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Sunday Nov 1, 2015: Stephen Hatch presented "Sophianic Trinity"



Stephen Hatch, M.A., is a contemplative thinker, photographer and writer. He lives as a sort of 'monk in the world,' combining family life with meditation, silence, solitary time spent hiking and camping in the wilds, a simple lifestyle, and mindfulness. Stephen has taught in the Religious Studies Department at Naropa University, where he specialized in Christian Mysticism. He has developed a theology and spirituality of Wilderness Mysticism, and is the editor of the book "The Contemplative John Muir: Spiritual Quotations from the Great American Naturalist."

Stephen Hatch's talk on the Sophianic Trinity drew from the work of Russian Sophiologist Valentin Tomberg and added to it a wealth of his own personal reflection and experience. Here, the Mother, Daughter and Holy Soul (World Soul) of the Sophianic or Immanent Trinity correspond to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit of the Transcendent Trinity. Stephen shared the ways in which he has experienced the Divine in fresh and transformative ways through the interaction of these six sacred Presences. In this theology, the two Trinities remain completely equal. The Oneness or union of the Two occurs precisely within the human seeker, who dwells directly in the middle between God and Sophia, Sacred Masculine and Feminine, Transcendence and Immanence.

See [a video of the presentation on Vimeo](#).

Sunday Oct 4, 2015: Dick Life presented "One Person's Faith Journey"

Each human being has a story. Richard "Dick" Life, a retired senior U.S. Naval Intelligence

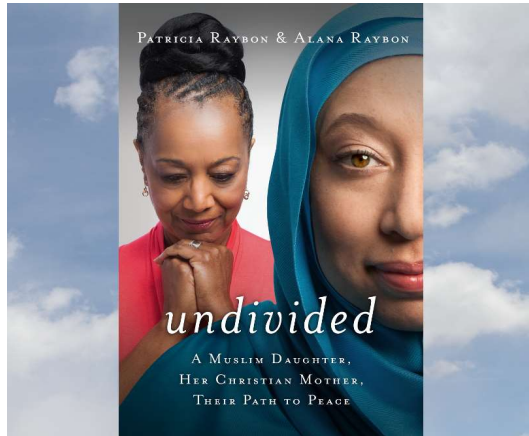


Officer, is a specialist in foreign affairs, researcher and international lecturer. Formerly of Ft. Collins, he now resides in Estes Park with Sandra, his wife of 53 years, and they are members of the Mary of Magdala Community. A born again Christian he was baptized in the Ohio River at age 12, married a Roman Catholic 10 years later, served three tours of duty in Vietnam, accompanied by Sandra, they frequently broke Communist Party law by distributing Bibles inside the Soviet Union, and as parents of two biological children they adopted four Korean orphans. Dick assisted Soviet

Jews seeking to emigrate, and after the meltdown of the USSR, in Moscow he advised the Russian Ministry of Defense on re-establishing a Chaplain Corps within their armed forces. He addressed these and other milestones in his journey. The original version of this testimonial was created for and delivered to Blessed John XXIII university students.

See [a video of the presentation on Vimeo](#).

Wednesday Sep 23, 2015: Patricia Raybon, author of Undivided: A Muslim Daughter, Her Christian Mother, Their Path to Peace



Can family love overcome colliding faith? That was the challenge for Christian author Patricia Raybon as she struggled to make peace with her younger daughter, an impassioned convert to Islam. What does Patricia's journey through her interfaith crucible teach today's parents, grown children and faith leaders about walking in God's love, first, to impact our own homes and then, to help change the world? Join us for a "fireside chat" to explore timely, inspiring answers.

Patricia Raybon (Leading God's People to Love) is an award-winning author of books and essays on mountain-moving faith.

Wednesday June 17, 2015: Richard Thompson presented: "Fort Collins Area Interfaith Council: a 35-year Journey of Networking"

See [a video of the presentation on Vimeo](#).



The mission of Fort Collins Area Interfaith Council is to address issues of community concern and to mobilize faith-based teamwork to respond to the basic human needs of every person in our community. Since 1979, IFC has identified unmet social needs and served as a catalyst for new outreach. In those early years, when there was often a view that "We have no poverty in Fort Collins," IFC took leadership in establishing task forces for housing, medical and dental care for low income persons.

At critical moments in the city's history, IFC was been prepared to serve as a fiscal agent and service partner. This was demonstrated in response to the 1997 Spring Creek Flood and again in the aftermath of 9/11, when its members supportively surrounded the Islamic Center following threats which had been made against Muslim worshippers.

Richard Thompson, a graduate of Oberlin College and Yale Divinity School, is a retired Presbyterian USA minister, having previously served as pastor of churches in the Tulsa, Oklahoma area, Glen Ellyn, Illinois and Austin, Texas.

After moving to Fort Collins in 2006 he initiated and hosted a four-year Interfaith Dialogue radio series on KRFC. He was a founding member of the Faith Family Hospitality board. Over the last six years he has served as President of the Fort Collins Area Interfaith Council. In that capacity, he has led a series in various faith communities on “Spirituality Across World Faith Traditions.”

See [a video of the presentation on Vimeo](#).

Sunday May 17, 2015: Jeanan Gerber presented: “Our Lady of Medjugorje”

Since 1981, in a small village called Medjugorje, in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Blessed Virgin



Mary has been appearing and giving messages to the world. In Her own words She tells us, "I have come to tell the world that God exists. He is the fullness of life, and to enjoy this fullness and peace, you must return to God".

Since the apparitions began in 1981, over 40 million people of all faiths, from all over the world, have visited Medjugorje and have left spiritually strengthened and renewed. Countless unbelievers and physically or mentally afflicted, have been converted and healed. (From <http://www.medjugorje.org>).

Jeanan Gerber is a member of Mary of Magdala who shared her personal experiences visiting Medjugorje where “Our Lady Queen of Peace” is appearing to 6 visionaries. Jeanan has made 4 trips and has witnessed the miracles that occur there. She invited you to share in this little piece of heaven right here on earth, the place she now considers her “real” home, the place and events she experienced that brought her back to the Catholic Church.

Our Lady says, “Pray, pray, pray for Peace”.

See [a video of the presentation on Vimeo](#).

April 19, 2015: Tom Moos presented: “Reflections on Grace”



“If God created us in His own image, we have more than reciprocated” -- Voltaire

Among the pantheon of deities worshipped throughout human history, the Father of Jesus is unusual in His unrelenting love and forgiveness of sinners. Jesus dares to call God “Abba” and reveals in his ministry, in word and deed, a God who is always saving and welcoming us. It is a perspective sometimes at odds with the Scriptures themselves (e.g. Yahweh the “angry” or “jealous” God) and unfortunately, all too often, with Christian teaching and practice.

Drawing inspiration from New Testament readings and using James Burtchell’s “Philemon’s Problem” as a guide, Tom offers reflections on the spontaneous, generous, and unexpected gift of grace granted us by God, given simply out of a desire for us to have it, not because of anything we have done to earn it. Beginning with the premise that God loves and forgives unequivocally, we’ll consider Jesus’s role as Savior (Who is he saving us from?) and his fundamental imperative of discipleship: to relieve the needs of the world primarily in service to the poor.

Tom Moos has been a member of Mary of Magdala community for about 3 years and serves on the Social Justice and Adult Education committees. He studied psychology, philosophy and theology at the University of Notre Dame and has his Master’s degree in computer science from UCCS. His wife, Lisa, continues to teach him much about grace and his three children provide plenty of opportunity to put these concepts into practice.

See [a video of the presentation on Vimeo](#).

March 22, 2015: Jean Christen, Shannon and Gordon Emslie presented: "Faith, Family, Hospitality"



Faith Family Hospitality (FFH) provides fellowship, overnight housing, meals and support to local families experiencing homelessness. This volunteer effort coordinates the service of 27 Fort Collins faith communities (13 host sites and 14 support congregations) to fulfill this mission.

Jean, Shannon and Gordon will cover the following topics:

- What is Faith Family Hospitality?
- Who are the volunteers?
- Why do we need it?
- A brief history
- Who are the families we serve?
- What is FFH like for them?
- Volunteer opportunities
- Successes
- Resources

Jean Christen has been involved as a volunteer with Faith Family Hospitality since it opened its doors in early 2012. Jean grew up in Iowa, taught school there and in Minnesota before joining the Peace Corps in Brazil. Later, coming to Colorado, she taught in Loveland and Fort Collins. Now retired, Jean keeps busy volunteering in many capacities, including as a storyteller in the schools, volunteer ranger assistant for the county, and babysitting for her grandson. She is married to Tom, a member of the FFH board, who has been her inspiration for her involvement in this worthwhile and exciting endeavor. She is currently the FFH coordinator at Mary of Magdala.

Shannon Emslie has been a volunteer with FFH since 2012. Although Shannon and her husband Gordon have lived in Kentucky, New York and New Jersey, they moved back to their native home of Colorado to raise their family. Shannon found her passion for nutrition while working in the natural foods and supplement industry for 14 years. This prompted her to go back to school for a Master's degree in Human Nutrition and become a Registered Dietitian. Through her dietetic internship she found her calling for feeding hungry children. She began her second career in Child Nutrition in the Thompson School District in Loveland, Colorado in 2009. She is now the director of the Nutrition Services department in the Laramie County School District #1 in Cheyenne, Wyoming where she helps provide 10,000 nutritious meals for children every school day. Shannon and Gordon are FFH coordinators for St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Gordon Emslie has been a volunteer with FFH since 2012. Upon moving to Fort Collins 11 years ago, he has carried mail for the United States Postal Service and attended St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where he serves as an acolyte and an usher.

See [a video of the presentation on Vimeo](#).

March 15, 2015: Christinia Eala presented: "Pineridge Reservation"



Christinia Eala, a 68-year-old Indigenous grandmother of 14, was born on the Rosebud Reservation in south central South Dakota to a Lakota mother and a Filipino father.

As a very young child, she experienced physical, sexual, and emotional abuse, while in foster care in Wyoming. Life was unstable, confusing and more than a little frightening. In her life she has never lived in the same place over three years, attended 17 schools finally

graduating high school at Fort Collins High in 1964.

She moved to California after completing the summer quarter at CSU and lived there for 24 years. At this time, she started walking on a healing Journey and found her compassion and strengths. After working many factories, department stores, and markets, she moved to Orange County where she studied to be a psychiatric technician and worked in that capacity for ten years before moving back to Colorado with her four children.

In the early 90's she volunteered many places. The first was Catholic Charities Northern with Ernie Giron, and then Colorado Coalition for the Homeless in Denver. She worked as a case manager and designed programs specifically for Native Americans living with HIV/Aids, as well as women and children in a new program called New Directions for Women. (These were women in recovery for alcohol and drugs.) Moving back to her home Reservation for a while, she worked at the White Buffalo Calf shelter for women dealing with domestic violence, as well as starting a group for men who abuse women.

Her non-profit, Tiyospaye Winyan Maka (pronounced Tee-yo-shpa-ye wee-ya mah-ka which translates to "Extended Family of Women of the Earth" has a focus of creating homesteads on Lakota ancestral lands for families. Her presentation will shed some light on the realities faced by Lakota peoples and how she has tried to incorporate programs into her non-profit that deal with substance abuse and domestic violence issues.

See [a video of the presentation on Vimeo](#).

March 8, 2015: Peter Taylor, Will Peterson, and Jennifer Pfiester presented: "L'Arche Community"



Friends of L'Arche Fort Collins are a group of people with and without disabilities from different faith communities working to build a L'Arche community in northern Colorado. Founded by Jean Vanier in France in 1964, L'Arche communities bear witness to the reality that persons with intellectual disabilities possess inherent qualities of welcome, wonderment, spirituality, and friendship. "We make explicit the dignity of every human being by building inclusive communities of faith and friendship

where people with and without intellectual disabilities share life together."

Three members of Friends of L'Arche Fort Collins will present: Peter Taylor, Will Peterson, and Jennifer Pfiester.

Peter Taylor emigrated from South Africa to Australia in 1972 where he attended Jean Vanier's first Australian Retreat in 1977.

For the next 32 years he was involved with l'Arche Australia in various roles and lived in community with people with intellectual disability for nine years. He has been blessed to be able to visit l'Arche communities in 8 different countries. After retirement in 2010 he went to Burundi in Africa and spent four years as a volunteer in a school owned and run by an Australian friend. Peter and his American wife now live in Northglenn, CO, and have become actively involved with the Friends of l'Arche Fort Collins Group.

Will Peterson has grown up in Fort Collins and is 21 years old. He graduated from FC High School in 2013 where he was a Link Leader.

Will has an interest in Drama and Singing and belongs to the "La De Da" Performance Group. Will has participated in their production of "A Musical Christmas Carole" for the last 7 years. Will and his Mother Sami joined FOLFC (Friends of l'Arche Fort Collins) in November 2014. Will's Dad, Rob is a native of Fort Collins just like Will. Rob has Huntington's Disease. Will has two half-sisters and has been an Uncle since he was 6 years old.

Jennifer Pfiester has been part of the original group working to bring L'Arche to Fort Collins for the last five years. This group grew out of a Just Faith Community that met at St John XXIII over ten years ago.

Jennifer is a Colorado native although she grew up mostly in Illinois. She, her husband, Jim, and their four children moved to Fort Collins in 1998 after living on both sides of the country and in between. Jennifer currently works as a labor and delivery nurse at Poudre Valley Hospital. She also has a background working in public policy research, community organizing and teaching religious education.

See [a video of the presentation on Vimeo](#).

March 1, 2015: Jeff and Kathleen Baumgardner presented: “Feed Our Community Ourselves”



Jeff and Kathleen Baumgardner founded FoCo Cafe, the first nonprofit restaurant in Northern Colorado. Cafe patrons set the price for cafe cuisine in this pay-what-you-can setting. Instead of a cash register, a donation box is on the counter. If you can give more, pay it forward. If you have a little less, pay what you can. If your pockets are empty, participate in community with your time and talent in exchange for a healthy, mouth-watering meal. The Cafe has been built by the community and you can see it when you stop in for lunch -- from the donated plates and silverware to the wonderful volunteers in the

kitchen! We are a volunteer-powered organization. Why? Because we believe that participating in community fills a need as basic as that of food.

See [a video of the presentation on Vimeo](#).

February 22, 2015: Leonard and Liz Urban presented: "Homelessness"

SATURDAY MORNING PROJECT



An effort to inform our audience of what it means to care for the homeless in Fort Collins, with an emphasis toward explaining why the homeless need our assistance. We would like to dispel the notion that the homeless have caused a burden to the Fort Collins community and to illustrate that nobody chooses homelessness, and further that they are dealing with the difficulties in their lives which require our understanding and the need for our assistance. We want to remember that whatever we do is a response to exhortation of Jesus that we must take care of those in need, and count it as a privilege.

We want offer stories and examples of how much this assistance can mean to those who want our help.

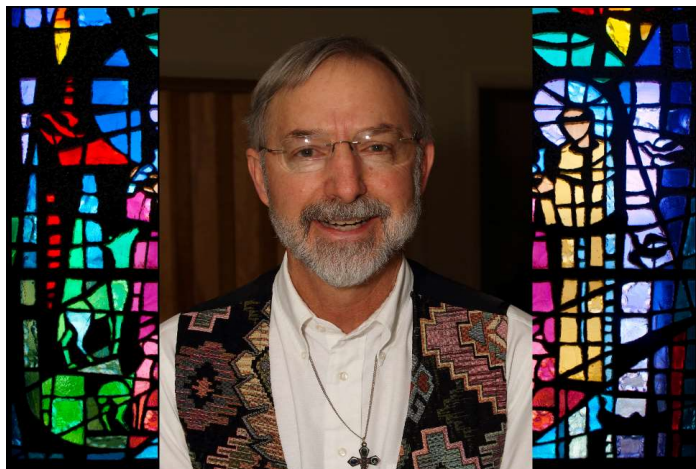
We will give some background and history of both the homeless in Fort Collins and the work that has been accomplished by Saturday Morning along with the ongoing work of this non-profit.

Presenters:

Leonard Urban: A former Catholic priest of 33 years, currently working as a marriage and family therapist, author and speaker.

Liz Urban A former public school teacher of 30 years, currently teaching in the School of Education in the master's program in education with an emphasis on democracy and social justice.

See [a video of the presentation on Vimeo](#).



Jan 4, 2015: Fr. Len Schreiner: "The Ecumenical Catholic Communion"

"The path is beautiful and pleasant and joyful and familiar." Meister Eckhart.

Through an interactive presentation and dialogue we explored the following areas of Catholicism and our path in Christ.

“The Story They Tell”: Turning points along the way....A glimpse of Catholicism and the History of the ECC.

A “way” within “the Way”. Moving with Jesus along the Christic path.

How can we be good ambassadors for Christ? St. Paul, Francis of Assisi, and Pluralism in the 21st century – in 200 words or less.

The Mystical Body of Christ; Who are my Family? Jesus’ answer and Our response.

Fr. Len Schreiner has been an Ecumenical Catholic priest in Colorado since 2004. He is a full-time Chaplain in Northern Colorado with Halcyon Hospice, and works with people from belief systems and denominations across the spectrum. He served 11 years as a priest and pastor in Denver, and spent 18 years in a Franciscan religious order. Len spent 20 years as a peace activist and educator. Currently he is preparing a manuscript on interspirituality, and the Christian’s journey with the Cosmic Christ in a pluralistic world. He is a musician, so you can expect some Taize style / meditative music as part of the presentation.

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Nov 16, 2014: Kim Robuck and Joyce Trujillo: "Cornea, Organ & Tissue Donation"

This presentation was given in celebration of National Donor Sabbath November 14-16, 2014! Organized by Donate Life America in 1997, National Donor Sabbath is a time for the faithful from all denominations across America to come together and raise awareness about organ and tissue donation to save lives. The national event is observed on the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday two weekends before Thanksgiving. The three-day observance is intended to include the days of worship celebrated by all major religions in the United States. Many religions consider organ donation to be a priceless gift and give their full support. Other religions leave the choice to the individual and fully support that decision. In Judaism, it is considered a great mitzvah and an honor to give the gift of life through organ donation. Followers of Islam are not only permitted to give their organs upon death or while living, but are encouraged to do so. The Vatican supports the act of organ donation for all Catholics and considers it an act of charity and love. In fact, all major faiths in the U.S. support organ and tissue donation.

It is important to let your family (spouse, siblings, children) know what your desires are so they can feel confident in exercising your final wishes if they are asked to do so after you pass.

The symbol (heart) on your driver license indicates your intent to donate organs and/or tissue after your death. Donating organs can immediately save or enhance the life of a transplant recipient if it is determined that you are a match. This is the first level of donation.

The second level of donation consented to by the symbol on your driver's license is donation of tissues such as eyes, skin, bone, ligaments and tendons to name a few. These tissues are used to help the body heal from trauma, burns or other purposes to help people heal faster with better outcomes. Both level 1 and level 2 are expressed by putting the symbol on your driver's license.

Joyce Trujillo and Kim Robuck, Hospital Development Supervisor at Donor Alliance, shared the importance of organ donation and the impact it has on both the donor and the recipient.

Oct 19, 2014: Rosemary and David Kisling, Lois Peretti, and Len Russ: "Centering Prayer"



Centering Prayer is a method, easy to learn, that can help us facilitate the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. The intention during this prayer is to allow God to work in and through us. It can help us begin to be more receptive to what God wants us to do in our lives.

Centering Prayer belongs to the tradition of Contemplative Prayer drawn from the Christian contemplative tradition. Throughout the church's history there have been saints and theologians who have proclaimed the importance of this type of prayer for the individual and for society. In contemplation, one is drawn by the Holy Spirit to enter a deep inner silence, letting go of the usual words of prayer and even the thoughts and feelings typically associated with prayer. Beyond words and thoughts and feelings, contemplation is an inherent human capacity, nurtured by grace, to experience the essential union with God that is at the core of existence.

-sources: Father Thomas Keating and Dom John Main

The Introductory workshop to learn the centering prayer practice will cover four topics: Prayer as Relationship, The Method of Centering Prayer, Thoughts and Use of the Sacred Word and Deepening Our Relationship with God.

All the presenters have been trained by Contemplative Outreach. Rosemary and David Kisling attended training at St. Benedict's Monastery, Snowmass, CO. Lois Peretti was trained at a monastery in CA.

Sep 17, 2014: Pastor Gabi Aelabouni: "Christians in the Holy Land Today"



Christians in the Holy Land today are only 2% of the whole population. Though many westerners assume all Arabic-speaking people in the Middle East are Muslims, Christians from the Holy Land are almost all Arabic-speaking, and many point to the inclusion of "Arabs" among the crowd at Pentecost in Acts 2 as a reminder that Christianity has flourished in their culture since the time of Jesus. In this exploration of Christianity in the Holy Land, Pastor Gabi shared his personal story, discussed the

history of the land, and offered a glimpse into the living reality of Christians in the Holy Land today.

Pastor Gabi Aelabouni was born and raised in a small town in the Galilee region, near Nazareth, in the Holy Land. He is the youngest of four siblings in a close-knit Christian family and became the first one of his immediate family to leave home when he moved to the U.S in 2001 in order to study to become an ordained Lutheran pastor.

Pastor Gabi received his B.A. in Psychology and Criminology from Unisa University in Haifa and his Master of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. He previously served congregations in the Chicago area. Presently Pastor Gabi and his wife the Rev. Meghan Aelabouni serve together as co-pastors at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fort Collins.

Aug 17, 2014: Fr. Jim Demuth: "Living Liturgy"



Liturgy is living, being aware of the depth of life we share with God. Liturgy empowers us to walk with God in the garden at the time of the evening breeze. Liturgy is first, and foremost, an activity that we do. At the Eucharist, we no longer go to watch what happens, but go to make it happen. Participation by everyone in the assembly is at the heart of this vision of Liturgy. Father Jim's presentation will focus on liturgy from Martin Luther to Vatican II to today, the theology of the Eucharist, and presence and community.

Father Jim Demuth was born and raised in David City, Nebraska. He received degrees in Philosophy and Theology from Immaculate Conception Seminary, Conception Missouri. Jim was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in Lincoln Nebraska and served as a priest for 7 years. After leaving the active ministry, he completed a Master's Degree in Counseling from the University of Nebraska at Kearney. He is now the adult health team leader and psychotherapist at Peak Wellness Center in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Fr. Jim was incardinated as a priest in the Ecumenical Catholic Communion in 2013 and serves as Pastoral Director of Mary of Magdala Community.

July 20, 2014: Dr. Siobhan Houston "Invoking Mary Magdalene"



Ancient Christian texts tell us that Mary Magdalene was independent, insightful and courageous — a woman so inspirational that her voice can still be heard across the ages. You are invited to develop your personal relationship with the Magdalene, one of Jesus's closet disciples. Learn about her life and legends, and her newly-discovered importance as an early Christian leader. We will also journey on a guided visualization and experience Magdalene's wisdom for ourselves.

Rev. Dr. Siobhán Houston is the author of three books, including *Invoking Mary Magdalene* (Sounds True, 2006) and *Priests, Gnostics and Magicians: European Roots of Esoteric Independent Catholicism* (Apocryphile Press, 2009). She graduated summa cum laude with an honors BA in Religion from California State University, Chico. She also holds a master's degree from Harvard Divinity School and a doctorate from the Graduate Theological Foundation. She was ordained as an Independent Catholic priest in 2003.

June 11, 2014: Dick Life "My #1 Role Model"



The Mary of Magdala Ecumenical Catholic Community initiated its Adult Education Program on Wednesday, June 11, 7:00 – 8:00 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1208 W. Elizabeth St. in Fort Collins.

Captain Richard Life, US Navy (Ret.) began this monthly series with a presentation entitled "My #1 Role Model". A thought-provoking look at fatherhood, parenting, familial love and faith, Dick anchored his talk from wisdom found in Acts of the Apostles and

Ephesians. Dick addressed why his late father was, and still is, his most memorable role model.

Citing examples from his childhood during WWII, challenging teen years and his adult life, Dick delivered a moving story and insightful witness of his faith journey. A former Navy Intelligence Officer, Dick now shared his intelligence with all of us!