

The Briefly

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From the Rector

IT IS, WITHOUT A DOUBT, one of my major blindspots. The Biblical references to it outnumber any other theme or category. Combine the references that are made to faith and prayer in our sacred text and you get up to around 500. But there are more than quadruple that number of references for one other subject. Scratch, moola, dough, benjis, bucks, cash, money.

Talking about money in our personal lives is uncomfortable for me because I do not readily connect it with the theology of Jesus or the justice of Jesus. But, of course, that is a total reduction of the Gospel. Perhaps the central issue in Jesus's ministry is the economic imbalance in the first century Mediterranean, the system that allowed all the money to stay in the hands of a powerful few, while the masses stayed in heavyweight poverty. It is this systemic injustice that lies at the roots of nearly everything Jesus is attacking in that world. It is this same injustice that continues to plague our society today, of course. For this reason alone, not talking about how we personally distribute our money and the way that money is distributed through the world's economic systems, is to avoid a major portion of what our faith is all about.

At our Annual Meeting on Jan. 26, like all Annual Meetings, the topic of money was central to our conversation. How do we get it, how do we use it, and how do we bring about the kingdom of God by distributing it in the most Jesus like manner?

The very good news in that meeting was that we did not spend money we did not have. We were able to balance our budget for the year 2019, thanks to all of you. We spent almost the entire year in the red, and I will confess that I had many a sleepless night wondering

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From the family service on Christmas Eve.

Submissions to **The Briefly**

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**The deadline for the
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From the Rector

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how in the world we could close that gap. However, through your matching of the money donated by three parishioners, that gap closed quickly. Then in December, a host of folks sent us beautiful notes about how GSP has changed their lives and included major gifts of thanksgiving as a result.

Every year since I arrived at GSP, the struggle to make budget has been intense. But now, we have managed to finish in the black eight out of those nine years. This accomplishment is even more substantial than it appears at first glance. For years, GSP had the gift of partially living on the endowment from the sale of St. Paul's church. But even though all of that money was long gone, we managed to increase our ministries, increase our staff, and increase our impact on the local community, and still not spend beyond our means. I am so grateful to all of you for making that happen, I do not have words bold enough to express my thankfulness.

Though there are far fewer of them now in the brave new world in which we live where church attendance continues to drop, there are still churches out there with large endowments who

finish each year with a large surplus of cash. And I admit that there are days when I say, "Wow, how would that be?" But the truth is, I cannot imagine a time when GSP will ever be that kind of church. If we have extra money available, we are going to use it to care for more people, to end more oppression, to bring about creation justice, migrant justice, and social justice. Though it is sometimes unsettling, wondering how we will do it all with the money we have, that is what being a Jesus church is all about.

That is also why all of our Annual meetings are always going to contain discussions like we had a couple weeks ago. How can we continue this legacy into the future and how can we creatively come up with new ideas to balance our budget while also building the kingdom of God in our midst?

I am so proud to be part of all of you, part of a church where everyone invests themselves and a substantial portion of their money to create this amazing beloved community.

Thank you all!



The Party of the Year

Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 25, 6 p.m.

By Fr. Steve Keplinger

DON'T MISS IT! It's almost here, the party of the year. The GSP Mardi-Gras party has easily become our biggest blowout of the year, an extravaganza of exploding excitement on the last night before the season of Lent begins.

First, there is the food, cooked and served by the men of the parish, who have become quite adept at preparation over the years. Pancakes, of

course, but so much more. Eggs, bacon, sausage, veggie everything, desserts, and on and on.

Then there is the music. Live New Orleans jazz to knock your socks off. One year, the lights exploded during "When the Saints..."

Most importantly, the indulgences. Get one to save your soul before it is too late.

And the dancing, the line dance to end all line dances.

Finally, the BONFIRE! We will burn last year's palms in a spectacular end to Epiphany.

Those same ashes will be placed on your head the next day on Ash Wednesday.



Episcopal 101 returns Feb. 16

Liturgy
Discussion of
the Month
By *The Rev. Steve
Keplinger*



THE TITLE REALLY needs to go, because it is neither Episcopal nor 101. It is not just Episcopal, because we cover the entire span of Christianity through the ages. And it is certainly not a 101 level class, because we would venture to argue that you will learn more about Christianity and the church than you ever would in an entrance level study.

The six-week class is specifically designed for those who are relatively new to this tradition and those who are considering officially being Received into the church. However, many folks at GSP and beyond take this class for various reasons. Some take it as a refresher, some want to increase their knowledge in specific areas, some come to hear the Rector's own take on the history, liturgy, sacramental tradition and theology of the church, and many come to take part in the theological discussions that have become such an important part of the learning in this class. It remains one of the most popular classes we have ever offered.

Our first class will be on the history of the church from Jesus to the Protestant Reformation. (All of that in an hour and a half.) The second class will be history, part II, a look at the church as it developed in America. Class three will be everything you always wanted to know about the Book of Common Prayer and our liturgy, but were afraid to ask. Class four will be a discussion of Sacramental theology, and what we mean by Sacrament. Class five will be on Episcopal church polity, how we get things done and how we govern ourselves. This class is particularly important to us now as we consider American politics and also the fragile state of the Anglican Communion. The last class will be a comparison

of the Episcopal tradition with other Christian denominations, a discussion of the issues facing the church today, our Presiding Bishop, and a discussion of being Episcopalian in what may be a post-religious age.

We are going to cover a bunch in a short time, but the classes will be informative for all and always fun, whether you have a doctorate in Anglican studies, (as I know some of you do) or you think that Episcopalian is something that only appears on spelling tests. And did I mention that there will be no papers due either!

Come join us every Sunday for six successive weeks in the Bloom Room at 11:45 AM. Classes will be 90 minutes long, and food will be provided. We will finish the week before Holy Week and each session will be video recorded in case you cannot make a class.

Episcopal 101 Class Schedule

(All classes will be on Sunday at 11:45 a.m. in the Bloom Room.)

Feb. 16—Church History to the Protestant Reformation

Feb. 23—Church History from the Henry VIII thing, the George III thing and in the United States

March 1—The Book of Common Prayer and the Liturgy

March 8—The Sacramental Tradition

March 15—American Church Polity

March 22—Bye week

March 29—A comparison of Christian denominations, present day challenges in T.E.C. and the Anglican Communion, and the new emphasis on Care of Creation in the Episcopal church.



Notes from the Choir Stalls

By Christina Jarvis,
Director of Music

EPIPHANY IS SEVEN WEEKS this year, which gives us a chance to enjoy the starlight without Lent in our laps. Herein we will discuss music for February, and because **Ash Wednesday** falls on Feb. 26, and **Lent 1** on March 1, you will have a foretaste.

One thing I've noted in rereading last month's *Briefly* piece is that one really does need to be flexible. I changed out several anthems for various reasons. Christmas Eve was serendipitous—Ann Stephens had happened to drop on my desk another movement of the Vivaldi Gloria RV 588; she and Sue Marcus were singing a duet from that work and she thought I might like the other movement for future reference. It was the opening chorus, in full Gloria mode, and it had a lovely alto solo. We had a lovely alto—Korby Myrick—coming for Christmas Eve. And we already had instrumentalists in place. Yay! That's why we did that piece instead of the English carol arrangement from *Carols for Choirs* that I said we'd do. I know you're keeping track here. Then, we've had a LOT of sickness in the choir, and although His yoke is easy and His burden light, "His yoke" (Messiah) is not easy to sing, so I postponed that one, substituting "O nata lux" by Tallis. And etc. Life happens.

We are still mourning the loss of beloved baritone Tom Ham. We carry on, however. Singing together is one of the best ways to express love in community. While we're sad about the people who depart, we rejoice in our choir new members. They keep us on an even keel, so that the choir stays right around the same number year after year. Choir members, you are a blessing each and every one.

Feb. 2 falls on a Sunday this year, so we will celebrate Candlemas, i.e., The Presentation of Jesus at the Temple. Bring your candles to be blessed! The choir will sing for the offertory "When to the temple Mary went" by German late Renaissance/early baroque composer Johannes Eccard, who studied with Orlando di Lasso and served various German courts, laterally in Berlin. For communion, we will sing a "Nunc dimittis" by Alexander Gretchaninov. If anything gets swapped out, this might, because 19th century Russian works need a cast-iron soprano section and if it looks like we're down in numbers, I'll find Plan B. If you know any cast-iron sopranos,

though, please send them our way.

For Feb. 9, I found a lovely 18th century Moravian anthem called "Blessed the people" by Johann C. Geisler. Back in the day it was owned by Catalina Baptist Church. Not sure how we got it, but there it is, and it will be the offertory. Communion will be the perennial "If ye love me" by Thomas Tallis.

I wanted to do a C.V. Stanford Sunday on Feb. 16, scheduling "Beati quorum via" and "O for a closer walk with God", and then discovered I did that three years ago. Heaven forfend! We'll still do "Beati" for the offertory, but for communion, we'll sing Jane Marshall's "Blessed is the man [one]".

We celebrate the **Last Sunday after Epiphany** on Feb. 23. For the offertory, we will sing a piece by contemporary American composer Bruce Neswick called "Epiphany Carol: Sing of God made manifest" from *The Augsburg Choir Book*. Then, from Book 1 of *Carols for Choirs*, we are singing for communion another perennial—"Of the Father's heart begotten", arranged by David Willcocks. One of these Sundays, we'll have competitive juggling in the choir stalls, to see who can keep all their books in the air longest. We have at least eight different books to choose from. Luckily, we only have two anthems per Sunday, so GSP's insurers don't have to pay for hernia surgery. At least these days we don't have to carry hymnals as well.

After the last *Alleluia* is buried, waiting to be reborn on Easter, we take down the stars and prepare for Lent. Ash Wednesday, our prayer book service, is when I need to remember to get out all the hymnals and prayer books and work on regular service music. This year, I really would like to do "Emendemus in melius" by Cristóbal de Morales. It's not an easy piece, but it's the essence of Ash Wednesday. The second altos have one phrase, which they repeat throughout: "Memento, homo, quia pulvis es, et in pulverem reverteris" (remember, man, that dust thou art and unto dust thou shalt return). For communion, we will sing "My spirit longs for thee" by John Dowland. We will repeat these anthems for Lent 1. In the meantime, for the next few weeks, enjoy stargazing and alleluias!

Peace,

Christina



Camp Genesis attendees

"Is anything too wonderful for God?"
~ Genesis 18:14

Dear Families,

We've had a wonderful celebration of the Christ child be born again this year in our church and in our lives. I hope you've been able to enjoy some quiet moments with your loved ones and are ready for the gift of another year.

The next few weeks we move into the Love Neighbor part of the Love First Sunday School program and our heartbeat, the Biblical text the children will be focusing on, is Genesis 18:1-15, Abraham and the Three Strangers. Our focus will be on caring for and loving others, especially those who don't often get our love and attention.

- *How will you make Sunday School today a Love First gathering?*
- *To whom will you show love?*
- *Whom will you invite into your space?*
- *What will you make to give to someone who can no longer come to church?*
- *What did you learn about someone else in the parish?*
- *For whom will you pray?*

These are questions from the Love First Project that we seek to answer in the Sunday School program each week.

Sunday, Feb. 23, is

Camp Genesis Camper Card Program!

Join us as we write and sign cards for the children who attended the 2019 Camp Genesis at Chapel Rock. These children have all experienced the pain and stigma associated with having a parent in prison. The Camper Card program was created in order to keep the camp experience alive in their memories, encourage them throughout the year, and remind them they are loved by God.

Help us be a blessing in the life of these children by signing your name to one of the cards!

For Christ, with you,

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Parish Focus

Kevan Perry: GSP's First Responder

By Ann Schlumberger

GSP HAS JUNIOR WARDEN Kevan Perry to thank for the visibly prominent first aid kits in the church, undercroft, and parish hall. Various incidents in Kevan's fifty-two years have made him acutely aware of the need for readily accessible first aid supplies.

Kevan grew up in the Simi Valley of California, the adopted son of a gay mother. Because of her sexual orientation, his mother felt excluded from organized religious groups, so

he was raised without religious training. As a high school student he had enjoyed the solitude and quiet of camping alone in the Mojave Desert. He graduated from high school in Thousand Oaks, Calif., and was directed into vocational school, where he became a welder, a trade it was very hard to break into. However, his background did help him to get a job as a heavy equipment operator at a strip mine. In this dangerous work he was almost killed twice. Once,

the airbrakes on his Cat 966 front loader quit functioning when he was negotiating switchbacks at the mine. Another time, the conveyor belt for ore collapsed, almost trapping him and a coworker underneath it.

Eventually laid off from the mine, Kevan enlisted in the U.S. Army, with most of his two years spent in the 101st Airborne Division. He was a weapons repairman, earning awards for being the top man in that field. He performed the dangerous job of being under Chinook helicopters in order to sling load (i.e., attach) heavy equipment under them for transport. He reports that training accidents can occur

to troops due to sleep deprivation. While undergoing basic training, he was in a troop transport truck that rolled over, leaving him pinned under the injured bodies of other soldiers. Upon getting out of the wreck, he and the others who were mobile nevertheless were taken to the firing range for their final marksmanship test. Kevan credits adrenaline as part of the reason that he scored as the top expert marksman and was selected as the outstanding trainee of the unit. However, the transport rollover incident left him with PTSD that he still deals with.

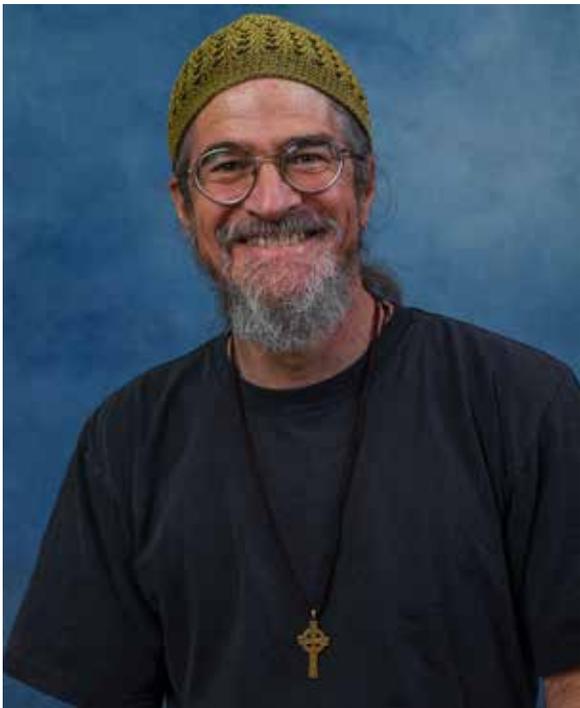
After being honorably discharged from the army, Kevan, then 22 years old, spent one year as a first responder for emergency services, mainly cleaning up after car accidents. He would often get there before the ambulances and usually helped remove the dead from the scene. So traumatic were these experiences that Kevan had to quit the job after a year. He held numerous jobs after that, mostly working as a tool repair man in Hollywood. Eventually, he moved to Flagstaff, where he lived for 14 years.

Kevan had informally begun studying comparative religion after leaving the army. During his time in Flagstaff, he became a practicing Buddhist. While living in Monument Valley, he had a religious experience, inviting him to investigate Christianity. Upon reading the Christian gospels, Kevin discerned they presented the essentially same spiritual messages as the Buddhist sutras.

After moving to Tucson, Kevan attended a Disciples of Christ congregation, where he was baptized. He also started going to the Benedictine Monastery for *lectio divina* and contemplative prayer services. He attended Mass there for a year and was a lay adorer of the Blessed Sacrament until the monastery was closed. He helped the nuns prepare for their move, including packing up the cloister library. He then attended St. Michael's & All Angels Episcopal Church for a while until he visited GSP on Creation Sunday a year ago, when a selection from Walt Whitman was part of the readings. He thought, "I need to be a part of this congregation."

On Sundays, Kevan is a faithful attendee of GSP's 10 o'clock service, acting as chalice bearer

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Kevan Perry

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and crucifer. On

Thursdays, he enjoys the midday Centering Prayer service. In January 2019 he was unanimously acclaimed as GSP's Junior Warden, a position for which his experiences in repair and first responding make him uniquely qualified.

Kevan particularly values the efforts of this parish to offer hope to our guests at Joseph's Pantry and the Social Service ministry. He is currently training at UA Workforce Development Program to be a recovery support specialist, and is looking forward to providing one-on-one support to others, particularly sufferers from PTSD, in a behavioral health center program when he graduates.

Migrant Ministry Update for January 2020

By Margie King

MEMBERS OF THE Migrant Ministry of Grace St. Paul's, while still actively volunteering at and donating to the Casa Alitas Welcome Center, have seen a significant decline in migrant guests since the "Migrant Protection Protocol" came to southern Arizona. As reported in the *Arizona Daily Star* on Jan. 20, 2020:

In late November, the administration began busing asylum-seekers five hours from Tucson to El Paso, Texas, for court and delivering them to Mexican authorities there to wait. This month, officials scrapped the buses by returning migrants to Mexico near Tucson and requiring them to travel on their own to El Paso. Over 55,000 asylum-seekers were returned to Mexico to wait for hearings through November, 10 months after the policy was introduced in San Diego.

We are responding to this cruel new policy, also known as "Remain in Mexico," as best we can. We delivered blankets to several shelters in Nogales, Sonora, before Christmas and are now organizing donations for the new Episcopal shelter just across the border. But the most innovative initiative to support migrants waiting in Sonora to apply for asylum has come from GSP member and artist Valarie James.

After curating the traveling exhibit of migrant children's artwork, Valarie started Artisans Beyond Borders. Embroidery materials are offered to dozens of vulnerable families, who create beautifully-embroidered "mantas." You may have seen them for sale in McBride Hall before Christmas.

According to the website, which GSP member John Banks built with Valarie, "Every piece of Heritage Art that we sell here means that we



Margie King

can purchase another from the artisan. This provides direct aid to families in the throes of forced migration... Each original, hand-stitched work of art is a vote for beauty, faith, and self-determinism in the middle of perilous migration and family displacement."

The asylum seekers report feeling less worried when they have embroidery in their hands.

You may still support this innovative project by donating online at artisansbeyondborders.org. You will receive an original embroidered manta for a \$45 contribution.

Or head over to our new retail partner, the United Nations Association Center at Speedway and Wilmot, to choose your own!



Green Church Report, February 2020

By Angel Wang & Spencer Hunter

AS WE START another year, Green Church looks forward to joining with other Tucson churches and organizations to continue caring for God's creation. We are all aware that the world is facing extreme challenges due to accelerating climate change, decreasing biodiversity and species extinctions due to loss of habitats and loss of arable land due to desertification. The good news is that more people around the world, especially young people, are accepting the fact of climate change and agitating for government policies to combat it through serious mitigation and adaption measures.

We have a new Canon for Creation Care, the Rev. Pam Hyde whom we are looking forward to meeting when she visits. We are continuing to build our connections with local organizations such as Sustainable Tucson, Climate Tucson, the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona, Arizona Interfaith Power and Light, and the regional chapter of Citizen's Climate Lobby. We are hoping to host an Interfaith screening of the film "Ay Mariposa" discussion and speakers this month.

Our Adamah parish garden will continue with spring planting, and to go with that effort there is a wonderful book, "To Garden with God" by Christine Sine, that connects meditative

reflection with our hands working in the soil, and the sights and smells of greenery and garden creatures.

The Rev Margaret Bullit-Jonas will be visiting GSP in February, and has published a new book, "Rooted and Rising: Voices of Courage in a Time of Climate Crisis," co-authored with Leah D. Schade.

If you are on Facebook, please consider joining "Green Episcopalians" and/or "Creation Care and Healing Earth" to read news articles or posts relating to climate change, religious responses to climate change, happenings in other congregations, dioceses, and news about climate, biodiversity, deforestation, and sustainability here and around the world.

Please contact Spencer Hunter (shunter@u.arizona.edu) or Angel Wang (angeltwang@gmail.com) to join this ministry.



Annual Meeting voting results

Congratulations to the three newly-elected Vestry members:

1. Betty Rathbone
2. Dennis Kirchoff
3. Beatrice Washburn

And congratulations to GSP's Diocesan Convention Representatives:

1. Nanalee Raphael
2. Beatrice Washburn
3. Steve Mattix
4. Betty Rathbone
5. Laurie Finn

...and the Convention Alternates:

1. Francesca Jarvis
2. Dennis Kirchoff
3. Karen McVean
4. Kim Braun
5. Ric Wood



Betty Rathbone



Dennis Kirchoff



Beatrice Washburn

A full house was present for the annual meeting on Sunday, Jan. 26. The 2020 Annual Report is available for download from the GSP website. Find the link on the home page.

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



The Way of Love: Episcopal Service Corps

Sunday, Feb. 2, 9 a.m., Bloom Room

The Episcopal Service Corps is a network of young adults ages 21-32 who, in the words of Presiding Bishop Curry, “... go into the world as Jesus sent his followers.” Everyone in the Corps commits to one year of volunteering in local service. Some of the services include working at the Community Food Bank, promoting justice, deepening spiritual awareness in themselves as well as others, discerning vocation, and living simply. For the first time there is a group of such young people in Tucson. They are known as Beloved in the Desert and are sponsored by St. Philip’s in the Hills. This class will introduce us to some of the Corps volunteers and the work they are doing in Tucson.

Presented by Alex Swain, a member of the Beloved in the Desert community.

Exploring Today’s Lectionary

Sunday, Feb. 9, 9 a.m., Bloom Room

Interested in a conversation that makes scripture accessible and relevant? Join us as we dive into the intrigue of scripture by discussing the lectionary readings for this Sunday — seeking wisdom instead of quick answers and inviting today’s readings to speak to us about our own lives.

The Rev. Chris Ledyard serves as a deacon at Grace St. Paul’s and is a member of the Third Order of Saint Francis.

The Spirituality of Minimalism

Sunday, Feb. 16, 9 a.m., Bloom Room

It’s *not* (all) about ‘stuff’—it’s about putting our deep spiritual values in alignment with our everyday decisions about how we spend our time, our money, our thoughts and our energy. Isabel will describe her own struggles and transformation as expressed through an ethic and ethos of minimalism. As we prepare for Lent, this discussion will be a positive take on what we might do to practice our spirituality through our materiality.

Isabel Amsel is a GSP parishioner, attorney, artist and minimalist-in-progress.



Episcopal 101—and Beyond!

Sundays, Feb. 16 & 23, 11:45 a.m., Bloom Room

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Bring your questions to all the sessions! Participants may wish to buy the book *Jesus Was an Episcopalian: A Newcomers Guide to the Episcopal Church* by Chris Yaw to supplement the class experience but it’s not required. Snack food will be provided.

Presented by Fr. Steve Keplinger, Rector of Grace St. Paul’s.

Origins, Purposes, & Types of Labyrinths in the Tucson Area

Sunday, Feb. 23, 9 a.m., Bloom Room

Have you ever walked the labyrinth in front of Grace St. Paul’s? It was installed in 1996 but is far from being a recent format for meditation. Labyrinths have been used for varying purposes for millennia; the oldest one in Arizona is on a wall in the Casa Grande Ruins. This class will examine early Celtic, Mesopotamian, Roman, and Medieval styles of labyrinths, as well as the purposes for which they were built, which include May Day festivals, healing, penance, and explanations of the universe. There are a number of public, as well as private labyrinths in the Tucson area which we will examine.

Facilitated by Nanalee Raphael, a member of the Adult Spiritual Formation ministry at GSP.

MAKING CONNECTIONS: SMALL GROUPS @ GSP

GSP Readers Group: ‘Prisoners of Geography’ by Tim Marshall

Friday, Feb. 14, 9:30-11 a.m., Bloom Room

Maps have a mysterious hold over us. Whether ancient, crumbling parchments or generated by Google, maps tell us things we want to know, not only about our current location or where we are going but about the world in general. And yet, when it comes to geo-politics, much of what we are told is generated by analysts and other experts who have neglected to refer to a map of the place in question. In this New York Times bestseller, author Tim Marshall, an award-winning journalist, uses ten maps of crucial regions to explain the geo-political strategies of the world powers. Marshall examines Russia, China, the US, Latin America, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Japan, Korea, and Greenland and the Arctic—their weather, seas, mountains, rivers, deserts, and borders—to provide a context often missing from our political reportage: how the physical characteristics of these countries affect their strengths and vulnerabilities and the decisions made by their leaders. “In an ever more complex, chaotic, and interlinked world, Prisoners of Geography is a concise and useful

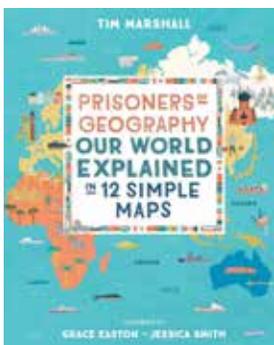
primer on geopolitics” (Newsweek) and a critical guide to one of the major determining factors in world affairs.

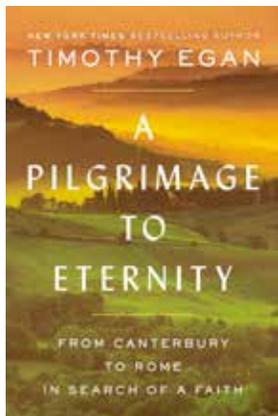
Facilitated by Mary Kay and Craig Allen.

Reading with the Spirit: ‘A Pilgrimage to Eternity: From Canterbury to Rome in Search of a Faith’ by Timothy Egan

Saturday, Feb. 29, 10 a.m., Bloom Room

Moved by his mother’s death and his Irish Catholic family’s complicated history with the church, Timothy Egan decided to follow in the footsteps of centuries of seekers to force a reckoning with his own beliefs. He embarked on a thousand-mile pilgrimage through the theological cradle of Christianity, exploring one of the biggest stories of our time: the collapse of religion in the world that it created. Egan sets out along the Via Francigena—once the major medieval trail leading the devout to Rome—and makes his way overland via the alpine peaks and small mountain towns of France, Switzerland and Italy. The goal: walking to St. Peter’s Square, in hopes of meeting the galvanizing pope who is struggling to hold together the church





through the worst crisis in half a millennium. On his way, Egan is accompanied by a quirky cast of fellow pilgrims and by some of the towering figures of the faith—Joan of Arc, Henry VIII, Martin Luther. One of Oprah's must-read books of 2019. "What a wondrous work! This beautifully written and totally clear-eyed account of his pilgrimage will have you wondering whether we should all embark on such a journey, either of the body, the soul or, as in Egan's case, both." —Cokie Roberts

This book group meets one Saturday each month and focuses on reading designed to stretch our spiritual and theological muscles. Bring your coffee. No need to register. All are welcome!

Facilitated by Catherine Penn Williams.

Cultivating Spiritual Literacy: Sharing Our Spiritual Journeys

Mondays, 10 a.m.-12 noon, Bloom Room

How do we cultivate spiritual literacy, the qualities of mind and heart that enable us to read the sacred in ordinary life? Join us for this long running weekly small group discussion as we discover the intersections between our spiritual journeys, our religious tradition, and the wider culture. This month we are exploring the psalms of lament with Walter Brueggemann and how these psalms reflect moments of our own lives. Each session stands on its own. There's always a lively discussion and all are welcome. No registration is necessary.

Facilitated by Catherine Penn Williams.



Between the Lines: Scholarship & Depth Psychology Meet Sunday's Lectionary

Thursdays, 10 a.m., Bloom Room

Fr. Richard Mallory leads this lectionary Bible study on Thursday mornings. Besides providing a solid approach to biblical studies in general, this class also 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.

Centering Prayer

Thursdays, 12:30 p.m., Chancel

Are you interested in deepening your relationship with God through the silence of prayer? Would you like to "rest in God?" This group meets on Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. in the chancel for twenty minutes of prayer followed by a reading from *Open Mind, Open Heart* by Thomas Keating. If this is your first time attending, please come at noon for a brief instruction.

Contact Pastor Kimberlee at 520-327-6857 if you have questions.

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 gathering that meets every Saturday morning for coffee and conversation. Come join us!



Moliere comedy slated for February reading

Ah, February, the month for lovers and candy. So the Grace St. Paul's Spirit Players' First Friday play reading for February celebrates young lovers and the lengths to which they must go to wed in "Scapino," a classic comedy by Moliere.

The reading will be **Friday, Feb. 7, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Bloom Room.

Written by Moliere in 1671, near the end of his life, in many ways it echoes his early writing, utilizing stock characters from the Italian commedia dell'Arte, and slapstick farce. This comedy has little political needling of the King of France and no profound lessons or morals.

Instead, we will give life to a script rife with two-dimensional, as well as ridiculous, characters. Two young men who have been disobeying their fathers' instructions on how to behave while they are out of town, have fallen in love with women, who, while lovely and virginal, would never be accepted

by their fathers. Scapino, a wily scoundrel of a servant to one of the men is called into action to mislead the fathers when they return to town earlier than expected. Along the way, Scapino creates elaborate ruses to wheedle money for dowries, finds a way for love to triumph, and gets revenge for himself. And to top it all off, there is a sudden reunion that takes everyone by surprise.

So, save the date—**Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m.**—to join us for this delightful farce, suitable for humans of all ages.

Attendees may read if they wish or participate as "audience"; scripts are provided.

Sharon McKenzie and Nanalee Raphael, long-time theatre aficionados, are the facilitators.

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.



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WEEKLY SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

SUNDAYS

7:45 a.m., Holy Communion
9 a.m., Coffee & Conversation
8:45 a.m., Child Care
10 a.m., Holy Communion
10 a.m., Sunday School
11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour
11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., Youth Group

MONDAYS

10 a.m., Spiritual Formation
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
5 p.m., Children & Family Karate

THURSDAYS

10:30 a.m., *Between the Lines*
12:30 p.m., Centering Prayer
6 p.m., Spirit Now—An Emerging Worship Experience. First Thursday of the month: **SPirit SONG**
7 p.m., AZ Welcomes Refugees (first Thursday only)

SATURDAYS

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

What's Happening in February...

1st 10 a.m., Bior Memorial
2nd 9 a.m., *The Way of Love: Episcopal Service Corps*
3rd 10 a.m., *Sharing Spiritual Journeys*
5th 4:15 p.m., Episcopal Campus Foundation
6 p.m., Flutes for Vets
7 p.m., **Green Church Committee**
6th 2:30 p.m., G.R.O.W.
6 p.m., **SPirit SONG**
7th 10:30 a.m., **Bible Study**
6:30 p.m., Spirit Players Play-Reading
9th 9 a.m., *Exploring Today's Lectionary*
10th 10 a.m., *Sharing Spiritual Journeys*
12th 12 noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry
13th 2:30 p.m., G.R.O.W.
14th 9:30 a.m., **GSP Readers Group**
15th 9 a.m., League of Women Voters
16th 9 a.m., *The Spirituality of Minimalism*
11:45 a.m., *Episcopal 101—for Everyone*
17th 10 a.m., *Sharing Spiritual Journeys*
19th 6 p.m., Flutes for Vets
20th 2:30 p.m., G.R.O.W.
21st 10:30 a.m., **Bible Study**
23rd 9 a.m., *Origins, Purposes, and Types of Labyrinths in the Tucson Area*
11:45 a.m., *Episcopal 101—for Everyone*
1 p.m., Primavera Cooking Team
24th 10 a.m., *Sharing Spiritual Journeys*
25th **SHROVE TUESDAY**
9 a.m., Primavera Meals Group
6 p.m., **Mardi Gras**
26th **ASH WEDNESDAY**
12 p.m., Imposition of Ashes
7 p.m., Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes
27th 2:30 p.m., G.R.O.W.
28th 11 a.m., Opera Guild of Southern Arizona
29th 10 a.m., *Reading with the Spirit*

...and coming in March

1st **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**
9 a.m., Coffee & Conversation
11:45 a.m., *Episcopal 101—for Everyone*
2nd 10 a.m., *Sharing Spiritual Journeys*
4th 5 p.m., Sonora Winds Concert
6 p.m., Flutes for Vets
7 p.m., **Green Church Committee**
5th 11 a.m., Tom Ham Burial
2:30 p.m., G.R.O.W.
6 p.m., Spirit Now - Taize
6th 10:30 a.m., **Bible Study**
6:30 p.m., Spirit Players Play-Reading
7th 10 a.m., SCA Feast
8th **SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**
9 a.m., Coffee & Conversation
11:45 a.m., *Episcopal 101—for Everyone*
9th 10 a.m., *Sharing Spiritual Journeys*
11th 12 noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry
12th 2:30 p.m., G.R.O.W.
13th 9:30 a.m., **GSP Readers Group**
14th 10 a.m., Tucson Masterworks Board
15th **THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**
9 a.m., Coffee & Conversation
11:45 a.m., *Episcopal 101—for Everyone*
16th 10 a.m., *Sharing Spiritual Journeys*
18th 6 p.m., Flutes for Vets
19th 2:30 p.m., G.R.O.W.
20th 10:30 a.m., **Bible Study**
21st 9 a.m., Southern Arizona Friends of Jung
22nd **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**
9 a.m., Coffee & Conversation
1 p.m., Primavera Cooking Team
23rd 10 a.m., *Sharing Spiritual Journeys*
24th 9 a.m., Primavera Meals Group
6:30 p.m., **VESTRY MEETING**
26th 2:30 p.m., G.R.O.W.
28th 10 a.m., *Reading with the Spirit*
29th **FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**
9 a.m., Coffee & Conversation
11:45 a.m., *Episcopal 101—for Everyone*