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CHAPLAIN'S WELCOME rev'd ben garren
The two words essential to our worship at ECM are brave and transformative. The Eucharistic space is one that evokes transformation and our welcome each week asks people to be transformed by those who gather, by the words of scripture, by our open time of reflection, and by the sacrament. We also strive to create not only a safe space for every individual who walks through our door but also a brave space wherein they can freely proclaim Christ's action in



their life regardless of their context. This ethos combined with the theology and call for social justice inherent to the Episcopal tradition provides our ministry with a unique position on the University and College Campuses of Greater Tucson.

Via Media, the middle way, is a core concept of the Anglican tradition and its goal is the wedding of heart and mind to create a robust spiritual life that is both emotionally passionate and intellectually critical.

It is this type of system, one that inspires curiosity of the nature of God and also values complex emotional realities that students often long to find. It offers a place of spiritual grounding for many who have never experienced religious formation and a place of spiritual freedom for those who have experienced abuse from Christian groups that have denied them emotional expression or intellectual curiosity. I want to thank you for valuing this essential work over the years and ensuring that all

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higher education students of Tucson have a space where they can encounter the love of Jesus Christ.

How much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight rather than silver.
-Proverbs 16:16

FRESHMAN PERSPECTIVE tilly gieselmann
Growing up as an Episcopal minister's child, I have always been involved in the church and anything that was associated with being the daughter of a minister. From a young age I have always attended social events and had to carry on adult conversations as to not have a negative effect on my father and his work. I have never thought of myself as truly being a part of my church for that very reason, however coming to UA changed that.

By meeting the chaplain at an event during a campus tour, I was informed about an Episcopal church group on campus. At first I was very skeptical, thinking that it would be exactly like back home; I would have to act in a way that would leave a nice impression for my father. I found out quickly that that was not the case at ECM, I am fully accepted as just being Tilly Gieselmann instead of Rob's daughter.

Being known as your priest's kid makes people see you differently, they think that they need to treat you as if you were something fragile or someone who will listen to their troubles and report back to their priest to have him change what was wrong.

I felt like a doll being passed between my father and his followers, I knew that I wasn't allowed to say something they thought a religious daughter would not say. I kept myself in line more times than I would like to remember. When it came to problems that followers had with my father, if they didn't have enough courage to tell him in person, they would come to me and complain, hoping that I would somehow mention it to my father. For example, "the lighting in the church is getting dimmer, I had such a hard time reading the words from the Psalm today..." I would always get them as subtle comments, with hidden meanings.

I got tired of going to church after a while and found little enjoyment in attending any church events. Although when I joined ECM I realized that there were more kids around my age than there were older members. By being a part of ECM, I have found my own reason to love going to church. I have brought friends along, who have all had a wonderful experience in the accepting community. Without ECM I probably wouldn't enjoy going to church as much as I do now.

PRAYERS FOR OUR WORK

O ETERNAL GOD, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, especially the University of Arizona and Pima Community College, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





Worship at the Annual Young Adult and Campus Ministry Retreat at Chapel Rock.

REMEMBERING DEPARTED TRUSTEES

Last year we lost two faithful and dedicated Trustees of our Foundation. FECM Treasurer, Jason Vogler, quietly passed away on May 4, 2015 after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. He was also the long-time treasurer of the Episcopal Church of St. Matthew.

Past President of FECM, K. Rex Call passed away on June 25, 2015 following a long battle with Heart Disease. Rex will be remembered as a staunch supporter of Episcopal Campus Ministry. He will be missed by all of us who knew him as a capable leader, and good friend. He was an active member of the St. Alban's parish. We are most grateful to Nancy Call, who suggested donations be made to the Foundation in the memory of her husband resulting in almost \$2,500 in such gifts.



Many thanks to the following for their generous and faithful support during 2015.

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- Elizabeth Weber

*In memory of Elizabeth Matthews
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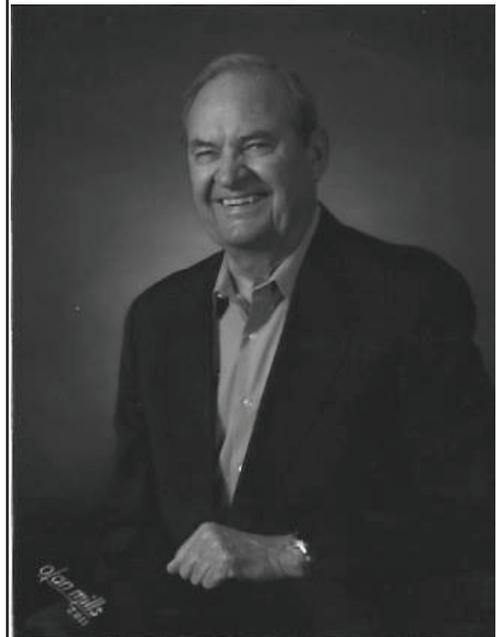
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- St. Alban's Men's Group
- Frank & Barbara Segers



FECM BOARD – Looking for new Trustees
We currently have nine members of our Foundation Board. Our By-laws provide for up to 15 Trustees, each elected to a three-year term on a staggered basis. We are looking for new Trustees and ask you to consider this ministry for yourself. Our Mission, as spelled out in Article III of the Articles of Incorporation, is as follows:

- 1) To promote and foster spiritual life and development at the University of Arizona and other institutions of higher education in the Tucson area in the name of the Episcopal Church.
- 2) To transact lawful business for which nonprofit corporations may be allowed to do under the laws of the State of Arizona.
- 3) To raise funds for the support of campus ministry for religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Meetings are held quarterly plus our Annual Meeting for donors and friends of the Foundation. Each Trustee is asked to join one of several committees of the Foundation and actively support our purposes. For more information please contact Glenn Matto at mmatto1@cox.net



With much thanks and gratitude for the many years of tireless dedication and service that Rex Call gave to the Foundation for Episcopal Campus Ministry and the Episcopal Church which he dearly loved.

MINISTRY REPORT

john bieging

The Episcopal Campus Ministry is almost an anomaly in the overwhelmingly secular environment that is the University of Arizona. Yet I believe that ECM can serve a vital, even unique role in the lives of students who participate. ECM offers a place to explore one's spirituality both individually and with other students. Our chaplain plays an important part in such exploration, as a facilitator, supporter, advocate, even as challenger and questioner, just as a good teacher ought to function in the academic life of the students. Much of this interaction occurs in more casual, informal settings such as campus gathering spots, as well as the comfortable rooms of the Campus Christian Center. ECM, through our chaplain, also offers places for students to get out of the campus setting, at Chapel Rock retreats and even at Province 8 annual gatherings of college and university students. Such experiences have often been greatly valued by the participants in their personal spiritual growth as well as through their interactions with students from other campuses. ECM also provides a weekly setting for more structured worship in the Episcopal tradition, which can be a reassuring anchor for students, far from home, who were raised in that tradition. The Sunday evening service can also serve to acquaint students of other faith traditions, or with no such tradition or inclination, to our worship in a congenial, supportive atmosphere right close to campus. By hosting a shared meal after each service, provided by local parishes, we can extend a welcoming hand of fellowship and hospitality to our students, as an expression of faith and love in a secular world.

WOMBLE FELLOW

corey wegwert

The Prophet Muhammad (صلي الله عليه وسلم) said, 'Help your brother, whether he is an oppressor or he is an oppressed one.' People asked, 'O Allah's Messenger (صلي الله عليه وسلم)! It is all right to help him if he is oppressed, but how should we help him if he is an oppressor?' The Prophet (صلي الله عليه وسلم) said, 'By preventing him from oppressing others.'

-Sahih al-Bukhari (Book 46, Hadith 5)

What do we do when fellow Christians promote bigotry and hate in the name of God? This question seems to grow more and more prevalent as Jesus' name is invoked

in the defense of heteronormative public policy, in Islamophobic political rhetoric, and in apologies of western exceptionalism. The Episcopal Campus Ministry finds this dilemma in the annual circus of Brother Jed's preaching and the presence of exclusivist gospels from various local denominations. As the Womble Fellow, I cannot bring myself to excommunicate such individuals and bodies from "true Christianity" as a means of preserving the dignity of my spiritual tradition. Rather than shunning the ugly side of our faith, we must confront it and renew our faith as one of tenderness, equality, and charity. The notion of justice is not solely an ideal of the Episcopal Church, it is the fundamental rock of all Abrahamic traditions —God is love, God is generosity, God is justice, God is one. If we fail our own messianic calling to transform our environment from prejudice to good will, then we fail at our core responsibility as people of the book.

Corey Wegwert is a senior in Religious Studies at the University of Arizona, the focus of his studies has been on modern Islam. His Womble Fellowship is concerned with religious safety on the University Campus for all students.

NEW CHAPLAIN FOR THE ECM

Last year the ECM welcomed a new Chaplain to the University of Arizona and Tucson's Higher Education institutions, the Rev'd Fr. Ben Garren. This is Chaplain Ben's first cure after graduating from Bexley-Seabury Seminary Federation and one he hopes to tend for years to come.

Originally from North Carolina he was baptized an Episcopalian at two months of age. He grew up in a family of farmers and academics, and some academic farmers, and remembers trips to university campuses from a very early age. As he began to discern a call to ordained ministry from the beginning he felt it should be in the midst of higher education.

He read for Chemistry in his undergraduate studies, graduating from UNC-Chapel Hill with research studies done at the University of Sussex. From there he went to serve the Anglican Church in Canada at a remote Labrador Parish with the Metis Nation. Later he took part in the Episcopal Service Corps, worked in Special Education as well as Homeless Services, and moved about much of New England.

He was sponsored for the Priesthood out of St. Luke's Cathedral, Portland, ME and is exceptionally glad to have discerned with the Diocese of Arizona to serve this diocese and the higher education students, faculty, and staff of Greater Tucson.

Please Join the ECM
for Worship and Dinner
Sundays during Term at 6:00pm.

715 N Park Ave.
Tucson, AZ



Bishop Kirk Smith and Chaplain Ben Garren at the chaplain's priesting.

APPRECIATION EVENT AND ANNUAL REPORT

for all Alumni, Faculty, Staff, Volunteers, and Donors
All Community Members Are Welcome to Attend
SUNDAY APRIL 10th 2016

at the
Campus Christian Center
715 N Park Avenue
Tucson, AZ



4:30pm Ministry, Student, and Foundation Reports

5:45pm Piano Prelude Recital

6:00pm Eucharist and Baptism

7:00pm Dinner Reception



Please RSVP by email to:
ECMTucson@gmail.com



To our contributors,

There are few constants in life. Change does seem to be a constant, but so is God's love for us. The Foundation for Episcopal Campus Ministry has been helping to support the message that "God is Love" to the University of Arizona campus since 1981. As you read the various articles in this newsletter, you will learn about how this ministry is being carried out through the leadership of our new chaplain, the Rev. Benjamin Garren. He has done a fine job of leading worship services and providing a safe inclusive space for students, all the while embracing our Episcopal teachings and beliefs. We are very pleased and thankful for the efforts of the Campus Ministry Board and the Rev. Canon Megan Traquair who lead the nationwide search for a new chaplain after the departure of the Rev. Lucas Mix.

While we are expressing gratitude, we would be remiss not to mention our many financial supporters and the Episcopal congregations of the Tucson area who have helped in many ways with food, finances, and meeting areas. A special thanks goes to Grace-St. Paul's for providing us with a meeting place for our quarterly meetings. We would also like to thank St. Alban's for allowing us to receive mail at their address.

We hope you will find time to attend the annual meeting and experience a worship service with our students and their leader. Although there may be some new traditions and new faces, you will find that Christ is still there and His message to love one another has not changed.

With much thanks,

The Board of the Foundation for Episcopal Campus Ministry

SUSTAINABLE MINISTRY rev'd ben garren

Dear ECM Member,

The Episcopal Campus Ministry serves students from a variety of backgrounds and families of origin. Some students arrive to university with a solid and stable family structure, while others do not. Some students from the healthiest of families suddenly find themselves outside of that stability, often for the first times in their lives. Other students may realize for the first time that many expectations that existed in their family were in fact problematic, or even abusive. And some students arrive at university with no ability to return home, knowing that all they would find there is further rejection and pain. For all students we provide a space to encounter the stability of community in an environment that has new expectations and ideas.

When you next have a chance, please open up the Book of Common Prayer to page 439. There you will find the oft-neglected service celebrating the birth or adoption of a child. It is within these prayers that our understanding of house-holding and parenting is enshrined. As the rubrics for our prayers of adoption and child bearing call all clergy to do, I write

today to ask you to consider your final wills and the disposal of your temporal goods.

The Episcopal Campus Ministry seeks to assure all students we encounter that we are a point of stability for their time at university and for their fellow students for decades to come. The key to this sustainability is the Foundation for Episcopal Campus Ministry. Life Gifts and Planned Gifts can be given directly to the corpus of the endowment the Foundation oversees.

All gifts made to the endowment can never be spent, only the income. The sole use of the income earned from this endowment is the continued and increasing sustainability of the Episcopal Campus Ministry at the University of Arizona and other schools of higher learning in the greater Tucson area.

Currently the Endowment provides half the funds required to sustain our ministry. Our goal is to reach a place where our sustainability is assured. Then the diocesan funds which we currently receive would go to serve campus ministries at Northern Arizona University and Arizona State University. Your gift to the Foundation for Episcopal Campus Ministry is truly a gift to support campus ministry across Arizona.

By including the Foundation for Episcopal Campus Ministry in your will or estate plans, or choosing to make a life gift to our endowment, you are contributing to the spiritual well-being, the familial stability of students in higher education throughout Greater Tucson. This endowment has been the bedrock support of the Episcopal Campus Ministry for over two decades; with your generous gift, it can ensure our ministry for decades to come. To learn more about the impact your gift can provide, please contact the Chaplain for a chance to fully experience our work, meet our current students, and deepen our relationship in shared ministry.

With sincere thanks and appreciation,



The Rev'd Fr. Ben Garren
Emmaus Collegiate Chapel
Chaplain to the University of Arizona

