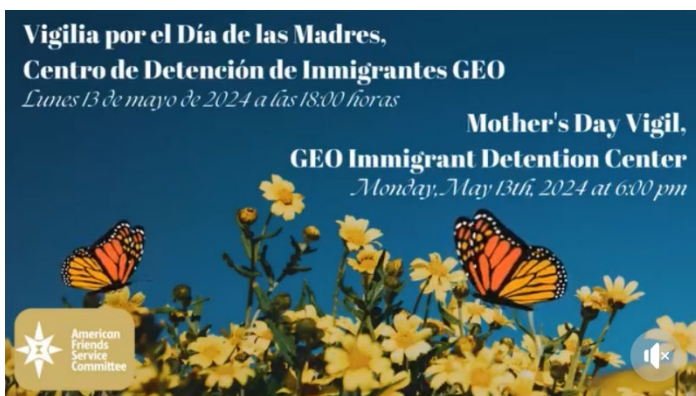


THE VIEW

WELCOME TO THE VIEW JUNE 2024

A HUGE THANK YOU!!

Thank you to those who have volunteered and helped with set up as well as other tasks and duties for our recent Estate Sale that took place in May. We truly appreciate you and are truly grateful for all of your support and taking the time to help us during this busy time!



MOTHER'S DAY VIGIL RECAP – Monday, May 13th

We had an amazing time at the Mother's Day Vigil at Geo Detention Center! Here are some photos to recap the day!





U.S 9th Circuit Court fails to uphold Apache freedom of religion

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled of their God. 6 to 5 against Apache Stronghold in their case for religious liberty.

"Oak Flat is like Mount Sinai to us-our most sacred site where we connect with our Creator, our faith, our families, and our land," said Dr. Wendsler Nosie of Apache Stronghold. "Today's ruling targets the spiritual lifeblood of my people, but it will not

stop our struggle to save Oak Flat. We vow to appeal to the Supreme Court."

Apache Stronghold and their legal counsel's release holds up the dissenting opinion: "The decision was by a bare majority, with five judges vigorously disagreeing and writing that the majority "tragically err[ed]" in allowing the government to "obliterate Oak Flat" and prevent the "Western Apaches from ever again engaging in their religious exercise."

The appeals court's decision fails to block the U.S. government from trading sacred land acquired through genocide and ethnic cleansing of the Apache people in order to allow a foreign corporation to extract ore, contaminate the soil, dry up the water in a desert, and deny the first people of the USA their right to worship in the sacred presence of their God.

This ruling unmaskes the fact that the U.S. government is unable and unwilling to protect the land from foreign interests who intend to export both their product and their profits, leaving nothing behind but obliterated communities.

The ruling further illustrates that the U.S. government is willing to sacrifice the religious liberty of its citizens for the profits of foreign mining corporations.

We strongly encourage anyone who is concerned with government overreach, Indigenous sovereignty, religious liberty, environmental protection, national security, or basic fairness to sign this petition and to organize organizations and religious institutions to sign on to an amicus brief in support of Apache Stronghold's continuing quest for justice at the Supreme Court of the United States.

"The Spirit of God alive in each of us, and in the very land of Oak Flat, is stronger than the power of greed that is trying to destroy the in a sacred," says CPT member Rev. Carol Rose. "This is not the end. We vow to continue to resist this injustice.

Thank you to Green Mountain Presbyterian Church

From Journey with Migrants Mission Partnership

An example of Green Mountain Presbyterian Church “welcoming the stranger” as instructed in Matthew 25.



GMPC provides 40 boxes of their Fellowship Hall dishes along with diapers, baby swing, and large baby layette for Metro Area newcomers, the first blessing.

Jonathan LaMare, Director of Programs for the Village Exchange Center helps load all into two Honda CRV's, the second blessing.



Dishes are delivered to the Village Exchange Center with the help of Newcomers volunteering with the Center. Village Exchange Center (VEC) began as a concept in late 2016 when the faith community of St. Matthew Lutheran Church considered ways to be responsive to and serve its diversifying neighborhood in Aurora. VEC was co-founded by Amanda Blaurock and her stepfather, the Pastor of St. Matthew at the time, Marcel Narucki, who led the congregation to unanimously donate the building and grounds to establish a community center that celebrated religious and cultural diversity.



Baby layette, diapers, and baby swing were delivered to the African Leadership Group, hosted by Mountainview United Church in Aurora, Rev. Dr. Tracy Hughes Pastor. Ousman Ba is the Education Coordinator of the African Leadership Group which assists African Newcomers. The African Leadership Group's mission is to help the African diaspora integrate and prosper by connecting cultures, developing strong community leaders, and advocating for economic, social, and educational impact. These items were provided to a family with a premature newborn and in crisis.





Migrant Trail Walk participants embark on the twenty-first walk in Arizona borderlands

Lucrative border complex links crisis in Gaza to low intensity warfare in U.S.

TUCSON, Ariz- On Memorial Day, 38 walkers will begin a 75-mile, week-long walk from Sásabe, Sonora, Mexico to Tucson, Arizona. They walk in remembrance and solidarity with those who migrate through the Altar Valley, whose journeys have deliberately been made deadly as a result of the militarization of the US-Mexico border. This year, it is more obvious than ever that the “border-industrial complex” that constructs and profits from this killing zone reaches all the way from the Arizona desert to the occupied Palestinian territories of the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip.

Here in the United States more than 8,000 people, many of whom have been children, are known to have lost their lives crossing the U.S.-Mexico border since the initiation of border deterrence policies in the 1990s. In Arizona alone, the remains of 4,174 people have been recovered. Many more victims of this cruel system are never found. These thousands of deaths and disappearances are the direct result of unrealistic and inhumane U.S. border and immigration “deterrence” policies. Migrants fleeing violence and desperation in their home communities or who like generations before them are simply coming to work in the U.S., are intentionally diverted into the most remote and deadly reaches of the desert. As the summer approaches, and Arizona temperatures reach searing triple-digits, the number of migrants who will perish from dehydration and exposure dramatically increases. These deaths and this suffering is created by the billions of dollars yearly diverted from human needs in the U.S. and globally, and routed instead towards more walls, drones, lighting, weaponry, armored vehicles, and other military technologies that imperil fragile ecosystems and invade local communities.

With profound sorrow and outrage, Migrant Trail Walk participants cannot help but draw connections between the humanitarian crisis in our backyard and the one raging in Gaza. Almost thirty years ago, experts warned of the “low-intensity warfare” being waged at the U.S. Mexico border, with the deliberate intent and foreseen result of the deaths of people seeking a better life for themselves and their children. On a larger scale, the current full-fledged war and humanitarian crisis in Gaza is anchored in the same logics that separate, dehumanize and kill. These connections are not at all abstract or conceptual. Todd Miller, a long time Migrant Trail participant as well as award winning investigative journalist, explained,

“For decades the United States, Israel, and profit-driven private companies from the respective countries have worked together in many capacities to militarize and fortify borders—whether in and around Occupied

Palestinian territories, the U.S. Mexico borderlands, or many other places around the world.”

Jamie Wilson, who has also participated in the Migrant Trail Walk for over a decade added,

“We have been bearing witness to the results of these deadly investments in border warfare and for-profit detention for decades. The U.S. seems to have an unending supply of funds to spend on infrastructure and technologies that destroy families, communities, sacred lands and the ecosystem, but never enough for the healthcare, education and housing we sorely need.”

Mohyeddin Abdulaziz, an immigrant from Palestine, who has called Tucson home for over four decades, explained why he has joined the Migrant Trail for more than 15 years: “it’s the least I can do to bring attention to the criminal policies of our governments that result in the murder of innocent people. Their only crime is the desire to provide for their families. They are often fleeing situations in their homelands that our own government’s policies created.”

Abdulaziz continued, “this year, I also walk because of the continuing Nakba (“catastrophe”) in my homeland, Palestine, the consequence of our country’s complicity and partnership with Israel. Every human rights organization, including Israel’s own B’Tselem, agrees this partnership is engaging in crimes against humanity by maintaining a settler colonial system of apartheid, displacement, ethnic-cleansing and now documented genocide.”

Abdulaziz concluded, “despite all the pain, I join in solidarity with the targets of these policies and in comradery with my fellow walkers, who share an unconditional love of humanity, to help end the death and destruction in our borderlands and also in Palestine.”

The increasing militarization of borders around the world, the ruthless investments in human containment and organized abandonment, and the resulting deaths and devastation are atrocities by any measure. Migrant Trail Walk participants call upon ordinary people, and our representatives in government, to halt our complicity and continuing investments in border deaths, border violence, and the militarization of our communities.

The Migrant Trail will host press conferences on Monday, May 27th at Southside Presbyterian Church in Tucson at 10:00 A.M. and on Sunday, June 2th at Kennedy Park in Tucson at approximately 11:30 A.M, for the closing ceremony. The Migrant Trail is a non-violent, family-friendly event, and is free and open to the community.

Article Credits to The Migrant Trail

UPCOMING EVENTS



SPRC MEETING – Sunday, June 2nd

The SPRC meeting is scheduled to take place on Sunday, June 2nd at 11:45 AM after worship.



PRIDE HABITAT BUILD

MVUC has been invited to have a small team of volunteers to join Habitat. Please let Pastor Tracy know if you are interested. *We have only 1 spot left.*

MOTUS THEATER PERFORMANCES – Starting June 1st

MOTUS THEATER
Moving Stories that Move Us Forward

June 1st | 7:30 to 9 PM: *“Art Exhibition and Autobiographical Monologues of Undocumented Coloradans”*. This performance will feature Leaders with DACA share artfully crafted personal stories about their lives.

June 8th | 7:30 to 9 PM: *“Justice Behind Bars: Stories from Privatized Detention Carceral Corporations”*. Motus *UndocuAmerica* monologist Victor Galvin and Motus *JustUs* monologist Candice Bailey share personal monologues about their experiences in multinational private prison corporations & immigrant detention centers.

June 15th | 4 to 5:30 PM: *Law Enforcement Leaders read “Women of Resolution”*. *Women of Resolution* weaves the stories of four Colorado women – Ingrid Encalada Latorre, Sandra Lopez, Tosa Sabido, and Araceli Velasquez – who took sanctuary to prevent the separation of their families through deportation. Guest readers include: Boulder County Sheriff Curtis Johnson and District Attorney Michael Dougherty, featuring award-winning photos of Joel Dyer and musician Teresita Lorzano.

June 22nd | 7:30 to 9 PM: *“Queer Immigrant Pride! Empowering Performances of LGBTQIA+ Immigrants”*. Motus’s arts-based Immigrant Heritage Month / LGBTQIA+ Pride event of the season with monologues from Motus *TRANSformative stories* and *UndocuAmerica* projects by LGBTQIA+ Immigrant monologists.



PRAYER SECTION

Continues prayers to Kim who had total knee replacement surgery this past month. Please surround her with love, encouragement, and strength. More prayers go out to friends and family who are battling any health and/or mental health illness, those who are facing any financial crisis, and any other hidden suffering.

Please submit prayer concerns for The View and Sunday Bulletin by contacting the church office via e-mail to office@mtviewunited.org or phone at 303-755-3799 by 5:30 pm on Tuesdays.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW! Threshold Worship Service – First Sunday of each month

The Threshold meets the first Sunday at 5PM in the sanctuary at Calvary Baptist Church of Denver – East Hampden at South Monaco, just east of I-25 at the Hampden exit. (GPS address: 6500 E. Girard Ave, Denver, CO 80224).

The Threshold is committed to the ecumenical practice of sung prayer in the style of the Taize community.



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