



E-FOCUS-Presbytery at a glance

a Resource for Presbytery of Grand Canyon

Weekly Missive



Inviting Evangelism Singing in a New Key

As we conclude this Eastertideseries on inviting evangelism, I want to review David Ezekiel's wisdom from the Presbytery de Cristo Ignite the Spark. David's presentation, from his research as professor of Evangelism at San Francisco Theological Seminary, focused on three, emerging groups in our communities: the Nones (no religious practice), the Dones (former church folk who are "done with the Church and churches"), and the Spiritual but not Religious (SBNRs). David started with a couple of obvious points: (1) these folks are not in our churches, and (2) our churches are structured, from our theology to our liturgy to our architecture to our communication patterns, for those of us who attend rather than the Nones, Dones, and SBNRs.

So far, so good, and quite obvious. The challenge for churches is how to respond to the obvious.

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Desert Palms to Host Adult Bible School
next week



Desert Palms Presbyterian Church is having an Adult Bible School from June 5 through 8 at 5 p.m. each evening. The event features a meal each night and the Keynote speaker is **Rev. Dr. Judy Yates Siker** who will speak on "A New Look at Some Old Stories," exploring some of the men and women who appear in—and disappear from—the books of the New Testament. We will also be collecting food and a drive for school uniforms for the Agua Fria Food and Clothing Bank.

The four evenings including meals will be a total of \$38 and reservations can be made at Desert Palms Presbyterian Church, 13459 W. Stardust Blvd., Sun City West, 623-584-4602.

Dr. Siker teaches New Testament and Christian Origins at Loyola Marymount University (LMU) in Los Angeles, California.

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WEEKLY FEATURE

Grand Canyon Partners in Mission



Saturday, June 3, 2017 – 4-7 P.M
Orangewood Presbyterian Church
7321 N. 10th St. Phoenix

The Hispanic Ministry Network invites all to a celebration of cultural sharing among the Racial Ethnic Churches and Ministries of Grand Canyon Presbytery. There will be food, music, dance, and more.

*In each weekly edition of EFOCUS in the coming year, we will be featuring mission work done by one of our congregations. We are calling it **GRAND CANYON PARTNERS IN MISSION**. We want to hear from you! Please email a mission story and photos for a project you want to share with your brothers and sisters doing Christ's work in the Presbytery and beyond! pbyoffice@gmail.com*

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3rd ANNUAL NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

Wear Orange was inspired by friends of Hadiya Pendleton, a 15-year-old Chicago high school student killed by gunfire, who decided to honor her life by wearing orange – the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others. On June 2, 2015, what would have been Hadiya's 18th birthday, more than 200 organizations and influencers asked people nationwide to join them by wearing orange to honor her life, the lives of the more than 90 Americans killed by gun violence and the hundreds more who are injured every day. [Continue reading](#)

The Peace and Justice Network is making plans for hosting an International Peacemaker again this year! The timeframe is September 27 – October 2, 2017. The three Peacemakers we identified (in order of priority) are: Phares Nyaga Mithamo from Kenya, Mphatso Nguluwe from Malawi, or Nora Carmi from Palestine. Each of these people would have exciting messages that we're sure would be of great interest. We always include meetings at churches around the valley, so if you are interested in holding an event, or if you can host the Peacemaker in your home while he/she is here, please contact Phebe Packer by email at phebepacker@cox.net.



REGISTRATION OPEN

It's time to register your kids for summer camp at Camp Colton, Flagstaff.

Sr Hi 1 6/19-6/24

Jr Hi 1 7/10- 7/15

Jr Hi 2 6/12 - 6/17

Juniors 6/25 -6/29



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TIDBITS: Is on Hiatus for the summer!



News and Events

June

3- [Pentecost Extravaganza, Oranewood PC](#)

August

12- The Big Event- Valley Presbyterian

[Travel study seminar to focus on climate justice and faith in Central America](#)