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Rector's Letter

AS WE PLUNGE into our Giving and Receiving season here at Grace St. Paul's, I have been reflecting on the many gifts surrounding us and just how grateful I am to be a member of this beloved community. Those thanksgivings are beyond numerous, but the one that is standing out for me right now is the sacrament of marriage.

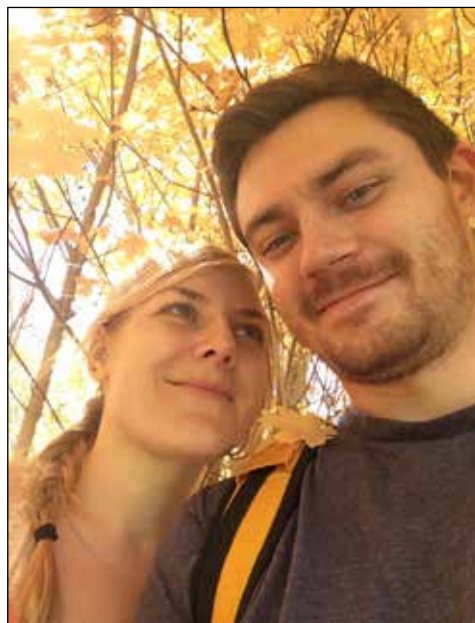
Over the last two months, I have done more simultaneous pre-marital counseling than I ever have in my career. I have had three or four pre-marital sessions each week, as we prepare for six, count 'em, six marriages. Having the opportunity to celebrate the joining of six couples over such a short period of time is incredibly joyful and exciting for this community.

As you read these words, Allison Dumka and Eddie Dick will have finished their beautiful celebration, complete with confetti guns at the end of a stunning liturgy. Allison has been a vital member of GSP for four years now, and Eddie quickly became a part of us as he and Allison began dating.

They represent what we are striving to be at GSP and they were absolutely adamant that we utilize their celebration as an evangelical tool to bring their friends into this community, to show them just how inclusive and embracing we are as a church. They believe in us and I believe in them, big time.

So much to celebrate, so much to love, so much for which to be thankful. Thanks be to God!

This month, we get to celebrate another wedding event that only happens once in a blue moon. On Saturday, Nov. 19, our Senior Warden
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Allison Dumka and Eddie Dick (left)
Laura Angeley and Kyle Devereux (right)

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Tuesday, Nov. 8.**

Rector's Letter

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and our Special Assistant to the Rector will be married in a ceremony that has been designed with all of you in mind. Each and every one of you are invited to be with us as we celebrate the marriage of Laura Angeley and Kyle Devereux.

Kyle and Laura's individual faith journeys are two of the most striking and emotionally heartwarming tales you will ever experience. They both came to us after traveling through a life of religious obstacle courses, one right after the other. They both discovered so much on their journeys and their very different roads both led them to Grace St. Paul's. Here they both found the place they had been striving to discover much of their lives, for very different reasons. As they got their footing in their very new way of life, they began immersing themselves in the church, liturgically, socially, and emotionally. In the midst of that, they discovered something that neither of them ever expected. They discovered each other.

It is the kind of story that makes me shiver

with joy and restores my faith in the future. It reinforces our goals here at GSP. And it also gives me great hope for where we and this world are going when we have leaders like Laura and Kyle.

Don't miss the event of the year. Come celebrate with Kyle and Laura on Nov. 19. Celebrate their journey, celebrate their discovery of each other and celebrate their marriage. Join in the giant potluck after the service as we create a reception to honor them and all they have done for this church.

Finally, before the month comes to an end, Rochelle Ramey (Doree Ramey's granddaughter) and Scott Anderson will also be married here on Saturday, Nov. 26.

So much to celebrate, so much to love, so much for which to be thankful. Thanks be to God!



Giving & Receiving: Living Gratefully

By Peggy Scott

I LISTENED TO a podcast not too long ago. It was a TED Talk (if you haven't heard about TED Talks, I encourage you to look them up) by author A.J. Jacobs, talking about his book *A Year of Living Biblically*. He mentioned quite a few things that came out of his efforts to live exactly as the Bible mandates during a whole year. However, one of his experiences remains with me. He learned that if "you change your behavior, you change your mind." In other words, "The outer affects the inner."

Mr. Jacobs actively chose to live with

gratitude. He constantly gave thanks for everything. Every time he got into an elevator and pushed the button, he gave thanks that the elevator would take him where he needed to go. And on and on. Hundreds of things go

right every day but we focus on the two or three things that go wrong. He remarks that giving thanks for everything is a "strange way to live" but also quite beautiful.

As we approach the holidays and our Grace St. Paul's Thanksgiving Potluck is on the horizon, the Giving and Receiving Ministry encourages you to consider your giving behavior. Make or renew your estimate of giving today. Give thanks for GSP and give generously. The results

might just surprise you and change your life, not to mention the world around you.



Liturgy
Discussion of
the Month
By The Rev. Steve
Keplinger



The Eucharistic Prayer Proclamation of Faith

IF YOU HAVE spent any time in a liturgical tradition, you know the words by heart. In the middle of the Eucharistic Prayer, the long prayer before communion, the Deacon asks us to proclaim the mystery of our faith, “Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.” We say it in a few alternate ways based on the prayer, but all of our proclamations have this same message.

The only problem is that those words no longer match our theology. I would argue that the statement that “Christ will come again” makes little sense for those who interpret Easter as the event that brought Christ with us for all time. If Christ has been with us since the first Easter, why are we waiting for him to come again?

In our Gospel lesson on Sunday, Oct. 16, Luke clearly suggests that waiting on Christ had caused a paralysis and a feeling of powerlessness in his people. The answer for them as far as Luke is concerned, is their coming to the realization that Christ is already here, that because Christ is with us now, we do not need to wait for anything. We have been deputized to bring about the kingdom of God with Christ... now.

In Eucharistic Prayer C, which we have been using during the season of Creation, the text is slightly different, “We Celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.” But if we believe what Jesus says in multiple

texts, that the kingdom of God is in our midst, why would we continue to say that Christ is coming again and that we are waiting for him? If we believe the Easter stories, we need to stop waiting. When I ask this question in clerical settings I get responses like, but Steve, that’s our tradition. We can’t change those words. We’ve always said it that way. But the symbols that we use for God function. If we say every week that Christ is coming again, why are we surprised when people stop working to bring about the kingdom and sit back waiting for God to save us?

That is why we have changed those acclamations here at GSP. Christ has died. Yes. Christ is risen. Yes! And Christ is present now. Now!

And in this season’s Eucharistic Prayer we say, “We remember his death and resurrection, as we celebrate his presence with us and all of creation.”

It is the theology of Luke and Jesus and it is the theology that Jesus tells us will bring about the kingdom of God. We are not waiting anymore for Christ to come. He is here in our midst. So let us celebrate his presence now and stop waiting for a fulfillment that we have already experienced. Christ is here.

Celebrate!

(The heart of this column is excerpted from Fr. Steve’s sermon on Creation 3, Oct. 16, 2016.)

Prayers for the Dead

Tuesday, Nov. 1, 12 noon
in the Memorial Garden

WE WILL OFFER prayer for those we have personally known and loved but see no longer. All who have lost a loved one in the past year are especially encouraged to attend this short but meaningful service.



Notes from the Choir Stalls

By Christina Jarvis,
Director of Music



OH, HELLO. You probably want to know what the choir will be doing for the month of November, which includes the rest of the **Season of Creation** and the first Sunday in **Advent**. Your humble servant will read the musical tea leaves for the coming month and make prognostications, which may come to pass. Or possibly not. My track record was only *mas o menos* for October.

As you may have noticed, stuff happens. Sometimes it's those pesky clergy. They must think they run the place. Music is all arranged for Track 1 of the lectionary and then they want to preach on Track 2. Or they revise an entire service. It's what makes Grace St. Paul's so cool; liturgical creativity abounds. When these things happen, hymns are easily swapped out, but anthems not so much because of the rehearsal time required. We do our best to be flexible. Occasionally, with these lectionary shifts, a piece will present itself at just the right moment, one that works far better than what was planned. It's the Holy Spirit putting in her oar.

All Saints' this year will be a jazz Sunday; we haven't had a jazz All Saints' since 2010, and it seems the perfect time, especially as we will have celebrated **All Soul's/Día de los Muertos** the previous Sunday. Thinking of a New Orleans jazz funeral, Oct. 30 was the slow march to the cemetery, and Nov. 6 will be the joyous celebration at the end.

The offertory anthem will be a Mark Hayes arrangement of "Blessed Assurance." I've tweaked a word or two to make it more GSP-friendly, so we won't be washed in the blood. The Zombies are singing a piece called "Gather with the Saints," which blends "Shall We Gather at the River" with "When the Saints Go Marching In." And, of course, the jazzers will lead us in a rousing version of "When the Saints Go Marching In," so that we can all sing it, too.

For Nov. 13, the offertory is "Cry out and shout" by Knut Nystedt, a Norwegian composer of the gnarly period, i.e., the mid-20th century. He studied with Aaron Copland and had a long and illustrious career as composer of sacred music, conductor and

organist; he died in his sleep at age 99 in 2014. The communion anthem will be "Hymn of Peace" by Alec Wyton, based on the hymn *Jerusalem* made famous to American audiences by the film "Chariots of Fire", or perhaps more recently by the wedding of Prince William to Catherine Middleton.

The Last Sunday in the Season of Creation/Christ the King will be celebrated this year on Nov. 20. We have in our choral library the perfect piece to celebrate both—"Concertato on O God Beyond All Praising (Thaxted)" by Gustav Holst. The evocative tune was taken by Holst from his music for Jupiter in "The Planets" to create a setting for the poem "I vow to thee, my country," rewritten and made into a hymn at the end of the World War I and sung at Armistice Day commemorations and at the last evening of the Proms. For communion we will sing a newly acquired piece by William Bradley Roberts—"Savior, like a shepherd lead us," in which we will sing all the Saviors we cut out of "Blessed Assurance." I never claimed to be consistent. Or maybe we'll conclude that Savior is okay as long as we aren't washed in the blood.

In Advent, the lectionary settles down and there aren't choices to be made among the possible readings except perhaps a random psalm or two. We're back to Year A in the liturgical cycle (we just completed Year C). I'd like to have the Howells "O pray for the peace of Jerusalem" as the offertory. The scores were purchased with a donation from Rick and Linda Hanson. They went missing a while back and I'm still seeking them. I may order new ones if I can't find the old. It's a gorgeous piece. For communion, the current plan is the spiritual "Better be ready."

This is the season of thanksgiving, and as always the choir is grateful to have the support of the parish for good things like new scores and contract musicians and organ maintenance and all the bits and pieces required by a music program. Your contribution to Giving and Receiving helps keep Pamela and me employed, to which we say, yay, you! Jane, Wesley, and Jim all agree, too. Thank you!

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Choir Notes

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As a ministry leader in this parish, I was asked to think about the ways in which the music ministry has been beneficial or transformative, so I asked choir members to share their experiences, because as Virginia Zuelow said to me, it isn't just about what the choir does for the congregation, it's also about what the choir does for the choir. Here follow some responses:

SIX WEEKS after receiving a difficult diagnosis from my lung biopsy, I hesitantly returned to choir.

Lugging my new oxygen appendage and feeling depressed, tired and in pain, I was uncertain I had anything to offer. Everybody was so kind and warm and welcoming that my concerns were quickly abated and I knew I was back home where I belonged.—**Cricket Kelbaugh**

ENCOUNTERING YOU at Trader Joe's was providential! I had been without a church home for some time and subsequently attending a service and experiencing what GSP offered, in combination with your invitation to join the choir, restored what I had been missing.—**Barbara Pritchard**

SINGING IN the GSP choir has given me a place to reflect on how sacred music can reveal so many

facets of faith.—**Barbara Morehouse**

WE FIND the choir a respite for our souls.—**Phyllis and Richard Cameron**

ONE CHRISTMAS EVE several years back, Karen McVean and I were killing time and we chatted up a storm. We discovered that we both had roots in the Northern part of New York State, and then discovered that her aunt and my mother were in the same class at St. Lawrence University (my alma mater, too)! I had an extra class of 1926 yearbook from SLU, so I gave that to Karen, who forwarded it on to her cousins. Love these small world stories, but how many of them can we say happened in the hallway outside the Kinsolving Room?—**Tom Ham**

We all are the body and voice of Christ. Choir and congregation, together we sing, we lift ourselves up when sorrowful, we do happy dances when joyful, we join hands when besieged, we embrace creation in us, of us, and around us. We all have stories ; may we share them with full hearts.

Have a blessed Advent!

Christina



Karen Hanson plays Native American flute music during the celebration of the Autumn Equinox on the labyrinth at GSP.

Senior Focus

Chuck House: A Life Well Lived

By Ann Schlumberger

CHARLES WARNER HOUSE was born April 28, 1927, in Flint, Mich.—then a thriving auto manufacturing town. His middle name was a frequently given family name, commemorating Seth Warner, the American Revolutionary leader of the Green Mountain Boys in New York.



Chuck House

With his family, he was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and served as an altar boy. He was also a Boy Scout and never missed a meeting in his five years of membership.

In the summers, in addition to enjoying attending Boy Scout Camp, he also visited his paternal grandmother in Petosky, Mich., on Traverse Bay of Lake Michigan. There he learned how to fish, played with the neighborhood kids, and was taught by his grandmother to play cribbage, which he still enjoys.

While still in high school, Chuck was a member of the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve, which allowed him to complete high school and then go on for training in the U.S. Army Air Corps. Chuck went on active duty in the Air Corps in July 1945, just as World War II was winding down. He served in the Army through December 1946, during which he was stationed in the Philippines and at the Tokyo Headquarters of the Pacific Air Command, just across the street from the Imperial Palace of the Japanese Emperor.

Honorably discharged, Chuck then used the GI Bill to attend Flint Junior College. He also worked in the Chevrolet plant in Flint, just as his father had. He transferred to the University of Michigan, earning a bachelor's degree with a history major and English minor in 1951.

Upon graduation Chuck went to work for Standard Brands, Inc., for a year and a half, until he resigned and went to seek his fortune

in San Francisco. There, he got a job with a marketing research firm and after three years returned to Michigan, where he worked in the sales and marketing research departments, first for Ford Motor Company and later Dow Chemical Company.

While employed by Dow, Chuck married and had two boys—Kenneth and Keith. After he divorced, he moved to Chicago for the rest of his working years, and his two teenaged sons lived with him. Chuck very much enjoyed being a father, teaching the boys to fish, supporting their Boy Scout activities, and attending their soccer games while they were in high school. After his boys were grown, he coached an elementary age boys soccer team, “which even won a few games.”

When Chuck retired from a small manufacturing company in suburban Chicago, he went to live with his sister in Irvine, Calif. As a history major who loved learning, he was attracted to the educational trips sponsored by Elder Hostel. On a trip to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, he met Marilyn Abraham, with whom he has shared his life for more than 20 years.

He and Marilyn have taken other Elder Hostel trips, traveled to visit his sons (Ken in Raleigh, N.C.; Keith in Chicago), and enjoyed camping in the Southwest (their Phantom Ranch camping trip comes to his mind.) They also play cribbage. In fact, Chuck recently won a gold medal at the Senior Olympics in that game. In addition, he plays bridge weekly.

Chuck became involved in Grace St. Paul's through the Thursday lunch and lecture activities that used to be held here for seniors. After lunch, attendees would play bridge, which Chuck thoroughly enjoyed. Thus it was bridge that initially drew him to GSP. After a while, he began to attend Sunday services.

With Marilyn, he has served as an usher at the 10 a.m. service. These days, Chuck is a lay reader for the 7:45 a.m. service, inspiring parishioners with his sonorous delivery of the day's Scripture lessons.

November First-Friday Play Reading

ARE YOU TIRED of the mud-slinging of the 2016 presidential election? Can't wait till it's all over? Want to go back to the conventions to nominate other candidates? You'll get your chance at the November First Friday Play Reading. Join us on Friday, Nov. 4, to be privy to wheeling and dealing backstage during a political party convention as we read "The Best Man" by Gore Vidal.

The other party is in disarray. Five men vie for the party nomination for president. No one has a majority as the first ballot closes and the front-runners begin to decide how badly they want the job.

First performed in 1960, "The Best Man"

is prescient in its mirroring of current politics. At the time, it was widely recognized that the play was written as a deliberate parallel of the upcoming Democratic Convention, and a scathing attack on the Kennedys whom Vidal detested.

We won't have any smoke-filled rooms, but honesty and duplicity will be present throughout the evening.

As usual, the reading begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Bloom Room. Come participate as a reader (and discover the hidden thespian in you!) or be an "audience" member. The evening is free and scripts are provided.

This play's subject matter and language are suitable for young adults.

Facilitated by Nanalee Raphael, costume designer and theatre aficionado.



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Offsetting Your Air Travel CO₂

By Joe Smith

FOLLOWING Fr. Steve's sermon on the first Creation Sunday my initial reaction was the sailor's prayer, "O God, your sea is so great and my boat is so small."

My first thought, the problem of climate change is huge. Any efforts I can make seem Lilliputian. At our house we've done the usual things: replaced incandescent light bulbs, only run the washer and dishwasher with full loads, and turn off lights when we leave the room. We have a car that is reasonably efficient. What to do?

Studies show that many conscientious families have relatively small carbon footprints *so long as they do not fly*. Jet engines generate enormous amounts of carbon dioxide. Air travel can completely undo many conservation efforts.

Recently I located an organization that offsets the CO₂ produced by airline travel.

I chose carbonfund.org from the ones an internet search turned up. Their calculator computes the pounds of CO₂ a flight generates per seat and assesses a dollar figure that will offset the carbon dioxide generated at one of their projects around the world. The cost is modest.

I chose this group because it has a perfect 100 rating at Charity Navigator. They don't indulge in incessant fund raising efforts and ceaseless emails. They don't give away "gifts." They just quietly go about the business of establishing programs that will remove CO₂ from the atmosphere.

My guess is that most of our GSP family who fly for business or leisure could probably afford to undertake to ameliorate the effect of those trips through carbon offsetting. The sea is indeed vast, but this makes the boat a tiny bit larger.



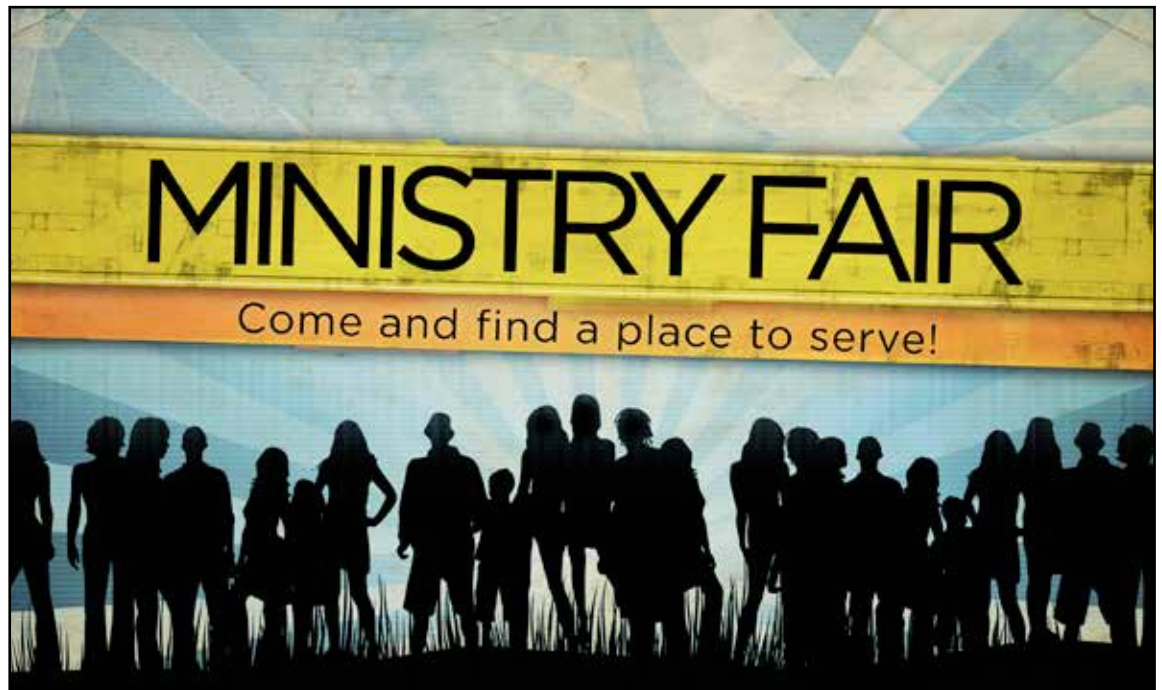
Ministry Fair Nov. 6: Fun, Food & Lives Transformed

By Laura Angeley
& Martha Whitaker

We are so excited to bring you the **Ministry Fair 2016!** It will take place on Sunday, Nov. 6, in McBride Hall, after both the 7:45 and 10 a.m. services.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the ministries at Grace St. Paul's. We will be following the model from last year by having music, food, food trucks, raffle prizes and more!

When you visit the ministry tables you will learn how GSP's ministries transform people's lives. As a bonus, each table will have a tasty food item to share with visitors.



Winter Care for your Pets

By Sinead Jackson

WINTER IS AROUND the corner and our four-footers need to rely on our protective awareness of how to care for them in cold weather. Often there is a misconception that because they have a fur coat, they are immune to the damages that can come with cold weather. Domesticated animals, like humans, need to be kept comfortably warm and safe from the winter elements. Here are some tips to help you keep them safe and comfortable.

Because we live in a warm desert climate, we might think that our pets are safe from the cold. Yet while pets have fur to protect them from the cold, dogs need plenty of time to acclimate to the colder weather. Many dogs actually shed in the winter as we increase temperatures in our homes. When spending time outside in the cold, keep watch for signs of frost bite—most of pet insurance company Trupanion's frostbite claims reference the ears—and if your dog is shivering, take them inside.

Here in Tucson, we have the beautiful mountains surrounding us. I love taking my dogs up the mountains where trails lead into lush forest and streams make for sheer joy. One time, after my dog had finished splashing in the water, I looked in my backpack and couldn't find the terry cloth towel I thought I had packed. She began shivering uncontrollably and luckily a friend of mine had an extra hoodie with him and we wrapped it around her until she stopped shaking and was warm and dry. She could have suffered from hypothermia had we not taken measures to keep her warm.

During the Holidays, the new decorations around the house can be tempting for playful and curious dogs

and cats, but the tinsel, ornaments, and gifts around the house typically aren't edible. Trupanion sees 10 percent more foreign body ingestion claims in November and December. Toxic foods like chocolate, onions, and grapes aren't hard to find around the house and indoor plants like poinsettias and holly can be dangerous when ingested. The sweet liquid of antifreeze can be tempting for dogs and cats which are toxic and can be fatal to our pups and kitties.

Dogs and cats can take refuge from the cold by climbing under the car



to keep warm by the engine. It's safer to keep your animals indoors. If they must be outside, provide a heated bed and warm place to take shelter. Also, The Humane Society recommends raising the shelter a few inches off the ground and covering the floor with cedar shavings or straw. The doorway should be positioned away from the wind, and the shelter covered with water proof burlap or heavy plastic. Remember be sure to supply your pets with unlimited amounts of water and to change it regularly to avoid freezing, or use a heated water bowl.

Some dogs need to cut back the food consumption during the less active winter months, but other dogs become more active in the colder climates. Dogs who spend time

running around outside in the cold may need more food than usual due to burning more energy to keep warm. Table scraps and treats can add up quickly—just a 5-ounce serving of dark meat turkey for your small dog can be the caloric equivalent of an entire 8-inch pumpkin pie for you.

Animals can get flakey skin in the winter like humans do. Use a humidifier and provide plenty of drinking water in your home—your pet's skin will thank you. Brushing their coats stimulates blood circulation and can help improve the overall condition of their skin.

Cold weather can exacerbate pain and stiffness from arthritis, especially in older animals. Lameness to CCL ruptures can occur after a dog has slipped on ice. Watch your step!

Don't leave your pet in your car when it's particularly cold out. Your car can act like a refrigerator as it holds in the cold. When in doubt leave your pet at home if you know you have to leave them unattended in the car.

If it's too cold outside, entice your dog to exercise indoors with exercise like tug-of-war, fetch, or a play date with another pet-friend. Also, there are indoor classes like agility training that can be fun for both you and your dog.

The salt and chemicals used to melt snow can be damaging to your dog's paws and upsetting to their digestive system. Wipe your dogs paws off as they come inside and prevent them from licking the salt and chemicals. Boots or petroleum jelly can also help protect their paws from ice and snow.

Remember your pets depend on you to provide their needs by keeping them safe and content. Have a *pawsitively* wonderful Holiday season delighting in the endless joy that your animal companions gift you with!

EXPLORING OUR FAITH: SUNDAYS @ 9:00 & 11:45

No class on Sunday, Nov. 6

Exploring Today's Lectionary

Sunday, Nov. 13, 9 a.m., Bloom Room

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.

Presented by Nanalee Raphael, a longtime GSP member and EfM mentor.

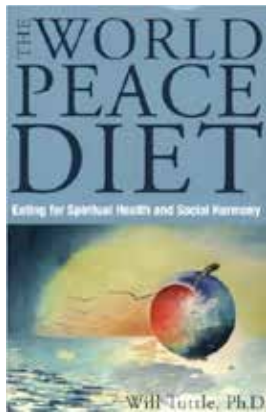
Food Stewardship

Sunday, Nov. 20, 9 a.m., Bloom Room

Have you often thought about your carbon footprint? What is our Christian responsibility in care for our planet? As Americans we are among the greatest abusers of factory farming and food for profit practices. Adopting a plant-based diet is one way we can lessen the destructive impact that our daily choices support.

This discussion is simply to introduce ideas and learn about ways each of us can make healthier eating choices that promote environmental stewardship and social justice.

There will be references to Dr. Will Tuttle's book, *The World Peace Diet: Eating for Spiritual Health and Social Harmony*, and a review of his presentation at GSP in 2014. We will also cite recent documentaries, *Forks over Knives*, *Food, Inc.*, and *Fed Up* for additional information. There won't be any soapboxes, just opportunities to learn new ideas.



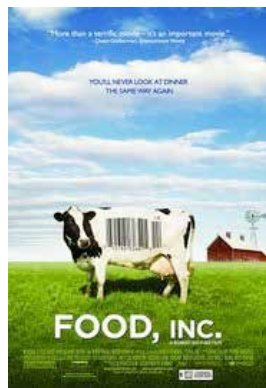
3RD FRIDAY FILMS @ GSP

Fall Film Series: Food & Stewardship

Friday, Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m., Bloom Room

As Christians, we believe we are called to be good stewards of the Earth. Do we really need to concern ourselves with what we eat? Yet, we live in a very different world than our grandparents' generation, and nowhere is this more evident than in the mass production of food. The influence of lobbyists and multinational corporations on the huge business of agriculture has changed the way food is grown, impacts the environment and has challenged the health of our nation. And the poor are often left with the price tag. Join us on the third Friday of each month during the fall for a free film and discussion about food production in America today.

Food, Inc. (2008), an Oscar-nominated film, lifts the veil on our nation's food industry, exposing the



Jim Franks, a retired elementary school teacher, is a co-facilitator in GSP Adult Spiritual Formation and a member of our Vestry. He describes himself as a "wanna-be vegan" who has been a food-loving vegetarian for over 20 years.

Wearing God: Exploring New Metaphors for the Holy One (An Advent Series)

Sundays, Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11 & 18, 9 a.m., Bloom Room

There are hundreds of metaphors for God, but the church only uses a few familiar images: creator, judge, savior, father. In *Wearing God: Clothing, Laughter, Fire, and Other Overlooked Ways of Meeting God* (2016), Lauren F. Winner explores the notion of God as clothing, and reflects on how we are "clothed with Christ" or how "God fits us like a garment." Winner—a leading writer at the crossroads of culture and spirituality—joins the ranks of writing luminaries such as Anne Lamott and Barbara Brown Taylor with this exploration of little known biblical metaphors for God, metaphors which can open new doorways for our lives and spirituality.

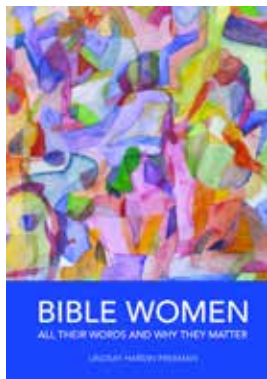
It is not necessary to have read the book in order to participate fully in the class discussion. Each session is designed to stand alone. All are welcome.

Facilitated by Catherine Penn Williams and Nanalee Raphael, members of the Adult Spiritual Formation ministry team.

highly mechanized underbelly that's been hidden from the American consumer. U.S. agri-business consistently produces more food on less land and at cheaper cost than the farmers of any other nation. What could possibly be wrong with that? According to the growing ranks of organic farmers, "slow food" activists and concerned consumers cited in this documentary, the answer is "plenty."

Jim Franks, a member of the Adult Spiritual Formation ministry, will host this film series. Jim also currently serves on the vestry at GSP.

UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE: BIBLE STUDY @ GSP

**Bible Women**

Fridays, Nov. 4 & 18, 10:30 a.m., Weeks 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 **Vicki Stefani**, 520-743-3978 or vstefani@email.arizona.edu.

For Everyone: Coffee, Bagels and Bible Stuff

Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 a.m., McBride Hall

Join a diverse group in a discussion of **I Timothy**. In our second year many are attending their first bible study and are enjoying the attempt to put the weekly readings into historical perspective while finding current application. **All materials are provided.** Drop-ins are welcome, and we start and end on time. Formerly a group for men, this class now welcomes everyone!

Bill Moore, GSP Junior Warden, is the group facilitator.

MAKING CONNECTIONS: SMALL GROUPS @ GSP

**GSP Readers Group: 'Boy, Snow, Bird'**

by Helen Oyeyemi

Friday, Nov. 11, 9:30 a.m., Bloom Room

In the winter of 1953, Boy Novak arrives by chance in a small town in Massachusetts looking, she believes, for beauty—the opposite of the life she's left behind in New York. She marries Arturo Whitman, a local widower, and becomes stepmother to his winsome daughter, Snow. This is the Snow White fairy tale brilliantly recast as a story of family secrets, race, beauty, and vanity. Dazzlingly inventive and powerfully moving, *Boy, Snow, Bird* is an astonishing and enchanting novel. With breathtaking feats of imagination, Helen Oyeyemi confirms her place as one of the most original and dynamic literary voices of our time.

All are welcome. No registration necessary.
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a surprise and takes us where the Spirit guides. Each session stands alone and all are welcome. No registration is necessary.

Co-facilitated by **Brian Arthur**, **Jim Franks** and **Catherine Penn Williams**. Brian is a longtime EFM mentor at GSP, Catherine is the convener of Adult Spiritual Formation, and Jim serves on the GSP Vestry.

Saturday Java Jive: Coffee & Conversation

Saturdays, 8:30-11 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.

Sharing Our Spiritual Journeys

Mondays, 10 a.m., Bloom Room

Each week, in this small discussion group, we focus on a different intersection between spirituality, religion, and culture. We view short videos (10-15 min.) by scholars and authors such as Richard Rohr, Marcus Borg, Diana Butler Bass, Christina Cleveland and other innovative church thinkers. The conversation is always



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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
- 6 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*
- 6 p.m., Arts & Crafts for Adults
- 7 p.m., Interfaith Meditation

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

- 7:30 a.m., *Coffee, Bagels & B.S. for All*
- 10 a.m., Bridge Group
- 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

What's Happening in November 2016...

1st ALL SAINTS DAY

12 Noon, *All Saints Liturgy in Memorial Garden*

2nd 12 Noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry

3rd 6 p.m., SpiritSong: Worship & Prayer in the style of Taizé

4th 10:30 a.m., Bible Women

6:30 p.m., Spirit Players Play-Reading

6th ALL SAINTS SUNDAY & MINISTRY FAIR

3 p.m., UA Symphonic Choir Concert

7th 10 a.m., Sharing Our Spiritual Journeys

7 p.m., *Green Church Committee*

8th ELECTION DAY

11th 9:30 a.m., Readers Group

12th 9:30 a.m., Citizens Climate Lobby

13th 9 a.m., Exploring Today's Lectionary

11:45 a.m., *Kicking at the Goads*

1 p.m., Sudanese Worship in Dinka

14th 10 a.m., Sharing Our Spiritual Journeys

16th 12 Noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry

4 p.m., Foundation for Episcopal Campus Ministry

17th 9 a.m., SPA DAY

18th 10:30 a.m., Bible Women

6:30 p.m., *Fall Film Series*

19th 5 p.m., Angeley/Devereux Wedding

20th 9 a.m., Food Stewardship

11:45 a.m., *Giving & Receiving Potluck*

3 p.m., True Concord Concert

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

22nd 9 a.m., Primavera Cooks!

6:30 p.m., *Vestry Meeting*

24th THANKSGIVING

Parish Office Closed

25th Parish Office Closed

26th 12 Noon, Ramey/Anderson Reception

5 p.m., Funeral for Dee Arnaud

27th 1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

9 a.m., *Wearing God: Exploring New Metaphors for the Holy One*

1 p.m., Mother's Kitchen

28th 10 a.m., Sharing Our Spiritual Journeys

29th 8 a.m., TIHAN Volunteer Orientation

Coming Up in December

1st 6 p.m., Spirit Song: Worship & Prayer in the style of Taizé

2nd 10:30 a.m., Bible Women

6:30 p.m., Spirit Players Play-Reading

3rd 8:30 a.m., Cruzando Fronteras

4th 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

9 a.m., *Coffee & Conversation*

5th 10 a.m., Sharing Our Spiritual Journeys

7 p.m., *Green Church Committee*

7th 12 Noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry

7 p.m., *Sonora Winds Concert*

9th 9:30 a.m., Readers Group

10th 9:30 a.m., Citizens Climate Lobby

11th 3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

9 a.m., *Coffee & Conversation*

12th 10 a.m., Sharing Our Spiritual Journeys

16th 10:30 a.m., Bible Women

6:30 p.m., *Fall Film Series*

18th 4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

9 a.m., *Coffee & Conversation*

19th 10 a.m., Sharing Our Spiritual Journeys

21st 12 Noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry

24th CHRISTMAS EVE

25th CHRISTMAS DAY

