A New Era Begins  
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From the Rector  
By the Rev. David Benedict Hedges, n/BSG

This fall we have a wide variety of upcoming events and feast days at Saint Michael’s – I’d like to give you a rundown of the highlights. Mark your calendars now for these special days!

October 2 – The Blessing of the Animals
Bring your pets to church for this beloved annual blessing. Each service will include prayers for our animal companions and neighbors, and a special blessing for any animal you bring. Please consider whether your animal is able to handle being in public. If your animal can’t come to church, bring a photo, leash, or other memento if you wish!

October 9 – Episcopal Schools Sunday
At the 10:15 Solemn Mass, we will join with children and parents from St. Michael’s School to honor the school’s place as a ministry of our parish. The school choir will sing an anthem.

November 2 – All Souls’ Day
This special feast day is a time for us to remember those near and dear to us who have departed this life. Prayer for the dead is an important hallmark of Catholic Anglicanism, and this day is set aside for this important remembrance. Please submit the names of your beloved dead to the Parish Office for inclusion in the prayers this day. Mass will be offered at 6:30 PM.

November 24 – Thanksgiving Day
Mass will be offered at 10:30 AM, with a festive Thanksgiving dinner following.†
An Interview With Father Richard Mallory

By Karen Funk Blocher

KFB: We’re now a couple of days out from your farewell Mass. Are you excited? Do you have mixed emotions? How are you feeling at this moment?

FR. RICHARD: I am excited. And I’m very happy, very honored, and very blessed.

KFB: I think it’s safe to say that there’s going to be an outpouring of affection for you on Sunday.

FR. RICHARD: Thank you.

KFB: This is probably nothing new for you, I’m guessing, that at the end of a year, people are saying, “Oh, no, I’m going to miss him so much.”

FR. RICHARD: I think that is a dynamic that often goes when a clergy person who has been around for any duration leaves. There’s often that outpouring of affection. And it’s a challenge to receive it.

KFB: In terms of…?

FR. RICHARD: For me, in terms of accepting love and appreciation. Receiving is not easy for me.

KFB: Have there been any surprises in the way this year has gone?

FR. RICHARD: I don’t think so. I didn’t have any definite expectations. I knew that St. Michael’s would be different, because of the High Mass tradition. And that I have enjoyed. I’ll tell you one surprise was the experience of Holy Week and Easter, of how deeply and profoundly meaningful it was for me to experience in the context of this more catholic tradition. And my own experience of Holy Week and Easter deepened in a way I would not have predicted ahead of time.

KFB: Could you give a bit of an overview of how you got to this stage of your career?

FR. RICHARD: The brief version is, I never was interested in parish ministry as a young person. I did not go to seminary with the idea of being parish clergy. I went because I was interested in Old Testament studies, and was thinking of being a teacher. And then I discovered the clinical field, and loved being in the whole area of human transformation, people working through issues and struggles, and then witnessing people’s change, and how meaningful that was to me.

So my whole life changed after my wife died, twenty-one and a half years ago. And it was shortly after that, that for some reason, the Diocese of Connecticut contacted me and said, “Would you be interested in being an interim?” in a church where the interim just upped and left, on the spur of the moment. And for some reason, I said yes.

And then I took to it like a duck to water. That was a surprise. And I became aware in a whole new way, of what a leader can contribute, of setting a tone, and helping to create an atmosphere that increases community and connectedness among people.

KFB: How does the intersection of psychology and clergy work, how do those inform each other for you?

FR. RICHARD: Well, psychology, as I understand psychology, is depth psychology, a psychology that talks about the unconscious, or, as Jung said, the shadow. And so life is determined by what happens in the unconscious, for all of us. And that which is unresolved can block us from having a greater experience of life. So I think one of the key moments in the Gospel of John is, “I have come that you might have life, and have it more abundantly.”

And so the purpose of psychotherapy and healing is to increase a person’s experience of the abundance of life. And the purpose of the Church is to create community, where people can find greater abundance of life, where we can support ourselves and one another on this journey and this quest, and then invite people who have no idea that a greater abundance of life even exists, to come and see, come and get a taste.

KFB: I understand that your Bible Workbench group is going to continue on now that you’ve set that seed. Is this something that has happened in the past?
FR. RICHARD: It has. It has, in both sections of the Bible Workbench class, the one on Monday morning and the one on Wednesday evening want to continue.
KFB: I spoke with Joel [Williams] yesterday about that, and she was very pleased.
FR. RICHARD: Yes, right. People have found that that’s been nourishing. One of the comments that several people have made is along the lines of, “I have gotten to know my fellow parishioners better.”
KFB: I’m sure that you will have some, I don’t want to say, “final message,” but you’re going to have an opportunity to address the church one more time on Sunday. Is there a particular thing that you would like the parish to know, as you look forward to the next stage?
FR. RICHARD: Well, I would like the parish to know that the next stage always has uncertainty. The next stage of each of our lives has uncertainty, and the next stage of a parish has uncertainty. And my wish is for the parish to embrace the uncertainty, with courage and faith.†

Day School News
By Margaret Moore
Our 2016-2017 school year kicked off on August 19. The classrooms were ready and our faculty and staff were excited to welcome our students back on campus. The energy and enthusiasm has returned and there is a daily buzz of activity from morning to late afternoon. As we began our school year, we gathered as a school community on the first day with an opening chapel/assembly. It is our custom to begin and end in praise and thanksgiving for the life we share in this school. Prayer surrounds all that we do each day.

This year, we have the added excitement of new offices, class rooms and a new multipurpose space that will give greater options for both the school and the church to meet. Under the watchful eye of John Meyer and Cobre Builders, we have had first class service and a dedicated group who are helping to improve our campus. Throughout this construction project, there has been open communication and cooperation with the parish and the vestry is being kept in the loop about all activities. Our Senior Warden, John Hsieh, and our Junior Warden, Howard Creswell, have been a tremendous support along the way. Our architect, Bob Vint, has worked on our behalf to preserve the architectural integrity of our historic campus. For that we are grateful. As the construction progresses, we invite any parishioners to come by for a tour and see the transformation. Particular care has been given to preserving parts of the past as we move into the future. As the building is completed and we are ready for occupancy, with Br. Dave’s guidance and direction, we will dedicate the new spaces to the glory of God with thanksgiving for the work we are given to do on behalf of the children.

Margaret Moore
Head of School †
A Love Story
By Gretchen Godwin

[Long-time parishioner Ancelyn Smith married Ira Smith Godwin on Sunday, September 18th at the 7:45 AM Mass. This is their story.]

Two years ago I made a commitment to spend 3 months with my dad, and even though we had a GREAT time I realized that since he had lost my mother, he was lonely. I prayed very hard for a person to come into our lives who would be a perfect fit. God answered our prayers and found a beautiful woman named Ancelyn.

After three months, when I was leaving to go home to New Jersey, I called her and asked her if she would sit with my dad and have a Coca-Cola. I told her I was leaving and he would be very sad and miss me a lot. She said, “Why, sure I will.” And they set on the porch and had a soda and she never left. They fell madly in love and it was a story written in heaven.

For you see, her husband died two weeks after my mother, 10 years ago. My father grew up 50 miles away from her. Her husband was a navigator on the exact same plane that my father flew. Her new name is Ancelyn Smith Godwin. My father’s name is Ira Smith Godwin. Because they had both married people from the Northeast, they both had converted from being Southern Baptist to being a Catholic and an Episcopalian.

They were two people meant to be together and as it says in Matthew 19:6. “Whatever God has put together let no man set asunder.” Our last name is Godwin and it means friend of God. That is how we live our life, to help others and to do random acts of kindness. I am so lucky to have an amazing father, and now I am so fortunate to have an incredible mother.

The wedding concluded with this poem by Emily Dickinson:

Hope is the thing with feathers...
“Hope” is the thing with feathers—
That perches in the soul—
And sings the tune without words—
And never stops—at all—
And sweetest— in the Gale—
Is heard—
And Sore must be the Storm—
That could abash the little bird That kept so many warm—
I’ve heard it in the Chiliest Land—
And on the strangest Sea—
Yet, never, in Extremity—
It asked a Crumb of me...—

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[Ancelyn wishes to thank “all those wonderful people who helped with the wedding and reception.”]
KFB: How do you like Arizona so far? What surprises or annoys or delights you about it?

BR. DAVE: I love Arizona. I love the fact that there are mountains here, that I can see and go hiking in; although I haven’t done that yet because of the heat. I love the landscape, and I love being in a major city again, after many years in a small town. The advantages of having arts and museums and restaurants, and just a wealth of things to enjoy and explore here, is a delight.

The thing that surprised me is that everything Arizona-related has a cactus on it, and I thought that was kind of a little silly token. And then I get here, and there are actually cactus everywhere! In every possible location there can be a cactus, there is a cactus. So that’s been a surprise and a delight.

But we’re settling in at home very well, and I’m just very happy to be here.

KFB: So how are Carly and Zoe doing on the whole settling in thing?

BR. DAVE: They’re doing pretty good. We’ve been here for a little over a month now, and a half, and things are normalizing. Zoe really enjoys St. Michael’s School. She’s adjusting to a more rigorous workload, but I think she’s doing well at that. Carly is beginning to plug in to work, as well as meeting some friends, and some activities around here. Somebody from her work invited her to join a women’s soccer league, so she might be playing soccer soon.

KFB: Is there anything about St. Michael’s so far that is not what you expected?

BR. DAVE: No. I think the search committee did a really good job, along with the Vestry, of being very clear and very honest about what life at St. Michael’s is like, and what the strengths and the growing edges of the parish are. So I came away from that process with a sense that this is a place with a really good, friendly and active character, and a lot of potential to reengage all of that stuff and grow it forward in the best possible way. And when I got here, lo and behold, that’s what I see in practice, is a place that’s really ready for a leap forward. Not by any radical change, so much as by really doubling down on what we do best here.

KFB: What was your initial impression when Bishop Smith first chatted you up?

BR. DAVE: You mean on the airplane last summer?

KFB: About openings in Arizona, yeah.

BR. DAVE: I was very impressed with Bishop Smith’s willingness to be very forthright about his work of drawing good priests to his Diocese. It was clear to me, from what he said to me then, and what I have seen, he really knows St. Michael’s well, and he understands who we are and what our character is. And that’s a good thing. It’s also just wonderful to know that you have a bishop who is looking out for you.

KFB: What are the biggest differences between a medium parish in Arizona and a smaller one in Illinois? How does that affect the work that you do?

BR. DAVE: Well, there are a lot more moving parts here. There are more members, there are more ministries, there’s also a school, which is a huge angle. Even if this were simply a parish that was bigger than the one I had served, having a school is this whole new world of other stuff. I think all of that is best when we have a strong and stable connection with the school. And so I’m finding that an interesting set of challenges and opportunities for us.

I would say the biggest difference is not so much in terms of the size as it is in the fact that the two parishes are just very different. They have some similarities in that both parishes are composed principally of older members, and who are both yearning to break some of those barriers of
generation. But the chief difference is that the piety of this parish is solidly catholic, and that we have a very sacramental frame of mind here, that there is devotion to Mary, that the liturgical values are very much toward high liturgy. The previous congregations I have served were a little bit more grounded in the Protestant traditions of the Episcopal Church.

And so, as a person whose own piety is catholic, I find myself right at home here in that space. If I wanted to take people that way at St. Peter’s, I really had to do some very careful educational work. And I think there are some traditions here, and some elements of catholic tradition, where we could probably use a little return to sources, and a little bit of renewal of our understanding of why we do what we do. But the fact that those things are already in place, and are not in question, is delightful.

First Mass at St. Michael’s. Photo by KFB.

KFB: I got the impression during the search process, there were a lot of people who were very nervous that the High Mass not go away.

BR. DAVE: Yes, I became aware of that. And I was actually surprised, because in some places, the search process will include having each nominee offer Mass. I was sort of surprised that I was not asked to do that. But I think the last few Sundays have made plain that it’s gonna be okay. [laughs]

KFB: How did you first encounter the Brotherhood of St. Gregory? What intrigued you about it?

BR. DAVE: I first encountered the Brotherhood of St. Gregory when I was in seminary. I went to seminary near Chicago, and worshipping in churches around Chicago, became acquainted with a few of the Brothers who have served in Chicago parishes for many years. So, just two or three years ago when I became interested in religious life, the Brotherhood was sort of on my radar. And so when I began to investigate ways that I could become engaged with religious life, that was something I was aware of, and it was a natural place for me to investigate. It became quickly apparent to me that it would be a good fit, and that’s been confirmed by my experiences as a postulant and as a novice.

KFB: Was there a particular person that inspired you in that direction?

BR. DAVE: I would say the people I knew best were Brother Ronald Augustine Fox and Brother Nathanael Deward Rahm. These were men I had come into close contact with, and worked with them, and really appreciated their spiritual maturity, their depth, their devotion to what they do. Knowing those two, helped.

KFB: How does the St. Gregory Rule of Life affect your approach to leading a parish, and to life in general?

BR. DAVE: The Rule of the Brotherhood is focused on service. St. Gregory the Great, our patron, was the first Pope who styled himself “servant of the servants of God.” That is our guiding principle, that we are to be servants of the servants of God. The servants of God are the Church; we are servants of the Church. The Rule keeps us focused on that attitude, and I think all ordained ministry is best understood through the lens of service rather than through the lens of authority or power. Jesus said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant.” [Matthew 20:25-6] That’s the way I approach ordained leadership, and being part of the Brotherhood of St. Gregory has helped me to stay focused on that.

KFB: What do you see as the biggest challenge for the Episcopal Church today?

BR. DAVE: The Episcopal Church, and really, most sort of old line, mainline churches, are dealing with a profound cultural shift that we’ve been in for about 75 years now, from a society in which there is a lot of social pressure to go to church, to one in which there is no social pressure to go to church. What that means is that when many of our members were
growing up, churches were full. In this day and age, when there is no social pressure to attend church, you have fewer people attending church and participating in the life of congregations; but those who do are more deeply committed to the Gospel and to the Church’s work. So on balance, I think it’s a pretty good equation.

Obviously, it would be good to have more people, and we need to work on that; but we’re coming out of a time when we basically could sit back and let the new members roll in. And that’s what many people grew up with. People my age and younger did not grow up with that, so that’s not our base assumption. What we’re having to wake up to is a reality in which we have to do what Jesus said, which is go out, be fishers of men. Fish for people. Don’t just wait for the fish to jump into your boat. You actually have to put the nets out, and haul them in. There are a lot of religious traditions where that’s done in ways that we find objectionable, and rightly so. That does not absolve us of the responsibility to go and make disciples.

KFB: How does the state of the world and of the Church affect the challenges that St. Michael’s faces as a parish?

BR. DAVE: I don’t think St. Michael’s is unique in any of these ways. There’s much that makes St. Michael’s unique, but we’re not unique in that we have to deal with this struggle that all churches need to deal with.

KFB: Do we know when the installation is going to be held, and what does that entail?

BR. DAVE: I am not able to confirm or deny a date at this point, but there is a date in process. It will probably be in January. The service is one in which the Bishop authorizes my ministry, authorizes the ministry of the new Rector. Then there’s a second portion in which the congregation brings the new Rector on board through the presentation of signs and symbols of the ministry of a Rector. So there’s a handoff from the Bishop, and then there’s a welcoming process from the people of the parish and of the Diocese.

It will be a festive service. It will be on a weekday evening, and the neighboring clergy and parishioners of other parishes will be invited to take part, and to be part of our celebration. I’m also hoping to have several of the Brothers of St. Gregory to be with us to help celebrate. We are a community that really bands together and supports each other, and we show up for stuff, even across great distances. †
DIOCESAN MEN’S RETREAT

“Mentoring: Your Opportunity to Make a Difference”

Join Bishop Smith, the men of our diocese, our panel as we discuss the power of mentoring.

Our presenters are:

The Rev. Phil Shaw, Rector, Trinity Church (Kingman)

Dr. Neil Stafford, Clinical Psychologist

Jesse Villegas, Jr., Canon for Youth & Young Adult Ministries

We will also explore:

✓ How you can make a difference in someone’s life.
✓ Growing your ministry – through personal relationships.

Dates: Friday, November 18 – Sunday, November 20

Cost: $69 – $205 (depending on accommodation – $205 selected) (scholarships may be available upon request)

Location:
Chapel Rock Camp, 1131 Country Club Drive, Prescott, AZ

To Register:
http://www.azdiocese.org/digital_faith/events
Those Little White Envelopes, Revisited
By Ila Abernathy

The practice of taking a separate collection for various Parish needs and missions began with Fr. Ronald Taylor Lau and was systematized, with the addition of a marked white envelope, in the early 1990s by Fr. Carey Womble, who served as interim before Fr. Smith was appointed in 1995. Two reflect St. Michael’s commitment to service and action, and all add intimacy and flexibility to our giving. With Social Action, if something special comes up, such as the earthquake in Haiti, we don’t say, “It’s not in the budget;” instead, we designate a special collection.

As an individual, if I add a small amount of cash, it comes out of my weekly budget, rather than money set aside for giving, so I feel it directly. Of course, large sums for large needs are important, too. Here is the monthly rotation:

**First Sunday – Rector’s Discretionary**, broad use.

**Second Sunday – Building Restoration**, important when we are recovering from major termite tenting last year and looking forward to improving the heating and cooling systems on a tall, tall structure. Think about adding something extra each month.

**Third Sunday – Meals Programs**, including Casa Maria (6,500 sack lunches for the homeless yearly), food pantry supplies when we run short, and Primavera Shelter meal (Shelter meal preparers have been buying their own supplies, but if someone wants to serve or be an alternate and needs reimbursement, that option is open, and welcome).

**Fourth Sunday – Social Action**, for St. Michael’s commitment to service and advocacy in the larger community. See below for a list of recent uses. Don’t forget us as we celebrate Michaelmas.

**Fifth Sunday – Vestments**, Great beauty as we bring our best to worship.

**Recent uses of your 4th Sunday donations:**

**South Walker Baptist Church**, Denham Springs, LA. $200 for flood relief. *Built on high ground, the 100-member church became a haven and dormitory for 96 people after the recent major storm, also providing hot meals and distributing food donations. Some whose homes were destroyed were sheltered for weeks.*

**Southside Worker Center**, $200 donation and ad, 10-year celebration. *Located at Southside Presbyterian, the Workers Center celebrates ten years of connecting day laborers and potential employers. We’ve made a donation and placed a small St. Michael’s ad in a commemorative booklet.*

**Casa Mariposa detention visitation**, $500 for a volunteer coordinator. A useful cross-pollination. Episcopal priests began Casa Mariposa, Shalom Mennonite handles donations, and Presbyterian minister Elizabeth Smith is volunteer coordinator. Parishioners Marjorie and Jim are actively involved.

**CHRPA** [Community Home Repair of Arizona], $400. Volunteer program makes extensive free repairs to help keep low-income, disabled, and the elderly safely and comfortably in their own homes.

**Migrant food packs** and pull-top chili cans for Tucson Samaritans, $231. *Assembled in connection with a Border / Immigration education Sunday arranged by SAC at St. Michael’s.*

**Border and Environment workshop with Sierra Club**, $100 honorarium. *Public program at St. Michael’s, organized by SAC.*

**No More Deaths**, $75 for a fundraiser event ad.


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**Senior Warden’s Column**

**By John Hsieh**

Dear family of St. Michael’s,

My last column was an attempt to support the self-study effort in the mid-stream of our search process ably conducted by our Nominating Committee. Five months have passed since and we have, starting from 3 July, a new Rector: the Rev. David Benedict Hedges, n/BSG.

Now, in addition to welcoming Br. Dave, Carly and Zoe, once more, I need to thank again, the Nominating Committee, selected by the Vestry and commissioned by Mo. Clare Yarborough: Debbi D’Amore (co-chair), Grahame Davis, Bonnie Edwards, Ohia Hodges (chair), Alec Kennedy (from Vestry), Michael Leeming, Lori Lewis, Katrina Noble (from Vestry), Jeanette Renouf (chaplain), and Jim Steinman for their wisdom and their trust in the Spirit in passing their unanimous decision to the Vestry; the parishioners-elected Vestry: Liz Almgren, Howard Creswell (Junior Warden), Andy Harris, Reed Karaim, Marjorie King, Jo Leeming (Treasurer), Chris Lewis, Linda Morrison, Katrina Noble, and Joel Williams for their trust in the Nominating Committee and their prayerful discernment for the final decision.
Without the endless work of the Junior Warden and his team in keeping the facilities running and free of termites, the extra diligent efforts of Nancy Vernon (Parish Secretary), Karen Blocher (Bookkeeper and Communications Director), and Carolyn Schlager (Clerk), the calming effects of Interim Rector, Fr. Richard Mallory, the unbroken service of the clergies, Mo. Clare, Fr. Jorge Soleto, Fr. Jeffry Reed, Fr. Peter Cheney, Mo. Ellen Morell, Deacon Tom Kinman and Deacon Michael Meyers, the inspiring work of our Music Director, Doug Leightenheimer, and his talented Choir, and the tireless individuals including our Master of Ceremonies Proscovia King, members of the Altar Guild and many other active parishioners for doing their parts, our parish could not have carried out its mission faithfully over the year-long transition.

I also thank Margaret Moore, Head of our St. Michael’s School, for leading the school forward and for providing the Vestry her insightful input on the candidate. Surely there are others I have left out, to whom I owe my apology. Again I acknowledge that our search process could not have begun and completed without the consultation of Canon Mr. Russ Smith, the guidance of Canon Rev. Megan Traquair, and the blessings of Bishop Kirk Smith. Each person mentioned above has done her or his very best; but had God not sent us the right priest, we would still be searching. Thanks be to God!

Here, I confess to you what I have learned and felt from this transition. The Senior Warden, the only non-elected officer, has no vote in the Nominating Committee’s recommendation and in the Vestry’s final decision. So, the Senior Warden is not the one to be thanked for the outcome of the search. Only the people mentioned above deserve our thanks. The Senior Warden is responsible, however, for any mistakes made in the process, since he is the “Ecclesiastical Authority” of the parish directly answerable to the Bishop in the absence of the Rector. For this reason, I am ever so grateful for the timely arrival of Br. Dave.

It is now my duty to support Rector Br. Dave, not just joining our People’s Warden, Howard Creswell, in presenting him to the Bishop at his induction (BCP p. 559) on 18 January 2016, but in every way to make our parish, under his care, a more useful servant of God and a more faithful follower of Christ. To start, I invite you to see and live in this parish as your immediate non-biological family (Mark 3:31-35). Recently, the burial of Aimiee Canright and the wedding of Ancelyn Smith and Ira Godwin (see elsewhere in this issue) were clear examples. Please share your own experiences in this spiritual family with others at coffee hours or in this newsletter!

Thank you for your prayers, trust and love!
John Hsieh
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Morning Prayer
By Jim Steinman

I’ve started going to morning prayer for the first time in my life. This brief service, held before the intimate Marian Altar, offers a fresh look at each day as it begins. It provides an opportunity for prayer and clarity before beginning the day.

It offers a time to reflect on what God finds important in my daily plan and perhaps do the day differently than I would have done.

Morning Prayer is offered daily in the Lady Chapel, Sunday at 7:15, Monday through Friday at 7:30, and Saturday 8:15. Please join us!†

I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’ Psalm 122:1
In the Memorial Garden
By Karen Funk Blocher

I came across Jim Peterson on a recent Saturday morning, finishing up working on filling in a hole in the St. Michael’s memorial garden. Robin Donaldson’s, sister Aimee Canright, had been interred there the day before.

Jim’s task is to cast the “stone” for the marker plaque, insert something called a “breathing tube,” and fill in the hole. The stone is a mortar mix, he says. “I pour it in the form, and two days later, it’s ready.”

We looked over some of the individual graves.

Aimee is across from my friend Eva Osburn, who lived to be nearly 105. Some graves are duplex accommodations, with couples interred together, although they may have died years apart. Others are, or will be, side by side. Some plots are decorated with plastic flowers or flags or crosses, some with small stones or small mementos. At least one is decorated with cat pictures.

“There are a lot of stories here, some of them very sad. And it keeps growing. I guess that says something.”

Indeed, this is something we all face eventually. Sometimes we plan ahead, and other times we, or our loved ones, are caught unawares.

St. Michael’s has a funeral planning guide booklet that can help. It contains information on planning funeral services, your options and some of your costs, and is a handy place to record information on the location of the will and so on. Feel free to contact the church office for your copy.

Briefly Noted
By Ila Abernathy

You are invited! Social Action Committee meets Monday, September 26, following 5:30 Mass, in the Parish Center. Everyone is welcome. Bring snacks if you like. Help explore the many ways we “go in peace to love and serve the Lord.”

Poetry and Climate Change, with a St. Michael’s connection – Thursday October 6, 7 p.m., UA Poetry Center, 1508 E. Helen. Poets Brenda Hillman, daughter of long-term parishioners Jimmye and Helen Hillman, and Robert Hass, former U.S. Poet Laureate, read. Jimmye died in June, 2015, and Helen now lives closer to relatives in the East. Give yourself a poetic feast and greet a daughter of the Parish.

More on Climate Change – Sat. October 29 at St. Michael’s, the third of a series on religion’s response to climate change, arranged by Parishioners in collaboration with others from St. Andrew’s, Grace St. Paul, St. Philip’s. After updating on the science of climate change, forum will address the topic of food. The session is scheduled 9 AM through 3 PM, lunch available. Come for all or any part of what will be a balanced program.

Ila Abernathy

spent a total of 9 weeks doing Guatemala Project in-country work this year, spaced over two trips, and including a 3,000-plus mile romp through Mexico in the donor Jeep sent off from St. Michael's in June, with due ceremony and your prayers. She is pictured here working with a local Maya health promoter and visiting doctor in resettlement community Union Victoria. Photo by Michael Hyatt, the Jeep donor.

Marjorie King is in China for a month, to deliver two papers at the Silk Road Conference in Gansu Province (which neighbors Mongolia), by invitation of the Chinese government. They wish to honor westerners who were important to China, such as Ida Pruitt, about whom Margie has written a biography. Her book, China's American Daughter: Ida Pruitt (1888-1985), is now being translated into Chinese. She’s invited back next year.
Save the dates – St. Michael’s International Holiday Bazaar, December 3 & 4. This major outreach activity has a new schedule: the big day will be during daylight on Saturday, with continuation after Masses on Sunday. To help, contact Jim Steinman, jimsteinman7@gmail.com.

Advent showers of blessing – Sue and Efren Peyron are expecting TWO grandchildren in December.

Needed: Diocesan Native American Ministry representative – Joyce Tracy and Ila Abernathy attended a workshop at Trinity Cathedral early in September to represent St. Michael’s, and in support of The Rev. Canon Debbie Royals, Yoeme (Yaqui) friend of the Parish. Organization, statewide representation, and lunch were all fantastic. One result for St. Michael’s is that a Navajoland Mission church will probably join us at our Bazaar, to sell honey and other self-help project goods. Neither Joyce nor Ila is prepared to take on another committee, despite the importance of sensitive interaction with many of the 22 indigenous tribes that dwell within the Diocese (or, more accurately, within whose ancestral lands the Diocese dwells). If this way of serving, sharing, and learning might appeal to you, please contact St. Michael’s office, which will be able to further the connection, or chat with Joyce or Ila.

Needed: More “Briefly Noted” items and someone to coordinate them for the Messenger. This section was just tossed together by Ila, who cribbed the idea from deceased parishioner Les Stevens. She apologizes for lack of breadth here, but YOU can make it better by submitting or offering to compile the briefs. If you want to take this on, keep briefs “brief” and positive. Talk to Karen Blocher, mavarin2@gmail.com. †

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602 N. Wilmot Road
Tucson AZ 85711

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SUNDAY SERVICES
7:45 AM Mass with Homily
9:00 AM Family Mass
10:15 AM High Mass with Sermon
12:30 PM Misa en Español
5:00 PM Mass with Homily

WEEKDAY SERVICES
Monday: 5:30 PM Low Mass for World Peace
Tuesday: 8:10 AM Lower School Mass
Wednesday: 12:10 PM Healing Mass with laying on of hands
Thursday: 9:40 AM Upper School Mass
Saturday: 8:30 AM Low Mass

MORNINGS PRAYER
7:15 AM Sunday
7:30 AM Monday through Friday
8:15 AM Saturday

OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

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Clergy
The Rev. David Benedict Hedges
n/BSG, Rector
The Rev. Clare Yarborough
The Rev. Jorge Sotelo
The Rev. Peter Cheney
The Rev. Jeffrey Reed
The Rev. Michael Meyers, Deacon
The Rev. Tom Kinman, Deacon

Assisting Clergy
Margaret Delk Moore, Head of School
Nancy Vernon, Parish Secretary

Staff
Douglas Leightenheimer, Music Director and Organist
Karen Funk Blocher, Bookkeeper and Communications Director

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Rector
The Rev. David Benedict Hedges

Officers
John Hsieh,
Senior Warden
Howard Creswell,
Junior Warden
Jo Leeming,
Treasurer
Carolyn Schlager,
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