



The Briefly

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Rector's Letter

It has been a long haul for all of us, but the wait is almost over. Three months ago we hired our new Minister of Spiritual Formation for children, youth, and families. Amy Cormode has already solidified our children/youth program and we have a bright future there.

Now we are on the cusp of hiring a new clergy person for our staff. Since Amy came on board, we have been searching for a Curate, a newly ordained individual who would learn on the job here at Grace St. Paul's. Frankly, we believed that would be all we could afford. But thanks to so many of you stepping up with donations



The Rev. Richard Mallory

beyond your pledge, combined with a serendipitous set of circumstances that occurred during the interview process, we are going to get much more than we expected.

Our Associate-to-be has extensive experience not only as a priest, but a priest-in-charge. He has served as an Associate, Interim Rector and Rector as well as priest-in-charge of congregations in Connecticut and Arizona. He

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William Flowers was baptized into the Body of Christ on Sunday, July 17.

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**The deadline for the
Sept. 2016 issue will be
Tuesday, Aug. 9.**

Rector's Letter

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is also a licensed psychotherapist, a skill that aligns perfectly with the role he will be taking as the leader of our Social Service ministries. His mental health background is extensive, including much work with alcoholism. He was also a Pastoral counselor in New York City.

I have known our new Associate for the past five years. We took Fresh Start together and we have come to know each other well. He has a profoundly non-anxious pastoral presence and he is very spiritually grounded. His theology is very much in line with GSP and I have no doubt that he will be a huge asset to our community, taking us to new levels with our social service program and in liturgical roles.

Most recently, our new Associate was Interim Rector at St. Michael's & All Angels in

Tucson. He very much wants to stay in Tucson and is very excited to be joining us at Grace St. Paul's.

I know you will welcome The Rev. Richard Mallory with typical Grace St. Paul's hospitality. Father Richard will begin with us on Sept. 12.

This hire takes us to the staff level we have been working to reach for the last four years. I am so grateful to all of you for all you have done to make this possible. It will take a sustained effort on all of your parts to keep us here, but I am confident that we can do it.

Welcome, Father Richard! The future is indeed bright for our beloved community.



Liturgy Discussion of the Month By The Rev. Steve Keplinger

It's Time to Leave!

A few years ago, I attended a liturgy conference, an event that was created to teach and discuss the essence of worship. We talked about what makes a good liturgy and how to create worship that was both meaningful and beautiful.

We ended the conference with a Communion liturgy that sticks with me to this day. First, there were the lessons of the day. When it was time for the first one, nothing happened. We just sat there and waited, not prayerfully, but expectantly. After an interminable amount of time, someone finally got up and read the lesson, someone who was not prepared to do so. Amazingly, the same thing happened with the second reading. But what I remember most was the Dismissal.

After the Celebrant pronounced a Blessing, the Deacon immediately proclaimed "Let us go forth in the name of Christ." "Thanks be to God," we responded.

Except we did not go forth in the name of Christ or in anyone else's name. We just stood there and stood there and stood there. Then after that came a Recessional Hymn, or what

I guess was supposed to be a recessional. We sang the whole thing and still no one moved.

Finally, minutes later, the Celebrant decided it must be time to leave, so he kind of sauntered down the aisle. Finally, finally, after the altar party had disappeared, we all just looked at one another. Eventually, we just figured it was over and left.

I will admit that I am overly sensitive about this because of past experiences, but for me, a good liturgy ends when we pronounce that it is over. We don't dismiss you and then say, "Oh, we were just kidding." Sing this song first and we will leave after that. Listen to this prayer first and then we will go. Wait for this parade first and go after that. You don't dismiss everyone and then do more liturgy.

That is why at GSP we do the dismissal after the Recessional hymn, after everything. When we say "Let us go forth into the world," we mean it! Go forth and bring what has happened to you in that service into a world that desperately needs it. Now!

Ministry Report

By Amy Cormode,
CY&F Director

I am driving the back roads in Atchison County, KS on my way to help my in-laws clean the church hall. Their 50th anniversary is in two days and we are having a big party. All of the sudden, seemingly out of nowhere, the tears come, and keep coming, as from a deep well. I can't seem to stem the flow as my mind is slow to realize what my senses already know: I have profoundly missed Kansas in the summer.

When we arrived the night before, I stepped out of the car onto the wet grass, heard the cacophony of crickets and inhaled the smell of fresh grass and all my pores unfurled and opened wide to receive. I entered the house, not thinking too much about it. As I drive along the curvy highway this morning, image after image flows thru my tears, washing my face with a sacred knowing. My roots go down, down into the earth, my roots go down. They go down into the back roads of Kansas—here are the thin places of my formation where I first experienced the Divine Love. Being back in the summer—the fecund, full-bloom, green, lush summer—my body remembered before my mind could form any words. The Holy lives here and I have known It.

Back to the desert. Somehow, my newer roots have found water in the Sonora Desert and are going down into this place on earth, specifically, the place and people of GSP. I

continue to be honored and dumbfounded that you all are paying me to do the work of strengthening the root systems of our children and families, as it is my absolute pleasure. I am happy to report that a good bit of nourishment is already seeping into the ground.

Rooted: Summer Camp @ GSP was a glorious success with 22 daily “campers” and more than 15 people shepherding, leading, working in the kitchen and generally helping make the week run smoothly. We shared in stories from the Bible, learned new songs, planted some seeds, and created new art and friendships.

Summer Sunday school has likewise been watering seeds of love and knowledge with more stories about God's creation; water, plants and animals. We are working each week to draw what we see when we come upstairs to join the church family for Eucharist. Check out what we are noticing on one of the bulletin boards in the undercroft.

As our roots are nourished, let's enjoy the growth that is becoming apparent and be alert for all the new shoots sprouting up among us and in each of us.

Glory be to God!

Amy



One of the art projects created by “campers” during June’s “Rooted,” the summer camp at GSP. *More pictures, Page 5.*

Notes from the Choir Stalls

By Christina Jarvis,
Director of Music



Midsummer. Our country is struggling with issues of race, income inequality, and a benighted, profit-based healthcare system that continues to inadequately address mental illness. Add to that our insane gun laws and a presidential candidate who feels no compunction about channeling white supremacist backwaters of the internet. What could possibly go wrong?

Other countries are struggling, too, with similar issues. With God's help, we will get through this one day at a time and emerge with stronger democratic institutions, a more just society, and a level financial playing field so that the aggrieved find ways to thrive without scapegoating others and grinding poverty becomes a relic of past times. And our elected officials begin taking climate change seriously. I also believe in unicorns. Cynicism aside, civil rights, women's rights, workers' rights, LGBT rights, religious liberty... none of these things would have been possible without a few people doing some very hard work to make it so against forces that continue to push back. It is our call as Christians to carry the work forward.

Well, okay, this is outside my usual brief, which is music, and these are sentiments expressed far better by other people. Many other people. I'll just conclude this portion of my sermon by saying how pleased I was to read that some are attempting to put "We Shall Overcome" and "This Land is Your Land" in the public domain. If "Happy Birthday" can be universal, why not two songs that sum up our hope and faith as citizens of this country and of the world?

With that segue back to music, I can report that August brings more fine contributors to the musical needs of our parish. Changes to the line-up may occur, as life is what happens when you're making other plans.

Aug. 6—Joan Brundage, mezzo-soprano and harp; Miriam Huber, soprano; and Jane Click, piano

Aug. 14—Michael Manning, piano

Aug. 21—7:45 a.m.: James Neeley, baritone; 10 a.m.: Alan Brundage, violin

Aug. 28—Chuck Goldschmid, guitar and vocals

Sept. 4—James Beckwith, piano

Planning is in high gear for the coming season. We have enjoyed sitting in the pews, but by the end of August, the aimless twitching will have set in signaling that it's time to gather together, tell many jokes, and make a joyful noise en masse.

This year the St. Zeno's Zombie (i.e., Youth Choir) will be directed by Wesley Hunter, who currently directs the Sunday School children's music. I will continue to maintain oversight and shepherd the process (or in other words, interfere and engage in control issues, but that's what we have to do with these young whippersnappers, eh, Wilber?)

The Adult Choir will resume the Sunday after Labor Day, which is Sept. 5 this year. The first choir rehearsal of the season will be Thursday, Sept. 8; the choir will provide anthems for the 10 a.m. service on Sept. 11.

If you are interested in joining our merry band of angels, give me a holler after the service on any given Sunday between now and then or email me at clj@delegation.org. We would be delighted to have you join us!

Blessings,

Christina



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Senior Focus:

Mary Delaney

By Ann Schlumberger

The Rev. Mary Delaney was born Mary Joan Savoie on Epiphany (Jan. 6), 1931, in the small rural French Canadian community of Faribault, Minn. Her grandmother and father spoke French to each other, a language not shared by her Irish mother Marguerite, despite her mother's French given name. Mary received the "Joan" in her own name because her brother Elliot, seven years her senior, wanted to name his baby sister after Joan of Arc.

Mary grew up in this lovely, very French Catholic town, attending the school run by the Dominican nuns from first grade through twelfth. Her early life experiences planted in

her a lifelong devotion to the Catholic Church, albeit she would eventually find she had to leave it. Interestingly, given that Mary was eventually to become an ordained Episcopal priest, her hometown was also the center for the Episcopal Church west of the Mississippi.

After Mary graduated from high school in 1948, she attended Huron College, a small Presbyterian school in South Dakota, for one year. The highlight of that time was her playing the role of Emily in a production of "Our Town." Lack of funds caused her to withdraw from the college, but undeterred, Mary borrowed money to go to a medical technology school where she was trained in lab work and X-ray technology. She was working in a hospital in Austin, Minn., when she met Dan Delaney, a combat veteran from the Battle of Okinawa who was going to college on the GI Bill. They fell in love immediately and were married in April 1951. Dan was the love of her life, and she has missed him deeply since his passing from Parkinson's disease in 2002.

Dan had lost his mother when he was only five years old and had spent his childhood farmed out to various relatives. Consequently,

family life was very important to him. He and Mary had eight children in 14 years—five girls and three boys. After he earned his BA, Dan got a job teaching English, and for a while Mary stayed home to tend their growing family. In the late fifties, Dan became interested in computers when they were first being developed. He took a job as a computer analyst for the Navy, which took them to Hawaii and to several California cities. Meanwhile, Dan was supportive of Mary's continuing her education. While still having children, Mary completed her BA in geography—she was fascinated by the interplay of physical terrain and human culture. Later she would earn an MA in Marriage and Family Therapy, becoming a licensed therapist in California. Mary found psychological theory to be even more fascinating than clinical practice, and perhaps under other circumstances she might have gone into research in psychology.

Disillusioned with Catholic policies regarding women, Mary joined the Episcopal Church in 1982. Though Dan supported her decision, he and the children remained Catholic. Mary attended the California Divinity School of the Pacific and was ordained an Episcopal priest in 1993 at All Saints Church in Pasadena.

In 2005, to be near her daughter Suzanne, Mary moved to Tucson with her second youngest child, Kate, who is developmentally disabled and suffers from a progressive neurological disease. Suzanne Delaney, a Senior Lecturer of Management and Organizations at the University of Arizona, is also a member of Grace St. Paul's. Hence, Mary became affiliated with our congregation through her daughter's attending GSP.

The Rev. Gordon McBride invited Mary to serve at the altar. Subsequently, she led the Wednesday morning and Thursday evening services. These days she leads Tuesday Evening Prayer and fills in for Fr. Steve Kelsey at the Wednesday morning eucharist when he is away.

Mary's range of intellectual interests is broad. Daily she reads from the work of

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News of Bread from the Pantry

By The Rev. Nancy Meister

Bill Trujillo, Bread from the Pantry Ministry leader, has retired after 7 years of dedicated service and able leadership. He has had responsibility to ensure that the many community agencies and churches receive bread from Grace St. Paul's three mornings a week. He has coordinated the volunteers who pick up bread seven nights a week at Beyond Bread on Campbell Ave.



During his leadership there have been very few missed nights of pick up.

Bread for the Pantry ministry was started almost twenty years ago by long term parishioner Doree Ramey who

had the foresight to arrange a partnership with Beyond Bread when the business first opened. Doree was very particular about the kind of bread each agency would receive and Bill has continued that tradition.

For example Teen Challenge on Oracle get the hoagies and long loaves. Northminster Presbyterian, New Spirit Lutheran and Southside Presbyterian receive large sliced bread. SAAF gets specialty loaves. And of course Joseph's pantry is kept well supplied with small sliced loaves.

Bill has mentored Matt Chase for several years, a volunteer who is a member of St. Michael's of All Angels Episcopal Church. Matt has a generous spirit and is stepping into this important leadership role.

Bread for the Pantry is a "labor intensive ministry" and more volunteers are always needed. Come join the camaraderie on Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning from 7-8 a.m. During the sorting and packaging of the bread for the different locations, share a cup of coffee and become part of Being Bread for our community.

Thanks for Bill Trujillo's service to the Tucson community as well as GSP. We hope after some retirement time we will see him again.

Senior Focus

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one of three great thinker/writers: William Shakespeare, Karl Jung, and Stephen Hawking. They provide her with plenty to ponder. While her husband was still alive, the couple annually spent a week in Oregon attending the Shakespeare Festival, indicating that Mary's love of the theater had been sustained from her college days. Now a Tucsonan, Mary gets her

"Shakespeare fix" each summer by attending the Shakespeare Festival in Boulder, CO, with her son John, who lives in that state.

Mary is a woman of prayer and reflection. Through all the changes in her life, Mary avows that common prayer has sustained her. The Catholic liturgies she participated in from an early age and the Episcopal liturgies that derive from them are central to who she is as a woman and as a priest.

Upcoming Pet Expo

By Rev. Chris Ledyard

Grace St. Paul's is sponsoring a booth at the Pet Expo in a few months, with 9,000 to 11,000 visitors expected to attend. Our plan is to offer bandanas, baggies with treats, and printed materials so that Tucson can learn about our Animals and Spirituality Ministry, as well as GSP.



Currently, we will need your help in the following ways:

• How to help make the bandana project happen:

1. We need your fabric scraps in cotton or blends approximately 24x15" or larger. We need yards and yards. Seasonal prints like Christmas, Halloween, Fall, Easter, any

animal prints like kitties or puppies, cartoon characters, children's prints, flower prints or even cheerful solids are preferred, as it will be more interesting with a variety. Bring your scraps and remnants to the church office so we can pick them up.

2. We need volunteers to cut the fabric into triangles, preferably with pinking shears so they won't ravel. We need two sizes—one for kitties and small dogs and a larger size for big dogs. The more volunteers, the less one must do. The number of bandanas is up to the amount of material we receive. Please call Nanette Alvarez to volunteer for this.

3. We need people to attach our business card to the bandanas, however we/you decide to do that. Stitching, taping, stapling, folding, are some of the options.

• How to help make the baggies with treats project happen:

We will need people to put the cookies in the bag, as well as our business card. Please call Terri Franks for this part of the project.

Needless to say, this is a great opportunity to put into action our desire to do something for the animals of the world, especially our companion animals.

If you have any questions, please contact Nanette Alvarez, Terri Franks, or The Rev. Chris Ledyard through the church office at (520) 327-6857. This call for help is to all members of the congregation.

Year-Round Giving

By Peggy Scott

Mohammed Ali reportedly said, "Service to others is the rent you pay for your room on earth." What better room could you rent than a membership in the Grace St. Paul's community, where we genuinely state Sunday after Sunday that "all are welcome" and where we commit to providing "food for the journey and encouragement to change the world"? And what better service to others than giving of your time, talent and money to support the many, many ministries that are going on around you at GSP?

Giving and Receiving is a ministry that has traditionally been visible to the congregation in the fall/winter when most churches do their "annual campaign". You may have heard us say that our church wants to do things differently.

We want to encourage grateful and generous giving all year round. We started with the formation of the GSP Legacy Society in the spring, honoring those who have expressed their intention to leave a gift to our community in their estate plans. I hope you took advantage of the opportunity to learn more about this kind of giving at our educational session on July 31st. If you missed it, please don't hesitate to contact a Giving and Receiving Ministry Leader. We will be glad to have a conversation with you!

Before the end of the year and throughout 2017, you will be seeing the Giving and Receiving Ministry partnering with other ministries to provide education and events which we hope will inspire you to pay the rent for your room on earth. If your room is spacious enough, your generosity can't help but inspire others.



Whistleblower Policy

The following policy was adopted by the GSP Vestry on Tuesday, July 26, 2016.

Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church's (the "Church") Statement of Policy on Conflicts of Interest ("Statement") requires Vestry members and all employees, both clergy and lay, to observe high standards of business and personal ethics in the conduct of their duties and responsibilities. As employees and representatives of the Church, we must practice honesty and integrity in fulfilling our responsibilities and comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

Reporting Responsibility. It is the responsibility of all Vestry members, officers and employees to comply with the Statement and to report violations or suspected violations in accordance with this Whistleblower Policy.

No Retaliation. No Vestry member, officer, employee or volunteer who in good faith reports any action or suspected action taken by or within the Church that is illegal, fraudulent or in violation of any adopted policy of the Church shall suffer intimidation, harassment, discrimination or other retaliation or, in the case of an employee, adverse employment consequence. An employee who retaliates against someone who has reported a violation in good faith is subject to discipline up to and including termination of employment. This Whistleblower Policy is intended to encourage and enable employees and others to raise serious concerns within the parish prior to seeking resolution outside the Church.

Reporting Violations. The Policy addresses the Church's open door policy and suggests that employees share their questions, concerns, suggestions or complaints with someone who can address them properly. In most cases, an employee's supervisor is in the best position to address an area of concern. However, if you are not comfortable speaking with your supervisor, if the supervisor is a subject of the complaint, concern, violation or suspected violation, or you are not satisfied with your supervisor's response, you should promptly contact one of the Compliance Officers directly. Supervisors are required to report suspected violations of the Policy to one of the Church's Compliance Officers, who have specific and exclusive responsibility to investigate all reported violations. For suspected fraud, individuals should contact one of the Church's Compliance Officers directly. All matters reported verbally shall be reduced to writing.

Compliance Officer. The Church's Compliance

Officer shall be the chair of the Finance Committee of the Vestry (Treasurer) and another designated member of the Finance Committee. The Compliance Officers are responsible for investigating and resolving all reported complaints and allegations concerning violations or suspected violations of this Policy and shall promptly report any complaints, concerns, violations or suspected violations to the Vestry for further review and investigation. The Compliance Officers have direct access to the Vestry and are required to report to the Vestry at least annually on compliance activity. The Church's Compliance Officers may be contacted as follows:

By e-mail: treasurer@grace-stpauls.org
 By US mail: Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church
 Attn: Chair of the Finance Committee
 2331 E. Adams Street
 Tucson, AZ 85719

Accounting and Auditing Matters. The Finance Committee shall address all reported concerns or complaints regarding corporate accounting practices, internal controls or auditing. The Compliance Officers shall immediately notify the Vestry of any such complaint and work with the committee until the matter is resolved.

Acting in Good Faith. Anyone filing a complaint concerning a violation or suspected violation of the Policy must be acting in good faith and have reasonable grounds for believing the information disclosed indicates a violation of the Policy. Any allegations that prove not to be substantiated and which prove to have been made maliciously or knowingly to be false will be viewed as a serious disciplinary offense.

Confidentiality. Violations or suspected violations may be submitted on a confidential basis by the complainant or may be submitted anonymously. Reports of violations or suspected violations will be kept confidential to the extent possible, consistent with the need to conduct an adequate investigation.

Handling of Reported Violations. Each Compliance Officer will notify the sender and acknowledge receipt of the reported violation or suspected violation within five business days. All reports will be promptly investigated by the Vestry and appropriate corrective action will be taken if warranted by the investigation.

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A copy of this policy shall be distributed to all Vestry members, officers and employees and to volunteers who provide substantial services to the Church.

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

Exploring Today's Lectionary

Sunday, Aug. 7, 9 a.m., Bloom Education Center

One Sunday a month we provide an opportunity to discuss the Bible readings for that day in more depth in a small group setting. Come join us for a thoughtful but always lively conversation about scripture.

Dr. Vicki Stefani has taught writing, literature, and cultural studies at the University of Arizona and Humboldt State University. She is a member of the ASF ministry team and convener of the Bible Women group at GSP. Vicki and her husband Joe have lived in Tucson for 24 years.

What Is An Anthem and Why Is It Eating My Cereal?—and Other Musical Musings

Sunday, Aug. 14, 9 a.m., Bloom Education Center

Christina Jarvis will lead an informative frolic through the peculiarities of Episcopal church music for the bemused parishioner. Join us for what is guaranteed to be a lively and engaging presentation!

Christina Jarvis, Music Director at Grace St. Paul's since 2002, is an associate faculty member at Cochise College, where she teaches voice and co-directs Nuevo Mundo, an early music ensemble. She also maintains a private voice studio.

Postponed from an earlier date due to illness.

Jesus: Forgiving Victim—A webcast with James Alison & Richard Rohr

Sunday, Aug. 14, 11:45 a.m., Bloom Education Center

In dialogue with one another, James Alison and Richard Rohr help us understand what Jesus' death and resurrection mean for us. Drawing from philosopher René Girard's work, they free this familiar biblical story from unhelpful, toxic interpretations such as "sacrifice" and "atonement." While the human psyche readily projects its shadow onto others, identifying a scapegoat to carry our inner shame, Jesus—the forgiving victim—shows us a way of surrender that heals and transforms even the deepest wounds. By ending the cycle of violence we become free to experience true union with God and each other. Rohr and Alison show us how we can apply this

archetype to our individual faith journeys and communities. Together they offer insights that are teachable, prayable, and most importantly, livable. **A light lunch will be available during the webcast.**

James Alison, a Catholic theologian, priest, and author, is "one of the most exciting and ground-breaking theologians on the scene today," according to Richard Rohr. His books include The Joy of Being Wrong, On Being Liked, Undergoing God, and Faith Beyond Resentment.

Richard Rohr is a Franciscan priest and founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation in New Mexico. His teaching is grounded in the Christian contemplative tradition. He is the author of numerous books, including Everything Belongs, Eager to Love, and The Divine Dance (to be published in 2016).

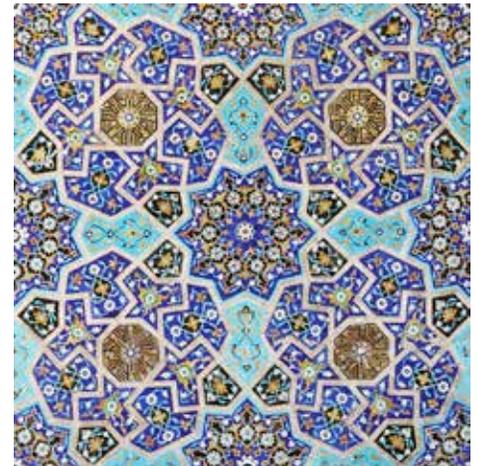
Catherine Penn Williams, convener of the Adult Spiritual Formation Team, will facilitate the discussion.

An Inquiry into 'Healing the Heart of Democracy'

Sunday, Aug. 21, 9 a.m., Bloom Education Center

Using Parker Palmer's 2011 book *Healing the Heart of Democracy* we will examine the thesis that the human heart is the first home of democracy. It is where we embrace our questions: Can we be equitable? Can we be generous? Can we listen with our whole beings, not just our minds, and offer our attention rather than our opinions? And do we have enough resolve in our hearts to act courageously, relentlessly, without giving up—ever—trusting our fellow citizens to join with us in our determined pursuit of a living democracy?

Brian Arthur is a long time member of GSP and a member of the Adult Spiritual Formation Team. Brian was an active facilitator of Courage and Renewal programs from 2011-2015.



Islamic Art: Contexts and Misconceptions

Sunday, Aug. 28, 9 a.m., Bloom Education Center

Does Islam really forbid artists to create naturalistic images of living beings? What are the primary forms of Islamic art? What are some of the regional differences in Islamic art? Most importantly, what is the relationship between religion and art in Islamic cultures? These are some of the questions that will be addressed in this class, which will feature slides of various examples of Islamic art forms.

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Sermons on Tap

Sunday, Aug. 28, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., Bloom Education Center

Ever leave worship on Sunday and wish you could talk about the sermon with others? Why not join like-minded folks for an open discussion of the day's sermon over beer and sandwiches? This small group is for anyone with a desire to connect more deeply with others and a willingness to explore their own questions about how we live into the "good news" as preached at GSP. The setting will be informal and relaxed. No need to register, come anytime. All are welcome!

Beer, iced tea, and a light lunch will be available. Donations will be accepted to cover the costs of lunch.

SUMMER MOVIES @ GSP

Summer Film Series:**The Way of the Pilgrim**

Friday, Aug. 5, 6:30 p.m.: A playreading of "The Woman" (1936), Bloom Education Center

Friday, Aug. 19, 6:30 p.m.: A film and discussion of "The Women" (1939), Bloom Education Center

On the third Friday of each month during the summer we gather for a free film and discussion in the Bloom Education Center. Our theme this summer is "pilgrimage" and the many ways we might find ourselves on

unexpected journeys—journeys that lead us to new ways of seeing and being in the world. In August, the **First Friday Play Reading** and the **Adult Spiritual Formation** ministries are undertaking a joint venture, presenting both play and film versions of the same story, "The Women."

Written by Claire Booth Luce in 1936, the play was a big hit with audiences. The 1939 movie version that starred Norma Shearer, Joan Crawford and Rosalind Russell was wildly successful. The story reflects attitudes of an era in which it was assumed that a woman's only

real satisfaction was marriage to a successful man. The females that inhabit this world are of all modes: sympathetic, overbearing, kind, viperous, catty, gossiping, innocent, egotistic. Our summer theme of "pilgrimage" continues as several of the characters find themselves on unexpected but transformational places in their lives. Please join us for one or both events!

Your hosts are **Nanalee Raphael** for the evening of theatre on August 5 and **Catherine Penn Williams** for the evening of film on August 19.

UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE: BIBLE STUDY @ GSP

Bible Women

NOTE: This group is taking a break in August and will resume meeting on Friday, Sept. 2.

Where are the voices of women in the Bible? What do they have to say to us about our own lives? This class studies the Bible through the words of women in the Old and New Testaments. The focus is on actual scripture and its contexts; an optional text, *Bible Women: All Their Words and Why They Matter* by Lindsay Hardin Freeman, is available from Amazon in softcover (\$22) or

Kindle (\$9.99).

The group meets twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Friday. No registration is necessary and participants are welcome to join the group at any time.

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

For Everyone: Coffee, Bagels & Bible Stuff

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

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

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

MAKING CONNECTIONS: SMALL GROUPS @ GSP

GSP Readers Group

Friday, Aug. 12, 9:30 a.m., Bloom Education Center

"This is your country, this is your world, this is your body, and you must find some way to live within the all of it." In the profound **Between the World and Me**, Ta-Nehisi Coates offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis. Americans have built an empire on the idea of "race," a falsehood that damages us all but falls most heavily on the bodies of black women and men—bodies exploited through slavery and segregation, and, today, threatened, locked up, and murdered out of all proportion. What is it like to inhabit a black body and find a way to live within it? And how can we all honestly reckon with this fraught history and free ourselves from its burden? "Powerful and

passionate . . . profoundly moving . . . a searing meditation on what it means to be black in America today." (Michiko Kakutani, *The New York Times*)

All are welcome. No registration necessary. For more information, please contact the church office at 327-6857.

Sharing Our Spiritual Journeys

Mondays, Aug. 8 & 22, 10 a.m.-Noon, Bloom Education Center

In this small group we share conversation about what matters most to us as followers of Jesus and how we practice this in our individual lives and the life of our community. Each meeting focuses on a different intersection between spirituality and religion, and the conversation takes us where the Spirit guides. Each session stands alone and all are welcome. No registration is necessary.

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

Saturday Java Jive: Coffee & Conversation

Saturdays, 8:30-11 a.m., at 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.



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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
- 11:30 a.m., Youth Groups

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

- 6 p.m., [Evening Prayer & Communion](#)
- 6 p.m., Arts & Crafts for Adults
- 7 p.m., Interfaith Meditation

Wednesdays

- 7 a.m., [Holy Communion](#)
- 10 a.m., Desert Angel Quilters
- 5 p.m., Spirit Dojo

Thursdays

- 7:30 a.m., *Coffee, Bagels & B.S. for All*
- 10 a.m., Bridge Group
- 3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
- 5:30 p.m., [Spirit Now—An Emerging Worship Experience](#)
- 7 p.m., AZ Welcomes Refugees

Saturdays

- 8:30 a.m., [Saturday Java Jive](#)
- 9 a.m., Altar Guild
- 4 p.m., Yoga Class

What's Happening in August 2016...

1st 10 a.m., [Sharing Our Spiritual Journeys](#)

7 p.m., [Green Church Committee](#)

2nd 8 a.m., TIHAN Volunteer Orientation

3rd 12 Noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:30 p.m., Giving & Receiving Committee

5th 9:30 a.m., TIHAN Liaison Meeting

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

7th 9 a.m., [Exploring Today's Lectionary](#)

8th 7 p.m., Joseph's Pantry meeting

9th 1 p.m., TIHAN Training

13th 9:30 a.m., [Citizens Climate Lobby](#)

14th 9 a.m., [Food Stewardship](#)
11:45 a.m., [Webcast: Jesus, Forgiving Victim](#)

1 p.m., Sudanese Worship in Dinka

15th 10 a.m., [Sharing Our Spiritual Journeys](#)

17th 12 noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry

19th 6:30 p.m., [Summer Film Series: "The Way of the Pilgrim"](#)

21st 9 a.m., [Healing the Heart of Democracy](#)

23rd 9 a.m., Primavera Cooks!

6:30 p.m., [Vestry Meeting](#)

26th 9:30 a.m., [GSP Readers Group](#)

28th 9 a.m., [Islamic Art](#)

11:45 a.m., [Sermons on Tap](#)

1 p.m., Mother's Kitchen

2 p.m., St. Andrew's Bach Society Concert

30th **PRIMARY ELECTION DAY**

Coming up in September...

2nd 10:30 a.m., [Bible Women](#)

6:30 p.m., [Spirit Players Play-Reading](#)

4th 9 a.m., [Coffee & Conversation](#)

5th 7 p.m., [Green Church Committee](#)

7th 12 Noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry

6:30 p.m., [Living Wholeheartedly](#) by Jewel Lea Grant

10th 9:30 a.m., [Citizens Climate Lobby](#)

11th 9 a.m., [Coffee & Conversation](#)

1 p.m., Sudanese Worship in Dinka

12th 7 p.m., Joseph's Pantry meeting

14th 4 p.m., [Foundation for Episcopal Campus Ministry](#)

6:30 p.m., [Living Wholeheartedly](#) by Jewel Lea Grant

16th 10:30 a.m., [Bible Women](#)

6:30 p.m., [Film & Fellowship](#)

18th 9 a.m., [Coffee & Conversation](#)

21st 12 Noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:30 p.m., [Living Wholeheartedly](#) by Jewel Lea Grant

22nd 5:30 p.m., [Vernal Equinox Spirit Now](#)

23rd 9:30 a.m., [GSP Readers Group](#)

24th 8 a.m., TIHAN Volunteer Orientation

25th 9 a.m., [Coffee & Conversation](#)

1 p.m., Mother's Kitchen

27th 9 a.m., Primavera Cooks!

6:30 p.m., [Vestry Meeting](#)

28th 6:30 p.m., [Living Wholeheartedly](#) by Jewel Lea Grant

Coming up in October

2nd 9 a.m., [Coffee & Conversation](#)

3rd 7 p.m., [Green Church Committee](#)

4th 8 a.m., TIHAN Care & Support Training

5th 12 Noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:30 p.m., [Living Wholeheartedly](#) by Jewel Lea Grant

7 p.m., [Sonora Winds Concert](#)

6th 5 p.m., TIHAN Liaison Meeting

7th 9:30 a.m., TIHAN Liaison Meeting

10:30 a.m., [Bible Women](#)

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

8th 9:30 a.m., [Citizens Climate Lobby](#)

