

On a Wing and a Prayer

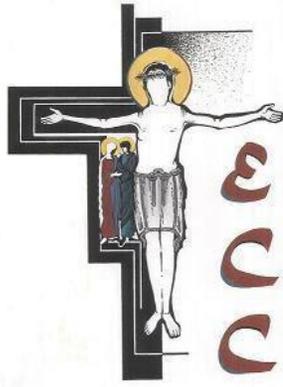
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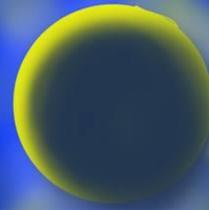


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DARKNESS cannot drive
OUT DARKNESS;
only LIGHT can do that.



HATE cannot drive
OUT HATE;
only LOVE can do
that. MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR.
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Guardian Angels Calendar September 2017



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10 23 RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME MASS 9AM PRESIDER/PREACHER: SUE THE SERMON ON THE AMOUNT	11	12 VOTER REGISTRATION TRAINING SEE ARTICLE 	13 MASS 7AM	14	15	16 Tom's Memorial Service 3 – 6PM @ Ann's House See article
17 24 TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME MASS 9AM PRESIDER/PREACHER: ELAINE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING AFTER MASS TODAY  PAZ DE CRISTO 4P – 7P	18 COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH BOARD MEETING	19	20 MASS 7AM MIDWEEK MASS 	21 	22	23
24 25 TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME MASS 9AM PRESIDER: SUE PREACHER: JOAN	25	26 NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY	27 MASS 7AM	28	29 I-HELP 4 – 6PM 	30
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1- Bob Ghan

11- Ken Tueffel

21- Stan Kikkert (received his Angel Wings last year)

23 – Jason Hudspeth-Derendal

25- Sam Crowl



23 Nancy and Ken Tueffel (9/23/1972) – 45 years!!!

Let Pastor Sue know if you'd like a directory of Fellow Angels! She can email it to you.

Send your birthdays/anniversaries/other remembrance days to Becky: rgkeck1@yahoo.com



A BIG THANK-YOU to everyone who donates to our Emergency Food Pantry. The pantry is in desperate need of fruit cups, applesauce cups, and crackers. We are going to need granola bars, peanut butter and Vienna sausages pretty soon.







A Reluctant Protestor

Darn that Canaanite woman. She showed up in the Gospel reading the same Sunday that I became aware of planned protests and rallies centering on President Trump's visit to Phoenix. This woman did not just show up...she stood her ground; she spoke her truth; she refused to be dismissed as inconvenient; she demanded to be treated with dignity. She boldly flew in the face of my well-honed strategy of keeping my head down and not making waves. Her persistence affected change; her demands were honored; she is faith filled proof that "a squeaky wheel" has a worthy and important place in the Kingdom of God.

Still, this Gospel message waged war in my adrenal glands. The Canaanite woman's brave action stood nose to nose with the protest planned to be held in triple digit heat, far away from my house, involving long hours, and, truthfully, my very real (and also greatly imagined) fears. I was very afraid. History, recent and not so recent, clearly told me that even well-intentioned, peaceful gatherings do not always end well. Pastor Sue and Deacon Joan had sent out information and attachments for folks intending on gathering in downtown Phoenix, and I carefully read these over for guidance. Yup. I was guided all right...guided to the edge of a full out panic attack. **Kingman Nonviolence Principles, Amnesty Intl Safety during Protest, Additional Safety Suggestions**...those attachments and their enclosed lists and warnings all fueled a rising fight or flight response in me...and I was heavily leaning to the "flight" instinct.

But then...an innocent morning bike ride lead me to Kay Wright's home, and from there I shortly ended up in the carpool heading downtown to "Protest Central" with Kay, Terry Pizzi, and Kay's friend, veteran protestor Ginny. Being who I am (slightly OCD/anxiety ridden...in case I have to spell it out), I prepared and brought along a heavy backpack filled with every safety precaution suggested in the attachments: ID and emergency contact information, wet bandana in plastic bag for use in case of chemical encounter, make-your-own baby wipes without the stuff that would make pepper spray or tear gas stick to my skin, eye drops for flushing out chemicals, swim goggles (hey...I did not have an extra gas mask laying around), another set of clothes in sealed plastic bag in case what I was wearing became contaminated, a first aid kit, protective shoes I could run in (on my feet), a hat to protect me from sun and chemicals (on my head), energy bars, and lots and lots of water. I wryly considered that soldiers have been deployed to war zones with fewer supplies than I had, but my backpack did not cry "heavy" to me...it

whispered "safety". (So...I was pretty much the only person I saw in the entire 6 hours we were downtown who was burdened with so much "safety". But it worked for me, and had things gone wrong, I would have been my group's best friend!)

Our "Protest 101" began on the lawn of the AZ Capitol at the Jewish community sponsored Never Again Rally; we were called to action and understanding by the ancient sound of the shofar, fed with inspirational speakers, surrounded by people from differing faiths and cultural traditions, many carrying admirably decorated DIY signs of unity, justice, peace and love for neighbor (who would guess battery packed twinkling lights could add such punch?). Afterwards we made our way to the vigil at First Church UCC where we connected with other members of our GA community. (This venue change involved Uber and Starbucks...not mentioned in any of the protest literature I perused, but one uses the resources available...) The church was crowded, standing room only, and I was struck with the idea that the fading day's light, filtering through the stained glass windows, seemed to bestow grace on the packed pews. The music and singing stirred emotion. The speakers, each as incredible as the one before and after, told hard stories of shameful action, called for unity and change, fanned hope and vision; until, during the final voice, a groundswell of emotion united all of us up and onto our feet, our hands "with minds of their own" enthusiastically clapping in rhythm, wooden pews becoming drums of action, my whole being wanting to walk forth forever with my simple candle being a small but powerful light in darkness. The inspired church swelled outside and moved outward towards St. Mary's Basilica, marchers snaking for at least three city blocks, our path smooth and protected by Phoenix police concerned for our safety and well-being, car horns blaring in encouragement, high fives coming from the stream of people heading away from city center, songs and chants uniting this patchwork quilt of brothers and sisters. Even as we encountered people and ideas and other admirably decorated DIY signs whose wording we "agreed to disagree" with, that disagreement was done with respect and often humor. We marched to the Basilica and into a swollen, noisy-but-peaceful crowd gathered in a widening radius around the Phoenix Convention Center. The 4 of us had been downtown for almost 6 hours by that time, and jointly decided it was time to head to a calm intersection and Uber our way back to our car.

Later, at home, I felt grateful for the time spent in unpacking all my unneeded safety items. I know that at the very end, there were folks in the downtown area who could have used my safety arsenal. And I feel incredibly sad for that. Chaos, violence and disruption were not a part of my experience, not a part of the experience of a huge majority of the crowd felt called to be present in downtown Phoenix that day. However, I humbly acknowledge and honor centuries of unsung protestors who have sacrificed their comfort, their safety, their very lives.

It remains to be seen if my "Protest 101" was life changing for me...and it has the potential to be that. My experience was incredible, hope-filled, eye opening, heart swelling, compassion evoking, and community building, peaceful and non-violent. It did not feel "anti" to me...it felt "pro", it felt "speaking the truth", it felt "bring this out into the open", it felt "safe to say it like it is", it felt "these things will not continue to happen in complacent silence". These are all worth passionate action. I have a quote pinned to a bulletin board in my home that now seems even more important to me, and perhaps it will ring true to you too. I will let it be my ending:

Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief.

Do justly, now.

Love mercifully, now.

Walk humbly, now.

You are not obligated to complete the work,

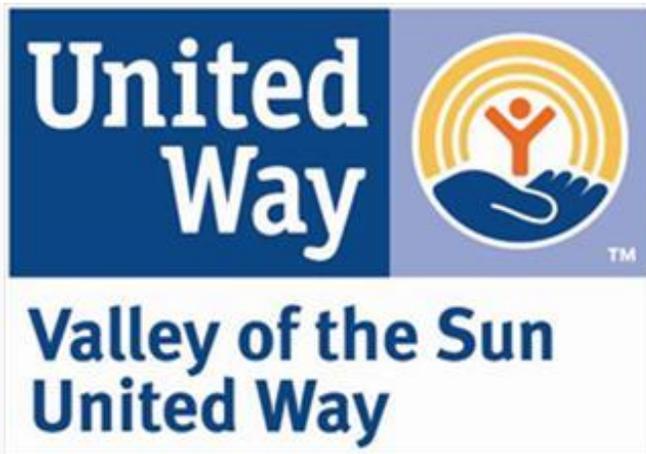
But neither are you free to abandon it.

~The Talmud

The real damage is done by those millions who want to "survive." The honest people who just want to be left in peace. Those who don't want their little lives disturbed by anything bigger than themselves. Those with no sides and no causes. Those who won't take measure of their own strength, for fear of antagonizing their own weakness. Those who don't like to make waves – or enemies. Those for whom freedom, honor, truth, and principles are only literature. Those who live small, mate small, die small. It's the reductionist approach to life: if you keep it small, you'll keep it under control. If you don't make any noise, the bogeyman won't find you. But it's all an illusion, because they die too, those people who roll up their spirits into tiny little balls so as to be safe. Safe?! From what? Life is always on the edge of death; narrow streets lead to the same place as wide avenues, and a little candle burns itself out just like a flaming torch does. I choose my own way to burn. ~ Sophie Scholl



Angels serving at Paz de Cristo



Project Connect

Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017

Sun Valley Community Church, 6101 S. River Drive, Tempe

Project Description: Thousands of homeless men, women and children are on Maricopa County streets and in our shelters every day. Additional individuals are at-risk of experiencing homelessness as they live in precarious and uncertain arrangements.

Project Connect offers instant access to the resources people in our community need to start the journey back to health, financial stability and housing. This includes access to goods - like food and clothing - and services such as counseling and job placement.

Volunteer Role: Volunteers serve as Guest Guides and can sign up for a morning, afternoon or day-long shift. Guest Guides have the opportunity to work one-to-one with individuals experiencing homelessness and help community members who need it most.

Additional Volunteers Opportunities:

There is a need for **helpers in the kitchen** to hand out the free breakfast and lunch to the participating homeless guests, and the Guest Guides.

There is a **need for large tables and chairs** to accommodate the hundreds of homeless guests.

Go to: www.vsuw.org

Call: Sarah 602-579-6694

**IF EQUALITY
& DIVERSITY
AREN'T FOR YOU
THEN NEITHER
ARE WE**

A PAGE (or 2) FROM DEACON JOAN

Unity Initiative is a 12-step program dedicated to the eradication of racism and prejudice within ourselves. The following statement is taken from Chapter 12 of the UI “Big Book” entitled “Taking Direct Action to Unite:

“The root causes of the problems of prejudice, bigotry and racism lies within our own tainted hearts and disillusioned perceptions. The inoculation or neutralizing of these maladies

within ourselves will only take place through persistent social interactions with those with whom we hold our prejudices.”

Twelve specific Direct Actions are listed. Items 1 and 6 state:

- Get started on your education of the history of racism. Read books, take diversity and “anti-racism” courses, and talk to others about their experiences.
- Attend meetings and social events with diverse races and cultures.

Many of us at Guardian Angels have already been engaged in Direct Action steps in a number of ways. To help us continue to be intentional and inclusive I will provide resources and opportunities to help us in this endeavor.

1. Unity Initiative meets the last Monday of each month at VUU from 6pm to 8pm. It is open to anyone. It has helped me to address my own prejudices. And, it has allowed me to hear first-hand the challenges faced by our Native American brothers and sisters. If you would like a Unity Initiative book free of charge, let me know.
2. Our Summer Book Club has read “The Warmth of Other Sons” by Isabelle Wilkerson and “A Different Mirror” by Ronald Takaki. These are “thick” books that can easily intimidate folks – especially when given to read over the summer. So, for those who have not read these two books or have not completed them, take your time. Read them over the course of the next 9 months. We’ll schedule a time to discuss in late spring. (“Just Mercy” by Bryan Stevenson will also be discussed.)
3. Not ready to read another book? How about a play or musical?
The Arizona Theatre Company is producing a number of plays that reflect multiculturalism, gender issues and politics.

BUILDING THE WALL (Political/Immigration) Oct 20-Nov 4

THE RIVER BRIDE (Brazilian) Nov 16-Dec 3

SECRETS OF FAMOUS & INFAMOUS WOMEN FROM THE DAWN OF TIME (Gender) Jan 8 – Jan 18

MAN OF LaMANCHA (Spanish/American) Jan 5 – Jan 28

OUTSIDE MULLINGAR (Irish) Feb 15 – Mar 4

LOW DOWN DIRTY BLUES (African-American/American) Apr 5-Apr 22

CHURCH & STATE (Political/Religion) May 4 – May 19

THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK (Jewish/Political) May 17 – Jun 3

WE NEED TO TALK, TOO (People with Disabilities) Jun 18 – Jun 28

MY BELOVED WORLD memoir by Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor (Hispanic) Aug 6 – 16

If you were enthralled with *FENCES* then you will not want to miss *SEVEN GUITARS* by August Wilson at Helen K. Mason Performing Arts Ctr. Oct 28 – Nov 11. The Phoenix News Times writes:

The Black Theatre Troupe becomes one of the few companies in the country to have produced the complete ten play cycle of August Wilson's decade by decade exploration of the black experience in America. Seven Guitars, the 5th in the cycle, is set in 1948 as friends gather to mourn for Floyd "Schoolboy" Barton a blues guitarist and singer, who died just as his career was on the verge of taking off. August Wilson's epic vision power and poetic sense lifts their stories to strange and compelling heights ending in a stunning conclusion.

(Find out more about August Wilson on the PBS Great Masters Series)

[Remove Confederate Monuments and Memorials](#)

PLEASE e-mail the AZ Board on Geographic and Historical names and ask them to remove the "Jefferson Davis Memorial Highway" marker on U.S. 60 between Phoenix and Globe, near Gold Canyon. This board is meeting sometime in September (meeting date not announced yet), and apparently discussion of this "named" portion of U. S. 60 is on the agenda. This is the Board responsible for naming historic places, so they could "unname" it. The monument was erected by the Daughters of the Confederacy in 1943 to mark the portion of U.S. 60 southeast of Apache Junction named in honor of Davis, and is located in the far East Valley off U.S. 60 near Gold Canyon.

Suggestion: send e-mail to all of them, including the staff support person. Someone has already submitted a formal application to remove it, so you are writing to support the proposal to remove his name from U.S. 60. Here are the e-mails.

Members of the Arizona Board of Geographic and Historic Names

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What to say? Use your own words, but here's an example:

I write in support of the proposal to remove the name of Jefferson David from U.S. 60 near Gold Canyon. Let us celebrate people who have helped build and sustain this great country we live in; not those who sought to destroy it nor those who fought to continue the brutal institution of slavery. Slavery and its successors – the new Jim Crow, and the continuing disadvantage inflicted on people of color -- are a shame on our history and our current society. Please vote to remove Jefferson Davis' name and plaque from the highway.

COMING SOON...

...Report on the Truth & Reconciliation Task Force

...Spirituality Survey & Spiritual Direction

...Arizona Faith Network Mission Focus for 2017-2018

...Movie Night Date

ASU's CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF RACE AND DEMOCRACY is hosting the following events:

- ❖ "The New Jim Crow" Book Discussion
- ❖ Native American perspectives on race and colonialism
- ❖ Street Dance Activism
- ❖ "Becoming Mexipino"
- ❖ "Grassroots Organizing"
- ❖ "Navigations Through Race in America"
- ❖ "Story Telling for Social Justice"

FOR MORE INFO GO TO:

<http://view.e.asu.edu/?qs=ec1cfd1937357dacc945efad25ed77f221b897566944c8aa192c6250fb967a7769c76a49056a957bd4c6d6fa4ae7b219c66c7eb83bd4a3719642d40414d5b44>

LENDING LIBRARY

Let me (Deacon Joan) know if you are interested in borrowing the following book(s) and/or DVD(s).

"This Little Light of Mine: The Life of Fannie Lou Hamer" by Kay Mills

"Lost Prophet: The Life and Times of Bayard Rustin" by John D'Emilio

"Malcolm X" FILM by Spike Lee



From Pastor Sue: Along with all of our message banners that we have hanging on our church, soon we will have a "Black Lives Matter" banner hung on the south side of the bell tower. This banner, as with our others, are collaborative efforts by Guardian Angels and Community Christian Church showing our neighborhood, our community, what we stand for and where you can come to be safe, included, loved! It is not lost on me that some people have strong feelings about this banner – even stronger than those we've heard/seen regarding our Rainbow Banner. I've been affected directly in my job at Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation – answering angry, hateful phone calls about VUU's Black Lives Matter Banner and filing several police reports when the banners were vandalized, destroyed and even stolen. I try and understand what people are feeling when they see this and other banners. But for me the bottom line is always the answer to that old question, "What would Jesus do?" Jesus would always stand with the oppressed, those harmed by an unjust system. He would speak for those who do not have an equal voice. If any of you Angels have questions about this action, please let me know and we'll meet and have coffee and talk. What I've included below are a couple of pieces that I think might help increase our understanding and knowledge and compassion. Love, Pastor Sue

BLACK LIVES MATTER

#0000 SyracuseCulturalWorkers.com 800.949.5139

As a white mother of two black children and three white children, who all have a white father, I have something to say. Racism exists. It is real and tangible. And it is everywhere, all the time.

When I brought my boys home they were the cutest, sweetest babies ever. Wherever we went, people greeted us with charm and enthusiasm. Well, not all people and not everywhere. But, to me, they were the "wacko" exceptions. I thought to myself, "Get over it".

Now my boys are teenagers. Black teenagers. They are 13.

Let me ask you these questions.

Do store personnel follow your children when they are picking out their Gatorade flavors? They don't follow my white kids.



A Black Lives Matter protest. Photo: Wikipedia

Do coffee shop employees interrogate your children about the credit card they are using to pay while you are in the bathroom? They don't interrogate my white kids. When your kids go for trick-or-treat, dressed as a Ninja and a clown, do they get asked who they are with and where they live, door-after-door? My white kids don't get asked.

Do your kids get pulled out of the TSA line time and again for additional screening? My white kids don't.

Do your kids get treated one way when they are standing alone but get treated a completely different way when you walk up? I mean a completely different way. My white kids don't.

Do shoe sales people ask if your kids' feet are clean before sizing them for shoes? No one asks my white kids that. Do complete strangers ask to touch your child's hair? Or ask if they are "from druggies"? No one does this with my white kids.

Do you have to tell your kids not to fight back because they will be seen as aggressive if they stand up for themselves?

Have you had to discuss with your husband whether you should take your children to the police station to introduce them to the officers so they would know your children are legitimate members of your community?

Have you had to talk to your children about EXACTLY what to say and what not to say to an officer?

Have you had to tell your children that the objective of any encounter with the police, or security in any form, is to stay alive? It never occurred to me to have these conversations with my white children. In fact, it never occurred to me for myself either.

There is no question that my boys have been cloaked in my protection when they were small. What I did not realize until now is that the cloak I was offering them was an identification with my whiteness. As they grow independent, they step out from my cloak and lose that protection. The world sees "them" differently.

It is sweet when they are adopted, little black boys so graciously taken in by this nice white family. But when they are real people? Well, it is not the same. And they still look like little boys. What happens to them when they look like the strong, proud black men I am raising?

The reason why the phrase "All Lives Matter" is offensive to black people is because it isn't true. Right now, in America, my black children are treated differently than my white children.

So when you say "All Lives Matter" as a response to the phrase "Black Lives Matter" you are completely dismissing the near daily experience of racism for those with pigment in their skin, curl in their hair and broadness of their nose.

I am posting this so you can see the reality I have witnessed and experienced, because, frankly, I didn't believe it was true until I saw it up close, directed at two souls I love, over and over again.

So, please, use this post as a pair of glasses to see the racism that surrounds you. Then we can actually make progress towards all lives being valued and cherished.

(This post first appeared on [Kate Riffle Roper's](#) Facebook page.)

URL of this article:

<http://www.dailyo.in/variety/black-lives-matter-alton-sterling-dallas-police-shooting-donald-trump/story/1/11936.html>

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More Resources: A video recommended by Melissa:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U7CYaKHgR1c>

Things White People Don't Know - A wonderful talk by Amy Hunter.

From Southern Poverty Law Center – <https://www.splcenter.org/20170814/ten-ways-fight-hate-community-response-guide>

How to be a good Ally from Sojourners! <https://sojo.net/articles/our-white-friends-desiring-be-allies>



Interested in learning about Benedictine spirituality? If so, join us for Vespers (Evening Prayer) followed by a potluck dinner where we listen to readings from the Rule of Benedict and discuss contemporary spirituality. We meet every other Saturday. For more info see Deacon Joan.

Women4Women Tempe is going really well thanks to Kay, Sandy, and other leaders of this beautiful effort! Feminine hygiene items are now being distributed to those in need throughout Tempe.

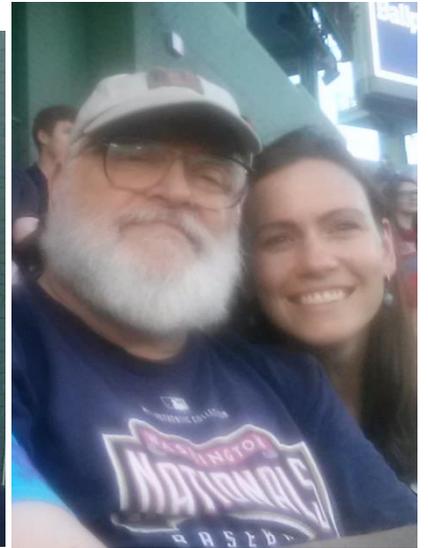
Click on the PayPal link below to donate directly to Women4Women Tempe



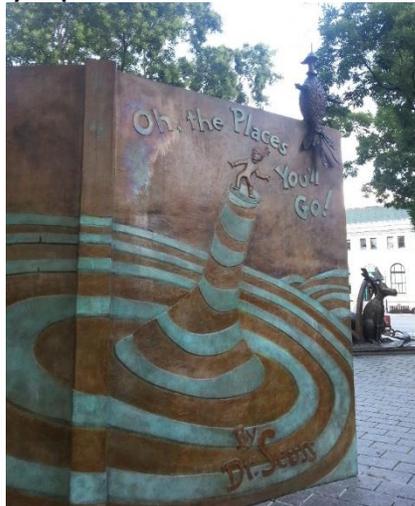
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We also gladly accept donated feminine hygiene items. Go ahead and bring them to church with you or drop them off at the church office during open hours.

The Ringlers on vacation – first stop Boston and Fenway Park!



Then Springfield MA to visit the newly opened Dr. Seuss Museum!



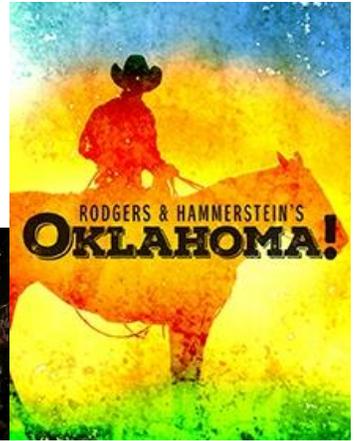




Katie and Eric took us to Tanglewood for a lunch on the grass and an amazing concert with the Boston Symphony Orchestra with special guest Yo-Yo Ma! The company, weather and music were wonderful!



Below - We traveled to East Haddam, Connecticut to see Alex in the musical *Oklahoma!* Flat Jesus is on the couch at the Bed and Breakfast where Gary and I stayed - gift from our kids for our anniversary - the night we saw *Oklahoma!*



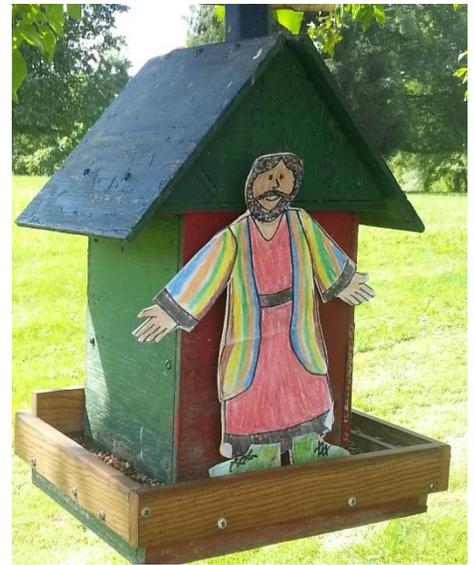
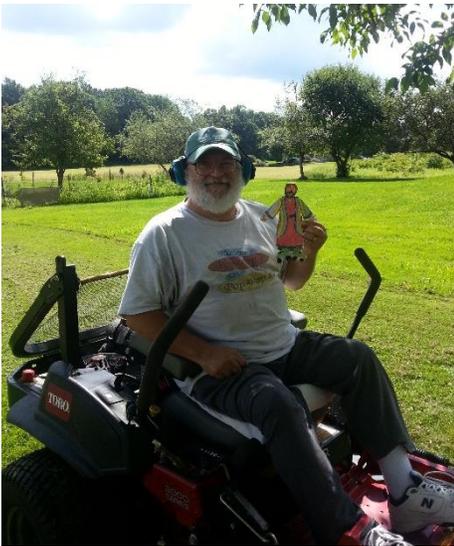
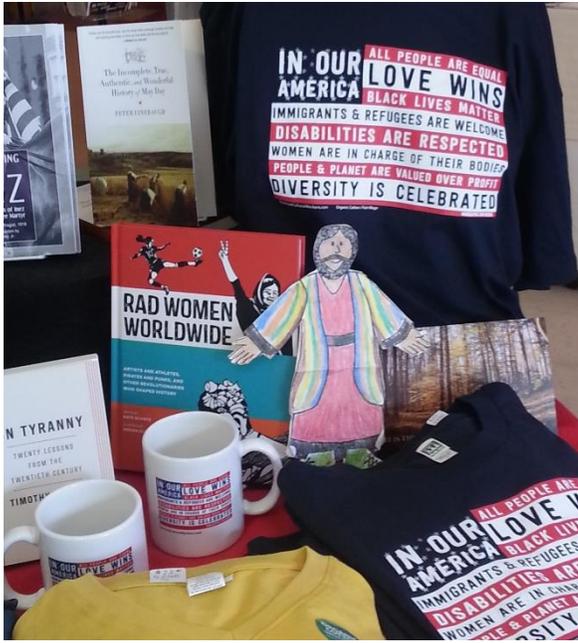
Back in Boston on one of Alex's days off – on the

BOSTON DUCK TOURS!



Gary and I stayed with Rosa and Sandy when we were in Boston. Katie and Eric live in/rent Rosa and Sandy's basement apartment so it was GREAT to be with both our kids and friends all at the same place and same time!

Last leg of the trip was to Syracuse to visit my Mom & Bob and my brothers and sister and nephew who live there. I always visit my favorite Peace and Justice store when I'm there: The Syracuse Cultural Workers – check them out online! Flat Jesus enjoyed his trip there, too!



Gary's favorite activity when visiting my Mom and Bob in Syracuse is riding the lawn mower. He's pretty cute!

My mom baked me my favorite cookies – molasses crinkles.

Thanks again to you Angels for helping us make this trip. We had fun and will always be grateful for your generosity that made our vacation possible.



Faith & Sustainability News – Sustainability in Tempe

Check out this great, new newsletter! Just click on the link.

<https://goo.gl/XbLDYG>

Have you ever tossed a plastic bag in the recycling bin and wondered if you were doing the right thing? There are so many types of plastics and sorting them properly seems so complicated! If so, the following information will help.

You can recycle the following bags if they are clean and dry:

- Bread bags, food storage bags, newspaper bags,
- Air pillows - those air-filled bags used in shipping,
- Case wrap - the plastic wrapped around packs of water bottles; used often at Costco,
- Napkins, paper towels, bathroom tissue, and diaper wrap packaging,
- Grocery and retail bags,
- Furniture and electronic wrap,
- Any bag that has the How2Recycle label. How2Recycle.info presents clear information about labeling.

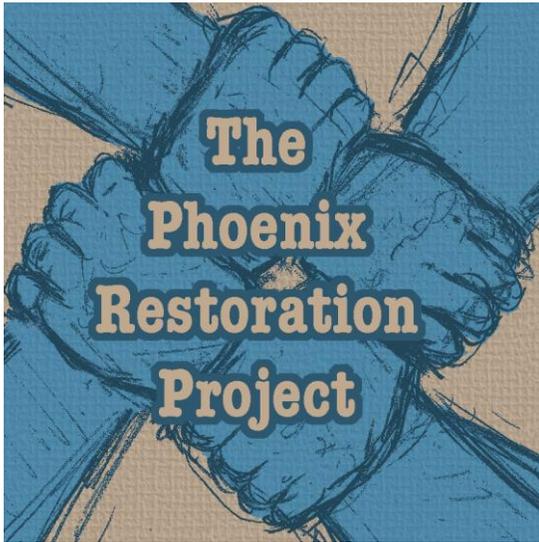
What next now that everything is sorted? That's easy! The following stores are partners in recycling plastic film:

- Safeway, Albertsons, Fry's, Bashas', Sprouts, Target.

Want to learn more about recycling plastics? Check out plasticfilmrecycling.org. Happy Recycling!



**We will miss you Pastor Ed
but we'll see you in October!
Take good care
of our friends at St. Teresa's!!
We know you will!
Love, Your Angels**



Phoenix Restoration Project (PRP) - Phoenix continues to offer humanitarian aid to immigrants dropped off at the Phoenix Greyhound bus depot. They have been vetted by Homeland security. PRP volunteers meet them and offer travel size food & water along with hygiene items and as well as offering their phones to connect to their families they are going back east to meet up with and who paid for their bus tickets.

In the last two months PRP has seen an upsurge of releases at the depot. At night from detention centers of Eloy and Florence. During the day, because Phoenix is a hub depot, they are seeing immigrants coming from Yuma where they are being allowed into United States. These would be mothers with children or fathers with children. At times we will also find immigrants at the depot coming up out of Texas who are either going further west or north. None of these immigrants have

resources of their own to purchase what is needed for a 3 to 4 day bus trip.

As PRP's work is sensitive, given the current Arizona and federal administration situation. They reach out to people of conscience who will also maintain the security and privacy of both volunteers and immigrants from prying eyes. Below is a list of travel size only items needed by the immigrants/refugees.

PROTEIN:

Tuna or chick in SMALL flip-top cans or foil bags.

Nuts in SMALL bags or cans

Vienna Sausages in SMALL flip-top cans

Protein Bars

CUPS: Applesauce & fruit cups

HYGIENE: Wash cloths or SMALL packaged of wipes

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste SMALL boxes

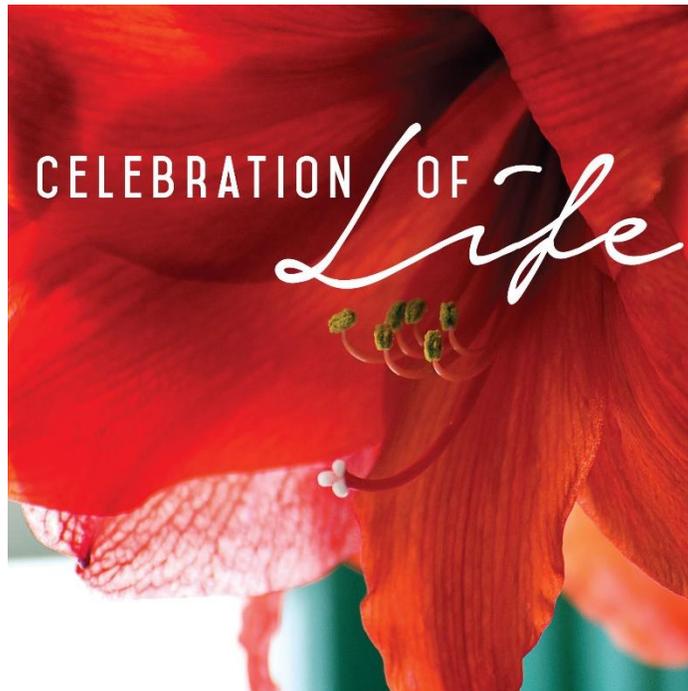
THE JESUS STATEMENT

ARTICLE 1: "I GIVE YOU A NEW
COMMANDMENT, THAT YOU LOVE
ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE
LOVED YOU, YOU
ALSO SHOULD LOVE
ONE ANOTHER."

JOHN 13:34

THAT'S IT.





A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

You are invited to celebrate the life of

Thomas Velie

Date: Saturday, September 16

Time: 3 p. m. to 6 p. m.

Place: Ann Ross' home

9831 E Coopers Hawk Drive

Sun Lakes AZ 85248

**Southwest Region ECC Parishes & Missions
Addresses & Schedules**

Parish / Mission	Mass Times	Address – services held at the:
Blessed Oscar Romero	Sunday 11 a.m.	The Chapel, St. Paul Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1100 Indian School Road, N.W. (at University) Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102
Guardian Angels	Sunday 9 a.m.	Community Christian Church 1701 South College Avenue Tempe, Arizona 85281
St Mary Magdalene	Saturday 5 p.m.	First Congregational United Church of Christ Westside Chapel 2801 Lomas Boulevard, N.E. Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106
St Michael the Archangel	Sunday 9 a.m.	First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Courtyard Chapel 740 East Speedway Boulevard Tucson, Arizona 85719
St Theresa of Ávila	Saturday 5 p.m.	Shadow Rock United Church of Christ Education Building Chapel 12861 North Eighth Avenue Phoenix, Arizona 85029

If you are traveling around the southwest, you are invited to celebrate mass with one of our sister communities who are part of the Southwest Region of the Ecumenical Catholic Communion!



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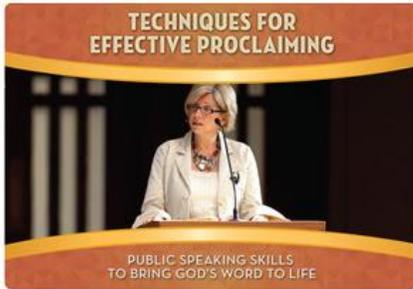
**The 2017 Virtual Workshops™ Series
Lectors**



Lector Series

Designed for lectors, clergy, and psalmists, the *Virtual Workshops™* in this series invite those who proclaim the Word to explore the Lectionary, reflect on their ministry, and enhance important skills and techniques.

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Techniques for Effective Proclaiming: Public Speaking Skills to Bring God's Word to Life

Presented by D. Todd Williamson

Develop the skills needed to announce God's Word with a well-trained tongue and consider the importance of techniques such as breathing, pacing, and emphasis in fostering the full participation of the liturgical assembly.

September 26, 2017: 7:30 pm ET
Order code: [VWTEPS](#) \$10

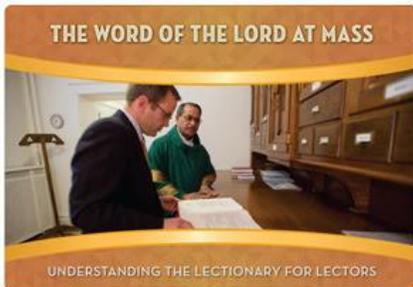


Literary Genres in the Lectionary: Proclaiming the Different Forms of Scripture

Presented by D. Todd Williamson

Proclaim the different forms of Scripture with conviction and a clear understanding by learning how to identify, prepare, and pray with the Word of God in the form of poetry, stories, prophesies, and discourses.

October 10, 2017: 7:30 pm ET
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The Word of the Lord at Mass: Understanding the Lectionary for Lectors

Presented by Michael Cameron

Discover the Lectionary: what it is, how it is designed, how it developed over time, and how it presents selections of Scripture that unfold Christ's Paschal Mystery in harmony with the rhythms of the liturgical year.

October 25, 2017: 7:30 pm ET
Order code: [VWWLM](#) \$10

Unlike most webinars, LTP's *Virtual Workshops*™ invite participants to **actively engage** with the presenter and one another as they provide feedback, reflect on the topic at hand, and discuss strategies for increased engagement in their ministry.



Wondering "What are *Virtual Workshops*™?" Watch [this video](#) to find out!



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Building bridges, celebrating cultures, and strengthening communities through personal stories

in collaboration with Community Christian Church
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A Story Circles Event

What does Home mean to you?

Monday, October 2, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.
Community Christian Church | 1701 S. College Ave, Tempe

Free and open to the public
No storytelling experience required
Seating is limited, please RSVP at storyscopeproject.com

Everyone has a story to tell. What's *your* story about "home"? Maybe you have a story about the last time you visited your childhood home, or the day that Arizona became your home, or another experience of "home" that you'd like to share. Join your neighbors and the Storyscope team – local facilitators who are devoted to the time-honored art of storytelling – to share your unique story and get to know more about others by bearing witness to their stories.

Story Circles bring people together to explore a common theme in a spirit of equity and belonging. As each person takes a turn sharing a personal story of three minutes or so, a larger, richer, more complex story emerges. Things we have in common, and real differences, can be brought to light. A story circle is a kaleidoscope of human experience: the colors and shapes we each contribute are intertwined; what's reflected back to us is illuminating and ever-changing, with multiple dimensions, twists, and turns.

The event begins with welcoming remarks and an interpretation of the theme by a performing artist. Next, the group breaks into small story circles, each with a facilitator that guides the flow. Then everyone reconvenes as one group for reflection and a poetic or musical epilogue.

RSVP at storyscopeproject.com. In reply to your RSVP, you'll receive story prompts and storytelling tips.

Come to Tempe Community Christian Church on Oct. 2 for an engaging, enriching evening!

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For more information, contact John Genette | storyscopeproject@gmail.com | 480-595-9292

Tempe Community Christian Church
Invites you to join in
A Celebration of **Doug Bland's** Ministry
In Story and Song

Sunday, October 8th 2017, 4:00 pm
Community Christian Church
1701 S College Avenue, Tempe, AZ 85281

There will be a program at 4:00 p.m. followed by a
reception with light refreshments. All are welcome.

We hope that you can join us!

RSVP to the church office
by emailing to office@tempeccc.com
or calling the office at (480)-967-5266.

Please feel free to pass along the **next 3 pages** to anyone you think might be interested or has a story to tell. Guardian Angels donated to the Tempe Community Council to help support this Community Needs Assessment. As always we stand with those who may not have had a voice in the past. This effort gives EVERYONE a chance to speak up about how Tempe is doing in serving the *least of these* in our community. Complete the survey if you are a Tempe resident! If you need copies of these pages, feel free to print them out and pass them along. If you have no way to make copies, let Pastor Sue know and she will make copies for you.



Tempe Community Needs Assessment

YOUR INPUT AND IDEAS ARE NEEDED!

Tempe Community Council has launched a Community Needs Assessment for Tempe's human services, being administered by I & E Consulting, Inc. **The community is invited to take part in this important process.**

Issues being assessed include: *homelessness, youth, seniors/aging, disabilities/special needs, poverty, domestic violence and other areas of need.*

WAYS YOU CAN PARTICIPATE:

- 1 GROUP DISCUSSIONS FOR RECIPIENTS OF SERVICES**
Refer individuals in Tempe who have received human services, or are interested in receiving services, to participate in small group discussions. Several dates are available. Spanish-speaking groups and childcare options are available. **A \$10 gas/grocery card is available for participants who pre-register.**
- 2 ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS**
Participate in service provider roundtable discussions (**for agencies providing human services**). Give feedback about issues, gaps, trends and new ideas.
- 3 SURVEYS**
Complete an **in-depth survey** as a community or service group guided by one of the assessment team members or complete the [abbreviated survey online \(www.surveymonkey.com/r/TCC_CNA2017\)](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TCC_CNA2017)
- 4 COMMUNITY FORUM**
Attend and provide your input and feedback at a **Community Forum on Saturday, October 14, 2017**, 10-11:30am, Grace Community Church, 1200 E. Southern Ave., in Tempe. Open to the public. RSVP via website or contact below.

Thank you for participating in this important effort to determine the future of Tempe.

FOR MORE DETAILS:

www.tempecommunitycouncil.org/CNA



Consulting to Inspire and Enhance Your Mission

REGISTER FOR A DISCUSSION GROUP or QUESTIONS?
inspiregroupassistant@gmail.com | 602-517-9688

** ADA accommodations are available upon request at least one week in advance*

Tempe Community Needs Assessment

**Have you received human services in Tempe?
Are there resources you still need?**

Be a voice in your community

ATTEND a DISCUSSION GROUP or the FORUM to SHARE YOUR IDEAS

<p>Any Social Service Issue Wednesday, Sept 13 4:30-6:00pm Tempe Villa Apartments – Courtyard 3425 S. Priest Dr., Tempe</p>	<p>Seniors/Aging Thursday, Sept 21 9-10:30am Escalante Center – Dining Area 2150 E. Orange St., Tempe</p>
<p>Homelessness Monday, Sept 18 9:30-11:00am Tempe First United Methodist Church – Ross Hall 215 E. University Dr., Tempe</p>	<p>Any Social Service Issue (Spanish & English) Monday, Sept 25 9:30-11:00am Escalante Center – Dining Area 2150 E. Orange St., Tempe</p>
<p>Disabilities/Special Needs Wednesday, Sept 20 2:00-3:30pm Gracie’s Village – Lobby 1520 E. Apache Blvd., Tempe</p>	<p>Any Social Service Issue (Spanish & English) Sunday, Oct 1 1:00-2:30pm Iglesia De Dios Pentecostal M.I.– Conference Rm 906 S. George Drive, Tempe</p>
<p>Youth & Families Wednesday, Sept 20 4:30-6:00pm (RSVP for childcare by 9/18 to 602-517-9688) Getz Elem School Family Resource Ctr, Rm 20 625 W. Cornell, Tempe</p>	<p>Domestic Violence Contact Ms. McKnight 602-517-9688 inspiregroupassistant@gmail.com</p>

★ \$10 Gift Cards (*Gas/Grocery*) for Participants – Must Pre-Register
ADA accommodations available – must request one week in advance

To participate in any of these groups, please contact:

Ms. McKnight

inspiregroupassistant@gmail.com

602.517.9688

ALSO JOIN US FOR A
COMMUNITY FORUM ON HUMAN SERVICE NEEDS IN TEMPE

Saturday, October 14, 2017 • 10-11:30am
Grace Community Church - 1200 E. Southern Ave., Tempe

For more information about Tempe’s Community Needs Assessment visit:

tempecommunitycouncil.org/CNA

Evaluacion de los Servicios Sociales de Tempe

**Ha usado servicios sociales en Tempe?
Hay servicios que aun necesite?**

Comparta su voz en su comunidad

Asista a uno de los GRUPOS DE DIALOGO o EL FORO para COMPARTIR SUS IDEAS

<p>Reunion con Tema Abierto Miercoles, 12 de Sept 4:30-6:00pm Tempe Villa Apartments – En el Patio 3425 S. Priest Dr., Tempe</p>	<p>Personas de Tercera Edad Jueves, 21 de Sept 21 9-10:30am Escalante Center – En el Comedor 2150 E. Orange St., Tempe</p>
<p>Personas Sin Hogar Lunes, 18 de Sept 9:30-11:00am Tempe First United Methodist Church – Ross Hall 215 E. University Dr., Tempe</p>	<p>Reunion con Tema Abierto (En Espanol e Ingles) Lunes 25 de Sept 9:30-11:00am Escalante Center – En el Comedor 2150 E. Orange St., Tempe</p>
<p>Descapacitados/Minusvalidos Miercoles, 20 de Sept 2:00-3:30pm Gracie's Village – Lobby 1520 E. Apache Blvd., Tempe</p>	<p>Reunion con Tema Abierto (En Espanol e Ingles) Domingo, 1 de Oct 1:00-2:30pm Iglesia De Dios Pentecostal M.I.– Conference Rm 906 S. George Drive, Tempe</p>
<p>Jovenes y Familias Miercoles, 20 de Sept 4:30-6:00pm (RSVP por si necesita cuidado de ninos antes del 9/18 al 602-517-9688) Getz Elem School Family Resource Ctr, Rm 20 625 W. Cornell, Tempe</p>	<p>Violencia Familiar Pongase en Contacto con Ms. McKnight 602-517-9688 inspiregroupassistant@gmail.com</p>

★ Tarjetas de Regalo de \$10 (*Gas/Comida*) por Participar – Hay que Registrarse con Anticipacion
Estan disponibles recursos del ADA – se deben pedir con una semana de antelacion

Para participar en alguno de estos grupos, por favor, ponganse en contacto con:

Ms. McKnight

inspiregroupassistant@gmail.com

602.517.9688

TAMBIEN, UNASE AL
**FORO SOBRE LOS SERVICIOS SOCIALES DE LA
 COMUNIDAD DE TEMPE**

Sabado, 14 de Octubre, 2017 • 10-11:30am
 Grace Community Church - 1200 E. Southern Ave., Tempe

Para mas informacion sobre la Evaluacion de los Servicios Sociales de Tempe, busque el:
tempecommunitycouncil.org/CNA

Tired of Being Mean

A response to the "Nashville Statement" by Nancy Hastings Sehested

It was the last night of Vacation Bible School at the Sweet Fellowship Baptist Church. All week our five year olds rehearsed the story of Pharaoh and Moses to dramatize for their parents. All four boys wanted to be mean 'ole Pharaoh.

With the church pews filled with family, the performance commenced. Our wee Pharaoh sat on his throne holding his plastic sword. Then little Moses walked up to him with his shepherd's crook and said, "Pharaoh, stop hurting my people. Let my people go."

Our Pharaoh wielded his sword in the air and said, "Never, never, never!"

Moses walked away and then returned with the same words. "Pharaoh, stop hurting my people. Let my people go!"

Pharaoh said nothing. I thought he'd forgotten his lines. I scooted toward him and whispered, "Say 'Never, Never, Never'."

Nothing. Then our little Pharaoh jumped down from his throne, threw down his sword and said, "I'm tired of being mean. I don't want to be mean anymore!"

Imagine meanness in the world ending due to fatigue.

It seems that we are simply not tired enough. But surely we are close to exhaustion sorting out who needs our meanness now. Just flipping through the Bible to find which people to hate is draining. These days it's hard to find a Midianite to kill. Stoning incorrigible teenagers to death in the town square could leave few maturing into adulthood. Abominating people who are "sowers of discord" or have "haughty eyes" could unleash a bloodbath in our churches.

Aren't we worn out yet from using the Bible as a bully stick for meanness?

The "Nashville Statement" is a clear indication that some religious Pharaohs are not tired of wielding their sword of hatred. But the rest of us are tired of one more abusive word against gay, lesbian and transgendered people in the name of religion. Who's next? Women ministers? Oh, wait. That's a mean streak that started decades ago. (The 30th anniversary of my expulsion from the Southern Baptist Convention comes in October. My, how the time flies when you're having fun.)

Signers of the statement, here is a word to you: Don't you have something better to do? Feed the hungry? Visit the prisoners? Shelter the homeless from the hurricane? Give the thirsty some clean drinking water? Stop mad men from starting a nuclear war? If you are afraid of the world changing too fast or becoming too complex for you, then say, "I'm afraid." Then be assured that God is with you in this changing world. But don't use your own selective Bible verses to hurt beloved people of God. We're tired of your meanness. God is too.

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P.S. For a more detailed bit of satire along these lines, I commend for your reading "[Dear Dr. Laura, Why Can't I Own Canadians As Slaves?](#)" an open letter to Dr. Laura Schlessinger (a once-popular radio talk show host infamous for her "abomination" comments on same-sex relations), by James M. Kauffman. Rev.

Nancy Hastings Sehested

Co-Pastor, Circle of Mercy Congregation

Asheville, NC

August 31, 2017