

# The Briefly

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## A Message from Fr. Steve Keplinger

Greetings and salutations to all of you, the people who are Grace St. Paul's. Let me begin by saying how honored I am to be chosen as your new rector. You have had an amazing succession of great rectors, and I am humbled to be mentioned in the same sentence with those who have come before. Jean and I are thrilled and excited to become part of you and to join with all of you in bringing about the realm of God to Tucson and beyond. We are gearing up now so that we may hit the ground running as soon as we arrive.

I also want all of you to know what a fantastic job you did choosing your Search Committee and vestry. Throughout the entire process to choose your next rector, they have all been professional, compassionate and diligent. Jean and I have been through this process a few times, and I can tell you without a hesitation that it was the combination of your care for us and the expertise with which they did their work, that convinced both of us that this was the place. Of course, it also did not hurt that your profile and mission statement sound so much like us that I could have written it myself. We honestly believe that there could not be a better match of congregation to clergy in the country. We hope and pray all of you will feel the same as we get to know one another.

Our first Sunday with you will be Sept. 12. Before that day arrives, I would like to give each of you a homework assignment. No tests will follow. What I would like to ask all of you to do is dream. Open your minds to every possibility and imagine. Imagine the church of your dreams. Imagine the church of Jesus' dreams. Don't limit yourself by practical considerations. Just wake up from the dream and write it down. After we arrive, I want you to share that vision with us. I don't want to just hear this from the vestry or other church leaders, but all of you. How we will practically do this has not yet been arranged. However, we will have a party of one sort or another and create an opportunity to hear your visions.

It would not be fair of me to ask this of you without being willing to share a bit of my own dream. Here it is. My vision includes a vital, healthy congregation of culturally diverse folk who have come from all sorts of religious and non-religious backgrounds. Within that group will be Republicans and Democrats, well-to-do and destitute people, gay and straight, progres-

We are so excited to have the opportunity to share our dream with yours. Let's construct that dream and then, beloved, we are going to make it happen.



Gordon's rainbow—  
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# From the Senior Warden

I write this column at the end of what has been a very somber week at Grace St. Paul's. On Sunday, July 11, we said goodbye to our interim rector, the Rev. Deborah Heathcock, as she moved on to her next assignment at St. John's in Gig Harbor, Wash. For this goodbye, many people in the parish pitched in to create a colorful and heartfelt celebration of Deborah's ministry at GSP. Then, on Friday, July 16, we gathered again, this time for a Requiem Eucharist to celebrate the life and ministry of the Rev. Canon Gordon K. McBride, who died unexpectedly on July 10 while on vacation in Wyoming with his family. More than 500 people from all over the Diocese and beyond Arizona attended this celebration of Gordon's life, and they were welcomed with gracious hospitality by the people of Grace St. Paul's.

I am without-enough-words-grateful to the folks who worked so hard to create both occasions. The team headed by Anagrace Misenhimer and Catherine Brown did a wonderful job of decorating McBride Hall, organizing food, and creating a warm and lively program to honor Deborah. The planning for Gordon's funeral was an example of the people of GSP at their best. Many, many people were involved—too many to name. And it is one of the blessings of this otherwise devastating event in our life together that as a community, and in spite of our great grief, an otherwise ordinary Friday evening was transformed into an occasion of beauty, inspiration and healing.

My personal gratitude goes to Beth Miksa, who coordinated the choreography of the liturgy; Christina Jarvis, who organized the music; Terry Shreve and his many volunteers for the gracious reception; Linda Hutson, for coordinating outside clergy and multi-faith visitors; Kim McClain and David Wachter for bulletin production; and to James White for everything he does behind the scenes and without whom we could not have pulled the whole thing off. There are so many who simply stepped up without hesitation last week and asked, "How can I help?"

For me, being extraordinarily busy this last week was at times a blessing. My own personal grief and sadness had to take a back seat for a time. All the "doing" overshadowed the emo-

tional reality of the present moment. But we "Marthas" of the world sometimes don't realize how deeply we ourselves are in need. Now that the hectic preparations—for both celebrations—are done, we might all do well to slow down, to stop, and to listen.

As a parish, it is going to be important in the weeks and months to come that we recognize the value of listening to our hearts, of letting ourselves fully grieve what has passed away at Grace St. Paul's. We will need to be quiet in order to pay attention to the voice of the Spirit so we can discern where we are being called to a new life as a community of faith. In short time we will have the support and leadership of our new rector, the Rev. Steve Keplinger, in that discernment process as our future together beckons.

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In the meantime, our ministries will continue. For there will always be a need to be met, a stranger to be welcomed, hospitality in the form of canned tuna or a prayer shawl to be offered—as well as the stuff of life that happens when you have already made other plans. In the coming months, it will be important for us, for all of us, to practice holding the tension between sitting and listening to God and planning and doing for God—and we will need to rely on each other to help us find some balance as a parish family. Tradition alone, or the way we have always done things, cannot be our only guide, we must also learn to sit and listen, to open ourselves to change and be willing to welcome the unknown.

A friend, on hearing of Gordon's death last week, sent me the following passage from Barbara Brown Taylor's book, *An Altar in the World*:

We passed the ordinary bread and the ordinary wine, passing them between our ordinary hands to place in our ordinary mouths, and as we did so, we were fed—by God, I should say, but also by one another. God has no hands but ours, no bread but the bread we bake, no prayers but the ones we make, whether we know what we are doing or not. When Christians speak of the mystery of incarnation, this is what they mean: for reasons beyond anyone's understanding, God has decided to be made known in flesh. Matter

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## Early Briefly Deadline for September issue

The next deadline for the *Briefly* is Tuesday, Aug. 10, for the September issue. This early deadline applies to this issue only; our regular schedule will resume for the October issue.

Please send electronic articles to Martha P.L. Whitaker at: [jartham@cox.net](mailto:jartham@cox.net). Either MS Word or Word Perfect format is acceptable, or you may simply paste the article into the body of your email.

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

Please send graphics and photos directly to John Banks [jdbanks@gmail.com](mailto:jdbanks@gmail.com).

## Welcoming Fr. Steve & Jean Keplinger

By Chris LaBour

Plans are underway to provide a warm and gracious welcome to Father Steve and Jean Keplinger when they arrive in September. We know everyone is eager to meet them, as they are eager to meet all of us.

Father Steve's first Sunday with us will be Sept. 12, and we will celebrate with a bounteous coffee hour. Everyone is encouraged to share a special coffee hour treat on that day.

Our big welcome party will be a **Southwestern Fiesta**, to be held on Friday, Sept. 17, from 6:30-9 p.m. in McBride Hall. We plan to decorate joyously with bright colors in lights, tableware and wall hangings.

GSP children will be making paper flowers for centerpieces and the Choir is preparing to entertain us with a song or two. There will be special opening and closing presentations and mariachi music to keep us celebrating.

Dinner will continue the Southwestern theme, with the main course being provided. We are asking parishioners to contribute appetizers,

salads and side dishes with the same flavor. Bring an appetizer if your last name begins with A to H, salad if your last name is I to R, and side dish if your last name is S to Z.

The meal will end with a special Dessert Auction, which will raise money for a GSP fund to be selected by Father Steve. We are looking for twenty delicious desserts to auction off—if you or a loved one would like to share your special treat, please let Ann Bates know, in person or at [rabatestucson@msn.com](mailto:rabatestucson@msn.com).

We are also planning to host a series of Sunday evening dessert and coffee hours with Father Steve, so that he can get to know us in small groups. We will be setting up dates and asking various covenant groups

to host these evenings. We hope that everyone who wishes to will be able to attend an evening of conversation with Fr. Steve.

More on this in the Fall. Watch the Sunday Bulletins for updates.

### Can you help?

Ann Bates is looking for a portable firepit for use at the **Southwestern Fiesta**, and strings of Christmas lights, C7 or C9 size.

Please contact Ann through the church office if you can help: 327-6857.

## Smile! We need your photos for Fr. Steve & Jean

By Chris LaBour

We want to provide a way for Fr. Steve and Jean to sort us out as they meet us. We will present them with a photo album of GSP parishioners and are asking everyone to submit a photo with a short paragraph telling about themselves—hobbies, job, interests, travels, etc.

These can be turned into the office or to the Welcome Table, or email your photo and para-

graph to Chris LaBour at [celabour@aol.com](mailto:celabour@aol.com).

We would love to have every person/family represented, so download a picture from your camera, print it up, write a paragraph and bring/send it on in. Please have these to us by Sept. 5.

If you are out of the state this summer, we need your pictures too, so please email or send to the church office, 2331 E. Adams Street, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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matters to God. The most ordinary things are drenched in divine possibility. Pronouncing blessing upon them is the least we can do.

Our ordinary lives are ripe for transformation in our life together at Grace St. Paul's. The extraordinary is unseen, but always waiting just around the corner. I hope you will join me in welcoming and embracing those divine possibilities with a joyful and expectant heart.

—Catherine Penn Williams

## Pastoral Care during our Interim Period

By Lynne Albright

Call the church office (327-6857) as usual whether an emergency, a request for a visit, or communion. During office hours the volunteer will take your information and contact the on-call person for pastoral care. After hours, leave a message on the answering machine. Messages are retrieved frequently, and your request will be referred promptly to the on-call person.



# Liturgy & Music

## Notes from the Choir Stalls



I keep shaking my head in disbelief. Gordon McBride can't possibly be gone. I just saw him recently—he was thoroughly alive. These little black squiggles on the page are inadequate to describe my sense of profound loss, and I know many of us feel the same. He believed in ghosts, so I hope I catch a glimpse of him out of the corner of my eye in the undercroft, by the choir room door. I can't think of anything more comforting.

He left instructions for his funeral by filling out the form in the church office, as we all should do. He didn't specify anthems (Kari and I picked those) but he did leave a list of readings and hymns. Gordon had a rating system for hymns—ones, twos and threes. Ones were the hymns he liked, with strong melodies and sometimes rather retro lyrics (“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”...um, okay.) Twos were Victorian dogs. Threes were possibly cool but because we'd never done them, we never did them. Jim Neeley related that Gordon told him a while back that the hymn he really wanted at his funeral, because he loved it so much, was Helmsley, but he thought “Lo! he comes with clouds descending” probably sounded a bit presumptuous.

Gordon's funeral suited him perfectly, from the Bishop's measured tones to the shrieking grandbaby. The former reflects the esteem in which Gordon was held by his colleagues and the latter the importance of his family.

The choir was huge, which is as it should be. Clyde Kunz, former Junior Warden, came down from Phoenix. Dr. Lori Keyne, former organist and choir director at St. Paul's and choir director at Grace St. Paul's, came up from Bisbee. We welcomed two singers from St. Philip's—Anne Parker and Doug Spurlin. Judy Lynn, James Calgary, Mark Jarvis, and Halsey Taylor returned to participate. If I've forgotten anyone, please forgive me. The sound was amazing, and so was that of the congregation. We sang and wept. It's not easy to do both those things at once, but the choir managed.

Now we have to go on and live our lives without him. Fr. Fred Masterman is pinch-hitting again for the next six weeks or so, bless him. We then welcome our new rector, Fr. Steve

Keplinger, and that transition has now been made both simpler and a whole lot more complex. Fr. Steve will have to contend with the idealized version of Gordon that we will all construct—more kindly, more progressive, more wise than the real man was, although he was all those things. My welcoming prayer for Fr. Steve is that none of us say, “Well! Gordon always did it *this way*.”

I don't imagine there will be much immediate change in the music program, although change is inevitable. I'm already hearing concerns that we will do away with Kristopher Lindquist's chants, but why would we chuck out part of our identity? Those chants were written specifically for Grace St. Paul's and our understanding of progressive theology, and there's nothing else like that out there. I know some people would dearly love to see the end of them; I've been hearing from those folks, too. I expect KEL chants will be augmented by other material and cycled around, especially as our focus shifts as the new rector develops his own sense of how we pursue progressive theology, but I think we can all be flexible and let each be musically nourished in his or her own way. Or not. You guys duke it out; I'll hide in the choir room.

Before all that, I will be teaching a 9 a.m. class on Aug. 15 on the music of the early church, and I shall have to marshal a few extra neurons to think about what to say. The three neurons I've been using lately are getting rather tired. Maybe I can subcontract to Rabbi Cohon from Temple Emanu-el. My guess is that the music of the early church sounded a whole lot like what he does every week. Nah, why should he have all the fun. As I said in April, we can sing some rousing Gregorian chants and discuss in excruciating and mind-numbing detail the order of service music in the early mass. Maybe I should provide some early communion wine to sweeten the experience; then we can bellow drunken Gregorian chants. Won't that be edifying?

Gordon, *requiescat in pace*. We miss you terribly. Welcome, Steve and Jean. We are your Land of Unlikeness—you will see rare beasts and have unique adventures.

Peace,

**Christina Jarvis, Director of Music**

# Children & Youth

## Please Note:

There is no Sunday School in August. There will be child care for little ones up to age five in the Nursery during the 10 a.m. service.

Sunday School begins again on Sept. 12, in the Undercroft from 10 through 11:30 a.m.

As I stood outside, a few days ago, looking at the heavens, panting for rain, as the deer pants for the water brooks (Psalms 42:1), I realized that only God could bring the rain and the many blessings that come with it. Right now, at Grace St. Paul's, we stand at an open door and ponder how to take the first steps into a new pathway that God has put before us, much as I searched for rain in the sky. Beloved Gordon McBride, who gifted us, and a much larger community of faith, with a beautiful legacy of love, compassion and commitment to all things good, beckons us to move forward, trusting in the God that he knows so well.

On Sunday, July 18, the children and adults in our One Room Sunday School, listened together to Jesus in the Gospel of Luke, telling Martha, who was working so hard to provide a good meal for him and all the people who came with him, that her sister, Mary, had made a good decision to sit and listen to his teaching; he would not ask her to get up and lose the precious opportunity that she had chosen. There would be plenty of time to join in the "doing" part of life.

Every week this summer, the children and I

have been sitting on a simple rug, by a well, as we listen to Jesus, our Living Water, and center our thoughts on the gift of water—our need for it in the physical sense and in the spiritual sense. We also know that many children and their families do not have access to clean water like we do, and so we transition from listening to becoming as busy as Martha, making crafts to sell at a market so that we can send our proceeds to a water project in Malawi, Africa. We have had so much fun!

Opportunity and joy seem to travel together and we, at Grace St. Paul's, have an opportunity now too, to welcome our new priest and his wife when they arrive in September, to listen to their hope for us as a church, and to ask Jesus to be with us as we combine our own hope, history, and vision with theirs to take that first step through God's open doorway towards a new experience of love in the world.

Our children and our youth are ready—are you?

Blessings,

*Harriet Claiborne*



Debbie Noonan announces the Peace during her ordination at the Cathedral in Phoenix on July 10.

## Rethinking the GSP Play Areas

By Terry Shreve

The Building and Grounds Committee is interested in your ideas for possible changes to our play areas.

Parents, children, and others are invited to meet with Terry Shreve on Sundays, Aug. 1 and 15, from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. at the large playground. Please come with your thoughts and ideas! Let's see what we can do.

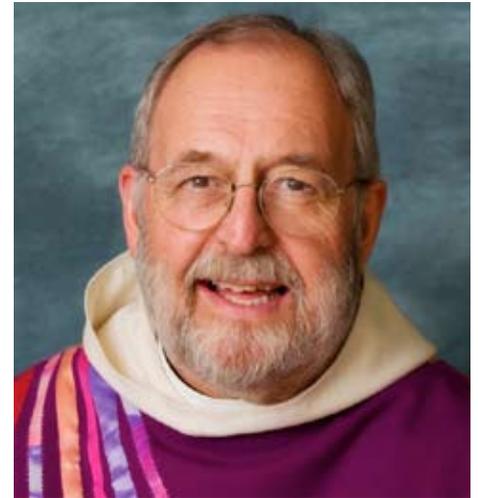
We know that the swing set and basketball hoop need repair. What else might need to happen? Do children want the same swings or a different play structure, a garden space or a grassy area, combining or switching the two play areas?

If you have questions or suggestions right now, contact Terry at [terry.shreve@gmail.com](mailto:terry.shreve@gmail.com).

# The Rev. Canon Gordon K. McBride, Ph.D.

## August 30, 1941 – July 10, 2010

More than 500 people attended the Requiem Eucharist for The Rev. Canon Dr. Gordon McBride on Friday, July 16, at Grace St. Paul's. Bishop Kirk Smith presided at the service, which featured many aspects of McBride's beloved Mass for the Third Millennium. More than fifty clergy processed, including Rabbi Samuel M. Cohon of Temple Emanu-El. Rabbi Cohon served as one of the lectors for the mass, singing in Hebrew a reading from Isaiah, then reading it in English. The reception following the service was elegant, warm and welcoming—a prime example of GSP hospitality to the hundreds of friends who mourned Gordon's death together.



*"Well done, good and faithful servant."*  
—The Rt. Rev. Kirk S. Smith,  
Bishop of Arizona

A DVD containing both Gordon McBride's funeral on July 16 and remembrances during coffee hour on July 18 will be available for purchase in the near future. Cost will be \$10 each (plus \$4 S&H by mail). Please sign up at the Rector's Bookshelf on Sunday mornings, or call the church office at 327-6857 to reserve a copy. You will be notified when the DVD is in.



Photos courtesy of Greta Huls, Canon for Communications, Diocese of Arizona; the Rev. John Kitagawa of St. Philip's in the Hills; Catherine Penn Williams; Melea Atha Loew; and others.

The Rev. Canon Gordon K. McBride, PhD, died Saturday, July 10, in Casper, Wyoming, of complications from pulmonary fibrosis. He was in Wyoming to attend a family wedding when he became ill. He had been a Tucson, Arizona, resident since 1985, serving as rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church 1985-1991 and Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church, a new parish created by the merger of St. Paul's and Grace Episcopal Church, 1991-2008. He was 68.

McBride was born in the tiny mountain farming community of Heber, Utah, the eldest son of Hazel Alvira (Pace) and Frederick Gordon McBride. His parents were descended from Mormon pioneers: the Paces, who emigrated from England,

were farmers and teachers who settled in Heber; the McBrides, from Scotland, worked the mines of Park City. Gordon grew up in the Salt Lake valley, where he attended Westminster College, graduating and marrying his classmate Anne Heck in 1965. While in college, he earned his pilot's license. He played drums professionally in a number of small jazz and pop combos from his mid-teens through his early twenties, when he left Utah to pursue graduate studies.

McBride earned an M.A. in history in 1966 from the University of Oregon. That same year his daughter Bonnie was born. He then took a faculty position at Eastern Oregon State, where he taught for three years. In 1969 entered the Ph.D. program

in history at the University of Cincinnati, where he specialized in Tudor-Stuart England. His daughter Jennifer was born there in 1971. The family spent the 1972-1973 academic year in London, where McBride carried out dissertation research on English-Portuguese relations in the 16th and 17th centuries.

In 1973 McBride joined the History Department at his alma mater, Westminster College. While there, he completed his dissertation on "The Politics of Economic Expansion: English Economic and Diplomatic Relations with Portugal and Incursions into the Portuguese Overseas Empire." While at the College, he arranged and taught summer study programs in the UK. Gordon and Anne



*“... While we rejoice that one we love has entered into the newer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.”—BCP 507*



dissolved their marriage in 1977. His marriage the following year to Deborah Von Krum ended in divorce. It was out of the sorrow and self-reflection that followed that he first seriously considered a life of faith and found a spiritual home in the Cathedral Church of St. Mark.

McBride married Kari Boyd Rountree in 1979 and adopted her two children, Gretchen and Scott Anthony. That same year Gordon, Kari, and two friends formed Albion Travel Associates and led a series of tours to Europe 1979-1985. In 1980, he decided to seek ordination in the Episcopal Church. The following year he took a sabbatical leave from Westminster to attend Seabury-Western Theological Seminary. He was ordained deacon in

1983 and returned to the College, where he was elected chair of the faculty. He carried out his diaconate at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where he was ordained priest in 1984. He was then invited to return to St. Mark's as a clergy affiliate.

In 1985 he was called as rector to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Tucson, AZ. In 1991 he undertook the merger of St. Paul's with Grace Episcopal Church and became rector of the newly formed Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church. During his tenure there, he led the parish to embrace progressive Christianity, to engage contemporary theologies and biblical studies, to address salient local and global issues, and to engage interfaith dialog. He was named honorary canon of the

Diocese of Arizona and served as chair of the diocesan Commission on Ministry. On his retirement in 2008, the parish hall of Grace St. Paul's was named McBride Hall in his honor. Since then he has served as a priest affiliate of St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church. Over the past decade McBride also pursued his love of fiction and writing, publishing three novels: *Flying to Tombstone* (2002; 2nd ed. 2010), *The Ghost of Midsummer Common* (2008), and *The Vicar of Bisbee* (2010).

The funeral was Friday, July 16, at Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Rector's Discretionary Fund at Grace St. Paul's. Please include the notation "McBride memorial" on checks.





## Goodbye to Kim McClain

We are sorry to say goodbye to Kim McClain, who has served so capably as GSP's parish administrator since November. Her last day in the office was July 19.

Kim and her partner Jim are moving to Bend, Ore., where Jim has accepted a position as Director of Wildlife at the High Desert Museum.

Kim has been a calm and capable presence in the office over the last nine months. We will miss her terribly but wish her well in her new life!

In the meantime, David Wachter, Parish Secretary, will cover the gap in office staffing, working Monday to Thursday, during regular office hours, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

A new Parish Administrator will be recruited once Fr. Steve Keplinger has arrived in September.

## Check out GSP on YouTube!

Grace St. Paul's now has a YouTube site for posting our famous slideshows. Check out the most recent show—*A Year in the Life*—at <http://www.youtube.com/user/GSPtucson>.



## Office Welcome Team Seeks Volunteers

The Office Welcome Team (OWel) Covenant Group supports Grace St. Paul's by answering phones and greeting visitors to the church office Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Volunteers take a 3.5-hour shift once a month, twice a month, or once a week as their schedules permit.

We currently need coverage every other Monday from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. We also seek substitutes who can help out when regular members are on vacation this summer.

If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth Campbell at [ecampbell64@cox.net](mailto:ecampbell64@cox.net) or 909-4175.

Thank you!

## An Ongoing Invitation for Guest Columnists

*By Martha P.L. Whitaker*

We invite submissions from the GSP community for one guest columnist per issue. If you are interested in offering an essay or meditation (600 words max), please submit it to Martha Whitaker ([jartham@cox.net](mailto:jartham@cox.net)) by the next due date for the *Briefly*. If we have space, we will include it in the newsletter! If not, we will consider your submission for the subsequent issue.

## A Message from Fr. Steve Keplinger

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sives and conservatives, all worshipping together. I envision a congregation that has learned to disagree with one another while simultaneously loving one another.

I see a congregation immersed in the liturgy of the ancient church, but translating that beauty into the language and culture of post-modernity. I imagine people so moved by that liturgy and by preaching that they are living that message throughout Tucson to bring about the realm of God. I envision a liturgy that not only connects us to God and to each other, but to all of God's creation. I see a church that is so healthy and so exciting that people from all over the county travel long distances so that they can worship here. I see a church growing by leaps and bounds both emotionally and physically. I envision children all over the place, in the center of worship, and college students engaged in the same mission of the church. I imagine a hospitality so radical that everyone from all walks of life not only feel welcomed but loved. I see a place of healing, of contemplation, a place of reflection, of social justice and beauty. I also envision a community that lives in total abundance, where there is always

more than enough for everyone. Finally, I see a place of laughter and fun, a home for all that not only brings about the realm of God, but does it with passion and joy.

That may sound ridiculously pie in the sky. It may even sound naive. But I believe with everything I have that if we work together, it will happen. I know this, because I have seen it happen before; not just in my dream, but in the "real" world.

This, however, is not about my dream. It is about what we dream together. Share your dream with us and let us build our collective dream. We are so excited to have the opportunity to share our dream with yours. Let's construct that dream and then, beloved, we are going to make it happen.

Shalom. See you soon,

**Steve+**

*“Your calm presence, joyous laughter, and that light-catching twinkle in your eye... Even your love and passionate conversation of animals and art has been inspiration...”*

An excerpt from Rhonda Whatley's Farewell-to-Deborah speech



*Farewell to Deborah Heathcock*



# Adult Spiritual Formation

Listed here are the various opportunities to refresh yourself at the adult spiritual formation and education wellspring. We hope you'll experience spiritual growth from our offerings. Be sure to reference the dates as listed here, and on the last page of the *Briefly*, and feel free to call the Grace St. Paul's office (327-6857) to confirm the class schedule.

## Education for Ministry

**Starting Sept. 8, Wednesday morning or evening classes**

Laypersons face the difficult and often subtle task of interpreting the richness of the church's faith in a complex and confusing world. Many of us find the need for a theological education that supports our faith and teaches us to express that faith in day-to-day events. Classes begin meeting in the fall, with sign-up in August.

For more information about the current and future GSP EfM groups, contact the church office at 327-6857 and watch the Sunday Bulletin for further information.

## The Evolution of God

**Sundays, Aug. 1 & 8**

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

Based on Robert Wright's book of the same title, in Part 1 of this class, we will discuss how the evolution of traditional ideas about God can show that the religious quest is varied and how a modern, scientific worldview leaves room for something that can meaningfully be called divine. In Part 2, the class will consider Wright's answers to the questions, "Can religions in the modern world reconcile themselves to one another, and can they reconcile themselves to science?" Neither the purchase nor reading of the book prior to the class is required. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the Rector's Bookshelf.

Presented by Peggy Scott, an avid reader and former Education for Ministry mentor.

## First Friday Film Series:

### Art & Spirituality

**Friday, Aug. 6**

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

"Leonard Cohen Live at the Isle of Wight 1970" (2009) At 2 a.m. on Aug. 31, 1970, 35-year-old Leonard Cohen went onstage at the third annual Isle of Wight music festival. The audience of 600,000 was in a frenzied mood, trampling fences and setting fire to structures. As Cohen followed the incendiary Jimi Hendrix, onlookers watched in awe as the then relatively unknown Canadian folksinger quietly tamed the angry crowd.

Coordinated by Catherine Penn Williams, who loves art and often finds the presence of the Divine in many forms of artistic expression.

## First Century Music

**Sunday, Aug. 15**

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

Listen and develop a sense of spirituality as presented through First Century Christian music. Our esteemed Music Director will share her insights into this music, and may perhaps lead us in a few favorites that have been passed down through the centuries.

Facilitated by Christina Jarvis, music director at Grace St. Paul's.

## Catherine & Terry's Summer Film Series: Life, Death and What Comes After

**Friday, Aug. 20**

**6:30 p.m., Bloom Education Center**

*Wings of Desire* (1987; German). An angel falls in love with a circus performer, and decides that he wants to be human. Bruno Ganz and Peter Falk star in this deeply moving drama dealing with desire and mortality.

Facilitated by Catherine Penn & Terry Shreve.

## Richard Rohr and The Non-Dual Mind

**Sundays, Aug. 22 & 29**

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

Do you wonder why our public discourse has become so polarized? Why are people so welded into their worldview and not able to see other perspectives? Richard Rohr explores the concept of the dualistic and non-dualistic mind in his book *The Naked Now*. This class will explore Rohr's ideas, consider how we have gotten to this impasse, and how we can utilize these concepts for our own spiritual growth.

Facilitated by Lynne Albright.

## Setting Our Hearts

**Mondays, Sept. 13-Nov. 1**

**7-9 p.m., location TBD**

**Two 3-day, at-home retreats: Oct. 1-3 and Nov. 5-7 (Friday evening through Sunday a.m.)**

Setting Our Hearts is an eight-week experiential small group designed to give participants an opportunity to wrestle with what it means to live one's faith in a complex world that doesn't offer easy answers to life's questions.

There are eight weekly meetings, plus two at-home retreat weekends. Attendance at all group meetings and retreats is strongly encouraged. There is no outside reading or homework involved!

A Grace St. Paul's tradition since 1999, the course is appropriate for newcomers and old-timers, seekers as well as cradle Episcopalians—anyone desiring a small group experience. There is a one-time fee of \$75 to cover meals at the retreats (partial scholarships are available; for more information please contact Catherine Penn Williams).

Facilitated by Catherine Penn Williams and Chris LaBour, both grateful and enthusiastic graduates of SOH.

# Social Justice & Outreach

## News from Bridging Borders Ministry

By Deacon Nancy  
Meister Book

We have been busy this summer. The film series has been successful with twenty-plus people attending. The last film, *800 Mile Wall*, dealt directly with the border policy of building more fence along the Arizona border. Migrants have been funneled into more and more dangerous remote desert areas. The movie made clear that no one makes this trip unless they absolutely must, in order to feed their families. It also dealt with the process of deportation. Our state has been a battleground between the state and federal government, between those calling for comprehensive immigration reform and those calling for more border security first. It is likely that the Justice Department's suit against SB 1070 will, at the very least, likely delay its implementation.

On July 6, five members of our border group attended a meeting in Casa Grande sponsored by Arizona Interfaith Network, where Bishop Minerva Carcano (from the Arizona Desert Southwest Conference of The United Methodist Church) and Bishop Gerald Kicanas (from the Tucson Roman Catholic Diocese) spoke eloquently against SB1070, but also listened to the voices of those supporting it. Bishop Carcano talked about the mental health effects on undocumented children, who fear having their parents taken away. Bishop Kicanas said that people are frightened as they struggle to stay safe in the shadows, and that we must be their advocates. They also reported on faith leaders meeting in Washington with President Obama, who wants comprehensive immigration reform, but says that he needs us to broaden the base and voice for reform. Chief Jack Harris of the Phoenix Po-

lice Department spoke out against SB 1070, and the challenge of training his department on how to avoid racial profiling. The meeting concluded with a prayer litany for children.

In the *Arizona Episcopalian*, Bishop Smith stated that when we are talking about undocumented immigrants, we are also talking about Episcopalians. He estimates that about 1,000 of our co-religionists don't have proper papers and "these are our brothers and sisters in Christ."

On July 2, the Diocesan Migrants Project group, led by the Rev. Seth Polley (Border Missioner of the Episcopal Diocese), began planning for the House of Bishops meeting scheduled for Sept. 15-21. A learning opportunity/field trip will take place Sept. 13-15 in Douglas and Naco. Borderlinks is assisting in the field trips to sites in Mexico. It is hoped that bishops from other states will participate.

With assistance from the Borderlinks program organizer, Margi Ault-Duell, the GSP Bridging Borders Ministry group planned fall educational programs for the parish. Plans include a program to discuss cartoon images of immigration throughout history, while recognizing our own stereotypes. This will be followed by a field trip to Hogar de Esperanza y Paz (formerly Casa Misericordia) on Oct. 12, and in November we will hold a program on the complexities and multiple hurdles of the U.S. citizenship application process. At GSP's *Immigration and Migration Sunday* in February 2011, we will focus on the root causes of immigration from Mexico.

Finally, a "thank you" to the parish for contributing ninety migrant packs to *No More Deaths*. Adelante!



## Join Our New Animals & Spirituality Ministry

By the Rev. Nadine Martin

It's official: the vestry has approved the Animals & Spirituality ministry, so now our work begins. At our last adult class on May 16, many of you expressed interest in volunteering for this ministry. We'll be starting small and building the ministry as resources permit. The primary areas we'll initially focus on include the following: collecting canned pet food for Joseph's pantry, providing foster care for parishioners who are ill or traveling, providing grief support,

having educational programs for both adults and children, and having information tables at community events. To begin, GSP will have an exhibit at the upcoming Diocesan convention in Phoenix in October.

This ministry is an outstanding opportunity for us to provide service not only to our congregation, but also to reach out to the community. Since GSP is the only church in the Diocese of Arizona to be a member of the Episcopal Network for Animal Welfare (ENAW), we're in a prime position to be an example to other churches.

We at GSP have a wonderful opportunity to not only respond to the concept of animals and spirituality and meeting the needs of our animal companions, but also to explore the reasons animals are so vital to our lives. Do they merely enhance our daily lives? Or are they spiritual guides to guide us into the Creator's presence? Do they enable us to give and receive love more fully? During the fall, we'll be offering opportunities to discuss this ministry further and to formulate plans. So stay tuned and check the Adult Spiritual Education class listings for the fall session.

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**What's happening in August**

**1st** 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist  
 9 a.m., Child Care  
 9 a.m., *The Evolution of God*  
 10 a.m., One-Room Sunday School  
 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist  
 11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour

**2nd** 7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic

**4th** 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist  
 6 p.m., Global Chant

**5th** 3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic  
 6 p.m., M3M

**6th** 6:30 p.m., *First Friday Film Series: Art and Spirituality*

**7th** 8:30 a.m., Coffee at Epic Café

**8th** 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist  
 9 a.m., Child Care  
 9 a.m., *The Evolution of God*  
 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist  
 11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour

**9th** 7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic

**11th** 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist  
 6 p.m., Global Chant

**12th** 3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic  
 6 p.m., M3M

**14th** 8:30 a.m., Coffee at Epic Café

**15th** 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist  
 9 a.m., Child Care  
 9 a.m., *First Century Music*  
 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist  
 11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour  
 3 p.m., **St. Andrew's Bach Society concert**

**16th** 7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic

**18th** 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist  
 6 p.m., Global Chant

**19th** 3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic  
 6 p.m., M3M & 3rd Thursday potluck

**20th** 6:30 p.m., *Catherine & Terry's Summer Film Series: Life, Death and What Comes After*

**21st** 8:30 a.m., Coffee at Epic Café  
 9 a.m., Anamcara Circle

**22nd** **Food Ministries Sunday**  
 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist  
 9 a.m., Child Care  
 9 a.m., *Richard Rohr and the Non-Dual Mind*  
 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist  
 11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour

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

**25th** 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist  
 6 p.m., Global Chant

**26th** 3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic  
 6 p.m., M3M

**28th** 8:30 a.m., Coffee at Epic Café

**29th** 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist  
 9 a.m., Child Care  
 9 a.m., *Richard Rohr and the Non-Dual Mind*  
 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist  
 11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour

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

**Looking forward to September**

**1st** 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist  
 6 p.m., Global Chant

**2nd** 3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic  
 6 p.m., M3M

**4th** 8:30 a.m., Coffee at Epic Café

**5th** 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist  
 9 a.m., Child Care  
 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist  
 11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour

**6th** **Labor Day: Office & Joseph's Pantry Closed**  
 7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic

**8th** 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist  
 6 p.m., Global Chant

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 6 p.m., M3M

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 9 a.m., Anamcara Circle

**12th** 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist  
 9 a.m., Child Care  
 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist  
 10 a.m., **First week of Sunday School**  
 11:15 a.m., **Coffee Hour Banquet to Welcome Fr. Steve & Jean**

**13th** 7 p.m., *Setting Our Hearts*  
 7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic

**15th** 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist  
 6 p.m., Global Chant

**16th** 3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic  
 6 p.m., M3M & 3rd Thursday potluck

**17th** 6:30 p.m., **Southwestern Fiesta for Fr. Steve & Jean**

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