



Presbytery Of Grand Canyon

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Guttenberg Redux An Eastertide Opportunity: Praying 1 Corinthians

Hello Carolyn,

My journey toward living into a post-Guttenberg world has led me to create a personal website. My daughter had to assist me with this, of course, (she would say she did it for me), and if she heard me speak of it with any measure of pride would quip, "Okay Boomer!" I do feel like a fish out of water.



Or perhaps it is that I am like the amphibian learning to breathe on land.

One of my passions is to write, which is the quintessential Guttenberg cultural activity, yet what I am discovering is the opportunity to share devotional writing through electronic means; thus my creating a website is a step of faith for me, trying something that feels awkward, presumptuous, and disconcerting.

Having put my hands to the plow, however, I shall not look back.

If you go to www.BradMunroe.org, you will find some of my experiments in post-Guttenberg ministry. I want to highlight one of these works as an opportunity for personal devotion and/or group formation: *Praying 1 Corinthians*. *Praying 1 Corinthians* invites readers to experience God's Word through interpretive paraphrase, poetry and prayer. Here is a link to it: http://www.bradmunroe.org/store/p16/Praying_1_Corinthians.html#/.

Though we are traveling through Lent, I want to project toward the sunrise, toward Eastertide, and encourage you as an individual or y'all as an adult discipleship group to read *Praying 1 Corinthians* together during Eastertide. The devotional can be used as a six-week study. *1 Corinthians* is a compilation of five essays on the Cross, Men and Women in the Family, Christ and Culture, Men and Women in Worship, and Resurrection. I recommend you (or y'all) reflect upon one of these essays each week and reflect upon the whole of Paul's letter on week six.

My journey is not all that significant, actually, but *OUR* journey is essential. How will we move toward the virtual realities that had already begun to express themselves before the pandemic shifted our culture toward virtual community? How will we embrace the opportunities and confront the challenges the pandemic has raised to the level of crisis for our communities? Writing a devotional is nice but only if it leads us to engage our communities as the Body of Christ, both through virtual and with incarnational ministry.

As an amphibian learning to breathe, I find this new environment challenging yet invigorating; the ground is uncertain yet breathing is intoxicating. Having put our hands to the plow, let us not look back.

Ah, the journey is the ride,
Brad Munroe

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DEADLINE THIS WEEK

Each year the Congregational Resourcing Team is given a budget for Mission Priority Grants for the year. With funds from mission giving going down each year, we need to move to having only one granting period this year.

The ONLY Mission Priority Grants granting period will be in March this year. The application deadline is February 20.

The good news is that CRT is positive they can continue to support, encourage and make a positive impact throughout the Presbytery, continuing the mission of Jesus Christ. **CLICK HERE FOR A MISSION GRANT APPLICATION FOR YOUR CHURCH**



The grant review team will then meet in March to review the applications. Once the review is completed all applicants will receive a letter of determination.



Prayers for you this Lenten season.

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[Welcome to our Lent 2021 resource guide!](#) Here you can find everything you need for preaching, teaching, and experiencing the season. If you are viewing this on your computer or device, you can click on any title or cover to be taken to the product page on PC(USA) Store. Look for the dark blue blocks to download resource samples.

The Church Officer Training Course

is now available. It contains short videos and a workbook. The six-hour course includes discussion questions, references, short videos charts, and exercises. The menu allows you to use all or parts of the course. It is available on desktop computers, laptops, smart-phones, and tablets. For people without the Internet, it is available by mail on a DVD with a printed workbook. Use the course as a resource to train YOUR officers OR send the link to individuals who missed your training. The course was developed by Brad Munroe, Elizabeth Smith, Craig Lindsey, Linda Loyd, Mary Saylor, Kristin Leucht of the BOP, Paul Rooker, Molly Winkler, and Gary Kush. [Click here.](#)



FEBRUARY

20- Deadline for Mission Grants
(See above)

APRIL

24- Stated Meeting via Zoom

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JOBS
MARKETPLACE

Presbyterians Today

Synod PW- Loaves and Fishes

ACTIVE SHOOTER PLAN FOR CHURCHES

**The Prophetic Role of the Church in Human Rights
A Letter from our Columbian International Peacemaker**

To you, our dear brothers and sisters, we invite you to continue praying for us. Your prayers are very important. We also invite you to become aware of our reality, you are always welcome to our spaces, we must be united in these noble causes.

Click here to read the complete letter



Celebrating the Legacy of Southminster PC

Southminster Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) was founded in March 1954 in the South Mountain Village of Phoenix, Arizona. The founding Pastor was Rev. George B. Brooks, Sr, who had been sent to this community by the Presbyterian denomination to found an African American congregation community. That church community which he founded was and still is the only African American Presbyterian church between central Texas and southern California.



"The good news of the Gospel" is the driving impetus for all that we do and have done over the years and it has taken on many different forms to accomplish.

Services provided have reflected the specific needs of the South Phoenix community. On occasion the services/missions have been quite expansive. It has provided educational services at all levels of academic endeavor from pre-school through tutoring college students. Southminster had the first Headstart Program in the nation. Rev Brooks collaborated locally with some African American educators developing and establishing the program at the church in approximately 1965. The Program remained at Southminster for over four decades as a very successful starting point for neighborhood children. As an aside, many of the Headstart graduates returned to the church campus periodically just to thank Rev Brooks for the experiences and opportunities provided by the Southminster Headstart community.

Southminster has distinguished itself in many other aspects in the life of South Phoenix. On occasion, it has extended its interests and influences to the greater Phoenix community and the State of Arizona. Periodically, Southminster has provided programs to feed local youth after school. Many of the neighborhood children had little or no hot meals daily and Southminster provided the margin.

Additionally, after school recreational activities were provided to the youth with supervision so that when the bus carried them home, they had been fed, tutored in their lessons and safely transported home. Some of these programs have been in collaborations with other congregations in the Grand Canyon Presbytery.

Other community offerings have centered around providing a community meeting room because of a shortage in the community; a voting precinct; civil rights leadership; community food distribution center; a yard sale where community members could purchase various items; and waystation for the destitute. Visiting the homeless and providing toiletries and other personal items continues as a primary focus of church offerings.

All that has been discussed was infused with our religious training and the teachings of God. Southminster's congregation is dedicated to the principles of the service, mission, spiritual development and worship to create a more wholesome person – member, visitor and friend.

Cecil Patterson, Ruling Elder - Retired Judge - Veteran of Presbytery Committees & Commissions
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**SAVE THE DATE: Next Meeting of Presbytery
Saturday, April 24 via Zoom**

ATTN CLERKS- please send the names and emails for your elder commissioners to pbyoffice@gmail.com so that materials and the Zoom link can be sent to them.

The materials will be posted to the website the week before. The call will be emailed two weeks before to clerks and Pastors (active, honorably retired and others)

**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!

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