

## CHURCH NEWSLETTER SUMMARIES

December 8, 2017

### FLAGSTAFF FEDERATED

- **Saturday, December 9, 2 to 3:15 p.m. - Prayer Pals Cookie Decorating Event.** In Reese Hall, the church will hold an Advent cookie decorating event for all Prayer Pals. Homemade sugar cookies of all Christmas shapes will be provided, along with the frosting and other items for decorating. There will be enough cookies for each PP to take home and also provide for snacks during fellowship hour the following day. If you are a Prayer Pal, please consider joining us and spending time with your pal.
- **Sunday, December 17 - Kayenta Presbyterian Church Christmas Meal and Gift Giving Event.** Please see the sign-up sheets in Reese Hall. We will go during the week of December 11 to help with preparations. Similar to last year, we will donate food for their community meal. They also give away approximately 150 bags containing an apple, orange, hard candy, mixed nuts and peanuts in the shell. We have a detailed list of gift suggestions for members of their community. See the Christmas stars and stockings in Reese Hall. There are approximately 30 children of varying ages. You can take a star and purchase a gift or two in the \$10-20 price range. You may supplement with some small goodies, toys or mittens, etc. Many of these families have only one parent; parents laid off of work or have been in an accident. There are 26-30 adults for whom we collect items like toiletries, hats, mittens and socks. Wrapping paper donations are also appreciated. You may also donate cash for us to supplement the donations of gifts or food. **All items need to be returned to the church by December 10.** Call Glenda Hill 712-898-6408 for more information, if you would like to help, or go to Kayenta.
- **Thursday, December 21, at 6 p.m. - Longest Night Service.** Flagstaff Shelter Services (FSS) invites the entire community to an interfaith solstice service at Flagstaff Federated to honor individuals who have lost their lives while experiencing homelessness in Flagstaff over the last year. It will conclude with a candlelit walk to Heritage Square. Dress warmly. All are welcome.

### EMMANUEL PC, PHOENIX

- On November 12 we honored the service of our now newly retired **Parish Nurse, Pat Vest**, who was commissioned to the position in worship on September 7, 2014. Since that time Pat performed hundreds of blood pressure checks, made scores of telephone calls, home and hospital visits, written dozens of wellness articles for our church newsletter, and attended monthly deacons' meetings. Pat also organized the collection of used eyeglasses and instituted the Saturday morning yoga classes. She served as EPC's "minister of compassion" for over three years. We are so grateful for the good care she took of our church family. Pat was honored during the worship service and at the fellowship hour for her years of faithful care-taking. Our deepest gratitude is extended to Pat for her ministry of health and healing.
- On December 2, 1962, Emmanuel Presbyterian Church was officially constituted as the newest congregation of Grand Canyon Presbytery. **On November 26, EPC celebrated its 55th birthday** with a special worship service and a festive luncheon afterward. The Rev. Dr. Brad Munroe, our Presbytery Pastor, was the guest preacher for the worship service which featured special music from the voice and bell choirs and a brief retrospective of the past 55 years. How grateful we are for God's guidance and provision over the years and for the 1293 people who have been and are members of the EPC family.

### MISSION DEL SOL PC, TEMPE

- **Saturday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. - Christmas with C.S. Lewis** – in the MdS Sanctuary. British actor David Payne brings his acclaimed "An Evening with C.S. Lewis" performance to Tempe with a Christmas twist. 30% of ticket revenue will go to Mission del Sol. Tell your family and friends about this exciting performance! Tickets: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3113959>