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From the Rector

2:30 A.M. THAT'S IT! IN A MOMENT OF SUDDEN REVELATION, it hit me like I had just run into the Green Monster in Fenway Park, attempting to track down a fly ball off the bat of Vladimir Guerrero Jr. (Did you see that 20-year-old hit 91 epic dingers in the home run derby before the All Star game and still lose the competition?) Stumbling to my feet to avoid kicking a cat in the head, I grabbed my phone and started furiously typing, before the next cat walked in and begged me to give him a drink. Not deterred, I typed away, one thought leading to the next, as I rushed to get down the epiphany being delivered by the Holy Spirit. I was so excited, I could hardly contain myself. The rush of ideas was now captured on paper, I mean on a tiny digital screen. Safely out of my head, I was able to blissfully fall asleep, waking up again four hours later with more ideas.

With a rush of adrenalin, I walked into the office ready to write the great American sermon, a sermon that would rock your world by revealing to you something in our sacred text you had never noticed before, even after hearing the story 200 times before, a sermon so powerful it would open a direct line from the 2000 year old text right to your life today, a sermon that would enlighten your spirit, fill you with hope, and give you a strategy to change the world.

I made my way through the gauntlet of people in the office, dancing around the four year-old, the barking dog, the blind man, pirouetting my way to the office door. I stuck the key in the lock, whereupon four individuals lined up behind me, waiting to rock my world. I made it in, but not long enough to even turn on the light. By the time person number four walked in, some guy named John Banks, I was reeling. But John finished me off. "Barbara asked

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Group photo of the children and volunteers from the Love First Day Camp at GSP in June. More info & photos on Page 5.

Submissions to **The Briefly**

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**The deadline for the
September 2019 issue will
be Tuesday, Aug. 13.**

From the Rector

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me to remind you,” he said in his ultra calm, ultra soothing voice, “that we still need your Rector letter, liturgy discussion article, and whatever the heck else you are supposed to give us for *The Briefly*.”

There, with a smile on my face, I thanked John for his thoughtfulness before I tossed a notepad at him as he escaped the office. With my head crashing onto the computer, I realized that I was not working on any sermon anywhere in the immediate future. I put myself instead on the tasks assigned to me by the first three folks, wondering through each of them, plus the regularly scheduled meetings at 10, 11, 12:15, and 2, what I would write to you in this space for the month of August 2019.

I could not get all those things wandering through my head for Sunday’s sermon out of my thought process. But now, I needed to think and write about something entirely different, and write it quickly. How do I think of an entirely different creative idea when I just discovered this life changing message I need to give you?

That is when my spouse came to my rescue. It came in the form of a text. Here is that text in its entirety: “Here is your *Briefly* topic: Temporal Exhaustion Elise Boulding short-termism.”

Geek thanks. I am sure all of you know what that means, but I did not have a clue. So I went into decryption mode and here is what I discovered:

Temporal Exhaustion is a term coined by sociologist Elise Boulding. She defined it as follows: “If one is mentally out of breath all the time from dealing with the present, there is no energy left imagining the future.” Boulding came up with this theory in 1978, well before the advent of instantaneous digital data thrown at us every few seconds on our devices. Imagine what she might think now.

For a couple decades now, I have been talking about post-modern society’s unwillingness to think beyond the immediate bottom line. Capitalism is founded upon the short term profit, the next quarterly statement, keeping it in the black, at all costs. Politicians extend this just slightly, to the next election cycle. I have suggested that this unwillingness to even consider the short term future, much less the

long term, is killing us. See climate change. See destruction of the planet.

But perhaps Boulding is right. Perhaps it is not just our unwillingness to look at the future. Perhaps it is that we are too exhausted by the present to think about it. And hence the rest of the text, “short-termism,” the notion that our culture cannot look beyond, because we are bombarded by pressures of the now.

Whether it is true that we cannot see beyond ourselves because of cultural mores or because of societal pressures, or both, I do not think there is any doubt that because of this, we are in the most precarious place in the history of humanity. Either we figure out a way to get out of ourselves and project into the future, or we have no future as a species.

This is where religion is once again the force in the universe that can bring us back from the dead. The religion of the Reformation though, is not helpful here. When we concentrate on individual salvation and leaving this plane of existence for another world, we actually participate in this, “now is all that matters” mindset. Instead, we must return to the roots of religion itself. We must bring to the world an understanding of the purpose

of life, the purpose of humanity in the universe. We have the opportunity to show the world that only through the lenses of eternal time does anything make sense. It is the only way we can create a plan for a healthy and hopeful future for the planet. In our own terminology, we are called to bring about the kingdom of God, and we can only do that by imagining and creating that kingdom for a world millennia beyond us.

Teaching folk how to think thousands of years into the future is a centerpiece of the new Reformation and why religion is absolutely necessary in changing our focus in today’s world. We can turn this around beloved, but it all starts with you and me, showing the world the ancient truth in a brand new way.

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Liturgy
Discussion of
the Month
By The Rev. Steve
Keplinger

WHY DO WE DO IT THAT WAY?
For those of you who have a background in any mainline church tradition, my guess is that you have most often experienced a break in the middle of the service, whereupon the Celebrant or Presider takes a step out of the order of worship into another land. This is the land of Announcements. For a period of time the worship stops and we talk about events, activities, and all sorts of other matters having nothing to do with the service itself.

So why, pray tell, do we not do that at Grace St. Paul's? Who doesn't want an intermission in the middle of worship? Why not do announcements in the middle, so everyone hears them?

The reasons we do announcements at the beginning of the service are both liturgical and theological. As Episcopalians, the act of worship is sacred for us. It is how we define ourselves as Christians. Building liturgy with the utmost care is a way of honoring God by creating the most beautiful act we can take part in as humans. I and your liturgy committee take five to six hours a week putting these worship services together to connect with the lectionary, the church, the world and your life in the most engaging and gorgeous way we can.

From my perspective, dropping an element that is not a part of worship into the middle of this carefully developed liturgy would be like sticking a piece of bubble gum on a classic piece of art. Our order of worship was developed in the first century and it did not contain a time to stop and do something else. It is a continual worship of God, following a consistent pattern. Announcements, are in my mind, a foreign object that has nothing to do with honoring or praying to God. That is why our announcements happen outside the order of worship.

When I have asked my colleagues to explain their theology of announcements within worship, they most often respond with a non-theological answer, something like, "We've always had them there." But those who have offered a theology suggest that announcements are a Response to the Word of God, like a Sermon is a response to the Word of God. Fair enough, but I would argue that there is rarely any exegetical content in an announcement. This is the same reason I do my best to not make any non-liturgical statements within the body of worship. That is why I use hand motions during the service rather than speak commands like "Please stand."

Liturgy, beloved, is a beautiful thing and we want to do all we can to keep it that way.



The Mystical, Magical, Matching Pledge Drive

MOST OF YOU ARE AWARE THAT three groups of parishioners have come forward over the last couple months to help us meet our shortfall in our operating budget. They have put up a total of \$30,000, if the parish can match it. If we do so, we will reach our goal and be able to meet all of our financial obligations. I am so grateful to the three of them for creating this opportunity and allowing us to continue all our ministries and staff. I cannot thank them enough.

I am also full of thankfulness to those of you who have already put up more \$12,000 (our total at *The Briefly* deadline) to meet the match. One third of that money has come from the sale of raffle tickets for the grand prize of a Grand

Cherokee. The rest are straight donations.

We are \$18,000 away. You can donate to the cause and keep all of our ministries going at gsptucson.org and pledge using the matching pledge button. You can also write a check with "Matching Pledge" in your note area or by buying raffle tickets from your friendly Vestry member. Remember, 100% of that money goes to our drive.

Thank you all for continuing to support our mission through this matching pledge and in so many other ways.



Notes from the Choir Stalls

By Christina Jarvis,
Director of Music

OUR MONSOON SEEMS TO BE “mon-later,” but hey, no mosquitoes so far. We take our blessings where we can find them. Otherwise, I hope you are having a lovely summer!

We’ve been busy in the choir office sorting through the music scores, putting away one-off copies, and culling unusable ones so the boxes can be reused. **Susan Marcus, Wendy Pipentacos, Harlan Hokin**, and I have made a dent. Well, okay, a nick so far, but it’s coming along. There’s quite a lot to do and I’m grateful for their help. I’d say we could divert a river, but we haven’t had enough rain yet.

I’m also grateful to the musicians who have stepped up to provide offertories and/or communion pieces for the 7:45 and/or 10 o’clock services. In June, you heard **Anton Faynberg; John Camm**; the **GSP Love First Summer Camp kids** with assistance from **Pastor Kimberlee, Harlan**, and **Fr. Allen Breckenridge**; and **Wesley Hunter** and **James Beckwith**. We are grieved that Anton and Wesley are leaving town but happy they are going to good things. Here’s the scary thing about Tucson: they might well be back. Tucson sucks you into its orbit and you find yourself returning whether you meant to or not. We’ll see.

In July, you heard **James Neeley, John Camm, Mark Jarvis, Wendy Pipentacos** and **Barbara Pritchard**, and **Adam Conyne**. In August, you will hear **Michael Manning, Dave Coatsworth**, and **Ann Stephens**. We are fortunate to have so much talent in this parish!

A word about the hymns this summer—the liturgy committee has been experimenting with ways to shorten the services. One suggestion was to omit a spoken psalm and use the sequence hymn as a means of transmitting that text. Where possible, therefore, I have been selecting hymns based on the appointed psalm for the Sunday. This can be a moving target, as whoever does the sermon occasionally wants to choose alternate readings from the track we are currently on. However, I’m planning them anyway, figuring we can adjust as needed.

What this means for you all is that these hymns are sometimes unfamiliar. I’m pulling from our usual Episcopal sources—Hymnal 1982 (pushing 40 years old now, yikes); *Wonder, Love and Praise*; *My Heart Sings Out*; and *Voices*

Found—but also the ecumenical edition of *Glory to God*, published by Westminster John Knox Press. There are some terrific texts for our purposes and a wide-ranging selection of styles. I go with tunes that in theory you can pick up quickly, especially with a good representative sample of the choir embedded in the congregation during the summer months. Let me know how you feel about being experimented on. I’m usually at coffee hour.

The **choir season begins anew on Sept. 8**, which is the first Sunday after Labor Day. I have heard from several new people interested in joining the choir. We would love to have you! We would also love to have anyone else out there interested in joining the choir. Please come along to the first rehearsal, which will be Thursday, Sept. 5, from 7:30-9 p.m.

In the meantime, carry on enjoying the summer months. Hope you get all the rest and relaxation you need!

Peace,

Christina



Bubba Bear dressed as Moses for the Red Sea Run portion of the creation curriculum. Below, more scenes from the Love First Day Camp.



Dear GSPers,

AS FAMILIES AND CHILDREN are settling back in to school activities this month, I want to take a look back and thank you all for the support you have given the children, youth and families of this parish!

We were the pilot site for **Love First Day Camp** and featured on a blog post at lovefirstproject.org! Here's what was written:

Our pilot Love First Day Camp was a success at GSP! Children spent a week unpacking the story of Blind Bartimaeus, talking a lot about love, learning about their neighbors in detention centers, and then putting their love into action by sending messages of love to the women at the Eloy Detention Center.

We are now receiving beautiful letters and even some hand-made gifts back from the women in detention expressing their appreciation.

Special thanks go to Team Leaders: Joe Stefani, for providing delicious snacks and lunch each day; Vicki Stefani for her creativity, planning, and organizing arts and crafts; Fr. Allen Breckenridge who led us in martial arts and music every morning; and Laurie Finn for being the leader for our youngest campers!

Many other people volunteered and some days we had several "camp grandparents!" A big thank you to the following people who volunteered for some or all of the camp, and I apologize if I forgot anyone:

Courtney Pulitzer
Diane Gundersen
Harlan Hokin
Sara Heitshu
Nancy Barton
Kathleen Halter
Maria Ramirez
Nanalee Raphael
Angeth & Adit Ngang
Betty Rathbone
Wes Hunter
Sinead Jackson
Angel Ballesteros
Joyce Henderson
Yvonne Maynard
Deb Tinajero
Deacon Nancy Meister
Miriam Pattison
Maria & Annette Chavez

At Chapel Rock this summer, we sent five youth and three elementary age children. Thank you for supporting them in this adventure as they will be talking about this week throughout the year. It is a highlight!

The Summer Sunday School curriculum is creation focused and had fun with the Red Sea Run most recently as the kids dressed up as Moses, raised their staff and "ran" through the Red Sea. Even Bubba Bear got into the action!

We continue to begin each class with a mindfulness exercise to get us present and calm and then prayer time. The children always have a concern or several for which we need to pray.

Thank you to Madeleine Caldwell and Jim Kane for consistently helping with classes this summer!

Also, Sunday, Aug. 25, from 2 to 4 p.m., we will go bowling at Lucky Strike Bowl, 4015 E. Speedway Blvd.! There will be prizes for children's high and low score as well as for adult high and low score. Find that old bowling shirt and let's have some fun at Lucky Strike Bowl! Please call the church office to register so we know how many lanes to book.

Here are some important dates for your calendar:

Aug. 25 — Bowling, 2-4pm at Lucky Strike Bowl, 4015 E. Speedway Blvd., Tucson

The last time we meet for *Celebrating God's Creation* curriculum.

Sept. 1 — No Sunday School

Sept. 8 — Love First Fall/Winter Sunday School begins! Teachers needed to teach once a month. It's a fun and educational curriculum for all involved.

I've ordered several copies of the book, *Love First: A Children's Ministry for the Whole Church*. If you would like to begin reading it, just let me know.

Thank you again for your love and care for the children, youth, and families of this parish. What a blessing it is to be on this journey of faith with you!

In God's peace and joy,

Pastor Kimberlee

Parish Focus

Peggy Scott: A Truly Bilingual Lady

By Ann Schlumberger

MARGARET HELENE SCOTT is a native Tucsonan, born in 1951, the year that her family moved from Colorado so that her father could join a medical practice here. Her ties with this parish are as strong as they were upon when her parents arrived in town and affiliated with Grace Episcopal Church, where Peggy was baptized and confirmed. As an 8-year-old, she began singing in the youth choir and fondly remembers Choir Director Carl Anderson, who gave her the opportunity to sing solos and to play the oboe at Christmas service.

Peggy attended Tucson High School, where she especially loved her English literature classes and playing in the band. Her main instrument

was the oboe, but during marching band season, she played the flute. The band provided the nexus for her high school social life, and years later she would marry Richard Obregon, who had played the trombone for THS and later went on to a successful career in college teaching in the music department of the University of Arizona.

Peggy had been studying Spanish in junior high, and during the summer between her sophomore and junior years in high school, she took part in the Amigos de las Americas program, going to Honduras for three weeks to help vaccinate children. She felt that she was “wonderfully received” by the people there, and that the experience had opened her “eyes to a whole new world.” During her senior year, she went with her dad to visit colleges in California

and had been attracted to Mills College, but her high school English teacher urged her to apply to Yale, which in 1969 was enrolling its first women students. Peggy was accepted and felt obliged to go.

Living on the East Coast provided quite a culture shock to her. All the women were in the same dorm, guarded at night to make sure no male students were in the building after 10 p.m. Some of the male students were quite resentful at women being admitted to the previously all male college. Furthermore, it was also the first time she had ever owned a winter coat. Unused to walking in snow, she had not allowed herself enough time between two early morning classes, so she had the embarrassment of always arriving late to the second one which was located up a steep and icy hill. A Spanish and linguistics major, she took her junior year abroad in Madrid—which was to change the direction of her life. At a party there she met a young Spaniard who was to become her first husband.

Peggy graduated from Yale in January 1973 and returned to Madrid, where the young couple was married that August. She was to live in Spain for 15 years, giving birth to two children. She worked for a company making water-well drilling equipment for many countries around the world, including Saudi Arabia and Zaire. After her divorce, when the children were 8 and 5, she returned to Tucson. Daughter Isabel completed high school here and has a career as a Foreign Service Officer, which provides Peggy with interesting places to visit, such as the Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Mexico, Tunisia, and Panama. Isabel’s husband is Dominican. Son Ivan, identifying more as a Spaniard than an American, chose to complete high school and college in Spain. Ironically, he now lives in Chicago (his wife’s hometown) and visits Spain several times a year on business and to see family. Peggy has three grandchildren.

Returning to Tucson in 1987, Peggy became the administrative assistant to the board of El Rio Health Center, where she had a “wonderful career.” Starting off doing secretarial work, she gradually moved to grant-writing and project management. Her bosses recognized that she was such a good trainer that they put her in charge of computer systems and training employees to use

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Peggy Scott

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them. A woman who had disliked science in high school, Peggy found herself charged with implementing an electronic medical records system and with training staff, from receptionists to physicians, on how to use the technology!

In 1990, Peggy and her high school beau Richard married. They live quietly, enjoying each other's company and that of a 10-year-old rescue dog, Hank. Peggy's daughter has remarked that the only thing necessary to her mother's happiness is for her to be close to a church. Not surprisingly, through the years Peggy has been actively involved at Grace St. Paul's. She was on the Vestry during the time Fr. Steve Keplinger was called to be our rector. She was co-chair of the GSP Adult Education Program, and for five years served, with Donna Shreve, as an EfM mentor.

Peggy has both led and been a member of the 7:45 service's ushers and serves as a Lay Eucharistic Minister. We often have the pleasure of hearing her beautiful Spanish when she is called upon to proclaim the Gospel in that language.



An \$8,500 grant brought two new refrigerators and a new freezer to Joseph's Pantry July 1.



Post from the Pantry

New food storage equipment added

By Andrew Gardner

LAST YEAR, the Association of Arizona Food Banks announced a grant program to increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables. Joseph's Pantry applied, and this spring we won a grant for \$8,500 to buy two new refrigerators and a new freezer to add to our capacity to distribute fresh produce. On June 24, electrical contractors came to GSP to add new circuits to our electrical system, and on Monday, July 1, our new equipment was delivered.

When you're next at the grocery store and you see something on sale, or something that you really enjoy, or both, you can pick up one more for the pantry. The food in the bags from the Community Food Bank is often bland, in an attempt to avoid the saltiest of shelf-stable foods. Adding a little spice or flavor—an onion, a chile pepper, olives—can make the food much tastier and healthier without adding too much sodium. Your contributions could make a bag of bland lentils into a delicious soup, or a can of boring

tomato soup into a delicious meal.

Our next challenge is to figure out how to keep the refrigerators and freezer stocked with food. If you have ideas about where to get more fresh produce and how to prepare it for distribution, please let me know at andrew.scott.gardner@gmail.com.

Seeing our Neighbors

This past month, one pantry community member told me a story about GSP that I want to share with all of you. He said that when he is out in public, he feels invisible. People sometimes look at him, but act as if they are seeing through him, refusing to acknowledge him. But, when he is at GSP, volunteers and parishioners say "Hello" and "Good morning." They remember his name and ask him about how he's doing. These simple acts of kindness make him feel welcomed, but also seen and maybe even understood and cared for. Thank you for being a community that cares about its neighbors.

Migration Ministry

By Margie King

DEACON NANCY MEISTER AND I took a break from working in migrant shelters to visit Guatemala for a week in May. Recently, after the bimonthly GSP Migrant and Refugee Vigil, twenty-five parishioners attended our slide presentation about the trip.

We lived with a family in the town of Santiago, perched on Lake Atitlan. We visited an after-school program, a project that involves dads in their children's education, a weaving cooperative, and a video documentary project for indigenous youth.

During picnics, hikes, boat rides and meals together, we learned that many Guatemalans are struggling proactively to be agents of their own lives instead of the victims of poverty and violence.

While we at GSP and other groups continue to help the many who are forced to flee across our border, we also have opportunities to support efforts to overcome their conditions at home.

Watch this space and e-blasts to learn ways to help Central Americans build good futures in their own countries.



On an overlook of Lake Atitlan with Margie King and Nancy Meister



Debbie Tinajero and Deacon Nancy Meister with Julius Braimah

Julius Braimah, from Ghana to Arizona to North Carolina

ALMOST TWO YEARS AGO Julius Braimah flew to the U.S. from his home country, Ghana, on a visa. On arrival he stayed with a friend while seeking asylum for religious persecution. He left behind his wife and four young children.

As a Christian he found his way to Grace St. Paul's. Here he was supported by a group of parishioners, including Lynne Albright, a former director of the Arizona State School for the Blind and the Deaf.

Julius enrolled in SAAVI, a day program of education for the blind where he received

instruction in independent living and employment counseling. SAAVI also provided Julius with an apartment. GSP also helped him with finding legal resources.

On March 17, Julius flew to Winston Salem, N.C., to accept a job in an industry for the blind. He will be missed at GSP for his powerful reading of scripture in Braille and his indomitable spirit of courage and persistence to seek asylum.

He returned briefly for an asylum hearing on April 12 and will be back for his final hearing in October.

In Being

I have decided to love my life for exactly what it is:
 A choice.
 Live a wild rebellion against the mechanics of wanting, finally.
 I have decided to subvert the call for more
 and resist striving for my personal ascent.
 Elevation is always stitched too tightly to the underbelly of
 dissatisfaction.
 I have decided to believe, from the deepest parts of me, that
 each facet of my life is enough.
 It is a life worthy of time and consideration,
 worthy of care and attention,
 worthy of itself.
 After years at battle with the same tired self-critique, I am
 putting it down.
 Choosing now to live into my life,
 to press against it,
 to show up.
 So, now I bring cans to the food pantry
 and smile, a mother's smile, at the people at church,
 at my daughter.
 I read the books, I've long meant to,
 on my shelf and at the library.
 I put the pictures in the album, with all the affection I can
 muster,
 even the ones of me
 20 pounds overweight.
 I live like communion,
 a sacrament of bread on my lips,
 a benediction of wine as clean as rain:
*To settle the dust,
 to be what I see,
 to receive what I am.*

—Laura Angeley, 2019



GSP clergy and parishioners recite together the Creation Care pledge during a Sunday morning service.

Pledges for Creation Care at GSP

By Angel Wang, GSP Green Church

THE SIXTH BAPTISMAL VOW: Care of God's Creation reminds us to cherish the wondrous works of God, and to protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all Creation. This spring, during the Lenten and Easter seasons, McBride Hall, the Narthex, and Undercroft areas were plastered with posters of Bishop Jennifer Reddall, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, and former PB Katherine Jefferts-Schori, all calling on us to pledge to Care for Creation. Posters also appeared in solidarity with the Anglican Church's Lenten fast against plastic.

All this was part of GSP's campaign to encourage our congregation to join in the Episcopal Church's drive to gather, by Earth Day 2019, one thousand pledges to Care for Creation. The online pledges successfully exceeded that goal (some 1,068 at one count).

Here at GSP, our parish-wide campaign and pledge workshop may have been unique in the Diocese of Arizona, according to Rev. Chris

Ledyard. Weekly bulletin and eBlast entries encouraged thoughts on ways that we could support the environmental resolutions from the 2008 General Convention through our individual actions. The excerpts from the TEC pledge reflection guide focused our potential actions as images of the Jesus Way of Loving, Liberating, and Life-giving. Some 30 pledges from the Creation Care workshop and by congregants and youth were blessed by Fr. Steve on Pentecost Sunday.

The workshop was presented by Rev Chris Ledyard, Rev Nancy Meister, Fr. John Leech, Marjorie King, and Angel Wang. Thanks also go to Barbara Morehouse, David Wachter, and Pam Spears for their dedicated support.

EXPLORING OUR FAITH: SUNDAYS @ 9 a.m.



Notre-Dame de Paris—Past and Future (Part 2) **Sunday, Aug. 4, 9 a.m., Bloom Room**

A PowerPoint presentation of the construction and long history of one of the oldest Gothic cathedrals in the world. Notre-Dame de Paris is widely considered the finest example of French Gothic architecture in Europe. After the tragic fire in April of this year French President Emmanuel Macron promised to restore the Cathedral in only five years. The question is, what should the newly renovated monument look like?

Presented by Chuck Dickson, retired history teacher and frequent GSP presenter.



Relax, Calm Down, Reduce Stress: **GSP's Healing Touch Ministry**

Sunday, Aug. 11, 9 a.m., Bloom Room

Healing Touch is a relaxing energy therapy that uses gentle touch on the body and in the energy field around a person to help restore balance and support the body's natural ability to heal itself. Its goal is not to cure but to enhance recovery by promoting stress reduction. This therapy comes out of holistic nursing. Grace St. Paul's has a Healing Touch ministry every Monday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Weeks Room. Four trained and certified practitioners offer healing sessions to people from GSP and the Tucson community. Come and find out more about the spiritual, physical, and emotional benefits of Healing Touch and the training process to become a practitioner.

Presented by Patricia Dickson and Miriam Huber, both certified HT practitioners.



Shakespeare: Identity and Faith

Sunday, Aug. 18, 9 a.m., Bloom Room

The question of whether Shakespeare really was "Shakespeare," or whether the world's best-known author was actually Edward de Vere, Christopher Marlowe, Sir Francis Bacon, or someone else, has long been argued. Another, less widely

discussed question is whether Shakespeare (whoever he was) was a devout Anglican, as required by law in Elizabeth's England, or a crypto-Catholic. In this class, Ron Lancaster will consider both questions, but particularly the second, and how it may relate to the first.

For many years Ron Lancaster has been a writer and lecturer on a variety of religious and philosophical topics. He was educated in Tucson in Catholic schools and is a graduate of the U of A. He also is a professional storyteller and a former comedian, mixing humor with deep thought. Ron has been an Episcopalian for the past 25 years and delights in its scope and joyous acceptance of a wide range of viewpoints.

Religion is. Theatre. Is religion. Is Theatre...

Sunday, Aug. 25, 9 a.m., Bloom Room

Theories made popular in the early twentieth century that drama evolved directly from ritual have been largely discredited. However, religious practices and dramatic presentations share many common elements: myth, themes, costume, storytelling, narration and/or reenactment, a playing/sacred space, and an audience. Religion works by creating and reenacting myths, using Joseph Campbell's definition of myth as "a metaphor for a mystery beyond human comprehension."

As the myths are central to religion, so plays are central to theatre, and the manner in which plays come into being parallels the creation of myth in religion. Religion relates us to the forces that surround us by creating and reenacting myths. Theatre, no matter how "secular" its content, is in this sense of the word, religion. With that in mind, this presentation will look at the long, sometimes intimate, sometimes adversarial, relationship theatre has had with religion.

Nanalee Raphael, former professor of Theatre at the University of Arizona and the University of Illinois, is a long-time parishioner at Grace St. Paul's and is currently the director of the GSP Spirit Players.

MAKING CONNECTIONS: SMALL GROUPS @ GSP

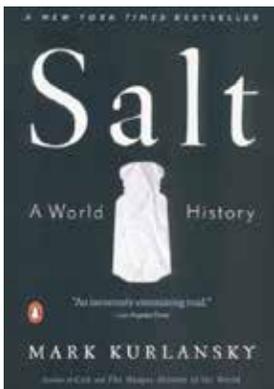
GSP Readers Group:

Salt: A World History by Mark Kurlansky

Friday, Aug. 9, 9:30 a.m., Bloom Room

In his fifth work of nonfiction, Kurlansky turns his attention to a common household item with a long and intriguing history: salt. The only rock we eat, salt has shaped civilization from the very beginning, and its story is a glittering, often surprising part of the history of humankind. A substance so valuable it served as currency, salt has influenced the establishment of trade routes and cities, provoked and financed wars, secured empires, and inspired revolutions. Populated by colorful characters and filled with an unending series of fascinating details, Salt is a supremely entertaining, multi-layered masterpiece.

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



Third Friday Film: 'Impromptu' (1991)

Friday, Aug. 16, 6:30 p.m., Bloom Room

Judy Davis stars as French novelist George Sand in this delicious romantic comedy, a blissfully high-spirited romp about writers and musicians in 1830s Paris. After converging on the country estate of the Duke and Duchess d'Antan (Anton Rogers and Emma Thompson), Sand and her friends — poet Alfred

DeMusset (Mandy Patinkin), painter Eugene Delacroix (Ralph Brown), and composers Franz Liszt (Julian Sands) and Frederic Chopin (Hugh Grant), along with Bernadette Peters as Liszt's mistress — spend their summer engaging in romantic folly and enriching the cultural tastes of their hosts. As a salon full of characters, Impromptu provides great fly on the wall fun.

Hosted by Victoria and Joe Stefani.

Reading with the Spirit: On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity, and Getting Old by Parker Palmer

Saturday, Aug. 24, 10 a.m., Bloom Room

"Wholeness is the goal [of life], but wholeness does not mean perfection. It means embracing brokenness as an integral part of life." —Parker J. Palmer

From beloved and bestselling author Parker J. Palmer comes a beautiful book of reflections on what we can learn as we move closer to "the brink of everything." Drawing on eight decades of life — and his career as a writer, teacher, and activist — Palmer explores the questions age raises and the promises it holds. "Old," he writes, "is just another word for nothing left to lose, a time to dive deep into life, not withdraw to the shallows." But this book is not for elders only. It was written to encourage adults of all ages to explore the way their lives are unfolding. *On the*

Brink of Everything is not a how-to-do-it book on aging, but a set of meditations in prose and poetry that turn the prism on the meaning(s) of one's life, refracting new light at every turn.

Contact Catherine Penn Williams, spiritual pilgrim, psychotherapist, and longtime group leader at GSP, at 520-275-8478 for more information.



Sharing Our Spiritual Journeys: Cultivating Spiritual Literacy

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 discussion focuses on the many intersections between spirituality, religion, and contemporary culture. While our topics vary each meeting and seek to expand our capacity to honor a spiritual dimension in every aspect of our lives, our focus this summer will be "spiritual literacy." Each session stands on its own. All are welcome and 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

(No meetings from Aug. 15 to Sept. 12)

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 Mallory is an Associate Rector at Grace St. Paul's.



Friday Morning Bible Study

Fridays, Aug. 2 & 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Bloom Room

The Friday Morning Bible Study's current focus is on close examination of the parables of Jesus, both in their original context and as they apply to our lives today. This group is open to everyone, regardless of age, gender, or faith tradition. Please join us on the first and third Friday of each month in the Bloom Room.

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

Saturday Java Jive: Coffee & Conversation

Saturdays, 9:30-11 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 gathering that meets every Saturday morning for coffee and conversation. Come join us!



August Play Reading: Heidi Chronicles

Friday, Aug. 2, 6:30 p.m., Bloom Room

For the August play, we will be reading "The Heidi Chronicles," a play by Wendy Wasserstein. When it premiered in 1988, Wasserstein was widely hailed as a pioneering feminist playwright, giving voice to the disappointments that accomplished, well-educated women were reluctant to air. The anti-feminist backlash was in full swing at the time; the status of American women underwent profound, and sometimes unsettling, change. This script raises questions about contemporary feminism, especially the neo-liberal feminism that prevails in elite precincts today: that every-woman-for-herself kind of leaning in that makes no demands on the workplace or the state and builds no solidarity with others.

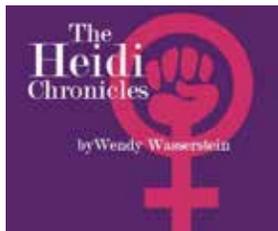
However, far from being a didactic rant, "The Heidi Chronicles" is funny and sweet. Comprised of a series of interrelated scenes, the play follows the coming of age of Heidi Holland, a successful art historian, as she tries to find her

bearings in a rapidly changing world. Gradually distancing herself from her friends, she watches them move from the idealism and political radicalism of their college years in the '60's through militant feminism and, eventually, back to the materialism of the success-oriented '80's that they had sought to reject in the first place.

This significant and celebrated play was the winner of the Pulitzer Prize, the Tony Award, the New York Drama Critics Circle Award, the Outer Critics Circle Award, and the Drama Desk Award, among many others.

Please join us to share in this reading and lively discussion following. Attendees may read if they wish or participate as "audience;" scripts are provided. Sharon McKenzie and Nanalee Raphael are the facilitators, both long-time theatre aficionados. This script is suitable for mature teens and older persons.

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*
(no meetings Aug. 15-Sept. 12)
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 August 2019...

2nd 9:30 a.m., TiHAN

10:30 a.m., **Bible Study**

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

4th 9 a.m., *Notre Dame, Part 2*

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

6th 9 a.m., Gathering Artists

7th 7 p.m., **Green Church Committee**

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

10th 5 p.m., Michael Manning Concert

11th 9 a.m., *Healing Touch Ministry*

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

14th 12 noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry

16th 10:30 a.m., **Bible Study**

6:30 p.m., **Third Friday Film**

18th 9 a.m., *Shakespeare: Identity &
Faith*

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

25th 9 a.m., *Religion is Theatre*

1 p.m., Primavera cooking team

26th 10 a.m., *Sharing Spiritual Journeys*

12 noon, Communications
Ministry

27th 9 a.m., Primavera Meals Group

6:30 p.m., **VESTRY MEETING**



...and in September 2019

1st 9 a.m., Coffee & Conversation

2nd 10 a.m., *Sharing Spiritual Journeys*

3rd 9 a.m., Gathering Artists

4th 7 p.m., **Green Church
Committee**

6th 10:30 a.m., **Bible Study**

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

8th 9 a.m., Coffee & Conversation

9th 10 a.m., *Sharing Spiritual Journeys*

11th 12 noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry

13th 9:30 a.m., **GSP Readers Group**
6 p.m., Southern Arizona Friends
Of Jung

15th 9 a.m., Coffee & Conversation

16th 10 a.m., *Sharing Spiritual Journeys*

20th 10:30 a.m., **Bible Study**

6:30 p.m., **Third Friday Film**

22nd 9 a.m., Coffee & Conversation
1 p.m., Primavera cooking team

23rd 10 a.m., *Sharing Spiritual Journeys*

12 noon, Communications
Ministry

24th 9 a.m., Primavera Meals Group

12:30 p.m., TiHAN Volunteer
Orientation

6:30 p.m., **VESTRY MEETING**

29th 9 a.m., Coffee & Conversation

30th 10 a.m., *Sharing Spiritual Journeys*