



The Briefly

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Rector's Letter

Where do we go from here?

The 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church is now history. I believe that the landmark decisions that were made, combined with the election of The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry as our next Presiding Bishop, are going to move us in new and exciting directions in a relatively short time, and also have lasting impacts on us well into our future.

We have made firm statements about human dignity, our relationship to each other and to God's creation, paths to end racism, and many, many more. Some of us, including this beloved community of GSP, and your Rector, have spent years working toward achieving these goals in the church. To have many of them come to fruition is indeed a time to cherish and a blessing in which to give thanks. I am personally grateful to have experienced this in my lifetime, and I firmly believe that these decisions are going to bring us closer to the realm of God in our midst.

Some people have asked me, "Where do we go from here, now that the church has taken these steps that we have worked on for so long?" Well, of course, there is much more work

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to do in bringing about God's realm and continuing to create the kind of church that really is a home for all. As we all know, the church will have to be a very different one than it is today, if we are going to continue to be relevant in the 21st century and beyond. One of the ways we have been working to create that church at GSP is through our innovative liturgies and approaches to worship. One thing that did not happen at this Convention was major changes to our *Prayer Book*, now hopelessly outdated in a world that changes faster than printing presses can run. We at GSP will continue to show the church how liturgy can be beautiful, grounded in tradition, and creatively speak to a constantly changing society, all at the same time. We will continue to explore new ways to be church for a new world, and bring those ideas to the wider church. As

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Rector's Letter

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we also serve the segments of society that are being forgotten by others, we too will explore creative ways to bring about dignity and honor to all. We will also continue striving to connect humanity to God through creation, showing the church and the world that the only way to bring about environmental sensitivity is to help everyone to see the sacredness of all of the earth. These are some of the things we will concentrate on as we continue to emerge our church into the next century.

But the overarching reason behind all of these movements and all that I just mentioned is what I believe will be our central focus as a church in the next nine years. For many years,

Episcopalians have run and hid when someone said the word Evangelism. We told jokes about how Episcopalians could not even say the "E" word, much less live into it. No more. All of the actions I described must be at their core an attempt to evangelize to a world that desperately needs what we have to offer. This will be our new Presiding Bishop's central focus and we passed many resolutions with teeth in them to help all of us to grow this church, to plant new churches and to bring that Jesus movement to the world. That is where we go from here and it is going to be one big thrill ride. I can't wait to ride that wave with all of you.

Steve+

Grace
St. Paul's
Presents

Dangerously Alive: A Weekend with Mark Scandrette

Living deeply—Closing the gap between how we want to live and how we actually live

Friday, Oct. 9, 7-9 p.m.

Practicing the Way of Jesus. We live in a time of skepticism about organized religion and Christianity in particular. And yet we long for healing change for our world and in our personal lives. What might we discover if we have the courage to put the teachings of Christ into practice?

Saturday, Oct. 10, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

FREE: Spending Your Time and Money on What Matters Most. We were made to flourish and do good in a world full of abundance. Yet our typical pace of life and rates of consumption are wearing us out and destroying the planet. There is a trusted path for recovering the life of meaning, freedom and compassion we were created for. In this six-hour workshop we will explore soul postures and practical steps towards greater alignment of time, money and global sustainability. Learn to live more gratefully, creatively and sustainably.

Sunday, Oct. 11, 9 a.m.

In addition to preaching at both the 8



and 10 a.m. services, Mark will lead us in a discussion about **Where Do We Go Next?** as a community to implement some of the ideas and inspirations that come out of the time we spend together on Friday and Saturday.

One of the leading voices in the emerging church, **Mark Scandrette** is passionate about taking risks to follow the revolutionary teachings of Jesus and shares stories from his personal experiences. In 1998, he and his family moved to inner city San Francisco to pioneer a neighborhood Christian community. He is the founding director of **ReIMAGINE**,

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Cost for the weekend: \$45

(includes all programs, a copy of **FREE: Spending Your Time and Money on What Matters Most**, and lunch on Saturday)

Scandrette Weekend

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a center for integral Christian practice based in San Francisco, where he leads an annual series of retreats, learning labs, conversations and projects designed to help participants integrate the teachings of Jesus into every aspect of life.

A sought-after voice for creative, radical and embodied Christian practice, he speaks nationally and internationally at conferences, universities and churches, offering training and coaching to leaders and organizations. Wherever Mark travels and speaks he hopes to inspire groups to take a more active and creative approach to spiritual formation and missional engagement.

He is the author of *FREE: Spending Your Time and Money on What Matters Most* (IVP 2013), *Practicing the Way of Jesus* (IVP 2011) and *Soul Graffiti* (Jossey-Bass 2007) and a contributor to the *Animate: FAITH* video series (Augsburg Fortress 2012).

Mark has been married to his wife Lisa for twenty-three years. They have three young adult children and live in the Mission District of San Francisco. He enjoys running, biking, cooking, dumpster diving, home coffee roasting, long city walks, going on dates with Lisa and watching TV and films with their kids.

Liturgy Discussion of the Month

Worship Changes in Our Future

As many of you are aware, there has been an ongoing conversation at Grace St. Paul's for over a year on how we can continue to create the very best and most dynamic worship, educational and spiritual experiences for all of us and also for the surrounding community that will become a part of us in the future.

We believe we presently have the best and most beautiful combination of Sunday worship and spiritual formation experiences to be found nearly anywhere. Our worship experiences are second to none and our 9 a.m. Adult Spiritual Formation classes are hailed as the best around. Both are so good, that we really need to create a situation where everyone has an opportunity to take part in each. Right now, people must make choices about either leaving worship or leaving the spiritual formation classes, if they wish to participate in both. At the same time, we have been looking at better ways to incorporate our children into worship experiences, while simultaneously giving them the best educational experiences.

Your Adult Spiritual Formation committee, your liturgy committee, your staff, your Vestry and your Sunday school and youth leaders have considered many, many options to accomplish all of these goals. We have explored cutting liturgies, changing worship times, changing Sunday School time, having the kids in the main service each week, slashing sermons and music, moving adult spiritual formation, changing liturgy styles, moving youth group and on and on and on. After all this careful discernment and deliberation, a decision has been made. We believe it is the very best one possible to meet all the needs and create a space for everyone to have the opportunity to experience everything.

Beginning on Sept. 14, you will notice two changes. First, our children will continue to come into the 10 a.m. service at the Peace. But now, they will stay for the remainder of the service. The goals here are for all of our children to have a complete educational experience and a complete worship experience, each and every Sunday, without increasing their time on campus. In the high speed

and varied world we live in today, I do not believe it is possible or helpful anymore to ask children and adults to carve out three hours or more of their Sunday for church. It puts too much strain on everyone's life and our goal here is to create more joy and less anxiety in those lives. Therefore, each week the children will have the liturgy of the Word in various Sunday School settings, dealing with the same lectionary lessons as the adults. Then we will all experience the Liturgy of the Table together, as Jesus taught us. We will have the added benefit of being together as a community throughout the rest of the service.

The second change will be the time of what is presently the 8 a.m. service. The service time will move to **7:45**. This will allow everyone the opportunity to fully participate in the Adult spiritual formation class at 9 a.m. It will also allow for no interruptions in the class and give the opportunity for a full 45-minute presentation. This will allow those needing to leave to prepare for the 10 a.m. service enough time for that without leaving the class early.

I fully believe this is a win-win for everyone, though I understand that 15 minutes in the morning will be a challenge for some of us, including your Rector. But all things considered, it will improve everything we do as a church on Sundays. Thank you for being willing to make these changes for all of us as we continue to strive to make GSP the place to be each and every Sunday.

Steve +

Notes from the Choir Stalls

By Christina Jarvis,
Director of Music



Musica Sonora: the Farewell Concert Sunday, Aug. 23, 3 p.m., at GSP

Featuring Christina Jarvis, soprano, and Jeffri Sanders, harpsichord and organ, with special guests James Callegary, tenor, and Arizeder Urreiztieta, bass.

After a long run of presenting early music across the state of Arizona, Musica Sonora is making its final appearance.

With thanks to all musicians, board members, volunteers, donors, and, of course, audience members who have supported our efforts through the years, Christina Jarvis and Jeffri Sanders will share one last recital of some favorite works, with a little help from our friends.

Come on out. We'd love to see you!

At this writing, the summer is half over. It's hard to feel that the to-do list has budged at all. Fr. Steve asked me to accomplish two things this summer: find more progressive hymns and take a vacation. The latter hasn't happened yet (although my mind certainly has gone walkies from time to time), but I've done a bit of research on the former and ordered resources. Folks have offered to give and lend us hymnals with likely options. You may be singing some examples from all of the above in the fall.

I was gratified to hear that they voted at General Convention to produce a new hymnal. Hallelujah! The process will take three years. Shoot. Whether it will be as progressive as we are remains to be seen, but at least they've accepted that revision is necessary. It will be interesting to see what they keep and what they discard. Fingers crossed that they find good texts for the grand old tunes we hymn geeks know and love.

Ann Stephens has been organizing the leftovers from last season and boxing the backlog of new music that built up before new storage boxes were ordered. I've been wrestling with the task of cleaning the choir office. When I joked about needing to divert a stream, I thought I was kidding. The Holy Spirit has a sense of humor, though, and a minor flood caused by AC condensation provided the impetus for more reorganization and dust-bunny relocation. The saga continues. Will I really manage to clear existing rubble before more arrives? Time will tell. I was trying to sort out a lower shelf today. How did we acquire old hymnals and other bits and pieces from a mid-twentieth century Australian priest? I'm sure there's an explanation I've forgotten.

Meanwhile, in church on Sunday, we've been blessed with some fine talent to cover the offertory and communion anthems this summer, and that trend continues through August. The vocal soloists for late July are

Winifred Williams and Kristina Maakestad. For August, we will hear Barbara Pritchard; Wendy Pipentacos; pianist Michael Manning, possibly with a member or two of his ensemble, The Endicott Players; budding cellist Kathleen Halter with her teacher, Wesley Hunter; and Ann Stephens with a pick-up choir to sing an excerpt from the Poulenc *Gloria*, which will be quite exciting. Kathleen, by the way, is parishioner Nancy Barton's granddaughter. It's lovely to encourage talent of any and every age at Grace St. Paul's, from the most polished professional to the able junior player.

On Sunday, Aug. 23, at 3:00 p.m., Jeffri Sanders and I will present our last **Musica Sonora** concert, with James Callegary and Arizeder Urreiztieta. We've had a good run, but other responsibilities in our lives have increased, and it's time to move on. The Holy Spirit has been having quiet words with me about my work load for a few years, which of course I was ignoring, and I finally had to break my ankle to realize that slowing down is not an option, it's a necessity. It's fun to sit in a chair at the end of the day with a cat in my lap or watch a sunset with Martin without agonizing about what still needs to be done. I hope to get used to it.

So let's all take a break while we can, go on vacation, visit family, hike (or veg), and in the fall, we can come back refreshed, ready to engage in more of God's work in the world around us. Lord knows, there's plenty of that to keep us occupied, watching sunsets included.

Blessings,

Christina

Arts for Summer Camp

by Rosalind Garcia,
Director, CY&F

Children at GSP's summer arts camp made papier-mâché African animals (lower right) and were visited by a porcupine and a python, along with other African animals. Tucsonan Barbea Williams (lower left) taught the children African drumming and dance.



The sound of African drums filled Grace St. Paul's earlier this summer during our annual Arts for Summer Camp for children in grades kindergarten through 8th grades. We want to offer a camp that gives kids an opportunity to explore the arts, particularly the visual arts and music, because public schools often cut these important experiences in times of financial downturn. Every year we present a different theme and write the curriculum ourselves.

This year our Art teacher, Linda Rosenfield, had recently returned from Africa and was inspired to suggest an African theme for this year's camp. Her idea was the start of a truly exciting camp! We thought about visual art projects first. The kids created papier-mâché African animals (messy, but fun!) and experimented with batik, which is an art form using fabric, wax and ink that originated in Africa and later spread to India and Asia.

Part of learning about a culture is exploring the native food and cooking practices. Sue Pierce, who has organized and run the meal preparation at camp for several years, researched the food of different African nations and developed lessons for the children to prepare and enjoy food from the

African continent. A large map allowed the kids to see where each food item came from.

And we did not forget the Bible. During the week we learned the stories of the Queen of Sheba and the Ethiopian treasurer. Besides reading the Bible stories, we read a chapter every day from the gorgeous children's book by Ronald Harrill, *Makeda, Queen of Sheba*.

For many of the kids, the best day was Thursday when we had a visit from a variety of African animals, reptiles and insects. How many of you got to bottle feed a baby porcupine at camp! You could pet her as long as you petted with the quills!

So what about those drums? Maybe you heard them at the 10 o'clock service in June 14th? Barbea Williams taught African drums and dance to our group all week. The children enjoyed demonstrating what they learned the next Sunday. We had such fun!

The donations from many members allowed us to offer financial assistance to every family who needed it. Thank you all for your generosity!





Our beloved Jean Keplinger was in Tucson and attended GSP services for two wonderful Sundays in late June/ early July. Everyone was thrilled to welcome her with hugs and smiles, especially the GSP children and youth.

New Accessibility System for Persons with Hearing Loss

During this summer, with the help of volunteers from ALOA (Adult Loss of Hearing Association) loop systems were installed in the Bloom Educational Center and McBride Hall. This means that people who wear hearing aids and have a T-Switch or Telephone Switch can turn that switch and hear speakers through their own hearing aids. For people who do not have a T-Switch or who may not have any hearing aids, there are Personal Receivers about the size of a cell phone with ear buds, which can be used to receive the audio.

We anticipate using the loop system in McBride Hall for large meetings such as the Annual Meeting, occasional Parish Meetings and other large group activities. If you will be attending an event and want to be sure the loop will be available check with the Sexton James White. We do not yet have Personal Receivers for McBride Hall, but will be purchasing them soon.

The system in the Bloom Education

Center is installed and there are 2 Personal Receivers available. As of the writing of this article we are still dealing with static interference and are working to find the source. The reception is better in some parts of the room. We have microphones to use for larger group presentations, as on Sunday mornings, and also a Conference Mike for smaller groups. There are information cards available in the Bloom Room and also at the Welcome Table.

For more information, contact Lynne Albright or James White.

Don't have a hearing problem? What you need to know about the new Loop System in the Bloom Education Center:

When we have a larger group we may ask people who are making comments or asking questions to use the handheld mike. This does not project anywhere but to the ears of those using the system. Thank you for helping out in this way. We know it seems funny to use the mike but not hear your voice projected.



'Tinsel Town' at Comedy Playhouse



James and Andrew Gooden rehearse

By James Gooden

Tinsel Town, a play that I wrote, is being produced at Comedy Playhouse. It is the story of young Dottie MacGillicutty from Peoria, who journeys to Hollywood during its heyday to try her luck in the movie business. The play is filled with lots of fun characters and silly situations.

A lot of work goes into getting an original play to the stage and I want to thank Nanalee Raphael and the play reading group at GSP's for helping out in the process. The group also helped with getting another play of mine to the stage, Upton Abbey.

I'd like to invite everyone at GSP to check out this family friendly production opening Aug. 7 and running until Sept. 13, on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m.

Comedy Playhouse is located at 3620 N. First Ave. (First Ave. at Prince Road). Regular admission is \$18, Seniors and Students are \$16.

This is a family affair for the Goodens. I am appearing as Studio Producer Samuel B. Ornstein. My son, Andrew, is playing Joe the Hot Dog Guy, and my wife, Elizabeth, penned one of the musical numbers.

We hope to see you there!

GENEROUS?

How Can You Tell?

We experience generous people and families from all socio-economic backgrounds as having an engaging fullness about them, somewhat difficult to define, but very perceptible. Generous people have a sense of peace about themselves. Forever giving, they are attentive to others, thoughtful and kind, lack prejudice, are slow to criticize and quick to forgive, and seek the best in the people they encounter. They always seem to have time for others, and often volunteer when help is needed. Even if you're middle-aged, you hope that when you grow up, you'll be like them." **

An important goal of the **Giving and Receiving** committee is to help people in our faith community recognize and appreciate God's abundance and grace, and to respond with faithful generosity. Has someone



demonstrated generosity in a way that changed lives? Yours or others? Someone you want to be like when you grow up? If you can share a story that illustrates such generosity, please send it to Grateful@Grace-StPauls.org

** *Making the Annual Pledge Drive Obsolete: How Churches Can Get Out of This Business Once and For All*, Timothy Dombek & Michael Durall, Commonwealth Consulting Group, Golden Colorado, 2014, p.22.

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Senior Focus

Emma Hanshaw: Proponent of Multi- Culturalism

By Ann Schlumberger



Emma Hanshaw

Maria Josefa Ema Ernestina Hernandez Hanshaw (born 1930) resonated with Fr. Steve's Pentecost sermon on diversity: Of Spanish descent and growing up in Nogales in the 1930s and '40s, Emma experienced a cosmopolitan mix of Spanish, Greek, Lebanese, Mexican, Jewish and Chinese fellow citizens.

This prepared her for much later when she would enjoy traveling all over the world with her husband Alan and hosting many foreign exchange students.

And how did she meet Alan? Upon graduation from high school, Emma worked for a dentist for a year while trying to decide where she should go to nursing school. She ended up choosing St. Mary's Hospital Nursing School in Tucson. On her first day on the wards, she was instructed to choose an interesting case to follow. She chose the young male patient surrounded by books who shared her birthdate, June 23rd.

Alan, who had grown up in Kankakee, Illinois, was recuperating from a respiratory illness and taking classes at the U. of A. (In those days, a patient could leave the hospital during the day as long as he was back in the evening!) Eventually, Alan convinced the Catholic Emma that "God came to the Episcopal Church too," and after she finished nursing school, they were married in the old Grace Church on Stone and Church Street.

After Alan finished law school, they lived in Phoenix and in the Virgin Islands, where Alan had a special assignment liquidating government property and sugar mills to

transfer them to private owners. After that, they moved back to Tucson where they moved into a home near St. Michael's and all Angels and began attending there. One day, Fr. Wallace from Grace Church knocked on their door and told them that they were not "geographical Episcopalians" and that they belonged in his church. Fortunately for Grace, they agreed. As a corporate lawyer, Alan would be invaluable in handling the legal work involved with moving the Grace Church to its present Adams Street location and later with the merging of St. Paul's and Grace Church parishes in 1991. He was always either the Junior or Senior Warden and was instrumental in persuading Fr. Bill Weeks, also from Kankakee, to answer the call from Grace Church, where he was a beloved rector for many years. Emma likes to joke that she is "older than the church" because she was worshipping with the Grace congregation in the parish hall before our current church building was completed.

At Grace Church, Emma helped in the nursery and served as the treasurer of Grace's chapter of Episcopal Church Women. Remembering the latter gives her visions of all those blue Thank Offering Boxes that for years parishioners put their change into. Being a Spanish speaker and having a nursing background with experience working for a pediatrician and an ENT physician, Emma felt called to volunteer at the free clinic which Grace Church held on Saturdays in the parish hall and the undercroft. She also volunteered for "Thursdays at Grace Church," a program providing lunches, a speaker, and games for older parishioners.

Additionally, Emma was a volunteer in the Social Services Department of Tucson Medical Center for 10 years, where she wrote her job description, which included being the liaison with the State Transport Program for insuring that premature babies needing intensive hospital care in Southern Arizona received it. During this time she went to Washington, D.C. four times a year to serve on a 12-member national advisory committee to review federal grant applications for research and development of health delivery services. Later, her Spanish and years of marriage to a lawyer equipped her to volunteer at Tucson Legal Aid.

Emma's mother, Emma herself, and her

daughter Deborah are all only daughters. Emma's mother had five brothers; Emma had three, and Deborah has four. All four of Emma's sons were altar boys, which gladdened the heart of Alan's grandfather, who was a very devout Episcopalian, who had overseen the details of the building of his parish church and had designed the baptismal font for it. This man, a civil engineer, had taken part in the Klondike Gold Rush and wrote a book about it, which he dedicated to Alan, who shared his spirit of adventure. One of Emma's hopes is to get that book published.

Alan passed away on Oct. 17, 2004. Now, Emma divides her time between Tucson and San Diego, where her daughter and youngest son, Andy, reside. Andy is a bicyclist who organized the Bike Ride over Coronado Bridge. For the past eight years during the last weekend in August, Emma has volunteered at that event. With good friends, eight grandchildren, and two great grandchildren, Emma continues to stay busy!



For the Beauty of the Worship Service

Worship in our church is an experience of beauty. Every element of the service seeks to draw us closer to God, and flowers are an important and beautiful symbol of what we offer to God in our worship.

Every member of the parish is invited to contribute to the beauty of our worship by giving the altar flowers on a particular Sunday to the glory of God and in memory, thanksgiving, or celebration for people or

events that are important to that donor. On Sundays without a designated donor, we have no flowers.

If you would like to be a part of this tradition, please sign up on a Flower Calendar, either in the Narthex or in McBride Hall, or call the office at 520-327-6857.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and for contributing to the beauty of our worship.

NEW OFFERINGS



Meet Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

Sunday, Aug. 2, 9 a.m., Bloom Education Center

We will watch a video of a sermon by The Right Rev Michael Curry, newly elected Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. Join us to experience this amazing preacher (considered one of the best in the Episcopal Church today) and to discuss where he might lead us during his tenure as PB.

Facilitated by Margaret Moore, co-chair of Adult Spiritual Formation.

Habitat for Humanity Tucson: An Info Session

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

Join us for an informative session on Habitat for Humanity Tucson's programs. Habitat for Humanity offers an innovative solution to the crisis of poverty housing by giving a hand up, not a hand out. They accomplish this mission by building homes in partnership with the community and with low-income families. Habitat for Humanity Tucson is currently seeking qualified applicants to become owners of new and refurbished homes. Bring a friend!

Presented by LuzMaria Hernandez, Homeowner Services & Outreach Specialist, Habitat for Humanity Tucson.

Second Sunday: Sermons on Tap

Sunday, Aug. 9, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., Bloom Education Center

Ever leave worship on Sunday and wish you could talk about the sermon with others? Why not join like-minded folks for an open discussion of the day's sermon over beer and sandwiches? This small group is for anyone with a desire to connect more deeply with others and a willingness to explore their own questions about how we live into the "good news" as preached at GSP. The setting will be informal and relaxed. No need to register, come anytime. All are welcome! Beer, iced tea, lemonade and light lunch will be available. Donations will be accepted to cover the costs of food and drinks.



Summer Film Series: Aging with Grace

Friday, Aug. 14, 3-5 p.m., Bloom Education Center

Let's beat the summer heat and have some fun with a series of afternoon matinees that celebrate aging with grace and style! Bring a friend! "Fabulous Fashionistas" is a BBC documentary that explores the art of aging in the company of six extraordinary British women with an average age of eighty. What they all have in common is a determination to squeeze the pips out of life. To keep going. To look fabulous. To have fun. "Fabulous Fashionistas" will change the way you think about aging, the way you dress and indeed the way you live your life. "My motto is, don't wear beige. It will kill you." (Sue Kreitzman, 73)



Grace St. Paul's History Pole & the 'Birth' of GSP

Sunday, Aug. 16, 9 a.m., Bloom Education Center

The GSP History Pole stands in the corner just inside the front door of the church. How did it come to be? What do the wood burnings (pyrographics) stand for? We will examine photographs of the burnings and learn the history behind them from the first Episcopal service in Arizona in 1881, through the establishment of Grace Church and St. Paul's Church up to the merger that created the parish we know as Grace St. Paul's. As a bonus, we will view a 13-minute DVD of the march from St. Paul's Church to Grace Church on Palm Sunday 1991 which signified the joining of the two parishes and the "birth" of GSP.

Facilitated by Lynne Albright who was not here for that march but clearly remembers the 10-year celebration in 2001 and the History Pole.

To Be Announced

Sunday, Aug. 23, 9 a.m., Bloom Education Center

GSP Readers Group

Friday, Aug. 28, 9:30 a.m., Bloom Education Center

The book for discussion in August will be "The Light Between Oceans: A Novel" by M.L. Stedman. Tom Sherbourne is a lighthouse keeper on Janus Rock, a tiny island a half day's boat journey from the coast of Western Australia. When a baby washes up in a rowboat, he and his young wife Isabel decide to raise the child as their own. The baby seems like a gift from God, and the couple's reasoning for keeping her seduces the reader into entering the waters of treacherous morality even as Tom—whose moral code withstood the horrors of World War I—begins to waver.

All are welcome! No registration necessary! For more information, please contact the church office at 327-6857.

Exploring Today's Lectionary

Sunday, Aug. 30, 9 a.m., Bloom Education Center

Does it all just seem like Greek to you? One Sunday a month we provide an opportunity to discuss the Bible readings for that day in more depth in a small group setting. Come join us for a thoughtful but always lively conversation about scripture.

ONGOING CLASSES



Sharing Our Spiritual Journeys: Living the Way of Jesus

Monday, Aug. 10, 10 a.m.-12 noon, Bloom Education Center

For many, our understanding of what it means to be a Christian has been shaped by church teachings but also, more importantly, by time and experience over the course of our own unique spiritual journeys. In this small group we undertake a shared conversation about what matters most to us as followers of Jesus and how we practice this in our individual lives and the life of our community. Each meeting focuses on a different intersection between spirituality and religion, and the conversation takes us where the Spirit guides. Each session stands alone and all are welcome. No registration is necessary.

Note: This small group meets once a month in summer then resumes weekly on Sept. 14.

Co-facilitated by Catherine Penn Williams and Brian Arthur. Brian is a longtime EFM mentor at GSP and Catherine is the co-chair of Adult Spiritual Formation.



For Men: Coffee, Bagels & Bible Stuff

Every Thursday, 7:30-8:30 a.m., McBride Hall

Come join our Men's BS (Bible Stuff) group! We engage different books of the Bible—beginning with the Book of Acts—in a relaxed and non-judgmental atmosphere, examining the text from a historical perspective and applying it to our current lives. All men are welcome! Come anytime!

Facilitated by Bill Moore. Bill has been a member of GSP since 2012. He has facilitated men's classes in other churches and participated in men's bible study groups for decades. An Episcopalian for over 30 years, Bill enjoys having discussions about faith journeys with other men.

Saturday Java Jive: Coffee & Conversation

Every Saturday, 8:30-11 a.m., Epic Café, 745 N. 4th Ave. (SW corner of 4th Ave. & University Blvd.)

Want to meet and get to know folks in a relaxed and friendly environment? All are welcome to join this long-running motley crew that meets every Saturday morning for coffee and conversation. We never know who will show up, the topic is always up for grabs and hilarity often ensues. Epic has free WiFi, so tablets and laptops are welcome. (You never know when Wikipedia will need to be consulted...) Look for us at the group of little round tables in the back of the café.



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What's Happening in August 2015

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
- 4 p.m., Spirit Dojo
- 7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

- 7 a.m., [Holy Communion](#)
- 10 a.m., Desert Angel Quilters
- 5 p.m., Spirit Dojo

Thursdays

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

Saturdays

- 9 a.m., Altar Guild

1st 8:30 a.m., [Java Jive, Epic Café](#)

2nd 9 a.m., *Meet Presiding Bishop Michael Curry*

3rd 10 a.m., E/M Post-Grad Forum
7 p.m., [Green Church Committee](#)

5th 10 a.m., Desert Angel Quilters
12 noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry

6th 7:30 a.m., *For Men: Coffee, Bagels & B.S.*
5 p.m., TiHAN-Congregational Liaison Meeting

7th 9:30 a.m., TiHAN-Congregational Liaison Meeting
1 p.m., TiHAN Care & Support Training

6:30 p.m., [Spirit Players Play-Reading](#)

8th 8:30 a.m., [Java Jive, Epic Café](#)

9th 9 a.m., *Habitat for Humanity Tucson: An Info Session*
11:45 a.m., [Sermons on Tap](#)

10th 10 a.m., *Sharing Our Spiritual Journeys*
7 p.m., Joseph's Pantry meeting

12th 10 a.m., Desert Angel Quilters

13th 7:30 a.m., *For Men: Coffee, Bagels & B.S.*

14th 11:30 a.m., GSP Reading Group
3 p.m., Summer Film Series: *Ageing with Grace*

15th 8:30 a.m., [Java Jive, Epic Café](#)

16th 9 a.m., *GSP's History Pole & the 'Birth' of GSP*

19th 10 a.m., Desert Angel Quilters

12 noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry

20th 7:30 a.m., *For Men: Coffee, Bagels & B.S.*

21st 9:30 a.m., Community of Hope
6:30 p.m., [Film & Fellowship](#)

22nd 8:30 a.m., [Java Jive, Epic Café](#)

23rd 9 a.m., *TO BE ANNOUNCED*

1 p.m., Mother's Kitchen (Primavera)

3 p.m., Musica Sonora

25th 9 a.m., Primavera Cooks!

6:30 p.m., [VESTRY MEETING](#)

26th 10 a.m., Desert Angel Quilters

27th 7:30 a.m., *For Men: Coffee, Bagels & B.S.*

28th 9:30 a.m., Book Group

29th 8:30 a.m., [Java Jive, Epic Café](#)

30th 9 a.m., *Exploring Today's*

Lectionary
1 p.m., St. Andrew's Bach Society Concert

Looking forward to September

2nd 10 a.m., Desert Angel Quilters

12 noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry

3rd 7:30 a.m., *For Men: Coffee, Bagels & B.S.*

4th 6:30 p.m., [Spirit Players Play-Reading](#)

5th 8:30 a.m., [Java Jive, Epic Café](#)

6th 2 p.m., St. Andrew's Bach Society Concert

7th [LABOR DAY—OFFICE CLOSED](#)

10 a.m., E/M Post-Grad Forum
7 p.m., [Green Church Committee](#)

9th 10 a.m., Desert Angel Quilters

10th 7:30 a.m., *For Men: Coffee, Bagels & B.S.*

11th 11:30 a.m., GSP Reading Group

12th 8:30 a.m., [Java Jive, Epic Café](#)

13th 11:45 a.m., [Sermons on Tap](#)
6 p.m., [SpiritSong: Worship & Prayer in the style of Taizé](#)

14th 10 a.m., *Sharing Our Spiritual Journeys*
7 p.m., Joseph's Pantry meeting

16th 10 a.m., Desert Angel Quilters

12 noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry

17th 7:30 a.m., *For Men: Coffee, Bagels & B.S.*

18th 8:30 a.m., TiHAN Volunteer Orientation

9:30 a.m., Community of Hope
6:30 p.m., [Film & Fellowship](#)

19th 8:30 a.m., [Java Jive, Epic Café](#)

21st 10 a.m., *Sharing Our Spiritual Journeys*

22nd 9 a.m., Primavera Cooks!

6:30 p.m., [VESTRY MEETING](#)

23rd 10 a.m., Desert Angel Quilters

24th 7:30 a.m., *For Men: Coffee, Bagels & B.S.*
5:30 p.m., [Spirit Now: Autumnal Equinox](#)

25th 9:30 a.m., Book Group

26th 8:30 a.m., [Java Jive, Epic Café](#)