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Weekly Missive

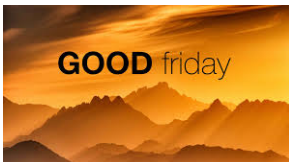
The Great Ends of the Church **End #6 – the exhibition of the kingdom of heaven to the world**

The Scottish reformer John Knox remarked about Calvin's Geneva that "it was the most heavenly city." Knox' words were neither commentary on the cleanliness nor the precision of the Swiss but on the quantity of nationalities represented among the city's population. While Luther started the Reformation, Calvin conveyed it to the nations, which is why there are over 150 Reformed denominations throughout the world.

The sixth great end of the church is the exhibition of the kingdom of heaven to the world. All of the first five great ends are encompassed within this sixth end, and it points toward a reality beyond what the church currently is, currently does, currently looks like, currently expresses. The sixth great end is as much inspirational and aspirational as it is real and actual, for it asks us to imagine what the kingdom of heaven will look like when the New Jerusalem descends from God to earth (Revelation 21:2).



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FAITH FLOODS THE DESERT

Join people of faith across Southern Arizona on Good Friday, April 19th for a Faith Floods the Desert Liturgical Action. On this day, as Christians around the world remember the crucifixion of Jesus, we are painfully aware of the way in which our current border policies are leading to the ongoing "crucifixion" of migrants in our desert. Join us as we journey to the border fence in Sasabe for a prayer service. Along the way we will stop and offer prayers at the crosses that mark the place where one of our migrant siblings have died in our desert. Meet at 7am on Good Friday at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church at 3809 E 3rd St, Tucson, AZ 85716 for a brief liturgy and press conference at 7am and then will depart for Sasabe at 7:30am — we anticipate returning to Tucson by 1pm. We hope that you will consider standing with us as we stand with those who are most directly impacted by our border policies and with those, like No More Death's volunteer Scott Warren, who are being criminally charged with humanitarian aid. We gather to say the deaths must end and the charges against humanitarian workers must be dropped. You are invited to bring gallons of water with you to St Mark's to support their on going humanitarian work.

Applications Being Accepted for Montlure

Montlure Summer staff and volunteer applications are open for 2019! Applications can be found at Montlure.CampBrainStaff.com

Register for Overnight and Traveling Day Camps at Montlure.CampBrainRegistration.com

Overnight Camps:
Senior High: June 2-7
Junior High: June 23-28
Juniors: July 7 -11

Day Camps:

Phoenix/Orangewood Presbyterian : June 3-8
Phx East Valley/Gilbert Presbyterian: June 10-14
Casa Grande/First Presbyterian: June 17-21
Green Valley/Valley Presbyterian: June 24-28
Tucson/Christ Presbyterian Church: June 24-28
More to announce, soon!

More details at: Montlure.org

SAVE THE DATE!

PW SYNOD OF SOUTHWEST GATHERING

October 4 – 6, 2019
REDEMPTORIST RENEWAL CENTER
7101 West Picture Rocks Road
Tucson, AZ 85743-9645



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**THE BOARD OF PENSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)**

To help PCUSA pastors address the growing financial challenges to ministry, the Board of Pensions has developed Healthy Pastors, Healthy Congregations. This initiative, designed to help ministers and congregations work together for financial stability, provides education and financial resources. This program combines pastor and congregational leader education with grants up to \$10,000 to qualifying pastors.

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ATTENTION CHURCH FINANCE PERSONNEL!

2019 MidCouncil Finance Network Conference
November 20-22, 2019
Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront
5700 Atlantic Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA 23451
(Group Room Rate \$69 + tax)

If making reservations by phone, please call the hotel at (757) 428-7025 and reference the "2019 MCFN Conference of the Presbyterian Church" for the reduced rate.

Online Registration will open in July. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (888) 728-7228, extension 5542.

Ever wanted to see the Passion Play in Germany? Now's your Chance!



Oberammergau Passion-Play Pilgrimage June, 2020
The Fran Park Center for Faith and Life (a ministry of Pinnacle Presbyterian Church) has put together an exciting learning pilgrimage to Oberammergau to see the historic Passion Play (that has been produced every 10 years for over 400 years.) The trip includes stops in Berlin, Wittenberg, Leipzig, Prague, Munich, Dachau, and Oberammergau. There is also a 5-day extension to Zurich, Bern, and Geneva. This tour will be led by Dr. Michael Hegeman, Associate Director of the Park Center and Minister in Education at Pinnacle.

Main tour costs: \$3,440 (land only); main tour with airfare \$5,200.
Tour extension to Switzerland \$1,500 (based on a 25 person minimum).
New deadline: June 15, 2020. Currently there is room for 15 more pilgrims.
Contact Michael Hegeman (mhegeman@pinnaclepres.org) for a brochure or additional information.

New Minimum Effective Salary Approved by Grand Canyon Commission on Ministry

The COM approved a motion setting the Minimum Effective Salary (salary plus housing) at \$52,000 effective February 1, 2019. This motion applies to all new calls and all revisions of the terms of call for a teaching elder. This new minimum effective salary will apply to all calls effective January 1, 2020. A church may request an exception through COM if it is unable to meet the \$52,000 minimum salary.
[Read more](#)



Please keep these people in your prayers:

The family of Hector Zavaleta- Genie entered the Church Triumphant this week.

Upcoming Events and other Resources

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

MAY

21- AZ Faith Network Annual Meeting

OCTOBER

4-6 PWS Fall Gathering

Presbytery calendar

THIS WEEK'S PCUSA NEWS

Board of Pensions- Board Bulletin

Presbyterians Today

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