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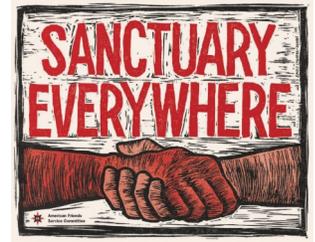
("Good morning" in
Tohono O'odham)

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Building a Racially Just Sanctuary Movement

In the past year the Sanctuary Movement has grown in amazing ways — we now have more than 1000 congregations engaged in the work of sanctuary!

But as a movement, we are growing in other ways as well, because we are learning that it's not enough to offer protection to an individual or a family within the walls of our churches—we have to work alongside undocumented community members to build communities where people are safe in their own homes, in their places of work, in their schools and on the streets of our communities. In short, we have to work so that everywhere is sanctuary.

Sanctuary congregations across the nation are living into this expanded view of sanctuary in a variety of ways: forming rapid response systems to immigration raids, organizing accompaniment to immigration court, and visiting people in detention, among other actions.

Foundational to this expanded view of sanctuary is the need to learn how to be better allies to those who are directly impacted by our current immigration policies and practices.

Key to making this shift from a savior mentality to a deepened ethic of solidarity is engaging in the work of sanctuary through a racial justice lens. In order to help us to make that shift the Southern Arizona Sanctuary Coalition (founded by Southside) is hosting a 2 day training called 'Building a Racially Just Sanctuary Movement'. The training will be lead by Crossroads Antiracism Training and Organizing, a nationally-recognized organization. Two of their trainers will be helping us look at dynamics of systemic racism, with a focus on how these systems infiltrate even our most well-meaning efforts to stand with our immigrant siblings. It is an amazing opportunity for us to look deeply on how we can better orient ourselves to a model of solidarity and accompaniment. More information can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

There is also new opportunities to engage in deeper ways in the Southern Arizona Sanctuary Coalition by becoming part of a core team. Information about the Sanctuary core teams can be found on page 3.

I truly believe that in this moment, when so much is at stake, congregations seeking to engage in the work of sanctuary have a lot of work to do and the work can't be about our own heroic projects to save the world. After all, Jesus already did that. Instead, we must work to foster deeper relationships with our immigrant siblings. We must find new ways to stand alongside them, supporting their leadership and following their leadership. Then and only then is sanctuary truly possible. And then and only then will we be able to truly build a world where sanctuary is everywhere.

To read more about the expanding Sanctuary Movement you can read the national report by clicking [HERE](https://www.sanctuarynotdeportation.org/uploads/7/6/9/1/76912017/sanctuary_in_the_age_of_trump_january_2018.pdf). (https://www.sanctuarynotdeportation.org/uploads/7/6/9/1/76912017/sanctuary_in_the_age_of_trump_january_2018.pdf)

**The Southern Arizona Sanctuary Coalition invites you to
a unique training opportunity
'Building a Racially Just Sanctuary Movement'**

with *Crossroads Antiracism Organizing and Training*
<http://crossroadsantiracism.org/>

February 23, 6-9 pm; February 24, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Location TBA

Contact us at sazsanctuary@gmail.com

Despite our best intentions, we as members of majority-white faith communities and/or denominations continue to perpetuate white supremacy, ranging from micro-aggressions we commit as individuals to the very structure of our institutions. As we seek to participate more thoroughly in local and national efforts for immigrant rights, this training is a unique opportunity to assess our role in oppressive systems that affect undocumented immigrant communities of color and work to turn ourselves personally and structurally towards an anti-racist framework.

OFFICIAL OBJECTIVES

1. Introduce and explore working definitions of white supremacy and systemic racism
2. Explore the role of White supremacy in the shaping of White dominant US culture, White Christianity, and in creating institutional conditions that perpetuate systemic racism.
3. Identify ways the Southern Arizona Sanctuary Coalition, despite its commitments to being a racially equitable movement, is complicit in white supremacy & its outcome systemic racism.
4. Explore practices and strategies the Southern Arizona Sanctuary Coalition can employ to nurture a movement that is racially aware and antiracist in practice and culture.

Friday, February 23: 6:00 pm -9:00 pm (Suggested contribution of \$40/individual)

Intro to white supremacy and systemic racism. For members of faith communities & faith-adjacent people interested in exploring the complexity of systemic racism and white supremacy as it operates in the United States. The level of training will be adapted to the level of knowledge of participants.

Saturday, February 24: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm (Suggested contribution of \$80/individual for Friday & Saturday or \$350/congregation)

A deep dive into how white supremacy impacts ally-led movements for immigrant justice. For members of faith communities and faith-adjacent people who want to dive deep into how our work for immigrant rights is complicit in white supremacy and develop strategies to make our work antiracist in practice. Attendees on Saturday must attend Friday evening. Participation will be capped at 50 attendees. Priority will go to members of congregations already involved in the coalition's work.

Registration: <https://goo.gl/forms/Nmb7d328LDS6oOwy2>

All are welcome. No one will be turned away due to lack of funds.

*Once a certain number of congregations commits, we will have a better idea of how much each congregation needs to contribute.

Southern Arizona Sanctuary Coalition

Core Team Training Initiative

Objectives:

- Equip participants with advocacy, organizing, and leadership skills
- Foster relationships within congregational 'core teams' and between core teams.
- Root our organizing and advocacy in an anti-racist framework
- Create a working model of accompaniment and solidarity in our efforts.
- Build a stronger movement of congregations fighting for immigrant rights.

Who is invited to participate?

Small groups between 3-7 people from local congregations who commit to attend the anti-racism training, 6 monthly meetings (split up between Spring and Fall), and educating and base-building in your own congregation. See the schedule below.

What would you and your congregation gain from the training?

If your congregation is new to being involved in immigrant rights work, this training will allow you to translate your congregation's interest and passion into concrete steps on how to get involved in local work, equipped with the necessary skills. If your congregation is already involved in immigrant rights work, such as the Inn Project, Casa Mariposa Detention Visitation Program, Justice For our Neighbors Legal Clinic, and others, it is an opportunity to hone your skills and connect with other congregations who are doing similar work. For all congregations, it is an opportunity to develop your leadership skills and learn how to expand the base of people in your congregation who are prepared to act for immigrant justice. This training is a unique opportunity to build relationships and strengthen the Southern Arizona faith community's ability to effectively work for immigrant justice. Each month, we will have an action or event to attend that will allow us to practice the skills we learn. We will be learning as we go, adjusting the training as needed.

Schedule:

- February 23-24: 'Building a Just Sanctuary Movement' Anti-Racism Training
Please register by February 15: <https://goo.gl/forms/QgBEsV5WreiVsvp72>
- Monthly meetings in March, April, and May
- Break for summer
- Monthly meetings in September, October, November

Examples of Opportunities to Engage

- Todo Tucson Municipal ID Campaign
- Support for Scholarships AZ (local United We Dream affiliate)
- Vigils at the Federal Courthouse where Operation Streamline occurs
- Rapid Response Network Observers and Accompaniment Teams
- Researching Pima County Jail's collaboration with I.C.E.
- Support the Protection Networks by providing childcare

Leadership:

- Southern Arizona Sanctuary Coalition Organizer, AmyBeth Willis
- Leadership from Congregational Core Teams

Lent 2018: Courage to Covenant

“Covenant is that grace-filled place where we encounter God and we are assured of God’s love for us and our belonging to God and each other.”

This year’s Lenten theme is all about covenant — the promises that hold us to one another, the promises that bind us to God. I like what a Mennonite resources says about this Lenten journey:

“Covenants of various kinds are found throughout the Old and New Testaments, and are highlighted in the Lenten Scriptures of Lectionary Year B. Promises are made and broken, narrowed, expanded, and reimagined. The covenants that God makes with the people of God provide hints at the nature of the relationship intended between God and creation, as well as guidelines for how we are to relate to God and to one another. We start the Lenten journey discovering how vastly inclusive God’s covenant is, and that it is extended from generation to generation. As humans, though, we struggle with barriers getting in the way and are in need of guidelines and eventually of a new covenant. As we approach Holy Week, we are invited to lay down the barrier of our preconceived understandings and expectations, and to realize the good news that in Jesus’ death and resurrection there is no longer anything in between us and God.”

It is our hope and prayer that during this Lenten season we might find our covenant relationship with God and with one another strengthened.

February 25	Genesis 9:8-17	Courage to Covenant: Through the Waters
March 4	Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16	Courage to Covenant: Through the Generations
March 11	Exodus 20:1-17	Courage to Covenant: A New People
March 18	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Courage to Covenant: Unbreakable



Special Lenten Opportunities

Throughout Lent the worship committee invites you to engage in a variety of prayer practices to enrich your Lenten journey. Each week we will rotate between a prayer service at Southside on Thursday evenings and Saturday morning hikes (details about the hikes are still being worked on— stay tuned!). We hope that in the midst of full days and weeks, you will pause and gather with us as we tune our hearts to the presence of God.

Thursday, February 22 at 6:30 pm	Prayer in the Kiva
Saturday, March 3	Lenten Hike: Praying with our Feet
Thursday, March 8 6:30 pm	Prayer in the Kiva
Saturday, March 17	Lenten Hike: Praying with our Feet
Thursday, March 22 6:30 pm	Prayer in the Kiva

Walking Through



Holy Week

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, March 25 9:30 a.m.
Maundy Thursday, March 29 6:00 p.m.
Good Friday, March 30 details to come
Easter Sunrise, April 1 6 a.m.
Easter Service, April 1 9:30 a.m.



Lenten Devotional



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to bring all of who we are to God, to live out the love that chooses to be embodied in us.

This season, may we see, sense, feel, and know the One who stepped into skin and ultimately rose beyond the grave so that everlasting love might live on—so that everlasting love might be embodied in you and me.”

We will be producing the devotionals in house and copies will be available beginning on Ash Wednesday. The devotionals include scripture reading, a brief meditation, a prayer — and features a large mosaic-like design to color in bit by bit each day. We can provide this art work as a 11x17 image but it is recommended to work with a larger image. If you plan on working on this piece of art by yourself we would recommend the 18x24 size. If you are going to work on it with others — roommates, family members we would recommend larger sizes either 24x36 or 36x48. We are happy to get these made for you and just ask for a donation to cover the cost — if you are able.

This year’s Lenten devotionals are *Embodied* from *A Sanctified Art*

The creators of this devotion write, “this Lent, we long for a faith that engages all of who we are—mind, body, heart and soul—and invites us to be present in our bodies and in the present moment. We remember the ways Jesus integrated his humanity and divinity to fulfill his radical ministry. Similarly, we too are invited



18"x24" for \$1.79/each
24"x36" for \$3.59/each
36"x48" for \$7.29/each

This is really a fabulous resources so let us know right away so we can make sure you have your art work ready for the beginning of Lent!

ASH WEDNESDAY February 14, 6 p.m.

This year Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine’s Day. Gather with us as we lift up to God the ways in which our hearts have been broken, the way in which we have broken the hearts of others, and more than anything else the power of God’s unfailing and steadfast love for us.



A blessing as we begin our Lenten journey



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LENTEN PRAYERS BY SARAH ARE

PRAYERS FOR EMBODIMENT

ALL OF ME, ALL OF YOU

Creator God,

You walked this earth—
Bare feet in the Garden of Eden,
Bare feet on the road to Golgotha.

You took on flesh and bones,
A beating heart and human hands,
Skin that could bruise and a heart that
could ache—
All to teach me how to love.

So Creator God,
This Lent I pray—
Take all of me in return.

Take my feet,
Because I keep walking backward;
And take my legs,
Because I long to run to you,
but keep getting lost.

Take my back,
So that I can stand for your justice;
And take the breath in my lungs,
So that even oxygen reminds me of You.

Take my hands,
Because love keeps slipping through my
fingers like rain;
And take my arms,
So that I might learn how to hold onto hope.

Take my neck,
So that I might hold my head high for you;
And take my ears,
So that I might hear the Spirit rush by me
like a mighty wind.

Take my eyes,
So that I might finally see like you see—
Life in the weeds, light in the darkness,
beauty in the mess;
And take my mouth,
So that I might sing of love
and tell stories of grace.

God of love, God of life—
You took on skin and bones
and walked this earth,
So in turn, I understand this faith to be
an embodied one,
A journey where all of me belongs to
all of you, and I am better for it.

Amen.



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Capital Campaign Update

Folks, we really *are* “Workin’ on a Building”!

As of the end of 2017, we had reached a figure of **\$1.65 million raised**—a combination of unpaid pledges, paid pledges, and other (unpledged) donations. Despite things dropping off a bit over the summer, we all rallied together in the fall with the John Fife 50th anniversary celebration and silent auction (raising \$4,200), Pastor Alison’s GoFundMe campaign for the kitchen (over \$20,000), and the Gary Stroutsos concert (\$640)—and with community members making their pledge payments—altogether raising the figure on our total raised by an additional quarter million dollars or so after the start of September. (Again, this figure is a combination of pledges and donations, and some of the pledges are not yet “money in the bank” but will be contributed to the project over time.)

Greg Lewis’s Birthday Bash concert on January 7 brought in another \$1,400, and a couple more concerts are in the works (including a combined Southside and Tucson Mass Choir concert featuring the music of Mrs. Dorothy Reid, planned for early March), along with a couple of targeted mass mailings that should happen soon, to the so-called Southside diaspora and to old sanctuary churches from the 1980s that are still in the business of doing justice and loving mercy.

We are still working with Bob Vint and the potential contractors (who will be preparing their bids soon) to enable us to come up with a revised and hopefully more solid figure for the total we will need to spend. In addition to the bridge loan that will be paid off as all our pledged monies come in, we will probably also need to get a mortgage to cover any additional costs that our pledges and funds in hand will not cover. The capital campaign will continue for as long as necessary until both of these loans have been paid off. We expect to hold a special congregational meeting in a few weeks to vote on going forward with the necessary loans and breaking ground on the long-awaited construction. And it goes without saying, but we will say it again (and again):

Please continue to make your pledge payments, and thank you for doing so.

APPROXIMATE SCHEDULE FOR SOUTHSIDE'S BUILDING PROJECT								
	2017	2018						
		JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	TO SUMMER 2019
Development Plan								
Permits, Bids	(PHASE 1)			(PHASE 2)				
Contractor(s) Selected			(PHASE 1)		(PHASE 2)			
Phase 1: North Parking Lot								
Phase 1: New sound system in Kiva								
Phase 2: Old Sanctuary Remodel								
Phase 2: New Construction								
Capital Campaign Continues								(until loan is paid)
Session Evaluates Going Ahead								
Congregational Vote								
Apply for PILP Loan						(TBD)		
Hear Back on Grants								
Church Office Relocates						(TBD)		
Janitorial Area Relocates						(TBD)		
Cross Streets Scales Back							(TBD)	

Construction “forecast”

The new parking lot (PHASE 1): At this point the permitting is approved for the new parking lot and we expect that the work will begin in February and will take about 45 days. We have prices on the cost of inscribing the Beatitudes in 3 languages (O’odham, Spanish, and English) on a series of 9 boulders to be placed around the Prayer Path that will make this so much more than “just another pretty parking lot,” but a truly special place that may be quietly enjoyed by others in the neighborhood as well. The boulders (of locally sourced Catalina granite) have been selected.

The new sound system & hearing assistance loop:

The new hearing loop began its trial run in the Kiva on Sunday Jan. 21, and it should enable folks who wear hearing aids with t-coils to better hear our services and other activities held in this space. We are also soliciting bids for similar loops in the new fellowship hall and library. We anticipate that the new sound system for the Kiva will be installed in early February, with its first use during worship on February 18. Once it is in place, the final, more permanent installation of the hearing loop will take place.

Refurbishing the old sanctuary and new construction (PHASE 2): This is about to begin the permitting and contractor bidding processes, and we hope construction will start in May, with completion of our project anticipated by summer of 2019.

Once we have the contractor bids for the new-construction part of the project, we will have the long-awaited congregational meeting to vote on moving forward with the physical creation of this beautiful space we hope to enjoy together for many, many years to come.

Have You Heard?

Our new loop system, which is compatible with hearing aids containing a t-coil, is in place in the Kiva. When the sound system is on in the Kiva, if you have a hearing aid with an activated t-coil

**Get in the
Hearing Loop**



you can simply turn on your t-coil and enjoy better hearing within the loop system. If your hearing aid’s t-coil is not activated, you will need to go to an audiologist and have it activated. Headsets will also be available for anyone who wants to be able to hear better.

Although this is a wireless system, as is the wireless system used by our Spanish interpreters, we are told that the signals sent by the two systems should not conflict with each other. The performance of this system should be even

better once we are able to wire it up with the new sound system we will be getting for the Kiva a bit later in February. Once we have the permanent installation in a few weeks, the provider of this system will set up a training to help us understand how best to take advantage of it.

Many thanks to Mark and Sally Rein’l-Bautista for shepherding this much-needed project through the process of getting bids and being the primary point persons with the companies we’ve been in contact with. And thanks to Cynthia Amerman for her persistent encouragement to make this a priority for our congregation.

We also plan to get bids for installing similar systems in the new fellowship hall and library.

Adult Education

Saving Jesus Redux: Ever feel like Jesus has been kidnapped by the Christian Right and discarded by the Secular Left?

This thought-provoking, faith-stirring DVD discussion series continues, with commentary from inspiring thinkers including John Shelby Spong, Helen Prejean, John Dominic Crossan, Diana Butler Bass, Marcus Borg, Walter Brueggemann, Minerva Carcaño, and many others.



Join us for an hour of viewing and conversation on Sundays after worship, beginning about 15 minutes after the end of the service. We plan to meet in the Kiva and anticipate that our new loop system will enable hearing-aid users to get more out of the presentations.

February 11	Jesus' Program: The Kingdom of God
February 18	African American Sunday, no DVD
February 25	Jesus' Ministry of Compassion
March 4	Who Killed Jesus?
March 11	The Atonement
March 18	The Resurrection of Christ
March 25	Why Jesus Is Worth Saving

This schedule is subject to change; please check your bulletins for updates.

Spiritual Connections

I once heard a hospice chaplain say that before he goes in to visit a hospice patient, he reminds himself, "I know nothing." As much education and training and experience in being a chaplain as he's had, he always reminds himself that he knows nothing. He knows nothing about the person's state at that moment, his concerns or joys, her fears or points of peace. The chaplain always tries to enter an encounter openly, to receive the person wherever and however they are.

"I know nothing." In a world that prizes certainty, that's a novel, perhaps unsettling approach. It's also freeing—it makes room for curiosity. It opens us to say, "I wonder...."

After all, what do we really know, anyway? For all our education or experience in life, there's always something to discover, and our attitudes or assumptions change. However well we know someone, they surprise us sometimes. For all our planning of events or life-paths, unexpected things happen. As much as we may think we know ourselves, there's a deeper well within to tap.

And that unknowing, though it might feel unsettling at times, is ultimately an invitation to explore life, to seek God, to continually grow. And how much fun can that be! I wonder....

Rev. Karen MacDonald is an associate member of Southside. She's a trained spiritual director, available to help folks in their spiritual life, nurturing their curiosity. Karen can be reached at karen@spiritrising.net or 520-336-0625.



African American Sunday, February 18

A TUCSON SOJOURN – The Rev Casper I. Glenn

Excerpted from the writings by Mrs. Jessie Zander on the occasion of African American Sunday 2009.



Casper and Vernilla Glenn and their 3 children, June, Joy and Casper, Jr – aka Chip moved to Tucson from Chesterfield, South Carolina in 1956. They accepted the call to Southside Presbyterian Church and heeded that call for 8 years – until 1964.

Casper and Vernilla first met at Coulter Memorial Academy in Cherew, South Carolina, a Presbyterian Church School. In 1942, Casper went to Lincoln University in Pennsylvania and graduated Cum Laude in 1944.

Casper and Nill married in 1945 in Florence, South Carolina.

Casper's ministry started in 1946 in New Church Development in Cherry Hill in Baltimore, Maryland. Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church opened its

doors in 1947. Casper's ministry took him to New Orleans and ultimately, he continued his studies at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Upon completion of his studies in 1956, he was called to Tucson to Pastor Southside Presbyterian Church and continue in the dual role of pastor and Director of the House of Neighborly Service, which at that time was a Mission Ministry of the Presbytery de Cristo. The HNS Directorship lasted for 2 years. Casper was very instrumental in developing and maintaining the connective relationship of the HNS, The Indian Training School and Southside. The Indian Training School closed in 1959 and many of it's staff attended and became members of Southside.

Rev. Glenn served the wider church as Moderator of Presbytery, Commissioner of Ministerial Relations. He served the City as Vice President of Tucson Council of Churches Statewide Interracial Council in Public Accommodations, Council of Papago Affairs lobbying for Indian rights, wells for irrigation and water on the Reservation. He worked with tribal leaders when meetings on Papago Affairs met in Tucson, worked with Wycliff translators on New Testaments for Papago, Apache and Navajo Indians. Ministered at Oshrin Hospital for 8 years conducting services on Saturday mornings, visiting surgery patients as an unpaid Chaplain, visited San Xavier Hospital every Wednesday counseling the sick. The work of the Church was extended through connections with the NAAACP and the Council of Christians and Jews. Both Nil and Casper were active in church development, the struggle for voting rights, human rights and fair housing. Was very active with the U of A foreign students from around the globe, Ethiopia, Ghana, Panama, to name a few. Casper and Nill's activities in the Community and neighborhoods resulted in the Church's enrollment being 1/4 each of Indian peoples, African Americans, Euro-Americans and Mexican Americans. The tradition of acceptance has carried over at Southside as the work on deeper and wider acceptance continues.

When Casper left Southside in 1964, he was called to ministry in Los Angeles as Pastor of Bel-vue Presbyterian Church. In 1968 he moved to San Diego to carry out the duties of Presbytery Executive. In 1978 he was called to be Synod Executive of Alaska/Northwest and the family lived in Kirkland, Washington.

In 1984-1987 Casper was Commissioned to Nairobi, Kenya for church development. He and the community built and maintained the Loresha Church Community. In 1989 was Recommissioned to Kenya to work in Church growth and Evangelism. The family lived in Nairobi and worked in Sudan, Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia and Kenya. In 1989 Casper spent a month in China and returned to Kenya in 1990. In 1991 Casper and family returned to the United States to "retire". P.S. (Teena Cross)

Southside is grateful for Rev. Glenn's service and proud and privileged that he is able to be with us again on African American Sunday 2018.

Community Events



February 17-18, Friday evening and all day Saturday at Good Shepherd UCC in Sahuarita **John Dominic Crossan** returns to Sahuarita to present a weekend “progressive theology” seminar entitled “The Challenge of the Christian Bible—Struggling with Divine Violence from Genesis through Revelation.” This seminar will be loosely based on Crossan’s 2015 book, *How To Read the Bible and Still Be a Christian: Is God Violent? An Exploration from Genesis to Revelation*, and will also touch on cultural and racial violence as we see them today. Details regarding registration, fees, and schedule should be available soon, and we will share them as they become available.



An Evening with
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Grace St. Paul’s
Feb. 28, 7 p.m.

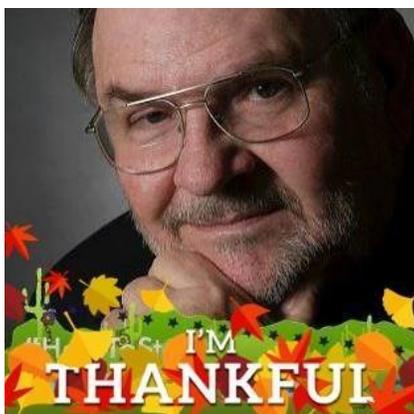
Grounded and Grateful: Finding Our Spiritual Way in Anxious Times
Wednesday, Feb. 28, from 7-9 p.m.
(Reception in McBride Hall will follow)
Childcare will be available
Tickets purchased by Feb. 14:
\$20 general; \$15 seniors/students
Tickets purchased after Feb. 14:
\$25 general; \$20 seniors/students



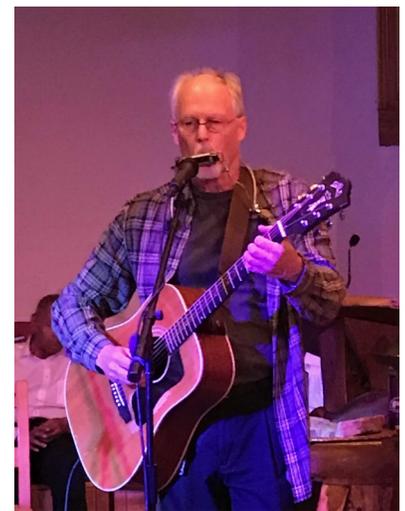
Look what one Southsider can do!

Greg Lewis decided to celebrate his 70th birthday with his church family, by holding a cozy concert in the Kiva one Sunday night in early January, with the one and only Mr. Bill Captain, the Southside Band & Gospel Harmonizers, and the amazing Edmonson sisters joining in.

All proceeds from this festive musical night were donated to the fund for the new Fellowship Hall.
Greg’s Birthday Bash concert brought in \$1,400!



And Ken Kennon recently organized a Facebook fundraiser for his 83rd birthday and raised \$830 for the new kitchen. Woo hoo!



Thank you Ken and Greg!!

Cross Streets Community by Sally Curd

Tom Schmidt

Tom Schmidt is the co-director at Cross Streets, but his job evolved, he said, from assistant dish dryer to food pick up. He has collected food at St. Vincent de Paul and milk at the supermarket; he regularly picks up pastries donated by Starbuck's. "I do what needs to be done," he said. He helps coordinate the acquisition and unloading of supplies, helps in intervention when needed, and he preps and serves food.

An important part of Tom's service to the program is the orientation of new volunteers. He has an orientation procedure for people who come in and ask, 'what can I do?' "We are an entry point to get people exposed to the marginalized, and some will stay here and others will be led to other places," he said. "Service to the community is something Southside has in its DNA. There is a need for people to come in and find out if they are called to do this, and if so, where." Tom explains the program and the structure and talks about the various opportunities open to people.

Tom started at Cross Streets when Kristina Beckman-Brito gave a minute for mission at Mountain Shadows Church. Along with his wife, Joyce Hopson, Helen Weems, and Clay Heflebower, Tom toured Southside and decided to stay. Clay was very instrumental in his decision to be at Southside, he said, and they began to drive together. "I feel a very clear call to serve the marginalized," he said. Before coming to Tucson, Tom worked at a large homeless program at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Tacoma, Washington. It was a program run by the Jesuits and a part of basic Catholic social teaching. He graduated from law school in 1975, the year after he and Joyce were married. They moved to Tucson permanently in 2006, and Joyce became a spiritual director at the Hezekiah School of Spiritual Direction at the Redemptorist Center in Picture Rocks. Joyce died in 2016. In Tacoma, Tom worked in private legal practice, retired from the Seattle School District as Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and then worked as an independent contractor for various school districts on 14th amendment appeals involving disciplinary actions and made decisions that were appealable to the courts, both state and federal.



Marco Tulio

Marco Tulio, a familiar face at Cross Streets, came to Southside in 2008. On Cross Streets days, Marco can always be found doing many jobs. He sweeps, mops, moves tables and chairs, cleans counters, trims foliage, and does anything else that needs to be done. He is always busy. He began working with the Workers' Center and still gets jobs that way. He has some people who rely on him, he says, so he always has steady jobs. "I have thanked God I was in this country. Everybody at Cross Streets opened the doors and welcomed me," he said. "I enjoy working here." Marco is from Guatemala and came here with a friend; he was told about work opportunities in the United States. Marco has worked as a roofer, house painter, landscaper, and cook. He likes to collaborate with others, he says. "Everyone has been kind and helpful here, especially Alison."



Thanks to Denise Bolinski for translating for this interview.

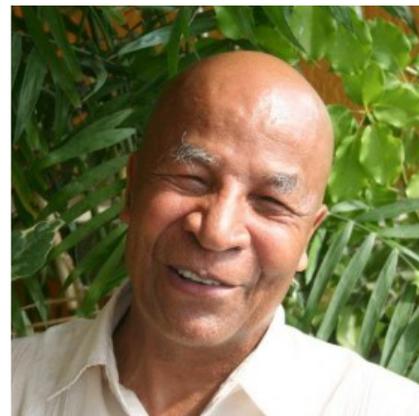
BUILDING PEACE, SUSTAINABILITY, AND HOPE IN WAR-TORN COLOMBIA: THE AWARD-WINNING WORK OF SEMBRANDOPAZ

February 24, 5:30 p.m. in the Kiva

Please join us for a presentation by Ricardo Esquivia, founder/director Sembrandopaz and Lillian Hall, international coordinator Sembrandopaz sponsored by Friends of Sembrando Paz Colombia

BIO FOR RICARDO ESQUIVIA

Ricardo Esquivia, a visionary Mennonite peace leader described by some as the “Gandhi of Colombia,” will visit southern Arizona and be available for presentations from Feb. 18-26. Ricardo has dedicated his life to building peace in Colombia, a country with the worst human rights record and longest-running civil war in our hemisphere, a war which has left over 3 million people displaced – second only to Sudan. Ricardo has been regularly named as one of the "Fifty Key People in Colombia for the Success of the Post-Conflict Era" after a historic and ground breaking peace process began in 2012 which led to the demobilization of the FARC guerilla army.



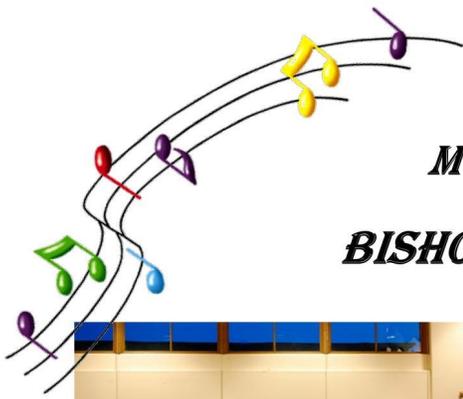
The son of an Afro-Colombian father and an indigenous mother, Ricardo was raised on the Caribbean coast. When his father developed leprosy and was institutionalized, Ricardo lived on the streets until the Mennonite Church took him in and educated him in their school. The Mennonite Church became Ricardo’s extended family and nurtured his commitment to peace, justice, and non-violence.

From that small school, he went on to study law and then returned to the Caribbean coast to organize poor farmers in Montes de Maria. Accused of being an ideologue for the guerrillas for his community organizing, Ricardo, his wife and four children fled, first to Cartagena and then to Bogota. There, he founded Justapaz, the Christian Center for Peace, Justice and Non-Violent Action. He served as its Executive Director for 13 years, developing work with displaced communities and projects for sustainable economic development and peace education. His work with conscientious objectors brought him into conflict with the Colombian military and forced him to flee into exile in the United States.

In 2004, he moved back to the Caribbean Coast, forming a small, non-profit, faith-based organization, Sembrandopaz (SowingPeace). As a founding member with three Catholic Bishops of the Foundation of Development and Peace of Montes de Maria, Ricardo works regionally and ecumenically to increase civil society participation in a “laboratory of

peace” funded through the European Union. Working with CEDECOL, he has helped create a network of Associations for a Dignified Life in Solidarity (RED ASVIDAS) to develop income generating projects, reweave the social fabric, and create an infrastructure for peace. There are now about 130 local, municipal, and regional church-based associations of ASVIDAS on the Caribbean coast, which include 5,000 people, 230 congregations, and 29 denominations.





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MUSIC WORSHIP WITH THE ANOINTED
BISHOP TODD O'NEAL AND LINDA O'NEAL



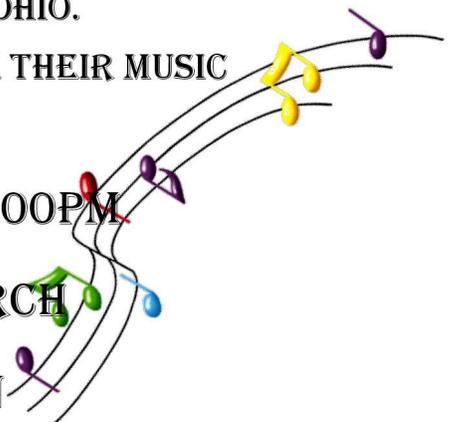
BISHOP O'NEAL AND WIFE LINDA COME TO US FROM THE *HOUSE OF JOY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES* IN CINCINNATI, OHIO.

TUCSON IS GRATEFUL FOR THEIR RETURN TO SHARE THEIR MUSIC WITH US, ONCE AGAIN!

WHEN: SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2018, 3:00PM

WHERE: SOUTHSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

317 WEST 23RD STREET, TUCSON



APACHE STRONGHOLD INVITES YOU TO THE

4th Annual March to ++ SAVE OAK FLAT ++

**OUR SPIRITUAL
GATHERING WEEKEND:**

THURS. 2/15 – SUN. 2/18

**BRING YOUR CAMPING GEAR,
PRAYERS, AND STRONG SPIRITS!**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Follow direction signs (beginning near *Bashas in Peridot, AZ*). **4 PM:** Blessings at *Old San Carlos Memorial*. Following, our Sacred Run begins, with the evening's end point at the *San Carlos Tribal Admin Building*.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8 AM: Meet at *San Carlos Tribal Admin Building*, to continue Sacred Run and March (consists of alternating runs and marches throughout the day). The evening's end point will be *near Dollar Tree (Globe, AZ)*. Camping may be available onsite. (TBA).

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8 AM: Meet *near Dollar Tree (Globe, AZ)* for our morning prayer. We continue the sacred journey to Oak Flat, with runs and marches. **12 PM:** Sacred Run and March will enter *Oak Flat Campground*. Lunch and other activities will follow, TBA. Camping is available.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Gathering and breakfast at *Oak Flat*. Blessings continue and we close with our Holy Ground Ceremony.

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Looking forward...

Sundays

8:30 a.m., Adult Bible Study
9:30 a.m., Worship

Mondays

6 a.m., Southside Workers Center
6 a.m., Cross Streets Ministries

Tuesdays

6 a.m., Southside Workers Center
5:30 p.m., End Streamline Coalition
7 p.m., Samaritans

Wednesdays

6 a.m., Southside Workers Center
7:30 a.m., Cross Streets Ministries
6 p.m., Red de Reds Meeting
7 p.m., Choir Practice

Thursdays

6 a.m., Southside Workers Center
7:30 a.m., Cross Streets Center

Fridays

6 a.m., Southside Workers Center
6 a.m., Cross Streets Ministries
5:30 p.m., AA

Saturdays

6 a.m., Southside Workers Center
9 a.m., Seventh Day Adventists
10 a.m., Men's Bible Study

FEBRUARY

3rd 2 p.m. KTT Legal Clinic

14th 6 p.m. ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

17th 2 p.m. KTT Legal Clinic

18th AFRICAN AMERICAN SUNDAY

24th 5:30 p.m. Sembrando Paz Talk



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- Left in the secretary's box.
- In person during our regular office hours