

July 14, 2017



LAS NOTICIAS



Ignite the Spark! and The Big Event

It is time to register for the next Ignite the Spark! and our annual, combined presbyteries, Big Event, which is widely acclaimed as folks' favorite presbytery meeting. I find this acclamation curious: why is the Big Event folks' favorite meeting?

Well, let's admit that the bar is set pretty low, for most folks are not overly excited about any business meetings, be they Session, their employer, or your local Rotary Club. But I suspect something more is going on with the Big Event. I suspect we are drawn to community; drawn to connecting. I believe we experience our best selves when we are giving ourselves to others in, through, or as the Body of Christ. The Big Event's focus is on who we are, together, as Christ's Body, and how we can live into the fullness of that hope for the sake of the world. What's not to like about that?

This year's *Ignite the Spark!* will feature communication specialists from the General Assembly. This is not a "sexy" topic but as we live in the Information Age and the world of Social Media 2.0, communication within our congregations and to our communities becomes a vital link to faithful ministry and mission. Does your church have a clearly defined message? Do you have a strategy for communicating that message within and beyond your congregation? Do people in the community have any, possible, (even a remote possibility), clue about what your church stands for? What about understanding how they can get connected with your faith community, or through your faith community make a difference in the lives of others? If you answered no to any of these questions, *Ignite the Spark!* on Friday, August 11 is for you.

In addition to Friday's *Ignite the Spark!*, there are communication workshops at Saturday's Big Event. Included among the offerings on Saturday will be workshops on building a basic website and using social media to get your message out. If you are reading this missive, you are likely of an age (because our demographic is skewed toward "mature") where you're thinking, "I'm not the techie in my church." Noted. On the other hand, someone needs to gather the information; someone needs to begin building the bridge toward our communities. If not you, who will it be? **See**

the notices below to register.

Praying for you all,
Brad Munroe

**HAVE YOU
REGISTERED?**
*Over 20 Workshops from
which to choose!*

THE **Big** EVENT

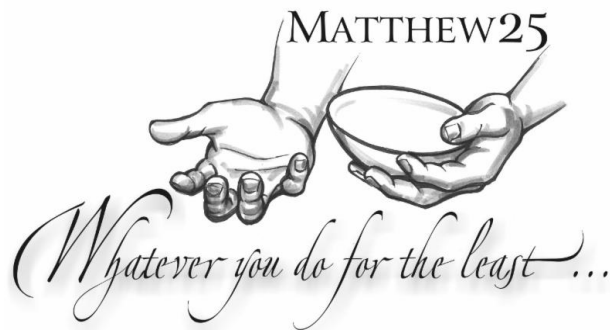
Saturday, August 12

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

[List of Workshops](#)

[REGISTER](#)

(Deadline August 1)



**ANNUAL MATTHEW 25 OFFERING TO Benefit Border
Ministries**

August 12 at the Presbytery meeting

Food Packs
Socks Adult and Children (Children ages 6-12)
Hygiene Packs
Cleaning Supplies

Friday, August 11

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6947 E. McDonald Dr.*

A Three Year Cycle of Workshops
Aimed at Initiating
Congregational Renewal

Ignite the Spark



Paradise Valley

**Communications and
Social Media Strategies to
Connect with your
Community**

*Gail Strange and Mari Graham, PC(USA) Office of Communications
Gail Strange is the Coordinator of General Assembly's Office of
Communication. In this workshop, Gail will show churches how to plan,
create, implement and evaluate a communication plan that helps your
church members keep in touch with one another as well as helps your
church communicate with your community. The workshop will cover the
importance of community analysis, determining your strategies and key
messages, and how to use social media and electronic messaging to
expand your mission.*

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

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!

CHURCH NEWS

NORTHMINSTER

Re-TIE-rment Party for Rev. John Cheek
Sunday, July 16 at 6 p.m. (Dinner event is at capacity, but you are welcome at 6
p.m. in the sanctuary!)

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.

CHRIST

Each of the 5 Sundays in July Christ will explore "God in the Arts"-discovering God
in poetry, music, dance, and other forms of art throughout the month.

Want your church's activities promoted? Add us to your newsletter mailing list!
pbyoffice@gmail.com



- Learn more about the many ministries of Frontera de Cristo
- by Liking them on Facebook
 - visiting www.fronteradecristo.org
 - or by subscribing to their e-newsletter "Good News on the Border"

[Our Mission Partners](#)

PRAYERS

- for Virginia Studer in her recovery
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UPCOMING EVENTS

(Click on each event for more info)

AUGUST

- 11- [Ignite the Spark- Media/Communication Workshops](#)
- 12- [The Big Event- Valley, Paradise Valley](#)

OCTOBER

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

JOBS/OPPORTUNITIES

[St. Andrew's Communications](#)
[St. Mark's Facilities Coordinator](#)
[Frontera de Cristo Office Manager](#)
and others!
[Hymnals to give away](#)

Click the link above for a listing of jobs and other opportunities

HELPFUL LINKS

[Donate to MEPF](#)

[Board of Pensions- July](#)

[La Prensa- PW Newsletter](#)

[Weekly PC\(USA\) News](#)

[Brad Munroe](#), Presbytery Pastor

[Bob Schulz](#), Assoc/Stated Clerk

[Carolyn McBurney](#), Office Manager

[Harry Tuck](#), Finance Manager

[Beth Kath](#), Admin. Assoc.

Revs. Bob Seel and Lee Sankey, Presbytery Executive Emeritus

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