

## The Communicator April 9, 2024



Did someone say, “Low Sunday?” Traditionally in the Anglican/Episcopal Church, the Sunday after Easter is known as “Low Sunday” because it has such a LOW attendance. Not this past Sunday at Saint Mike’s!!! We fooled ‘em and we also celebrated Holy Fools with joke telling during the sermon. **Father Doug** told some doozies and after each joke he invited



the congregation to tell one of their own. Here is **Jorge (George) Bredee** struggling through a Spanglish joke sent by **Tim Bardwell** with a silly punchline. Good Job Jorge!!! There were quite a few goodies. Fun Sunday! We should do this again! Do we really have to wait until next year?

It was Birthday Sunday and we had lots of birthdays to celebrate. Thanks to **Onagh, Casey and Isabel** we also had lots of cakes. It was a good thing we had so many goodies as it was also Library Sunday with a special Children’s Story Hour with **Jackie Robinson**, a great story teller. Jackie read Peter and the Wolf to TEN!! children. (*Ian Thomas wrote in, asking if*

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*it would be the musical version and would probably have attended Children's Story Hour if it had been musical.*) Lots of new faces never seen before came to Story Hour and then stayed for Cake, Coffee and whatever. Not a crumb was left. We're hoping some of these children will want to come to Summer Camp at Saint Michael's and maybe even... someday... make up a Sunday School Class or two.... a children's choir??? Wouldn't that be the very best? Aren't **you** called to help us live this dream?

Librarians **Eugene Hoekendorf** and **Jessica Burali-Forti** did a spectacular job welcoming children, parents and grandparents to the library.

They also shared with me that it was such a success they were going to suggest to the Library Board that the library be open more than the one Sunday each month. That would be such a great addition to our Sunday mornings. Do you have a library card? If not, don't forget to get one. The library is a vibrant part of our Community. Please support it.



Darling Chloe brought her baby sister, **Emily**, her parents (**Tila and Jamie**) and grandparents to Story Hour. It was quite a poignant meeting for me. As they were leaving they asked if I happened to know

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**Chula Nicholson.** Lovely Chula (now there is a redundancy!) is the reason I came to live in Cuernavaca. On my very first Sunday visiting SMAAA (it had just moved from downtown) I was early and so was Chula. We sat and talked. I told her I was planning to visit all the Mexican communities with English language Episcopal/Anglican churches to decide where to buy a house. After 45 minutes of talking to Chula, I realized it was she who I wanted to be when “I grew up”; I never made it to any of the other towns or churches. I bought an unfinished La Mancha 3 days later. Chula was beloved by me (and everyone she knew) until the day she died. I have so many wonderful memories of this amazing woman and I hope that those of you who knew her are smiling just reading her name. I also hope these guests who knew her for many, many decades will come share more stories. Chloe, bring your family back please!!!

Our Pastoral Care Committee is much needed for a couple of home visits this week. If you can take a turn, please contact **Judy Frothingham**. WhatsApp +1 603 727 2861. PLEASE come back soon **Pat Manners**. We need you.

Photographers: you guys are the best! **Onagh, Amanda, Pat, Cecilia, Lorena, Lenise, John Stelly, Isabel.** Thank you for your many contributions. Keep up the good work. Feedback to The Communicator is that our readers want more photos and fewer words. Smile! If you have SMAAA photos to share, please send them to me. And, while we're thanking people, **Isabel Graves (helped by Casey Palacios)** has taken over the Hospitality Ministry during **Debbie's** absence. She also brings flowers to church most every Sunday. Isabel this church loves you as much as you love us. Thank you.

**Choir Corner:** Recently **Mungo Lockhart** has been sneaking into the choir loft and raising his grand voice with the choir. You are much needed and appreciated Mungo. We hope you will continue to be a presence with what is, at this point, a diminished choir. **Kay Godfrey, Jim Blanchard and Tim Bardwell** are all on leave. We're sure grateful to the faithful who show up each week. On May 5 we will welcome **Laurie Rodriguez** for at least these next few months as choral director and organist. For many years Laurie was Andrea's faithful substitute. As one who sang with the choir 23 years I am delighted with her return. Welcome Laurie. It's been too long. Do you sing? The choir needs you. We all need you.

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Check out the new icon at SMAAA. The Icon **Carol Hopkins** wrote of Saint Michael has been joined by **San Pablo!** Now our sister church has their own icon. **Father Victor Hugo** told me more than one member of his congregation had asked why they didn't have a San Pablo and now they do!

**Suzi Brown** reports from Florida that **Hearing Dog Jeff's** cancerous tumors are benign. We look forward to seeing both of you here soon Suzi and Jeff. Jeff will be delighted with all the new canines attending church. Maybe now that he is semi-retired he will even be able to acknowledge them. We have many past attendees of Saint Michael's living all over the world and receiving The Communicator. Please write and let us know what you're doing. We would love to share your news.



**Thursday Yoga with Ann** continues to be one of our most popular weekly events. Each week more participants show up. Ann Moxey and Lupita Vines are amazing, inspirational teachers and for many of us yoga is becoming a very important part of our weekly routine. This was our last week in a circle formation. We will now need to rearrange ourselves to fit 18+ people!!! Easter Sunday many of the yoga participants attended

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church. Some are now regular attendees. Thanks for bringing them in Ann and Lupita!!!

Wednesday, April 17, 4PM will be our monthly lecture in the 2024 Lecture Series, "Know Your Neighbor." Everyone knows **Jane Martin** but did you know she is an authority on Mexican music of the 50's and 60's. **John Mitchell** will moderate this lecture. There will be music (who knows, maybe even dancing) and refreshments. Lecture will be held in the Community Room adjacent to the Library.

Don't forget our other outreach activities. **Spanish class** 3:30-5:30 with **Ramon Ramon** each Monday on the terrace of the Library and Friday's **Senior Club with Lorena Molina**. Senior Club, 10-12, does physical, mental and art activities. There is always lots of laughter. Many of us who can't attend are still members of the Senior Club's WhatsApp group. We do morning prayer from wherever we are at 8AM each day. Our prayers are for those who have asked for them. If you would like to join this special group please let me know and we will add you to the WhatsApp. If you would like us to pray for you, likewise, just let me know and we will add you to our daily prayer list.