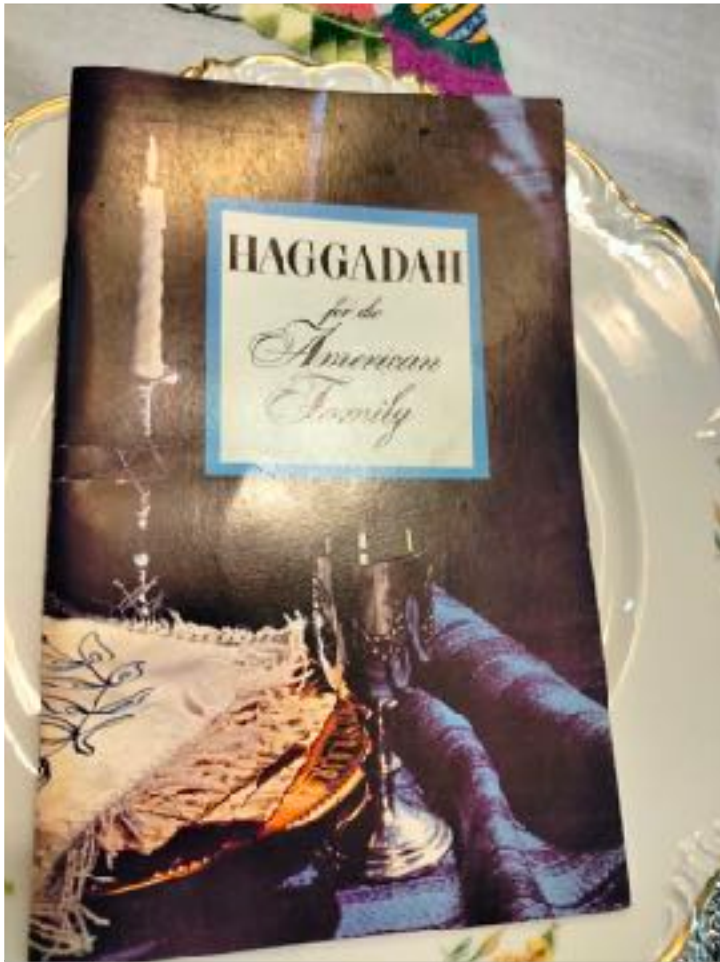


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Last night was the full moon and a beautiful moon it was! After teasing us with lightening, thunder, high winds and the hope of rain, this beautiful moon shone over Cuernavaca on the first night of the Jewish Passover. Our own **Wendy Blake**, a Jewish Christian celebrates both faiths. Raised Jewish, Wendy treasures the rituals and traditions of the Passover, a celebration of freedom, God's blessings and love for all of God's people. That's all of us - Jews, Christians, Buddhists,

Father Doug and Judy at Wendy's Seder table.

even non-believers. Sometimes we forget that Jesus was a Jew and that he lovingly partook in these celebrations. Indeed, the Last Supper was a Seder, the Passover Meal. Wouldn't it be wonderful for all of us if we could honor our history and celebrate a Seder together next year? Many years ago Saint Michael's used to do this and it was always lovely. Thank you Wendy for reminding us of the always timely Passover message.



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Last Sunday we welcomed back **Amanda Hooten and Pat Manners, Thomas Esakin and Walter Lopez**. We were also delighted with the return of Acolyte **Erika Carey de Mayen** who had been ill for several weeks. Now we must pray for the full recovery of **Madre Naty** who continues her battle with cardiac problems.



Padre Victor Hugo was with us again last week. Thank you Padre. It is always an honor to have you join us.

The congregation of San Pablo is sponsoring a **Mother's Day concert** at Saint Mike's on May 11, 6PM. The concert is to benefit the homeless of Cuernavaca, an outreach of San Pablo, and will feature **Andrea Rogel and Gabriel Vargas** singing romantic music from some of Mexico's most beloved composers. Tickets will be available at church next Sunday or you can use the WhatsApp# on the poster. We're hoping to have a great turnout and a good representation from Saint Mike's.

April 28 (next Sunday) is Choir Appreciation Sunday. Father Doug is doing a lasagna luncheon for the choir and we will celebrate the time of Andrea and Gabriel with us as we bid them a very fond farewell. We look forward to continuing to see them often and to supporting them in their musical careers. If you are a past choir member or a choir member on leave, please come to be with us next Sunday.



May 5 (Cinco de Mayo!!!), is only two weeks away. Our Hospitality Ministry is planning special Mexican *botanas* and we're hoping to have a good turn out of Mexican attire or alternatively colors of the Mexican flag. **Isabel** and I are

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arranging for a VERY special surprise treat during the Hospitality Hour. You won't want to miss it!!! Long time member of Saint Michael's and Andrea Carr's substitute for many, many years, **Laurie Rodriguez** will start as interim organist choir director on that date and we are hoping we'll have some new voices coming to join us. Let's make this a real **Cinco de Mayo celebration!!!** It is also **MAY BIRTHDAY SUNDAY!!!!**

Laurie Saunders Rodriguez left New Jersey at 21 to play in **La Orquesta Sinfonia del Estado de Mexico**, then joined the **Orquesta Filarmónica de la UNAM**. Over the next forty years Laurie and her husband **Sonny** directed a youth orchestra in Huitzilac, performed original children's concerts throughout Mexico and raised three dynamic children. In addition to her years as a substitute for **Andrea Carr**, Laurie taught at Marymount, The Waldorf School and LaSalle University. She and Sonny are two thirds of the popular trio, **Camerata de Oro** that performs throughout the area. We are looking forward to some exciting music, involvement of children, Sonny's double bass and other innovations. Welcome Laurie!!!



Laurie conducting. Click foto for fun video.



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Yurina is the very talented sister of Choir member Isabel Graves and will be entertaining on the evening of April 27. Tickets are available from Isabel or using the WhatsApp phone number on the poster. Though we don't usually advertise events like these in The Communicator Yurina is special **and** she's Isabel's sister!

Are you called to Pastoral Care? We are an elderly congregation and there is a great need. Would you be willing to visit and/or call the sick or the shut-in? If so, please contact Pastoral Care coordinator Pat Manners, WHATSAPP +1 615-572-4498.

We can now formally announce that there will be English classes for children starting on Friday, April 26, 5PM. Taught by **Catherine del Rey Kolodin**, a credentialed ESL instructor. We're hoping she will start English adult classes very soon.

Tom Esakin and Amanda Hooten will be hosting an inaugural meeting for what we hope will be an ongoing group. **Mature Lesbians and Gays** will meet this Thursday, May 25, 7-8 in the Community Center adjacent to the Library. Please help spread the word if you have friends or family members who might wish to attend this first meeting.

Spanish Conversation and Grammar class continues on Mondays, 3:30-5:30. Thank you **Charlie Detweiler** for making this happen. Everyone raves about **Instructor Roman Roman**.



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And, of course, Thursday Yoga with **Ann Moxey** continues to be a huge hit. There are many who are asking that it be twice a week! **Ann and Lupita Vines** are fabulous. Our existing group is made of long time yogis and beginners. I can safely say everyone loves it.

New church attendee, **Amalia Diego**, is proposing a weekly **Board Games Activity**. Many of you have requested this and Amalia is willing to provide the coordination starting in June. Stay Tuned! This could be a marvelous addition to SMAAA's Community Outreach. Thank you AMALIA!!!

Friday's Senior Club with **Lorena** is happy to welcome back volunteers **Pat and Amanda**. Of course, The Communicator is also happy to welcome back two of our best (and most prolific) photographers.

Felice Hubbard is deeply committed to the environment and to conserving water. She is selling a product that goes in the soil and greatly enhances its ability to maintain water. Felice is inviting residents of Cuernavaca to attend the workshop promoted below.

"We welcome you to join us for one of the workshops we will be giving next week to show you how, where and how much product is required for any of your plants. Solid rain can remain active from 8 to 10 years in the subsoil.

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May 3 - 4:30 to 6:00 in Spanish

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Please confirm attendance by email at tanahub3@gmail.com"

Chris Jones' long frame in a beautiful pose. Not as easy as Chris makes it look!



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The poster features a central image of a circus performer in a dynamic pose, holding a hoop. Above the performer is a logo of two hands holding a tree, with the text 'SALVANDO EL BOSQUE DE AGUA'. Below the performer, the text reads 'ESTO ES LAST CHANCE Cocktails & Circus SALVEMOS AL GRAN BOSQUE DE AGUA'. A URL 'bit.ly/registrolastchance' is provided. Below that, it states 'Tu aportación es destinada a la conservación del Gran Bosque de Agua, fuente de agua para 25 millones de personas en el centro del país.' The event details are 'JUEVES | 02.MAYO.24 | 7:00 PM'. At the bottom, it lists the location 'Ricardo Linares 103, Cuernavaca, centro' and 'EL PATIO | LAS MAÑANITAS', along with a registration phone number '777 2627849' and a price of '\$900 pp'.

Appropriately named “The Last Chance” to save the Forest of Water event! Please support **FUNBA**, the sponsoring Non-Profit, either by making donation or buying tickets to what should be one of the grand events of the year.

Several people have asked for donation information. It is easy to make a Transfer into FUNBA’s account to either purchase tickets or to make a donation.

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Just click on the bolded, underlined portion above and you can choose the amount to donate or purchase tickets for **Last Chance**.

As this heat wave continues, as the fires burn on the ridge and fleets and fleets of *pipas* wend their way through our streets of Cuernavaca and Tepoztlan this is a way to make your dollars or pesos count towards supporting the firefighters and helping to

save the Forest of Water. Stewardship of our fragile blue planet, the only one we have, is required of us - whatever our faith or non-faith. Please, please help.

If you would like information on becoming a member of **Amigos del Bosque**, a non-profit auxiliary to FUNBA, please write to The Communicator (carolhop1@aol.com). You will receive membership information.

Library Corner:

The Saint Michael's Library has become more active than ever with more open hours, programs for young people, story telling, Books of the Month, Tuesday Tea and more!

The library has extended its hours and is now open on the first Sunday of each month which will coincide with our Cinco de Mayo celebration. Last time (Easter Sunday) we had lots of extra children and their parents as guests at our Hospitality Hour. We sure hope it happens again.

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