

# On a Wing and a Prayer

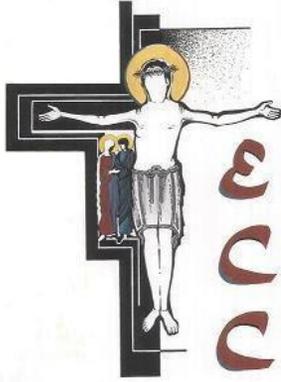
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### *Learning*

A piccolo played, then a drum.  
Feet began to come—a part  
of the music. Here came a horse,  
clippety clop, away.

My mother said, “Don’t run—  
the army is after someone  
other than us. If you stay  
you’ll learn our enemy.”

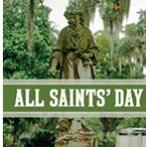
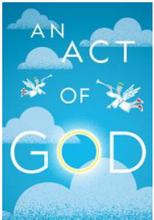
Then he came, the speaker. He stood  
in the square. He told us who  
to hate. I watched my mother’s face,  
its quiet. “That’s him,” she said.

—William Stafford

# Guardian Angels Calendar November 2016



# NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		NOVEMBER 1 	2 MASS 7AM 	3 6:30 – 7:45PM <b>Lectio divina</b> PARLOR 6:30PM <b>BEFORE THE FLOOD</b>	4	5 <b>GOOD GRIEF DAY</b> <b>10AM – 3PM</b>  <b>INFO IN THE NEWSLETTER</b>
6 <b>32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>MASS 9AM</b>  <b>PRESIDER/PREACHER: ELAINE</b>  <b>7PM JUST FOOD STORYTELLING CONCERT</b> <b>INFO IN THE NEWSLETTER</b>	7	8 	9 <b>MASS 7AM</b>  <b>7PM @ ROBIN'S</b>	10  Spiritual Transformation Info in the Newsletter	11 	12 <b>HUMANE BORDERS</b>  <b>KEVIN AND NANCY'S WEDDING!</b>
13 <b>33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>MASS 9AM</b>  <b>PRESIDER/PREACHER: ED</b>	14 <b>Proclaiming the Seasons: Entering into the Scriptures of Advent and Christmas</b> Presented by Rory Cooney <b>INFO BELOW</b>	15	16 <b>MASS 7AM</b>	17 6:30 – 7:45PM <b>Lectio divina</b> PARLOR	18	19
20 <b>CHRIST THE SERVANT (KING)</b> <b>MASS 9AM</b>  <b>PRESIDER/PREACHER: SUE/DIALOGUE HOMILY</b> <b>LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING AFTER MASS TODAY</b> <b>NO PAZ TODAY</b>  	21	22 <b>INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE</b> <b>7PM @ ST. AUGUSTINE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b>	23 <b>MASS 7AM</b>	24 	25 	26 <b>2 PM</b>  <b>@HERBERGER'S</b>
27  <b>MASS 9AM</b> <b>PRESIDER/PREACHER: ELAINE</b>	28 	29	30 <b>MASS 7AM</b>	DECEMBER 1 6:30 – 7:45PM <b>Lectio divina</b> PARLOR	2	3
4  <b>MASS 9AM</b> <b>PRESIDER/PREACHER: SUE</b>	5	6	7 <b>MASS 7AM</b>	8 6:30 – 7:45PM <b>Lectio divina</b> PARLOR	9	10

November Birthdays, Anniversaries and other important dates to remember:

**3 - Birthday Pedro Navajas; 14 - Birthday Marie Renner**

send your birthdays/anniversaries/other remembrance days to Becky: [rgkeck1@yahoo.com](mailto:rgkeck1@yahoo.com)



# Guardian Angels Presents "Good Grief Day"



**Date:** Saturday, November 5, 2016  
**Time:** 10:00<sup>AM</sup> – 3:00<sup>PM</sup>  
**Location:** Community Christian Church,  
1701 S College Ave, Tempe AZ

*There is no charge for this interactive workshop.  
Refreshments and lunch will be provided.*

Come journey with us, as we take a look at the losses in our lives. Losses can be the death of person or animal, a divorce or other loss of relationship, life changing health issues, even grieving a faith community that has caused pain. The 5 hour workshop helps to identify ways we have coped in the past that have not been helpful and then discover a way that will help to bring completion and healing to us who carry all the pain of the incomplete relationship. Additionally Regret and Wish Release helps to envision the concept of letting go of the pain associated with these losses. All Are Welcome.

**Please RSVP** by Nov 3 to Pastor Ed, [ewalsh1991@gmail.com](mailto:ewalsh1991@gmail.com) or 480-459-7095. Please call, if you have any questions. Meeting will be in the Parlor off the Fellowship Hall.



***Before the Flood: A Movie by Leonardo DiCaprio, Thursday, Nov. 3 @ 6:00PM***  
**Sponsored by AZ Interfaith Power & Light**

We have now had three presidential debates with zero questions about climate change, even though 2016 is on track to be the warmest year in history. It's more important than ever that communities of faith understand what's at stake and what they can do.

Before the Flood presents a riveting account of the dramatic changes now occurring around the world due to climate change, as well as the actions we as individuals and as a society can take to prevent catastrophic disruption of life on our planet.

**Just Food**  
**Storytelling Concert**  
7:00 p.m., Sunday, November 6, 2016  
Community Christian Church  
1701 S. College Ave., Tempe  
(3 blocks south of ASU)

Storytellers:  
Gary Paul Nabhan, Agrarian Activist  
Darren Chapman, Tiger Mountain Foundation  
Jeff Zimmerman, Hayden Flower Mills  
Rabbi Jason Bonder, Tempe Emanuel  
Dan Abbott, Café Justo (Just Coffee)

Percussion Performance: "Playing with Our Food"





I (Ann Connolly) recently had the pleasure of working with the Restoration Project. I helped families just released by ICE by lending my telephone so they could call their loved ones; helping convey any immediate needs of some of the families to the coordinator; and I even hosted a father and daughter in my home for one night prior to their departure via Greyhound to family in Alabama.

Restoration Project received a phone call from ICE around noon on Saturday asking if they could drop off 40+ families at the church. By 2pm the families had arrived and the Restoration Project had support in place or arriving. It was amazing chaos yet all found a bed for the night, nourishment and showers.

Some of you met Elmer and Graciela in church last Sunday (Oct 16). A good opportunity for me to practice my Spanish language skills. And Elmer surprised me by cleaning up my little backyard - a project that I manage to put off for many months.

A short introduction of **The Restoration Project** (directly from their website):

We work with faith-based groups and people of conscience to build a network of mutual support with those being detained and who have been released.

### **Description**

We have a pen pal/letter writing program, days of visitation, a host network to support people referred by community partners who are in need of short and long term hospitality, and provide phone and water support for those released at Greyhound several nights a week.

So I will provide more information as I get more involved with The Restoration Project.



**Guardian Angels and Dignity AZ at the Rainbow Festival !**

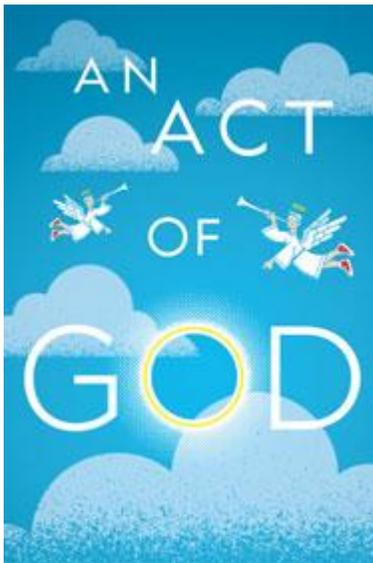
Guardian Angels Representatives at the ECC Synod 2016, October 10 – 13, were Terry Pizzi, Rudy Armijo-Pack and Kay Wright – your reps in the House of Laity! Pastor Ed and Pastor Sue – your reps in the House of Pastors! And Joan Crawford official observer as she continues her journey toward Ordained Ministry. Joan and Sue were also involved in several different workshops being offered at the Synod. We encourage you to check out the workshops that were offered at the Synod...you can access everything we did at the Synod on the Synod website: <https://eccsynod.com/> Our own Johanna Crowl and John Mittman were interviewed for the workshop on Young Adults in the ECC - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MsbJ2vWFd3c&feature=youtu.be>



Some of you may remember a few years back that we had Sam Eatman with us to share about the boys group home where he was working. Now Sam has his own house, Harmony House in Queen Creek where 6 boys, ages 13 – 17, live. He reached out to Guardian Angels again for a partnership. In his own words, "I (continue to) work with kids at risk! We are trying to get a church to adopt us for Christmas **(YES!)** and also trying to get bikes donated to 6 youth in my new group home in Queen Creek, Harmony House! We do volunteer work also to give back! The (Mountain) Bikes are for our health and wellness club to engage the young men to help replace depression anger/drugs etc. with physical fitness! And exposure to a healthy environment in order to pay it forward! Whatever you can greatly appreciated! Thx!" I wrote back to Sam right away and said **YES!** we would adopt them for Christmas and **YES!** I would put the call out for 6 Mountain Bikes for his kids **RIGHT AWAY!** Maybe you have a bike in your garage that would work for these kids? Or maybe you might be inspired to find a Mountain Bike for one of these boys! So let me know if you can help with a bike and we'll have more info in the November Newsletter about Christmas! Thanks Angels! Love, Pastor Sue



*One of the items mentioned in the Survey was that we needed to do more fun/social things together. We are an amazing, service-oriented community but sometimes we should have fun together too! So we have purchased a block of tickets for the play below and another block for a play in December. Check it out:*



After conquering Broadway, God has come to Arizona for the first time! You won't want to miss the sinfully funny and critically acclaimed new play where God and His devoted angels answer some of the deepest questions that have plagued mankind since Creation. He's finally arrived to set the record straight...and boy is He not holding back! Written by 13-time Emmy Award winner David Javerbaum (*The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*), this sweetly outrageous and gently irreverent new comedy is sure to be a heavenly highlight of the season.

Guardian Angels has bought a block of 10 tickets for the Saturday, November 26, 2PM show! Contact Pastor Sue, [irreverendsue@gmail.com](mailto:irreverendsue@gmail.com) if you'd like to purchase one of these tickets. Price is \$50/ticket.



Hey, who's that handsome guy in the orange shirt and the baseball cap? It's our Ken!! He and Nancy are LONG TIME volunteers at Matthew's Crossing.

**Matthew's Crossing is in desperate need of diapers for their guests. The sizes needed are 4, 5, & 6. You can bring your donations to church.**

Peace begins  
with a soup

# Angels at Paz de Cristo!



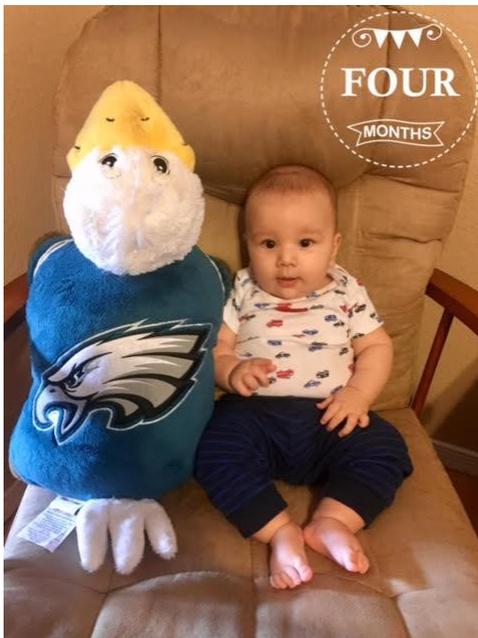
Here are the final paragraphs of Anna Quindlen's book, *A Short Guide to a Happy Life*:

"I found one of my best teachers on the boardwalk at Coney Island many years ago. It was December, and I was doing a story about how the homeless suffer in the winter months. He and I sat on the edge of the wooden supports, dangling our feet over the side, and he told me about his schedule, panhandling the boulevard when the summer crowds were gone, sleeping in a church when the temperature went below freezing, hiding from the police amid the Tilt-A-Whirl and the Cyclone and some of the other seasonal rides.

But he told me that most of the time he stayed on the boardwalk, facing the water, just the way we were sitting now, even when it got cold and he had to wear his newspapers after he read them. And I asked him why. Why didn't he go to one of the shelters? Why didn't he check himself into the hospital for detox?

And he stared out at the ocean and said, "Look at the view, young lady. Look at the view."

And every day, in some little way, I try to do what he said. I try to look at the view. That's all. Words of wisdom from a man with not a dime in his pocket, no place to go, nowhere to be. Look at the view. When I do what he said, I am never disappointed."



***Solomon Francis Cook....getting so big!***

## Media Corner

The community of GA has impressed me as being a community of lifelong learners ~ people who remain committed to building a world beyond poverty and violence by serving as witnesses and messengers of the power of Christ's love. To that end, I offer you an overview of **+ACUMEN** —a website for learners who hold hope and belief in the power of relationship, creativity, and commitment to make change in this world.

Remember ... our offering is simply that – an offering “for your consideration” only, but not necessarily an “endorsement.” Remember, if you have a particular media source you'd like to share with your fellow Angels, feel free to send me an email or a text message about it.

Peace and all good to you and yours – elaine      Email: [egroppenbacher@gmail.com](mailto:egroppenbacher@gmail.com)      Text: 602-509-8412

**+ACUMEN** <http://plusacumen.org/>

**Acumen is a non-profit venture fund** with a vision to help build a world beyond poverty through investing in companies that deliver critical goods and services in water, health, housing, energy, agriculture, and education; leaders who are paving the way for new approaches to fighting poverty; and the spread of ideas that will give the world the knowledge and the understanding to change how the world tackles poverty. At Acumen, **we recognize that fulfilling our mission to change the way the world tackles poverty will take all of us** – an interconnected community of global citizens equipped with the moral leadership needed to meet the complex challenges of our time. This is why we invest in leadership development.

*+Acumen is a new initiative started in 2012 with the vision of **providing thousands of emerging leaders around the world with the skills and moral imagination they need to become more effective at changing the way the world tackles poverty.*** +Acumen makes Acumen's work in leadership and the insights from our work in the field available to everyone. +Acumen also manages various in-person networks – such as chapters, alumni, and course ambassadors, course catalysts, course analysts – that allow our broader course community to get more involved in supporting Acumen and each other. We created +Acumen to give people a meaningful way to 'Add Acumen' to their lives, and our online courses are a new way to do just that. **At Acumen, leadership begins with moral imagination: the humility to see the world as it is, and the audacity to imagine the world as it could be.** Combined with operational skills and financial skills, our courses aim to equip emerging change leaders with the tools to change the way the world tackles poverty and build a world based on dignity.

## ACUMEN'S LEADERSHIP MODEL

Take a look at this sampling of +Acumen courses that fall in one of the 3 areas of Acumen's Leadership Model: Moral Imagination, Operational Skills, and Financial Skills

### Moral Imagination

- Readings that Matter: Martin Luther King's Letter from Birmingham Jail
- Adaptive Leadership: Mobilizing for Change
- In the Name of Identity: Violence and the Need to Belong
- The Syrian Refugee Crisis: Stories Beyond the Headlines
- Krista Tippit: On the Art of Conversation

### Operational Skills

- Storytelling for Change
- Contar Historias Para el Cambio
- Adaptive Leadership: Mobilizing for Change

### Financial Skills

- Access to Capital for Women: Capturing Opportunities to Grow Your Business
- Entendiendo el Impacto Social: la forma en que Acumen mide y analiza el impacto social



An Evening Gathering of Angels at the Ghan's. The picture above with Sandy kissing husband Joe...they celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary the last weekend on October! It was great meeting some of the spouses of Angels that we don't see at church! No judgement at all...just great to meet you!



Below is a copy of the letter we signed and sent to our Senators and Representatives in response to the homily and witness of our Turkish friends on Sunday, Oct. 23. If you missed the opportunity to sign it and would like to send this letter yourself...or share with friends, please do. The situation is ongoing and as you can see clearly, our media/journalists are not reporting much about the situation. We always stand for justice and human rights!

October 23, 2016

**TO: U.S. Representatives of Arizona**

**Honorable Senators:**

John McCain  
Jeff Flake

**Honorable Representatives:**

Ann Kirkpatrick      David Schweikert  
Martha McSally      Ruben Gallego  
Raul Grijalva      Trent Franks  
Paul Gosar      Kyrsten Sinema  
Matt Salmon

**FROM: Arizonans Concerned about Turkish Human Rights Violations**

**Subject: Request for Your Verbal Declaration and Action to Stop Human Rights Violations in Turkey**

Dear U.S. Representatives of Arizona:

As your constituents, we respectfully and urgently request that you join us in principle and in action by publicly declaring your disapproval of recent Turkish government activities that deny basic human rights. Some of us have family in Turkey; some of us are friends or associates of Turkish-born American citizens or Turkish citizens with green cards or visitor visas. We are seriously concerned about the abrupt denial of human rights and democratic due processes of law in Turkey.

**Situation.** Turkey has been a secular, parliamentary, democratic republic since 1923. It has been the only model of a majority Islamic population governed as an open democracy in the Middle East. Turkey is a significant NATO member and U.S. ally.

Recent events in Turkey are not being accurately portrayed in the news because reliable, unbiased news sources have been shut down. Since the July 2016 failed coup attempt, the Turkish government has declared a state of emergency, and suspended human rights including freedom of speech and assembly, and the rights of due process of law. So, not only are human rights being denied, but we fear the 93 year old democratic state is in grave danger. (The Washington Post, July 20, 2016, Turkey declares a state of emergency for three months, by Loveday Morris and Hugh Naylor)

More than 80,000 individuals have been removed from their jobs, jailed, or have gone missing including police officers, soldiers, judges, lawyers, teachers, and journalists. Schools, universities, hospitals, media outlets, and disaster relief centers have been unjustly shut down or taken over by the government. At this time, any public criticism of Turkish President Erdogan is deemed a crime against the Turkish government. The independence of the judiciary branch of the Turkish government has also been compromised through the firing and jailing of judges and lawyers who attempted to hold the current government accountable for their actions against its citizens. We view all of this as a retreat from democratic principles (TurkeyPurge.com; BBC News, July 21, 2016, Recep Tayyip Erdogan: Turkey's ruthless president, World, Europe News section).

The pretext for the declared state of emergency and suspension of human rights is that people inspired by Mr. Fethullah Gülen (sometimes referred to as the Hizmet Movement) are part of a terrorist organization, responsible for the coup attempt, and efforts to disparage the currently elected government. We are aware of Mr. Fethullah Gülen and people who are inspired by his words, but we believe these people are proponents for intercultural dialogue, peaceful coexistence and respect for different religions, education and humanitarian civic action. They do not support civil violence including terrorism and have in fact publically condemned the coup attempt. Not only are people associated with the Hizmet Movement being victimized, but anyone in Turkey who sympathizes with the group or wishes to disagree with the administration in any way has been silenced (The Washington Post, July 20, 2016, Turkey declares a state of emergency for three months, by Loveday Morris and Hugh Naylor)

In Arizona we have been particularly blessed by our Turkish Community. Their accomplishments and contributions to our community have been many, diverse and positive. They have organized educational activities, art and cultural events for children and adults, friendship dinners, clothing drives for the homeless, and much more. We know our Turkish community to be outstanding citizens, well educated, lawful, and engaged in the local community.

**Action.** As our Federal representatives for Arizona, we ask for your help in communicating to the American public and our U.S. government our grave concerns. Turkey is an important ally of the USA and is an important bridge between east and west, and Muslim and Christian worlds. But it can only play that role if it remains open and democratic. We believe that Turkish democracy, along with Turkish citizens' human rights, is truly threatened at this time. We ask that you:

- Make a public statement in support of Turkish citizens' freedom of speech and the democratic principles that the United States and Turkey were founded upon.
- Maintain our U.S. commitment to human rights and freedoms, and due process if there is pressure applied by Turkey's administration to extradite, or sanction the businesses of, Turkish citizens in the U.S.
- Urge Turkey to end the current state of emergency and allow normal due process, rule of law and human rights to be exercised in accordance with national and international agreements that Turkey has signed.
- Support immigration and refugee status to eligible Turkish citizens. Maintain passports/visas and the right to travel and work in the U.S.

## More information on Refugees:

### From our friend, Mara, Refugee Ministry Coordinator at Dayspring United Methodist Church:

Based on the debates, there have been many questions regarding how refugees are “vetted” before entering the United States. Both candidates seem to be unclear on how the process works. I thought the following information could be helpful for you as you talk with friends and family members.

First, refugees are the most highly screened group of any entering the US. The vetting is already extremely intensive, so much so that it typically takes years after the initial application. Our family waited three years after fleeing Syria to get to the United States. Syrian families undergo additional security checks as well. This link has provided the best information I've seen so far at laying out the process in an easy-to-read format, so I hope it's helpful for you!



<https://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2015/11/20/infographic-screening-process-refugee-entry-united-states>

- 56 percent of the world's 21 million refugees are being hosted by just 10 countries, all in the Middle East, Africa, and South Asia. The countries hosting the most refugees are as follows:

1. Jordan (2.7 million)
2. Turkey (2.5 million)
3. Pakistan (1.6 million)
4. Lebanon (1.5 million)
5. Iran (979,000)
6. Ethiopia (736,100)
7. Kenya (553,900)
8. Uganda (477,200)
9. Democratic Republic of Congo (383,100)
10. Chad (369,500)

Source: <http://bit.ly/2d5Be0Q>

- In its comprehensive assessment of the global refugee crisis, Amnesty International stated that wealthy countries have shown a complete absence of leadership and responsibility by leaving just 10 countries, which account for less than 2.5 percent of the world's GDP, to take in 56 percent of the world's refugees.

Source: <http://bit.ly/2dJBZyi>

Read the complete report here: <http://bit.ly/2e7fS0b>



Angels - always better together!

## Discernment Committee Report

Joan Crawford  
Sue Ringler  
Barb Moen  
Trayce Peterson  
Marie Renner  
Terry Pizzi  
John Phelps  
Rudy Armijo  
Kate Lehman\* (Kate was only at our first meeting)



The discernment of Joan Crawford began with an invitation to the committee members to participate. Once everyone had agreed we gathered at the home of Joan Crawford. This initial meeting included two participants from outside Guardian Angels; Trayce Peterson and Kate Lehman. We each took turns explaining why we thought we were asked to participate in this committee. Joan then gave her perspective as well. The discernment process was outlined for us and in a lively exchange we began our journey with Joan. She provided us with her resume, her theological resume and followed-up with verbal accounting of her childhood, philosophy, life history and an explanation of her calling to ordination. She also shared pictures and a very frank discussion on her marital history. This meeting set the tone for all future meetings as for some it brought our understanding of Joan more in focus while for others it raised more questions and concerns.

Each subsequent meeting continued to follow the discernment process outline provided by the ECC. Each of us read and came prepared with questions or answers to the points in the discernment process document. The process did in fact lead us on a journey and guided us in our understanding and clarification of what it is to be called to ordination and what it takes for someone to truly serve in this capacity.

With each meeting more and deeper questions were asked. If there was any doubt that this was in fact a process it was proven when in our fourth meeting Joan explained to us that she felt her calling was shifting more to diaconate. That maybe the priesthood was a bit too restricted for those activities Joan was focused on such as retreat ministry and to pursue the placement as deacon still left the possibility of priesthood at a later date. Joan sharing this insight was a revealing moment and illustrated a deep level of consideration, one we could all understand and appreciate.

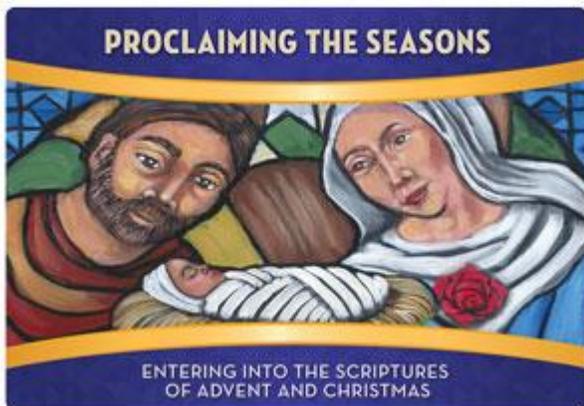
On our final meeting, which did not include Joan, the committee discussed our impressions of Joan and her call to ordination. It was at this point that it was revealed by some that initially there were concerns. However, through her honesty and willingness to share with us her disappointments, doubts and ultimately demonstrate her commitment to her faith the committee unanimously voted to support Joan on her path to ordination.

To quote one of the members:

“...her credentials were found in her humility, her honesty, her humanness. Her not-so-straight-path journey has taught her to ground all of her indecision and “messiness” in God, and has allowed her to (or perhaps “forced” her) to develop beautiful spiritual practices, all of which she is eager to share with her fellow brothers and sisters whom she walks along side of in her own journey.”

“Any community would be blessed to have Joan not only as a wonderful talented resource, but primarily as a human being “in the struggle” who has a willing ear and a compassionate heart.”

Submitted on behalf of the Discernment Committee by Rudy Armijo on October 17, 2016  
We met January – September 2016



## Proclaiming the Seasons: Entering into the Scriptures of Advent and Christmas

Presented by Rory Cooney

During these two seasons, the Sunday Scriptures call the faithful to reflect on Christ's first coming in his birth but also to direct the mind and heart to await his Second Coming at the end of time. For those who proclaim God's Word, this workshop will explore how the readings aid us in joyful expectation during Advent and glorious celebration during the Christmas season.

<https://www.ltp.org/p-2991-proclaiming-the-seasons-entering-into-the-scriptures-of-advent-and-christmas.aspx>

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*A note from Bob and Vivian Longoni...always in our hearts:*

*Hi Sue. Just to let you know we're doing well and wishing we could get down there once in a while--not totally out of the question, but also not totally within our control. We haven't been able to attend the Shrine for Benedictine vespers for a long while either. I (Bob) can still drive, but do so mostly for nearby shopping and medical appointments. It's more a matter of stamina than anything else. And thankfully we have plenty of good things to keep us occupied conveniently right here where we are.*

*Grateful that you've kept us on your mailing list. It's really good to see that GA is still involved in so many vital community services. The Angels have always been so incredibly generous. Our love to all of them!*

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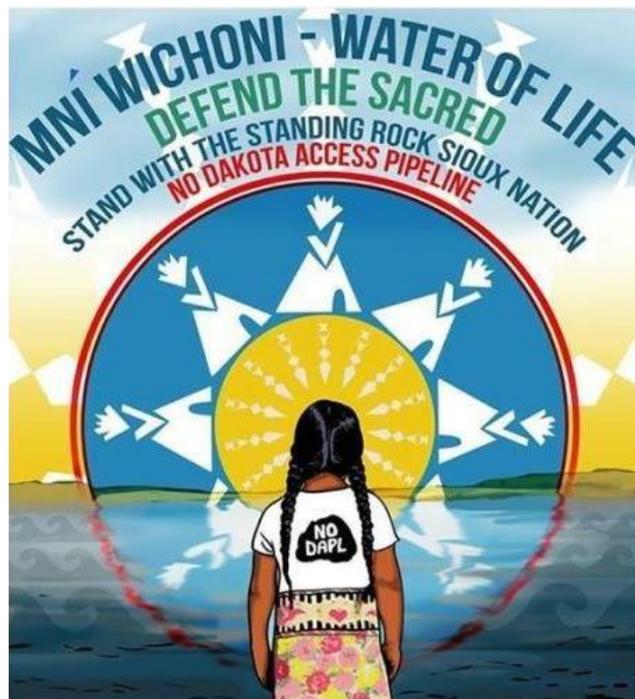
November is Native American Heritage Month and I'm sure many of you have been following what has been happening in Standing Rock. Here is a link to information and opportunities to support Oceti Sakowin Camp. [www.ocetisakowincamp.org](http://www.ocetisakowincamp.org)

### Write Letters in Support of Standing Rock!

**YOU CAN** make a difference in the fight against the Dakota Access Pipeline! We encourage you to write to president Obama, requesting that the Army Corps of Engineers conduct a full Environmental Impact Statement on DAPL. We also encourage you to write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper. Below are some facts to help you craft your letters and the address for The White House.

White House email: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact>

White House mailing address: 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20500



The **Dakota Access Pipeline** (DAPL) would span 1,172 miles across North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Illinois & would carry more than 450,000 barrels of fracked oil per day from Bakken oil fields in ND to Illinois.

**DAPL was originally routed to cross the Missouri River about 10 miles north of Bismarck**, but was re-routed to cross just north of Standing Rock because of concern for polluting Bismarck's water supply if a pipeline leak should occur.

**DAPL was fast-tracked:** DAPL was permitted under Nationwide Permit 12 (NWP 12), which is a blanket permit that allows a pipeline to be considered as many small individual projects that are exempt from the environmental review required by the Clean Water Act & the National Environmental Policy Act. DAPL is a major project that should require a **full Environmental Impact Statement**, as well as reviews and analyses under the National Historic Preservation Act and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

**The trust responsibility of the federal government requires tribal consultation** - government to government consultation - on a project when a tribe attaches religious and cultural significance to a site, whether or not the land is on an Indian reservation. In the case of DAPL, the Standing Rock Nation was informed of the plans for the pipeline relatively late in the process, and their concerns were only heard by relatively low-level officials in the Army Corps of Engineers. **It appears that DAPL did not conduct new archaeological surveys for the project**, but rather relied on a 1985 survey. In early September, the tribe filed court papers documenting sacred sites along a portion of the pipeline route; the very next day, over the Labor Day Weekend, and before any ruling could be made, Dakota Access began construction on the area, destroying any evidence of sacred sites.



**Coming is December:**

**We have purchased another block of tickets for:**



**We have a block of 12 tickets available for the Saturday, December 17, 2PM show. Again, contact Pastor Sue, [irreverendsue@gmail.com](mailto:irreverendsue@gmail.com) if you want any of these tickets!**

## Opportunities around the community:

suffering is not inevitable... YOU can help!



all donations will be directly delivered to refugees in the Kara Tepe camp on the Greek island of Lesbos

- athletic shoes
- small and medium sized men's clothing
- clothing appropriate for Muslim women
- clean under garments and socks
- winter clothing
- children's clothing

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### ***Civic Academy on Prison Reform in Arizona***

**When: Thursday, November 3, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm**

**Where: Valley Unitarian Universalist  
6400 West Del Rio Street, Chandler**

**Agenda:**

- **Guest Speaker Jeff Taylor on the state of incarceration in Arizona and potential solutions.**
- **VIP's Legislative proposals for prison reform**
- **Personal Stories**

*Jeff Taylor is a prison reform advocate and works with transition and rehabilitation programs with Sage Counseling. He co-authored the original 2003 legislation that started the Prison Transition Program for first time drug offenders. He was a keynote speaker at the 2016 Arizona Problem Solving Courts Conference.*



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### Prison Crisis: The Numbers

With only 5% of the world's population, the U.S. has more than 20% of the world's prison population — that makes us the world's largest jailer.

From 1978 to 2014, our prison population has risen by 408%.

One in 110 adults are incarcerated in a prison or local jail in the U.S., the highest rate of imprisonment in American history.

One in 35 adults are under some form of correctional control, counting prison, jail, parole, and probation populations.

Source: <http://bit.ly/2dhHI8c>



# What is spiritual transformation?

How does your faith tradition challenge and guide you to become a better person?

The Arizona Faith Network  
Next Steps Dialogue  
Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>  
6:00—9:00 PM

Central United Methodist Church  
1875 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix 85004

Transformation is a central vision of all religions. Come participate in this “Next Steps” open dialogue where you will find a safe space to share the gifts, insights and practices of your faith with people from Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Mormon, Baha’l and Christian faith traditions. Those who engage in honest, open dialogue find themselves changed by the engagement. Next Steps dialogue goes beyond basic information about faith traditions provided in AFN’s “101” events to delve more deeply into ways in which faith transforms daily life.

A box meal will be available at 6:00 p.m. A \$10 donation is requested to defray the cost of the evening, including the meal. The dialogue begins at 7:00 p.m.

More information and to register :

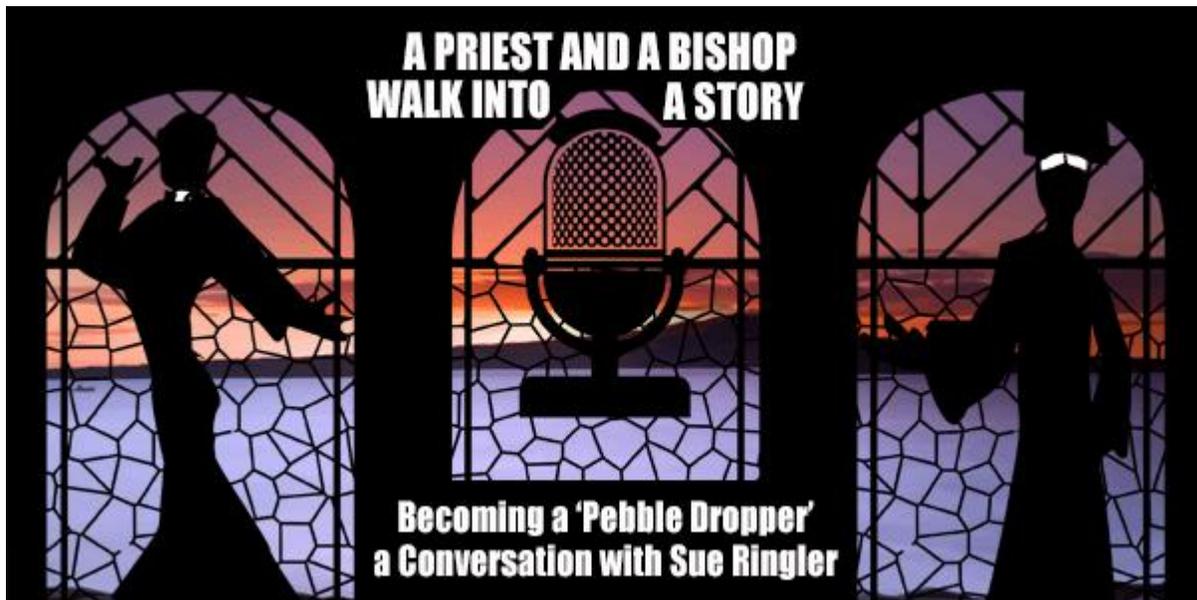
<https://afnspiritualtransformationconversation.eventbrite.com>

or call 602-468-3818. Space is limited to 50, so register early.





Join Congregation NefeshSoul on an amazing tour to Israel: June 10-20, 2017. For first-timers and those who have been before. Explore historical sites along with the beauty and rich culture of Israel. Contact Rabbi Susan Schanerman for full details at [rabbi@nefeshsoul.org](mailto:rabbi@nefeshsoul.org). Rabbi Susan is an old friend of Guardian Angels. For many years she was the Cantorial Soloist at Temple Emanuel in Tempe. She completed her schooling and is now a Rabbi. Feel free to contact Rabbi Susan with any questions you might have about this trip.



<http://www.2guystalking.com/priest-and-a-bishop/becoming-a-pebble-dropper/>

On today's show we walk into the story of a pebble dropper. That's how a friend once described Pastor Sue Ringler, pastor of Guardian Angels Catholic Community in Tempe, AZ. She's a woman whose energy and action creates ripples that, to date, have provided housing for the homeless, sanctuary for Katrina survivors, understanding across religious traditions, and comfort to those who suffer.

As a lay leader in the Roman Catholic church serving as a liturgist and in social justice ministries – Sue did not sense a call to the priesthood.

But her independent Catholic community recognized her gifts and called her to ordained ministry. Listen to this episode of A Priest and a Bishop Walk Into a Story – and Walk Away Changed...



By Carole Neal from [\*Escape Routes: For People Who Feel Trapped in Life's Hells\*](#), by Johann Christoph Arnold

When I found out that I had cancer, I felt somehow relieved – I don't know why. Maybe it's because I had always been afraid of dying, and all of a sudden there it was, and I didn't have to worry about it

anymore. Sure, I've gone to pieces over it since then. After the first bout of chemo, I felt this lump under my arm, and I just fell apart.

On the other hand, I've been almost frantically afraid of cancer all my life, but then when it came, right there, square in my face, I wasn't afraid.... My husband, Dale, even joked that it would be a terrible shame if I died of something else, since I had worried so much about cancer all my life.

Still, you can't just lie down and accept it, because it's a deadly disease. You can't just fold up and crash. You have to fight with everything you have. That's why I went for chemotherapy. I felt it was the answer, because with chemo you're really fighting the disease with everything you have. I was going to take the most explosive kind, you know – whatever it took.

Then I found out that the survival rate for my type of cancer was basically nil, one to ninety-nine. But I hadn't asked, and I didn't care. I already knew from my sister's death [of the same disease] that the statistics were pretty bleak. So I said, "Forget the numbers. I'm not going to spend the rest of my life in bed, sick and vomiting and everything else. I'm going to live with everything I've got."

What does it mean to fight for your life? Well, Dale and I start each day by reading the Gospels, and it absolutely blows my mind every time I read those words. Jesus did and said just what he felt, straight out. He loved everyone without reservation – the rich and the poor. And at the same time he tackled people when they sinned: with compassion, but straightforwardly. Not that I could ever do that. But that's how I've wanted to live my life, with that kind of fervor.

You know, we spend so much of our time dealing with petty problems and thinking petty thoughts, and I've come to see that that just has to go. We hurt one another, and get hurt over little things. But it's stupid – just plain stupid – to spend time on those things.

With cancer you begin to realize that you have to make use of every day; each minute becomes precious. Dale and I have talked about how we've probably wasted years of our lives carrying little grudges and things that we couldn't work out, or struggling to find enough humility to confront a problem, or apologize, or whatever. So you're going to think this is weird, but to me having cancer has been like an adventure, the adventure of my life.

The present moment – the time we have right now – is the same for you as it is for me or for anyone. It's all we have. We tend to think, "I'll do that tomorrow," or, "I'll wait till I have time to follow through on that." But we actually don't have tomorrow. None of us does. We only have today and we only have each other – the person next to us, the person we live with or work with. Seeing this has been a tremendous challenge to me.

I'm not saying we all have to be intense or energetic. But each of us has a life to live – and once we've found it, we ought to live for it. We need to be ready to give up everything else that distracts us from that – our plans, absolutely everything, in order to go after what we've found. To really live demands all your fire.