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Peace and Grace to you all!

Do you believe God speaks to us through our dreams? Have you ever received a message from God through a dream? Only to wake up and exclaim, "It was only a dream!"

In my dream I received a call from God, on my cell phone! God asked me to come visit in God's office. Everything inside was white: white walls, white furniture, white carpet, white ceiling. God invited me to sit down in an overstuffed white chair and asked me how things at the churches were going.

I filled God in on all the wonderful things the Spirit was doing: the growth in both churches, giving was up, people were sharing the Good News! God listened attentively, nodding in all the right places until I finished speaking. "Excellent!" God said. "Now here's your next assignment." At that point God slid the white shade behind him open and I glanced out the window. There it was- a church surrounded with lots of rocks. I laughed out loud.

"You know we can't go there! How the heck could we move now?" I asked and then came the excuses, flying out of my mouth as fast and furious as my lips allowed. Once again God listened and spoke just two words, "Trust me."

I woke up that morning relieved, "It was just a dream!" I told myself. But the seed was planted. I spent many hours talking and listening to God in prayer. I asked Miranda how she would feel about moving. When she asked me why, I told her I had a dream. Without realizing it, she echoed the words God spoke, "we have to trust God." And so I wrote up my profile and sent it to the church in Arizona that was surrounded by rocks. God did the rest.

Along with your search committee, of course. The work begun by the nine members of this committee was brought to fruition on January 7th with the extravagant welcome you all offered to us. The way you shared God's love through your kindness, warmth, and compassion will remain in our hearts forever!

Because of your extravagant welcome, we weren't nervous at all on Sunday. In fact, we couldn't stop smiling because we were sure we had arrived where God wanted us to be- with you. Before we knew it, worship was over and we waited to hear the results of the vote...that part seemed to take forever! And then we were welcomed once again, with more smiles and hugs, overwhelmed by the way you shared God's love once again.

We are extremely grateful to join you on the journey-

Cindy, Larry and Miranda



MARCH SERMONS

Services at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.



- March 5 **"Reclaiming Wilderness"**
Holy Communion Celebrated
First Sunday in Lent
- March 12 **"SO Loved"**
Manna Sunday
Second Sunday in Lent
- March 19 **"Thirsting for God"**
Third Sunday in Lent
- March 26 **"Seeing Something New"**
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Moderator Notes

Two significant things have occurred in the last few weeks. And, so I feel special thank you's are warranted.

First of all, is our sprinkler system (installation almost complete!) For this, we all owe a huge thanks to the nine members of our congregation who each contributed \$5,000 so that we could afford the sprinkler system that the Fire Marshal said we had to have 7 years ago. And, also our considerable thanks to Dave Shephard, who has practically lived at the church for the last three weeks overseeing the installation of that system. He has been at the church at 7:30 a.m. to let the workers in and then meets with their supervisor and then one thing leads to another..... He does go home to sleep and sometimes even for a quick lunch! Kudos to Dave.

Secondly, there was the departure of Larry Corbett, our dear Interim Pastor, who served us so well for almost a year and a half. The reception and second Sunday lunch on the 12th was a great success. Over 130 people enjoyed a terrific lunch and were entertained by our awesome Interns as we celebrated Larry's ministry with us. Thanks go especially to Pat Murphy who spent 3 days barbequing 146 pieces of chicken. It was delicious and there were enough sides and desserts to make for a scrumptious lunch for all. And, while Pat did the main course, we would be remiss not to mention Lora Mazza and Bobbie Gillam who arranged and set up everything on Saturday and then "worked" the lunch along with Debbie Wych and Jan Anderson, and they all had to clean up afterwards. Thank you, ladies, for all your hard, hard work to make the lunch such a great event.

Welcome



*Rev. Cindy Parker
Larry & Miranda!*



**STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION
2017 PLEDGE UPDATE**

Budgeted Contributions at the end of January	\$ 35,438.00
Actual Revenues Received	\$ 35,170.41
Shortage for Operating Budget	\$ 267.59



**VISION
2020**

The Vision 2020 Capital Campaign was begun in March 2015. The primary goal was to retire the debt of \$527,000.00, and subsequently to fund critical repairs and upgrades to our facility.

Hallelujah! At this writing, we have funds in hand to pay down the debt in April. The Church of the Red Rocks will be debt free next month! As the balance of the pledges are paid, we will turn our attention to the repairs and upgrades that require our attention.

Many thanks to the 100 members and friends who participated in this important endeavor.

And finally, thanks to the Vision 2020 Campaign Team: John McDougald, Carolyn Monje, Suzanne and John Moore, Andrea and John Terhune, Ed Voboril, and Hugh Coble, Senior Advisor!

A job well done!

In Memory of...

LEE L. PHILIPS

January 21, 1928
February 9, 2017

No memorial service is planned.



CRR Book Club



This group is open to anyone that would like to join them.

The CRR Book Club meets the 3rd Friday each month at 1:00 p.m.

The book for reading and discussion is:

- ☺ **March 17**
"America's First Daughter" by Dray and Kamoie
- ☺ **April 21**
"Behind Closed Doors" by B.A. Paris

For information, contact Sally Phillips @ 284-2508.

**CHRISTIAN
MISSION
COMMISSION**



One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a Christian effort to empower, provide water, supply food and give relief from disasters. The Church of the Red Rocks participates in this ministry in March each year.

There are currently water projects in more than 20 countries. The hungry from all over the world are fed by OGHS. Disaster relief covers immediate responses as well as long-term commitment. Women and men are empowered to provide for their families through the efforts of OGHS.

Envelopes will be available in bulletins and the church office, and they will be collected through the month of March.

Thank you for sharing in this ecumenical Christian project.



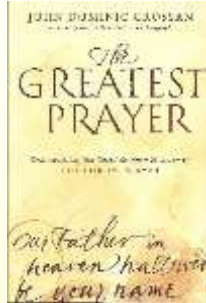
"The Greatest Prayer: Rediscovering the Revolutionary Message of the Lord's Prayer" by Dominic Crossan

Every Sunday, the Lord's Prayer echoes in churches around the world.

It is an indisputable principle of Christian faith. It is the way Jesus taught his followers to pray and distills the most essential beliefs required of every one of the world's 2.5

billion Christians. In *The Greatest Prayer*, our foremost Jesus scholar explores this foundational prayer line by line for the richest and fullest understanding of a prayer every Christian knows by heart.

An expert on the historical Jesus, Crossan provides just the right amount of history, scholarship, and detail for us to rediscover why this seemingly simple prayer sparked a revolution. Addressing issues of God's will for us and our response, our responsibilities to one another and to the earth, the theology of our daily bread, the moral responsibilities that come with money, our nation-states, and God's kingdom, Crossan reveals the enduring meaning and universal significance of the only prayer Jesus ever taught.



We meet every Friday morning in Classroom A at 10:15 am.

Be sure to order your copy of the book through Amazon or your favorite book vendor.



Sunday School & Nursery Care
Every Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.

Library



Corner

March brings us...

- Ash Wednesday: March 1, 2017 is the first day of the Christian season of Lent and sign of penitence. It is a reminder of from "Ashes to Ashes and Dust to Dust" meaning that we came from dust and we shall return to dust, referring to our earthly bodies, not our souls.
- Ides of March: March 15, 2017 is the first day of the Roman New Year. On this day in history, Julius Caesar was warned by soothsayers to "beware of the Ides of March" which he ignored and was stabbed by Marcus Brutus on the Ides of March in 44 B.C.
- Erin Go Bragh - Saint Patrick's Day: March 17, 2017 is in honor of the Patron Saint of Ireland, who brought christianity to the Emerald Isles known as Ireland. It is truly a day of celebrating Irish history, ancestry, traditions and customs.

Did you know?

1. March is named after Mars, the Roman god of war as it was the month in which the military campaigning season got under way after winter.
2. In Old English one name for the month of March was "Hlyda" meaning "loud" possibly because of the roaring March winds.
3. March is the only month with three consonants in its name in English.
4. An old proverb says that "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb" which means that winter is ending and spring is beginning.
5. The expression "mad as a March hare" dates back to 1529. It refers to the wild behavior of male hares during the mating season in March.

BIRTHSTONE for March is aquamarine and bloodstone both stand for courage.

FLOWERS: there are different reports about the true "birth flower" some say the daffodil and others say it's the violet.

ZODIAC SIGNS: Pisces(March 1st - 20th)

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

About the church Library:

1. Something new is coming.....A Library Table during Coffee Hour. This will be offered monthly to display different items available for checkout. Setup times will be posted.
2. The New Book Return Box on the Spinner in Painted Cliff Hall is being used!
3. Let's work together to connect you and the materials in the library....the Book Spinner displays items from library.
4. Have questions or suggestions? You may contact me anytime at: mfgowest@gmail.com and I look forward to hearing from you.

Maureen Zdimal, Church Librarian

Adult Education Series



Check out the brochure of classes and study groups being offered this Fall and Winter.

Sign-up sheets will be available in Painted Cliffs Hall.

GLOBAL CRISIS

with **Bob MacDonald**

WEDNESDAY mornings at 10:00 a.m.

March 1, 22 & 29

(no meetings on March 8 & 15)

Ex-diplomat Bob MacDonald will be presenting three weekly lectures in March on Global Crises.

Topics will include the Middle East, Russia, China, etc. All talks will discuss implications for the US and our foreign policy.

"A Closer Look at Stories We Know Too Well"

with **Rev. Nick Warner**

WEDNESDAY, April 5

FRIDAY, April 7

10:00 a.m.

In these two sessions, the class will work at peeling back some layers of familiarity with four key biblical passages and hopefully discover a whole new meaning within them. Wednesday's class will look at two passages from the Exodus narrative: the provision of manna along the journey and the worship of the golden calf. On Friday, we will explore Jesus' parable of the unforgiving servant and the narrative of Peter's sinking while attempting to walk on water.

Because we know these stories so well, we are often unaware that a great deal is going on beneath a quick rereading of them. Sometimes a deeper truth has been staring at us in the texts themselves, waiting for us to see it.



"SONGSTUDY"

with **Rev. Margaret Gramley**

THURSDAY mornings at 10:00 a.m.

1st & 3rd Thursday each month

(NOTE: No class on March 16)

A new ongoing discussion group that will focus on the music of the church as our text beginning with the Songbook of the Church ... the book of Psalms then looking at familiar and newer hymns in the UCC Hymnal. No homework ... more like a Bible study but with our text being the songs that nourish our spiritual journey.

"TEDx at THE CHURCH OF THE RED ROCKS"

FIRST THURSDAY each month

5:00 p.m.



All presentations normally will last 18 minutes or less and the remaining time is for open discussion.

The next TEDx meeting is on Thursday, March 2nd. "Top Gun" Lew Hoyt will talk about his experiences flying fighter jets in combat, his background and experiences, such as flying in the "Special Top Secret" Area 51, and finally the unique experience of flying, training, and teaching with the Israeli Air Force, and 2 different Arab Air Forces (the Egyptian Air Force and the Kuwaiti Air Force). Lew is the only person in the world who has flown fighter jets with both the Israelis and the Arabs.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMISSION

Someone's in the kitchen ...

and it might be me, Bobbie Gillam, checking to see that there are enough supplies for our next coffee hour or reception. I'm the new **Kitchen Keeper** (I'm no Angel) so please feel free to let me know of anything that might be running low or that you need or want for our beautiful kitchen. You can contact me (bgillam2@aol.com) or write your request on the white board by the pantry door. Please sign and date it.

A few reminders for those people working in the kitchen:

1. Please don't dispose of any liquids in the trash cans.
2. If you're hosting coffee hour, please take the tablecloths and towels home and launder them if they need it.
3. If you have questions or concerns about hosting coffee hour, don't hesitate to contact someone on Congregational life, specifically Bobbie Gillam, Maureen Zdimal or Lora Mazza.
4. Do not 'save' any food in the refrigerator. If it's needed for the following week, please freeze it. If you do save for personal reasons, remember to put your name and the date on the item.

Bon appetite!

Serve at the Community Supper!

The Church of the Red Rocks continues its mission service at the Community Supper at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church by volunteering to prepare and serve the supper and to clean up on the first Monday of each month.

**Your next opportunities to volunteer are:
March 6 & April 3**

If you have signed up before, then you know the drill: go to our website and click on "SERVING", and SIGN-UP GENIUS. This will take you to a place to sign up online and choose your jobs. There is also a sign-up sheet available in Painted Cliffs Hall.

If you have any questions call
Marcia Swearingen (284-4759)
Mary Lou Sykora (284-2258).



**IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START COLLECTING ITEMS
FOR
"Operation Christmas Child" boxes**

Here are some ideas for both the boys' and girls' boxes (the ages are from 2-4, 5-9, 10-14).

You can go to their web site www.samaritanspurse.org and check out ideas on how to pack the boxes and see the journey of the boxes throughout the world.

For questions about OCC you can call:

Dorothy Wigent 282-9218

Winnie Wells 282-4224

Operation Christmas Child Gift Suggestions

Boys:

Cars Trucks Small balls
Teddy Bear Finger puppet
Jigsaw puzzle Yo-yo Pens
Balloons felt pens Pencils
Small Musical Instruments
Puzzle book pencil case Cap
Stickers Toothbrush Gloves
Scarf Sunglasses Coloring Book
Notepad Shirt Crayons

Girls:

Doll Clip-on earrings Comb
Bangles Necklace Hair bands
Scrunchies Hair brush Yo-yo
Bar of wrapped soap Sponge
Soft toy Finger Puppet Pens
Felt pens Jigsaw puzzle Pencils
Puzzle book Pencil case Stickers
Toothbrush Gloves Scarf
Shirt Crayons Notepad

** All gift items should be new (no toothpaste or hard candy)

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Like us to **Follow** our Newsfeed.

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Get instant updates and "Favorite"
our Tweets.

<https://twitter.com/churchofredrock>



**Monday, March 13
7:00 p.m.**

Please join us at the upcoming Monday, March 13, 2017 support meeting of PFLAG Sedona/Verde Valley. **Please make a note of the new location for this meeting!** The support meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the **Sedona Winds Retirement Community (community room), 405 Jacks Canyon Road in the Village of Oak Creek.** Our speaker will be Ms. Heather Newman, a transgender woman who is active in the trans community in Flagstaff.

Heather Newman works with a support group that provides guidance and advice to transgender Northern Arizona University students. Ms. Newman also works to raise awareness about violence against transgender people and was the keynote speaker at the Transgender Day of Remembrance candlelight vigil held last November in Flagstaff. Heather was recently selected to participate in Education Day at the Arizona state capitol on March 23rd, where she will be paired with a faith leader to speak to our State legislators about the importance and urgency of fighting for LGBTQ rights in Arizona.

Heather Newman will share her unique story and also speak about factors that can lead to violence and discrimination against transgender people.

Heather Newman is an alumna of NAU and has lived in Flagstaff most of her life. The accomplishment that brings her the most pride is being a parent to her four year old son. Ms. Newman is also a graphic artist and works with a Flagstaff manufacturer, marketing and advertising locally sourced prod-ucts. When not working, parenting or advocating for the transgender community, Heather enjoys hiking, communing with nature, and taking road trips just for the fun of it.

You won't want to miss this meeting and hear Heather Newman's educational presentation and inspiring story!



All are invited and welcome!

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

At our Feb. 14 meeting we were pleased to welcome 3 potential new members.

Two dates and events to note:

1. FLIP (Families with Loved Ones in Prison) an organization developed by our own Susan Gregory, and which is officially hosted by CRR and about which she keeps our SJC informed/involved, is being honored at the Friday, March 10 "Good Morning Sedona" networking breakfast! Good Morning Sedona meets quarterly and FLIP and a valuable volunteer nominated by Sue, become one of the four awardees for the 2016-17 meetings. This is quite an honor. The volunteer receives the plaque, but she will be present, recognized, and will be asked to say a few words about FLIP.

We know Sue as indefatigable in supporting families with loved ones in prison, advocating, and helping with visitation access, as well as being one of the primary organizers of the 2015 and 16 November programs co-sponsored/hosted at CRR by the Social Justice Committee, on prisoner support and release re-entry. And, it was Sue's connections and instigation that led to CRR collecting an enormous number of books for the burned out Kingman Prison library.

Anyone is welcome at this event. Several of us plan to go in support. The buffet breakfast and program runs 7-8:45. Tickets are \$20 online though the Chamber of Commerce website or \$25 at the door. The award is made near the end of the time, with opportunity for Sue to speak about FLIP and for others to speak in support of her work. Contact Joan (451-6522) if you would like to join up to attend.

2. Join us on *Saturday, March 25, 9:00-10:30* at the church for *the first of proposed monthly "Message-Sending Saturdays."* The goal? To provide one way for us to respond to the query "But what can we do!?" about policy concerns and state and national issues with social justice implications. Let's get motivated to "send that message!" which we are told, has an effect. Some of us need a little group "nudge" fun setting to do it. Whether 5 or 25 people, we will provide coffee/tea, and US mail and email addresses and phone numbers for contacts with our senators and representatives. Bring your laptops if you wish. You choose your issue, or proposed bill or policy about which you want to "message." We will try to provide some current ones. Bring your "hot ones." This will not be a debate/discussion time, though some folk may jointly share a message. We may differ in positions. That's fine. Let's see how this goes. *Come for all or part.*

FYI: Senator Flake has a twice monthly open meeting with constituents in connection with his Prescott office. It is an opportunity to express your views.

Other Notes:

The new books provided by the SJC finally are scheduled to have been processed into the library and on the spinner kiosk in the Painted Cliffs Hall by now: Hillbilly Elegy, Causes We Can't Keep Quiet About, and Healing the Heart of Democracy. Apologies for getting ahead of the librarian with start dates.

The documentary of James Baldwin's work and life, "I Am Not Your Negro," hopefully was viewed by many of you film-festival goers. There were numerous other social justice-themed films, with several on environmental issues. Unfortunately, the schedule and line-up was not available in time to organize any collective viewing and discussion. *Contact Joan Scott if you would like a group discussion on this or others of the films.*

We are continuing to explore contacts locally, and in Flagstaff (where there is an Islamic Center) for speaker on Muslim issues, and have initiated the possibility, through the organizer for the Northern AZ. Interfaith Council, of interest in the Sedona area, in engaging our political representatives in a town hall format.



**The TREASURE SALE is almost here!
Bring your TREASURES March 7th - 14th**

CATEGORIES OF TREASURES

Special Treasures (Artwork, donations from artists and craft people)		Tools (garage & workshop)
Antiques	Linens (please label with size)	Kitchen items / Dishes
Books	Wall hangings, pictures, knick knacks	Toys, games, puzzles
China & Crystal	Musical instruments	Art and craft items
Furniture (indoor & outdoor)	Clothing (good quality - label size)	Jewelry
Small appliances	Sporting equipment	Seasonal decorations

ITEMS WE WILL NOT ACCEPT

NO large appliances	NO homemade CD's or DVD's	NO computers or monitors	NO sofa beds
NO lumber	NO steel desks	NO cassette tapes	NO televisions
NO carpeting	NO magazines	NO non-working appliances	NO window blinds
NO carpet padding	NO plumbing fixtures	NO phones	NO mattresses

And there will be a bake sale for your wonderful baked goods.
Details are posted in Painted Cliffs Halls

Join us for **FUN and FELLOWSHIP!!** **Renew friendships – Meet new friends**
March 7th – 18th

Volunteer sign-up sheets are in Painted Cliffs Hall.

Come and shop the fantastic **Treasure Sale** Friday, **March 17** and Saturday, **March 18**

ONA STATEMENT

Still Speaking God, we, the community of The Church of the Red Rocks, seek to be a body of Christians who celebrate and live in openness to your voice. Therefore, we covenant with you and one another as we seek to live Christ's compassion, promote justice, healing and wholeness of life.

As Children of God, we celebrate the beauty and uniqueness of each expression of God's diverse family as well as our oneness in Christ, and believe that attitudes and acts of injustice, discrimination and violence work against the gospel of Jesus Christ. As such, we welcome into our community persons of every gender, age, race, nationality, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, mental and physical ability, economic and social status, political background, faith background, marital standing and family structure. We invite all to share fully in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, blessings and joys of our congregation as we seek to grow together in faith and love.

THANK YOU!

Don & Ginger wish to thank you all for the prayers of healing after Ginger's "trip" and fractured wrist and hand. The double casts have proven to be quite a challenge, but at least the countdown has started for them to be removed.

Also, we appreciate the kind words and notes of sympathy on the recent death of Don's half-brother. Your support means the world to us!

Blessings,
Don Tautkus
Ginger Willetts



Sunday Worship Services

8:30 am & 10:30 am
9:30 am Coffee Hour

Each Monday

7:45 am Tai Chi & Prayer (20th, 27th)
9:00 am Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal

Each Wednesday

1:30 pm Grief Support Group (1st & 15th)
10:00 am Adult Ed Classes (1st, 22nd, 29th)

Each Friday

7:45 am Tai Chi & Prayer (3rd, 24th, 31st)
10:15 am The "EDGE"

Sunday Christian Nurture

10:00 am Sunday School & Nursery
10:30 am Sunday School & Nursery

Each Tuesday

7:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (14th & 28th)
10:00 am Family Support Group (7th & 21st)

Each Thursday

9:30 am Stephen Minister (9th & 23rd)
10:00 am Adult Ed (Songstudy) – 2nd
1:30 pm Knitting into the Mystery
3:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Each Saturday

10:00 am FLIP (4th)



*** Groups that meet on an ongoing basis for the month, are listed at above by EACH day of week ****

MARCH	1	Wednesday		Ash Wednesday – no service
	2	Thursday	5:00 pm	TEDx – Painted Cliffs Hall
	3	Friday	1:00 pm	Treasure Sale Committee – Classroom A
	5	Sunday		Holy Communion Celebrated & 1 st Sunday in Lent WELCOME to Rev. Cindy Parker, Larry & Miranda

Canyon Echo Deadline:

MARCH 17th

For the April issue.

PLEASE! NO LATE ENTRIES

FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS THERE ARE ROOM RESTRICTIONS DUE TO TREASURE SALE PREPARATIONS AND SALE. MANY MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED OR LOCATED IN A DIFFERENT ROOM. ALL MEETINGS MUST BE SCHEDULED THROUGH OFFICE.

PLEASE CHECK BOARD AT OFFICE (OR WITH OFFICE STAFF) FOR YOUR ROOM ASSIGNMENTS.

6	Monday	9:30 am	Facilities Commission – Classroom A
		5:00 pm	Community Supper at St. Andrews Episcopal Church
7	Tuesday	9-12:00 pm	Treasure Sale Donation Drop-off – Painted Cliffs Hall TREASURE SALE DONATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL NOON MARCH 14.
9	Thursday	11:00 am	Congregational Life Commission – Classroom A
12	Sunday		Manna Sunday
13	Monday	2:00 pm	Worship Commission – Conference Room
		7:00 pm	PFLAG – meeting offsite – see article
14	Tuesday	9:00 am	GOCOM (Christian Growth & Outreach Commission) – Conference Room
		1:30 pm	Social Justice Committee – Conference Room
15	Wednesday	1:00 pm	Finance Commission – Conference Room
17	Friday	8-3:00 pm	TREASURE SALE – most rooms of church!
		1:00 pm	CRR Book Club – Conference Room
18	Saturday	8-1:00 pm	TREASURE SALE – most rooms of church!
		5:00 pm	Hand Bell Rehearsal - Sanctuary
21	Tuesday	2:00 pm	Administration Commission – Conference Room
22	Wednesday	1:00 pm	Council – Painted Cliffs Hall



CHURCH BUS MINISTRY

Church Bus Drivers NEEDED!

Join the team for a very satisfying and enjoyable way to serve your church!

Required valid driver's license (NO special license needed).
Some physical (but not demanding) tasks involved.
Both guys and gals make good drivers!

Please contact Judith Glenn email: glennjg@q.com or cell phone: 928-399-9565.

