



EFOCUS- February 2

Weekly Missive



Marks of Healthy Churches Outward Incarnational Focus

I love words. I'm kind of a word-nerd. I love learning what words mean, how they came to be, and how, when one connects them in weirdly nerdy ways, new insights happen.

Incarnational.

Now here's a word worthy of a word-nerd like me! For pastors and many within our congregations, "incarnational" is familiar territory, as it is a "ten-cent" theological word, a seminary word. For the rest of us, "incarnational" sounds like the kind of buzz word preacher-types love but which creates distance between pulpit and pew: "Come on, preacher, get real!"

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IGNITE THE SPARK - What Can We Learn from New Worshiping Communities?

Sean Chow is the Western Associate for 1001 New Worshiping Communities with the Presbyterian Mission Agency. In his workshop, Sean will discuss the starting of new worshiping communities and how many of those same elements can be used within any church context. These elements can focus a church's outreach efforts, renew its outreach energy, and turn their focus to those that are outside our church walls.

**Friday, March 2 at Pinnacle Presbyterian Church- All are welcome!
9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.**

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Presbytery Highlights

What an uplifting meeting Presbyteries de Cristo and Grand Canyon had at First Presbyterian, Casa Grande! Though we were saddened that GA Co-Moderator Denise Anderson had to cancel due to health issues, we had plenty to enrich us. We thanked our outgoing moderators Bill Voigt and George Prohaska and commissioned Liz Lopshire-Kading and Judy Wellington for the coming year. GA Representatives were also commissioned. We heard from the Board of Pensions and Grand Canyon's Native American Assessment program, and de Cristo approved their 2018 budget. Thanks, First Casa Grande for



your fantastic hospitality!

See you March 3 at Pinnacle Presbyterian. [RSVP for dinner here!](#)

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

3- Kristin Rice "installation" at All Saints Lutheran, 5 p.m.

7- Insurance Webinar- Preventing and Dealing with Sexual Harassment at Church ([link](#))

10- Valley Men's Breakfast- God is my Co-Pilot- [More info](#)

MARCH

2-4- Youth Event- [Good Day for the Blues- Orangewood](#)

2- Ignite the Spark- Pinnacle- [REGISTER](#)

3- Presbytery meeting- Pinnacle- [RSVP for meal](#)

[Presbytery calendar](#)

A GOOD DAY FOR THE BLUES



The Blues are all over the Bible.
The Austin College ACTivators
will be at Orangewood Presbyterian Church in
Phoenix

March 2-4, 2018

to help you find your funky bone and learn how to let
in the Blues

when they come knocking. If your parents ask, tell
them we'll be talking about Genesis 3, 37, & 39,
Psalm 22, John 1, and Romans 8. But mostly it will be
a sweaty jam to the music of B.B. King, Bobby "Blue"
Bland, Keb' Mo', and Little Milton.

And Jesus. Jesus has some great Blues chops.

Lock-In at Orangewood Only \$50 More publicity
soon!!!

Pinnacle Launches an Exciting Educational Opportunity!

The Fran Park Center for Faith and Life, A Pinnacle Presbyterian Church program has an exciting announcement that will make a big impact on our church and community. The FPC is partnering with the external digital learning space of Princeton Theological Seminary called, **X:PTS + ONLINE** and we are now their first physical campus partner known as, **X:PTS + WEST!** [READ MORE](#)

Prayers

Doug Baer- Cancer has spread

David Martinez- broken femur

The family of Hap Brahms. Hap passed away in Spokane on January 11.

Congratulations to Rev. Kristin Rice on her installation at All Saints Lutheran



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