

The Communicator. October 8, 2024. Train from Santiago to Madrid

Only two more days and I will happily be heading back to Cuernavaca. This early, cold, wet morning I am on the train to Madrid.

Thank you to **Amanda Hooten** for sending photos of Sunday's service delivered by our beloved former **Rector Tamara Newell**. Thanks to Tamara my visit to Santiago de Compostela was much enhanced by staying at the Anglican Church's new Pension for Pilgrims. It is lovely and I had the opportunity to worship Sunday evening at an Anglican service at Santa Susanna. For those priests who receive The Communicator this Anglican ministry is on a constantly rotating basis and is open to English-speaking priests from all locations serving for as short as two weeks. Housing in the Pension is provided. It is a wonderful opportunity. Speaking Spanish is a bonus!

I apologize for getting a few things wrong in the last Communicator. I was told that **Mother Naty** provided the tamales but in fact it was **Isabel Graves** who has also been providing flowers. **Isabel and Debbie** have been sharing the hospitality responsibilities and we are most grateful to both of them.

Eugene Hoekendorf who has taken on much responsibility at the library asked that I send library hours. Apparently there has been some confusion. The library is open:

Tuesday 11-1. This coincides with their offering of English tea and fellowship.

Wednesday 4-6

Friday 11-1

2nd Saturday of the Month 11-1 with Children's Story Time 12-1.

1st Sunday of the Month 11-1 with Children's Story Time 12-1.

This coming Saturday is the 2nd Saturday and the Story Time Book will be **It's So Nice To Have A Wolf Around the House**. Carol Hopkins will be the story reader. Secret. This is one of my favorite books for both children and adults of a certain age.

Sadly photos from the first SMAAA House Concert were not included in last week's Communicator. This photo of **Divine Dog Copo** enjoying the concert at Senior Warden and Dog Mom's home will hopefully encourage readers to attend the next concert. These concerts benefit SMAAA's outreach



Saturday Storytime
at
St. Michael's Library

SATURDAY, October 12, 2024
12:00

Minerva 7 Col. Delicias, Cuernavaca
Tel. 777 316 7049

Today's story to be read by **Carol Hopkins**

It's So Nice to Have a Wolf Around the House
Story by Harry Allard Pictures by James Marshall



program and the development of future youth education and a youth choir.

Father Doug continues his recovery and thanks all of you for the prayers and generous meals. He is hoping to be back in the pulpit by December and to enjoy Advent and Christmas with us. He loves hearing from all of you so don't stop sending notes and cards.

Next week it is hoped The Communicator will be able to announce the sale of the Divine Dogs Calendar and a slightly delayed date for the Saint Francis blessing of the animals.

The **Friday Senior Club** and Friends of the Friday Senior Club continue to virtually pray together daily at 8AM. This important ministry is led by **Lorena Molina and Pat Manners**. If you would like to join, please contact them and ask to be added to the WhatsApp list. This week they have added a separate list for those in the path of Hurricane Milton. Many Anglican and Episcopal churches have an auxiliary, Daughters of the King, who are specifically tasked with prayers. How lovely that this group has spontaneously formed to provide for that need. Thank you to all on this WhatsApp group.

The Friday Senior Club also meets another important need. Fridays, 10-12 they meet to do exercises, play games, enjoy a bit of massage and lots of laughter. Do you know anyone who would benefit from this two hour respite from perhaps loneliness or the extra exercise and mental stimulation? We know they are there and we know that once they find this valuable program they will continue to come. Please help us find them!!!

Tuesday's (10-11) and Thursday's (10-12) Yoga with Ann Moxey continue to be very well attended. If you haven't yet been to Ann's yoga, please come and give it a try. It can be as easy or as difficult as you need. Our oldest participant is in her 90's and loving it. Our youngest is less than half her age and is equally enjoying the group and the class.

Charlie Goff's Mexican Current Events (Wednesdays 5-6:30) has become another community of like-minded among us. "Like-minded in that they want to understand both current events and the historical underpinnings of what is happening today in Mexico. US politics are **not** discussed unless they directly impinge on events in Mexico.

A reader of The Communicator wrote last week asking about walking The Camino. It is on her "Bucket List." With God's help (and maybe a friend or two) anyone can do this. This past week I saw people finishing in their 90's, in wheelchairs, with children and dogs. Rich or poor, young or old, The Camino is a great equalizer and a creator of community. Listening to the stories of personal experiences is deeply moving. If you have ever thought about it, perhaps you will think about it again and then take that first step. Buy yourself some hiking boots, some poles and start walking. It is as simple as that. We have a simple pilgrimage available to us in the State of Morelos. The pilgrimage to Chalma is followed by tens of thousands each year. It is a mere 20 hour, well-traveled walk from Cuernavaca! Chalma is the second most visited sacred site in Mexico, only exceeded by the Basilica of Guadalupe.

ESL is offered for children (and their parents) by **Catherine del Rey Kolodin** on Fridays at 4 in the Community Room adjacent to the library. If you are interested in joining the class please either email or WhatsApp Catherine. catherine@metrorealtyaz.com. WhatsApp. +1-480-239-7447.

Please try to remember to bring non-perishable foods, toiletries and/or cleaning supplies for the basket at the back of the church. San Pablo with other churches in the area are providing services for the many (mostly invisible to us) homeless in Cuernavaca. If you would like to assist in this Ministry, please contact **Pat Manners**.

