

AROUND THE PRESBYTERY

March/April 2018

COMMUNITY-PINETOP

Hurricane Maria Devastated the island of Puerto Rico in September, 2017. We are collecting donations to be sent to Second Union Church in San Juan, Puerto Rico as they are helping those who need new appliances, beds, and other supplies.

The Missions Committee of CPC will be collecting donations in the Fellowship Hall after worship services through Easter Sunday. Please make checks out to Community Presbyterian Church with the memo: Puerto Rico Hurricane relief. If you have questions please ask David or Laurie Yost. Thank You!

VALLEY-PV

Yucatan Mission Trip – **May 26** – June 4, 2018. We will be working with Friends of Accion, Inc. building a church and/or homes in the Yucatan jungle as well as hosting a VBS for the children of the village. If interested, contact Chris chrisw@vpc.church.

PINNACLE – SCOTTSDALE

Faith & Science Roundtable, Thursday, April 5, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Spirituality and the Opioid Epidemic, Chapel Library, Dr. Rick Isenberg, MD, CSAT will examine the roots of opioid addiction and the toll it takes on the individual, family, and community. He will explore the role of spirituality in recovery, focusing on the importance of shame reduction, the search for meaning, reestablishment of self-esteem, and emotional regulation. He will offer suggestions for what individuals and families can do. The Faith and Science Roundtable meets on the “First Thursday” of each month to discuss issues at the interface between faith and science in a respectful environment where it is ok to be a novice, an expert or somewhere in between. All who are interested in the conversation, including youth, are welcome to attend.

FIRST – MESA

The First Players will present their 22nd annual theatrical production on **March 23, 24, and 25**, including a new matinée performance. The show will be **DISNEY’S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**. Join the First Players for a "tale as old as time." Tickets are available on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall, in the Church Office during the week, and online at fpcmesa.org/firstplayers. Step into the enchanted world of Broadway's modern classic, Disney's Beauty and the Beast, an international sensation that has played to over 35 million people worldwide in 13 countries. Based on the Academy Award-winning animated feature, the stage version includes all of the wonderful songs written by Alan Menken and the late Howard Ashman, along with new songs by Mr. Menken and Tim Rice.

The Sanctuary Choir and Pianist Bea Towe will present the **Tenebrae cantata** by American composer Hal Hopson on **Maundy Thursday (March 29), at 7:00 p.m.** With the gradual extinguishing of candles, the cantata interweaves congregational singing with solos, narrations, and creative, dramatic choral music. Invite your friends to join us as we worship with this stirringly depictive work for the holy season.

PW will host a mission project to support the work of the **Ugly Quilt Group of Mesa**. This group was started in 1990. They make quilts out of donated fabric, sheets, blankets, and mattress pads. They make the sleeping bags for the homeless out of these materials and then tie the bedroll up with donated men's ties. Inside the bag they put travel size toothpaste, soaps, lotions, shampoos, toothbrushes, small combs, clothing items, wash cloths, towels, devotionals and various other items. While some of the quilts aren't as ugly as others, the idea is to not have them be so attractive that they may be stolen. You can find a listing of all items on the kiosk or in the church office. Boxes will be in the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall throughout the month of March for the items you wish to donate.