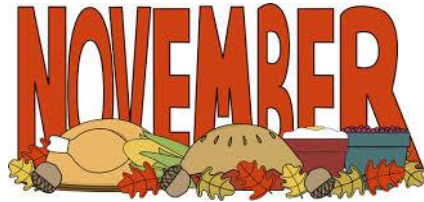


The Spirit of St. Francis



2017

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*If I speak with the tongues of mortals and of angels,
but do not have love, I'm not speaking at St. Francis in the Foothills.
Even if I speak with words more glorious than David Wilkinson, but do
not mention love, I've missed the St. Francis point.*

*If I study the Course in Miracles deeply and try to implement it
completely into my life, but do not discover love, then all the time spent at
St. Francis has been for naught.*

*If I give all my money to Lana and the Expansion Team, so as to build a
beautiful Celebration Center, but do not fill that building with love,
I have not helped St. Francis to grow.*

*If I serve on all the many teams, committees, councils and boards that
make up St. Francis in the Foothills, but do not do it with love, I have
failed to live into the St. Francis dream.*

*If I march in a hundred parades, or speak at a dozen rallies, or pass all the
bills that PCIC wants passed, but do not look at the opposition with love,
I do not live as a St. Franciscan.*

*If I open my arms to all that have been rejected, but exclude anyone from
that love, then the spirit of St. Francis has not completely
occupied my spirit.*

St. Francis loves with the patience of Fran Donnellan.

St. Francis loves with the kindness of Anne Harman.

*We love with the eloquence of George Daranyi
and the feisty-ness of Robbie Dick.*

*We loves as energetically as John and Diane Wilson, and as openly
as Judy Robinson.*



*Choose
Love*

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**SUNDAY SERVICES:
7:45, 9:00 & 10:30 AM
IN THE CELEBRATION CENTER**

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES:
10:30 AM
IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER**

NUMBERS TO KNOW

**Bulletin & Newsletter:
(520)299-9063, Ext. 101**

**Contribution/Pledge Questions:
(520)299-9063. Ext.102**

St. Francis rejoices in the truth, celebrating crazy paths filled with many turns and the people who walk them.

We do not insist on only our own way, but we'd sure like it if the government would figure out that our way is pretty damn good.

We are not irritable or resentful (except at Church Council meetings); we love in the midst of conflict and search for the better way for all.

*St. Francis welcomes all people, celebrates all people, and loves all people (yes, even **them**).*

*At St. Francis in the Foothills, We Choose Love,
so that Love Never Ends!*



The season for giving thanks is upon us! We give thanks for the 50 golden years that our church has glittered as a community of service, reconciliation, hope and help for refugees, the poor, the outcast and the hungry. We are dedicated to carry our mission on in the new year and to expand our outreach to the Tucson community and beyond.

We carry the joy that is in us as we celebrate our Jubilee year, cultivate the creative spirit within ourselves and see God in our fellow human beings.

In this season for Giving Thanks, we commit ourselves to generous acts and to our continuing financial support for St. Francis in the Foothills, its programs and operations. As we receive our commitment cards for 2018, let's be prayerful with our families in sharing our abundance.

And be sure to thank each other for all that we do - for all that we can do - and for all that we will do.

John Wilson, Church Council Chair

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(520)299-8908

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Reverend Jim Wiltbank
(520)299-9063, Ext. 106



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(520)285-6928

A Word from Our Pastor

Courageously

This last week Mary Harris sent me an article entitled *How To Engage a Fanatic* by David Brooks.

(I've included the link below).

He talks of several experiences he'd had and concluded:

Over the course of these experiences I've been rehearsing all the reasons to think that it's useless to try to have a civil conversation with a zealot, that you've just got to exile them, or confront them with equal and opposite force.

You've probably made this same type of conclusion yourself. I know I have . . . often . . . repeatedly . . . in various contexts . . . increasingly in the past several years. It is so easy to understand what Brooks stated in his article, "Civility is not a suicide pact." Dealing with others is challenging and easily encourages us to retreat from relationship with those others.

But none of this is the point of Brooks' article. About a third of the way in, he makes a shift, as he quotes from the book *Critic* by Stephen L. Carter: **"The only way to confront fanaticism is with love."**

Now he says that knowing full well the difficulties in making that happen, both in ourselves and in the other person, but he does it for three reasons.

First, if we try to look at the fanatic with love, then there is a possibility we hear a gift in their voice, not just the negative that shouts so easily in our face. "Then you'll defeat a dark passion and replace it with a better passion."

Second, "A lot of fanaticism in society is electron-thin." If we take the time and effort to hear them, especially in their fanaticism, then we open up the possibility that in the next moment transformation is possible. When someone is heard, they are more likely to open up.

The third reason is for the sake of our country. "We all swim in a common pool." We can't just expel the other because of the challenges they present. Instead we must courageously love them.

All you have to do is try to imitate Martin Luther King, who thrust his love into his enemies' hearts in a way that was aggressive, remorseless and destabilizing.

May we all love courageously!



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3 Alan Leonard
3 Ronald Nason
3 Adrienne Smith
4 Stephen Moore
4 Shane Vincent
4 Rebecca Redelsheimer
4 Joanne Morton
4 Stuart Salvatierra
5 Sean Murray
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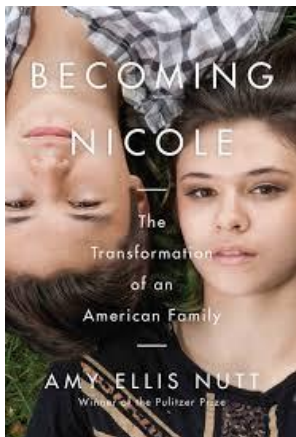
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Library News



Book review: by Ginny Jones, Library volunteer

Becoming Nicole by Amy Ellis Nutt



I've known about transsexual persons since living in San Francisco the first year of this century, but until reading *Becoming Nicole*, I didn't have a clue what it would be like to be one, or to parent one. Now I've read about someone else's experience and probably have as good an education as I could have without personally experiencing it. I'm so glad we now have a copy of *Becoming Nicole* in the Library for Peace.

It's hard for me to find words that will do justice to this incredible book, to the strength of this family, to the bravery of

Nicole, so I will copy a review from the book:

"*Becoming Nicole* is a miracle. It's the story of a family struggling with - and embracing - a transgender child. But more than that, it's about accepting one another, and ourselves, in all our messy, contradictory glory." Jennifer Finney Boylan, co-chair of GLAAD...



Casa de la Luz Foundation
presents their

**2017 End-of-Life
Community Conference:
"Living into Dying:
Faith and Culture at the
End of Life"**

Friday, Nov. 3rd,
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
The Westin La Paloma
3800 E. Sunrise Drive
Cost: \$65.00



**Keynote
Speaker:
Imam Jamal
Rahman**

***Universal Insights
from Islam:
Preparing for a
Dignified Death***

Registration for the event is
available online through Casa de
la Luz Foundation -

[https://casafoundation.org/event/
2017conference](https://casafoundation.org/event/2017conference)



***Lights Out by Ted Koppel**

(One well-placed attack on the electrical grid of the US could cripple much of our infrastructure.)

***The Captain's Verses by Pablo Neruda**

(Collection of Nobel-Prize-winner's love poems in English and Spanish.)

***Jamerry by Bruce Degen**

(Delightful children's book with lots of rhymes and pictures.)

***Evicted: Poverty and Profit in The American City
by Matthew Desmond**

(Poverty, housing crisis, and evictions from the tenant's and landlord's points of view.)

***Blood at the Root: A Racial Cleansing in America
by Patrick Phillips**

(The history of racial injustice and how it's perpetuated in America.)

***August: Osage County (DVD)**

***Hidden Figures (DVD)**

***Loving (DVD)**

***Wit (DVD)**

***Zero Dark Thirty (DVD)**

***Before the Flood (DVD)**

Come check us out - literally!

We're open on Sundays from
9:00 am - 12:15 pm,
and are located in the church office building.



Exploring Membership Retreat

Saturday, November 4th

8:30 am - 2:00 pm

in the Celebration Center

A light lunch will be served.

This is a wonderful opportunity, without pressure or commitment, to familiarize yourself with the people and the mission of St. Francis in the Foothills.

You will hear from and be able to ask questions of our pastor and members of our many Ministry Teams.

Please RSVP by October 31st.

For more information, please contact Welcome Team leaders Anne Harman at 323-3430 or Nancy Stevenson at 323-0318.



Want to learn how to contribute, buy tickets and/or access information electronically? Here's your chance!

Join Lorelei Kaczmariski for a fun coaching session using your computer, I-phone or the Easy Tithe kiosk.

**Saturday, November 4th,
10:00 am - noon in room 50**



Thanksgiving and the holidays in general usually stand out as a season of plenty - even excess. So sometimes it's hard to conceive of the fact that many people in our own community, many of them **children and senior citizens, won't have enough to eat.**

For the month of November, we are asking in addition to our usual Food Pantry needs, for donations of holiday foods and treats. It truly is a time to be reminded of all we have, of our many blessings - even when things seem bleak - and that we are all connected.

Holiday Treat Suggestions:

- *Boxed or Bagged Stuffing mix
- *Canned Yams
- *Boxed Potatoes (Mashed, Scalloped)
- *Bags of flour, sugar, cornmeal, biscuit mix
- *Boxed Baking Goods (Cake mixes, cookie mixes, pie crust mix, brownies)
- *Cans or jars of gravy (Turkey, chicken)
- *Cans of fruit filling for pies (Apple, Cherry, etc.)
- *Canned vegetables (Green Beans, Corn, White Potatoes)
- *Boxed Pasta Mixes (Mac & Cheese, Pasta Roni)

Donations can be dropped off in the church office during business hours
(M - Th. 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, Fri. 8:30 am - noon)
or in the Center lobby on Sundays.

If you can't bring in donations of non-perishable food, how about stopping by the Scrip table on Sunday mornings and purchasing grocery cards to donate to the Food Pantry? That way we can fill our shelves with what we need, and St. Francis will receive a rebate from your purchase. It's a win-win!

As always, thank you for your generosity.

Call or sign up at the church office - 299-9063 to reserve your place. Space is limited! The first 10 people to sign up will receive \$10.00 gift cards after the class.



NOOR Women's Association Fundraiser for Refugees

Saturday, November 4th,
1:00 - 4:00 pm
Tucson Muslim Community Center
5100 N. Key Place
Join us for special food served by refugees, and to meet our Muslim neighbors.

St. Francis in the Foothills presents -

Noctrane
Progressive Bluegrass Ensemble



Sunday, November 5th,
4:00 pm in the Celebration Center

For tickets and information, call the church office at 299-9063.

Admission: \$15.00
Students with ID: \$10.00



Save A Life

Automatic External Defibrillator's (AED's) are now available in the lobbies of the Celebration and Community Centers. Please familiarize yourself with their locations. Every second counts.

You could save a life by learning CPR and how to use an AED:

Watch a 5 minute video "How to Use the AED" at <https://youtu.be/6yDDh510QRo>

Take a class: <https://www.savealifetfd.com/> or www.redcross.org

The new AED located in our Celebration Center lobby was purchased with funds received from the Cesar Lee Trust.



**Saturday, November 11th,
8:00 am - noon**

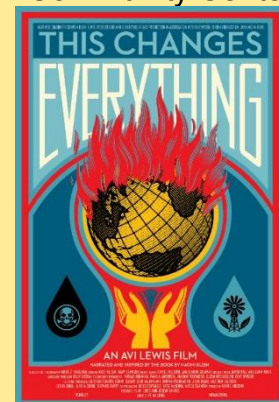
Come for the morning or even just a few hours. Any time you can give will be gratefully accepted!

Breakfast goodies and coffee and tea will be provided.

To volunteer, please contact Steve at 299-9063 or email facilities@stfrancisumc.org

Sunday Night at the Movies

November 12th,
5:30 pm in the
Community Center



This Changes Everything (2015, 89 minutes, NR)

What if confronting the climate crisis is the best chance we'll ever get to build a better world? Filmed over 211 shoot days in nine countries and five continents over four years, *This Changes Everything* is an epic attempt to re-imagine the vast challenge of climate change. The film presents seven portraits of communities on the front lines, from



Endowment Fund News

The St. Francis Endowment Fund Committee is pleased to announce that five grants were approved to the following:

Patricia Moore/Youth: mission trip to Peru

Megan Holehan: scholarship to assist with college expenses.

Steve Barclay/Facilities: to increase safety and security by purchasing needed solar lights.

Melissa Mitchell/Library for Peace: to purchase Receipt Printer for the library.

Nancy Masland/Outreach: to provide services for the women of the Sister Jose Homeless Shelter.

The Endowment Fund Committee supports the needs of St. Francis by distributing earnings from our account with the Desert Southwest United Methodist Foundation. The principle (the original gifts and bequests) remains in the Fund and is invested to produce a return that is available annually. Applications for financial support within the congregation or outreach in the community will be accepted twice a year. The next deadline for applications will be April 15, 2018. Applications will be made available in March 2018.

The St. Francis Endowment Program was established in 2008 for the purpose of providing members and friends with the opportunity to make charitable gifts to St. Francis in the Foothills that would become a permanent endowment of financial support and a living memorial. You can help support the future of St. Francis by bequeathing funds or property to the 'St. Francis Endowment Fund' in your Estate Plans. For more information, contact the Endowment Committee at

endowmentfund@stfrancisumc.org or call the
St. Francis office at 299-9063.

Montana's Powder River Basin to the Alberta Tar Sands, from the coast of South India to Beijing and beyond. Interwoven with these stories of struggle is Naomi Klein's narration, connecting the carbon in the air with the economic system that put it there. Throughout the film, Klein builds to her most controversial and exciting idea: that we can seize the existential crisis of climate change to transform our failed economic system into something radically better.

We will begin with a potluck dinner at 5:30 pm.

Please bring a main dish to share.

Drinks and desserts will be provided.

The movie starts at 6:15 pm



We are now taking suggestions for the 2018 season of

Sunday Night at the Movies!

If you have a movie or movies you think people should see, that will introduce us to and promote discussion about other races, cultures and lifestyles, why not let us know about it?

**Send your titles with a short description to
mmitchell@stfrancisumc.org
no later than
Friday, November 10th.**

**All suggested titles will be compiled into a list, which will then be sent out for the final vote. If you would like to be part of this selection process, send your email address to
mmitchell@stfrancisumc.org**



With support from these generous groups, we served **127 people** at the October Poz Café luncheon. This number includes TIHAN CarePartners living with HIV, their guests, faith community volunteers, and TIHAN volunteers and staff.

The Oktoberfest Menu Featured:

Creamy German Cucumber Salad,
(*Gurkensalat*)
Beef & Vegetable Stew, *Traditional German (Goulash)*
Homemade Traditional German Noodles, (*Spaetzle*)

Roasted Vegetables

Pretzel Rolls

Dessert: Homemade Black Forest Cake



St. Francis in the Foothills UMC graciously moved this month's event to the new, larger, beautiful space in the Celebration Center due to a theatrical set-up in the Community Center where Poz Café is usually held. We heard lots of positive comments from CarePartners and

volunteers alike. Thank you to the church and their staff for accommodating us!

We distributed **58 CarePackages** to CarePartners living with HIV. These decorated bags are filled with toiletry and cleaning items, all of which were donated by this month's sponsoring faith communities. While this is a lower number than we expect to hand out at Poz Café, it enabled us to bring full CarePackages back to the TIHAN office for CarePartners who didn't make it to the luncheon.

This month's sponsoring faith communities brought **14 volunteers** to help at Poz Café. Thank you all for your willingness to help! Our regular TIHAN volunteers helped to guide these volunteers in an experience of learning and serving.



Elder Circle . . .

The Wisdom Journey.
A safe, respectful place to
harvest your life

**Friday, November 10th
10:00 - 11:30 am
in Ravenscroft Hall**

Elder Circles is a project of the
Center for Community Dialogue,
Our Family Services.

There are five components to our Elder
Circle journey:
life review, life repair, my legacy, facing
up to my mortality, mentoring.

Monthly topics cover new beginnings,
leaving a legacy, and end-of-life
planning.

Newcomers are always welcome!

We're baaaack!



**Produce on Wheels
Without Waste**

**Saturday, November 25th
8:00 - 11:00 am**

St. Francis in the Foothills UMC

For a \$10.00 donation, you will get
up to 60 lbs. of produce.

We need volunteers to collect
money and work the produce line.
Volunteers get their 60 lbs. of
produce for free!

For information, contact Patricia at
musicaloverlord@gmail.com



We said a bittersweet farewell to **outgoing Kitchen & Menu Supervisor Roy DeBise**, who will be moving to California next month with his husband Pastor Rolly Loomis. And we welcomed our **new staff person, John Bass**, who will be taking over the menu planning and the kitchen operations for Poz Café.

And of course we can't forget

the **hugs** and the **safe space** that you help create at Poz Café every month. This important element enables our CarePartners to meet others living with HIV, enhance their social support, and know that there are caring people from faith communities who welcome them and are working to end the stigma that still exists.



Holiday Support for People Living with HIV

The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) and the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) are working together to brighten the holidays for individuals and families living with HIV.

Every year, TIHAN and SAAF collaborate on two winter holiday programs:

Family Day:

for adults living with HIV and their children under 18. Family members can "shop" for one another (from among donated gifts), create holiday cards and crafts, enjoy treats and hot chocolate, and visit with Santa.

December Poz Cafe Holiday Dinner Party:

for people living with HIV and their guests.

An elegant adults-only event with dinner and dancing, where every adult living with HIV may receive a holiday gift (from donated gifts).

Can you help?



Since 1985 Interfaith Community Services has been creating connections between faith communities and volunteers to serve seniors, disabled persons and individuals in financial crisis.

VOLUNTEER

The holidays are coming. Do you have time to give as an ICS volunteer? Go online at www.icstucson.org and click on the Volunteer tab to find out more. Or email Volunteer Resources Manager Tori Carlson at tcarlson@icstucson.org or call 297-6049 ext. 4217.

SHOP

Will you be shopping online this holiday season? Go to smile.amazon.com and choose Interfaith Community Services (in Tucson!) to receive proceeds when you buy select items from Amazon. Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price. What a great way to support the life-changing work of ICS!

GOLF

GET OUT TO THE GOLF COURSE ON VETERANS DAY AND SUPPORT ICS!

Please consider golfing in or sponsoring the ICS 2017 "We Care" Golf Classic. This year's tournament offers fun for all and beautiful mountain views at Omni Tucson National Resort on Friday, November 10th. Proceeds provide crucial support for all ICS programs to help keep seniors healthy and connected and enable families and individuals to meet basic needs for food, shelter and employment.

We are inviting individuals, groups, businesses and faith communities to purchase holiday gifts for our clients and their children and families.

Gifts must be:

*New and unused

*Unwrapped

*In a price range of \$20.00 - \$30.00.

*Secular (no religious messages or images please)

Please bring your donations to the TIHAN office by

Monday, December 4th

2660 N. 1st Avenue

For more information, call 299-6647, Ext. 203



Let's thank our GREETERS and USHERS !

Did you know that St Francis has over THIRTY people who volunteer on a regular basis to greet and usher every Sunday? Both groups combined are committed to: greeting people as they arrive for the service, assisting people, collecting the offering and handling any possible emergencies. Many of them also volunteer to be a friendly face and assist with special events.

Can you take some time on Sundays to thank the greeters and ushers for being a WARM and WELCOMING face at church and consistently serving at St. Francis in the Foothills?

GREETERS:

Sally Danielson, Patricia George, Anne Harman, Lisa Hornung, Ginny Jones, Meg and Greg Lee, Melissa Mitchell, Richard Ostroski, Tom Reed and Carol Tomlinson.

USHERS:

- Chuck Adams
- Donald Black
- Pat Bowen
- Walter Brammer
- Art Evans
- Mirna Gallego
- Mary Hidalgo

Register or get more information at
www.icstucson.org

Buy a \$25 raffle ticket for a chance to win a new Ford Explorer

When you buy a Millions for Tucson raffle ticket from ICS all the proceeds go to supporting our life-changing work. Buy one ticket for \$25 or 5 for \$100! Stop by the ICS Main Office at 2820 W. Ina between 9am-4pm Monday-Friday to buy your tickets! Or call 297-6049 ext. 4228 to buy them over the phone.

The deadline to buy tickets is December 8. Thanks to Jim Click Automotive for this fundrasier!



and St. Francis in the Foothills
invite you to



Thanksgiving Day Potluck

Thursday, November 23rd

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Desert Courtyard Apartments

1411 N. Alvernon Way

Join our neighbors at the Desert Courtyard Apartments for a Thanksgiving Day Potluck.

These neighbors are refugees, new to the United States.

Bring a dish to share.

We need disposable plates, glasses and utensils for 150 people.

Questions?

Contact Fran Donnellan at
520-780-2002 or email

fdonnellan@msn.com

- Judith Holt
- Anne Huth
- Harvey Kemp
- Bob Kridler
- Meg and Greg Lee
- Joyce Leissring
- Sarah Leonard
- Jerrie Merrifield
- Joy Mills
- Doris and Scott Morris
- David Osollo
- Tom Reed
- Grace Reuther
- Carolyn Rivers
- Ray and Karen Sparks
- Diana and Ken Strnatka
- Wally Suman

Thank you all!

Let's all be greeters!

Wear your name badge and make sure to greet people.
Keep your eyes open for those who might be new and need a friendly face and helping hand to make them feel more comfortable.

Spirit Stories

HOW DOES SPIRIT WORK IN YOUR LIFE?

The spirit stories we are requesting are those gifts of grace that happen in all of our lives. Sharing our stories acknowledges that we are paying attention, and that we are grateful for these blessings. Reading others' stories raises our awareness of the continual working of Spirit in our midst. We welcome contributions from anyone of any age. Authors can choose to remain anonymous. Please email your story to aliceweekley@gmail.com

If you would prefer to dictate your story to her, you can call Alice at 520-292-8799

-- The Inspiration Team



Sophia's Circle

Women's Breakfast
Wednesdays, 6:45 - 8:00 am
in Ravenscroft Hall



Chrysalis

Men's Round Table
Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:00 am
in Ravenscroft Hall

Newcomers warmly welcomed!



Awareness Through Movement Class

(Feldenkrais)
Mondays, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Room 30/31

Find out how easy it is to feel lighter and freer, yet more grounded and connected doing this form of gentle, almost meditative non-exercise.

Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat to lie and move on.

If you have not attended before, or have any questions, contact

David at
davtay@aol.com

This month's story offers a powerful demonstration of Spirit responding to a very specific request:

Easter morning, April 16, 2017. Almost noon, my phone rang. It was my sister-in-law Jacqui. "Pat left this morning about 5:30 for his regular run and hasn't come back. The Sheriff is here and they are looking everywhere for him."

Ron and I were on our way in minutes to my brother's house on East Tanque Verde Road. When we got there, a deputy was interviewing Jacqui. "Yes," she was saying, "the revolver is missing too."

The Pima County Sheriff's Department searched Tanque Verde wash, roadsides, gullies, and open desert for two days with Jeeps, dogs, volunteers on horseback, even helicopters as far as the upper falls in Redington Pass. Nothing.

My husband and sons and I searched till the first of June, tromping through sandy washes and mesquite bosques, sometimes falling, scanning the hillsides for vultures, growing more and more resigned to this loss in our lives. As the heat of summer came on, we had to quit.

I took a long drive to Pinetop in July, giving myself lots of time to feel my way through this. I found myself so sad and frustrated at one point on that quiet highway that I said, out loud, "PAT, WHERE ARE YOU??"

Immediately, I got an answer, in his voice:

"Well I'm where I've always been. With God. Where else would I be?"

I never died, because I was never born.

You know, there never was a Patrick Kennedy as a separate person. And there is no Karen Kennedy. There are no separate people."

Then quiet.

One day, a hunter in the Rincon Mountains or a guy on an ATV will find something in those hills with the remains of a blue sweatshirt and jogging pants and running shoes.

But I don't need that any more. I have peace.

Karen Kennedy



Longest Night Service

**Sunday, December 17th,
5:00 pm in the
Community Center**

For anyone with grief
recent or old;
With loss of any kind.

Everyone is welcome.
Refreshments afterward.

**If you need childcare,
please contact the church office
at 299-9063 by December 11th.**



Branching Out: Using the Wisdom of Trees to Connect Us with Our Spiritually Diverse Communities

90-minute workshop
presented by
Shannon Sullivan, LMT, CST
Certified Spiritual Director

**Spiritual Directors
International 2018 Conference
St. Louis, MO
April 26-28, 2018**

Register for the SDI Conference
at www.sdiworld.org

Diane Van Deurzen & Lisa Otey

St. Francis in the Foothills
Concert Series

\$15 each or all 3 for \$36



HOLIDAY CONCERT FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 7PM

Holiday Concert filled with jazzy, bluesy favorites like "Baby, It's Cold Outside", "The Christmas Song" and "Meet Me Under the Mistletoe"



WOMEN AND THE BLUES FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 7PM

Women and the Blues is an evening of music and herstory, celebrating the songs of Ma Rainey, Bessie Smith, Etta James and more



GERSHWIN & PORTER FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 7PM

Gershwin & Porter explores the lives and music of George & Ira Gershwin and Cole Porter, with songs like "Summertime" and "Let's Misbehave!"

St. Francis in the Foothills
4625 E. River call 299.9063

From the Editor



Dear Reader,

I hope you've enjoyed this month's newsletter. I'm always interested in submissions that have to do with the people, ministries, and activities of St. Francis. If you have something you'd like to share, please email your ideas to:

mmitchell@stfrancisumc.org

Please be aware that the cut-off date for accepting articles and photographs for the December 2017/January 2018 issue is **Friday, November 17th.**

Anything submitted after that date, without prior communication may not be included.

