



EFOCUS

Weekly Missive

The Great Ends of the Church End #2 – The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God

I need your help again. Or should I say I need your help still. My ongoing project is to come up with observable, behavioral descriptions of what each of the six, Great Ends of the Church look like. What does it look like in the life of the *individual* Jesus follower to offer and receive shelter, nurture and spiritual fellowship to the children of God? What does it look like in the life of a *congregation* to offer and receive shelter, nurture and spiritual fellowship to the children of God?

Last week I received one response, and, to be honest, I was hoping for a better result.

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CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCES ELDER/DEACON WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 23rd at 9am-11am
Westminster Presbyterian Church
4735 N. 19th Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85015

Two classes will be offered:

Elder Workshop - whether you are a new or seasoned Elder, it's always good to refresh your knowledge and learn new things of what it means to be an Elder and represent your church. Lead by Rev. Gale Watkins, Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Deacon Workshop - whether you are a new or seasoned Deacon, learn new things and be refreshed in your ministry to your church community and beyond. Lead by Mary Saylor, Honorably Retired.

Walk away with the key knowledge you need to enhance Christ's work through you and carry it on into your ministry to your church family, community and others. Share this information with your church clerk!

[CLICK HERE TO READ MORE AND REGISTER](#)

NOMINATE YOUR SAINT!

It's time for the 35th Annual Senior Service Award Luncheon! To be held, Thursday, April 11 at Valley Presbyterian Church. Every year, our churches are asked to nominate a person over the age of 65 who has faithfully served your church (and the greater church) over the years. They will be honored at the lunch by the Presbytery and receive a certificate of appreciation. [Click here for your nomination form](#). Deadline is April 1.



Lenten Devotion by Brad Munroe

Matthew 5:1-2

Jesus' greatest ethical teaching began with seeing. Jesus saw the crowds – for who they were and what they were, in their beauty and blessing as well as their longing and need and fallen humanity. So Jesus went up on a mountainside, where, in Matthew's Gospel, God-events happen. Jesus sat, taking the posture assumed by a rabbi. Jesus' disciples came to him, and Jesus began to instruct them about living toward a sacred openness before God.



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Applications Being Accepted for Montlure

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

In addition, early registration for Overnight Camp ends on March 15th. Save \$25 on Overnight registration fees by entering "EARLY" in the promotional code box.

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

More to announce, soon!

More details at: Montlure.org



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.

[Click here for a brochure with more info](#)

Please join us at Gilbert Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 24, 2019, at 10:00 AM, to bless and dedicate our new sanctuary artwork, **ARIZONA EDEN**. This 10-panel fabric mural depicts Genesis through the Resurrection. Textile artist Barbara Zubler (past PGC Treasurer) will explain the symbolism in this work and has created a lively construction documentary."



Peace and Justice Resources



MARCH IS FARM WORKERS' RIGHTS MONTH

Scripture tells us "The wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you keep and back by fraud, cry out and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts." (James 5:4)

What can we do to support justice for farm workers?

- Be aware of the issues – locally and globally
- Support worker advocacy organizations such as the National Farm Worker

Ministry

- Learn about the Equitable Food Initiative. Purchase EFI label fresh fruits and vegetables at participating Costco and Whole Foods Market locations.

[Click here for more information and resources](#)



Please keep these people in your prayers:

The Muslim community around the world following the massacre in New Zealand.

Upcoming Events and other Resources

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

MARCH

- 22- [Handbell Concert- Mission del Sol](#)
- 23- Elder/Deacon training- [Register here](#)
- 23- [Hopefest Phoenix- 9 am- 2 p.m.](#)

APRIL

- 11- Senior Service Awards- Valley Presbyterian- [Nomination form](#)

[Presbytery calendar](#)

THIS WEEK'S PCUSA NEWS

Board of Pensions- [Board Bulletin](#)

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