only moved them to tears, but it brought them to faith. Over the past few years, there have been more than a few people who have told me that the experience of Holy Week changed them from the inside out.

This year, let us take a new approach to Holy Week. Let us take every opportunity to educate everyone we know about the meanings behind what we do and the translations of those funny words. Then let us invite them to experience it first hand. There is nothing more powerful than being present at our foot washing service on Maundy Thursday or our incredibly beautiful Tenebrae on Good Friday or the exquisite Easter Vigil on Saturday night. I promise, it will change you. Experience it first hand and invite your friends to a life changing event. There may be no more profound effect we can have on the brave, new world in which we live.

A Blessed Holy Week to all of you,

Steve +



Canfield Passes 'Briefly' Baton to Gooden

by Martha Whitaker,
Senior Warden

After serving more than a year as Editor for *The Briefly*, Lynda Canfield is stepping down. Many thanks to Lynda for her term of editing, and for her willingness to provide guidance to Elizabeth "Lizzy" Gooden, who steps into the role as *Briefly* Editor. And "Thank you" to Lizzy for coming forward to take on this important ministry!

Lizzy will officially take on the role of *Briefly* Editor for the June 2012 issue. All submissions for that issue should be sent to her at BrieflyEditor@grace-stpauls.org. The deadline is **Monday, May 14**. Calendar items should still be sent to Wendy Pipentacos at wendypipe@yahoo.com and photos and graphics to John Banks at jdbanks@gmail.com.

Holy Week, 2012

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service. Weather permitting, Monday and Tuesday services will be in the Memorial Garden. Wednesday's service will be in the front of the church. Each service will build upon the one before, leading us into the beauty and completeness of our Maundy Thursday service and what is to come on Good Friday. Monday's service will be at Noon. Tuesday's service will be at 6 p.m., and Wednesday's will be at 7 a.m.

April 5: Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m.

Maundy comes from the latin word *mandatum*, where we get the word mandate. It refers to Jesus's mandate to follow the "new commandment," that we love one another. On this night we commemorate Jesus's last night on earth, where I believe he put into one evening the essence of his entire earthly ministry. We will commemorate the last supper as well as Jesus's act of foot washing, reminding each of us how we are to be servants to one another. Our Maundy Thursday service will conclude with the stripping of the altar, symbolizing what will happen the following day. Our special service at GSP will include more symbols to capture the essence of our faith. This service is in my mind the most important worship experience of the year. I have seen it totally change people's lives. If you must choose only one service to attend in Holy Week, this is the one I would personally pick.

Maundy Thursday night until

Good Friday Noon: Keeping Watch

Another ancient tradition asks individuals to "stay awake" in the stripped church in a contemplative fashion as Jesus asked of his disciples the night before he was killed. We will have a sign up sheet for those of you who would like to be one of the watchers for this all night vigil that will end with our first service at Noon on Good Friday.

April 6: Good Friday Noon, Stations of the Cross

We will have a contemporary Stations of the Cross experience on the labyrinth beginning at Noon. The practice of the stations is another ancient tradition. At GSP, we will reflect on the events of Good Friday from a liberation perspective. This service will include walking

for those who are able. The service will last about 30 minutes.

5:30 p.m., The Way of the Cross

This service is a form of Stations of the Cross designed specifically for children. It will also be outside, weather permitting and will be less than 30 minutes.

7 p.m., Tenebrae Service

Our main Good Friday service will be one of the most moving you might ever experience. A service of Tenebrae is an ancient tradition, but one not utilized often. We will move from light to darkness, both metaphorically and physically as we travel through short Gospel readings describing the events of this fateful day, followed with a musical response to each reading. It is in my mind the most emotional service of the year and one that also changes people.

April 7: Holy Saturday

In the morning we will gather to physically prepare the church for the big day. Those who would like to assist our liturgical arts committee and altar guild in preparation are welcome to join us.

7 p.m., The Great Easter Vigil

This is the premier service in the Christian tradition. We begin in the darkness of the world, lighting a primordial fire and working our way through salvation history, suddenly bursting into the grandeur and wonder of Easter. The Vigil captures the length and breadth of Christianity and is a service everyone should experience sometime. In addition to the fire, we will have story telling and a new dramatic visual of the narrative. We will also have baptisms, just like in the ancient church. It is the most memorable service in the Christian calendar.

April 8: Easter Sunday, 8 & 10 a.m.

The day arrives. The full wonder, beauty and magnificence of the resurrection experience are captured in one service. An explosion of light and exquisite music complete our journey to the ultimate joy of resurrection and celebration. Following the worship, GSP hosts one of Tucson's most fantastic celebratory parties. You won't want to miss any of it.



Notes from the Choir Stalls

By Christina Jarvis, Director of Music

Love is come again like wheat that springeth green. Wouldn't it be lovely to see a thriving wheat field? Around here it's Bermuda grass springing green, and we aren't very glad to see it. I hope you had a blessed Lent and have prepared your hearts and minds for the Risen Christ. As for me, I need to buff up the Prayer of Humble Access; I've (mostly) been on time, which was my Lenten vow, but I haven't managed to de-stress at all. I just panic ten minutes earlier.

We do have a thriving wheat field here at Grace St. Paul's in our people. We care for each other and God's creation with sturdy hearts, hands, and backs. From the kind friends preparing a lavish funeral reception for yet another beloved parishioner to the little acolyte straining to reach a candle just that bit too tall for her, God's work sometimes asks a lot of us, but we do our best.

The choir is a little wheat patch all its own. Self-weeding, too. I have the easiest job in the church—I bring out all this music and they learn it and turn up for a zillion services when they could be home watching “Downton Abbey” on streaming video. During Holy Week, they come to two rehearsals and sing for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, The Great Vigil of Easter, and two services on Easter Sunday. I am very grateful to them—thank you, choir!

We've been having the text conversation again. Much music written for the church uses language we limit at Grace St. Paul's: Lord, Father, man or mankind, and other examples of hierarchical, male-dominated old-speak. Then there's “washed in the blood of the Lamb.” GSP doesn't go in for atonement theology, but we have a bulging library of music that contains all of the above. Do we amend the text? I took a poll of the choir. Some people have strong opinions pro or con. Other people don't care at all. The people who either don't want to change it or don't care outnumber those who do by about 2:1.

I go case by case—we didn't amend the Bairstow text: “I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me.” But I did change the Vulpius text for Palm Sunday: “Grant that I in love and faith may the image cherish of your suffering, pain and death that I may not perish.” It just seems way over the top to cherish anybody's suffering, pain and death, even that of Jesus. We'll cherish his countenance divine instead. The text is still dorky, but you probably won't understand it anyway, so it's all good.

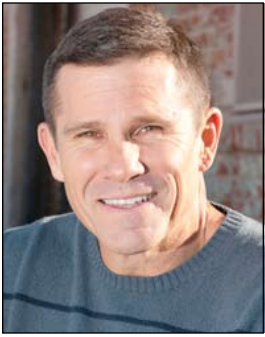
Holy Week music is a mix. I've been trying not to order a lot of new music this year, as we have so much that needs to be used up (see above). Sounds like our kitchen. For Maundy Thursday, you'll hear “Drop, drop slow tears,” a sacred setting of the madrigal “The Silver Swan” by Orlando Gibbons and “O sacrum convivium” by Peter Fay. Minda Dettman bookends the musical selections of the Good Friday Tenebrae service with a song from *Jesus Christ Superstar* at the start and a solo on “Fairest Lord Jesus” at the end. We'll also sing a bit of Handel's St. John Passion (Evangelist: Clyde Kunz; Pilate: Spencer Hunter), “In paradisum” from the *Fauré Requiem*, and a choral setting of “Were you there when they crucified my Lord?” by Richard Proulx.

For the Great Virgil of Easter, we'll do the Billings “Easter Anthem.” Go check out a YouTube version called “The Most Energetic Ever ‘Easter Anthem’ (Sacred Harp 237)” to see shape-note singers from Kalamazoo having a really good time. For communion, we are singing “Mary Magdalene” from the *Marienlieder* by Brahms.

Easter Day festivities include Betsy Bright Morgan and David Cohen on trumpet and Rick Hanson on timpani. This year's offertory is a choral setting of Handel's “Awake the trumpet's lofty sound” with the Randall Thompson “Alleluia” for communion. If you aren't ready to rejoice after that, go get a chocolate egg and some fancy coffee in McBride Hall. You're probably an exhausted choir member. Have a blessed Easter!

Peace,

Christina



Welcome GSP's New Chancellor, Rob Rauh
by Martha Whitaker, Senior Warden

GSP's Chancellor of many years, Nick Nickerson, has recently announced his retirement, and has asked to step down. When you see or speak with Nick, please express to him heartfelt gratitude for his many, many years of faithful service as GSP's Chancellor!

Fortunately for us, last November GSP parishioner, Rob Rauh, offered to serve as co-Chancellor, and the Vestry welcomed and approved his offer. At February's Vestry meeting, Rob was approved as full Chancellor.

Welcome, Rob! And thank you, for volunteering to serve in this very important role!

New Welcome Table Co-Chairs

by The Rev. Steve Keplinger & Martha Whitaker, Senior Warden

The Welcome Table is an important ministry for helping orient newcomers to Grace St. Paul's. The people who staff the table provide information, GSP goodies, and face-to-face greetings.

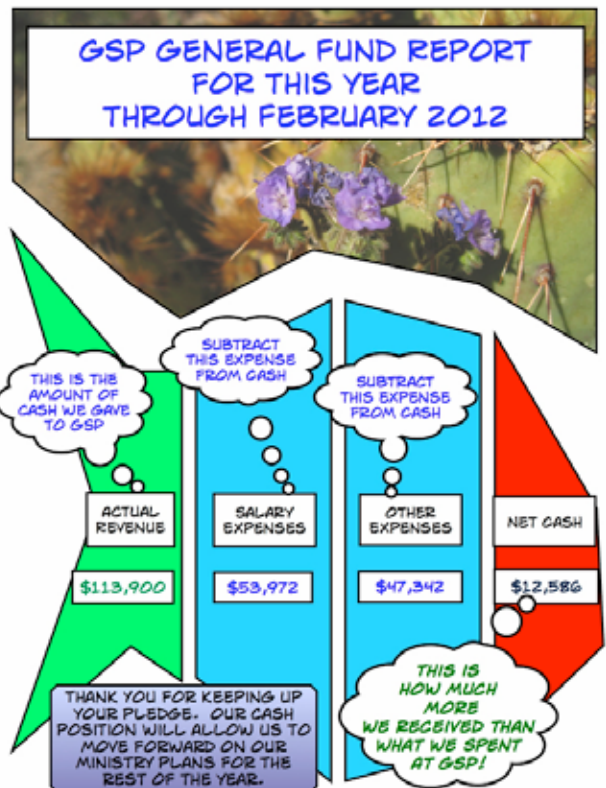
For the past five years, after the 8 and 10 a.m. Sunday services, Lil and Don Donovan, Colleen Filippone, and Lynda Canfield have faithfully staffed our Welcome table and helped GSP newcomers feel welcome and informed. Thank you, Lil, Don, Colleen, and Lynda for five years of welcoming newcomers with a smile!

Since the retirement in January of previous members of the Welcome Table staff, volunteers have stepped up to fill the void. Alysha Collins, who was previously working at the table, and Oma "Sam" Guard have been available each week during February to staff the table (Thank you, Alysha & Sam!).

After learning of the retirement, Al Whitehurst, chair of the Congregational Development Committee, came up with a longer-term plan to address the issue. Two parishioners with extensive backgrounds in congregational development in two other growth-oriented parishes have been identified

and interviewed by both Al and the Rector. Those individuals are Jay Hornbacher and Darlene Thornhill. Both have similar philosophies about the approach to welcoming and greeting and about how we approach the entire parish about being involved in the welcoming process. Their philosophies also coincide with Al and the Rector's vision of Radical Welcoming and follow-up by the Rector and a layperson after someone has visited the parish.

After those individual interviews, Al and the Rector are recommending to the Vestry that Darlene Thornhill and Alysha Collins be appointed as co-chairs of the Welcoming Ministry, and Jay Hornbacher be appointed as a consultant to Darlene and Alysha, and to the Congregational Development Committee. We believe this combination will give us the best opportunity to continue our present welcoming procedures and also get us closer to the Greeting Ministry we have been attempting to implement over the last year.



Rite-13 Liturgy and Celebration

by Rosalind Garcia, Youth Director

Grace St Paul's is about to celebrate the third Rite-13 ceremony since I arrived here, and the last ceremony for the current group of Rite 13 youth who will soon be "graduating" into J2A.

The group who entered Rite-13 as eleven- and twelve-year-olds have now marked their entrance into young manhood and young womanhood with a liturgical celebration called the Rite-13 Ceremony. The youngest of our current crop of Rite-13 youth will be able to enjoy this liturgical rite of passage on Sunday, April 22, at the 10 a.m. service. A celebratory dinner and a rehearsal on Friday, April 20, will precede the ceremony.

The youth eligible for recognition are: Hetty Black, Joaquin Fischer, Andrew Gooden, and Bianca Lara.

The Rite-13 ceremony takes place near

a young person's thirteenth birthday. The liturgical celebration of a teenager's entrance into young womanhood or young manhood tells them and their parents that we as a congregation are committed to all the youth of GSP, and to these youngsters in particular. In fact, the liturgy charges the congregation to take seriously our commitment to our young people. It also reminds the parents that we as a community understand the difficulties and demands of raising children, so we do not charge them with anything, but rather, pray for them.

The Rite-13 ceremony is not Confirmation. Confirmation is an adult decision to become a member of the Episcopal Church. It requires study and preparation. The Rite-13 ceremony is a liturgical acknowledgement and celebration of a child's transition to young adulthood and an affirmation of GSP's commitment to these young people and their families as they move through their teen years.

We invite all of GSP to come and celebrate with us!

It's Time to Think About Summer Plans!

Announcing Puppet Making, Drama, Music, Snacks and Lunch!

What: Our Second Annual Arts for Summer Camp at GSP

When: June 4-8, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Where: We will begin each morning in McBride Hall

Who: Kindergarten through 8th Grade

Cost: \$65 for the week; scholarships are available

For more information contact: Rosalind Garcia at Rosalind.Garcia@grace-stpauls.org or the Church office at 327-6857.

Registration forms are available in the parish office or on the GSP website, gsptucson.org.

We need volunteers!

Children, Youth & Family Ministry Calendar for April, May, June

April 1: St. Cecilia's Children's Choir performs at 10 a.m.

Holy Week: Youth are encouraged to attend and participate in all Holy Week services and activities

April 6: Children's Way of the Cross at 5:30 p.m. on the labyrinth

April 8: Easter Day Family Carnival after the 10 a.m. service

April 20: Rite-13 ceremony dinner and rehearsal

April 22: Rite-13 ceremony and Inter-generational service at 10 a.m.

May 27: Inter-generational service at 10 a.m. Last day of Sunday School and Youth Groups for the program year

June 4-8: Arts for Summer Camp; McBride Hall, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

****Stay tuned for Summer Sunday School News!!!****

For more information contact: Rosalind Garcia at Rosalind.Garcia@grace-stpauls.org or the Church office at 327-6857.



Solar Energy Committee Update

by Angel Wang

Solar energy systems are appearing increasingly more often in Tucson: the Benedictine monastery, Temple Emmanuel, and St. Philip's in the Hills are just a few.

For GSP, beyond the obvious savings in electrical energy charges and the direct benefits of ramadas for covered parking, there's a desire to employ the abundant, sustained power of the sun with which our region is blessed. We also wish to wean our energy dependence on fossil fuels, whether burning coal for electricity or burning gasoline for transportation, and to mitigate the contribution of carbon dioxide in global warming. We'll all live better in harmony with Creation!

Our solar energy committee has met with

financial and legal team members Rob Rauh and David Clements to review a detailed proposal from our main solar installer. The system being proposed would be expected to provide ninety percent of GSP's projected annual electricity usage. A future upgrade may include installation of an electric vehicle charging station as well. Although some incentives expired at the end of last year, there remain other incentives and other possible reductions in cost that make it a viable vehicle for investors. We have defined several paths to financing a solar energy system purchase which are being presented to the vestry this month.

Spiritual benefits from going Green include living in harmony with our environment and harnessing the abundant, sustained power of the sun to benefit our lives, our planet and Creation. We would use the blessed power from Brother Sun to nurture our existence, not just for ourselves, but also for our children and all future generations.



A bountiful harvest of carrots, broccoli, spinach and onions for the Pantry.

Community Garden

by Angel Wang

We've learned that broccoli is a big hit with our Joseph's Pantry clients! We have harvested most of the winter crop by now, and are transitioning to planting warm weather selections. The broccoli and carrots reached a peak in early March, and the green onions, spinach and lettuce are now producing nicely as well.

In the coming season, we will increase the soil fertility with more manure, and add potash and bonemeal. Some of the new crops that we will rotate in are started at home with free seeds from the Pima County Libraries Seed Library. This is an exciting new venture in sustainability: the seeds have been

locally proven in the Tucson area, and we are encouraged to return seeds harvested from what we have planted to replenish the localized seed stock. We are particularly excited about the green bell peppers labeled: "Bounty beyond belief"!!!

Another source of free starts for the community garden will be coming from John Keller's young tomato and spinach plants—think Yellow Pear mini-tomatoes and Sunburst orange snack tomatoes, proven producers in his home garden. We might interplant the tomatoes with herbs such as basil, whose scent discourages tomato horn worms, and marigolds, which deter many other insects.

Look forward to more veggies to come!



Green Church Light Audit

by Angel Wang

The recommendations of the Light Audit have been submitted to the vestry, and a projected reduction in light levels from some of the recommended refits has been found unpalatable.

More discussion between Green church, the

vestry and the energy consultant are possible to tailor the original suggestions to match our GSP end-user requirements.

The Green Church committee and the newly reconstituted Buildings and Grounds committee will work together on any implementation of lighting efficiency updates.



Window Dedication

by Chris LaBour

Wonderful news! The entire Window Restoration project has been completed. Our beautiful stained glass windows have been upgraded and restored to perfect condition and will be officially dedicated on Easter Sunday. It has been a pleasure to work on this project with Dan Misenhimer.

We enjoyed meeting so many of you and hearing your stories of why Grace St. Paul's holds a special place in your hearts and lives. We want to thank Linda Hutson, who has been with this project from the beginning, meeting with company representatives, sorting out what needed repairing, and coordinating the repair work.

Plaques have been placed along the posts or near the windows to thank our many generous donors:

Michael and Kathy Allen, John and Beth Banks, John and Lou Ann Biegging, Richard and Phyllis Cameron, Cliff and Jane Click, Ann Dean, David Dettman/Kim Jones and Family, Don and Lil Donovan, Karen English, Colleen Filippone, Carol Flinn, Carol Forshey

in Memory of Harold Odes Forshey, Eugene and Mary Foushee, Tricia Galvin, Paul and Dolores Gohdes, Grace St. Paul's Healing Touch Community, Chuck and Nan Hannan, Emma Hanshaw in Memory of Alan Hanshaw, Sally Heinlein in Memory of Joseph Heinlein, Chuck House and Marilyn Abraham, Miriam Huber, Joyce Henderson, Christina Jarvis, Richard and Cricket Kelbaugh, Eleanor Kohloss, Christine LaBour, Chris Ledyard, Nancy Linnon, Nancy Meister Book, Ann and Dan Misenhimer, Suzanne Nystrom, Caren Olsen, Bill and Heather Pentland, Danielle Phillips, Gini Pilon, Tom and Ardis Pitello, Sam and Barbara Reynolds, Eileen and Bill Roeske, Willie Schlentz, Peggy Scott, Peter Sincox, Dick Steele, The Traficanti Family—Todd, Elizabeth, Noah, Layne Deacon, Leighland Connaway in Memory of Evan Richardson and Susie Traficanti, Jesse and Jane Thrall, The Wakefield and Flagg Families in Honor of Benjamin, Angel Wang, Martha Whitaker, Pete Weiblen, Catherine Penn Williams, Thomas and Heather Williams, Winifred Williams, Teresiana Zurita.

'Thanks for Supporting Girl Scouts!'

by Martha & Rachel Whitaker,
on behalf of all GSP Girl Scouts

Dear GSP,

Thank you very much for buying Girl Scout Cookies, and for allowing us to sell cookies in McBride Hall during coffee hours for one weekend in January, and every Sunday in February. Your support means a lot—not only to us and our troops, but also to all Girl Scouts throughout Southern Arizona. Thanks to cookie proceeds, the Sahuaro Girl Scout Council is able to offer scholarships to many girls who would like to become Girl Scouts, but cannot afford the membership fees.

Another portion of the proceeds

helps each of our troops—and there are six different Girl Scout Troops represented at GSP! Troop proceeds support girl-led events and activities like camping, rock-climbing, horseback-riding, and community service projects. Of course, it's not just Girl Scouts who benefit. Every year, Girl Scout troops collect cookie boxes to send to U.S. Military Troops overseas, as a "Thank you" for their service to our country. This year, Troop 645 alone collected 529 (!!!) cookie boxes for troops overseas!

In addition, girls choose an organization for whom to collect donated cookie boxes. One example is Rachel Whitaker and George Ballenger's "Gift of Caring" to

Joseph's Pantry. This year, Rachel and George collected more than 55 boxes of cookies for Joseph's Pantry—and that doesn't include the boxes people purchased in McBride Hall, and then donated immediately to the Pantry. What a treat for children, especially, who visit Joseph's Pantry. Thank you to everyone for your support, and may the Thin Mints you've stored in your freezer last you until next January!

With Gratitude,

Rachel & George (Troop 645),
Olivia & Bianca (Troop 1943),
Angelina (Troop 9919), Lily (Troop 7596),
Fiona (Troop 1772), and Achol (Troop 7584)



Willis Reid Lucas

Sept. 24, 1917 - Feb. 29, 2012

We are sad to announce the death of Willis Reid Lucas

We hold Willis's family and the Grace St. Paul's community in our prayers.

May his soul and the souls of all the departed rest in peace.

Judy Mielke

Sept. 22, 1940 - March 14, 2012

We are sad to announce the death of Judy Mielke.

Judy died peacefully with her sisters by her side.

Judy is survived by two sisters, Barbara Lomax and Marilyn Gunn, five nieces, two nephews, and numerous, wonderful friends.

We hold Judy's family in our prayers.

May her soul and the souls of all the departed rest in peace.

Hospitality Workshop Scheduled

by Jay Hornbacher

So, you might be asking, "What's a hospitality workshop?" It's not about making better coffee. The youth group has that base covered, not just adequately but lavishly! It's not about better food at the coffee hour after services. Good treats are always welcome, but what's there is pretty fine. And it's not about making sure the good silver is used for high holidays.

It's about greeting. Welcoming. Making sure that every person who walks through the doors of Grace St. Paul's—especially those new to us—knows that their presence is valued, that they are seen, not just observed, but truly seen and warmly welcomed. "Aren't we doing that already?" you might ask. Yes, sometimes, perhaps often. But until hospitality—radical hospitality—becomes an everyday part of the culture of a church, we haven't yet fully created the Kingdom that Jesus calls us to create.

Thus, a two-hour workshop on hospitality, on Monday, April 16, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the Bloom Room. This first session is intended for those members already serving in the greeter and welcome ministries, although others are certainly welcome.

There will be a second session on a Saturday in May, date yet to be determined, for every person who can get themselves there. Because even though there are committees for welcome and hospitality, those ministries are the province and responsibility of every member, not just those on committees.

The workshops will be led by Jay Hornbacher, an Episcopal lay minister who is himself new to Grace St. Paul's. Jay has been a staff member responsible for the ministry of hospitality at two Episcopal churches, St. Barnabas on the Desert in Scottsdale and St. John the Baptist in Minneapolis, and has offered this workshop several times at other churches.

Since coming to Grace St. Paul's in November, Jay has worked with youth director Rosalind Garcia to create and write scripts for a youth drama group, which has performed at four worship services and will perform again on Sunday, April 22.

In his book, *Original Self*, Thomas Moore writes, "We are each on a unique odyssey. We are all vulnerable on our journey and need the hospitality and understanding of others. We may feel cold and lonely in a world where deep hospitality has disappeared, and on the other hand, we may close our hearts to the needs of others because we have lost the capacity for empathy."

To quote Jesus, the master himself, "Come and see!"

ATTENTION ALL ADULTS

Do you read music? Are you available at 4:30 p.m. on Thursdays? Looking for a fun way to be involved in a music group?

An opportunity to play handbells is here for you!

Contact Jane Click, 572-1263 or jwclick@gmail.com.

Thanks,
Jane



Adult Spiritual Formation

Adult Spiritual Formation & Education Planning Meeting (open to all)

Thursday, April 19

7-8:30 p.m., Weeks Room

Come and meet your new co-facilitators of Grace St. Paul's Adult Spiritual Formation and Education ministries. Have you ever wondered about a special topic in your spiritual life? Alternatively, have you read a book that you think would help others grow in their spirituality? Ever wanted to facilitate a class or small group? If so, come to the Adult Education planning meeting. Topics and class facilitators for the Summer, 2011 Schedules are wanted and needed. The more the merrier! If you need a class proposal form, or have any immediate questions, contact the church office at 520-327-6857.

Facebook & Other Social Media Connections

Sunday, April 15

11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Bloom Education Center

Want to know what Facebook is all about? Are you new and tired of trying to figure it out all by yourself? Join us for this informational and hands-on session on social networking through Facebook. Find out how to use it to increase a sense of belonging and community at Grace St. Paul's. Those who are already on Facebook are invited to come and share stories and tips. Bring a laptop if you have one.

Facilitated by Eric Carr and Kitt Cordero. Eric is a parish communication's leader; Kitt is a GSP member.

Emerging Church—

"Embracing Emergence Christianity"

Sundays, April 15 & 22

9-9:45 a.m., Bloom Education Center

Using the DVD series by Phyllis Tickle, we will discuss how the emerging church may impact your personal faith. As noted on the DVD, which quotes the Episcopal Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori, "Where do you believe God is leading? Tickle takes us on a pastoral journey, of which we cannot see the end detail, but into which the Spirit continues to invite us. This is an invitation to be disturbed, moved out of comforts and into the new thing God is doing among us. This is the Jesus road, that always leads us out of death to resurrection."

Facilitated by Rick Hanson, a pilgrim searching for different expressions of progressive Christianity and its potential replacement.

Film & Fellowship Festival

Fridays, April 20 & May 18

6:30-9 p.m., Bloom Education Center

You are invited to enjoy a film viewing, potluck meal, and discussion. The movie will be selected by the group attendees each prior month, with themes ranging from social justice to romance. The potluck starts at 6:30; the film starts at 7. Following the film, expect a lively discussion on the film as it relates to life's journey—from the humorous to the serious.

Coordinated by Kitt Cordero and Eric Carr, facilitators and/or contributors to the film and fellowship series earlier this year.

Common Security Clubs: Building Supportive Community for Hard Financial Times

Sunday, April 22

11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Bloom Education Center

The Common Security Clubs (CSC) provide a context where people can come together to understand the greater economic system that creates local conditions; to break down the stigma, isolation and shame associated with financial distress; and to share support and resources, such as referrals, opportunities

for bartering, and rotating credit. Following this introductory class, participants will choose times and dates for the follow-up sessions. Education materials provided by the Institute for Policy Studies Program on Inequality and the Public Good will be provided free of charge. The curious as well as the new and continuing participants are invited to attend.

Coordinated by Ana Teresa Ortiz, a GSP member, ordained Interfaith Minister, and member of the Union of Religious Progressives.

Lenten Themes & Practices Developed through Film

Friday, April 27

7-9 p.m., Bloom Education Center

Through film and discussion, we explore pre- and post-Lenten themes as a way to enhance your spiritual practice during this time of preparation and waiting. Movies planned are "The Way," "Grand Canyon," and "Slumdog Millionaire." Be sure to check the Sunday bulletin for the current details.

Facilitated by Steve Williams, an avid movie watcher on a spiritual journey.

Communication & Etiquette with Persons with Disabilities

Sunday, April 29

9-9:45 a.m., Bloom Education Center

How can you make your relationships with those who are blind, deaf, and/or in wheelchairs easier and more relaxed? Laugh and learn by watching a DVD "Ten Commandments of Communicating with People with Disabilities."

Led by The Rev. Anne Strong, from the Diocesan program group on disability concerns, and sponsored by GSP's Community of Hope.

The Grand Inquisitor

Sunday, April 29

11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Bloom Education Center

What if Christ returned to earth in the 16th century, was recognized, imprisoned, questioned, and threatened with death by the Grand Inquisitor of the Spanish Inquisition? How might Christ respond to the Inquisitor as he insists that Christ rejected the temptations in the desert to give mankind unwanted freedom and this doomed mankind to suffer? This short play, based on a parable told in "The Brothers Karamazov" poses troubling questions for people of faith about the conflict between human nature and our need for freedom.

The GSP Spirit Players will lead the discussion following a reading of the play.

Confronting Moral Dilemmas—

A Play Reading Experience

Friday, May 4

6:30-8 p.m., Bloom Education Center

A continuation of the evenings without technology

Parish Wellness & Monitoring Update

Sunday, May 6

9 & 11:30 a.m., McBride Hall

Please join the Senior Warden and Fr. Steve Keplinger in an ongoing discussion on key issues affecting Grace St. Paul's, including our various ministries, how your pledge and plate contributions are spent and other items related to Grace St. Paul's financial health. Bring your questions and thoughts.

Facilitated by Martha Whitaker, Grace St. Paul's Senior Warden, and members of our Vestry.

in the tradition of 20th century literary societies when neighbors gathered to read plays aloud. Plays to be read include "The Crucible," "Lysistrata," "The Devil's Disciple" and "To Kill A Mockingbird." Everyone is invited to attend and participate in "cold" readings of each play. No theatre or public speaking experience is necessary; parts will be randomly assigned to anyone who shows up. Non-readers are welcome as well and can participate as an "audience". All the plays are appropriate for all ages.

Coordinated by Halsy Taylor and Nanalee Raphael. Both enjoy sharing all aspects of theatre with others.

Ancient-Future: The Emerging Church Movement

Mondays, May 7 & May 14

7-8:30 p.m., Bloom Education Center

This presentation will follow-up on the previous class on the Emerging Church with a multi-media look at the different voices, values and practices that are part of the "emerging church" movement. We will watch and discuss short video vignettes of selected emerging church leaders and compare these with the values and practices of "progressive Christianity." Come prepared for some lively conversation!

Facilitated by Catherine Penn Williams. Catherine has spent the last year pondering what the emerging church movement has to offer the Episcopal Church. A long-time member of GSP, she is currently a postulant for the priesthood in the Diocese of Arizona.

Sex & the Early Church

Sunday, May 13

9 a.m., Bloom Education Center

Using the book, "The Body and Society: Men, Women, and Sexual Renunciation in Early Christianity," this class will focus on the practice of permanent sexual renunciation—contenance, celibacy, and lifelong virginity—in Christian circles from the first to the fifth centuries A.D. and early Christians' preoccupations with sexuality and the body in the work of the period's great writers. As one reviewer for Amazon.com wrote, "An understanding of early Christian spirituality and asceticism illuminates early Christian doctrine and church structure even more." Although not required reading, this book will be available for purchase at Grace St. Paul's Rector's Bookshelf.

Facilitated by Beth Miksa, Anthropologist and Grace St. Paul's Verger.

Are We Safe Enough, Yet? A Social Justice Issue

Sunday, May 13

11:45 a.m.-12:45 a.m., Bloom Education Center

Since the tragic events of 9/11, U.S. citizens have allowed for an unprecedented erosion of their civil rights, including the Patriot Act, the censorship of journalism in war zones, and intense and widespread domestic wiretapping. Muslim-Americans have been under particular scrutiny and suspicion. These assaults

against the Constitution and the Bill of Rights have been accepted as necessary steps to protect the country. In this class we remember another time in U.S. history when citizens were forcibly detained into internment camps, supposedly for national security and their own protection. What can we learn from this piece of the past?

Michi Yamasaki was involved as a community activist in the successful campaign to achieve monetary compensation for internment camp survivors. Both her parents were internees, in locations ranging from Wyoming to Arkansas. Ana Ortiz is a long-time GSP member and member of the Union of Religious Progressives.

Gospel-Based Discipleship & Disciple's Prayer Book

Sunday, May 20

9 a.m., Bloom Education Center

In commemoration of the 10-year anniversary of *The Disciple's Prayer Book*, a new version will be released at General Convention—and we'll be able to preview and discuss some of the new version. Although widely used in many parts of the church, *The Disciple's Prayer Book* was born out of the need to develop a simple resource following the daily offices so that lay and ordained leaders in the Native community could engage the gospel with persons of all ages. Gospel-Based Discipleship has empowered communities of faith and their wisdom has enriched the church. The book will be available following General Convention, at the Rector's Bookshelf.

The Rev. Debbie Royals is the project manager for the new *Disciple's Prayer Book*. Her work in theological education, leading and developing the ministry of all the baptized, and as a leader in Native American ministry is being shared here as we get a first glance into the new release. She is a priest associate at Grace St. Paul's.

Liturgy—Worship or Dance?

Sundays, May 27 & June 3

9 a.m., Bloom Education Center

What are the interpretations of the Liturgy? According to Wikipedia, "Typically in Christianity, the term "the liturgy" normally refers to a standardized order of events observed during a religious service, be it a sacramental service or a service of public prayer." What goes in on planning this weekly event at Grace St. Paul's? What changes would you like to see made to the Grace St. Paul's Sunday Eucharistic Celebrations? This class will provide a forum for learning and discussion on this important presentation of our faith and beliefs.

Facilitated by Beth Miksa, Verger at Grace St. Paul's, who has a life-long fascination with Liturgy.



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What's Happening In April

1st SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

8 a.m., Coffee & Conversation
8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9:45 a.m., Child Care
10 a.m., Holy Eucharist
11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour
11:30 a.m., Youth Groups

2nd HOLY MONDAY

12 noon, Communion (Memorial Garden, weather permitting)
5:30 p.m., Spirit Dojo Karate
7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic

3rd HOLY TUESDAY

6 p.m., Evening Prayer & Communion (Memorial Garden, weather permitting)
7 p.m., Interfaith Meditation Group

4th HOLY WEDNESDAY

7 a.m., Holy Week Communion Service
10 a.m., Quilting Ministry
5:30 p.m., Spirit Dojo Karate

5th MAUNDY THURSDAY

9 a.m., French Class
12 p.m., Prayer Shawl Ministry
3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
7 p.m., Maundy Thursday Service
Gethsemane Watch—end of Maundy Thursday Service to Good Friday at Noon

6th GOOD FRIDAY

12:15 a.m., "The Watch"
9:30 a.m., Qigong Class
12 noon, Stations of the Cross Service
5:30 p.m., Way of the Cross Service
7 p.m., Tenebrae Good Friday Service

7th HOLY SATURDAY

7 p.m., The Easter Vigil

8th EASTER SUNDAY

8 a.m., Coffee & Conversation
8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9:45 a.m., Child Care
10 a.m., Holy Eucharist
11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour
11:30 a.m., Youth Groups

9th EASTER MONDAY—Office Closed

5:30 p.m., Spirit Dojo Karate
7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic

10th 6 p.m., Evening Prayer & Eucharist

7 p.m., Interfaith Meditation Group

11th 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist

10 a.m., Quilting Ministry
5:30 p.m., Spirit Dojo Karate

12th 9 a.m., French Class

12 noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry
3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
6 p.m., Spirit Now: An Interactive, Inclusive Communion Celebration

13th 9:30 a.m., Qigong Class

14th 8 a.m., Joseph's Pantry Easter Breakfast

15th 8 a.m., Coffee & Conversation

8 a.m., Holy Eucharist

9 a.m., *The Emerging Church*

9:45 a.m., Child Care

10 a.m., Holy Eucharist

11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour

11:30 a.m., Youth Groups

11:45 a.m., *Facebook & Other Social Media Connections*

16th 5:30 p.m., Spirit Dojo Karate

7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic

17th 6 p.m., Evening Prayer & Eucharist

6:30 p.m., Vestry Meeting

7 p.m., Interfaith Meditation Group

18th 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist

10 a.m., Quilting Ministry

5:30 p.m., Spirit Dojo Karate

19th 9 a.m., French Class

12 noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry

3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic

6 p.m., Spirit Now: An Interactive, Inclusive Communion Celebration

20th 9:30 a.m., Qigong Class

6 p.m., Rite 13 Dinner & Rehearsal

6:30 p.m., Film Festival & Fellowship

22nd 8 a.m., Coffee & Conversation

8 a.m., Holy Eucharist

9 a.m., *The Emerging Church*

9:45 a.m., Child Care

10 a.m., Holy Eucharist/Intergenerational

11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour

11:30 a.m., Youth Groups

11:45 a.m., *Common Security Clubs*

6 p.m., *Common Security Clubs*

5:30 p.m., Spirit Dojo Karate

23rd 7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic

24th 6 p.m., Evening Prayer & Eucharist

7 p.m., Interfaith Meditation Group

25th 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist

10 a.m., Quilting Ministry
5:30 p.m., Spirit Dojo Karate

26th 9 a.m., French Class

3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
6 p.m., Spirit Now: An Interactive, Inclusive Communion Celebration

27th 9:30 a.m., Qigong Class

29th 8 a.m., Coffee & Conversation

8 a.m., Holy Eucharist

9 a.m., *Communication & Etiquette With Persons with Disabilities*

9:45 a.m., Child Care

10 a.m., Holy Eucharist

11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour

11:30 a.m., Youth Groups

11:45 a.m., *The Grand Inquisitor—The Spirit Players*

30th 5:30 p.m., Spirit Dojo Karate

7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic

Looking Ahead to May

1st 6 p.m., Evening Prayer & Eucharist

7 p.m., Interfaith Meditation Group

2nd 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist

10 a.m., Quilting Ministry

5:30 p.m., Spirit Dojo Karate

3rd 9 a.m., French Class

12 noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry

6 p.m., Spirit Now: An Interactive, Inclusive Communion Celebration

4th 9:30 a.m., Qigong Class

6:30 p.m., *A Play Reading Experience*

6th 8 a.m., Coffee & Conversation

8 a.m., Holy Eucharist

9 a.m., Parish Wellness Meeting

9:45 a.m., Child Care

10 a.m., Holy Eucharist

11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour

11:30 a.m., Youth Groups

11:30 a.m., Parish Wellness Meeting

6 p.m., *Common Security Clubs*

7th 5:30 p.m., Spirit Dojo Karate

7 p.m., *Ancient—Future: The Emerging Church Movement*

7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic

8th 6 p.m., Evening Prayer & Eucharist

7 p.m., Interfaith Meditation Group

9th 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist

10 a.m., Quilting Ministry

5:30 p.m., Spirit Dojo Karate

10th 9 a.m., French Class

3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic

6 p.m., Spirit Now: An Interactive, Inclusive Communion Celebration

11th 9:30 a.m., Qigong Class

13th MOTHER'S DAY

8 a.m., Coffee & Conversation

8 a.m., Holy Eucharist

9 a.m., *Sex & the Early Church*

9:45 a.m., Child Care

10 a.m., Holy Eucharist

11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour

11:30 a.m., Youth Groups

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