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Rector's Letter

One of the longest standing traditions in the church is the observance of Holy Week as a time to remember, reenact and wrap ourselves in the events of the last week in Jesus's life. We know from the writings of Egeria, a Christian who traveled extensively in the latter parts of the fourth century, that many of the customs we continue to observe today from the waving of palms through the first half of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night were already well established in 380 C.E.

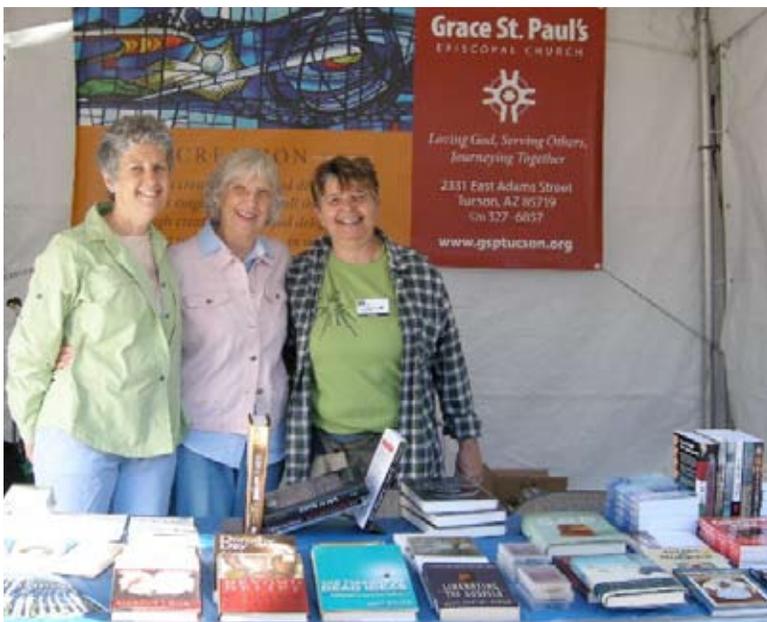
There are many in our post-modern world who have come to believe that the continued observance of Holy Week, utilizing these old traditions, is no longer relevant or helpful to us. We can attribute some churches abandonment of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services to the Reformation and the move away from anything that smacked of being "popish." But in recent years, it seems to me that many folks in the pews of mainline churches have also lost confidence in the ability of Holy Week ritual to "speak to them."

I believe this is the result of both the mainline and evangelical traditions failing us. Evangelicals have tended to throw the baby out with the bath

water, abandoning the entire notion of linking us with our tradition through the liturgy. But mainlines have had a tendency to stick with the tradition come hell or high water, because "we've always done it that way." The result has left one group of churches totally bereft of tradition, detaching us completely from 2000 years of Christian experience. It's as if there was Jesus, then a gigantic blank of nothingness, followed by us. Conversely, the other group of churches have continued following the same traditional patterns in a world where these traditions no longer mean anything to people. Thus mainline churches are

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Colleen Filippone, Lil Donovan & Lynda Canfield staff the GSP booth at this year's Festival of Books on the University of Arizona campus.

Holy Week, 2011

By *The Rev. Steve Keplinger*

If you are new to a liturgical church, Holy Week is something you may have never experienced previously. 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 17, Palm Sunday, 8 & 10 a. m.

We will begin the service outside, waving our palms and commemorating the day when Jesus is jubilantly honored as he enters Jerusalem. After processing into the church to continue the celebration, the liturgy will suddenly turn to the narrated Passion Gospel. It is a stunning juxtaposition and an emotional service.

April 21, 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. Commemorating the last supper as well as Jesus's act of foot washing reminds each of us how we are to be servants to one another. Our service will conclude with the stripping of the altar, symbolizing events of the following day, then include more symbols to capture the essence of our faith. In my mind the most important worship experience of the year, I have seen it totally change people's lives. If you 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 is 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 who would like to be one of the watchers for this all night vigil that will end with our first service on Good Friday.

April 22, Good Friday, Noon—Stations of the Cross

A contemporary Stations of the Cross experience on the labyrinth begins at Noon. This practice is another ancient tradition. At GSP, we reflect on the events of Good Friday from a liberation perspective. This service will include walking for those who are able, and last about thirty minutes.

5:30 p. m.—The Way of the Cross

This form of Stations of the Cross designed specifically for children will also be outside, weather permitting, and will be less than thirty minutes.

7 p. m.—Tenebrae Service

We are going to try something new this

Briefly Deadline & Editors' Announcement

OK, it's true, there are both rewards and challenges inherent in having a larger team working on *The Briefly*. We love it because it's so much easier on each of us to get your articles ready when we work with such talented colleagues. But it does seem to cost us a couple days to coordinate all of your wonderful stuff, and we hope to see even more of you communicating your ministries through *The Briefly*. So...we may need just a hair more lead time.

Since this is a two-month issue, the next deadline is Monday, May 23, for the June issue. Please continue to make your heroic efforts to meet these deadlines, and we will work our fannies off to meet ours. Remember, regular contributors email articles to the lead editor, Lynda Canfield. First-timers go to Craig Garver, and Calendar entries go to Wendy Pipentacos. Any commonly used word processing format is acceptable, but Craig says it's easiest if you simply paste the article into the body of your email.

If you do not have access to a computer, call the parish office and ask if there is a volunteer who can help you type it into an electronic file.



Installation Service for Fr. Keplinger

By Martha P.L. Whitaker

At 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, Bishop Kirk Smith will preside at Fr. Steve's "Celebration of Mutual Ministry" in which we at Grace St. Paul's will enthusiastically and officially welcome Fr. Steve to his ministry in this parish.

Following the service is a "Tea for Two Hundred" reception, which will be an afternoon of abundance and fun coordinated by Chris LaBour, Tricia Galvin and Joan Cooney. Please join us for this festive occasion!

The plate collection during the ceremony will be designated to the Rector's Discretionary Fund (RDF). If you would like to contribute to the RDF but are unable to attend, you may make a contribution during the Sunday plate collection, and write "RDF" in the memo line of your check. What a wonderful way to officially welcome Fr. Steve and support his leadership and vision for GSP!

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year as our main Good Friday service. 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 move through short Gospel readings describing the events of this fateful day, followed with a musical response to each reading. It is in my mind a most emotional service, and one that also changes people.

April 23, 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.

Rector's Letter

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working themselves silly putting together lots of liturgies while no one comes.

Here at Grace St. Paul's, we do our utmost to avoid both traps. We have tried to create liturgies that speak to who we are at this place and in this time. We utilize post-modern world views to help connect us with the divine, but in so doing, we have refused to let go of the tradition that brought us here.

From my standpoint, there remains nothing more important in connecting us to the heart of our tradition than Holy Week. I believe it is impossible to understand who we are and what it means to be a Christian in today's world without immersing ourselves in the language and liturgy of the most important week of the year. But as always,

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. It is the longest service of the year, running over two hours, but also the most memorable.

April 24, Easter Sunday, 8 & 10 a.m.

The day arrives. The full wonder, beauty and magnificence of the resurrection experience are captured in one service. Following worship, GSP hosts one of Tucson's most fantastic celebratory parties. You won't want to miss any of it.

we will do our best to connect you with that critical tradition in ways that speak to us in Tucson, Arizona in 2011.

Later in this newsletter, you will find specifics about the services of this week, and how we will hold onto our tradition while simultaneously being post-modern in our approach. I realize that in today's world, the whole idea of going to church for four consecutive days is beyond bizarre for the overwhelming majority of the population. But I have watched these liturgies truly change people from the inside out.

At this busy time, I urge all of you to make room in your schedule for the rituals of Holy Week. I promise it will have a profound effect on you.

Shalom,
Steve+

Notes from the Choir Stalls

By Christina Jarvis, Director of Music



I'm wrestling with the scheduling angel again. I was hoping to be done with that, but like Cato in the Pink Panther movies, it was hiding behind a door and leaped upon me unawares. I had two trumpets scheduled for Easter, all arranged last fall. Then one of them was invited to be guest principal trumpet for the Beijing Symphony for the summer and has to leave April 18. Where are his priorities?

It's too late to replace him, so I replaced one of the anthems, for one trumpet instead of two; luckily, we still have Betsy Bright playing for us.

I order anthem. Anthem arrives. I fall upon it with little cries of glee, rip open the package, and it's the wrong one. Now we're waiting for the correct anthem, "Easter Rejoicing," by James Biery. Good thing the choir learns music fast.

A lot happens at Grace St. Paul's between now and Easter, though. Lent continues its stately progression. Lent is a difficult time to have a celebration, but we will have one anyway—Fr. Steve will be officially installed as our rector on April 2. This is a big deal, although he modestly doesn't think so, and we will have musical rejoicing, without *alleluias* (can I even type that word in Lent?), in a gospel style.

The Palm Sunday progression around the neighborhood was a hit last year, so we'll do it again, this time without the bagpipe. Instead, we'll annoy the neighbors with percussion. What, they think Sunday morning is for sleeping in? Actually, last year people came and sat on their doorsteps to watch us. It was fun; a sort of tromp-by churching. The service itself is the traditional hybrid of hosannas and Passion gospel. The St. Cecelia's Children's Choir, directed by Joan Brundage and Jane Click, will sing "Little Donkey" by Natalie Sleeth for the offertory, and the choir will sing a Morales piece ("Vigilate et orate") for communion.

There will be changes in Holy Week again this year, which is a given after two interims and now a new rector. The Maundy Thursday

service, complete with traditional foot washing, will be back in the church, after last year's agape meal. We won't have a traditional Good Friday noon service, however. Instead, Fr. Steve is instituting a *Tenebrae* service, which combines seven or eight readings, called pericopes (my spell-check thought that word needed another "s"), with musical pieces linked to the text. The music will be a combination of chant, choral anthems, and solos. After each set of pericope (google it) and musical offering, more light is extinguished, so that by the end of the service, the church is in complete darkness, a powerful metaphor of grief and loss before the joy of Easter.

Easter Vigil breaks open the sealed door of Lent and the church erupts in sound and light. We had become accustomed to an M3M-style service for Easter Vigil during the Rev. Canon Gordon McBride's years shepherding Grace St. Paul's. There are many now in the congregation who probably don't even know what that is (although they could find out if they go along to a service on Thursdays at 6 p.m.). New traditions will be constructed on the foundation of this ancient service, and we will move forward into a joyful Eastertide.

Having sung for all the services during Holy Week, including the several-hour Easter Vigil, joy isn't the first emotion a choir member feels on Easter morning, but fortified by a chocolate egg or two they rise to the occasion of the 8 and 10 o'clock services. In addition to Betsy Bright, we will have Rick Hanson providing timpanistic splendor. No choir member will be left dozing. Give them all a pat on their surpliced backs; they really deserve it for all the time and energy they put in. Thank you, choir!

Have a blessed and joyful Easter!

Christina

What's Happening in Children, Youth & Family Ministries

By Rosalind Garcia

GSP's Participation in the Children's Summit

Children are a critical part of the Christian community! Value them, respect them and love them! This was the message of the Children's Summit presented at All Saints in Phoenix on March 5. A large contingent from Grace St Paul's attended the one day summit, including The Rev. Steve and Jean Keplinger, senior warden Martha Whitaker, director of children's ministries Harriet Claiborne, director of children, youth and family ministries Rosalind Garcia, and The Rev. Kate Baird, priest associate to children, youth and family ministries.

Those attending heard an excellent keynote address from The Rev. Dr. Karen-Marie Yust, Ph.D., on "Being a Child, Becoming Christian." The Rev. Dr. Yust has done much research and written several books on the subject of faith formation in children. She emphasized children's natural faith in God and urged congregations to welcome children into their worship and communities as full members.

The GSP group then split in an effort to attend as many workshops as possible. Workshop topics covered such diverse topics as starting a children's ministry from scratch to fully welcoming families into the community to preparing for children with special needs. Rosalind helped present a workshop on creating a worshipful experience for children. Harriet was a member of the children's summit planning committee.

Ash Wednesday Children's Service

Almost sixty people enjoyed GSP's Ash Wednesday service for children on March 9. The service, outside in the memorial Garden, offered a casual, family friendly worship experience. Children sat on the ground as the listened to the Rev. Kate Baird's story about a childhood experiment with a friend that caused her a little guilt. Let's just say it had something to do with hotdogs and a child's Lenten discipline. Michael Sugimoto was Cantor for the service. During worship, the families and the children had a chance to draw or write prayers for Lent, which they could attach to a large purple cross at the Altar. That cross is

hanging in the Sunday School area downstairs. Throughout Lent, anyone is free to add their prayers and attach them to the cross.

New Youth Groups at GSP

New youth groups are developing at GSP. Sunday, March 20, was the first day of newly formed youth groups. The youth met together for several weeks with the goal of getting to know their new leader teams and talking about what they wanted GSP's youth program to look like. On March 20, they broke into their new age-appropriate groups:

- Rite 13 for 6th and 7th graders, mentored by Wendy Pipentacos, Kevin Wadlow and Michael Sugimoto
- J2A for 8th and 9th graders, mentored by Cameron Sutton, Brian Fairbanks and Alice Garcia
- GSP for 10th through 12th grades, mentored by Brian Atkinson and Mariel Watt

The groups are using an updated version of the Journey to Adulthood Curriculum (J2A) which provides a series of developmentally appropriate activities and lessons for each group under the broad headings of self, spirituality, society and sexuality. This is a six to seven-year program that offers young adults a broad and deep spiritual experience, bonding the youth and helping them develop as leaders in the church. This is an exciting time for the GSP's youth and we look forward to the future!

Thank you, Wendy Pipentacos!

Finally, we thank Wendy Pipentacos, who has single-handedly offered quality youth group experiences to the teens at GSP for the last four years. Wendy is an amazing spiritual leader and we are very lucky that she is continuing her work with youth as a Rite 13 leader, but now she has some help!

GSP celebrates 20th anniversary

**By Kay W. Bigglestone,
GSP archivist**

Twenty years ago, Grace Church, one of the oldest Episcopal churches in Arizona, built in 1881, merged with St. Paul's Episcopal Church, a University-oriented church then on Speedway and Vine. Grace Church and its campus were very different back then. At first glance it might have looked much the same, but you wouldn't have seen accessibility ramps, the labyrinth, or the Della Robia sculptures. It was much darker inside, as the clerestory windows were not yet in place, the altar was against the back wall of the nave, and none of the drawings or children's wooden panels of Jesus' story were on the walls. The wooden sculptures in the narthex weren't there, nor was there any bell to toll.

The smoker's patio was where the outside restrooms now are, and neither playground equipment nor Noah's ark murals were yet in the patio off the parish hall. Instead of rainbow plaques or welcoming signs, the The Cherub-Bin Gift Shop, open every Sunday after the 10 a.m. service, was found next to the entry into the offices. The choir sat in pews, not chairs. Many people genuflected in the aisle as they took their seats, and the clank of kneelers was audible as the congregation knelt for prayers. The service itself was usually Rite I, with all hymns coming out of the blue hymnal. Back then, few children participated, and lay readers were typically men.

Food vouchers were dispensed from the office on week days since there was no Joseph's pantry in the parking lot or open showers for the homeless during the week. However, Primavera teams did cook each week. There



was no Education for Ministry (*EfM*) classes and adult education classes were few, but there was an active senior ministry called Thursdays, run by Anne Sawyer's mother Jane. It included a worship service, a luncheon, guest speakers, performers from all over Tucson, and afternoon card games, from which the current bridge group owes its beginnings.

Every fall there was an enormous Fall Festival for a full weekend with booths run by women's guilds and other organizations. These included books, jewelry, baked goods, handwork such as embroidery and knitting, clothing, food, and from the mid-90s to early 2000s, a Haunted House. Proceeds funded many outreach programs in the church.

The transformation to our modern Grace St. Paul's was gradual. Much of the art and the upper stained glass windows came from St. Paul's, de-commissioned as a church before being taken over by the University of Arizona. The bell, a ship's bell from a WWII hospital ship, also came from St. Paul's. Major renovations in 1996 saw the installation of ramps for the disabled, outdoor restrooms, and the labyrinth, with the kitchen renovated around 2001. The Memorial Garden outdoors

Bearing palms for the 1991 Palm Sunday merger procession, the Rev. Gordon McBride and Bishop Heistand sing as they pass St. Peter & Paul's Catholic Church on Campbell Ave.



Preliminary chalking of the labyrinth preceded the final painting and surfacing in 1996.

was added in 1999, thanks to George Codd (now deceased) and Henry Dirladian.

In the fall of 2001, a speaker's series began with John Selby Spong, retired bishop of New Jersey, who brought in more than 350 people to hear him espouse the welcoming gay and women priests. Marcus Borg, professor of religion and culture at Oregon State University and a member of the Jesus Seminar, came in 2001 and 2002, generating a crowd over 500. Others included Tilden Edwards, Nora Gallagher, and John Dominic Crossan. (Tapes are available in the Weeks Room library in the undercroft.)

These events anticipated a broadened outlook, encouraging lay leadership and active roles for women in liturgy, a welcoming community for gays and lesbians, and eventually the adoption of our progressive theological base. Children became more visible with Rev. Elaine Breckenridge's playground advocacy, summer Bible schools, children's services on Good Friday and Christmas, and a Rite 13 program for young teens. In the past year Harriet Claiborne has further enhanced

children's participation in liturgies, especially at the altar, and introduced a children's choir under the direction of Jane Click and Joan Brundage.

Change was assured in 2008 when Rev. Gordon McBride, St. Paul's rector for over six years and Grace St. Paul's rector for an additional seventeen years, retired. Interim priests Harold Clinehans and Deborah Heathcock fostered more change in liturgy styles while Rev. Fred Masterman glued us together between changeovers, assisted by a strong contingent of lay folk.

It was all well worth it when the Rev. Steve and Jean Keplinger arrived from Page, Arizona, last September to steer us into a Creation-themed liturgy with festive ceremonies, stirring sermons, and an enormously popular Episcopal 101 class that attracted more families and young people.

Wanted: Pets To Pet (Or Just To Look At!)

Once again, Grace St. Paul's will be having a mini "petting zoo" after the 10 a.m. service on Easter Sunday.

Examples of animals we've had in past years include lizards, tortoises, Madagascar hissing cockroaches, hamsters, frogs, guinea pigs, and chickens.

If you have a pet you'd like to bring to our Easter festival, contact Holly Shinn, hollys6@juno.com or 320-0727.

Thank You from the Girl Scouts

Dear Grace St. Paul's Community,

On behalf of Troops 645, 1943 & 9919, we wish to thank all of you for supporting the Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona by purchasing Girl Scout Cookies and allowing us to sell Girl Scout Cookies during the Coffee Hours in McBride Hall in January and February. The cookie graphic shows how all proceeds from cookie sales stay within our community and help to raise women of courage, confidence and character!

This year Troop 645 will donate part of their proceeds to help endangered species, and will also donate to support the new, expanded elephant enclosure at Reid Park Zoo. Troop 1943 will donate part of their cookie money to local nursing homes and the Tucson Diaper Drive, and Troop 9919 will send 85 boxes of cookies to the Tucson Ronald McDonald House.

Through the Troop-to-Troop program, the Girl Scouts support our military men and women by collecting boxes of cookies and sending them to troops overseas. This year, Troop 645 is sending 384 boxes to troops overseas, Troop 1943 is sending 80 boxes, and Troop 9919 is adding another 93 boxes.

Plus, as part of their Gift of Caring program, Rachel and George (Troop 645) collected 76 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies for Joseph's Pantry.

how the cookie crumbles

Council proceeds are used to: provide activities such as summer camp and community programs; recruit girls and adults; train volunteers; maintain and expand council program and resource centers; and provide staff support to membership.



Figures are based on an average from sales over a three year period. All proceeds remain in Southern Arizona.

We believe that everyone deserves to enjoy Girl Scout cookies—not just people who can afford them.

Girl Scout Cookie sales are clearly not just about fundraising. Girls like us who participate in selling cookies also develop skills in goal setting, decision making, people skills, business ethics, and time and money management. Thank you so much for supporting the Girl Scouts!

Sincerely,

Rachel & George (Troop 645)
Olivia & Bianca (Troop 1943)
Angelina (Troop 9919)

Volunteer Recognition

A new program is being initiated at Grace St. Paul's! The bulletin board in McBride Hall will now display a "Volunteer Spotlight," with a different volunteer featured each week.

The program begins on Sunday, April 10, in conjunction with National Volunteer Week, April 10-16. On the same day, we'll start calling attention to the various

ministries we have at GSP, focusing on one special ministry each month. After a few words of praise during the announcements, the volunteers present who are involved in that ministry will be invited to stand and be recognized.

Our parish administrator, KiKi, is coordinating the recognition activities.



Community of Hope Awards Training Certificates

By Kay Bigglestone

Six people received certificates on Friday, March 18, marking completion of their lay chaplaincy training for Community of Hope. Three GSP parishioners were among those newly trained: Toni Sue Brooks, Karen English, and Carol Forshey. Others were Ron Cross and Michael Leeming from St. Michael's and All Angels and Maureen O'Leary from All Apostles in Oro Valley.

All six participated in Saturday group sessions which began last October, and a series of individual sessions including visits with parishioners accompanied by their mentors, Lynne Albright, Kay Bigglestone, Chuck Hannan, Pat Dickson, and Ann Schlumberger. They are now in an intern period before being commissioned at services in May. Their

commissioning will enable them to extend their work into a variety of pastoral ministries in homes and institutions, as well as telephone and transportation efforts in neighborhoods and with their families.

Guest speaker for the day retreat was Roger Pierce, a retired minister, oblate at the Benedictine Monastery, and GSP parishioner. He spoke on "Strengthening Our Spirit to Serve the Suffering," pointing out that caregivers "cannot give what you do not have," and added, "it is imperative to grow your own spiritual lives."

Nineteen attended the four-hour retreat in the Bloom Room, including two guests interested in participating in COH. The Community of Hope is completing its second year at Grace St. Paul's and is allied with Community of Hope International with headquarters in Houston.

Bread from the Pantry

Did you know that Bread from the Pantry volunteers bring bread to 34 different social service agencies, and churches in Tucson? Among them are Casa Maria, Bethany House, Teen Challenge, Rev. Huff's Street Ministry on Speedway and five churches who have food ministries, plus our own Joseph's Pantry.

This vital ministry was begun by Doree Ramey fifteen years ago and she has kept it going with dedication and the help of many hands for all this time. She and her volunteers bring good news and bread all over this city, seven days a week and 365 days a year—so many more



hands are always welcome!

The ministry is organized into three main functions:

- Picking up bundles of bread nightly at Beyond Bread on Campbell.
 - Sorting and re-bundling the bread in the church kitchen, Weds, and Fri. mornings: 9 to 10:30 A.M.
 - Delivering bread to agencies and churches, Wednesdays and Friday morning, 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Help! With snowbirds leaving, we need folks who will be here at least part of the summer and beyond. Let us be bread for each other. Contact Doree Ramey 419-1307 or Deacon Nancy Meister Book 299-5966.



Kinship Corner

I've been pondering the concept of wholeness recently. *What does it mean to be whole?* Is it realistic to expect wholeness? Can an individual be whole if society is broken? Big questions. I wish I had answers. I know there are times I feel close to whole and times I don't. For me, sometimes wholeness comes in solitude and "letting go, letting be." Lately though, its more likely to come in community. During the past seven years, I've become very involved in the community of Grace St Paul's. Its been an extraordinary journey.

I often think of my involvement with Project Hospitality the year I started. It was my first experience in organized assistance to others. For those who don't remember, Project Hospitality meant we opened up the church as an overnight shelter for homeless during the winter. I signed up to cook dinner some of the evenings, and since I love to cook, this was a perfect fit for me. I was a little nervous about sitting down to dinner with strangers who I assumed I had nothing in common with. What would we talk about? It turns out we talked about all sorts of things—movies and books and life in general. A simple thing like dinner and a conversation was a life changing experience. It helped open up my mind to the

world around me, and my heart followed.

I believe I think of this often because it was a perfect intersection for me. I got to do something that gives me joy—cooking and feeding people. I got to connect with people and the world around me though an act of giving. I got to help people and in return gained self-knowledge and new friends. It was a true circle of giving and receiving. In short, I felt whole, even if just for a short time.

Okay, so there's a lot of "I" in that paragraph. The reality is however, it was very much a "we" experience. Project Hospitality was always a group effort. We volunteered in shifts. Some helped set up the parish hall, some cooked and served dinner, some stayed overnight and others made breakfast the next morning. We did this for several nights during the winter months. Everyone contributed and from what I remember, everyone had a great time.

In Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, he writes about spiritual gifts; listing prophets, teachers, healers, organizers, and helpers among others. These are things that we are good at and gifts that give us joy. We all have gifts. Paul goes on to speak of love. This is the greatest gift God has shared with us, and we can share with each other.

I'd like to suggest to you that sharing your gifts will bring you great joy. It might even lead you along a transformative path. Ministry is both giving and receiving. There are opportunities all around you. From my perspective, that means joy is out there waiting for you.

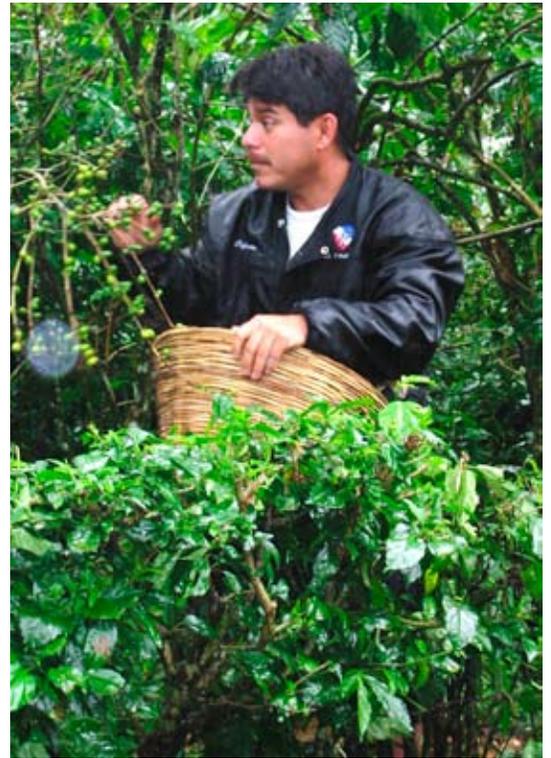
By Tricia Galvin

Co-Chair, Giving & Receiving Ministry

Just Coffee

For several years, Bridging Borders has offered coffee (decaf, regular, and dark roast) from Just Coffee at \$10/pound and the Parish has been very supportive. A co-op of family farmers from Chiapas, in the southern-most state of Mexico, grows the coffee, decaffeinate it in Vera Cruz, and has it roasted and ground in Agua Prieta, just across the border from Douglas, all enabling these entrepreneurs to earn a living and stay home with their families in Mexico.

As with all enterprises, though, the costs of production have risen. The retail price of coffee in grocery stores and specialty markets has steadily increased. The Bridging Borders Ministry feels that the project is a very worthwhile endeavor as a small, but significant addition to immigration solutions and we want to continue it. As of May 1st, coffee will be sold at \$11/pound (all kinds), on the first and third Sundays of each month after both services as usual. It is our sincere hope that you, the Parish, will continue to



support this important program with your purchases.

Food For Migrants Lost in Desert

The work of the Samaritans and the group No More Deaths is supported by many churches in the Tucson area. We will be collecting food items and packing the food bags after both services on Sunday, May 15. Unfortunately, there are an ever increasing number of deaths in the desert, sometimes even including children. The volunteers who work with the Samaritans and with No More Deaths are helping to prevent the deaths of migrants who have become lost, or have been abandoned by the *coyotes* hired to bring them across the border safely. Please remember, these are our sisters and brothers. We will have lists of the food items needed on the first two Sundays in May. We thank you for your generosity.

By Gretchen and Walter Collins

The Naco Border Procession

The Sixth Annual Naco “God has no Borders,” “*En Dios no Hay Fronteras*” procession is Saturday, May 7, at 2 p.m. Bishop Kirk Smith will lead the procession.

Follow the yellow balloons to St. Michael’s Catholic Church in Naco for parking, just a couple of blocks from the border. At the U.S./ Mexico port of entry, there will be a brief service of psalms and prayers, after which we walk across the border and will be greeted by the mayor of Naco and our Mexican neighbors.

When we arrive at the plaza, there will be speeches of solidarity, music, *foklorico* dancers, and Mexican food. Join us for this very moving experience of community.

Find additional information at the Just Coffee table and in McBride Hall where you can also sign up to carpool—or contact Kay Bigglestone, 326-1652.



Animals & Spirituality Ministry

By *The Rev. Nadine Martin*

Attention animal lovers: April is Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month followed by Be Kind to Animals Month in May. So what could be a better time to officially launch GSP's Animals & Spirituality ministry? During our recent Animals & Spirituality planning meetings, several areas of ministry were discussed, including the following (not in order of importance):

- Providing pet food through Joseph's Pantry
- Offering Healing Touch for animals
- Gathering items needed by the Southern Arizona Humane Society
- Providing a list of names of people available to pet sit while their humans are either traveling or too ill to take care of them
- Exploring sources for low-cost veterinary services
- Providing rides for people to take their animals to the veterinary clinic

- Participating in community events by providing information about GSP's Animals & Spirituality ministry

- Providing grief support
- Conducting educational programs
- Helping with the annual Blessing of the Animals service

Whether we can do these tasks depends on the number of volunteers we have. Several people have volunteered for some of these activities, but we need more. Whatever time you can contribute will be appreciated. If you have suggestions for other areas that can be done either now or in the future, please share them.

This is a ministry in which we can show our love and respect for God's creation. If you feel called to this rewarding ministry or if you have questions, please contact Reverend Nadine Martin either by phone (733-5640) or e-mail (nadinemartin@q.com). More information will be provided in future issues of *The Briefly* or by e-mail.

Library reactivated in Weeks Room

Did you know that GSP has a parish library? It is located in the Weeks Room in the undercroft and has an excellent selection of books on spirituality, progressive Christianity, prayer, and histories of Christianity, Buddhism, Muslim and Hebrew faiths, along with poetry and novels.

Check out is on the honor system after you first register by filling out a green card giving your contact information. Books need only to be signed out on the card inside a front pocket and put in the basket on the desk. There is a shelf marked for books ready

to be returned.

The Weeks Room is unlocked on Sundays (though children use the room from 9:30 A.M. to noon), before and after *EfM* classes, during healing touch clinics, and during vestry meetings. A key can be obtained in the office at other times that suit your convenience.

A recent survey showed more than fifty books are overdue, some for as long as two years. If you are possibly a culprit, please check your book shelves and return them so others might use them.

Joe Fitzgerald to be received

By The Rev. Fred Masterman

On Saturday, April 30, at 1 P.M. at GSP, the Rt. Rev. Kirk Steven Smith will receive the Rev. Joseph M. Fitzgerald into the Priesthood of the Episcopal Church.

Joe is a former priest of the Roman Catholic Church, who chose to leave the Roman communion in 2005, and later affiliated with the Episcopal Church at Grace St. Paul's in Advent of 2006. Joe, and his wife Deanna, were formally received in the Episcopal Church in 2008. Joe indicated his interest in the Episcopal priesthood to the Rev. Canon Gordon McBride, who encouraged him to pursue this path.

Accepted by Bishop Smith and the Commission on Ministry to prepare for reception into the Episcopal priesthood, Joe began several years of study, mentored first by Gordon McBride, then by Harold Cleinhens, Deborah Heathcock, Michael Smith, and finally, for the past two years, by Fred Masterman.

Joe has studied the disciplines of Anglican history, Anglican theology, the liturgy of the Episcopal Church, Church music, Episcopal Church polity, and canon law. He has been tested both in writing and orally, and accepted without reservation by the Commission on

Ministry to be received into the Episcopal Priesthood.

As part of his preparation Joe served a period of internship at Christ the King Episcopal Church, in Tucson, under the direction of the Rev. Michael Smith, from Lent 2010 through Epiphany 2011. While there, he served as Verger at the Sunday Eucharist, preached on occasion, attended vestry meetings, and organized the ministry fair in September 2010. In addition to duties at Christ the King, for the past year Joe has conducted monthly services at the Church of the Epiphany, in Gila Bend, under the direction of Bishop Smith.

In his secular employment, Joe began as staff chaplain at the University Medical Center in 2005. Since then he has been promoted to chaplain supervisor at UMC, a position he will continue to hold after his reception as an Episcopal Priest. The date for his first Celebration of the Holy Eucharist has not as yet been determined, but will be announced during the month of April, prior to the liturgy of reception on April 30. The church welcomes Joe as an Episcopal priest, knowing that his talents of compassion, organization, humor, and wit promise a full and rewarding ministry for him and the church, wherever he serves.

Health & Healing Ministries

We formally announce—*ta-da*—we are the Health And Healing Ministries Covenant Group. You will now see this term used consistently on the website and in the bulletin.

Here are the ministries and leaders currently included in the Covenant Group:

Community of Hope—Kay Bigglestone, Pat Dickson and Lynne Albright

Healing Touch—Pat Dickson, Miriam Huber and Anagrace Misenhimer

Intercessory Prayer Team—Linda Brown
Grief Ministry—The Rev. Nancy Meister-Book and Virginia Zuelow

Prayer Shawl Ministry—The Rev. Lynn Marie Hunter

Laying on of Hands Ministry—Kay Bigglestone

Are you confused? We were confused. Our covenant group—originally called Healing and Mutual Ministries—has also been called various names including Pastoral Care Ministries and other related titles. Additionally there have been changes in the names of ministries and in the number of ministries in this covenant group. The Vestry approved our changes at their February meeting. We hope having a consistent use of the name will avoid confusion.

The contact person for this Covenant Group is Chuck Hannan. You can reach Chuck at hannan2@comcast.net or by calling the church office 327-6857.

Adult Spiritual Formation

Lent is an opportunity to spend time in mindful spiritual growth. We offer many classes to enhance your Lenten journey and beyond. Join us in finding new ways to live your faith!

Pancakes and Penitentials:

Anglican Lenten Traditions

Sundays, April 3 & 10

9-9:50 a.m., Bloom Education Center

Rejecting solipsistic self-denial, Anglican Lenten practices have long emphasized inner spiritual development through the embrace of community and others as a means of progress towards God. A rich vein of Anglican Lenten tradition stretches from the Celtic principle of *Anamchara*, or soul friend, through to the saintly Bishop Thomas Ken of Bath and Wells urging his diocese to welcome Huguenot refugees for the Lent of 1687. So much more than mere remote historical markers, openness to others through mutually supportive spiritual development and the embrace of refugees can be vibrant, living cornerstones to Lent in a progressive Episcopalian community.

Facilitated by Peter Foley, Ph.D., associate professor of Anglican Studies at the UA and a Grace St. Paul's member.

Adult Education & Spiritual Formation

Meeting Open to All

Thursday, April 14

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

Have you ever wondered about or wanted to discuss a special topic in your spiritual life? Alternatively, have you read a book or seen a film that you think would help others grow in their spirituality? Wanted to facilitate a class or small study and/or book group? If so, come to the Adult Education planning meeting. Topics and facilitators for the 2011 Summer Schedule (June, July, August) are wanted and needed. The more the merrier!

If you would like a class proposal form or have questions contact Chris LaBour (celabour@aol.com) or Chris Ledyard, TSSF, co-chairpersons of the Adult Spiritual Formation Ministry, through the church office at 327-6857.

A Good Ol' Bible Study

from a Progressive Christian Point of View

Monday evenings, April 26, May 2-23

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

We will study and discuss our sacred text from a refreshing point of view. Based on R. Rohr's book, *Things Hidden, Scripture as Spirituality*, and Marcus Borg's *Reading The Bible Again for the First Time*, we look at selected readings from the Hebrew Scripture and the New Testament. From the book and class discussions, we'll use tradition and biblical scholarship to further develop and enliven our faith. Both books are available from the Rector's Bookshelf, and though not required, they are recommended reading.

Facilitated by Mary Wildner-Bassett, Chris LaBour, and Chris Ledyard, who are interested in developing authentic faith, discovering new perspectives on the Bible's usefulness, and sharing their discoveries with others.

Neurolinguistic Programming:

Principles & Applications

Sunday, May 1

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

Tuesdays, May 3, 10 & 17

10-11:30 a.m., Bloom Education Center

Some claim that NLP can help clear the mind of that which hinders your focus on the Divine. This class is a brief introduction to NLP, how it can benefit you and others, and its applications to issues like PTSD, allergies, personal relationships, and others. The class will also teach you how NLP helps understand body language. Requires a minimum of five students to register by May 2 at the church office, 327-6857.

Patricia Williams is a certified master NLP practitioner who studied NLP in California and Salt Lake City from 1994 to 2005. She has taught classes in NLP and has worked with many people using NLP processes to make changes.

**A New Way of Thinking:
Non-Dual Teachings of Jesus**

Sunday, May 8
9-9:50 a.m., Bloom Education Center

Facilitated by Roger Pierce, ordained Disciples of Christ minister, Benedictine Oblate, and pilgrim into non-dualism; and Lynne Albright, Lay Pastoral Care Giver and a fellow pilgrim.

Angels, Archangels & All the Company of Heaven
Sunday, May 15

9-9:50 a.m., Bloom Education Center

What beings are hanging around heaven? Angels, plain and Archangel, dominions, thrones? What are they, what do they do, and what is the origin of the mythology that surrounds them?

Facilitated by Nanalee Raphael, who has an archangel named after her and hopes to be a part of this company.

Kwanda Ophanage & Temwani School in Zambia
Sunday, May 15

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

Take a look at the progress at the orphanage in Zambia and the construction of the school. It will include videos taken in 2010 during the facilitators' personal, on-site visit.

Facilitated by Rick and Linda Hanson, who are active in support of this ministry and Grace St. Paul's members.

**Preparing for Death—Yours,
a Family Member's, or a Friend's**

Two Sundays, May 22 & 29
9-9:50 a.m., Bloom Education Center

Explore how and when to have an open discussion about death and what to do with the knowledge gained in planning for medical and life changes. End of life resources will be provided for individuals in our community.

Presented by Rev. Sally Taylor, a deacon of St. Phillip's parish, who was a presenter of the *Dust to Dust* workshop at the recent 2010 Diocesan convention. Coordinated by Kay Bigglestone, co-chair of the Community of Hope.

Gong Bath

Sunday, May 29

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

"A Meditational Bath of Sound Healing, Where Soul Force Merges with Spirit." The gong is named after the sound that it makes: It is what it does, which is the prerequisite of being. Considered a shamanic power tool, it is likened to the mythic philosopher's stone. Immersing in a gong bath brings us out of our normal awake brain state, and carries us to a place where transformation and healing can begin. The gong produces frequencies that induce deep meditation, clarity of mind, and profound intuition. Come join us as we bathe in overtones and journey into positive states of well being. Bring your intentions and an open mind!

Facilitated by Donna Tetreault, musician, sound healer, and member of Grace St. Paul's.



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What's Happening in April

1st 9:30 a.m., Qigong class
5:30 p.m., Prayers for Peace & Reconciliation
6 p.m., Dinner & Movie, Redemptive Style

2nd 2 p.m., Celebration of Mutual Ministry

3rd **Fourth Sunday in Lent**
8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9 a.m., Child Care
9 a.m., *Pancakes & Penitentials: Anglican Lenten Traditions*
10 a.m., Sunday School
10 a.m., Holy Eucharist
11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour
11:30 a.m., Youth Groups

4th 7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic

5th 6 p.m., Evening Prayer & Eucharist
7 p.m., Meditation group

6th 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9 a.m., Educ. for Ministry (EfM)
6 p.m., Global Chant
6:30 p.m., Educ. for Ministry (EfM)

7th 9 a.m., Conversational French Class
3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
6 p.m., M3M

8th 9:30 a.m., Qigong class
5:30 p.m., Prayers for Peace & Reconciliation
6 p.m., Dinner & Movie, Redemptive Style

9th 12 p.m., *Encounter the Holy through Icon Painting*

10th **Fifth Sunday in Lent**
8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9 a.m., Child Care
9 a.m., *Pancakes & Penitentials: Anglican Lenten Traditions*
10 a.m., Sunday School
10 a.m., Holy Eucharist
11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour
11:30 a.m., Youth Groups

11th 7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic

12th 6 p.m., Evening Prayer & Eucharist
7 p.m., Meditation group

13th 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9 a.m., Educ. for Ministry (EfM)
6 p.m., Global Chant
6:30 p.m., Educ. for Ministry (EfM)

14th 9 a.m., Conversational French Class
3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
6 p.m., M3M
7 p.m., Adult Ed & Spiritual

Formation Meeting

15th 9:30 a.m., Qigong class
5:30 p.m., Prayers for Peace & Reconciliation
6 p.m., Dinner & Movie, Redemptive Style

16th 12 p.m., *Encounter the Holy through Icon Painting*

17th **Palm Sunday**
8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9 a.m., Child Care
10 a.m., Sunday School
10 a.m., Holy Eucharist
11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour
11:30 a.m., Youth Groups

18th **Monday in Holy Week**
7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic

19th **Tuesday in Holy Week**
6 p.m., Evening Prayer & Eucharist
7 p.m., Meditation group

20th **Wednesday in Holy Week**
7 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9 a.m., Educ. for Ministry (EfM)
6 p.m., Global Chant

21st **Maundy Thursday**
9 a.m., Conversational French Class
3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
7 p.m., Maundy Thursday Service

22nd **Good Friday**
9:30 a.m., Qigong class
12 p.m., Stations of the Cross
5:30 p.m., Children Oriented Way of the Cross
7 p.m., Tenebrae Service for All

23rd **Holy Saturday**
12 p.m., *Encounter the Holy through Icon Painting*
7 p.m., Easter Vigil

24th **Easter Day**
8 a.m., Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist
9 a.m., Child Care
10 a.m., Sunday School
10 a.m., Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist
11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour
7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic

25th 6 p.m., Evening Prayer & Eucharist
7 p.m., Meditation group
7 p.m., *A Good Ol' Bible Study*

26th 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9 a.m., Educ. for Ministry (EfM)
6 p.m., Global Chant
6:30 p.m., Educ. for Ministry (EfM)

27th 9 a.m., Conversational French Class
3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
6 p.m., M3M
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28th 9 a.m., Conversational French Class
3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
6 p.m., M3M

29th 9:30 a.m., Qigong class

What's Happening in May

1st **Second Sunday of Easter**
8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9 a.m., Child Care
9 a.m., *Neurolinguistic Programming (NLP)*
10 a.m., Sunday School
10 a.m., Holy Eucharist
11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour
11:30 a.m., Youth Groups

2nd 7 p.m., *A Good Ol' Bible Study*
7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic

3rd 10:30 a.m., *Neurolinguistic Programming (NLP)*
6 p.m., Evening Prayer & Eucharist
7 p.m., Meditation group

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9th 7 p.m., *A Good Ol' Bible Study*
7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic

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6 p.m., Evening Prayer & Eucharist
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