



Presbytery Of Grand Canyon

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Weekly Missive | March 5, 2021

Thanks for the Memories

Hello Presbyteries,
Nearly 13 years ago, the Presbytery of Grand Canyon took a chance on me. I had all kinds of marketing experience, including running a consulting business, but had never been an office manager, per se. I had, however, been well-trained as a Presbyterian under the excellent tutelage of my parents, Max and Bertie Platt, and many other fine church folk through the years. So I set about taking care of you as best I could.



It has been a gratifying ride and I've learned much and met so many more fine Presbyterians all across the state of Arizona (and beyond)!
Now, as I take my leave, I thank you all for nurturing me and wish you all the very best. Although I was not ready to retire quite yet, the powers that be have found new blood and I'm sure that it will bear both Presbyteries to new heights.

My final day is March 14, so if there are any loose ends for you and I to tie up between now and then, please reach out. Sue Houser has inherited the pbyoffice@gmail.com email. Henceforth, she will be helping you with your needs. For a complete list of distribution of duties between the remaining Presbytery staff, visit the website under "About".

Peace to you my friends.
Carolyn McBurney

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 IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

*Prayers for CRE Loretta Blackwater,
Sacaton, as she awaits lung transplant
surgery.*

LENTEN RESOURCES FROM PC(USA) Store

[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.

Central Presbyterian Church

Mission Priority Grant Recipient

Thanks to the Mission Priority Grant, Central Presbyterian Church's ministry has been able to continue under the leadership of Rev. Martha Sadongei. These grants help us to meet our obligation to pay her salary annually.

It has been under our pastoral leadership that we have continued our ministry of providing worship, bible study and special services during this pandemic. Our worship is videoed and uploaded to our Facebook page and sent out to congregation

members as a YouTube link each week. Without this grant we would not be able to keep Rev. Sadongei as our pastor. This past year and this year will see our fundraising efforts diminished, again, because of the Coronavirus but as soon as we are able we will still continue to do our part in keeping pastoral leadership at Central Presbyterian Church. Thanks to the Mission Priority Grant the ministry at Central continues even in this pandemic.



MARCH

20-Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering

APRIL

24- Stated Meeting via Zoom

Presbytery calendar

JOBS

MARKETPLACE

This Week's Presbyterian News

[Presbyterian Women of GC-](#) (Scroll to PW tab)

[Arizona Faith Network Events](#)

[Presbyterian Older Adult Network](#)

[Latest from the Board of Pensions](#)

[Presbyterians Today](#)

[Synod PW- Loaves and Fishes](#)

ACTIVE SHOOTER PLAN FOR CHURCHES



Join Us For Our Webinar (March 11 @2p.m. ET): Protecting Your Community and Facility: The 2021 Nonprofit Security Grant Program and Safety and Security Federal Resources

On March 11, the **DHS Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships** is hosting a webinar from 2 to 3:30 p.m. ET to provide tips on how to apply for the FY2021 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP). The Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/ Federal Emergency Management

Agency (FEMA) released the **Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 NSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity** on Feb. 25.

This grant program provides funding support for security-related and physical security enhancements to nonprofit organizations. It also promotes emergency preparedness coordination and collaboration activities between public and private community representatives as well as state, local and tribal government agencies.

The webinar will also introduce resources from the DHS Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and the Department of Justice Community Relations Service that support the safety and security of houses of worship, non-profits and faith and community-based organizations and help them to prevent and respond to hate-related conflicts.

How to Join the Webinar :

- Please **register** for the event using the **Adobe Connect registration** web link.



Board of Pensions Tax Guide

Access the BOP website for a helpful tax guide for ministers that includes a Housing Allowance letter [CLICK HERE TO LOG IN](#). For help downloading the document or logging in, contact BOP at 800-773-7752.

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

Pastor ID cards

The membership cards from GA for teaching elders have finally arrived. Since we are not doing social gatherings, we do not have an opportunity to hand these out in mass. We are not going to mail these out to everyone either, since we have a number from previous years that were never picked up or requested. So if you have a need for one and would like to have one, send an email to the pbyclerk@gmail.com and he will drop one in the mail to you.



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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