

ACT! on Immigration *January 27, 2012*

1. **St. Philips Border and Immigration Ministry**, Thurs., Feb. 2

The next meeting of St. Philips Border and Immigration Ministry will be **Thursday, Feb. 2, 6 pm, La Paz Room, St. Philips in the Hills, Tucson**. Bring your ideas, inspiration and energy to feed this growing and active ministry. Contact Suzanne, BorderImmigrationMin@stphilipstucson.org

2. **Debbie McCullough: Art and Activism in the Desert**, Sunday Forum, Feb. 5, 10:15 am, La Paz Room, St. Philips

Just Coffee led Debbie McCullough to learn more about the struggles, suffering and deaths that are occurring just south of Tucson. She began volunteering with No More Deaths and Tucson Samaritans in the summer of 2004. Debbie responded to her experiences by creating art to help her deal with the pain related to the suffering she encountered, and to share her art so that it might help others deal with their pain and develop an awareness of what is happening.

Using objects left on the trails by travelers, Debbie creates art that bridges the divide between the voiceless migrant and the viewer. Her work has been shown around the country, from Oklahoma to Maine, with the aim of encouraging viewers to look at the issue in a different light and challenge them to ask: How far would you walk to feed your family? How far would you walk to be reunited with your children? **Sunday Forum, Feb. 5, 10:15 am, Galleries of St. Philips**

3. **Winter Migrant Pac Drive**, Sundays, February 5, 12 and 19

The Border and Immigration Ministry and Outreach Commission will be collecting items for **Migrant Survival Paks** on Sundays, February 5, 12 and 19 in the Perry Garden. These packs will be assembled on February 19, at 11:30 am, in the Gallery. Volunteers would be welcomed. It's fast and fun!

Items needed for the packs are:

- Bottled water; small bottles of Gatorade or similar sports drink
- Small juice containers with straws
- Small packets of nuts, trail mix, dried fruit; chips, fig bars, cookies, granola, snack bars; cheese or peanut butter crackers
- Small pop-top lid meat or tuna
- Protein bars
- Beef jerky
- Hard candy or Chicklet-type gum
- Applesauce and fruit cups with spoons

Cash gifts will be used to supplement food contributions and to purchase plastic bags

This effort supports Humanitarian Border Solutions, Naco, AZ, an organization devoted to providing humanitarian aid to migrants along the US/MX border.

4. **El Tiradito Community Vigil**, Thurs., Feb. 16

Together with members of the local immigration reform community, we'll remember our brothers and sisters who perished or are lost in the desert and discuss US immigration and border policies. **Meet on Thurs., Feb. 16, 6:00 pm, at El Minuto Restaurant, Main St. between Simpson and Cushing Sts., Tucson**, for dinner. After dinner we'll attend the vigil at El Tiradito Shrine, next door to the restaurant. This is an early evening of fellowship and reflection. To carpool from St. Philips, leaving at 5:30 pm, contact Suzanne, BorderImmigrationMin@stphilipstucson.org. The vigil is held every Thursday, 7 pm., and is sponsored by Derechos Humanos.

5. **The Border Project: Soundscapes, Landscapes & Lifescapes**, University of Arizona Museum of Art, Tucson

University of Arizona Museum of Art announces a new major exhibition in honor of Arizona's Centennial, through March 11, 2012. UAMA's main gallery will be transformed into a celebration of life on the border with a presentation of The Border Project: Soundscapes, Landscapes & Lifescapes: sound art, music, performance, painting, sculpture, installation, video, film, and photography that examine historical and contemporary life in the U.S./Mexico borderlands region. (cont'd.)

Five UA departments have collaborated on this event. Thanks to Arizona State Credit Union and the Consulate of Mexico in Tucson for support of The Border Project.

Symposium Program

History of San Xavier Mission, discussion with UA Professor of Art History Emily Umberger. Feb. 2, 5:00 - 6:30 pm, UAMA. Free.

The History of the Chinese in Arizona/Sonora, with a Focus on Tucson: Panel Discussion and Conversation with Tucson Chinese Cultural Center Participants, Sunday, February 5, 2 - 4 pm, UAMA. Free. (cont'd.)

Film Screening: Flor de Muertos and Conversation with Producers, Feb. 10, 5:30 pm, Center for Creative Photography Auditorium, admission \$5. Tickets are available in person at the UA Fine Arts Box Office, online at arizona.tix.com, or by phone: (520) 621-1162

Lecture: Celluloid Pueblo: Western Ways Film Service and the Invention of the Postwar Southwest. Jennifer Jenkins, Ph.D., will talk and present rare film reels from the Western Ways film collection of the Southwest and northern Mexico from the late 1930s to the late 1960s, archived at the Arizona Historical Society. Feb. 16, 5:30 -7:00 pm, UAMA. Free.

Odyssey Storytelling Evening: Personal Stories Related to the Border, March 1, 5:30 pm, University of Arizona Museum of Art. Free

Closing Event: UAMA After Hours - An Evening of Tours, Contests, and Discussion, March 8, 7:00 pm, University of Arizona Museum of Art. Free.

6. **Sara Miles Weekend**, Sat. and Sun., Feb. 25 - 26

Workshop with Sara Miles: Bread of Heaven & Daily Bread, Saturday, February 25, 9 am - 3 pm. Sara Miles will engage us with the connection between worship and service. We'll look deeper into the meaning of our work as a faith community, and find ways to taste and see more life. \$20.00 workshop fee includes materials and lunch. To register send your check to St. Philip's In the Hills, P.O. Box 65840, Tucson, AZ, 85728-5840, Attn: The Rev. Greg Foraker; memo line: Sara Miles Workshop. Scholarship assistance available. For more information, contact The Rev. Greg Foraker, 520- 299-6421.

On **Sunday, February 26** Sara will preach at our morning worship services at 9 and 11:15 am. She will lead a community conversation at 10:15 am in the Murphey Gallery at St. Philip's. All are welcome!

Sara writes, "I came late to Christianity, and discovered the inconvenient truth that a spiritual life is a physical life..." Sara is author of Take This Bread and Jesus Freak and is the founder of The Food Pantry at St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church in San Francisco.



7. **Operation Streamline**

Operation Streamline is the "fast track" legal process created for the purpose of deporting undocumented migrants. OS proceedings occur every weekday afternoon in the **Evo Deconcini U.S. Courthouse, Special Procedures Courtroom, Second Floor, 405 W. Congress, Tucson**. On Mondays and the first work day after a holiday weekend, the court holds OSL in Courtroom 6A (south end of the 6th floor) instead of the Special Proceedings Courtroom.

Use public parking at the city/state employee lot at 498 E. Congress; enter from the alley between the Circle K and the west side of the parking structure; other parking facilities are nearby.

The hearing starts at 1:15 pm (doors are usually locked until shortly before that time) and will last 1-1/2 – 3 hours. Bring an official photo ID; you will go through metal detectors and a security check. Cameras or any other form of electronic capturing, recording, broadcasting or transmitting devices are prohibited in the courtroom.

You'll meet other concerned citizens at the hearings. Observers are almost always in attendance. To arrange a carpool for a specific date, contact Suzanne Hesh BorderImmigrationMin@stphilipstucson.org

8. **Humane Borders**

Humane Borders is a local humanitarian organization that provides water stations in the desert to prevent migrant deaths by dehydration. HB is sponsored by churches, human rights organizations, corporations and legal (cont'd.)

advocacy groups; it is one of BIM's affirmed ministries. There are approximately 100 water stations in the southern Arizona region. **Humane Borders welcomes volunteers to drive the water trucks.** Commitment is biweekly, more or less. Training is provided; no previous experience is expected. Humane Borders has necessary permits, is legal, sanctioned, and safe. Contact St. Philipian **Dr. Harry Caldwell, 520-579-8229 or 440-6302.**

9. Save the Dates

The Border: From Barrier to Bridge, February 10 - 19, 2012, Yuma, AZ

Sponsored by San Luis Corporation for the Arts & Humanities, "B2B" is a 10-day arts festival that will celebrate border culture, an amalgam of artistic expression, economies, and populations. The states of Arizona and (cont'd.) Sonora, MX, will participate. The performing arts and exhibition arts will be featured. The event will include a three-day academic conference that will explore the history, demographics and economics of the border.
<http://www.sanluisarts.com/barrier2bridge>

Crossing Over: The Blessings of Our Borderlands and the Immigration Crisis, April 12-14, 2012

The Episcopal Diocese of Arizona and Episcopal Border Ministries invite you to join activists, seekers, thinkers, doers, and believers to redefine our national border and immigration crisis. Transform fear into hope through engagement, dialogue, and action. Join us as we cross over to remind ourselves that God Has No Borders, that this border and immigration challenge we face as a church and as nation-states can bring us hope, promise, and prosperity and a deeper connection to one another.

Participants will see first-hand the context of our current immigration crises. A full day will be spent in the border communities of Agua Prieta, Naco and Nogales (Sonora, MX). Border excursions will tour health care initiatives, migrant ministries, faith based collaborations, government facilities and partnerships.

Thursday, April 12: Buses leave from Tucson Airport for Nogales, AZ, 3pm
Welcome, orientation, dinner and panel discussion, St. Andrews, Nogales
Compline and meditation by Katharine Jefferts Schori

Friday, April 13: Border excursions to Agua Prieta, Nogales and Naco (Sonora, MX)
Participants meet in Douglas, AZ
Dinner, St. Stephen's Douglas
Cultural celebration; performance by Musica Sin Fronteras, binational choir

Saturday, April 14: "Breakfast with the Bishop," Turquoise Valley Golf Course, Naco, AZ
Presentation by Katherine Jefferts Schori
7th "God Has No Borders" Naco Border Procession
Buses arrive at Tucson Airport, 4 pm

Registration fee: \$225. Includes: Round-trip transportation from Tucson International Airport to Douglas, AZ; bilingual guides; all meals including "Breakfast with the Bishop" with Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori; local transportation including travel into Mexico (US passport required). Fee does not include airfare and lodging. To register visit www.episcopalborder.com or email shantae@azdiocese.org. For more information see www.episcopalborder.com or email info@episcopalborder.com

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St. Philips in the Hills Border and Immigration Ministry Mission Statement: In recognition of the Biblical call to welcome, honor, respect and care for the stranger among us and in accordance with the Gospel imperative to serve all God's children equally regardless of national origin or status, the mission of the St. Philips Border and Immigration Ministry is to:

- Provide St. Philips parishioners with time and space for spiritual and civil dialog about border and immigration issues.
- Offer transformative educational opportunities that encourage compassionate response to the needs of immigrants.
- Join the larger community in advocating for humane and just resolution of the immigration crisis.
- Pursue active roles in local border and immigration events, organizations and ministries.
- Provide direct humanitarian aid in the form of physical and spiritual support to migrants.
- Seek continual spiritual growth in our own lives and strengthen our personal commitment to Jesus Christ.