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WEEKLY MISSIVE

Triennium Registration – Alert!

Do you know what the largest gathering of Presbyterians is? Not General Assembly. Not Presbyterian Women. It's the Youth Triennium. Every three years high school students from around the nation and around the globe converge on Purdue University in Indiana for the largest, regular gathering of Presbyterians. Triennium is a week of laughing and loving, rejoicing and lamenting, connecting with Christ and Church, all toward deepening the faith of our young people. But don't take my word for it. Listen to the youth themselves:



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NOTE: Presbytery offices will be closed Monday for Labor Day.

Navigating Life's Journey Women's Retreat September 15

Transitions, adjustments, and disruptions are a part of our lives. It is not always easy to work through these seasons and adjustments, the Women's Fall Gathering is an opportunity to have a day "mini-retreat" with breakfast, lunch, snacks, door prizes, break-out sessions, and opportunities to hear from our speakers, Jess and Nissa, Christian Life Coaches, how to navigate these seasons effectively and in God's strength.



In the day, we will also be hearing from Ashley Wollersheim, the Director of Young Lives for the state of Arizona. Young Lives is a ministry of Young Life to young mothers, giving them opportunities to encounter Jesus at camp and to receive support during their difficult parenting journey. Buy a pack of diapers (any size) to bring for our "diaper drive!" as we will send along these diapers for young moms attending camp with their babies!

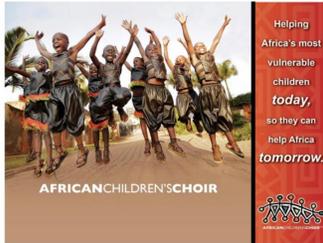
What do you need to bring? Expectation for a rest-filled, inspiring day, a friend, a pack of diapers, and a yoga mat if you would like to participate in holy yoga!

[Click here for details](#)

African Children's Choir to Visit Mission del Sol

Come join the **African Children's Choir** as they perform in our community during their US Tour. The Choir will be performing at Mission del Sol, 1565 E Warner Rd., Tempe, on **Sunday, September 2 at 9:00 am**. Come and experience a performance that shows the beauty, dignity and potential of each African child! Admission will be free for all ages; a free-will offering will follow the

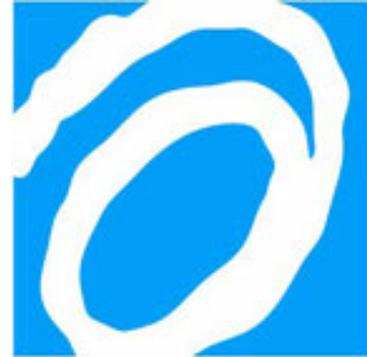
Choir's concert.



The African Children's Choir melts the hearts of audiences with their charming smiles, beautiful voices and lively African songs and dances. The program features well-loved children's songs, traditional Spirituals and rhythmic Gospel favorites. Nearly every performance is concluded with a thunderous standing ovation! In spite of the tragedy that has marred their young lives, the children are radiant with hope, musically gifted and always wonderfully entertaining.

The free-will offering will help support the Music for Life Institute.

YOUR CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A 9/11 SERVICE ACTIVITY



Dear Presbytery Friends:

Those of you who know me, know that I am connected to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and through that, I am related to Arizona VOAD, and agency that helps with different kinds of emergency needs in AZ. Because of that connection, I am sending to all of you the attached letter from Emily Uline, from Hands On Greater Phoenix, which is about an opportunity to serve others on the anniversary of 9/11. I hope you, members of your congregation, or members of your community might join in this significant event. No, this is not a disaster, but it is a chance to serve, and thus, send a different message to the world besides hatred and suspicion of others. How about community and love!

The letter is pretty self-explanatory. I would ask that besides reporting to Emily about any commitments or needs your church is participating in, that you also copy me on how many people might go from your church, if you are going to ask for some of the meals, etc. Just shoot me a brief report about how your folks participated.

I hope I will see you there! Thanks for remembering those in need at this time.

Sincerely,
Ed Spence, PDA Liaison, Grand Canyon Presbytery

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More from PDA:

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH. [Click here for weekly study materials](#)



Nominate a Social Justice Hero

The Peace and Justice Network invites nominations for the **Dr. George B. Brooks Award**. Nominations for this annual award can be made by a church session, a committee of the Presbytery, or two members of any of the churches in our Presbytery. A cash award will be **donated to a non-profit justice and/or peacemaking organization of the**

recipient's choice.

[Click here for a nomination form](#)



Please keep these people in your prayers:

Campus Ministry programs at ASU, NAU and UA

Peace and Justice News



SAVE THE DATE

International Peacemaker

Mary Mikhael (Syria)

to visit Presbytery- October 9-17

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**Confronting Religious
Intolerance:
Understanding,
Challenging, and
Respecting Each Other**

Thursday, September 20th, 2018 - 6:30PM - 8:30PM
Church of the Beatitudes
555 W Glendale Ave
Phoenix, AZ. 85021

Register for the event here: <https://afn-confronting.eventbrite.com>

Questions? Call (602)468-3818 or email ContactUs@AZFaithNetwork.org

JOBS and GOODS

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

15- [Women's Retreat](#) (see above)

20- [Confronting Religious Intolerance](#)

OCTOBER

9-17- International Peacemaker visit

NOVEMBER

3- Presbytery meeting- Chandler Presbyterian

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