



# EFOCUS

## WEEKLY MISSIVE

### Tumult, Turbulence and...Hope?

The first week in Advent is ordinarily a strange confluence of apocalyptic poetry and Pauline excursus about the wild and woolly nature of the world. Themes of tumult and turbulence are sprinkled throughout Advent 1 readings:

Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress on the earth and wrath against this people. (Luke 21:23)

*And yet, in the midst of tumult and turbulence, there is also a word of hope:*

*In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. (Jeremiah 33:15)*

Turbulence and hope are the times in which we live. Whether we are looking at the microcosm of our congregations or the macrocosm of our climate, we live in turbulent times. It is easy, in the middle of a storm, to feel unsteady, to doubt one's safety, to wonder about God's ability or willingness to love the likes of us.

Into such moments arrives Advent with its word of hope.

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## The Need is Great on the Navajo Reservation

**Trinity Presbyterian in Chinle is collecting coats, sweaters, knit hats and mittens for those in the community who are facing the bitter cold on the Navajo Reservation. If you would like to donate to this important cause, contact Marilyn Tso at [maiadzsa@yahoo.com](mailto:maiadzsa@yahoo.com)**



**Kayenta Presbyterian has needs for clothing and toiletries for several elderly and young people in their community. For information, contact Norma McCabe or Milinda Benallie- 928-853-0290 or 505967-9621.**

*Greetings.*

You may reach the new Office Assistant, Sue Houser, for the Presbytery dC and GC at [pbyassistant@gmail.com](mailto:pbyassistant@gmail.com)  
**Sue greets you on the phone and at the reception desk at the office Mondays through Wednesdays.**

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## CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCES CORNER

The Congregational Resources Committee is looking for input on the kinds of mission funding that would be useful to our congregations. Please take a few minutes to download and complete the attached form and return it to Shannon Langston, Moderator by the end of the year. Your insight will be helpful in making better use of our mission dollars! [CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD](#)

The Fall Grant Cycle is still open through December- [Click here to download an application](#)

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## GIVING CATALOG AVAILABLE NOW



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Please keep these people in your prayers:

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

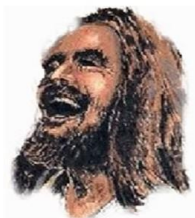
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Take a Look! Several new Job postings to explore! Feel free to share with friends!

[JOBS and GOODS](#)

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***Lighten Up with the Humor of Jesus*** is a short course with multimedia recently published by Gary Kush, PhD (HR). It's available to Presbyterian congregations free until December 31 when the publisher's price will be \$19.95. [Click here for more information](#)

## Upcoming Events and other Resources

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

### DECEMBER

23-30- Presbytery offices closed

### JANUARY

11- [Cook Appreciation and Leadership Awards Banquet](#)

### FEBRUARY

9- Third Thirty: Finding Fulfillment After 60- First Sun City

### APRIL

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