



Photograph by Clara Stark

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☙ Blessing of pets October 4—and bring something along for our county adoption center; see page 5.

☙ We're into autumn now, and on the 28th Steve and his crew will be setting up a yard sale, we might even call it a Halloween yard sale. Can you help? Do try; give Steve a call (240-925-2599), and see where you can help out. And be sure to get your donations to the parish hall by the 28th.

☙ Our next potluck is October 24; the theme is Oktoberfest. Germany has been celebrating this festival since September 19—we have some catching up to do.

☙ Yes, it's book time. Everyone should get a book, or two or three, for Christmas. All of the ones mentioned inside will be coming to coffee hour one Sunday this month, and they'll be all up for grabs. (No, I won't tell you which Sunday, you'll just have to be sure not to miss a Sunday.)

☙ Have you hosted a coffee hour lately? Why not now? Just some doughnuts and a bit of fruit will do it, and everyone will chat away happily.

Loaves & Fishes

OCTOBER 2026

A Passion for the Possible

*Hope arouses, as nothing else can arouse,
a passion for the possible.*

~~William Sloane Coffin

In my experience, one needs only to sit in few meetings with other clerics (I'm sure this is true for those in other endeavors) to learn how difficult change is; it is, in part because we make it so. We talk as if all obstacles are insurmountable, all solutions too expensive, that mustering interest in any project would involve too much money, too many people—you get the idea.

The remarkable thing, for me, is that I live and work in a space that gives the lie to all these assumptions. St. Andrew's is a place where possibilities are abundant because they are fueled by hope. I am writing this after a burial that was marked by hope at every stage, in the hospitality shown to strangers, the deep desire to offer our best for one of our own and the conviction that the collective hope here is more than enough to meet any contingency. People who were here long before I showed up can wax lyrical about it.

The best part is that we have events approaching that are shot-through with possibilities that only our hope can support. On October 4, we are celebrating St. Francis Day, blessing animals and remembering one who viewed the entire creation as holy. We will have our final yard sale of the year October 28-31 and, between those dates,



another gathering at the rector's house—more on that later.

What Coffin does not mention here but does in other contexts, something I adamantly believe to be true, is that hope flourishes in communities aware of their possibilities. We know we are up to the challenge of being a community of hope when our culture would say it is too expensive, too, well, challenging. We demonstrate something different here every week; my own hope is that we can be a hothouse for that hope this month and all the ones to follow.

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Walk in Love

Soon, most of you will receive a copy of the letter on the next page in your mailbox. It is an invitation and a gift cleverly disguised as a giving letter: an invitation for us to think about what this worshipping community means to us and a gift to think about ways to assign a value to it.

We often say that things we love cannot carry a value, but part of this gift is understanding that, for a community such as ours to exist, it needs to pay its bills and to formulate a budget to do so. I believe that understanding this endeavor as rooted in love helps us to make a gift that will help ensure the viability of this community throughout the year.

Randy Gillies, our wonderful stewardship chair, will have plenty of answers grounded in the particulars of our finances. For me, the first understanding is the most important, particularly as we hear it at the offertory each Sunday. We are to walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

The rest, as they say, are details, and will be included in your packet. I hope that we can see this project as an exercise in love, to find love at the center of our collective lives as we make decisions about our responses for the coming year

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Everyone Has Been Busy, Especially Our Wardens

Steve Carroll is continuing his work on the church windows. He has one more left to finish the south side of the church. The windows he has finished to date look great.

The Junior Warden is hard at work with several projects around the grounds. The folks who work sorting and selling in the Thrift Shop, and those who put on the delicious luncheons on a regular basis, have been working throughout the summer season. The flour packing group also worked during the summer.

It amazes me how busy the people in our parish are. There always seems to be something going on here. It is a sign of a healthy, active church.

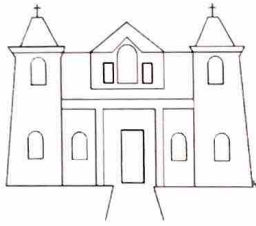
On Saturday, September 26 we held a parish dinner. There was an abundance of Italian style food and lots of good conversation; but not as many people as we would like. The next dinner is planned for October 24. The theme will be Oktoberfest. Bring your favorite German food and drink and come enjoy a great time.

Our friends at Beth Israel Synagogue have completed their kitchen renovation. I attended the dedication of the new kitchen Thursday, September 24. They are very grateful for our support during their renovation. And they even toasted St Andrew's Parish at the event

Susan Bennett



Photographs by Susan Bennett



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
2026-2027 Walk in Love Giving Campaign

"Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God." Ephesians 5:12

Dear Friends in Christ

It's all about love. In my time doing pastoral duties, working with community partners and trying to create a place where all can be spiritually nourished, I have been struck by how these relationships are informed by love.

- Love brings us together to celebrate events and rejoice in each other's company;
- Love allows us to walk with each other during difficult times; and,
- Love allows us to bear another's burdens.

All of this love was made possible by what was given to us over 2000 years ago on a hill outside Jerusalem. The question for all of us is, what will our response be to that love and the community it has created at St. Andrew's? It is often referred to as offering time, talents, and treasure.

In our Walk in Love Giving Campaign, we are prayerfully asking for your financial commitment to support the work of the church in its day-to-day operations. The sanctuary's ongoing building improvements will be supported by other means. Your financial pledges and gifts provide crucial support to St. Andrew's to include:

- Funding programs for adults and children of all ages;
- Salaries and benefit costs for our church employees;
- Paying utilities such as water and electricity, and funding maintenance and repairs to our church facilities (heating, air conditioning) as needed.

Your pledge or gift will help us walk in love through 2027 as St. Andrew's continues to be a beacon of love in St. Mary's County.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark+".

The Rev. Z. Mark Smith
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
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Blessed by our relationships within the church and across our community

The Junior Warden Reports on Many Projects

The new gutters and downspouts were installed on the western and northern side of the parish hall in late September. Fascia and soffits were replaced as needed. This will help direct some of the rainwater away from the crawl space. Additional downspouts will be added next week extending the drainage farther away from the parish building. This should help minimize the rate of erosion on the north side of the building.

Tree limbs need to be cut back along the north side. We expect that work to be completed in October.

St. Andrew's now has the ingredients for historic mortar to address the loose bricks around the stained-glass windows. An alternative vendor was identified selling prepared bags of the mix that the National Park Service uses. (for old bricks a softer mix using lime—rather than Portland cement—that allows the bricks to breathe is preferred) There are a significant number of areas around the church that need to be repointed.

Humidity in the parish building, especially in the Thrift Shop, remains a concern. There are now two dehumidifiers in the shop running 24/7, needing to be emptied several times a day when folks are present. They provide a token of relief.

I had previously planned to paint the cinder blocks in the crawl space with DRYLOK. This idea has been discarded since since moisture likely would be trapped inside the cinderblocks, causing deterioration over time.

For now, the recommendation is to wait and see the effect of the new gutters/downspouts. The next step is to place additional plastic sheeting on the basement floor, then install an industrial dehumidifier under the Head Start classroom.

The end of September should finally represent a winding down in the need to mow the church lawn. The current El-Nino is responsible for this year's long mowing season. To expedite mowing around the graveyard, John Walters, a generous former parishioner, donated his pristine John Deere D140 tractor. This tractor has a forty-two-inch cut, smaller than the fifty-two-inch mower which supports the front lawn.

A list of needed efforts at St. Andrews is posted in the parish hall. Each effort—some minor, some large—needs resources and volunteers. The list is continually being updated. Comments and questions about the projects are always welcome.

Peter Woodside



October 4 Is the Day

Photograph by Joyce Austin



Yes, we'll be celebrating St. Francis and blessing our furry and feathered best friends after the 10:30 service. As well we'll be collecting donations for St. Mary's Adoption & Resource Center.

Here's what's needed:
chicken-free dog food * canned cat food* milk-replacement formula * Greenies dental dog treats *Rescue disinfectant wipes

* puppy pee pads *walking harnesses * martingale collars * slip leads * cat and dog leashes * interactive toys for cats and dogs.

**Books, Books, Books**

A few months ago *Atlantic* magazine's cover story was titled "The Age of Reading Is Over." There are those who disagree, Joel Miller (former vice president of editorial and acquisitions for the Thomas Nelson imprint of HarperCollins) for one, but for the moment, let's consider some of what the article's author, Rose Horowitz has to say.

The invention of the printing press allowed everyone to have books, to learn to read. It turned the world upside down. The introduction of computers, with email, texting, and electronic publishing did something similar, making information available with unimaginable ease at unimaginable speeds. It seems as well to have made us lazier.

Students are not learning to read and understand complex sentences, let alone long books. "America's founders used a print document to construct their new nation and believed that the system they had devised would work precisely because citizens would be informed leaders," Horowitz writes And, of course, informed voters.

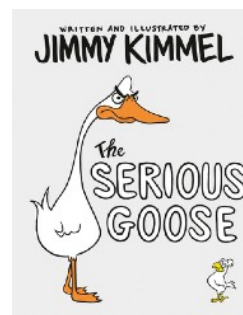
"Studies have shown that people comprehend less when reading on a digital device than on pages, perhaps because of all these distractions." (The distractions she refers to are hyperlinks and notifications, invitations to

scroll.) It's a long and thoughtful piece, some history, some speculation, well worth reading.

But besides all that, there's the delight of having, holding a real book, of being able to return to favorite passages, write your reactions in the margins, read aloud, sharing not only the author's ideas, but your own. And, of course, *everyone should get a book for Christmas.*

So here are a few books to consider, some old, some brand new.

This is one stern goose. You cannot make her smile. Forget about laughter. She doesn't do that.



What? You want to try? Go ahead, but don't be surprised if she frowns at you.

Wait—she's trying not to smile. Uh-oh, she's cracking up. You did it!

"You are a silly kid!"

This small board book is an invitation to silliness and giggles, an introduction to laughter, one of God's greatest gifts. (And all

profits go to the Los Angeles Children's Hospital.)

The Serious Goose, Jimmy Kimmel, Random House, 2019, \$10.24 (board book), \$17.70 (hardcover) from bookshop.org

It's show-and-tell day and Pepe has decided the comic book he drew isn't good enough to share. It's his turn. He's stuck. What now?

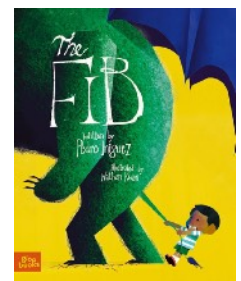
He invents a special pet: "horns like a ram, claws like a bear, wings like a bat, eyes like an owl, and a tail like a lion's."

Tommy's not convinced; he thinks that's a fib. "Yes," Pepe (who doesn't know what a fib is) replies, "It's a fib."

And then the fib begins to grow, and grow.

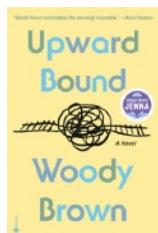
Poor Pepe!

The Fib, Pedro Iniguez, illustrated by Nathan Kwan, Gloom books, 2025. \$18.95 at bookshop.org.



Reading gives us someplace to go when we have

What if the “village idiot” of medieval stories was in fact a very intelligent person whose brain just lacked the necessary function that would allow her to express herself verbally? What if that “slow” boy who sat behind you in fourth grade really wanted to be able to read, to comply with the teacher’s instructions—if only his brain would let him?



What would it feel like to know people thought you incapable of intelligent thought? Woody Brown, the first nonverbal autistic student to graduate

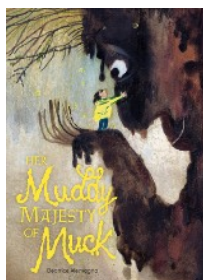
from UCLA, wants to tell you. The young adults at Upward Bound day care are not mentally disabled, uncomprehending; their brains are wired differently. Their days are filled with maddening, fruitless attempts to express thoughts, respond to questions, fit into the neurotypical world.

Brown uses a communication board, pointing to letters or prompts (“yes,” “no,” “pause”) to write. Some language experts discourage its use, believing the helper holding the board may be influencing the resulting communication.

However that may be, it’s impossible to read Brown’s novel without feeling the frustration of being unable tell people you have thoughts and feelings too, that, as Brown puts it you “just present a little differently.”

Upward Bound: A Novel, Woody Brown, Hogarth, 2026. \$26.10 from bookshop.org

Sometimes Big Brothers are gruff; Little Sisters feel unwanted. (And sometimes little sisters are a pain.) The reality may be that Big Brother wants to protect Little Sister (eww, mushy) without actually admitting it.



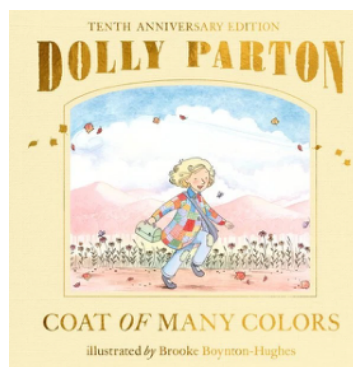
When Shen picks Yuki up after school, hands her the keys and walks on wordless, she is angry. She spitefully tosses the keys down an open manhole.

“Oh, no! What did I do?”

What follows is a fantastical journey through the sewer ending in a revelation for Yuki.

Her Muddy Majesty of Muck, Beatrice Alemagna, Hippo Park, 2025, 2026. \$18.63 at bookshop.org.

Once upon a time there was a boy named Joseph; he had a beautiful coat of many colors given him by his



prosperous father. Joseph knew he was the favorite son, and he made sure his brothers knew it as well. Quite by accident Joseph grew up to be rich and powerful. Then he was able to help his family when they needed help.

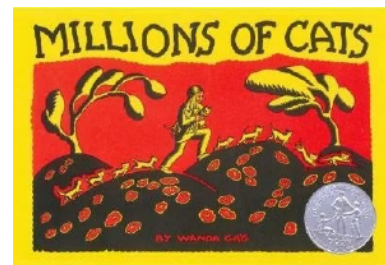
About seventy years ago a little girl in Tennessee had a coat of

many colors. Hers was made from rags her mother patched together. The little girl loved her coat, but the other school children laughed at her. Nevertheless she too grew up to be rich, and she used her money to give millions of books to children, to help people who had lost their homes, to build a park that employed many of her neighbors.

Coat of Many Colors, Dolly Parton, illustrated by Brooke Boynton-Hughes, Penguin Workshop, 1969. \$19.56 at bookshop.org.

Well, here’s a very old couple. They have a nice house with flowers all around it (except where the door is), but they are lonely.

A cat. If they just had a cat, they wouldn’t be lonely. So, off the old gentleman goes, in search of a cat. He finds one; he finds hundreds. Millions.

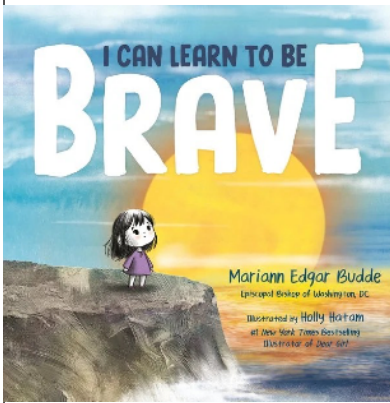


How the problem of so many cats is solved is a bit gruesome, but my young friend who was visiting last summer and remembers the story, loved it—loves it—and can still recite passages from it, says she always asked her mom to skip that part.

This is another old, much loved, tale.

Millions of Cats, Wanda Ga’g, Puffin Books, 1928, 1956. \$8.38 at bookshop.org.

At times when we see others doing things; they seem to be having so much fun. We'd like to join— but it looks



scary. “What if I can’t keep up? What if I’m not good at it? What if I fall?” “What if. . . what if. . . what if?”

Maybe all we need is a friend to say, “Come on, I’ll help you.”

Bishop Budde has written about finding our way to the courage many of life’s decisions require.

How We Learn To Be Brave spoke to adults and described struggling with and growing from some of her own difficult choices.

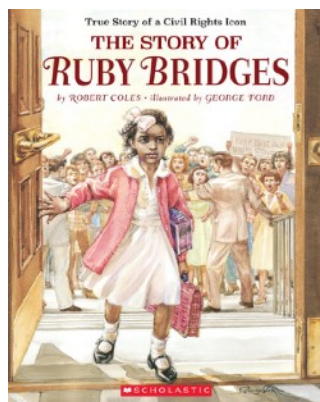
Then someone pointed out that a book for adults about personal courage is a fine thing, but what about young people? What about the littlest people? Each is good in its own way, but my personal favorite is *We Can Be Brave*, directed to young men and women as they face decisions that will determine their lives.

I Can Learn To Be Brave, Mariann Edgar Budde, illustrated by Holly Hatam, Flamingo Books, 2026. \$17.70 at bookshop.org; *We Can Be Brave*, Mariann Edgar Budde, Dutton, 2023. \$18.63 at bookshop.org; *How We Learn To Be Brave*, Mariann Edgar Budde, Avery, 2023. \$26.10 at bookshop.org.

It may take courage to make a decision, and then take even more courage to stick to it and keep going.

On the morning of November 14, 1960, six-year-old Ruby Bridges went to school in New Orleans. White parents kept their children at home, but themselves came to threaten Ruby, promising to poison her, carrying a tiny coffin with a black doll inside.

Ruby refused to be discouraged, and she refused to respond to their



hostility. For a year she and her teacher, Barbara Henry, were alone in the classroom.

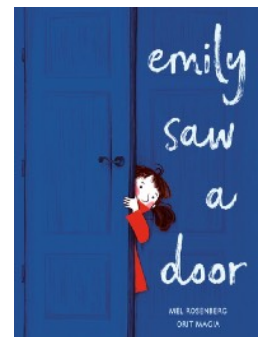
Today Ruby chairs the Ruby Bridges Educational Foundation, dedicated to helping young people “understand the past, find their voice, and build a more just and connected future.”

The Story of Ruby Bridges, Robert Coles, illustrated by George Ford, Scholastic Press, 1995. \$8.38 from bookshop.org.

Here’s a door. May Emily come in? Only if she is blue; this door is for blue people. What about this one? “Why not? The door is open.” But it isn’t; someone is not telling the truth.

There’s a door at the top of many stairs, a door for tigers, crocodiles, and snakes (and they haven’t eaten lunch), a door with its handle out of reach. This is discouraging.

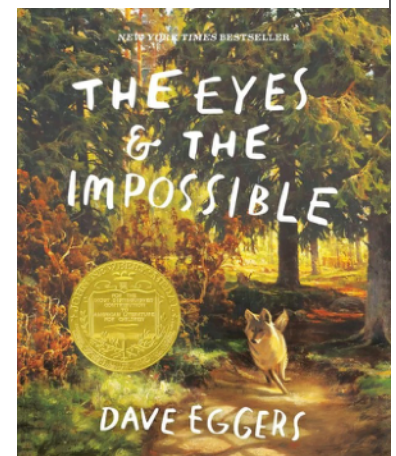
But Emily has a solution. She draws a beautiful door and walks right in. And she will welcome you too. *emily saw a door*, Mel Rosenberg, illustrated by Orit Magia, Random House Studio, 2026. \$17.70 at bookshop.org.



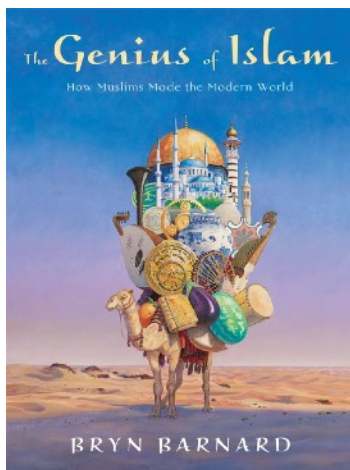
Johannes is proud to be free and fast, proud to be trusted with so much responsibility.

With the help of his team—Bertrand the gull, Sonja the squirrel, Yolanda the pelican, Angus the raccoon—he watches over the park, helping to keep everything in balance.

But things are about to change; Johannes is going to encounter new situations and new knowledge, and he will have choices to make. *The Eyes & The Impossible*, Dave Eggers, illustrations of Johannes by Shawn Harris, Yearling, 2023. \$13.97 from bookshop.org.



Have you ever thought about multiplying with Roman numerals? Writing checks? The numbers we use everyday, that made the decimal system and algebra and so much else possible are a gift from Islam.



The great blossoming of Muslim invention and philosophy in the Middle Ages gave us exquisite calligraphy, the pointed arch, the universal astrolabe, the idea of the hospital, crank-and-connecting-rod

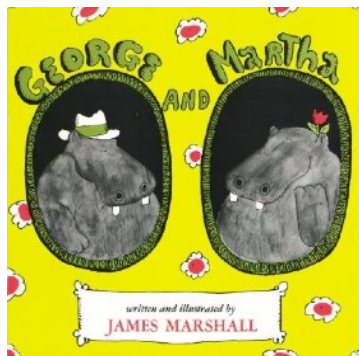
mechanics, understanding of refraction, the marching band. There is hardly anything in our everyday lives untouched in some way by Muslim artists, artisans or philosophers.

We are assailed these days by frightening headlines about jihad and terrorism, but the people responsible for those horrors are a tiny fraction of an immense and immensely varied group of human beings very much like ourselves.

The Genius of Islam: How Muslims Made the Modern World, Bryn Barnard, Alfred A. Knopf, 2011. \$17.70 from bookshop.org.

George and Martha are great friends (of the hippopotamus

persuasion). Martha loves to make split-pea soup (but doesn't like to eat it). George doesn't care for it at all, but doesn't want to hurt Martha's feelings. She figures it out though, and promises not to make any more.



They have chocolate chip cookies instead.

George and Martha books have been around a while; the fact that they are still in print is a tribute to their appeal. There are at least ten of them, each with several simple, usually humorous, stories.

George and Martha, James Marshall, Clarion Books, 1972. \$8.38 at bookshop.org.

“You’re just imagining things.” How often you hear that airy dismissal—as if imagination were something trivial, unserious.

Albert

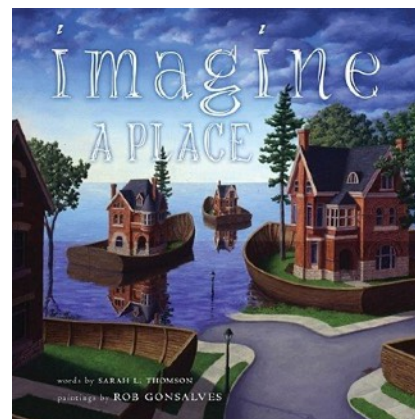
Einstein saw it differently. “Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited to all we now know and understand, while imagination embraces the entire world, and all there ever will be to know and understand.”

Imagination leads to questions, learning, growing.

“I wonder what would happen. . . ?” “Would this work?” “What about this?”

“If you can imagine a place, you can go there.”

Imagine A Place, Sarah L. Thomson, paintings by Rob Gonsalves, Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2008, \$18.63 at bookshop.org.



Aggie has a house, her very own house.

Oops, she's not alone. Her house has a ghost. Who follows her everywhere. So annoying. It's time for some rules. Such as “No haunting after dark.” “No stealing my socks.” “And stop eating the cheese.”



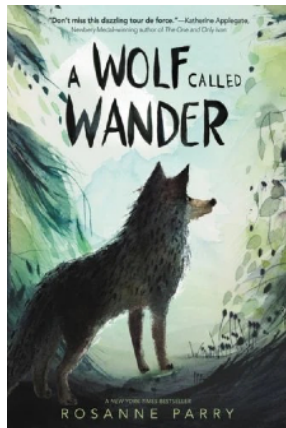
The ghost doesn't like rules. He decamps.

Suddenly Aggie is lonely, but she has an idea.

She'll write a new rule: “Don't ever visit me from time to time.”

Aggie and the Ghost, Matthew Forsythe, Simon & Schuster, 2025. \$18.63 at bookshop.org.

Swift and his brothers and sisters are learning the ways of their pack. Soon they will begin taking responsibility for a share of the pack's safety, hunting, patrolling the boundaries of their territory.



They are a happy, prosperous family—until with the spring comes an attack. Only Swift survives. He looks and looks for his brothers and sisters, his strong father, loving mother. All are gone.

So begins the arduous, dangerous search for a new home, a mate, a life.

This engrossing story is based on the thousand-mile wanderings through Oregon and California of Journey, a gray wolf born in 2009. It's an intimate look at how a pack teaches its young and takes care of one another. It will make you want to know more about wolves.

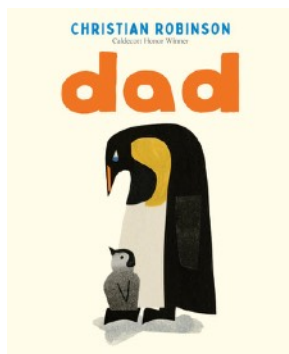
A Wolf Called Wander, Rosanne Parry, illustrations by Monica Armijo, Greenwillow Books, 2019. \$9.31 from bookshop.org.

Dads come in all kinds and sizes, from tiny seahorses to elephants, from flamingos to hummingbirds. Also people.

Dad picks you up (and sometimes lets you down); he wipes away your tears (and may even shed a few of his own); he makes you feel safe, and tells you stories.

He is with you (even when he's not).

Dad, Christian Robinson, Balzer +Bray, 2026. \$18.63 at bookshop.org.



Prices are from bookshop because shopping there supports brick-and-mortar book stores. You can order directly from their webpage or choose your favorite book store (my own favorite is Politics and Prose in D.C.). I have given up listing recommended reader ages; I really don't believe in them, and you can look these over when they all come to coffee hour later in the month.

“In a dark,/dark/room, . . .”

The first candle is lit, and another, and another, one each day, for eight days. A time for the family to gather and relax, as the candles burn.

Eight small poems, with simple explanations about traditions—it's good to have your candles in the window so everyone passing by can share in their light; on Friday the candles are lit before sundown (no matches after Shabbat has started); candles are placed in the hanukiah from right to left, lit from left to right.

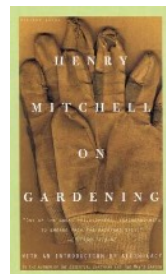
An introduction for the youngest to a festival that shares December with Christmas (beginning after sundown December 4 this year).

The Book of Candles: Eight Poems for Hanukkah, Laurel Snyder, illustrated by Leanne Hatch, Clarion Books, 2025. \$18.63 at bookshop.org.



Every gardener is—must be— also a philosopher. The rains come or don't; the storms, the ice, the droughts come when they will. Still the gardener keeps on.

“Gardening is a long road, with many detours and way stations, and here we all are at one point or another. It's not a question of superior or inferior taste, merely a question of which detour we are on at the moment. Getting there (as they say) is not important; the wandering about in the wilderness or in the olive groves or the bayous is the whole point.”



Henry Mitchell loved gardens. He wrote about them with pleasure and wit and deep understanding, acknowledging and accepting that one gardener's beautiful flower is another's gaudy weed.

“When I peer about my little garden, which is sometimes so beautiful, I never admire this plant or that without a certain awe that beneath the surface and structural beauty that even the coarsest human eye can see lies a creative dynamic truth at the heart of all life that is still hidden from simple men like me but that will one day be clear to all.”

Henry Mitchell on Gardening, Henry Mitchell, Mariner Books, 1999. \$19.95 from bookshop.org.

Discipleship Journeys, Making Decisions

Now that summer has officially ended, I have been thinking about the trips we took as a family when I was young. I was reminded of the cry that my siblings and I used for hours on our vacations, beginning about five minutes after we pulled out of the driveway: “Are we there yet?” I marvel at how patient my parents were with us and yet I cannot help but think that it is a reasonable question. Journeys, we think, should have a destination, a beginning and an end.

Belonging to a Christian community, however, is different kind of journey and we ask different questions along the way. We know that the end point is the kingdom of God, but we continually ask ourselves how to get there, and whether we are on the correct route. Instead of kids strapped passively in the back seat, we must make conscious decisions about how to use our resources. We use the gospels for a road map, but in the end we rely on each other, our worshipping community, to determine whether we are oriented in the right direction. We then use those resources, our time and our talent, to bring us closer to where we envision the kingdom might be.

It is never easy to talk about our resources, our money, and the Christian journey in the same breath. We want to believe that the church is above such things, that we ought to have one day a week when we should not have to worry about where our money goes, whether we are making wise decisions with it. But because we are making this journey every day of our lives and are doing so with people we love, it is important that we recognize that our stewardship is what makes the journey possible in the first place. Yes, our money goes toward staff salaries and utilities, but it ultimately helps define the programs we support, the projects we undertake, the people we say we are.

My hope is that you will see this fall as a time of self-examination in many ways and that the experience of looking at our journeys will be a transformative one, for each of us and for this wonderful parish.

Blessings,

Mark +

Not even one Halloween wedding or birthday—what a waste

3 John and Kathryn Brigham

11 Bob and Maureen Emery,

3 Elinor Mattingly

5 Bonte Pepper-Hicks

7 Thomas Sprague

8 Ian Biggerstaff, Nicholas Wagner

10 George Walls

15 James Meade

16 Savannah Bergen, Mary Wheeler-Kennett

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25 Jill Garrett

27 Anne Vallandingham



*Owe no one anything except to love one another;
for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.*

~~Romans 13:8

October 4 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19 *or*

Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-14

Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46

8:00 a.m.

Lector: Jerry Gehrig

Altar duty: Lynn Duff and Margaret Hallau

10:30 a.m.

Verger: Mary Maker Lector: Robert Abell

Coffee hour: Susan Bennett

October 11 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 *or*

Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23

Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14

8:00 a.m.

Lector: Dave Seagle

Altar duty: Susan Bennett and Svenna Gonzalez

10:30 a.m.

Verger: Nancy Edwards Lector: Michael Dunn

Coffee hour:

October 18 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99 *or*

Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22

8:00 a.m.

Lector: Mary Larson

Altar duty: Kim Stickney and Mary Hansen

10:30 a.m.

Verger: Kim Stickney Lector: Joie Miller

Coffee hour: Mary Maker

October 25 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

J Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 *or*

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 Psalm 1

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46

8:00 a.m.

Lector: Ron Leonard

Altar duty: Mary Maker and Michael Dyson

10:30 a.m.

Verger: Dee McRae Lector: Ginni Stein

Coffee Hour:

The nursery is available from 10:15 am—11:45

Please Hold in Your Prayers

Patrick Afoakwah, Pam Baake, Melanie Baisley, Jan Barnes, Faye Bateman, Debbie, Linda, Sandie, Tom, Bennett B., Eunice Benson, Chris Birch, the Blackwell family, Caroline Bradford, Caelick Bradley and family, Carol Brimm, Pete and Nancy Brown, Christine Butler, Siobban Cauldwell, Amanda Cain, Misty Cantu, Susan Carroll, Donna Carter, Donnie Carter, Judy Cavin, Jennifer Ceriale, Brandon Chan, Aiden Collins and the Collins family, Judy Consoli, Fran Cook, Lanette Cowles, Erica Day, Ava Denos, Judi Donnelly, Billy Doughty, Phyllis Doughty, William Doughty, Erin Dugan, Karol Dyson, Ruby Dyson, Helene Farrall, Dean G., Paula Gardner, Jerry Garner, Susan Geary, Gloria Gehrig, Gavin Gillies, Alexi Greene, Jerry Himmelheber, the Hunter Bennett family, Ryker Hurst, Greta, Helen Kundracik, Aida Ledesma, Terrie Leonard, Thomas Leonard, Elinor Mattingly, Dee McRae, Artie Miller, Bernice Nunes, Philis, Kyle Patrick, Skylar Patron, Natalie Reed, Mark Riddell, Jane Roderick, Bob Sisson, Mark Stutso, Jonathan Tanner, Taylor, Isabella Tenczar, Charlene Townsend, Harvey Tyler, Paula Wayland, Patricia Welborn, Angelica Wilkinson, the Willet family, Branden Woehlke, Stuart A. Wood, first responders, and all who serve in the military and their families.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

~~St. Francis of Assisi

The 10:30 am service is available via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 822 3631 3643 Passcode: 604270

October

- 1 **Thursday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
 6:00 p.m. AA
 6:30 p.m. AlAnon
- 2 **Friday**
 6:00 p.m. AA
- 3 **Saturday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
- 4 **Sunday** Feast of St. Francis
8:00 a.m. H.E. I
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. H.E. II
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
Blessing of Animals
- 5 **Monday**
- 6 **Tuesday**
- 7 **Wednesday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
12:30 p.m. Healing Service
- 8 **Thursday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
 6:00 p.m. AA
 6:30 p.m. AlAnon
- 9 **Friday**
 6:00 p.m. AA
- 10 **Saturday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
- 11 **Sunday**
8:00 a.m. H.E. I
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. H.E. II
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 12 **Monday** Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 13 **Tuesday**
- 14 **Wednesday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
12:30 p.m. Healing Service
- 15 **Thursday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
 6:00 p.m. AA
 6:30 p.m. AlAnon
- 16 **Friday**
 6:00 p.m. AA
- 17 **Saturday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop

- 18 **Sunday**
8:00 a.m. H.E. I
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. H.E. II
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 19 **Monday**
- 20 **Tuesday**
- 21 **Wednesday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
12:30 p.m. Healing Service
- 22 **Thursday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
 6:00 p.m. AA
 6:30 p.m. AlAnon
- 23 **Friday**
 6:00 p.m. AA
- 24 **Saturday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
5:00 p.m. Potluck—Oktoberfest
- 25 **Sunday**
8:00 a.m. H.E. I
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. H.E. II
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 26 **Monday**
- 27 **Tuesday**
- 28 **Wednesday**
 9:00 a.m.—? Setup for Yard Sale
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
12:30 p.m. Healing Service
- 29 **Thursday**
8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Yard Sale
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
 6:00 p.m. AA
 6:30 p.m. AlAnon
- 30 **Friday**
8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Yard Sale
 6:00 p.m. AA
- 31 **Saturday** All Hallows Eve
8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Yard Sale
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
RESET YOUR CLOCKS



Whosoever loves God aright loves all
 God's creatures.

~~Bernard of Clairvaux

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Food for Thought

The Rev. Richard Rohr is a Franciscan, founder and director of Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He believes lifestyle and practice are far more important than verbal orthodoxy. "I'm trying to invite people into the depth of things... and that's why I still encourage people to be loyal to their primary tradition; to go deep in one place, as I've often put it." He says that Francis' acceptance of the dignity of other beings and things was rooted in acceptance of his own dignity.

Francis of Assisi knew that if we could accept that the finite manifests the infinite, and that the physical is the doorway to the spiritual (which is the foundational principle we call "incarnation"), then all we need is right here and right now—in this world. . . . Heaven includes earth. Time opens us up to the timeless, space opens us up to spacelessness, . . . There are not sacred and profane things, places, and moments. There are only sacred and desecrated things, places, and moments—and it is we alone who desecrate them by our willful blindness and lack of reverence. It is one sacred universe, and we are all a part of it. . . . By taking the mystery of the Incarnation absolutely seriously and gradually extending it to its logical conclusions, the seeming limitations of space and time are once and for all overcome in Francis. The Christ Mystery refuses to be vague or abstract and is always concrete and specific. When we stay with these daily apparitions, we see that everything is a revelation of the divine—from rocks to rocket ships. There are henceforth no blind spots in the divine disclosure, in our own eyes, or in our rearview mirrors. The only hindrance to our seeing is our own lack of fascination, humility, curiosity, awe, and willingness to be allured forward. . . . He granted other beings and things mutuality, subjectivity, "personhood," and dignity because he first honored his own dignity as a son of God. The world was a transparent two-way mirror for him, which some of us would call a fully "sacramental" universe." . . .