

The Briefly

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Rector's Letter

When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am Yahweh your God." — Leviticus 19:33-34

"A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame is the imprisoned lightning, and her name Mother of Exiles... Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door." — Emma Lazarus

They are coming in waves. Thousands of children continue to make a nearly unfathomable journey from their homes in Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras. They are attempting to enter the United States a few miles to the south of us. They are willing to face death in the desert because they are fleeing unimaginable gang violence that continues to rise in their home towns as drug-related battles rage. The situation is now so desperate that that their numbers have reached 52,000 since October of last year.

The political upheaval in Central America has created fertile ground for drug traffickers. Some have referred to the intense violence as an undeclared war. The murder rate in Honduras is now the highest in the world. School children are being kidnapped and forced to join gangs and do the dirty work of the traffickers. If they don't, they are raped, brutally murdered, and/or had their families attacked.

Our response as a nation to this so far has been to deport these children back to the very place where they fled from such horror. We are spending millions of dollars to do so. Those who arrive back are even more susceptible to deadly violence than they were previously.

How, in God's name, are we allowing this to happen? How

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Sundae Sunday, July 6, was enjoyed by all!

Submissions to *The Briefly*

Please submit articles to Joyce Henderson, BrieflyEditor@grace-stpauls.org. John Banks receives photos, charts, and graphics at jdbanks@gmail.com.

The deadline for the September 2014 issue will be Tuesday, Aug. 12.

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Discussion of
the Month*
By The Rev.
Steve Keplinger

Rector's Letter

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could any human being purposely place a child into double jeopardy, effectively signing their death sentence? This is not an immigration issue. This is about thousands of children's lives.

These children are refugees. Giving them at least temporary asylum in the United States is not a political football. It is our only ethical and moral choice.

Enough already. As Americans, all of us, except our indigenous parishioners, come from families who were once aliens in this land. As

a nation of immigrants, how is it that we can consider shutting the door now that we are safely on the inside? And even if we were to shut that door, how can we not protect children who are only trying to stay alive.

As Christians, all of us were once aliens, and our sacred text makes it very clear how we must treat aliens, not to mention refugees.

Can we please just stop the nonsense and take care of the world's children, who have come to us at great risk in their greatest time of need?

Steve+

The Offertory Sentence

The greatest transition in our order of worship is the movement from Word to Table. The first half of the service is when we listen to God speaking to us and then we respond to it. In the second half, we move to preparation for and then taking part in the meal, the Liturgy of the Table. First we talk and then we eat. In addition to the mystical nature of what we do in the body of worship, we are also reenacting the most basic of human activities, social gathering.

The hinge in the service, when we move from one to the other is the Offertory Sentence. This occurs after the Peace, and literally moves us from the living room to the dining room. A sentence from Scripture is used to describe how we offer ourselves in this movement. In most Episcopal churches, the sentence that is most often used is Ephesians 5:2. "Walk in love..." Here at Grace St. Paul's, our habit has been to use that sentence except during the Season of Creation. During that time, we switch to Revelation 4:11. "O God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

However, the Prayer Book actually offers eight different biblical verses as potential offertory sentences. They are on page 376. In

addition, this rubric is offered regarding the use of such verses: "*One of the following, or some other appropriate sentence of scripture, may be used.*" (My emphasis.)

As we began the season after Pentecost this year, I had a sudden Epiphany. We work very hard on each Sunday's liturgy, choosing prayers for each liturgical season that match the theme. But we also match the content of the lectionary readings every week with prayers and music to link everything together. To accomplish this, we use multiple sources for prayers like the Collects of the Day and the Collects following Prayers of the People. I am sure you have noticed that these readings virtually always relate to the Gospel or one of the other readings. We look for music sources to accomplish the same thing every week.

But it suddenly occurred to me this year that we had another opportunity in the liturgy to create more cohesiveness that we had not yet utilized. The Offertory sentence. You may have noticed that we have now started changing the Offertory sentence each week. It is another opportunity to create more beauty, creativity, and relationship among all of the parts of each week's service.

Let us know what you think of this change and how we are doing in creating liturgies of connection and beauty.



A Cool Congregation Food Forest

By Angel Wang

A new food forest has sprouted at Grace St Paul's! This food forest is a permaculture garden project with the intent of regenerating fertile soil and mitigating the effects of climate change, while providing a community learning and food resource project for the GSP community and ministries. Growing food locally for various ministry purposes, regenerating the soil and climate, creating a community based project, are all significant aspects of this new ministry.

Our vision is to create a sustainable, self-renewing, Earth-healing garden that enhances our knowledge, community and resources as a source of nutrition for both people and the planet. We have created demonstration plots for mixed perennial/annual crops that are suited to our semi-arid climate, are drought tolerant, resistant to occasional frost, help restore the soil, are edible in nearly all their parts, and are nutritionally dense.

The initial plantings are located in the children's play and patio area. They are the Moringa Oleifera tree, and two annual legumes: cowpeas (also called black-eyed peas) and native southwest tepary beans. All three are adapted to semi-arid climates, are heat and drought tolerant and highly nutritious. The Moringa and legume groups were planted near existing trees and shrubs and are protected from wildlife with fencing and bird netting. The soil of each plot has been blended with

compost and/or sand and mulched with wood chips.

Moringa Oleifera, sometimes called a miracle tree of life for its nutrient content, ability to purify drinking water, and restorative effect on soils, is originally from India and Pakistan. The leaves, blossoms, pods and seeds are all edible, the leaves taste like mild spinach, while the pods taste like young asparagus. Moringas

can be harvested continuously through the growing season and have been used to counter malnutrition in children and nursing mothers as well used as in native cuisines.

With time, we will introduce new vertically stacked plants, trees, ground covers and vines while enhancing the vitamin and mineral content of the crop harvests. No-till practices will increase the organic material and water absorption of the soil, and importantly, preserve and enhance sequestration of atmospheric carbon within the soil.

The new permaculture food forest Green Church ministry is an avenue to build community, the planet, and the future through sustainable urban agriculture. We seek to grow this garden into a community project where we are a learning center for all; an avenue for the GSP youth ministry for 21st Century sustainability, a resource for Joseph's Pantry; and an innovative leader amongst other churches. We wish to do God's work on a patch of GSP's campus, and lead through action a new way of living into a future that heals the Earth and heals us by the work of our heads, hearts and hands.

All are welcome! To learn more or to join, please contact Angel Wang (angeltwang@gmail.com) or Kristen Bury (kbury10k@gmail.com).

Notes from the Choir Stalls

By Christina Jarvis,
Director of Music



I have just returned from a week-long choral conducting workshop led by Professor Rod Eichenberger in Alexandria, Va. Despite having broken a bone in my foot, which enforced some limitations, the only activity I couldn't participate in was one involving stepping in rhythm around the room. The podiatrist lumbered me with what I affectionately call The Cement Overshoe (a.k.a. the Thigh Master) and the Kneelie-Wheelie, which were supposed to be an improvement on an ankle brace and crutches, but in the end, brace and crutches gave me the most flexibility, so Wheelie and Overshoe stayed in the hotel room.

We read new music—a diverse selection of styles for a wide range of ensembles—the packet I shipped home contained close to 200 pieces. We explored ways to improve intonation, timbre, rhythmic accuracy and dynamic range through movement. Other topics included effective pacing and affirmative instruction to improve focus and retention in the choral rehearsal. Fifteen of us signed up for the master class and conducted works on the final concert. Prof. Eichenberger specializes in a sort of minimalist approach to conducting; he modeled a style that strips away excess movement to its essence. It was fascinating to see the power in such simplicity. He was unfailingly kind and positive in his feedback, and his generosity of spirit was a lesson in itself. It was exactly the recharge I hoped for.

In the meantime, summer abides. Soloists for August include James Neeley, a representation from the Kingfisher Quartet, Michael Manning, Ann Stephens & Bruce Anderson, and Lindsey McHugh. You may notice a change in some hymns from time to time—I am using a website called The Text This Week (textweek.com) to find new texts to go with favorite old hymn tunes.

The first week in September brings the new choir season, which starts just after Labor Day. IMHO, singing is worshipping God in the purest form there is. If you feel called to serve your parish in this important liturgical

function, we would rejoice to have you. The Adult Choir begins rehearsing on Thursday, Sept. 4; our first Sunday back in the choir stalls (well, okay, the choir chairs) is Sept. 7.

The Adult Choir meets Thursdays from 7:30-9 p.m. in the chancel (7-9 p.m. during Advent and Lent) and Sundays at 9:15 a.m. to rehearse for the 10 a.m. service. We add extra rehearsals the Saturdays before Christmas and Easter and move regular choir practice to Wednesday nights before Thanksgiving and Maundy Thursday in Holy Week.

The choir season runs from the first Sunday after Labor Day to the end-ish of May or Pentecost, whichever comes last. In addition to Sunday mornings, we sing for services during Holy Week, as well as Christmas Eve. Some members of the choir provide support for hymns for memorial services as an additional form of service to their parish, but this is at their discretion. I choose good quality music in a wide range of styles, from chant to gospel, with emphasis on pieces that work well for a choir our size (25-35 people, depending upon the time of year). Our outstanding organist is Dr. Pamela Decker, Professor of Organ/Music Theory at the University of Arizona.

In addition to the Adult Choir, Grace St. Paul's has the St. Cecilia's Children's Choir, for children from third through sixth grade, and the St. Zeno's Zombie Choir, for youth from middle school to college. We are delighted to announce that Wesley Hunter is joining the music team to help direct the St. Cecilia's Choir and assist with the Zombies. Jane Click will continue to be official accompanist for those ensembles. Wes, a cradle Grace St. Paulian, is the son of long-time (notice I didn't say old) parishioners Spencer and Lynn Hunter. He recently graduated from Northern Arizona University with degrees in music education and viola performance and will be teaching this year in the Sunnyside School District.

The St. Cecilia's Choir will rehearse Sunday mornings from 11:45 to 12:30—parents, please note that this is a time change—followed by Zombie rehearsal from 12:30 to 1:15. The extra 15 minutes after Sunday School will give the

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Apiew Garang, Jane Click, and Rick Hanson make a joyful noise unto God as the massed choirs sing "O Sifuni Mungu" on May 18.
Photo by Bruce Anderson

New GSP Photo Directory Coming Soon

By Martha Whitaker,
Communications
Ministry Chair



GSP is getting ready for a new parish photo directory. Photographs will be taken by **Life Touch Photography** on five different days in October, and everyone in the parish will be invited to schedule an appointment during the month of September. Every Sunday, from Aug. 31 through Sept. 21, there will be a sign-up table in McBride Hall, and you will have an opportunity to schedule an appointment to have your individual or family portrait taken by a professional photographer. We will also have an online sign-up system linked to the GSP website, and it will be available 24 hours per day through Sept. 21, except during the on-site sign up times on Sundays.

The dates on which portraits will be taken are:

- Friday, 10/3
- Saturday, 10/4
- Tuesday, 10/28
- Wednesday, 10/29
- Thursday, 10/30

When you have your portrait taken, you are encouraged to bring in any props or pets if you so choose. We have been told that at another church, one family brought in their grandfather

clock because it belonged to their grandparents, and having it in the portrait was symbolic of having them there. Another man posed with his golf clubs. Many people, of course, want to include their animal companions in their family portrait. Think about if you'd like to include anything specific in your portrait, or arrive to have the portrait of just you and/or your family.

Just for signing up and having your portrait taken, you will receive a complimentary 8"x10" portrait, and of course you will receive a GSP directory when they are completed. You are under no obligation whatsoever to purchase anything, and we have been reassured that there will be no pressure for you to make any portrait package purchase. If however, you want to take advantage of the opportunity to purchase a portrait package, you will receive a \$5 coupon if you bring in a food donation for Joseph's Pantry.

If you prefer to submit your own picture to be included in the GSP photo directory, you may do so for a fee of \$10.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

Not on Facebook & don't want to be? That's OK, we've got you covered!

By Martha Whitaker,
Communications
Ministry Chair

There's no denying that the world—including GSP—is becoming more connected via the Internet and various social networking sites like Facebook. GSP has had its own Facebook page since 2009, and also sends out a weekly email "e-Blast" to anyone who wants to receive it. GSP even has a YouTube account where we post videos.

We are proud of our success in engaging parishioners in these communication venues, and we have reached a broader, younger demographic, which is helping our church grow in important ways.

Still, there are many people, including a number of GSP parishioners, who have no interest in computers or email, let alone Facebook. What does that mean if this describes you? Are you being left behind and left out all sorts of exciting GSP news?

Rest assured you are as informed about GSP activities, issues, and events as you always have been! GSP's Communications Ministry

is committed to continue to provide you with weekly Sunday Bulletins, as well as the usually-monthly *Briefly* newsletter (Christmas, Easter and summer months tend to be bimonthly issues). The Communications Committee makes sure that a selection of the best photos from Facebook are reprinted in the *Briefly*, and all of the events and spiritual formation classes advertised online and in the e-Blast are also included in the Sunday Bulletin and *Briefly* newsletter. In fact, there is significant overlap in all of our media venues, just to make certain that everyone receives GSP news in one form or another (or many)!

Moreover, you are part of our GSP diversity, and you are in good company: even our own rector is not on Facebook! The important thing to remember is that whether or not you own a computer, you are an important and beloved member of our GSP community, and the Communications Ministry is committed to making sure you remain connected to GSP news and issues.

2014 Youth Pilgrimage

A Journey of Spirit, Community, and Culture
By Eric Carr

For the first half of June, GSP sent members of the J2A youth group as pilgrims to France and England on a life-changing journey to many sacred sites. Alice Garcia, Brian Fairbanks, and I were the youth leaders for the trip, and Rosalind Garcia plus many volunteers worked tirelessly for over three years to make this happen.

The first and main portion of the trip involved living in community at the famed Taizé Community in the burgundy region of rural France. This alone would have made the trip worth all of the work and expense involved. All of us learned hugely important lessons about living in community, honoring commitments, dedication to worship, and

much, much more. While there we prayed for those who asked us to be pilgrims on their behalf, worshiped three times a day, made friends with people from all over the world, practiced new languages, and worked in service to the community. We also learned history in nearby Cluny, an incredibly beautiful historic town, and virtually all of us had some kind of deep spiritual experience at Taizé.

While there we enjoyed a private meeting with Brother Emmanuel, one of the Monks at Taizé who had come to Tucson just a couple months before, and we also got to experience Pentecost surrounded by languages from all over the world. Words can't really begin to describe what a powerful experience Taizé was for all of us.

After Taizé we took off for two days in the historic city of Lyon, where we explored, had the youth put together morning and



We had a private candle-lit tour of Canterbury Cathedral, as well as VIP seating for their gorgeous Evensong service, which was recorded for the BBC while we were there!

We attended the choral Eucharist service at St Paul's Cathedral on Trinity Sunday.



We prayed at the Basilica of Notre-Dame de Fourvière in Lyon.

evening prayer, led a two-hour silent walking meditation, and prayed at Notre Dame de Fourvier, an enormous cathedral dedicated to the Virgin Mary in all the forms in which she is venerated throughout the world.

Departing France, the next leg of our journey took us to Canterbury, where we stayed several days exploring the heart of our Anglican roots. We were treated to a private candle-lit tour of Canterbury cathedral with Canon Clare, followed by a day of multiple worship services and tours. At one service, we joined noon prayers at St. Martin's, the oldest church in all of the English-speaking world, built in the sixth century by Queen Bertha. It was overwhelming to pray right there where it all started, touching walls that have witnessed fifteen hundred years of continuous prayer! Later that night we had private seats in the "Quire" (choir) of Canterbury Cathedral for

their stunningly beautiful evensong.

After Canterbury we enjoyed a few days in London where we went on numerous tours, explored the city, shopped, ate, and, of course, worshipped, enjoying services at Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral.

Alice, Brian, and I have had a chance to talk with most of the youth since returning from the trip and all of them have said they had major experiences on the trip, and we have certainly bonded too. It was incredibly hard work for everyone involved, from the planning to the execution, but it was profoundly meaningful, rich with powerful experiences and lessons we will never forget. I think it also helped many of us really set our Anglican roots. I'm already getting excited for the next group that gets to go, and I am so grateful to belong to a community that so passionately supports our youth programs.

We had the opportunity to join Brother Emmanuel of Taizé, one of the monks we had previously met in Tucson, for a special private meeting in the Taizé offices.



We did several walking tours of England, visiting lots of historic and religious sites.

We worshipped at Westminster Abbey's glorious Evensong service.

Community of Hope Sends Rep to Convention

By Lynne Albright

The Community of Hope (COH), an international program with chapters of lay pastoral care givers, was established at Grace St. Paul's when our Interim Rector, the Rev. Harold Clinehens recommended it as a replacement for the BeFriends Program. COH's Benedictine spirituality and strong training component made it a good match for lay pastoral care givers at GSP. COH has been a part of our parish for five years, and parishioners from St. Michael and All Angels, Church of the Apostles and recently Christ the King have joined our chapter. This spring, eight people from St. Michael's and one from GSP completed the training program which emphasizes personal spirituality, theology and practical skills. Michael Leeming of St. Michael's, a COH member since its Tucson inception, represented the Tucson COH community at the annual COH convention in Texas. An excerpt from Michael's report on the meeting follows:

The first workshop I attended was on Serving Community with Wise Compassion. Part of the workshop focused on social stigma. An opening question was, "What makes it hard for me to embrace the person who is chronically ill, the person who is struggling with mental health issues, struggling with cognitive limitations, struggling with physical or sensory impairment?" And another question: "Stigma: Is it demonstrated in my church community?" A related topic was activated by the following question: "What communication/relationship-building challenges do you as a lay chaplain/pastoral caregiver experience when visiting with someone who is a recovering addict, recovering

from a suicide attempt, recovering from a mental health crisis, or coping with a chronic illness or physical disability?" Also there was discussion on the question, "What would make someone stop or be reluctant to reach out and seek pastoral care?" Many discussions followed these types of questions. I agree that in the very face of such social stigmas we need to hold on to our baptismal covenants to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves, and respecting the dignity of every human being.

The second workshop that I attended was entitled, "Seeking Light in Loss: Listening to Seniors with the Ear of Your Heart." This presentation/workshop focused on many aspects of loss, "the failure to keep, have or get...to suffer deprivation." The workshop continued to point out that loss presents a composite of powerful emotions assailing us whenever we lose someone or something we value. Also that it is impossible to separate loss and grief. Also the point was made that "our society has come to see aging itself as a 'loss' rather than a new stage of life."

At the Conference, Michael also was exposed to the idea of training seniors in retirement communities to minister to those around them. This prompted our Tucson chapter to consider providing a modified COH training program for people who cannot commit to monthly meetings but who want to hone listening and other skills to provide less formalized support to others, both within and outside the GSP community. If you are interested in becoming a member or associate member of the Community of Hope, please contact Lynne Albright, labright125@gmail.com.

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kids a chance to get a snack before rehearsal.

There will be an official Sunday School meet-and-greet after the 10 a.m. service on Sept. 7, so that parents may register their children for the various children's and youth activities. There will be food and fun games. If you are interested in having your child(ren) participate in one of these ensembles, please bring them along and sign them up. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me

at clj@delegation.org.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year of new friends and new experiences, building community with our voices and instruments and worshipping the Holy One in songs of loudest praise.

Peace,

Christina



Small Groups at GSP!

By Richard Rhoads

Have you wanted to connect on a more personal level with other parishioners at Grace St. Paul's? Have you been looking for a way to deepen your spiritual life, and connect with others who are also on this journey? Have you wanted a place to talk about the Sunday sermon, the readings, or the liturgy? Or maybe you are looking for a place to talk about how the events of your week fit (or don't fit!) into the service Sunday morning? If any of these questions applies to you, you may be interested in joining a small group.

Eric Carr and I are leading a new Small Group Ministry to promote the development of small groups throughout the church. Small groups have already been meeting in various forms and formats in the church over time, but without any central organization or structure. The Small Group Ministry's goal will be to provide a central vision and mission for small groups, identify and develop small group leaders, provide materials and support to small groups, and ensure that small groups are regularly forming so that anyone interested has an opportunity to join. The Small Group Ministry will also look for ways to draw from the experiences within small groups to enrich our community as a whole.

Grace St. Paul's has been growing, and so more than ever we need opportunities to develop relationships with one another beyond Sunday mornings. Newcomers especially may feel a bit lost in the growing crowd at

coffee hour. While there are certainly many opportunities for deeper involvement already—Adult Education, existing ministries, Film and Fellowship, Spirit Now, meditation group, etc.—small groups offer a unique setting to get to know others on a personal level while focusing on spiritual growth.

Small groups are groups of about 8-12 people, led by 1-2 leaders, which typically meet in individuals' homes every 1-2 weeks. They can be time-limited or ongoing, based on the design of the group and the needs of the members. Typically, small groups follow a defined program and format, like reading a book together, or going through the lectionary, with discussion, sharing, and prayer. Many groups add singing or other worship experiences as well. Some groups may wish to have "extramural" events such as dinners or outings. The leader of the group organizes and runs the meetings, especially at first, but over time groups develop their own natural rhythms and patterns.

As of this writing, the Small Group Ministry has not yet had its first meeting, and so much of the vision setting has yet to take place. However, if you are interested in joining a small group, or being a small group leader, please contact me at richard.s.rhoads@gmail.com for more details. We are excited to develop our congregation in this way by drawing people together in our common journey within the context of our larger church community.

Summer Newcomer's Dinner

By Eric Carr

Attention All Newcomers (and newcomers at heart): The Summer Newcomer's Dinner has been scheduled for Friday, Aug. 22, at 6:30 p.m. All newcomers, and anyone who has not been to a newcomer's dinner, are welcome, even if you've been a member at GSP for a long time.

Our last gathering was a rousingly good time with great food, lots of opportunities to make new friends, and ultimately became a deeply meaningful event for people who joined us. We will follow the same format, so the dinner

will again be a vegetarian potluck, and Richard and I will be making lots of food and drinks, too. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us (Eric Carr & Richard Rhoads), and if you'd like to come, RSVP Richard at richard.s.rhoads@gmail.com.

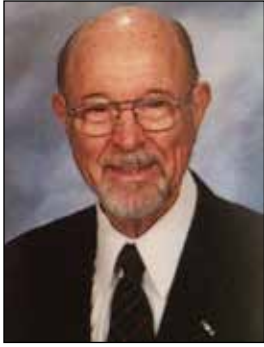
We love our GSP congregation, and we want to make sure everyone feels welcomed and celebrated. If you have special dietary needs or need us to make



our house accessible for specific disabilities, it is our pleasure to do our best to accommodate you. We live in a beautiful converted church in the historic West University neighborhood, and we will do whatever we can to make sure you have an enjoyable and meaningful

evening connecting to your church family and friends. We hope you can make it!

Also, we have been hosting these quarterly, so if you can't make this one, look for our Autumn Newcomer's Dinner in the fall.



Senior Focus:

Dick Steele

By Ann Schlumberger

Dick Steele says he “grew up” in All Saints Anglican Church in Trinidad where his father was a warden. One of eight children, Dick often accompanied his father (also named Richard) to Evensong.

Years later on return visits to his home parish, he was proud to see his father’s name on a plaque near the lectern in the church.

In 1946 as a teenager, Dick was sent to Boston to Tufts College. It was there, in 1948, that he met his wife-to-be, Joan. They married in her hometown, Newburgh, N.Y., one month after he received his dental degree from Tufts Dental School.

In 1954, Dick received his orders for active duty as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army Dental Corps at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. His first posting was to England, his “Mother Country.” His commanding officer was aware of Dick’s interest in becoming an American citizen and got all the necessary papers in order. Thus it was that on April 19, 1955, that Richard Steele became a U.S. citizen while in Great Britain.

Dick retired after 25 years of active duty as a regular Army colonel. He then accepted a full-time teaching position at Baylor College of

Dentistry, from which he retired 17 years later. He had earned his Master’s Degree in Dentistry in 1964 after completing a residency at Brooke Army Medical Center.

Following in his father’s footsteps, Dick, while stationed in Okinawa, served as Senior Warden at the Anglican church there, where his son Rick was confirmed by a Japanese bishop who had trained as a kamikaze pilot. Fortunately Japan surrendered before the future bishop went on his mission! Later in Texas, Dick again served as senior warden for his parish—Holy Trinity by the Lake in Rockwall, a suburb of Dallas.

Dick and Joan moved to Tucson in 2000 to be near Joan’s parents. At Grace St. Paul’s, Dick has sung in the choir, was a member of the French class, and at 85 still helps prepare meals for Primavera. He experienced the losses of his wife of 53 years in 2006, of his son Rick in 2011, and of his grandson Zack in 2013. Despite these sad events and suffering from Parkinson’s Disease, Dick still radiates kindness and plans to “keep on doing things to help out.” He celebrates the fact that “there are good people all over the world.” He certainly is one of them.



Social Media and...

Evangelism

by Catherine Penn Williams, Communications Committee

Have you ever considered using social media to express your faith? How can we share our enthusiasm for our church community with the wider world? Well, one way to do that is to post a review of Grace St Paul’s on a social media website!

Yelp is a social media application that functions as an online “urban guide” and business review site. A significant online presence, Yelp has 132 million monthly visitors and 57 million reviews of restaurants, hotels, schools, and professional services, as well as many other types of businesses. People who are familiar with Yelp will often look at reviews before trying a new business... including a new church!

How can I post a review of Grace St. Paul’s

on Yelp? It’s pretty easy. You just follow these steps:

Go to www.yelp.com.

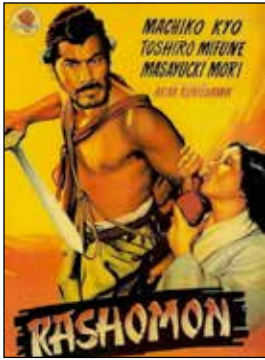
Create an account with your email address and a password.

Yelp will then send you an email to confirm that you want to set up an account.

Once the account is complete, search the Yelp site for “Grace St Paul’s Episcopal Church.”

On the GSP page, you can read others’ reviews and add your own, sharing what GSP means to you and inviting others to check us out.

Evangelism: spreading of the Christian gospel through personal witness. It’s not difficult with social media. Why don’t you give it a try?



Rashomon, Doubled!

Fridays, Aug. 1 & 15, 6:30 p.m., Bloom Education Center
In August, the First Friday Play Reading and the Film & Fellowship ministries undertake a joint venture, presenting the play *and* film versions of the same story, *Rashomon*.

The 1959 play version, which starred Claire Bloom and Rod Steiger in the Broadway production, will be read Friday, Aug. 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the Bloom Room. As usual, scripts will be provided for participants to read, or to follow if the role of audience is preferred.

The 1950 film version, directed by Akira Kurosawa, will be shown Friday, Aug. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Bloom Room, and will be preceded by a potluck at 6:30. As usual, popcorn is available. The film, one of Kurosawa's most influential, is in black & white, and in Japanese with English subtitles. Please attend one or both events!

The hosts are Eric Carr & Kitt Leonard, for the evening of film, and Nanalee Raphael & Franne Jung for the evening of theatre. All are aficionados of both forms of entertainment.



Labyrinth: Ancient Practice for Contemporary Spirituality

Sunday, Aug. 3, 9 a.m., Bloom Education Center

Two decades ago, thanks to the efforts of the Rev Lauren Artress, Canon at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, the labyrinth as a spiritual practice began to reconnect modern people with a path of embodied spirituality. Since then, labyrinths have become widely used as a tool for prayer and contemplation, self-discovery and healing. Join us for this multi-media presentation on the history, symbolism and types of labyrinths and how walking the labyrinth can enhance and nurture one's relationship to the Divine.

Facilitated by Catherine Penn Williams, an Episcopal layperson and experienced retreat and small group leader. She has walked labyrinths in Tucson, the San Francisco Bay area, Ireland, and most recently, Chartres Cathedral in France.



Reflections on the Gospel of Thomas

Sunday, Aug. 10, 9 a.m., Bloom Education Center

The Gospel of Thomas is a "sayings" gospel. A copy of the gospel was re-discovered in 1945 as part of a larger collection of ancient religious texts known as the Nag Hammadi Library.

The first part of the class will briefly touch on the theology and interpretation of this gospel. The focus of the class will be a meditation/reflection on selected "sayings" within the gospel, enhanced with visual and instrumental accompaniment. In the last part of the class, participants will be invited to share their reflections and insights about what this gospel is saying to them as they walk a spiritual path.

Facilitated by Brian Arthur, member of GSP and EfM mentor.

Exploring Today's Lectionary

Sunday, Aug. 17, 9 a.m., Bloom Education Center

We have had many requests to provide opportunities to discuss the Bible readings of the day more in depth in a small group. Today's class is the second opportunity of this kind. Come join us.

Facilitated by Peggy Scott, Co-Chair of Adult Spiritual Formation.

Kairos Prison Ministry: Changing Hearts, Transforming Lives, Impacting the World

Sunday, Aug. 24, 9 a.m., Bloom Education Center

Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc. (KPMI) is a Christian faith based ministry which addresses the spiritual needs of incarcerated men, women, youth and their families. By sharing the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ, Kairos hopes to change hearts, transform lives and impact the world. Come to see how you can become involved in the local Kairos ministry.

Facilitated by Karen Reynolds. Karen first became involved in the Kairos Prison Ministry in 1988 in Reno, Nevada, after attending a Cursillo weekend. While in Nevada, Karen served on several Kairos Inside weekends in both the men's and women's state prisons. Since moving to Arizona several years ago, Karen has focused on the Kairos Outside ministry, serving women who have a loved one in prison or women who have been in prison themselves and have been released.

Sunday, Aug. 31 — No Class

What We Episcopalians

Think We're Doing in the Holy Eucharist

Sundays, Sept. 7 & 14, 9 a.m., Bloom Education Center

Join us for an informative two-session media presentation on the Eucharist. In the course we will explore:

What do our prayers say about the Holy Eucharist?

What are the major Biblical references?

What does Justin Martyr write about early Christian worship?

What do we teach in an outline of the Christian Faith (the Catechism)?

What did the Reformation Church teach in the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion?

What does the Exhortation say about the Holy Eucharist?

What are the basic parts of a Eucharistic celebration?

What is the outline of the Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer, or Anaphora?

What are the customary movements of a musical Mass?

How does the celebration end?

Facilitated by Chuck Dickson, retired college teacher and long-time GSP member.



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What's Happening in August 2014

WEEKLY SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Sundays

- 8 a.m., [Holy Communion](#)
- 8 a.m., Coffee & Conversation
- 9:45 a.m., Child Care
- 10 a.m., [Holy Communion](#)
- 10 a.m., Sunday School
- 11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour
- 11:30 a.m., Youth Groups

Mondays

- 11:30 a.m., Spiritual Direction
- 7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic

Tuesdays

- 9 a.m., Spiritual Book Discussion
- 4 p.m., Spirit Dojo Karate (Aug.)
- 6 p.m., [Evening Prayer & Communion](#)
- 7 p.m., Interfaith Meditation

Wednesdays

- 7 a.m., [Holy Communion](#)
- 10 a.m., Quilting Ministry

Thursdays

- 10 a.m., Bridge Group
- 3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
- 5:30 p.m., [Spirit Now—An Inclusive Communion](#)

Saturdays

- 9 a.m., Altar Guild

- 1st** 6:30 p.m., Spirit Players Play-Reading
- 3rd** 9 a.m., *Labyrinth: Ancient Practice for Contemporary Spirituality*
- 4th** 7 p.m., [Green Church Committee](#)
- 5th** 6 p.m., [Vestry Meeting](#)
- 6th** 12 noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 8th** 11:30 a.m., GSP Reading Group
- 10th** 9 a.m., *Reflections on the Gospel of Thomas*
11:30 a.m., [Buildings & Grounds Committee](#)
6 p.m., SpiritSong: Worship & Prayer in the style of Taizé
- 11th** 7 p.m., [Joseph's Pantry Meeting](#)
- 15th** 9:30 a.m., Community of Hope Meeting
6:30 p.m., Film & Fellowship
- 17th** 9 a.m., *Exploring Today's Lectionary*
- 20th** 12 noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 24th** 9 a.m., *Kairos Prison Ministry*
1 p.m., Mother's Kitchen (Primavera cooking team)
- 25th** 12:30 p.m., Comms. Team
- 26th** 9 a.m., Primavera Cooks!
6:30 p.m., [Vestry Meeting](#)

What's Coming in September

- 1st** **LABOR DAY: Church Office & Social Services Closed**
7 p.m., [Green Church Committee](#)
- 3rd** 12 noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry
5 p.m., Spirit Dojo Karate
- 5th** 6:30 p.m., Spirit Players Play-Reading
- 6th** 8:30 a.m., EfM Eternal Group
- 7th** 9 a.m., *What Episcopalians Think They're Doing in the Holy Eucharist*
11:45 a.m., [Living Generosity](#)
- 8th** 4 p.m., Spirit Dojo Karate
7 p.m., [Joseph's Pantry Meeting](#)
- 10th** 5 p.m., Spirit Dojo Karate
- 12th** 11:30 a.m., GSP Reading Group
6:30 p.m., **Adult Spiritual Formation Film Series: "How Do We Live Abundantly?"**
- 14th** 9 a.m., *What Episcopalians Think They're Doing in the Holy Eucharist*
11:45 a.m., [Living Generosity](#)
6 p.m., SpiritSong: Worship & Prayer in the style of Taizé
- 15th** 4 p.m., Spirit Dojo Karate
- 17th** 12 p.m., Prayer Shawl Ministry
5 p.m., Spirit Dojo Karate
- 19th** 9:30 a.m., Community of Hope Meeting
6:30 p.m., Film & Fellowship
- 21st** 9 a.m., *Generosity*
- 7 p.m., [Living Generosity](#)
- 22nd** 4 p.m., Spirit Dojo Karate
- 23rd** 9 a.m., Primavera Cooks!
6:30 p.m., [Vestry Meeting](#)
- 24th** 5 p.m., Spirit Dojo Karate
- 28th** 9 a.m., *Exploring Today's Lectionary*
11:45 a.m., [Living Generosity](#)
1 p.m., Mother's Kitchen (Primavera cooking team)
- 29th** 12:30 p.m., Comms. Team
4 p.m., Spirit Dojo Karate

What's Coming in October

- 1st** 12 p.m., Prayer Shawl Ministry
5 p.m., Spirit Dojo Karate
- 3rd** 12 p.m., [Photographs for Directory](#)
- 4th** 10 a.m., [Photographs for Directory](#)
- 5th** 9 a.m., *Divesting from Fossil Fuels*
7 p.m., [Living Generosity](#)
- 6th** 4 p.m., Spirit Dojo Karate
7 p.m., [Green Church Committee](#)
- 8th** 5 p.m., Spirit Dojo Karate
- 10th** 11:30 a.m., GSP Reading Group
6:30 p.m., **Adult Spiritual Formation Film Series: "How Do We Live Abundantly?"**
- 11th** 10 a.m., **Adult Ed Art Class: "Way of the Monk, Path of the Artist"**
- 12th** **6 p.m., SpiritSong: Worship & Prayer in the style of Taizé**