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WEEKLY MISSIVE

The Big Event

Church Formation and Administration

I am the least mechanical person on the planet. Give me words. Give me abstract concepts. But please, please do not ask me to fix an engine. Or a sink. Or..okay, I can change a light bulb, so I'm not *completely* incompetent.

One of the spiritual gifts for ministry Paul highlights is the gift of administration (c.f. Romans 12:8), also translated as leadership. The gifts for leading, managing, or providing administrative leadership are essential gifts for the Body of Christ. They are not always as celebrated as gifts for evangelism (c.f. Graham, William) or proclamation (c.f. Osteen, Joel) but are the building blocks without which ministry suffers.

At our Big Event on August 25, we have nine workshops that connect to church formation.

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ATTENTION DEACONS AND CAREGIVERS

Praesidium is a national leader in abuse risk management and has worked with a wide range of industries worldwide to help them prevent sexual abuse of vulnerable populations. Praesidium's methodology is based on an analysis of thousands of cases of organizational abuse. Praesidium will join us in Tucson next month at the Big Event to discuss the foundations of elder care by offering an hour long workshop. This presentation will address the importance and role of policies, the types of policies you should have in place, and how policies fit into a larger abuse prevention framework designed to create and maintain a culture of safety. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity while in attendance at the Big Event at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Saturday August 25th, 2018. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER AND SELECT "ELDERLY CARE POLICY DEVELOPMENT"](#) Seating is limited.



The Big Event **DEADLINE TO REGISTER** Coming Soon!



Registration is now open!
Twenty-six FANTASTIC workshops from which to choose!

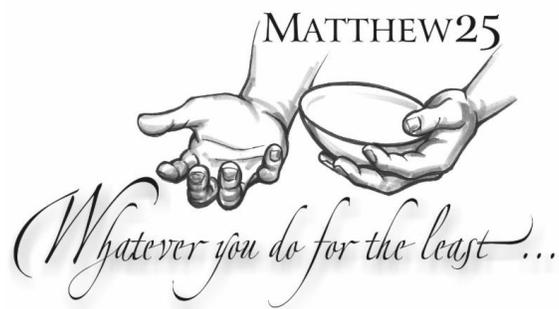
Space is limited, so don't delay

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August 25

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Tucson



Support the Matthew 25: Project at The Big Event

"I was hungry and you fed me...as you did to the least of my brothers and sisters, you did to me." These words of Jesus form an eternal foundation for compassion and care, an obligation to see Jesus in the face of others who are in need. These words also serve as an invitation to act at the coming presbytery meeting. The Matthew 25 Project asks you to bring non-perishable food items to the August presbytery meeting/Big Event.

THE ITEMS MOST NEEDED ARE:

- New Socks
- New men's and women's underwear small sizes
- Travel size toothpaste
- Travel size deodorant

The items will be donated to Frontera de Cristo to provide relief to our brothers and sisters in need. Matthew 25 has been a project of de Cristo presbytery for a number of years and was adopted by Grand Canyon Presbytery four years ago. This is something we do together, showing a unity of spirit and action that responds to the heart of our Savior. Will you please bring your personal donation and donations collected from your congregation on August 25?

IGNITE THE SPARK REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

August 24

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Tucson

Led by the Rev. Dr. Kathryn Threadgill from the Office of Congregational Vitality in Louisville, the August Ignite the Spark! will serve both as an introduction to the Thrive Project, (for those who still have questions), as well as an opportunity to engage the Thrive conversations and discern next steps for your congregation, (for those whose church has already enrolled).

- What will the Seven Vital Signs of Healthy Ministry look like in, for, and through your church?
- What are ways your church can discern new opportunities and learn to engage new challenges?
- What are strategies for breaking through resistance to get people on-board for what God is doing?

This Ignite the Spark! will emphasize Bible study, group conversation, and prayer as we talk about what it takes to lead churches that are "inwardly strong, outwardly focused" for the sake of the Gospel. **You do not have to be enrolled in the Thrive Project to learn, grow, or receive blessing from this workshop – come as you are!**

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Please keep these people in your prayers:



- Those travelling to the Churchwide Women meeting in Louisville
- Barb Zubler, Treasurer- surgery
- Welcome to Rev. Don DeWeese to Celebration of Life

Peace and Justice News- AUGUST



Poverty and Education

With the continuing incidence of school shootings and this spring's teachers' strikes, school children are never far from our minds. As a new school year approaches, we pause to consider the justice issues related to education in our nation and in Arizona. According to a study published in late 2014, a majority of U.S. public school students come from low-income families. The shift to a majority-poor student population means that in public schools, a growing number of children start kindergarten already trailing their more privileged peers and rarely, if ever, catch up. They are less likely to have support at home, are less frequently exposed to enriching activities outside of school, and are more likely to drop out and never attend college. It also means that education policy, funding decisions and classroom instruction must adapt to the needy children who arrive at school each day.

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SAVE THE DATE- International Peacemaker **Mary Mikhael**
(**Syria**) to visit Presbytery- October 9-17
Watch for more info coming soon!

Leslie Vogel to Visit in August

Rev. Leslie Vogel, mission co-worker in [Guatemala](#) since 2013 and appointed regional liaison for Mexico and Guatemala this year, will be visiting our Presbytery August 22nd through September 2. Her schedule includes giving a workshop at the Big Event at the August Presbytery Meeting in Tucson, preaching at Orangewood Presbyterian on August 26th, a dinner and talk at Faith Presbyterian Sun City on Tuesday, August 28th, and preaching at Guadalupe on Sunday, September 2nd.

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Upcoming Events

AUGUST

22- "Desert and Discussion" on Tuesday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Trinity Tucson chapel. Please RSVP to pbyasst@gmail.com. "Desert and Discussion" on Tuesday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Trinity Tucson chapel. Please RSVP to pbyasst@gmail.com

24- Ignite the Spark- St. Andrew's Tucson- [Register](#)

25- The Big Event- St. Andrew's Tucson- [Register](#)

Ghost Ranch "[Creating Artful Worship for Advent 2018](#)" August 27th – 30th

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