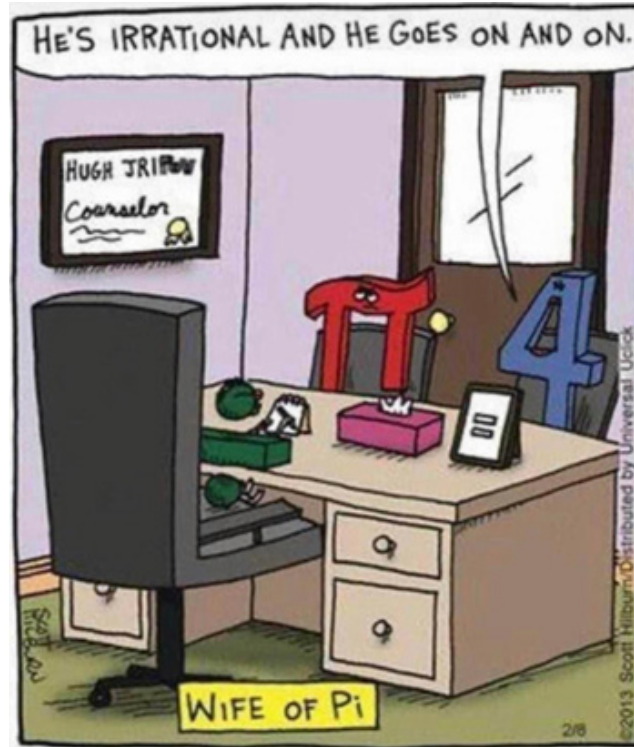


FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH, 2023



Dearly beloved,

Greetings from Grand Canyon! Kem & I are hiking with an old friend this week, exploring trails at the far eastern end that are new to us. Also new to us is trying to make headway in thigh-deep snow, which mostly ends in much hilarity if not a lot of forward movement.

This Sunday morning, Soprano Hannah Shanefield opens the service with David Glasgow's *Here Together*:

We are here, here together
In this holy moment
And we're grateful for the winding road
That brought us to this place

Director of Music, Mark David Buckles, sings Emily Saliers' (Indigo Girls) *Closer to Fine*. And our own Rev. Ali Jablonsky, Unitarian Universalist chaplain at Tufts Medical Center, is in the pulpit preaching a sermon called *To the Past, with Love*.

Not long ago, Ali sent me a link to Sam Smith's [Gloria](#), saying she just couldn't stop listening to it. On YouTube, you can see Sam performing it on [Saturday Night Live](#), backed up by a wildly talented choir. Recently, I learned from Mark David that Bek Zehr, Arlington Street's mezzo soprano section leader, actually sings in that choir and that, yes, Bek was on *SNL*, singing with Sam! The Arlington Street Church Choir — and Bek! — are going to sing it for us on Sunday morning. Holy smoke!

If you, like me, just can't get enough of Bek Zehr, they will be at Longy School of Music in Cambridge a week from today, Friday, March 24th, at 8:00 p.m. (EDT), playing principal horn in La Voce Totale. [Here's](#) the link to free in-person tickets, and [here's](#) the link to the livestream. Enjoy!



Last week, we launched the invitation to [Nuns'n'Fun](#), and the early response has been enthusiastic! *Thank you!* For those of you who don't know the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, they are much, much more than an international convent of gay men in nun drag. Founded in 1979, the Sisters raise thousands of dollars each year for community service organizations. Many of us have connections to them, none stronger than our Tech Team lead and visionary Art Nava, whose work in the leadership of the nonprofit Gay for Good often teams him up with them. And here's a little-known fact: You have heard me refer to Art as the sainted Art Nava, but the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence actually sainted him; to them, Art is Saint Good for Gays.

Can you tell this is going to be a hilarious evening?!

Save the date: Saturday, April 29th, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. (EDT). If you don't have your tickets to Nuns'n'Fun, yet, tickets to an evening of virtual bingo, a very active raffle wheel, lots of prizes, and entertainment are at <https://nunsnfun.eventbrite.com>. Please invite your friends and spread the word! Next week, I'll tell you about the entertainment...!

*Faithfully yours, with love,
Kim*



p.s. Coming up in two weeks: On Sunday afternoon, April 2nd, Only A Child will be hosting its Spring fundraiser, which will include a luncheon buffet, a large raffle, and a presentation highlighting Only A Child's work with underprivileged youth in Guatemala. For more information, please go to OnlyAChild.org.