



# EFOCUS

## WEEKLY MISSIVE

### A Tree of Life Lament

***Christ, in your mercy, hear our confession...***

I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means!

... God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew.

(Romans 11:1-2)

***For complicity in a culture of anger...***

I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers  
and sisters...

all Israel will be saved. (Romans 11:25-26)

***For complicity in systems of violence...***

As far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of  
the patriarchs,

for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. (Romans 11:28-  
29)

***For allowing our salt to lose its saltiness and  
hiding our light under a bushel...***

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of  
God!

...For from him and through him and for him are all things.

To him be the glory forever! Amen. (Romans 11:33, 36)

***Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have  
mercy!***

Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief.

Do justly, now.

Love mercy, now.

Walk humbly, now.

You are not obligated to complete the work,  
but neither are you free to abandon it. (Talmud)

Shalom,

Brad Munroe



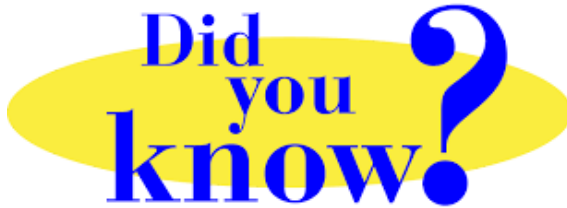
### Presbytery Meeting November 3 at Chandler Presbyterian

Materials are now posted on the website

Worship and Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
Budget report

Nominations for new committee members  
Recognition of 2018 Honorable Retirements  
Commissioning of Thrive participants and Commissioned Ruling Elders  
Report from the Commissioners to the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly  
There will be a Review of Records for Clerks of Session in the library prior to the meeting at 8 a.m.

[PLEASE REGISTER BY CLICKING HERE](#)



### Presbytery Grant Cycle Open

The Presbytery of Grand Canyon has a fund to provide grants to congregations for furthering their ministries.

Below is a link to the application. Provide a detailed summary on how the grant money has affected the project you applied for and end result with in 6 months of grant funding. If still continuing project, provide an update at the 6 month mark and at the completion of the project. Include any receipts and pictures of completed

project - if applicable.

Future grant funding may be affected if an effectiveness summary is not received within 6 months of funding. Once the project is complete, a final summary and budget is required to be submitted to CRT Send information to [pbyoffice@gmail.com](mailto:pbyoffice@gmail.com) - Attention CRT Grants.

[APPLICATION](#)

### FOLLOWUP PREACHING WORKSHOP NOVEMBER 10

The CRT Training Subcommittee's Follow Up Preaching workshop with Dr. Michael Hegeman will be held on Nov. 10 at Pinnacle Presbyterian from 9 am to 3 pm. A Continental Breakfast and Make Your Own Sandwich Bar will be served, with the fee for Lunch being \$10.00. [Click here to Register](#)

### GIVING CATALOG AVAILABLE NOW



The Presbyterian Giving Catalog Starter Kit equips church leaders with inspirational ideas, stories of impact, and helpful tools to use and deploy the Presbyterian Giving Catalog in their congregations.

[GET YOUR KIT](#)

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

#### Vacancy dues eliminated

A strong sense of stewardship and solid management of the revenue stream on the part of the Board of Pensions enabled Directors to eliminate vacancy dues, effective January 1, 2019. Currently, congregations pay dues for the first 12 months that a minister member's position is vacant. Going forward, this burden has been eliminated.



ALL BACKGROUND CHECKS CONDUCTED BY THE PRESBYTERY WILL BE \$12 AND INCLUDE SEXUAL OFFENDER CHECK. FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE PRESBYTERY WEBSITE UNDER CLERK'S CORNER

Arizona Faith Network is joining in a community meeting on gun violence prevention in Arizona with Captain Mark Kelly and the Giffords Arizona Coalition. The event will be held on Friday, Nov. 9th at 11 a.m. at the Burton Barr Central Library in Phoenix (1221 N Central Ave).



The Coalition is partnering with U.S. veterans, as they are incredible voices to condemn the notion that protecting Americans is a partisan issue. Among those speaking out are General Hayden, Lt. General Hertling, Lt. General Honoré, all featured in a series of videos about the importance of addressing this issue, including [this brief video](#) from General Stanley McChrystal.

[Click here to register](#)



Please keep these people in your prayers:

- Our electoral officials

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## TWO ADVENT DEVOTIONALS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Presbyterians Today- "[God Lifts the Lowly](#)"

Grand Canyon Presbytery Pastor Brad Munroe- "[Time's Up](#)"



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The *deadline to submit your church's 2019 Triennium Delegates* is fast approaching! In order to register early and secure housing with air-conditioning, we need your delegation information by **November 1st**. If you need more time, please contact Kellie right away to see if there are other options. To submit your delegates, a church representative must fill out this form (one per church): <https://goo.gl/forms/hVaGpe6KzlsRLVu93>

Every church is encouraged to send up to two delegates. Please contact the Grand Canyon Registrar, Kellie ([kellie.triennium@gmail.com](mailto:kellie.triennium@gmail.com)), for a church information letter with all the details and/or if you have questions regarding funds or other logistics.



**Travel dates: July 15-20th**  
[presbyterianyouthtriennium.org](http://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org)

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Take a Look! Several new Job postings to explore! Feel free to share with friends!

[JOBS and GOODS](#)

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## Upcoming Events and other Resources

To access information below, click on text that is underlined!

NOVEMBER

3-Presbytery meeting- Chandler Presbyterian- [Please register](#)  
11-First Mesa Artist Series free concert by the BROWN & BROWN PIANO DUO at 3:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary. Two baby grands will be positioned front and center playing a variety of old standards, jazz, Latin, and gospel music! For more information, call the Church Office at (480) 964-8606, Ext. 103

16-17- [Holiday Boutique- Mission del Sol](#)

### [Presbytery calendar](#)

### [THIS WEEK'S PCUSA NEWS](#)

Board of Pensions- [Board Bulletin](#)

[Presbyterians Today](#)

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### Attention Congregations!

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