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September 15, 2017



LAS NOTICIAS



The Gospel of Lament Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

"My soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to Sheol."

My wife, Laura, took a class on Scripture interpretation this summer, and at the beginning of a lecture on psalms of lament the professor read from Psalm 88. In her written

response to the lecture, my wife commented on how life-giving and soul-refreshing were the words of the psalm. Laura's colleagues were startled by her response: "How can lament such as Psalm 88 be life-giving and soul-refreshing?" In a summer of family tragedy, and with her family living in Houston, and with my family living in Florida, she found the unflinching, unapologetic honesty of Scripture to be the balm in Gilead.

"I am shut in so that I cannot escape, my eyes grow dim with sorrow."

This week I had the privilege of meeting the new class of Young Adult Volunteers (YAVs). One of the YAVs, Leah Bishop, asked my thoughts about the pain and suffering they had already encountered, even in their first week: parents locked in detention centers, homeless families, the list continued, even as they knew they would bear witness to more pain and more suffering. Our conversation swirled around the notion that the Christian life invites a cruciform spirituality. In Christ, through Christ, and with Christ, we do not avoid the darkness but move through it to encounter the light. We do not escape brokenness but accompany it - within ourselves and others - trusting we are accompanied by Golgatha's most famous resident who himself bore our suffering. One expression of cruciform living is the ability to rise to the occasion in times of crisis, to allow the Spirit's life to be expressed as tangible compassion. As a people, we respond.

"They surround me like a flood all day long; from all sides they close in on me."

Many of you have reached out to the presbytery asking about our denominational response to Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. You want to respond! Let us also remember the fires in Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, and California. And, yes, help is needed and your response will be appreciated. Here is the good word from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, which is funded through your gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing:

- Put together Gift of the Heart kits, especially hygiene or clean-up buckets: pda.pcusa.org/page/kits.
- Contact the PDA Call Center about volunteer opportunities: 866-732-6121.
- Give directly to the crisis of your choice: pda.pcusa.org
- Stay aware by getting connected: [Facebook.com/PDACARES](https://www.facebook.com/PDACARES).

"O Lord, God of my salvation...incline your ear to my cry."

Grace and peace,
Brad Munroe

October 20- Zach Yentzer: Ministry to (and with) Millennials

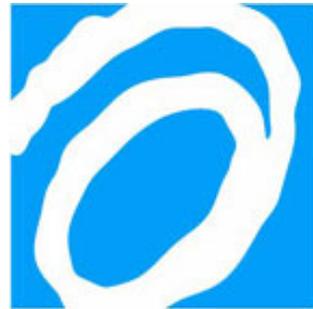
Zach, a Millennial, a Tucson native and a PK, is the founder and principal of 100 Cities Ministry and author Creative: Designing Churches that Engage Generations Together. Zach believes churches can move toward becoming more intergenerational, creative and impactful through establishing relationships of "mutual mentoring" across generations. Zach's workshop will describe the three-part framework that churches need to build to create the kind of environment that such relationships can, may and will happen. [Register Now!](#)

A Three Year Cycle of Workshops
Aimed at Initiating
Congregational Renewal

Ignite the Spark



Members of PDA's National Response Team will arrive in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina this week to provide aid, assess damage, and offer spiritual and emotional care for those impacted by the winds and flooding. While PDA has already been in contact with presbyteries throughout Florida and Puerto Rico, the Church remains mindful of the areas where contact has, so far, been difficult to make. Once the information arrives from the Florida Keys as well as the Caribbean islands nearly wiped from the map, the destruction of this storm will begin to be fully known.



There are years of recovery ahead. Will you help extend the hands of Christ by standing in the GAP? - Give. Act. Pray..

[Website](#)

CHURCH NEWS

NORTHMINSTER

will host a Disciple Forward event October 17-18. This 2-day conference will challenge you to clarify your next steps in following Jesus, and how you can help others move forward in discipleship as well! \$75 for both days. [info](#)

PAPAGO UNITED

will celebrate their 101st CAMP Meeting September 15, 16, and 17th. We expect 300 plus people for a three day gathering, with Worship, Music and Study led by Native American leaders from the Presbytery of the Grand Canyon. Your prayers & gifts of Bashas gift cards to help us feed the masses will be greatly appreciated! Please send gift cards directly to:

Clerk of Session, Arvada Adams
PO Box 158
Sells, Arizona 85634

ST ANDREW'S

will be hosting the American Red Cross blood drive on Sunday, September 17 from 7:30 am-12:00 noon in the Choir Room. Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. If you would like to schedule an appointment, you can sign up online at redcrossblood.org

FAITH

The Annual Highland Celebration will be held September 24. [Click here for a flyer to share.](#)

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Have you met PdC's 8 Mission Partners?

#1 *Companeros en Mision, Sonora, Mexico*

CEM invites your prayers and support as they grow Presbyterian churches in Caborca, Nogales, and Hermosillo, MX



[Our Mission Partners](#)



Traveling Day Camp registration opens TODAY! Have you thought about if Traveling Day Camp would be a fit for your community? Email Camp@Montlure.org to discuss and obtain a church informational packet. We would love to talk with your CE Committees, Sessions, Children's Planning Committees, etc., in person, to dialogue what our customizable Day Camp has to offer.

All Day Camps run through the weeks of June. Montlure provides all staffing, volunteer training, programming, materials and supplies. Churches provide housing (typically an on-site room/location for Montlure staff) and volunteer support.

2018 Overnight Dates

- Juniors Camp (4th/5th Grade) - June 17th-21st
- Junior High Camp (6th-8th Grade) - June 24th-29th
- Senior High Camp (9th-12th Grade) - June 10th-15th

[Website](#)

PRAYERS

- PDA responders and those affected by hurricanes and other disasters around the globe

UPCOMING EVENTS

(Click on each event for more info)

SEPTEMBER

15-17- Papago United Camp meeting, Sells

[30-Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery Fall Gathering](#)

OCTOBER

22- Presbytery meeting- Green Valley

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

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JOBS/OPPORTUNITIES
St. Mark's Office Administrator
St. Andrew's- several positions
Hymnals to give away

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HELPFUL LINKS

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

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