

# Presbytery Of Grand Canyon

## E-FOCUS

### Weekly Missive | November 20, 2020

Hello Carolyn,

*A Blessed Thanksgiving to You and Yours  
from the Presbytery Staff*

There will be no EFOCUS next week

P.S. Brad's Advent devotional can be found at the following links:

<https://pbygrandcanyon.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Fifth-Gospel-Small-Print.pdf>

<https://pbygrandcanyon.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Fifth-Gospel-Large-Print.pdf>

Brad and Laura Munroe and Bruce and Carolyn McBurney and all others recovering from COVID 19

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS

## FOR ALL!

[Click here for resources](#)

The Presbyterian Foundation is undertaking a project to collect stories of how congregations, new worshipping communities, and presbyteries are continuing to walk with and serve those God has called them to during this time of COVID restrictions, natural disasters, and unrest.

They are interested in how Presbyterians are following their call to serve their communities in the many creative ways that have emerged this year including online and limited gathered worship, outreach services, and relief efforts. They are also looking for stories that can be represented visually, in video and photography, to show as well as tell of these stories. In-person interviews and on-site visits will be conducted with all prudent safety measures in place.

The Rev. Gregg Brekke, former editor of Presbyterian News Service, will be in the Presbytery November 23-30, so Thanksgiving outreach efforts and a Sunday service would be ideal for him to cover. Please join

us in sharing the good news of the ministries you continue to do in challenging times. Please contact Gregg directly at [gb@greggbreeke.com](mailto:gb@greggbreeke.com) or 503.847.0427.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has been in communication with our partners and is responding to the urgent needs in Central America following Hurricanes Eta and Iota. Iota made landfall one week after Eta and hit many of the same regions. **Click here to support our response, designate gifts to DR000194.**

### **JANUARY**

22-23- Annual Stated Meeting

**[Presbytery calendar](#)**

### **[JOBS](#)**

### **[MARKETPLACE](#)**

[This Week's Presbyterian News](#)

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[Arizona Faith Network Events](#)

[Presbyterian Older Adult Network](#)

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[Presbyterians Today.](#)

[Synod PW- Loaves and Fishes](#)

**[ACTIVE SHOOTER PLAN FOR CHURCHES](#)**

## **News from Frontera de Cristo**

***Click here to read the latest***

## **SHARE WITH YOUR YOUTH PROGRAM**

# **Interfaith Youth and Young Adult Virtual Conversation**

Sunday, November 22, 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Join the conversation! If you are a 14-22 year old Arizona youth or young adult interested in interfaith dialogue and social justice join us the Arizona Faith Network for an informal conversation. Together we will learn more about diverse faiths, our communities and one another! This meeting will be our second gathering to kick off AFN's Interfaith Youth and Young Adult Council. All

youth and young adults active in their faith communities are welcome for this conversation.

## INFO AND REGISTRATION

### **THE GRATITUDE PROJECT**

The month of November is a time that many of us devote to remembering that which makes us grateful. Our Sisters and Brothers at First Light Fellowship in Anthem have shared a resource to use for the month. You and others in your congregation are welcome to download and use and, if possible, make a donation toward the work of their new worshipping community. Here is a link for making a donation. You are welcome to use the resource without payment as well. Many Thanks!

**CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD**

**CLICK HERE TO DONATE TO FIRST LIGHT FELLOWSHIP** (Link is available on the Grand Canyon Presbytery website)

### **Engaging with the Christmas Joy Offering during a pandemic**

While it's true that God has blessed the Church with incredible leadership for every time and place, it is also the case that those leaders often need their communities to lead as well with a show of their support. The Christmas Joy Offering does just that in several critical areas of need, namely supporting leadership development for communities of color and providing support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need. During these uncertain times of pandemic and economic hardship, the work of our leaders — and the support you provide them through the Christmas Joy Offering — is more important than ever! We have compiled a list of Christmas Joy Offering resources for congregations and individuals to use during this time, including a beautiful coloring page designed by Illustrated Ministry, LLC, instructions for lighting the Advent wreath at home, and video testimonials you can incorporate into your online worship.

Access resources →

### **HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL**

This is special news.

You are probably familiar with our catalog — filled with life-changing animals, like goats and chicks, that you can gift to provide hardworking families with the means to earn a steady income and lift themselves out of hunger and poverty.

**NOW, you can ALSO help provide the gift of Food Baskets so struggling farmers and families can feed their children.**

This year's events of a global pandemic and economic turmoil have caused worldwide hunger on a massive scale we've never seen before. But our team in the field has come up with a solution that's working!

Our Food Basket program connects rural farmers who have been cut off, due to local lockdowns, from the markets they rely on to sell their products and earn an income, leaving families desperate for access to the nutritious food they need to stay healthy. Your gift of a Food Basket will help farmers get healthy food to families in need — including fresh produce, honey, coffee and dairy products.

**CLICK HERE**

## **Want to help our Navajo Sisters and Brothers?**

The Presbytery of Grand Canyon has started a Navajo Nation Relief Fund. You will find a link on the Presbytery website, where you and your church family can make donations. You will be asked to create a profile for future giving. This site is safe and maintained through the Presbyterian Foundation. Tell your friends!  
Thanks for your continued love and care!

[Click here to Give](#)

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