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SCUCC's weekly update
on what's going on at the church
as of January 11, 2018

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This Sunday in Worship

This Sunday is the last
in our series Streams

WHITE PRIVILEGE WORKSHOP SERIES 2/15 - 3/22



PRIVILEGE

let's talk



A 6-Week Lenten Workshop Series at SCUCC
Thursdays, February 15 through March 22
Day Session: 10:00 am - 11:30 am/noon
Evening Session: 6:30 pm - 8:00/8:30 pm
Limit: 12 participants per session

White Privilege: Let's Talk - A Resource for Transformational Dialogue is an adult curriculum from the UCC designed to invite church members to engage in safe, meaningful, substantive, and bold conversations on race.

Topics covered include

1. The Spiritual Autobiography Told Through the Lens of Race
2. Whiteness as the Norm: 5 Loci of Insights on the Binary of Light/Dark

of Living Water. The theme is "John the Baptist: The Social Justice Stream (The Compassionate Life)." Worship will be led by Pastor Carol Reynolds.

Our musicians will be Steve Himmelstein, Andy Galore, Adam Clark.

Quick Links



- [SCUCC Web Site](#)
- [SNAP - Scottsdale Neighborhood Arts Place](#)
- [Sacred Grounds Jazz Coffeehouse](#)
- [UCC Southwest Conference](#)
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and Black/White

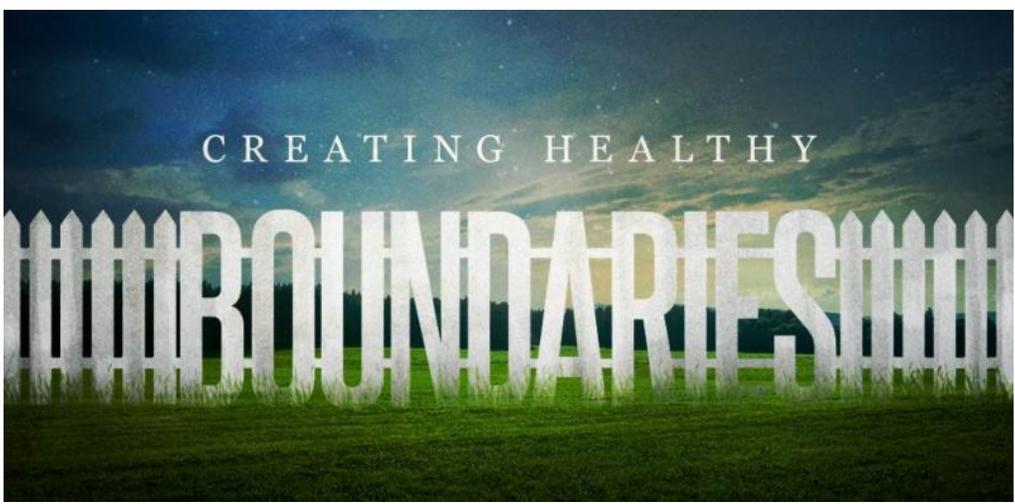
- 3. The Cash Value of Whiteness or Whiteness as a Tax-Exempt Status
- 4. On Becoming an Ally

Pictured above, each of the 5 contributing authors--Rev. Traci D. Blackmon, Rev. John C. Dorhauer, Rev. Da Vita D. McCallister, Rev. John Paddock, and Rev. Dr. Stephen G. Ray, Jr.--represents a different view of the subject matter based on their unique personal experiences. Class sessions will be co-facilitated by Pastor Carol, Rebecca Glenn, and Julie Conway.

Because this is such a sensitive topic, we'll need to establish a high level of trust within each group. We therefore ask that participants commit to the entire series, rather than popping in and out. Please don't worry if your schedule doesn't permit you to participate at this time. We will certainly offer the curriculum again in the not too distant future. Please also note that we will not be publicizing this event on the church website or Facebook pages and ask that you also keep it off of your own social media accounts. This will help ensure that we can maintain a safe and supportive atmosphere, which, for the time being, is limited to SCUCC's immediate family and friends.

To register, please see Pastor Carol or add your name to the sign-up sheet in Bond Hall during Sunday morning fellowship.

SCUCC BOUNDARY TRAINING 2/10



COMING EVENT!!
Boundary Training

Please mark your calendars for:
Saturday, February 10, 2018 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
here at SCUCC with a pot luck lunch

This is an all-church event, and we encourage as many members to attend as possible. We have learned over the years that maintaining appropriate boundaries is very important for a healthy church congregation.

We are very fortunate to have great leaders for this event: Rev. Dr. Barb Doerrer-Peacock, and Rev. Donna Cavedon. Please seriously consider blocking out this time and attending.

Questions? See Donna Murphy or Ron Schilling.

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES STILL AVAILABLE!



Great opportunities still available!

As you can see from the vacancy list below we have filled most of our leadership positions for our church for this year. (Yea!) However, several important positions are still available.

Might one of these be right for you?

Contact Donna Murphy or Ron Schilling as soon as possible to indicate your interest.

As of now these are the vacancies for key positions in 2018:

- Moderator Elect
- Financial Secretary

We also are looking for 2 or 3 people to form and head a Columbarium committee, for one or two year terms.

Opportunities to serve on any of the boards or commissions of the church are available. Please consider how you might be called to serve in 2018!

ANNUAL MEETING & POT LUCK 1/21/18

ANNUAL MEETING



SCUCC ANNUAL MEETING & POT LUCK

Please plan on attending the SCUCC Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 21, 2018 after worship. We will begin with a potluck lunch - bring your favorite dish. We will adopt a budget for 2018 and elect officers.

Also, we will need some volunteers to help with the set up and to clean up after the potluck. Please contact Marnie Jostes 480-773-9985 if you can help.

THANK YOU!

ACT NOW TO END RACISM



The National Council of Churches (NCC) is inviting its covenant partners, including the United Church of Christ, to call the nation to heal from the wound of racism on the National Mall, April 4, 2018. Sharon Watkins, Director of the NCC Truth and Racial Justice Initiative issued a call to prayer for the event last week:

January 3, 2018

From: Sharon Watkins, Director NCC Truth and Racial Justice Initiative

ACT Now: Unite to End Racism

To the NCC Governing Board, the Truth and Reconciliation Task Force, Partners in the ACT Now challenge, those chairing and serving on committees, beginning to mobilize, arranging for buses, making airline reservations, to all who will be tuning in on Facebook, or supporting the effort from afar...

Our First Act - Pray!

We've already been praying, of course. Now let's step it up with a scheduled time when our hearts and souls can meet in the mind of God.

From now till April 5 (at least!) let's agree to pray for the ACT Now: Unite to End Racism challenge every Thursday morning at 7AM your local time. It will be a rolling wave of prayer as 7AM dawns from time zone to time zone across the country and around the world.

Let's pray that our country will:

A - Awaken to the truth that racism hurts us all
C - Confront the ways in which we have been complicit, complacent, or coerced
T - Transform - as stories are shared and truth is revealed, as we name the ways we can change and be transformed: as individuals, families, neighborhoods, communities of faith, and society as a whole

Let's pray that we will UNITE to end racism!

Let's pray for all those who are planning the April 3,4,5 launch - that it will be inspiring, motivating, challenging, equipping and safe - and that it will become part of a mighty current of healing and wholeness, justice and peace in our land.

Let's pray every Thursday. 7AM Local Time.

ACT Now: Unite to End Racism... Pray!

If you are interested in joining a SWC delegation to this event in Washington, DC, please contact our Conference Minister, Bill Lyons. Attendees will be responsible for their own expenses; SWC staff will assist in making group travel arrangements if at least 10 participants commit to attending.

Not all of us can attend, but we can all pray for this event in our personal prayers as well as in our corporate prayers during worship.

Thank you for praying for this justice initiative.

Bill

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<http://nationalcouncilofchurches.us/actnow/>

SW CONFERENCE OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION OPEN



Good Afternoon!

The Southwest Conference UCC is hiring a part-time Office Administrative Assistant.

Unfortunately things didn't work out as previously hoped. We are currently accepting applications through the end of the month, January 31st, though interviews may begin as soon as next week. Here is a [LINK](#) to the job description and the application portal. Please circulate this information to anyone who might be interested in this position.

Thanks very much!

Eli Johnson

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FAITH & JUSTICE! EQUITY & INCLUSION? 1/16

Faith & Justice! Equity & Inclusion?

1/16 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral



This five part series is supported through the generosity of the Monsignor Edward Ryle Foundation and is in honor of his legacy of advocating for justice, civil rights and human dignity for all people. Session I, "Faith & Justice! Equity & Inclusion?" examines how faith and spiritual leaders can and must act in standing up for justice, equity and inclusion for all people.

Following in the footsteps of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and work as expressed in his "I have a Dream" speech, this session will include an examination of these themes, shared prayers and dialogue. It will involve a call to specific action for participants to stand up for justice, equity and inclusion, rooted in the richness of our various faith and spiritual traditions. Light refreshments will be provided.

[Register link](#)

NEXT MARK EARLIX HEALING CIRCLE SCHEDULE 1/19

**MARK EARLIX
JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2018
SCOTTSDALE SCHEDULE**



HEALING CIRCLES:

Friday, January 19th at 7pm.

Location-SNAP/ Bond Hall

Friday, February 9th at 7pm.

Location-SNAP/ Bond Hall

The Healing Circle

Initially, Mark talks for a short while on Spiritual Healing. Then each person can receive a healing, blessing or a blessing for someone that isn't present that isn't well.

All are welcome, bring family and friends. No registration is needed. Love offering only.

1st ANNUAL MIRACLE WORKER CELEBRATION 1/20

1st Annual Miracle Worker Celebration....Family Promise



Hi All, Family Promise would like to kick off the new year with a luncheon to celebrate the congregational volunteers. It will be a time of food, fellowship, giveaways and informational update on Family Promise.

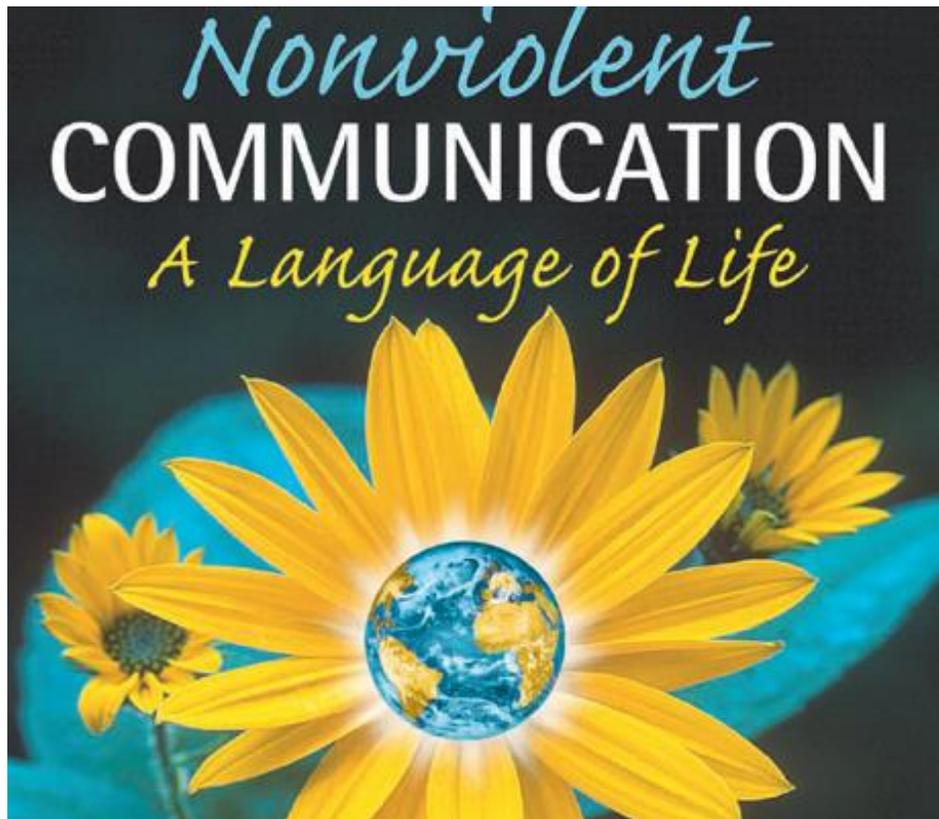
RSVP BY JANUARY 13th is necessary...
480.750.8893, Miracles@familypromiseAz.org

Location of this event is: Valley Presbyterian Church, 6947 E. McDonald Dr. Paradise Valley, Az. 85253

Please share information with anyone you know who has physically supported the activities of Family Promise Church weeks. For questions contact the number listed above or Diane Mueller at 480.778.0694 or Sue Cavis at 480.612.3861

Thanks for volunteering, Diane and Sue

WORKSHOP ON NON-VIOLENT COMMUNICATION 1/22



Nonviolent Communication 1/22 6:30 - 9:00 PM
At Shadow Rock UCC

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Experienced teacher and compassionate communication practitioner Christine Dove will lead this introductory workshop to start 2018 with practical and nonviolent communicating! This evening will give you a "taste" of this kind of relating to others... maybe you will want more of this in your life!

A 4-week series will follow in February.

NON-PARTISAN ADVOCACY TRAINING EVENT 2/5 OR 2/6



ONE Community will be hosting two identical trainings - you only need to come to one! Please choose a training date and RSVP below.

Both trainings will be held at the Arizona Community Foundation's
Debi Bisgrove Community Philanthropy Center -
5501 W Camelback Road, Suite 504b Phoenix, AZ 85016

[RSVP FOR MONDAY FEB. 5TH 6-8 PM](#)

[RSVP FOR TUESDAY FEB. 6TH 6-8 PM](#)

This educational event will equip you with the skills you need to navigate Arizona's legislative system, to effectively share your story, and to participate at both city and statewide levels of advocacy in order to enact positive change toward non-discrimination and equality in Arizona.

As a result of attending this training, you will:

- Understand the landscape for LGBTQ-related policy in Arizona, and why/how updating our nondiscrimination policies are beneficial to everyone
- Build the skills needed to share personal stories and effectively communicate with/influence elected officials to make policy progress
- Learn how effective strategic advocacy can make a difference at city and statewide levels, and learn how to navigate these systems
- Develop realistic individual goals and next steps for enacting change through advocacy

This event is for anyone who would like to advance their skills in advocacy on behalf of equality - including business professionals, students, members of the LGBTQ community, allies and family members, law enforcement, and people of faith. There is limited seating so be sure to RSVP as soon as possible to secure your spot!

ENVIRONMENTAL DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE 2/7

SAVE OUR ENVIRONMENT!



Feb. 7 is Environmental Day at the Legislature. Our goal is to get 100 members from Arizona's faith community to advocate for clean air, land and water and promote clean energy. Can you join us and recruit two or three people from your congregation?

At 12 noon on Feb. 7, as part of E-Day at the Legislature, Arizona Interfaith Power & Light will produce an Interfaith Prayer Circle in the Capitol Rose Garden. It would be great to have a strong interfaith presence there.

Save Our Environment: Act Now!

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Arizona State Capitol, Rose Garden

1700 W Washington, Phoenix

RSVP

We will be meeting with legislators in teams to discuss important environmental issues, bills, and more. No experience is necessary and training is provided. It is a fun, interesting, and meaningful day! Be sure to RSVP

Doug

Rev. Doug Bland

Director

Arizona Interfaith Power & Light-a religious response to climate change

GLOBAL MINISTRIES: PRAY WITH SRI LANKA 1/14

Pray with Sri Lanka on Sunday, January 14, 2018

by Andy Jepson

Lectionary Selection: John 1:43-51

Prayers for Sri Lanka:



God of all people and of all hope, we give thanks that you created us to be love, hope and peace for and with each other.

You trust us all with mighty work in a world of mighty needs.

Were we to trust only ourselves, we would fail. We would invite the future we fear most - war and injustice, destruction of resource, possibility and beauty, slaughter of God-created life for our amusement. When we place our faith in you and your presence in us and each other, we become hands, heads, eyes, ears and the possibilities you created us to be.

Open our senses and thoughts to the wonders of being human and of being in this world, our home. Give us courage to dare to be our best when we fear what others will think or say. Inspire our imagination to dare to live a vision of a world when we will all celebrate each other's gifts and possibilities.

Fill us with a peace that resists angry words, cruel jokes, threats of punishment and pain, violence as entertainment ... and grant us a sense of justice that seeks not to punish, but to calm, to educate, to understand gentleness as strength.

May these be our weapons against war, hatred, prejudice, our protection against the violence of ignorance and fear. May you be the shield and armor that leads us all to respond with love and hope.

As Jesus taught and lived, so may we ... Amen

[READ MORE ABOUT GLOBAL MINISTRIES IN SRI LANKA](#)

What's Happening at Sacred Grounds



Thursday, January 11, 2018

[Mark Lewis Quartet](#)

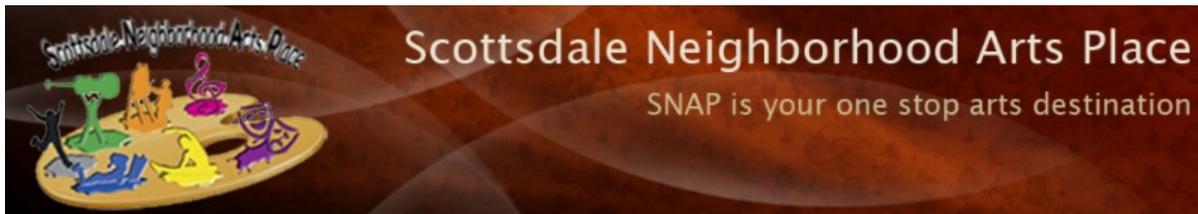
CHECK OUT OUR [NEW WEBSITE!](#)

www.sacredgroundsjazzcoffeehouse.org

SACRED GROUNDS IS ALSO ON FACEBOOK

www.facebook.com/SacredGroundsJazzCoffeehouse

SNAP - Inspiring lives through the arts.
Join the FUN! (On Campus)



[SNAP CALENDAR OF EVENTS](#)

SNAP hosts 2 community arts groups which are free and open to the public:

- Monthly Community Drum Circle, held every last Sunday 4-6PM/Donation Basis
- Body Rock 9, a community HipHop/Street Dancing group, Saturday nights /Donation Basis



Instantly give to the arts at SNAP with all your [Holiday Amazon shopping.](#) and 5% of your qualified purchases will be donated back to SNAP. Thank you!

[SNAP WEBSITE](#)



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Calendar

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