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## Weekly Missive

### **Meet Me in St. Louie... A General Assembly Preview**

It's time to take a break from all thrive, all the time as themes for my missive. With the General Assembly approaching next week, I thought I would give you a preview of what's trending as potential hot topics for the Assembly. Will Israel / Palestine divide us? Will debate over fossil fuels erupt anew? Is there yet another political topic we currently don't know divides us that we'll discover, in hindsight, is a touchy subject among our parishioners?

The cynic in me wants to answer the above questions: probably, definitely, and who knows? The truth, however, appears to be somewhat different. Oh, the General Assembly will have its fireworks, to be sure. It just seems the fireworks, at least in the lead up to the Assembly, seem focused on internal, church matters. Here are some highlights of what's trending now:



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### The Big Event Coming Soon!



Registration begins soon! Watch for an email registration link.

August 25  
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Tucson

### **Calling East Valley Churches**

Are you a member/pastor in an East Valley Congregation? Would you be willing to help a New Church Development by serving on their discernment team? [Click here to read about this exciting new venture in Queen Creek!](#)



### Attention Congregations!

HAS YOUR SESSION PRAYERFULLY CONSIDERED YOUR CHANCE TO THRIVE? [Click here for a preview of the program](#)

Please keep these people in your prayers:

The PC(USA) as plans come together for the 213th General Assembly in St. Louis



## CAMP IS OFF AND RUNNING!

This week, we kicked off Montlure Camp with our Traveling Day Camp at Orangewood! It's been an incredible week full of energy and fun. We've had about 55 kids at camp every day along with over 20 youth volunteers, as well as multiple other volunteers from the church community and staff. We couldn't be more thankful for our partnership with Orangewood and couldn't have asked for a better first week at camp.

### Overnight Camps

Senior High Camp: June 10th-15th

Junior High Camp: June 24th-29th

Juniors Camp: July 8th-12th

Register at: [Montlure.CampbrainRegistration.com](http://Montlure.CampbrainRegistration.com)

### Traveling Day Camps

Phx East Valley, hosted at Chandler Pres: June 11th-15th (Contact [Chandler](mailto:Chandler))  
Casa Grande: June 18th-22nd (Register at [Montlure.CampbrainRegistration.com](http://Montlure.CampbrainRegistration.com))  
Green Valley: June 25th-29th (Contact [Valley Presbyterian Church](mailto:Valley) to Register)

## Monthly Church News

## Upcoming Events

### JUNE

Ghost Ranch "[Signs of the Times: Imagining Peace and Justice](#)," June 24th – 30th

### JULY

Ghost Ranch "[Nurturing Faithful Youth in Your Congregation](#)", July 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>.  
[Synod Kaleidoscope](#) July 23-29

### AUGUST

24- Ignite the Spark- St. Andrew's Tucson

25- The Big Event- St. Andrew's Tucson

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

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