



EFOCUS

Weekly Missive

The Great Ends of the Church End #1 – The proclamation of the Gospel for the salvation of humankind

I need your help – yes, you. All of you.

I have a project I am working on, and my goal is to come up with a description of each of the six, Great Ends of the Church. What does it look like in the life of the *individual* Jesus follower to proclaim the Gospel for the salvation of humankind? What does it look like in the life of a *congregation* to proclaim the Gospel for the salvation of humankind?

This is where you come in – yes, you. All of you.

My goal is to create a list of observable behaviors for each of the six great ends of the church. My assumption is that if we don't have a target, any shot we take hits the bullseye. However, if we know what it looks like to be strong and healthy, we have a target for which we can aim. There are lots of ways to live out the great ends of the church, so let's come up with a really long list of observable behaviors that incarnate the great ends – put flesh on the bones – rather than allow them merely to be nice notions.

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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!

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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!

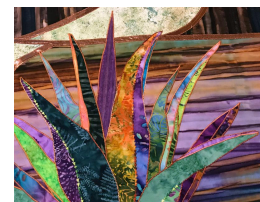
More details at: Montlure.org



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)

In the food production chain today, some of the hands that bring our food to the table are hidden. In the United States today there are between 2.5 and 3 million farm workers. Agricultural labor includes planting, cultivating, harvesting, and preparing crops for market or storage. Farm workers are usually employed by growers and/or by crew leaders, who serve as intermediaries between growers and workers. 500,000 of these workers are children. This is made possible because the Fair Labor Standards Act allows children as young as 10 to work in farm work under certain conditions and with their parents' consent. Although farm work is considered to be a dangerous occupation, farmworkers are largely exempt from most federal workplace safety regulations. They are also typically less protect or excluded from other employment-related protections at the state level including state minimum wage laws. The mean and median incomes for agricultural employment are in the range of \$15,000 - \$17,499.

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](#)

Next Stated Meeting of Presbytery

**Saturday, March 9 at 9 a.m.
First Presbyterian, Sun City**

Highlights will be:

- Worship and Celebration of the Last Supper
- Open Space discussions
- Commissioning Triennium youth delegates
- Election of commissioners to the 224th GA

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Please keep these people in your prayers:

The United Methodist Church

Upcoming Events and other Resources

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MARCH

9- Presbytery meeting- First, Sun City- [Please Register](#)

APRIL

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

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