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June 23, 2017



LAS NOTICIAS



The Big Spark! / Ignite the Event!

Oops! I think I messed up the title to this article. Coming in August (but registrations open now) are the quarterly Ignite the Spark! and the annual Big Event, which is routinely lauded as folks' favorite presbytery meeting because it is when we are our best, truest, connectional selves as Presbyterians. I contend the truest expression of being Presbyterian is found when we are together seeking the way and the will of the Lord. **Ignite the Spark! (August 11)** and **The Big Event (August 12)** are opportunities to express these best selves.

Ignite the Spark! (August 11)

The topic of this quarter's event is connecting your church's communication with your community. Gail Strange and Mari Graham from the General Assembly will present a communications workshop that will give you tips and techniques to better reach your audience. We'll offer insights and guidelines on creating a communications plan for your congregation, discuss the "do's and don'ts" of media relations and "pitching" stories to your local media. You'll learn proven techniques for using social media tools like Facebook and Twitter and leave with tips that will make your communications more effective and help increase your reach.

Please note the new time for this **Ignite the Spark!** is from 9:00-3:00, with lunch provided, in order to accommodate Gail and Mari's return travel to Louisville. You can register here: [Ignite the Spark](#)

THE BIG EVENT (August 12)

There are a variety of topics organized around the "three-legged stool" of spiritual formation, missional formation, and congregational formation. Among the topics offered this year are both perennial favorites and explorations in new vision.

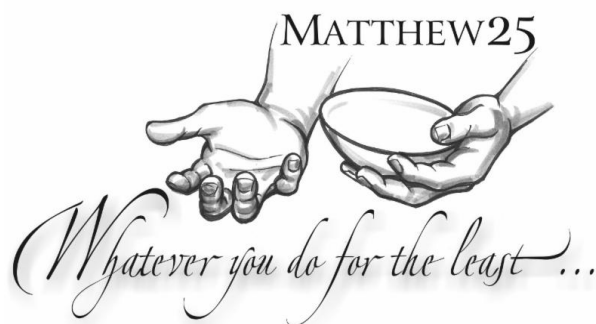
In the area of congregational formation, perennial favorites such as stewardship, church growth, and youth ministry are offered but also workshops on using digital media, building a website, and learning lessons from new worshipping communities for an established congregation.

In the area of missional formation, we once again turn to one of our strongest points of giftedness to hear the call to support our immigrant neighbors through both advocacy and direct care, but also offer a three-part workshop on how to cultivate communities where we can bridge the conversation gap in our ever more polarized churches.

In the area of spiritual formation, we will hear both the call to sabbath and the invite to embrace desert spirituality (and this week I feel the desert quite poignantly!) as well as accept the challenge to deepen our understanding of our confessional heritage. And one final question: What can Starbucks teach us about worship? (See Frank Walmsley's workshop.)

You can register for the Big Event [here](#). And register for Ignite the Spark! [here](#)

Grace and peace,
Brad Munroe



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OFFERING TO Benefit
Border Ministries
August 12 at the
Presbytery meeting**
Food Packs
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(Children ages 6-12)
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CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS!

**THE 223RD General Assembly will be held in June 2018 and
we are looking for Young Adult Advisory Delegates to
represent the Presbytery**

If your church has a young person ages 17-23 who would be interested, have them contact Peggy Free of the Nominating Committee at freeneazy@cox.net for the paperwork necessary. The deadline is July 30 (one month from now) so get your names in right away!

Saturday, August 12

*Valley Presbyterian
6947 E. McDonald Dr.
Paradise Valley*

[List of Workshops](#)

THE **Big** EVENT

REGISTER

(Deadline August 1)

CHURCH NEWS

NORTHMINSTER

Refugee 101: Info Night, June 29, 6:00-8:00pm
Join Tucson Refugee Ministries in an enriching setting to gain knowledge on the struggles and successes of a new American. [Click here for details.](#)

MOUNTAIN SHADOWS

hosts a church leader from Egypt on Sunday, June 18 at 10:00 a.m. This theologian, pastor, and leader of our denomination, serving in a major city of Egypt. You are invited to worship with the Mountain Shadows congregation and hear from a visitor who is a part of the good that God is doing through Christians in Egypt. To learn more, please contact Rev. Rachel Srubas at 520-825-7858.

TRINITY

will host Elmarie & Scott Parker at a Mission Coworker Luncheon on Wednesday August 23 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Elmarie is the regional liaison for Syria, Lebanon, and Iraq. The luncheon will be a catered lunch. RSVP to office@trinitytucson.org by Monday August 14 so that they will have the number for catering.

SOUTHSIDE

Join the fun down at Southside Presbyterian Church at this year's Vacation Bible School! This year's VBS will run from July 17-21 9am-12pm and there are a variety of roles to play. Every year we have many children from the south side of Tucson who love to come and sing and play and learn about Jesus - in fact we often have to turn kids away - and so this year we wanted to reach out to folks in other churches to help out. If you are interested in helping out (providing snacks, leading games, or a dozen other tasks) please contact AmyBeth Willis at willisamybeth@gmail.com

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- for Virginia Studer, health issues

UPCOMING EVENTS

(Click on each event for more info)

AUGUST

12- [The Big Event- Valley, Paradise Valley](#)

OCTOBER

28- Nov 4- [Border to Border Event- Frontera de Cristo](#)

[Click to see Jobs](#)

JOBS/OPPORTUNITIES

[St. Mark's Music Director](#)

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[Hymnals to give away](#)

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