



The Spirit of St. Francis



2018

A Word from Our Pastor

Here We Go Again!



By the time many of you read this, I will already be in Peru! And I hate to be mean about this, but I may not be missing you very much, for every time I go to the Refuge

of Hope in Pucallpa, Peru, I return to a space that is like a second home for me. The people and the work they do there glitter in my heart because they speak the same language as I do. And I don't mean Spanish.

Victor and Ana Izquierdo speak a language of love, one they have been speaking at the Refuge for thirty years, an effort that began literally on a dream and a prayer. Without having even the money to live on, let alone to start a school for disabled children in the rainforests of Peru, Victor and Ana held onto, and gave a voice to, a strong



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conviction that in this remote enclave of our earth, they could change the world. And they have done just that.



That love sends them into even more remote areas of Peru searching for children who have been rejected and pushed to the far edges of society because of the handicaps

of their bodies or minds. It speaks to them a message of caring, acceptance and completeness from a community that chooses to help them see that their spirits are whole and wonderfully free.

The dream that Victor and Ana started so many years ago has grown to include both an elementary school serving over four hundred students and a new high school with fifty students. Most exciting of all to me is the boarding school that operates in the afternoon, bringing in disabled young people from throughout the country, letting them stay there free for months at a time, and teaching them a trade that they can bring back to their villages in order to become an important part of their home communities.

And that dream has included me in its embrace . . . and so I return home to a city that contains a piece of my heart and a family that has loved unconditionally.

Please pray for the travelers who will be going with me on this amazing journey to the Refuge of Hope!

Jim



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Grandmother's and Apportionment

by George Daranyi

What exactly do grandmothers and apportionment, have to do with each other? Well, frankly, everything.

Let me tell you two stories about my grandmother who came out of Europe during the Second World War and landed in Peru as an immigrant in the country of her birth. After re-building her life, and having 12 grandchildren, she took me on two memorable trips when I was still a boy and living in Lima. The first, a trip to the heart of one of the biggest, poorest and dirtiest slums in the world, the Lima Slum. Once there she walked me into an old convent that had been converted to an orphanage. She told me that it was a project that she, and my other grandmother, had started years ago. That is grandmother work.

About a year later, she took me on a road trip and while we were driving along a country road in another very poor rural part of Peru, we came across two young boys (probably middle-school age) who were laying, injured, on the side of the road. She told the driver to stop so she could talk to them. She learned that they had played "hooky" from school and had been fooling around and fallen off the cliff on the side of the road. She told the driver to put them in her car and took them to the hospital.

I learned, more than 20 years later, that she not only paid their medical bills, but she also put them through high school, college and medical school. And, that both boys, now men, were prominent doctors in Lima. That is also the work of grandmother. Our grandmothers. They do things "out there in the world" usually quietly, sight unseen, but hugely important and effective. The work of "mother" is the work of the local

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Home Communion is Now Available!

St. Francis Stephen Ministers are now providing Home Communion the first Sunday of every month.

If you or someone you know is unable to attend services and would like to receive Communion, please contact the Church Office at 299-9063.

church in its local community. Like what we do here with Stephen Ministry. The work of grandmother, is beyond our local church and our local community.

So, apportionment (that confusing word that I used to think was an accounting or legal term) is source of how we, as Methodists, support the "grandmother" work in the world. Like helping refugees, immigrants, asylum seekers, the hungry, the AIDS population, those who have suffered great tragedy or calamity, etc. It is a large part of our monthly and annual budget and we are committed to doing it. Because we believe in and support our grandmothers. Our grandmother church, if you will. So, if you support or want to support the work of grandmother, then help us with our regular monthly expenses. Part of that supports them. Or, make a gift directly to the apportionment fund.

And, the next time you hear "Apportionment" simply think of this: grandmother.

St. Francis in the Foothills Concert Series

presents



Gabe Lehrer in Concert!

Saturday, July 21st,
4:00 pm in the Celebration Center

with Special Guest Artist
Remi Goode

Classically trained guitarist and recording artist Gabe Lehrer will perform original songs from his 2016 album *Cuban Chevy*, as well as covers of well-known songs by artists such as James

Weekly Breakfasts



Sophia's Circle Women's Group

Wednesdays, 6:45 - 8:00 am
Ravenscroft Hall



Chrysalis Men's Round Table

Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30
am Ravenscroft Hall

**Newcomers are
always welcome!**



TACHERIA
Interfaith Spirituality Center

Applications are now being accepted
for the new year of the
*Tacheria Interfaith School of Spiritual
Direction*, class of 2020.

This two year program will begin on September 8, 2018 and continue on the second Saturday of every month through June at St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church located at 4004 N. Campbell (at River Rd.)

This course encompasses the beliefs of many faith disciplines and is led by a diverse faculty representing those traditions. Learning in the school is both didactic and experiential.

If you are yearning for answers to spiritual questions, this could be the course for you.

For more information, visit the Tacheria website at www.tacheria.org or contact the school at tacheriacenter@aol.com

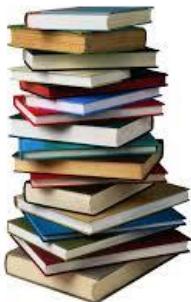
Taylor, Leonard Cohen, Bob Dylan, Louis Armstrong and Frank Sinatra.
Lehrer will also perform a short set of classical guitar favorites.
Later in the show, he will be joined onstage by Special Guest Artist Remi Goode.

**Tickets are \$15.00
(\$10.00 for students with valid ID)**

Tickets will be available on Sunday mornings after the 9:00 am service, at the Easy Tithe kiosk, on the St. Francis website (www.stfrancisumc.org) and at the door the day of the performance.

Cash, check or credit card accepted.

**Library
News**



***Blue Desert*
by Charles Bowden**

I read a review of this book that characterized Charles Bowden as "Ed Abbey at a newspaper desk", and I guess that if you only had six words to describe him, those might work. At one time, Bowden was a newspaper reporter for the Tucson Citizen, and his writing shows a reporters attention to detail.

**MARK YOUR OCTOBER
CALENDARS NOW!**



***A Conspiracy of Hope:
Reclaiming Our
Public Square***

St. Francis Celebration Center

Saturday, October 6th, 4:30 pm

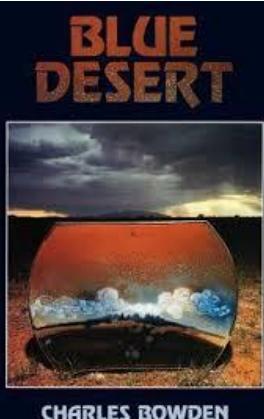
Saturday, October 13th, 4:30 pm

Saturday, October 20th, 4:30 pm

and a Celebration on Saturday, November 2nd, at 6:00 pm

Join us for three thought-provoking lectures on the state of our politics and a celebration of our democracy.

More details to come!



CHARLES BOWDEN

Blue Desert was written back in 1986 and published by University of Arizona press. In it, Bowden focuses a steady gaze on the rapid growth taking place in the Southwest (Tucson is featured prominently), and the toll that is being exacted because of it. Considering that the current astronomical price of living in California is driving people to find new homes - often in Arizona and Nevada - Bowden's observations are just as relevant today as they were 32 years ago.

One of the things I appreciate about Bowden's writing is that he does not exempt himself from the deeds and weaknesses of humanity. He does not observe from a "holier than thou" vantage point or attempt to shame his readers into certain opinions. He basically records events, describing them in such a way that his readers could be sitting beside him as he scribbles. They are seeing and learning the same things, but have to decide for themselves how they perceive it.

Many of the things he writes about are unpleasant - daily happenings that we can't conceive of, things we don't want to believe could be happening all around us. And yet they are and will continue to. Charles Bowden knew this, accepted it and in so doing, has captured the beauty and pain of being human and alive.

- Melissa Mitchell
Library for Peace volunteer

Check us out - literally!

The *Library for Peace* is open most Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 12:30 pm.

We are also open during the week, but hours vary.

Please call 299-9063, Ext. 101 for availability.



School Supplies Needed for Gifts of Love

Help children get a good start to the school year!
Donate school supplies for children in grades K-12 now through July 27th.

We need:

Backpacks	Erasers
Notebooks	Markers (12 pk)
Scissors	Glue Sticks (2 pk.)
Pens	Pencils
Crayons	Paper
Highlighters	Rulers
Backpacks	Folders
Protractors	Spiral Notebooks

Supplies can be dropped off at the ICS offices:
Northwest
2820 W. Ina Rd. 85741
9 am - 4 pm , Monday - Friday

Eastside
8701 E. Old Spanish Trail 85710
10 am - 3 pm, Monday - Thursday

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ESTABLISHED AND NEW VOLUNTEERS!

Summer Driver Needs:

We have a high need for Transportation drivers. Can you pitch in this summer to take an isolated senior to a much needed appointment or deliver a meal? We offer a monthly incentive raffle for the months of June, July and August for our drivers. Our recipients truly appreciate your assistance in helping them live independently.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact Toni Carlson at tcarlson@icstucson.org or call 520-526-9308.

COOL DEALS for HOT DAYS

These days, *anything* cool is welcome. So here are a few really cool deals from *Shop with Scrip* that will not only save you money, but will help St. Francis too!

- Getting ready for a summer vacation? *Shop with Scrip* has hundreds of cards for hotels, restaurants, car rentals, movie theaters, grocery stores, Starbucks, pharmacies. Everything you might need while you're on the road.
- Now that school is out, many families need help providing their children with nutritious meals. You can help them and St. Francis too by purchasing grocery cards through *Shop with Scrip* that we'll use to restock our Food Pantry. St. Francis will get the rebate from your purchase, the Food Pantry will be stocked, and you'll be helping those in need during the lean summer months.
- St. Francis' *Library for Peace* is a haven for those looking to expand their world. We have a dedicated group of volunteers who are constantly working to make the library better. Yet the library rarely requests money from the church. We rely on the money from our book cart, and donations to purchase new inventory and supplies. **You can help!** Simply purchase a Barnes and Noble or Amazon Gift Card for any amount from *Shop with Scrip*, and designate it for the library. The library will be able to purchase supplies and new inventory, and St. Francis will get the rebate from your purchase.



Refugee 101: Info Night

Wednesday, July 18th,
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
1200 N. Campbell Ave.

Participate in an enriching activity to gain knowledge on the struggles and successes of new Americans.

*Who is a refugee, asylee or an immigrant?

*How do you welcome a family into your neighborhood?

*How do new Americans become self-sufficient?

**Registration required.
Please call 440-0100.**



Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network
A Compassionate Response to HIV/AIDS

Volunteer Opportunities

TIHAN is Arizona's largest volunteer-based provider of support services for people living with HIV, and we have some key volunteer opportunities that will help us serve more and better! Here are a few current opportunities: linking clients with support and resources, administrative help in the office, finance committee, delivering CarePackages, program planning, marketing, grant writing, newsletter folding, and more.

- The Facilities department is hard at work this summer in our buildings - painting, cleaning and doing repairs.

Home Depot and Lowe's cards would be a great help to them for purchasing the various supplies they need.

**See Lorelei after the 9:00 am service.
You'll be glad you did!**



Six times a year, we have an orientation for new volunteers, and the next one is a Saturday session - July 28th, from 8:30am - 12:30pm. During the orientation, you'll learn more about HIV, TIHAN's programs and services, and how you can make a difference as a volunteer.

To learn more, and to sign up, contact TIHAN's Volunteer Coordinator at (520) 299-6647 ext 206 or email VolunteerCoordinator@tihan.org

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 in the Foothills.

If you have something you'd like to share, please send it to
mmitchell@stfrancisumc.org

Please be aware that the cut-off date for accepting submissions for the August 2018 newsletter is Friday, July 20th. Anything submitted after that date, may not be included.