



The Briefly

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Sundae Sunday!
July 1st, after both services

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From the Rector

IT IS DIFFICULT to describe the intensity of and the impact that the seminary experience has on those of us in ordained ministry. Though it was a generation ago for me, my fellow students all those years ago remain very close to me, even though I rarely, if ever, see them anymore.

That is why I felt a pang of emotion as I recently read a story in the Episcopal News Service written by my classmate, The Rev. Mary Frances Schjonberg. In it, she quotes another classmate of ours, The Rev. Alison Harrity. Mary Frances+ was writing about General Convention, the every three years legislative gathering of the Episcopal Church. She was talking about one of the issues we will have before us at Convention in July, same-sex marriage. Though all of us here may think that the issue was solved at our 2015 General Convention, when we passed legislation that provided same sex marriage rites, Alison's+ comments reminded me that some of my friends and colleagues feel like it is anything but solved.

Alison+ serves as the rector of St. Richard's Episcopal Church in Winter Park, Fla., within the Diocese of Central Florida, one of the eight dioceses left in the United

States proper whose Bishops do not allow their priests to preside at same-sex marriages. Alison+ said, as I suspected she might, "that some priests in the Diocese have considered what one called 'a public act of canonical disobedience' after which they would face the consequences in order to draw attention to the disparity." My friend Alison+ is struggling with a way to live into her ordination vows, while simultaneously honoring her theological belief that the sacraments must be available to all people.

These are the kinds of issues that being an Episcopalian is all about. How do we honor differences of theological opinion while simultaneously caring for everyone? How

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The second Sunday of each month has been designated as Syrian Sweets Sunday, and our Syrian sisters will be on hand to sell the delightful desserts we have come to know and love. Do stop by their table and partake of their offerings in support of their community.

Submissions to **The Briefly**

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do we allow a Bishop to stay within her understanding of the Gospel, while making sure that we always “strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being” and all of God’s creation?

That is what the largest bicameral legislative body in the world will struggle with July 3 to 13 in Austin, Texas. The House of Deputies and The House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church will gather to discuss, hash out, write, re-write, argue about, eat over, pray over, fight over, worship over, love over, and vote on hundreds of pieces of legislation that will affect all of us.

It is grueling. Most of the days start at 7 or 7:30 a.m. and they don’t stop until after 10 p.m. It is also insane, getting 800 people to agree on anything. You can thank the folks who set up the U.S. system of government for our Episcopal church polity. But we have at least two things going for us that the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate do not. First, we know we only have ten days to finish it all, and second, we love and respect the person sitting next to us who completely disagrees with us.

That is why, despite the madness and the messiness of it all, I believe what we do at General Convention works. That is also why I will be proud to represent all of you in that House of Deputies.

In addition to those same-sex deliberations, here are a few of the other high profile issues you will be hearing about:

Prayer Book Revisions—It is expected that the process for a multi-year revision will take place in some form at this Convention.

Evangelism & Racial Reconciliation—How do we create the greatest impact as the Beloved Community to our world?

Environmental Stewardship (*sic*)—The fact that the church is still using that phrase suggests how far we have to go from

our perspective at GSP, but there are many potential liturgical and practical resolutions in the works and the church does see it as a priority

Budget—Always a challenge. How to change a ’50s model of corporate structure into a lean, flexible one for the new world? Included in that discussion will be talk about whether we should pay the President of the House of Deputies, a full-time position that has been volunteer in our past.

Sexual harassment, exploitation and gender bias—Always high on the list in the 20th century church, even more important now.

Gun violence—How do we best recommit to make gun legislation finally happen?

Cuba—Way back before the Castros, the ongoing church in Cuba was in TEC. Should we invite them back?

One more. All of you are invited to observe at General Convention and if you are around, our Bishop invites you to attend our Diocesan dinner on July 13. Just let me know you are coming and we will get you on the list. The church is also recruiting young adults to come to Convention, have their own festival and learn about the legislative bodies and how all this works. If you are 18-30, come check it out and register here.

There are hundreds more, of course, but this is a taste. You can follow General Convention at generalconvention.org and I am going to do my best to report to you as often as I can about what is happening from our skewed perspective in Arizona and at GSP. Thanks all for your prayers. It will be a wild and wooly ten days.



Liturgy
Discussion of
the Month
By The Rev. Steve
Keplinger



WAY BACK IN January, an active parishioner sent our liturgy committee a very thoughtful letter. He talked about how GSP's inclusivity and approach attracts people from many traditions and no tradition at all. He discussed our open communion and how many have found that hospitality so meaningful. In conversations with some of these folks new to the tradition, he said that he often hears questions like these; "Why are there so many people up front on the other side of the railing in dresses?" "Are they something special, different from everyone else?"

Despite this parishioner's attempt to explain liturgical attire and what it symbolizes, he said that he often receives a response that suggests the person sees the different attire as a sign of exclusivity.

Though this individual regularly participates as a chalice server, it was his contention that there was no reason for lay people serving at the table to sit up front for the whole service, especially in an alb. He felt that it would create a much stronger sign of our inclusivity if chalice servers were to come up to the table at communion in street clothes. He suggested potentially wearing a certain type of cross or other symbol to signify the role, but that we drop the idea of chalice servers wearing albs. He said, "like the kids that come up to

the table to represent that 'we all are the body of Christ,' ...coming up from the congregation would be a sign that garb does not make loved and worthy Christians."

It was a very simple idea and request. But it created a deep liturgical discussion by the worship committee, followed by an even more emotional response to the idea of such a change. It was so emotional, that we did not make a decision at that point, and I have waited until now to bring it to all of you.

What does the symbol of a chalice bearer wearing an alb say to you? How do you respond to the number of people robed in our Sunday worship? What does it say to someone coming from a non-liturgical background? A liturgical background? No religious background at all?

The committee, and especially I, would really appreciate your thoughts on this subject as we consider the image we are projecting in worship. If you could please send your comments to our parish administrator email (parishadmin@grace-stpauls.org) with the subject line "DISROBING at GSP." Feel free to also hand me your comments or give them to me verbally. We will collect these comments through July 30 and let you know where we are as a result.

Thanks,

Post from the Pantry

By Andrew Gardner

SUMMER HAS ARRIVED in Tucson and with it come many reminders of how wonderful this parish is in its support of the Pantry. This will be our second summer in McBride Hall, and I am so thankful for the patience and kindness in our parish community that makes that space available every day. The heat of a Tucson summer is relentless, but McBride Hall is a cool, quiet refuge.

The shower program takes on a special importance during the summer, and Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings are even busier than usual as our neighbors take the opportunity to shower and rest in

the quiet cool of the hall. The sense of relief is often palpable as people rest and enjoy a cup of coffee and a breakfast from our hospitality service. If you are so moved, donations of sunscreen, lotion, and other toiletries are always appreciated.

Choices

The Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is in May, and it recharges the Community Food Bank's supplies. That food reaches the Pantry through the CFB's Agency Market, which is a vital supplement to the food that we get through US Department of Agriculture programs. Food from USDA programs is purchased in bulk, so it is often the same, month to month. Donations from food drives

and those made to the parish bring with them an amazing diversity and range of choices that simply can't be matched by anything purchased in bulk. Because it's food that you picked, there are so many different flavors and spices and choices, and the people we meet are so happy to have something different. If you go to the grocery store this week, pick up something you like to share with a neighbor. Your choice will make somebody's day.

Girl Scouts

What do Girl Scouts do with the money they earn from selling cookies? Tucson's Troop 789 went shopping for Joseph's Pantry at City Wide Produce on South Campbell. The

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Notes from the Choir Stalls

By Christina Jarvis,
Director of Music



HAPPY ARE THEY whose delight is in the Holy One. Happy, too, are they who get a little break in the summer. The choir is blessed to serve the parish from September through May, but they also enjoy time to refresh and recharge. You will still see them in amongst the congregation, and many will provide music for summer Sundays, as in past years.

This year, the summer musical roster so far may include (I haven't heard from all parties) Dave Coatsworth, the GSP Bluegrass Ensemble (Don Lundy and John Camm, organizers), Spencer Hunter, Wesley Hunter, Harlan Hokin, Dawn McMillan, Susan Marcus, Michael Manning, The Merrie Minstrels (Sally Lefko, director), James Neeley, Wendy Pipentacos, Barbara Pritchard, Greg Swanson, Ann Stephens, and Winifred Williams. Rosalie Cassiday will substitute for David Wachter when he takes his own vacay. I will be away for bits of the summer, celebrating our 30th wedding anniversary with Martin (it wouldn't do to celebrate it with anyone else) and traveling to Scotland to take his mother's ashes to the Highland village graveyard where her husband and parents are interred. The bento box of life gives us joy and sadness and we can't have one without the other. It comes on the same plate.

When I'm here, though, I'll participate in small group singing and generally get in the way of everyone else. It's my life's work. Other goals include obtaining a nuclear device from Kazakhstan to take care of the choral library backlog and organizing the hymns

so that should Kari choose to redact any, she and David will have the time they need to comfortably process them. And actually, Sue Marcus has volunteered to help me with the library, so the City of Tucson is safe, at least so far. We'll let the federal government under the current administration destroy all life as we know it instead.

It's also time to get down to sorting through the choral music and clearing out those pieces we will never do again. Or ones that I would be tempted to do but shouldn't. We might not have much library left at the end of that process. Another important task for the summer is assessing the future of the Youth Arts Council and creating new opportunities for children and youth to serve God and the parish through the arts. Worship and art have gone together since the early cave dwellers. It's impossible to imagine a service without some form of artistic expression, and children need to get the hang of it so they can pass it on to their own children, or someone else's children, whatever works.

Before we know it, the summer will be over and gone. Whether you spend it here, baking in pounding heat or standing out in monsoon rains, or in cooler places with pine trees or sea breezes, go with the assurance that God blesses us in a zoo, in a canoe, and in bamboo and come back refreshed to your parish home for another season of community and service.

Peace,

Christina



Some of the fruits and vegetables purchased for the Pantry by Scouts.

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scouts purchased fresh fruits and vegetables in abundance with joy in their hearts, thinking about the people at the Pantry who would have so many wonderful things to eat. They delivered their gift on a Tuesday evening, and every carrot and apple and strawberry was eaten by the following Saturday.

In Memoriam

This spring, Oma "Sam" Guard, a long-

time Pantry volunteer, passed on. I met Sam when Sofia and I started working in the pantry on Friday mornings just after Sofia turned 2. Sam ran the pantry on Fridays, and we got to help. She was kind to everyone and firm in her demand that everyone be treated with respect. Hers was a special kindness, in that she expected nothing in return, not even a recognition that she was being kind. She was kind for the sake of kindness. We will miss her greatly.



GSP Summer Camp is June 18-22!

From 9 a.m.-noon, for children ages 4-14.

Theme: Livin' on a Prayer!

It's free & includes lunch!

Registration forms are available on the website.

Dear Families,
Praying your summer is going well and full of fun, joy, peace and good health! Several enriching activities are planned this summer including our Kid's Camp "Livin' On A Prayer" as well as connecting with the wider Episcopal community in Arizona by traveling to Chapel Rock camp in Prescott.

I look forward to seeing you, continuing to meet and getting to know each of you!

God's peace and joy,
Pastor Kimberlee

Chapel Rock

IT'S TIME TO sign up for camp and there are scholarships available. Please don't let money stop you from sending your kids or your entire family to camp! Please register by contacting Chapel Rock directly at chapelrock.net/camps.htm or contacting Pastor Kimberlee.

Camp dates:

- Grades 3-6, June 24-30
- Grades 6-12, June 3-9 or June 10-16
- Family Camp, July 5 - 8 (For all ages!)

Unplug and Reconnect

Family Camp is an opportunity to use your family vacation time to unplug from the busyness of daily life and reconnect with your children and with the God.

It is challenging in this over-programmed, screen-filled culture to take the time out to be present to the people in our families. Chapel Rock is a place where screens are put away and

there is space and time to listen to God and to each other.

We will experience prayer, music, free time exploring the beauty of Prescott, and old-fashioned camp fun, like arts and crafts, a campfire, the ropes course, and games. Invest in your family, and come join us!

Check-in begins after dinner on Thursday evening; camp ends after closing Eucharist on Sunday morning.

Fees for bunk lodging and delicious meals:

- Family of 4 = \$525
- Family of 3 = \$400
- Family of 2 = \$300
- Additional adult or youth 12 and up = \$170
- Additional child ages 4-11 = \$60
- Children 0-3 = no charge

Summer Formation Leaders Needed

~June 3 through August 19!

We will have one class for **Children's Formation** starting June 3 through the summer months. Would you be willing to teach a class? It's okay to sign up for just one Sunday!

Please email or call Pastor Kimberlee if you can help.

We have a great curriculum picked out, *An Illustrated Compassion*, a 12-week no-prep curriculum that will walk children through twelve stories (six from the Hebrew Scriptures and six from the New Testament) that all focus on the theme of compassion. The last module considers what living a compassionate life looks like and teaches children how to go about it.

Parish Focus

Charlie Denison: Generous Spirit

By Ann Schlumberger

IF YOU NOTICE a tall, genial gentleman serving as crucifer at the 10 o'clock service, it is Charlie Denison. Charlie's Anglican roots go deep. He is a descendant of Capt. George Denison, who immigrated to Mystic Harbor, Conn., in 1620. A possible later American ancestor of his was listed as a priest in 1872.



Charlie Denison

Charlie grew up serving as a crucifer and acolyte.

His father, an official with Chase Bank in New York, met Charlie's mother, the daughter of missionary parents, when he transferred to Hong Kong. Her father had a church in Canton, China, and her mother helped run the girls' school connected to it.

The couple was married in Canton, China on Nov. 6, 1932. Charles Ellery Denison was born on July 16, 1935. The family was still residing in Hong Kong when, with the onset of

World War II, the Japanese began threatening to invade the British colony. One of Charlie's earliest memories is traveling by boat, with his mother and his younger brother, to Manila, where his father had sent them for safety. Later, sensing the Japanese threat was abating, the family rejoined Mr. Denison in Hong Kong. But this did not last. When the prospect of invasion becoming truly imminent, the whole family set off by boat, this time to San Francisco.

In the U.S., Charlie's dad worked for the Federal Government. The day Pearl Harbor was bombed, December 7, 1941, they moved to Tacoma Park, Maryland. Charlie grew up there, graduating from Northwestern High School in 1953.

After working several jobs and marrying his first wife, Charlie went to work at the C & P Telephone Company, which was part of the Bell system. He worked there for 35 years, steadily moving up the career ladder from storekeeper to engineering assistant.

Charlie received letters of commendation, awards and certificates for his work and for his participation in the Telephone Pioneers, a nationwide philanthropic organization for Bell employees who had logged more than 21 years of experience with the company. He served as president of the Montgomery County Chapter for 2 years. He was also one of the drivers for the 1984 Olympic Torch Relay, sponsored by the Pioneers, which accompanied the runners from Golden, Colorado to Mountain Home, Idaho.

While Charlie was working in Maryland, he and his first wife welcomed three daughters. Early in the marriage, the family did not regularly attend church, but with the arrival of their daughters, the couple decided that their girls needed a strong religious upbringing. The family converted to Mormonism, and Charlie threw himself into participating in his ward and volunteering in many capacities, one of which was serving as a temple worker in the Washington, D.C., Mormon Temple.

In this capacity, he performed baptisms for the dead. The ritual involved immersing a living surrogate each time the name of a dead baptismal candidate was recited. Usually, there was a long list of the dead to be baptized. One day, a woman who was to become very important in Charlie's life served as the surrogate whom he "baptized" 100 times, once for each deceased woman whose name was read.

After Charlie retired from the phone company, he and his first wife moved to Myrtle Beach, Florida, where they were very active in the Mormon Church. Once, at a church function, Charlie and his wife chatted with the vivacious choir director and her husband. The two couples went out to dinner together, and Charlie and the choir director, Phyllis, "just clicked." Indeed, Phyllis recognized Charlie as

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GSP's First-Ever Gala Evening

By Barbara Morehouse

THANKS TO THE energy and creativity of the GSP community, Grace-St. Paul's pulled off its first, and very successful, Gala. The weather was perfect, the food was delicious, the entertainers were fantastic and, as they say, a good time was had by all.

Big kudos go out to everyone who helped with setting up the tables and serving the delicious food from El Minuto. Likewise, a shout-out to those who poured the wine, coordinated the performances, managed the tickets and money, worked at the silent auction tables, and cleaned up afterward. The Gala would not have been such a spectacular success without their hard work.

Last, but certainly not least, many thanks to the folks who entertained us throughout the evening. They serenaded us, got us up dancing, and generally made the evening sparkle. Accompanied by David Wachter, GSP choir members Barbara Pritchard and

Susan Marcus sang "The Flower Duet" from Delibes' Lakme and "The Cat Duet" by Rossini. Christina Jarvis, Spencer Hunter and Harlan Hokin entertained us with the medieval song, "In vernali tempore."

Girl Power (Dawn and Jess) sang up a storm, and we tapped our feet to the sounds of the Saguaro Stompers Clog Dance Company. Annon and the Late Show got us up dancing and, as dark settled in, we craned our necks to enjoy the whirling hoop lights of Cirque Roots.

Was it all worth it? Absolutely! It was an evening of tasty food, warm fellowship, good music and chances to bid on a wide variety of silent auction items. And, when all the numbers were crunched, the event netted for GSP



some \$5,000 from ticket sales, glasses of wine sold, silent auction sales, and GSP T-shirt sales. A lovely event, indeed.

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the man who had dunked her more than 100 times in that baptismal pool many years before.

Eventually, Charlie left his unhappy marriage of 39 years, and Phyllis left her 37-year marriage, which had also been unhappy. The two were married in a Presbyterian Church in Lakeland, Fla., on Nov. 30, 1996, and began a 5-year odyssey as full time RV-ers.

Charlie and Phyllis have shared 22 happy years together. Their motto in the early years was "Have RV, will travel"—which they did, driving their

40-foot motor home and towing their car across the country three times. Charlie returned to his childhood Episcopalian faith, bringing Phyllis with him. During their travels, they always looked for an Episcopal Church where they could worship in on Sundays. In 2007, they decided to settle in Tucson. Charlie got jobs working for RV dealerships and driving the school bus for Amphitheater School District. In their early 80's, the energetic couple also managed sales for the owner of two large mobile home parks.

After visiting several other Episcopal parishes in Tucson, Charlie

and Phyllis attended Grace St. Paul's on Easter Sunday, 2008. They knew immediately that they had arrived home. Typical of their generous natures, they volunteered for Joseph's Pantry and Bread for the Pantry ministries.

Now, in addition to Charlie's serving as a crucifer, the couple participates in the GSP Pastoral Care Team and coordinates the services of the Transportation Ministry, which helps arrange rides for parishioners to attend church services and medical appointments.

Spiritual Practices at 9 a.m.

This summer we're offering a four part series on spiritual practices. These sessions aren't designed to provide answers but to provoke questions and flip established assumptions on their heads. Proceed with caution: some of this material could stay with you for months, maybe even years to come!



EXPLORING OUR FAITH: SUNDAYS @ 9 & 11:45 a.m.

Spiritual Practices (Part 1): Sacraments

Sunday, June 3, 9 a.m., Bloom Room

The sacraments aren't just spiritual practices. They have been at the center of the church's greatest break-ups, start-ups, and controversies. All that drama over bread and water and wine. But as Phyllis Tickle explains, there is far more to a sacrament than taking a drink from a cup or dripping water on a forehead. Join us for a brief video and a real conversation about reclaiming the history and meaning behind the sacraments of the church.

Catherine Penn Williams is a longtime presenter and small group leader for the adult spiritual programs at GSP. In the world she is a Jungian-oriented psychotherapist in private practice.

Spiritual Practices (Part 2): Food

Sunday, June 10, 9 a.m., Bloom Room

For Sara Miles, it's no small thing that one of Jesus' final acts before his death was to share a meal with his friends. After experiencing life alongside some of the nation's poorest and richest people in her work at a food pantry in San Francisco, Miles believes more than ever that food plays a crucial role in our spiritual well being. Join us for a brief video and a real conversation about the role of food in our spiritual formation.

Victoria Stefani is a writer, artist, and scholar of literature, folklore, and mythology. She has taught literature, cultural studies, and writing at the University of Arizona and Humboldt State University. With her husband Joe she moved to Tucson in 1992; they have been part of the Grace St Paul's community since 2013.

Spiritual Practices (Part 3): Community

Sunday, June 17, 9 a.m., Bloom Room

Who doesn't want to be part of a community? And yet the practice of community can often be one of the most painful experiences we have as people of faith. We try to find churches where we fit in only to feel left out. Or we get involved in small groups that fall apart in a jumble of dysfunction and hurt feelings. How do we find our place in messy communities? How can we create communities that welcome others no matter what kind of baggage they bring with them? The church can be an awkward family—and maybe just the kind we need. Join us for a brief video and a real conversation about building community at church.

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Spiritual Practices (Part 4): Prayer

Sunday, June 24, 9 a.m., Bloom Room

Why pray? Brian McLaren explores this question and his own prayer life, including the comfort it

has brought him throughout his life. Like most of us, McLaren has struggled with messages about the "right" way to pray. How do we find our way to a prayer practice that feels meaningful, life giving, and soul soothing? Join us for a brief video and a real conversation about creating a personal prayer life that works.

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Exploring Today's Lectionary through Lectio Divina

Sunday, July 8, 9 a.m., Bloom Room

Interested in a method that makes scripture accessible and relevant? Join us as we dive into the intrigue of scripture by looking at the lectionary readings for this Sunday. *Lectio Divina* has its roots in the third and fourth centuries. It is a timeless gift to us from the monastic communities. From the Benedictine perspective, Richard Rohr describes this method of reading scripture, called *Lectio Divina*, as one that looks for wisdom instead of quick answers. It says, "What does this text ask of me? How can I change because of this story?" What you need to bring to our discussion? Simply, your life, and an open-hearted curiosity. What you will leave with is a method that is always within your reach.

Joe Stefani is a writer and artist who, until retirement, taught writing at the University of Arizona. He currently serves on the GSP vestry.

The Challenge of Paul (Part 3):

The Romanization of a Radical

Sunday, July 8, 11:45 a.m., Bloom Room

What if most of what we've been taught about the Apostle Paul is wrong? In the same way the radical Jesus was tamed into a transfigured being floating in the clouds, a radical Paul has been historically defamed as a woman hater, puritan, and homophobe who was also sympathetic to slavery. In this series of classes utilizing short videos and discussion, we will see how John Dominic Crossan, Irish-American New Testament scholar and historian of early Christianity, recasts Paul as the itinerant teacher who invited Romans and Jews into a life of resistance against Rome's oppressive regime of economic exploitation and occupational violence. Crossan's progressive biblical scholarship invites us to go deeper into the life of the first century missionary who imagined a human community in which all people, Jews, Gentiles, male, female, slave and free — in other words, everyone is invited to a common table around which everyone has enough.

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Ten Little Windows

Sunday, July 15, 9 a.m., Bloom Room

Ever wondered about the ten small, square windows throughout our Sanctuary? Each has its own history and meaning, and together they are part of what makes our Sanctuary unique. Come to this class to learn about these “Ten Little Windows.”

Joyce Henderson, a retired Visual Resources Curator from the UA, has studied classical and medieval art history. She received a Masters of Arts from Penn State. Over the last few years, she has become the major resource on the history of GSP’s stained glass windows.



The Challenge of Paul (Part 4):

Jewish Covenant versus Roman Empire

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GSP READERS GROUP



Not in God’s Name: Confronting

Religious Violence by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

Friday, June 8, 9:30 a.m., Bloom Room

A remarkable exploration of the reasons behind religious violence and solutions for stopping it. Sacks (*The Great Partnership: Science, Religion, and the Search for Meaning*, 2012, etc.), a British rabbi and member of the House of Lords, tackles one of history’s intractable questions: why have the world’s three monotheistic religions always been in conflict? More importantly, what can be done about it? ... Sacks notes

Loss & Spirituality

Sunday, July 22, 9 a.m., Bloom Room

Losses come in all shapes and sizes, great and small, and who can judge the degree of someone else’s loss? What we do know is that any loss can severely test our convictions and our sense of our own spirituality. This class will address some of the issues that arise when we suffer a loss and how we might approach them, with an emphasis on spirituality and faith.

Rev. Chris Ledyard is a deacon at Grace St. Paul’s and coordinates the Grief Pastoral Care and Animals & Spirituality ministries. Karen Hanson is a member of the GSP Vestry and is also part of the Grief Pastoral Care ministry.

The Oxford Movement: Why Should We Care?

Sunday, July 29, 9 a.m., Bloom Room

Join us for this talk and visual presentation to learn:

- What was the Oxford Movement?
- What is meant by the Branch Theory of the Church?
- How significant were the Tracts for the Times and the Library of the Fathers?
- How is the Oxford Movement related to the Romantic Movement?
- How is the Oxford Movement anti-rational or super-rational?
- How is the Oxford Movement anti-Erastian?
- What government actions got the Oxford Movement started?
- What is meant by Apostolic Succession and why was this theory stressed?
- Who were the leaders of the first generation of the Oxford Movement?
- How is the High Church different from the Low Church?
- Who were the leaders of the American version of the Oxford Movement?
- What were the ritualistic controversies in the American church?

Chuck Dickson is a retired history teacher and a frequent and popular presenter for Adult Spiritual Formation at GSP.

that seeing the world through the eyes of “the other” is the surest way of creating peace. He also points out the futility of continued hatred and urges others to trust in God’s ability to judge, not in our own.” (Kirkus Review)

For more information, please contact Victoria Stefani at 520-743-3978.

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

Friday, July 13, 9:30 a.m., Bloom Room

Sentenced to house arrest in Moscow’s Metropol Hotel by a Bolshevik tribunal for writing a poem deemed to encourage revolt, Count Alexander Rostov nonetheless

lives the fullest of lives, discovering the depths of his humanity. Inside the elegant Metropol, located near the Kremlin and the Bolshoi, the Count slowly adjusts to circumstances as a “Former Person.” He makes do with the attic room, to which he is banished after residing for years in a posh third-floor suite. ... ‘We are bound to find comfort from the notion that it takes generations for a way of life to fade,’ says the companionable narrator.

For the Count, that way of life ultimately becomes less about aristocratic airs and privilege than generosity and devotion. Spread across four decades, this is in all ways a great novel, a nonstop pleasure brimming with charm, personal wisdom, and philosophic insight.” (Kirkus Review)

For more information, please contact Victoria Stefani at 520-743-3978.

THIRD FRIDAY SUMMER FILM SERIES



Getting Away From It All

This summer we will present a variety of movies whose main characters need a change of scenery as they deal with crises of boredom, sadness, and insecurity. Although all are listed as romantic comedies, poignant moments in each will resonate with viewers' own struggles. Among them are relationship breakups, catastrophic diagnoses, and wanting to experience other cultures. Please join us for this series in the Bloom Room on the third Friday of each month in June, July and August. Each film presentation will be followed by a discussion. No charge.

Karen Borek and Jim Franks are the hosts for this film series. Karen enjoys film as a lens into the human condition and into worldviews differing from hers. Jim is a long time film aficionado who thoroughly enjoys the genres of historical drama, social change, relationship development, and science fiction.

Last Holiday (2006)

Friday, June 15, 6:30 p.m., Bloom Room

Last Holiday is a 2006 American romantic comedy-

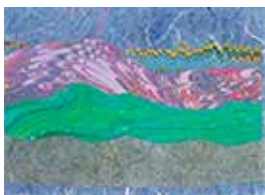
drama starring Queen Latifah, Gerard Depardieu, and LL Cool J. The film tells the story of Georgia, a humble store assistant, wannabe chef, and church choir member who discovers she has a rare brain condition, and only a few weeks to live. She decides to spend her last days—and her last funds—on a luxury holiday in Europe. Adventure, romance, and surprise ensue, and viewers will enjoy the strong performances, beautiful scenery, and spiritual awakenings of its characters.

Roman Holiday (1953)

Friday, July 20, 6:30 p.m., Bloom Room

Roman Holiday is a 1953 American romantic comedy directed and produced by William Wyler. Starring Gregory Peck and Audrey Hepburn, it's the story of a royal princess who sets out to experience Rome on her own, without royal minders or constraints. Hepburn won an Oscar for Best Actress for her performance; the film also won Oscars for screenplay and costume design. In 1999, *Roman Holiday* was selected for preservation by the Library of Congress for being “culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant.”

MAKING CONNECTIONS: SMALL GROUPS @ GSP



Deciphering God's Forgotten Language— A Summer Dream Group

Mondays, June 11, July 9 & Aug. 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m.,
(Location TBA)

In this group, we'll support each other in understanding our dreams with a perspective based on the work of Swiss psychologist Carl Jung and his theories on the development and working of the human psyche. We will look for the ways in which our dreams form a bridge between our conscious waking self and the Divine deep within the psyche, and how cultivating this relationship helps us to fulfill our capacity for love and to become the unique person God created. While we are part of and often use the language of the Christian tradition, we do not impose any doctrine or dogma on the members of our group. Group size is limited to 8 participants and will meet at a private home near GSP. Please register by June 6 via email to catherinewilliams@gmail.com.

Catherine Penn Williams has applied a depth perspective to working with messages from the

unconscious (dreams, synchronicity) with individuals and groups for 30 years. She is a Jungian-oriented psychotherapist in private practice.

Bible Women

Fridays, June 1 & 15 & July 6 & 20, 10:30-11:30 a.m.,
Bloom Room

Where are the voices of women in the Bible? What do they have to say to us about our own lives? This class studies the Bible through the words of women in the Old and New Testaments. The focus is on actual scripture and its contexts; an optional text, *Bible Women: All Their Words and Why They Matter* by Lindsay Hardin Freeman, is available from Amazon in softcover (\$22) or Kindle (\$9.99). The group meets twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Friday. No registration is necessary and participants are welcome to join the group at any time.

For more information contact Victoria Stefani, 520-743-3978 or vstefani@email.arizona.edu.



Sharing Our Spiritual Journeys

1st & 3rd Mondays, June 4 & 18 & July 2 & 16,
10 a.m.-12 noon, Bloom Room

Every week, we focus on a different intersection between spirituality, religion, and culture. The topics vary and there's always a lively discussion. Each session stands alone and all are welcome. No registration is necessary.

Co-facilitated by Jim Franks, Joe Smith and Catherine Penn Williams.

Bible Workbench

Thursdays, 10 a.m., Bloom Room

Join Fr. Richard Mallory for a lectionary Bible study on Thursday mornings. The class will utilize study guides prepared by the editors of the Bible Workbench (BW), a program that Fr Richard describes as "the best lectionary curriculum I have discovered." Besides providing a solid approach from biblical studies in general, BW offers a

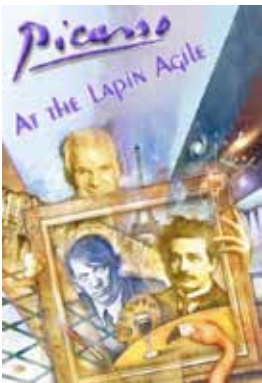
depth psychological take on the passage at hand. We encourage you to attend a meeting to get a taste of the class and to help you decide if this group is for you. No registration is necessary.

Fr. Richard Mallory is the Associate Rector at Grace St Paul's.

Saturday Java Jive: Coffee & Conversation

Saturdays, 9-11 a.m., Epic Cafe (745 N. 4th Ave. at 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. There is actually no one in charge of this group and it's been thriving for 10 years in spite of—or maybe because of—that fact. Come join us!



First Friday Play Reading for June

ON THE DOCKET for the June GSP Spirit Players First Friday Play Reading is an absurdist play that deals with the theory of relativity, and cubism, as well as some other topics. And, from the beginning, the audience is asked not to take this play too seriously.

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile" is the script for the evening of **June 1**, beginning at **6:30 p.m.**, in the **Bloom Room**.

Paris, 1904: The Lapin Agile, beloved watering hole to struggling artists and would-be geniuses, welcomes two soon-to-be legends for one extraordinary night. Pablo Picasso and Albert Einstein, whose egos are as big as their intellects, spar with the regulars and each other about art, science, inspiration, love, and the promise of the 20th century. Throw into this mix a mysterious visitor with a penchant for blue suede shoes, and you're in for a brilliant and witty evening of theatre.

It's important to know that the playwright of "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" is **Steve Martin**, stand-up comic, actor, writer, banjo player and something of a genius in his own right. So while big questions are being addressed, you

can be sure that a layer of silliness is always in place (and, subversively, a layer of seriousness lies beneath that).

Please join us on June 1 to enjoy silliness and wittiness. Attendees can read if they wish, or participate as "audience;" scripts are provided. Sharon McKenzie and Nanalee Raphael, both long-time theatre aficionados, are the facilitators.

This script is suitable for folks of all ages.

There is no admission charge, however a donation of canned food such as hearty soup, ravioli, chili or tuna for the Joseph's Food Pantry at Grace St. Paul's would be greatly appreciated.

Looking Forward to July's First Friday reading

Even though the First Friday in July is the 6th, and not Independence Day, we will be reading several short plays written by American playwrights. Although the titles haven't been decided upon yet, authors being considered include Murray Schisgal, Joyce Carol Oates, Arthur Miller, and Terrence McNally. The plays under consideration were selected as the Best Short Plays of 1991 – 1992.

Stay tuned for full details soon, and save the date: July 6!



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WEEKLY SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

SUNDAYS

7:45 a.m., Holy Communion
9 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
11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Youth Group

MONDAYS

11:30 a.m., Spiritual Direction
4 p.m., Spirit Dojo
7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic

TUESDAYS

6 p.m., Evening Prayer & Communion
7 p.m., Interfaith Meditation

WEDNESDAYS

7 a.m., Holy Communion
10 a.m., Desert Angel Quilters
4:30 p.m., Spirit Dojo

THURSDAYS

10 a.m., Bridge Group
10:30 a.m., Bible Workbench
3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
5:30 p.m., Spirit Now—An Emerging Worship Experience
7 p.m., AZ Welcomes Refugees

SATURDAYS

8:30 a.m., Saturday Java Jive
9 a.m., Altar Guild
10 a.m., Grief Group

What's Happening in June 2018...

1st 10:30 a.m., **Bible Women**
6:30 p.m., Spirit Players Play-Reading
2nd 2 p.m., **Creativity & Spirituality group**
3rd 9 a.m., *Spiritual Practices, Part 1: Sacraments*
2 p.m., St. Andrew's Bach Society
4th 10 a.m., *Sharing Spiritual Journeys*
6th 12 noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry
7 p.m., **Green Church meeting**
7th 6 p.m., **Spirit Song**
8th 9:30 a.m., **GSP Readers Group**
10th 9 a.m., *Spiritual Practices, Part 2: Food*
11th 6:30 p.m., *Deciphering God's Forgotten Language—A Summer Dream Group*
15th 10:30 a.m., **Bible Women**
6:30 p.m., **Film & Fellowship**
17th 9 a.m., *Spiritual Practices, Part 3: Community*
18th 9 a.m., **Children's Summer Camp**
10 a.m., *Sharing Spiritual Journeys*
19th 9 a.m., **Children's Summer Camp**

20th 9 a.m., **Children's Summer Camp**
12 noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry
21st **SUMMER SOLSTICE** ☀️
9 a.m., **Children's Summer Camp**

22nd 9 a.m., **Children's Summer Camp**
24th 9 a.m., *Spiritual Practices, Part 4: Prayer*
1 p.m., Primavera cooking team
26th 9 a.m., Primavera Meals Group
6:30 p.m., **Vestry Meeting**

... And in July 2018

1st 9 & 11:45 a.m., **Sundae Sunday!**
2nd 10 a.m., *Sharing Spiritual Journeys*
4th **INDEPENDENCE DAY** 🇺🇸
Office closed
12 noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry
7 p.m., **Green Church meeting**
5th 6 p.m., **Spirit Song**
6th 10:30 a.m., **Bible Women**
6:30 p.m., Spirit Players Play-Reading
7th 2 p.m., **Creativity & Spirituality group**
8th 9 a.m., *Exploring Today's Lectionary through 'Lectio Divina'*
11:45 a.m., *The Challenge of Paul (Part 3): The Romanization of a Radical*
9th 6:30 p.m., *Deciphering God's Forgotten Language—A Summer Dream Group*

13th 9:30 a.m., **GSP Readers Group**
15th 9 a.m., *Ten Little Windows*
11:45 a.m., *The Challenge of Paul (Part 4): Jewish Covenant versus Roman Empire*
16th 10 a.m., *Sharing Spiritual Journeys*
18th 12 noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry
20th 10:30 a.m., **Bible Women**
6:30 p.m., **Film & Fellowship**
22nd 9 a.m., *Loss & Spirituality*
1 p.m., Primavera cooking team
24th 9 a.m., Primavera Meals Group
6:30 p.m., **Vestry Meeting**
28th 8:30 a.m., TiHAN Volunteer Orientation
29th 9 a.m., *The Oxford Movement: Why Should We Care?*
30th 10 a.m., *Sharing Spiritual Journeys*