



The Briefly

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From the Rector

LAST MONTH IN THIS SPACE, I reported to you on the peril facing a pod of Orcas in the northwest waters on the US/Canadian border. The drop in the salmon run, created almost exclusively by humanity, has brought them to straits so dire, that a Mom carried her dead baby for almost two weeks, desperate to somehow keep her alive.

The plight of the beautiful Orcas is of course just one tiny story in a world of climate change related deaths and extinctions. For example, when I was a kid, there was never a time that I walked outside in the summer when I was not greeted by a melodic cacophony of thousands of insects and frogs. The sounds were so deafening that you had to raise your voice to be

heard over the din. Now, hearing a single frog anywhere makes me cry.

This year, as last, we had to open up McBride Hall for the afternoon to prevent some of our homeless friends from dying. As I write this, the Carolina coast is being buffeted by another mother of all hurricanes. Nearly all hurricanes are now storm of the century hurricanes, a result of those same human caused temperature increases from carbon dioxide.

The President's rejection of the death totals associated with Hurricanes Maria and Irma last year is a symbol of what we are up against. In the face of overwhelming data and physical evidence slapping us in the face every day, we still have political leadership that refuses to acknowledge it, closing their eyes and plugging their ears like little children do when they don't want to hear the truth. There can be no one left in the world, who can process thought in any

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There will be a Congregational Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 6:30 p.m., in the Sanctuary. This meeting will be your one and only chance to discuss the Bishop candidates and help choose a Bishop. We hope everyone who can will attend this very important meeting!

Submissions to **The Briefly**

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**The deadline for the
November 2018 issue will
be Tuesday, Oct. 9.**

From the Rector

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rational fashion, that could actually believe that climate change is not real.

This is the state of the world as GSP begins our Season of Creation on Sunday, Oct. 7. Never has this liturgy been more important. Never have we had more at stake.

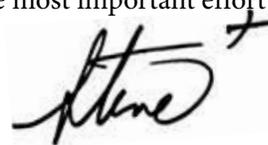
Though the odds seem overwhelmingly high in reversing the earth's destruction, we have much going for us now. First, no one actually has to be convinced of this anymore. They may say they don't believe, but they all know it is true. Second, while we have been pretty much a lone voice in the wilderness crying out in the past, that is not the case anymore. Now the entire Episcopal church has made Care of Creation one of its three central goals over the next triennium, with Racial Reconciliation and Evangelism. In addition, other mainline churches have made similar statements.

What this means is that we can stop spending so much energy trying to convince our own folks that this is the most important thing we can do as Christians. They are on board now. We can begin concentrating on connecting ourselves with all of those out there involved in this campaign to protect the Earth and all its inhabitants. Herein lies the other good news for us. Our allies in the effort are growing exponentially every day. Membership in the Nature Conservancy, the Wilderness Society, the Sierra Club, and so many more, have exploded. It is now time to join forces

with them all to protect our earth as a mother protects her children.

It is fair to ask how much of a dent we can make in the daunting task before us. But beloved, saving the earth is going to take a major shift in the psyche of all of humanity. It is going to take a realization that humans have a place in creation, and that place is to build a mechanism to save it from destruction. We are the ones who got us into this place, and we are the ones who must get us out. This kind of world shift in thinking has only occurred through major spiritual shifts to all of humanity, and those shifts have always occurred through ritual and liturgy.

We have the mechanism to make this happen. So I am asking you to allow us to take the next step in saving our planet. I ask you to bring, coerce, drag, carry, everyone you know to church on Creation Sunday, Oct. 7. I am asking you to ask your environmental friends to take a leap out of their comfort zone and come to church that day. When they see what we are doing, we will take the first step in bringing us together in this effort, convincing them that they can call on us to help in this effort. Then I ask you to bring everyone else you know to this gigantic celebration of the beauty and wonder of God's creation. It will move all of us to tears, and bring us together in the most important effort of our lifetimes.



El Día de los Muertos traditions at GSP

*By Martha Whitaker, from details
provided by Suzanne Morrison & Steve Kelsey*

ONE OF GRACE ST. PAUL'S annual practices is to observe the traditions of "The Day of the Dead" as part of our All Saints' observances. *El Día de los Muertos*, or "Day of the Dead," is an annual holiday devoted to communing with departed spirits, and is observed throughout the Spanish-speaking, and honored most elaborately in Mexico. It embraces beliefs and practices associated with folk Catholicism and All Souls' Day, as well as Mexico's rich indigenous past. As part of the Sunday liturgy on **Nov. 4**, Grace St. Paul's will commemorate *El Día de los Muertos* by inviting worshipers to contribute items to a small *ofrenda* to remember and honor loved ones who have died. The word *ofrenda* means offering

in Spanish. An *ofrenda* is a collection of objects placed on a ritual altar to honor and remember individuals who have died, and is intended to welcome him/her to the altar setting.

GSP's *ofrenda* will be initially assembled on **Thursday, Nov. 1, at 6 p.m.** in the chancel as part of our Spirit Song service. If you wish to commemorate the life of a departed relative or friend, please bring a photo and/or other mementos, such as a stuffed animal, a model representing the person's occupation or hobby, a bottle of wine, or whatever else serves as a reminder that s/he is remembered. The phenomenon of death is omnipresent. As Christians we seek to come to terms with it. Join us on Nov. 1 and 4. The traditions of *El Día de los Muertos* offer much to help us in our journey.

Giving & Receiving

It's That Time Again

By *The Rev. Steve Keplinger*



IT WAS BEYOND BELIEF. Last year, as many of you remember, we had an explosive Annual Meeting. After having our first year in the red since I arrived at GSP, and faced with a less-than-whelming pledge drive, I was forced to make some major staff decisions. But then, all of you got to work. Not only did you close the financial gap in what we needed to operate in 2018, you made a ferocious effort to keep Father Richard on staff. You raised another \$50,000 after you balanced the budget.

This year, as always, we will be facing similar challenges. Pastor Kimberlee will be with us for a full year in 2019, as she works to build our Sunday School and Youth Program, as well as our Social Service ministry. This will also be our first year without receiving a major chunk of money for renting our parking lot to Banner Hospital.

Last year, Jim Steinman and Tom Ham chaired our Giving & Receiving Committee as they worked to make all of this a reality. They

pulled off the largest additional fund raising for the budget that we have ever done, and they pulled it off, thanks to all of you. As all of you know, Tom Ham will be concentrating his efforts on healing from his bout with cancer this year. As I write these words, Jim was just in a car accident. Assuming he can continue, he will need a co-chair to work with him as we approach this challenging year.

I have no doubt that all of you will keep this in mind as you prayerfully consider your pledge over the next couple months. In addition, if you feel called to help us directly in this effort, I ask you to consider serving on the Giving & Receiving Committee. It is hard work, but also quite fun, and a great way to connect with a tight knit community and get to know parishioners you have not yet met.

Please contact Jim Steinman, jimsteinman7@gmail.com or call the office if you are considering helping out. Blessings on all of you as we fund the great and critical ministries of GSP.



Small Steps... Big Difference

By *Dick Kelbaugh*

We Walk... *Until all are fed...*

At GSP, we stand among the fortunate who have clean water to drink and food on our tables. There are people in America and places around the world where such goodness is simply a dream.

Church World Services is an NGO that puts our gifts to use in such places to provide clean water sources and food for the table. A quarter of our GSP donations go to The Community Food Pantry, Casa Maria Kitchen and Caridad Community Kitchen and 75 percent to CWS's worldwide programs.

Mark your calendar and hold the afternoon of **Sunday, Oct. 28**, for bringing GSP's presence

to the **2018 Tucson Crop Walk**. Walking is a family activity around the world, and we hope you'll consider making Crop Walk a family affair on Oct. 28. By our presence we'll stand for people of the world who need help finding food or clean water.

Be a part of the GSP delegation for this event. Stop by the Crop Walk registration table in the breezeway to McBride Hall during October and donate, pick up a donor packet, or just let us know you'll be there. More details on the walk will be forthcoming throughout October.

If you can't walk, you can still participate by making your pledge to support the work of CWS. To donate online go to crophungerwalk.org/tucsonaz/GSP2019.

GSP Financials for August 2018

Provided by Wil Harri, Parish Treasurer

August 2018

Contributions and Other Income for August	\$45,411
Expenses Paid for August	\$51,223
Net Shortfall	- \$5,812

Notes from the Choir Stalls

By Christina Jarvis,
Director of Music



THESE ARE CHALLENGING times, but we rise to the occasion. We rise with joy and purpose. We are grateful every day for the air we breathe and sun on our faces and the blessings abundant around us. My slogan at the moment is “Say no to negativity.” This doesn’t mean we can’t share the pain of loved ones grappling with major illness or calamity, or indeed feel our own pain, but we all live until we don’t, and we might as well live in love.

If you vote, please vote now. If you don’t vote, please vote now, anyway (but you’d better register first). Who knows? Your candidate might even prevail. It’s been known to happen.

The Season of Creation stretches before us, as the year rolls through what passes for autumn and harvest season around here. We managed to get some rain this summer, but late enough that the evil mosquitoes didn’t register a strong presence. It’s a comfort to me.

We are blessed to have with us Lassina Doumbya, a master drummer from the Ivory Coast, to establish the beginning of the season on **Creation 1/Pentecost 20**. He is currently seeking asylum in the United States. Let’s pray for a smooth and easy process for him! He plays congas, djembe, and dune dune. The choir will sing “For the beauty of the earth” (John Rutter) for the offertory and “Blue Boat Home,” an arrangement of Hyfrydol by Peter Mayer and Roland Hugh Prichard. Karen Hanson will also play her Native American flute through the Sundays of Creation.

I’m playing with other musical choices for Creation Season. It’s a challenge, because the anthems must involve Creation imagery but still resonate with the lectionary readings. YouTube helps. You have an idea, and click... you can hear someone’s performance. Of course, half the time I can’t find a performance, which may say something about my potential choices.

For **Creation 2/Pentecost 21**, our offertory will be “Earth Song” (Frank Ticheli), which reflects Job’s longing for solace in his pain. It ends with “Through darkness and pain and strife, I’ll sing, I’ll be, live, see: Peace.”

Communion will be “God of the sparrow, God of the whale” (Carl Schalk); my paraphrase is “God of the fruitbat, God of the squid.” We will inaugurate a new hymn by Edith Sinclair Downing to the tune Thaxted (Gustav Holst—think “Jupiter” in *The Planets*) for the recessional—“Great God, your vast creation.”

On **Creation 3/Pentecost 22**, the Job lesson is God’s response to Job, so I’ve ordered the Vaughan Williams “The voice out of the whirlwind.” My fallback plan is the Vaughan Williams “Lord, thou hast been our refuge.” If all comes together and we’re feeling particularly grandiose, it will be a Vaughan Williams Sunday. Otherwise, the communion anthem will be “Of the Father’s Heart Begotten,” an arrangement of the carol by David Willcocks.

Creation 4/Pentecost 23 music includes another new piece, “Eatnemen Vuelie (Song of the Earth)” by Frode Fjellheim/arr. Emily Crocker. It is the opening number in the Walt Disney film “Frozen” and employs elements of indigenous Saami and Norwegian folk culture in a setting of the Danish hymn tune “Fairest Lord Jesus.” We will learn to *yoik*. The communion anthem is early Renaissance: *Tu solus qui facis mirabilia* (Josquin des Prez).

That wraps it up for October. Stay safe out there, people. We’ll see you in church. Oh yeah, and vote.

Paz,

Christina



GSP Youth trying out roller skates.

Youth Group...

The group is taking a break from its usual Sunday morning gatherings at 11:45 a.m. We are, however, getting together monthly for a fun event!

- August was roller skating
- September was the Corn Maze

What will we be up to in October?

Check in with Pastor Kimberlee or Joe Stefani and find out!



This was a craft the children did for the Love First Project on a bulletin board in the undercroft.

Children's Formation

- New bulletin board displays...
- New and returning teachers...
- New bears to our bear family...
- New Love First curriculum...

All with the intention of being mindful, loving and meaningful!

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If you haven't brought your children to Sunday School/Children's Formation in a while, please come some Sunday at 10 a.m. and check this all out!

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“What would the world look like if we put love first? What would the world look like if every child grew up knowing that they were lovable and loved? These are the questions that we continually ask ourselves. Jesus said it. Martin Luther King, Jr., said it, too. And we continue their message to love ourselves, our neighbors, and our God; a God who is present for those holy moments when we love instead of hurt, when we love instead of ignore. Love is meant to be shared.”

—Colette Potts,
Co-founder and Lead Developer

Parish Focus

Judith Turner: Star Quilter

By Ann Schlumberger



Judith Turner

JUDITH TURNER LAYS CLAIM to being a native Arizonan, though for much of her life she has not lived in this state. She was born on Feb. 4, 1942, in Kingman, Ariz., where her father was a security guard for the Boulder Dam. However, she was taken to California when she was 6 months old and raised by her father, who ultimately secured a civil service job there working on nuclear submarines. She and

her older brother Richard grew up in Pittsburg, Calif., where the two used to go around the neighborhood pulling a red wagon behind them to collect old newspapers, which they tied up and sold to earn extra money. Judith loved school. She developed a special love for sewing in her junior high home economic classes. She also played girls' baseball and basketball during those high school years.

In 1960, at age 18, Judith married. The marriage lasted 10 years and produced two daughters: Crystal Marie and Tamara Lee. Later, as a single mother, she moved to Oregon, and worked variously as a waitress, a bartender, and a court reporter. On a limited budget, she sewed most of her girls' clothes. In her late 30's she attended Lane Community College and earned an accounting degree. While in school she was a student employee for the secretary to the president of the college and often manned the office by herself. Upon graduation, she put her accounting degree to good use working for a painting contractor.

When she was in grammar school, Judith's father sent her to the Lutheran Church for Sunday School and to summer Bible School. Later, when her own children were small, she and her daughters went to the Lutheran Church, but she stopped attending after the girls grew up and married.

In her 40s, she retired from working for medical reasons and took in sewing to make extra money. She moved to Rapid City, South Dakota, started attending Bethlehem Lutheran Church, and joined their quilting group. She also served as the house cleaner for the church, and still remembers how they said she made the building sparkle.

In 2009, Judith's life changed when, after 4000 hours of conversation on the eHarmony website and by telephone, she flew to Tucson to meet Raymond Turner in person. He proposed; she moved to Tucson, and the couple married at GSP. She not only served the church as an usher, and a volunteer in Joseph's Pantry, she began the GSP Quilting Ministry.

The happy union lasted until Ray's death on July 6, 2013. As a thank you, Judith made 10 quilts for the hospice that cared for Ray. After Ray's passing, a neighbor began inviting Judith every week for Monday night dinner, and for the last four years has included her in the family's Christmas photograph. Although no longer serving as an usher or Pantry volunteer, Judith has continued her quilting ministry.

Judith's Quilting Ministry

In 2010, Judith started her quilting ministry by making quilts for St. Andrew's Children's Clinic in Nogales. She would put together the quilt, and Sam Guard, Yvonne Maynard, and Laura Pascoe (among others) would meet with her on Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to "tie" the two sides of the quilts together. In all, the quilters made more than 600 quilts.

Quilts were also sent to family services at Davis Monthan Air Force Base (Ray was a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force) and to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Tennessee. One year, the quilting ministry sent quilts and pillows to an orphanage in Mexico.

Since 2016, the quilters have given more

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than 200 quilts to Diamond Children's Hospital for premies in the neonatal unit. Judith loved watching parents choose the particular quilt they wanted for their infant. She particularly remembers one mother of triplets making her choices. Judith personally did all the work on the quilts given to infants and young children baptized at GSP. She looks forward to continuing her quilting in her new home in South Dakota.

The 8-year-old quilting ministry comes to an end with Judith's move to South Dakota on Oct. 5. She will be living with her daughter Tamara, to whom she is very close. The congregation at Bethlehem Lutheran Church cannot wait to have her back! Judith thanks all those who helped her in her quilting ministry.

GSP will certainly miss her!



Bishop Smith (L) and other Ecumenical leaders met with Senator John McCain (5th from L) in August 2013 regarding immigration.

Practicing What We Preach

By The Rt. Rev. Kirk S. Smith, Bishop of Arizona

THIS PAST WEEK for Arizonans has been the week of Senator John McCain. We have watched his funeral services on television, read moving tributes to his life, and some of you may have even gone to the Capitol building to pay your respects. Everywhere I have gone this week, from the locker room, to the grocery store, to the library, I have overheard people expressing their respect, love, and admiration for our Senator.

I will not try to add to the many moving and insightful tributes I have heard from people in all walks of life and of many political persuasions. Instead, I would like to reflect for a moment on just what it was that made John McCain a great public servant and American hero. I believe that deciding characteristic was his willingness to “practice what he preached.” He didn’t just talk about the high ideas of liberty, freedom, and justice. As a war hero, he literally put his life on the line for what he believed in. This same kind of a honesty and integrity was evident throughout his career. Even if you disagreed with him, you knew that he spoke from his heart, and not just from a party platform, or after reading the polls. Time and again, he put his life, and his career on the line for what he believed. What a noble example he was of what it means to believe in something in this age

of crippling partisanship, cynical and institutional lying, and so-called “fake news.”

But hasn’t it always been this way? We give our loyalty and respect to people whose actions embody their ideals, even to the point of their willingness to suffer and die for what they believe in. This standard is at the heart of the Christian ethic and goes back to Jesus himself, “who died to make men holy, and who died to make men free.” Oddly enough, it was in the times of greatest persecution that the early church grew the most rapidly. When early Christians were willing to give up their property and their lives for Jesus, the rest of the world paid attention, and many decided that they wanted to be Christians, too.

This is a reminder to us modern Christians that the church will grow, not by great preaching, or social programs, or moving liturgies. It will grow when the world sees us “practicing what we preach” by attending to the poor, immersing ourselves in Scripture, advocating non-violence, and by centering our lives in prayer.

Senator John McCain was an example to all of us of the power of combining our belief with our actions, whether that means love of our country or love of God. It’s all about practicing what we preach; it always has been.

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Family Fall Karate Class is every Wednesday!

Classes are from 5 to 6 p.m. in McBride Hall. Classes will equip participants to develop fitness of mind, body, & spirit; learn safe & respectful self-defense, anti-bullying, & conflict resolution skills; practice meditation, discipline & respect; all in a safe, fun, & supportive faith community setting.

A fee of \$45/month per child (with 1 or more adult family only \$10/each) will be

charged with a 10% tithe going to the GSP Children's Education program & scholarship aid will be available on as-needed basis.

Contact us if you are interested or have questions!

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Adult Centering Prayer Group begins...

ARE YOU INTERESTED in deepening your relationship with God through the silence of prayer? Would you like to "rest in God?"

A centering prayer group is being formed and the first gathering will be Thursday, Oct. 4, at 11:45 a.m. Please contact Pastor Kimberlee for more information.



Animal Blessing 2018

By *The Rev. Chris Ledyard*

ANIMALS PROVIDE A window to our Compassionate God. The love we give to a pet, and receive from a pet, can draw us more deeply into the larger circle of life, into the wonder of our common relationship to our Creator.

To honor the special relationship between you and your pet(s), come to the annual Blessing of Animals, **Sunday, Oct. 7, at 5 p.m.** on the labyrinth. Everyone and their companion animals are welcome: lizards, horses, cats, dogs, hamsters, and animals not listed. For animals who have crossed over, bring your favorite picture.

Our relationship to animals is sacred and blessed. Grace St. Paul's celebrates and blesses this relationship every year through the Blessing of Companion animals.

From our service bulletin: "The animals of God's creation inhabit the skies, the earth, and the sea. They share in the fortunes of

human existence and have a part in human life. From the beginning animals have been an integral part of God's world and animals have been God's metaphor of life and love. Animals were saved from the flood and afterwards made a part of the covenant with Noah. A giant fish saved Jonah; ravens brought bread to Elijah; animals were included in the repentance enjoined on humans. The metaphors of God as a mother hen and Jesus as the good shepherd confirm for us the sacred in the animal kingdom. Animals also share in Christ's redemption of all of God's creation. We therefore invoke the divine blessing on these animals, recalling Francis of Assisi. As we do so, let us praise the Creator and thank the Creator for giving humanity the special vocation of being caretakers of all of the world's animal population. May we always remember our great responsibility as caretakers of creation and seek always to walk in God's path."

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



Poetry for the Earth

Sunday, Oct. 7, 9 a.m., Bloom Room

The wonders of creation have inspired poets ever since humans discovered the power of words; writing such poetry is an act of love directed toward both creation and Creator. We will share poetry that reflects that love of and connection to the natural world, and we invite you to also share with the rest of us a single poem, by a poet you admire or of your own composition, that celebrates the natural world in a way that is especially meaningful to you.

Victoria and Joe Stefani moved to Tucson in 1992 and have been part of the Grace St Paul's community since 2013. Joe is a writer and artist who, until retirement, taught writing first at Humboldt State University and then at the University of Arizona. He currently serves on the GSP vestry, teaches Sunday School, and is a mentor to the GSP Youth Group. Victoria 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.

St. Francis of Assisi: The Care of Creation

Sunday, Oct. 7, 11:45 a.m., Bloom Room

This presentation will focus on St. Francis of Assisi and his continuing influence, as seen in the writing of the papal encyclical *Laudato Si*. We will take an in-depth philosophical, theological, scientific, psychological approach to learning what we can do to help care for the well-being of our planet. The example of this beloved saint invites us to be part of a paradigm shift to a better world for our children and every living being on earth.

William Joseph has a passion for the wisdom of Thomas Merton, Teilhard de Chardin, St. Francis, and the Care of Creation and our living planet. He has given presentations on all of the above for the past 25 years.

Bloody Mary and her Victims

Sunday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m., Bloom Room

An examination of the effect of the Marian Persecutions on Anglicanism, asking questions such as:

- Are you willing to give up your life for your faith?
- What, if anything, are you willing to die for?
- Should we encourage our government to make life difficult for people who are not like us?
- Should we encourage our government to defend our way of life against those who do not?
- Is it time for us to stop taking people's lives for doing what we regard as wrong?
- Was Queen Mary I's persecution of her Protestant subjects counterproductive?
- Should heroic manliness as advocated by Bishop Hugh Latimer be a necessary element in Christian practice?
- In selecting the next Bishop of Arizona, should our



Diocese make a willingness to die for our church one of the requirements?

- Is Archbishop Thomas Cranmer's weakness an acceptable trait in a Christian?

Presented by Chuck Dickson, a member of the adult spiritual formation ministry team. Chuck is a retired history teacher and a popular GSP presenter.

Compassionate Responses to Survivors of Abuse

Sunday, Oct. 14, 11:45 a.m., Bloom Room

You are invited to explore how our congregation can offer a compassionate response to those in our church—and those waiting outside our doors—who have experienced childhood sexual abuse. We will reflect on and explore our own feelings about and/or experience with sexual abuse as we discuss and learn ways to open our hearts and our doors to survivors.

Laurie Finn is a spiritual director who holds a certificate in spiritual direction from Souljourners at Mount St. Scholastica Benedictine Monastery in Atchison, KS, and a master of arts in servant leadership from Viterbo University in La Crosse, WI. She currently is in discernment for Holy Orders as a deacon in the Episcopal Church, with the support of Grace St Paul's. Laurie's interests lie in spiritual guidance and facilitating compassionate responses within faith communities.

Care of Creation & Biodiversity

Sunday, Oct. 21, 9 a.m., Bloom Room

Today's theologians remind us that God loves the entirety of Creation, not just us, and that Jesus came to redeem and reconcile all beings, not just humans. Please come and hear about our new resources and approach to this spiritual process.

Angel Wang is a co-leader of the Green Church ministry and a member of the Pima County Interfaith Council Green Action Team. Rev. Chris Ledyard is a Deacon at Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church and coordinator of the Animals & Spirituality and Grief Pastoral Care ministries.

Practicing Peace: Loving Kindness

Sunday, Oct. 21, 11:45 a.m., Bloom Room

Loving our neighbors and enemies as we love ourselves was easy for a perfect man-god like Jesus, but for mere mortals like us, not so much. We have trouble tolerating the nincompoops who don't vote like us and believe like us, so how are we going to love them? The ancient Buddhist practice of Metta Bhavana, Development of Loving Kindness, shows us a way.

Ed Kimble joined Grace St. Paul in 2016 after retiring from a long, loveless career in Los Angeles as a complex litigation paralegal. He has been a Soto Zen practitioner for 19 years.



Report from Diocesan Convention: The Election of a New Bishop

Sunday, Oct. 28, 9 a.m., Bloom Room

Have you ever wondered what happens at the Annual Diocesan Convention (held Oct. 12-13, 2018)? In addition to workshops on ministries, legislative and business actions, this year the lay and clergy delegates to the diocesan convention voted to elect a new Bishop for the Diocese of Arizona! Five lay members of the congregation, the wardens, and the clergy represent GSP every year at the convention. Come hear your representatives report on the important and inspirational activities in which they participated this year!

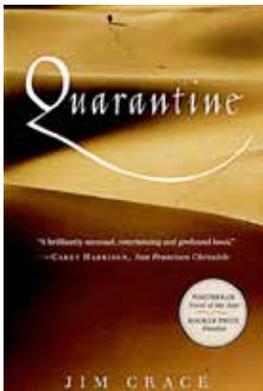
Speakers to be announced.

The Stained Glass of Grace St. Paul's: A Walking Tour

Sunday, Oct. 28 at, 11:45 a.m., the Narthex

Our stained glass reflects a history of two church communities merging to form Grace St. Paul's. This walking tour will offer insights into the iconography of the windows and their importance to the parishioners of both Grace and St Paul's Episcopal churches. In all my experience of stained glass windows, in churches from medieval to the present day, our windows are unique as a whole unit and complement the merger of church and spirit. Note: This tour begins in the Narthex at 11:45.

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.



GSP READERS GROUP

Quarantine by Jim Crace

Friday, Oct. 12, 9:30 a.m., Bloom Room

This extraordinary novel is a sometimes realistic, sometimes hallucinatory account of the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness. England's Crace, a writer of great gifts, was reportedly the runner-up to *The God of Small Things* for the Booker prize. It is a remarkably successful attempt to put a story known by everyone into a convincing physical and historical context. The

beauty and precision of Crace's writing, as well as his store of knowledge about such arcane matters as weaving two millennia ago and the fauna of the Judean desert, give what could have been a fey experiment an air of overwhelming authority. For a start, Jesus, portrayed as a rather callow youth befuddled by prayer, is not at the center of the canvas..."

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

THIRD FRIDAY FALL FILM SERIES

This fall we're showing independent films that tell stories of people who make transformative connections with others, in unexpected ways and surprising places. There is no charge, and a discussion will follow each film. Bring a friend!

Bagdad Cafe (2003)

Friday, Oct. 19, 6:30 p.m., Bloom Room

German tourist Jasmin Munchgsettnner (Marianne Sägebrecht) finds herself stranded along a dusty highway in the Mohave Desert and stumbles upon

the nearest outpost of civilization — the Bagdad Café. Upon arriving, she clashes with the café's owner (CCH Pounder), but they soon forge an unlikely friendship. What begins as a few days' respite becomes a longer stay as Jasmine finds her niche within this eccentric truck-stop community. "The charm of 'Bagdad Café' is that every character and every moment is unanticipated ... and vibrating with life." —Roger Ebert

Catherine and Steve Williams, film enthusiasts, will facilitate the film discussions.

MAKING CONNECTIONS: SMALL GROUPS @ GSP

Bible Women

Fridays, Oct. 5 & 19, 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

first and third 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.

Creativity & Spirituality

Saturday, Sept. 1, 2-4 p.m., Bloom Room (meets the first Saturday of each month through Nov. 3)

Join us any first Saturday and share your creative journey with others who want to awaken and enliven their art. Our creative cluster meets to support one





another by taking some time out each month to explore our art and spiritual life. Each meeting includes check-in, writing for a short burst of time to a word prompt, reflection and sharing, and then a group art exercise. Class limit 18 people.

Email Denise Mulloy demulloy@gmail.com or Pat Dickson patriciasdickson@yahoo.com for more information.

Sharing Our Spiritual Journeys

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

How do we live our spirituality in the course of ordinary life? This long-running small group focuses on the many intersections between spirituality, religion, and contemporary culture. Our topics vary each meeting and expand our capacity to honor a spiritual dimension in every corner of our lives, from the healing music of Aretha Franklin to the joys of cloud watching and beyond — and there's always a lively discussion! Each session stands alone and all are welcome. No registration is necessary.

Co-facilitated by Jim Franks and Catherine Penn Williams.

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

Thursdays, 10 a.m., Bloom Room

Join Fr. Richard Mallory for a 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.

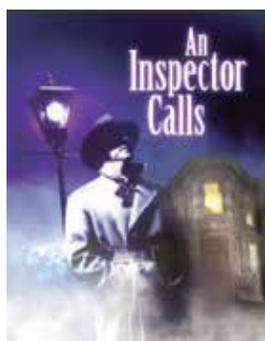
Fr. Richard is the Associate Rector at Grace St Paul's.

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!



'Inspector Calls' for First Friday reading in October

JOIN US ON **Friday, Oct. 5, at 6:30 p.m.**, in the Bloom Room for "An Inspector Calls," the October offering for the First Friday Play Reading.

Written by English dramatist J. B. Priestley, the play was first performed in the Soviet Union in 1945 and on Broadway in 1947. It is one of Priestley's best known works for the stage, and is considered to be one of the classics of mid-20th century English theatre. The final speech of the central character, Inspector Goole, has been interpreted variously as a quasi-Christian vision of hell and judgment, and as a socialist manifesto.

The play is a three-act drama, which takes place on a single night in April 1912, focusing on the prosperous upper middle-class Birling family, who live in a comfortable home in the fictional town of Brumley, "an industrial city

in the north Midlands." The family is visited by a man calling himself Inspector Goole, who questions each member of the family about their connection to the suicide of a young working-class woman. Long considered part of the repertory of classic "drawing room" theatre, the play has also been hailed as a scathing criticism of the hypocrisies of Victorian and Edwardian English society and as an expression of Priestley's socialist political principles.

Come to read if you wish, or to 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.



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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
4:30 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
5 p.m., Children & Family Karate

THURSDAYS

10 a.m., Bridge Group
10:30 a.m., *Between the Lines*
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 October 2018...

1st 10 a.m., *Sharing Spiritual Journeys*
2nd 6:30 p.m., **Congregational Meeting**
3rd 12 noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry
7 p.m., **Green Church Committee**
4th 6 p.m., **SPIRIT SONG**
5th 10:30 a.m., **Bible Women**
6:30 p.m., Spirit Players Play-Reading
6th 2 p.m., Creativity & Spirituality group
7th **FIRST SUNDAY IN CREATION SEASON**
9 a.m., *Poetry for the Earth*
11:45 a.m., *St. Francis of Assisi: The Care of Creation*
5 p.m., **Blessing of the Animals**
8th 10 a.m., *Sharing Spiritual Journeys*
1 p.m., TiHAN C&S Training
12th 9:30 a.m., **GSP Readers Group**
13th 9 a.m., So. Arizona Friends of Jung
11 a.m., **Ann Stephens Celebration of Life**
14th 9 a.m., *Bloody Mary and her Victims*
11:45 a.m., *Compassionate Responses to Survivors of Abuse*
3 p.m., AZ Opera
15th 10 a.m., *Sharing Spiritual Journeys*
17th 12 noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry
4:30 p.m., Children & Family Karate
19th 10:30 a.m., **Bible Women**
6:30 p.m., **Film & Fellowship**

21st 9 a.m., *Care of Creation & Biodiversity*
11:45 a.m., *Practicing Peace: Loving Kindness*
1:30 p.m., True Concord
22nd 10 a.m., *Sharing Spiritual Journeys*
23rd 9 a.m., Primavera Meals Group
6:30 p.m., **Vestry Meeting**
27th 10 a.m., Don Christensen Burial

3 p.m., Community Animal Memorial
28th 9 a.m., *Report from Diocesan Convention: Election of a New Bishop*
11:45 a.m., *The Stained Glass at GSP: A Walking Tour*
1 p.m., Primavera cooking team
2 p.m., Arizona Early Music Society
29th 10 a.m., *Sharing Spiritual Journeys*

...and in November 2018

1st **ALL SAINTS' DAY**
6 p.m., **SPIRIT SONG**
2nd 10:30 a.m., **Bible Women**
6:30 p.m., Spirit Players Play-Reading
3rd 2 p.m., Creativity and Spirituality group
9 a.m., Coffee & Conversation
4th 10 a.m., *Sharing Spiritual Journeys*
5th 7 p.m., **Green Church Committee**
7th 9:30 a.m., **GSP Readers Group**
9th 9 a.m., So. Arizona Friends of Jung
10th 9 a.m., Coffee & Conversation
11th 10 a.m., *Sharing Spiritual Journeys*
12th 12:30 p.m., TiHAN Orientation
13th 12 noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry
3:45 p.m., Foundation for Episcopal Campus Ministry
14th 10:30 a.m., **Bible Women**
6:30 p.m., **Film & Fellowship**
18th 9 a.m., Coffee & Conversation
19th 10 a.m., *Sharing Spiritual Journeys*
22nd **THANKSGIVING DAY**
Parish Office Closed
23rd *Parish Office Closed*
25th 9 a.m., Coffee & Conversation
1 p.m., Primavera cooking team
26th 10 a.m., *Sharing Spiritual Journeys*
27th 9 a.m., Primavera Meals Group
6:30 p.m., **Vestry Meeting**

