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May 2015 Lantern!

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PARISH HAPPENINGS

Spring United Thank Offering

Sunday, May 17 has been set for the Spring United Thank Offering ingathering.

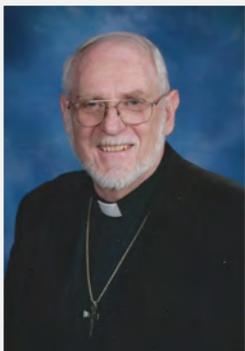
Your daily thankfulness as expressed by your coins in your UTO box will be joined with other thankful voices as we present our gifts together.

Combined, our sharing of thankfulness is compounded to provide funds for needs that are not met in any other way.

It would be helpful if you would exchange your coins for bills as a help for the counters.

Naarah Griswold, UTO chairperson

Fr. Peter's Letter to Parish



Music at St. Christopher's

We have been exceptionally blessed these past few weeks to have had Michael Heap serving as interim choirmaster and organist, but his time with us has come to an end, and it is time for us to move on. So just what *is* happening in regard to keeping the music going at St. Christopher's?

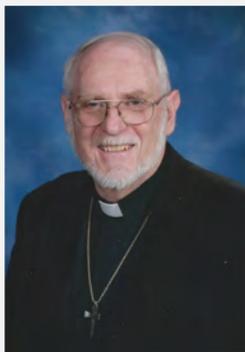
The good news is that we have been in the process of searching for a longer-term replacement for some time, and we presently have six musicians who have submitted their applications, three of which are in the next phase of the interview and evaluation process. As in past searches, those candidates have been asked to meet with the choir on what would be the choir's normal rehearsal time to have the opportunity to demonstrate their skills, interact with the choir by directing some selections of music, and answering any questions choir members may have. Unlike previous searches, I've introduced an additional aspect into the mix – each candidate will serve as substitute organist on the Sunday following their meeting with the choir. This gives not only the choir the opportunity to get a feel for what it would be like to work under the direction of each candidate, but for the congregation to experience what each has to offer as well. That gives us a bonus of hearing different organists over the next few weeks as we complete the process and make a selection.

We all need to be aware that we're unlikely to find someone exactly like Michael, which means being open to whomever the Spirit has in mind for us as the music program at St. Christopher's evolves over the next few years. I use the word "evolves" deliberately, in that we need to broaden our musical horizons over time in recognition of the changing demographics and musical preferences of the area in which we live. Sun City itself is experiencing an influx of people a generation or so younger than most of us. The communities that surround us and from which we find an increasing number of "seekers" coming through our doors on Sunday morning are even younger than that – many of whom have children that could well be part of our community of faith in the future.

Let's enjoy the variety of musical gifts our candidates have to offer us as the search continues. I would appreciate hearing your thoughts about the quality and style of the music you hear during this time, but request that you share your thoughts with me at a time other than on Sunday mornings. There is too much going on Sunday mornings for me to be able to really focus on what you have to share. I thank our candidates for their willingness to go through a more complex process than they might have expected; and you for your patience as we bring the search to conclusion.

With Every Blessing,
Fr. Peter+

Fr. Peter's Letter to Parish



Música en San Cristóbal

Les escribo hoy para compartir con ustedes lo que está pasando con el programa de música para la misa en inglés a las 9:00 de la mañana. Nuestro organista y director del coro Gary Quamme terminó su posición con nosotros al fin de diciembre, y hemos tenido una variedad de sustitutos desde entonces. El más reciente, Michael Heap, tiene enorme talento y nos ha servido bien por las pasadas semanas – pero ya no se puede quedar con nosotros y estamos en el proceso de una búsqueda para un nuevo organista.

La búsqueda continua con una serie de candidatos que van a tener entrevistas con el coro y proveer la música para la misa el domingo después de su entrevista. Un objetivo en la búsqueda es tratar de encontrar alguien que tiene el talento para tocar el tipo de música antigua y clásica a la cual están acostumbrados los feligreses que vienen a las 9:00 AM, y también está dispuesto a tocar y cantar música más moderna. En la misma manera que la demografía étnica y cultural ha cambiado en nuestra vecindad, a demografía en términos de edades y preferencias musicales también han cambiado en las comunidades que nos rodean.

Tengo la esperanza de que cuando encontramos tal persona, tendremos más oportunidades para disfrutar de los distintos estilos de música entre las dos misas. Ahora, los que vienen a las 11:30 disfrutan de los talentos de Arturo Jaramillo y su familia integrados con la música de Killy Balabanis en el cello. Cada parte de nuestra familia parroquial, sea los que hablan inglés o los que hablan español, tiene una tradición musical orgullosa que puede compartir con la otra en esas ocasiones en que la oportunidad se presenta. Por lo pronto, pido sus oraciones para el éxito de la búsqueda y el crecimiento del ministerio musical en nuestra parroquia. ¡Seguimos adelante!

*Con muchas bendiciones,
Padre Pedro+*

VBS

**Watch For More
INFORMATION !! SOON**

BARGAINS GALORE

BARGAINS GALORE: 50%off all items in store. Mark your calendars and come shopping.

Remember ½ hr. only!! Open to Parish on Sunday May 24th after first (9:00am) service only.

Only open for ½ hour this is for persons from 9:00am service and 11:30am service.



A few Words from our Senior Warden

“...let us not love with words
or tongue but with actions
and in truth.” 1 John 3:18

According to these words from
Jesus’ beloved disciple John, love is an ac-
tion rather than a discussion. Jesus’ com-
mand was that we love one another. John
witnessed the many ways Jesus loved during
his life, in his death and after his resurrec-
tion.

As Christians how do we love “with actions
and in truth”?

In His Love,
Beth

Unas palabras de nuestro Guardia’n Mayor

“...no amemos de palabra ni de lengua, sino
de hecho y en verdad.” 1 Juan 3:18

De acuerdo con estas palabras de Juan, el
discípulo amado de Jesús, el amor es una
acción más que una discusión. El mandato
de Jesús fue que nos amemos los unos a los
otros. Juan fue testigo de las muchas
maneras en que Jesús amó a los demás du-
rante su vida, en su muerte y después de su
resurrección. Como cristianos ¿Cómo ama-
mos " con hechos y de verdad"?

En el amor del Señor,
Beth

JUNIOR WARDEN:

JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT:

I am still working on obtaining competitive bids
related to our security systems within the church
properties. The objective is to improve our pro-
tection while reducing the costs.

The old ice machine, which is not repairable, will
be delivered to a metal recycling company in the
near future.

Any concerns related to maintenance or repair
of our properties should be addressed to me,

Al Franco

Men’s Bible Workbench

“What might commandment and love have to
do with one another?”.....this is the question
posed to the members of the Men’s Bible
Workbench for the month of May. Care to give
your thoughts on the subject? We are
interested in what you might have to say.

Maybe you would be interested in what some-
one else might have to offer. The joy of learn-
ing and sharing is strong in this small group of
men who care for one another and seek to
answer questions that develop from reading
scripture. You are invited to join us each
Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the Parish Hall.

Come! Join the fun!

Gary Welsh

The BOOKSHELF

April was a very successful month for your bookstore thanks to all who donated and all who purchased. We have new paper back and hard cover fiction . We asked for cook-books and you have really come through. Even people who do not cook like to read cookbooks, so keep them coming. We need jigsaw puzzles and, as always, paper back books.

The magazine table is loaded with all types. They are free so take some and bring some.

Thanks go to Ron Dow & Jane Meyers who have been assisting in sales every Saturday morning.

The theme table this month displays Mysteries! Everyone loves a mystery and we have all kinds; animals, tough guys, smart women, cooks and many large print. The large print hard cover books are only 50¢.

As always, Barbara keeps your fiction books in alphabetical order and the non fiction are sorted by subject so it is easy to find what you need, If you see many books by an author unfamiliar to you, perhaps that is a sign that this is a very readable writer and you might want to make his/her acquaintance.

Also, we keep our overflow in the closet so feel free to check that out. We have a good selection of VHS Arizona travel videos. You might find places in our state that you would like to visit.

We still need any books, DVD movies, etc that you no longer use. Also if you have an old atlas, we have people who have asked for them. We need more paperback fiction.

As always, put the money in the Book Banks and it goes into the general fund.

Charlotte and Barbara



ECW: Reminder ECW meeting will be at Royal Café, 10793 Grand Ave, Sun City.
Saturday May 9, 10:00am-12:00pm

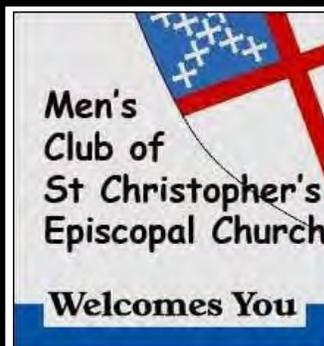
Mark your calendrs for a special

Pot Luck

for a Special Lady

Saturday, June 13, 2015

ECW Water Drive Starts June 1!



I am so thankful for all the help in making our sandwiches and filling the lunch bags.

Without the enthusiastic support we would never have been able to pull this ongoing project off.

It is a good thing we do for those people who have less than we do.

Again, thank you, thank you, thank you. God's blessings on all of us and especially to those who receive.

Killy

*Next Men's Club Meeting Saturday, May 16,
8:00am-10:00am*

*Morning Prayer with Breakfast and then
making sandwiches*

LANDSCAPE MINISTRY

Our trees have are still standing tall after the recent winds we sustained.

The weeds are currently losing the battle... which means we are winning! The Oleanders planted a little over a year ago are blooming nicely and the rogue palm at the corner of our parking lot on 103rd is proceeding to become a tree.

A number of people are watering it when they can...hopefully it will continue to grow.

The LANDSCAPE MINISTRY welcomes comments, suggestions and support.

Please contact,

Bonnie Franco



Happy Mother's Day

*My Mother is a special gift,
A special gift that God gave to me.
I'd be lost and lonely without her,
If God took her away you see.
I love her so very much,
That I couldn't bear to live without her healing
touch.
Thank-you God for giving me such a loving
Mother,
For I wouldn't want to be a part of no other.*

Melanie Reid

Youth Ministry- Gumbo Feast

Huge Thank you to all who supported the Youth Ministry Gumbo Feast....from the persons who developed, printed and posted the flyers to the ones who chopped veggies or slathered butter...to those who set up/tore down, decorated with such flare and the young who worked so diligently throughout...to those who served to those who ate!!!...we are grateful!! A standing ovation to Father Couvillion and Judy for the idea, the donated foods and the actual cooking of an outstanding meal! Kudos to all! We raised over \$2300 for the Youth Ministry.... PRAISE JESUS!!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Sue Gima	May 1
Ron Dow	May 9
Karolena Cardella	May 12
Laura Schoeben	May 23
John Kennedy	May 31

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Judy Schneider & Mona Garino	May 2
Jerry & Cindy Schwab	May 2
Louie & Ann Gay	May 7
Eugene & Hilda Shepherd	May 9
David & Lisa Lynch	May 22
Ed & Carolyn Bellerive	May 31

Brief Calendar: Complete Calendar at www.stchristophers-az.org

MAY SERVICE TIMES

Sundays

Holy Eucharist – 9:00 AM in English

Fellowship – 10:30 AM in Harte Hall

Holy Eucharist – 11:30 AM in Spanish

Sunday School – Sunday, at 10:30 AM in 2nd Floor above Narthex

Wednesdays ***Midweek Eucharist and Healing Service*** – 10:00 AM in the Chapel

Wednesdays - **Choir Practice** - 6:30PM-8:00PM

Special Events in May

Living With Loss-Mondays 9:30am-10:30am Middleton Hall

Workbench Men's Bible Study – Tuesday mornings at 10:30 AM – Bible Workshop Program

Women's Bible Study-Thursdays 9:30AM-12:00PM (session ends May 14)

Outreach Meeting (open meeting) -Tuesday May 5, 8:00am-9:00am

Planning Group –Tuesday May 5, 9:00am-10:00am

ECW Women's Club Meeting –Saturday, May 9, 10:00 AM -12:00pm (Royal Cafe)

Prayer Shawl Meeting– Wednesday, May 13 10:00am

Men's Club Morning Prayer and Breakfast--Saturday May 16, 8:00AM

Men's Club Sandwich Making-Saturday May 16, 8:30AM

Super Staff Meeting – Tuesday, May 12 at 9:30 AM in Middleton Hall

VBS Meeting– Tuesday May 19, 10:00am



60's More Or Less Camp

Monday, July 27, 2015 – Friday, July 31, 2015

Camp 60's More or Less is a fun spiritual summer camp for adults – we've had campers between 42 and 9X. It's like the summer camp fun of your childhood with all of the amenities of a deluxe hotel.

The theme of this year's Camp 60's More or Less is Religions ~ Mythologies, Legends and Customs. On Tuesday morning, our presenter – adjunct faculty member at Pima Community College, Carenn Olson will begin with the Ancient Mainstream Religions ~ Mesopotamian, Greek and Roman and the Nature Religions – Paganism, Celtic and Druidism. On Wednesday morning, Carenn will lead us through Judaism – Old Testament, the Epic of Gilgamesh, Noah and the Flood and the Torah and Christianity – New Testament and the Trinity. On Thursday morning, we will discuss Islam – Mohammed, Messenger of God and the Five Pillars of God and concluding with the Contemporary Influences – Archaeology, Astrology, and Science with a final wrap-up and question session. This may seem like a really full program but Ms. Olson has taught this very agenda as a Humanities course.



Join us for the Celebration!

Camp 60's More or Less is a welcoming camp where you can rest, relax, reflect, refresh, rejuvenate and renew yourself in a Christian setting. Camp wouldn't be camp without a talent show, an exciting music program, arts and crafts, time for meditation and of course, amazing food.

Camp 60's More or Less is hosted at Chapel Rock conference facilities in Prescott, Arizona, where you'll experience a breath of fresh mountain air, with the scent of pines, a vista of massive boulders and nearby mountains, and a mild climate. Rooms include comfy beds, private baths and accessible accommodations. Food is prepared by a professional cooking staff with a reputation for delicious and healthy meals served buffet style in the dining hall. This is really like "camping" at Club Med... definitely NOT your kids camp.

As always you can join in as much or as little as you wish. It's your week to enjoy time with other campers or just kick back and relax in the incredible beauty of the Chapel Rock campus.

The purpose of Camp 60's is to get you away from daily interruptions and help you develop a closer relationship with God.

Questions? Contact Chapel Rock at 877-445-3499 or camp60s@gmail.com.