

# The Big Event

Saturday, August 25

9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 7650 N. Paseo del Norte, Tucson

## Workshops - (Choose 3 plus one alternate)

### ***Overview of Thrive, Kathryn Threadgill, PC(USA) Program Facilitator***

Are you still considering the Thrive Project? Or perhaps you're just wondering about it? This workshop will answer the biggest question first: why should churches thrive? And then it will address the next biggest question: how can we work together to thrive more faithfully and more effectively? How might the Thrive Project help my church move forward in faithful service?

### ***Cultivating Life-Long Discipleship- Rev. Pete Seiferth***

Did you know that cultivating life-long discipleship is a key practice and vital sign of a healthy congregation? What's the difference between a church-goer and a disciple of Jesus Christ? How do disciples of Jesus grow in their faith, and through what stages? How is discipleship in the church like cultivating a garden? How can churches meet people where they are and help them grow in their faith? These questions and many others will be explored in search of maturity in Christ!

### ***How to "Send Us Out" Instead of "How Do We Bring Them In?"- Revs. Kristen and Brandon Willett***

Evangelism can be an intimidating word. When exploring the idea of evangelism together often congregations ask "How can we bring them into our church? We need to change the questions and change the reason we engage in evangelism. Come explore how to meet people in IN THE COMMUNITY, how to discern the challenges they are facing and how to offer peace and hope as you share the good news with them.

### ***Incarnationalism: The Church in the Public Square- Rev. Eric Ledermann***

Jesus' ministry was out and about. He didn't build any cathedrals or even have a storefront church. He was in the community and among the people. The Church is called in to worship, to connect, to relish in the presence of God, only so that we may go out and embody God's kingdom. What does that look like in various contexts? Different people and different communities of faith are called to share in different incarnational ministries. How can we celebrate all of them, while still affirming what we/our communities are called to? Come find out, and be ready to share your own stories.

### ***Empowering Servant Leadership- Rev. Carla Williams***

According to both Jesus, and the Apostle Paul, the primary responsibility of pastoral leadership in every congregation is to equip others for servant leadership. This workshop focuses on identifying, nurturing and supporting the use of spiritual gifts. We will also touch on the necessity of modeling and mentoring others in the way of servant leadership.

### ***Care Model: A Vital Sign of a Healthy Congregation- Rev. Linda Lloyd***

We will discuss a new, creative model for care in the life of a congregation. The dynamics of healthy congregational life are changing and so must we. Come prepared to engage in discussion and bring your questions and ideas.

### ***Spirit-Inspired Worship: The Heart of a Thriving Congregation- Rev. Rachel Srubas***

God's people gathered for worship--that's the beating heart, the lifeblood of a thriving church. All mission and ministry flow from a congregation's hearing of the Word and the people's response in prayer, preaching, music, and other reverent expressions. Whether traditional, contemporary, or stylistically blended, worship that is Spirit-led transforms people and empowers us to change the world for Christ's sake. In this workshop we'll focus on worship as a congregation's way of saying, "Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us." We'll give special attention to the new Book of Common Worship and recently-revised Directory for Worship as rich resources for PC(USA) congregations.

### ***Improving Church Communication- Doing without Triangles!- Rev. Ed Spence***

Having healthy conversations in church is often difficult. Sometimes when we disagree with a person on an issue we fear speaking directly to him or her about it, whether because we are afraid of conflict or just losing a friend. So we solve the problem by making a "triangle." That is, we discuss the issue with a third party either to get relief from our frustration or even to enlist help. But our efforts to avoid conflict inevitably result in more conflict! Through examples, learning some better methods of communication, and by sharing our stories, we will work to build some healthy communications skills. Bring your favorite example of a "triangle" you have observed.

### ***Elderly Care Policy Development- The Insurance Board***

Policies define the bandwidth of acceptable behavior in your organization—what's permitted and what's not—and inform and empower employees and volunteers to take action before an incident occurs. What do your deacons and church volunteers need to know before making a home visit? Sound policies provide the foundation for a safe environment.

### ***What Divides Us, Part 1- The Presbytery of Grand Canyon Reconciliation Team***

Two pastors from Grand Canyon Presbytery, one with an orthodox, evangelical perspective and one with a progressive perspective, will engage in an open and honest discussion of the issues that have divided the presbytery for the past few decades—theological, cultural and ecclesiastical. We invite the audience to listen to the discussion and then pose questions of their own. Participants must register for both Part 1 and Part 2.

### ***What Divides Us, Part 2- The Presbytery of Grand Canyon Reconciliation Team***

After having listened to a conversation between two pastors on the issues that have divided the presbytery for the past few decades, Brad Munroe and the PGC's Reconciliation Team will lead a facilitated conversation in which audience members take turns sharing their own views and listening to others' views. This is an opportunity to learn about one another and re-engage with each's other's perspectives thoughtfully and respectfully. Participants must register for both Part 1 and Part 2.

### ***Great Recipes for Clerks and the Handbook- Stated Clerk Bob Schulz and Jeanette Miller***

What does the Clerk of Session do? How to keep the pastor out of trouble and the Session smiling. What does the Presbytery need and why? What are the secrets to submitting records review. What are the hot ticket items for clerks from the last year? All this and more.

### ***Understanding the Doctrine of Discovery: Seeking Reconciliation and Healing Charlotte Fafard and Linda Worsnop***

The wrongs perpetrated on our Native American brothers and sisters by the *Doctrine of Discovery*, originating with the popes in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century, which led to inconceivable loss of lives and lands in America, was presented and discussed at the 2018 General Assembly. We hope to help raise awareness of this Doctrine, and to offer ways in which a greater understanding and reconciliation can begin within our own churches and presbyteries in Arizona as we work together toward healing. Arizona has the highest percentage of Native American churches in the PCUSA, so it is important for us to do our best to understand, respond, and lead the way in this long overdue time for reconciliation and justice.

### ***Effective Church Websites- Rev. Bet Hannon***

This workshop will cover the essentials such as:

- what goes on the home page (and what doesn't!)
- maintaining dynamic content
- preventing hackers and spam
- getting Google to find you
- systems for managing your site yourself
- ideas for getting a site up on a budget (as low as \$30 per year or even free!)

Bet Hannon combines many years as a pastor with technical know-how to help churches and non-profits effectively use digital tools.

### ***Honoring a Life: Advance Care Planning- Ginny Schoffelman***

When it comes to end-of-life care, one conversation can make all the difference. This 2-hour workshop helps people begin the conversation and outlines a clear process for them to ensure that their priorities and preferences for end-of-life care are known, documented and honored. Objectives are to reduce fear and stigma around talking about dying and to allow people to consider what's important to them; learn how to talk to others about their wishes; review healthcare planning decisions, resources and documents; learn with whom to share their healthcare planning documents; and discuss when to review and update these documents

### ***Are We Really Ending Hunger and Poverty? Strategies for Ministry- Tamara Zivic***

Find out what is going on in the Presbyteries and what more can be done to End Hunger & Poverty at the Root. A connectional workshop for congregations involved in alleviating hunger, those interested in becoming a Covenant Hunger Action Congregation, and updating on Presbytery work in these areas:

- Direct Food Relief combined with Root Cause Work
- Sustainable Development
- Advocacy
- Intentional and Sustainable Living
- Education

### ***The Effects of Pornography on Youth and Adults: Connecting Porn to Global Human Trafficking***

Exploring prostitution, poverty, teen runaways, and how children and youth become mere commodities to their abusers. Pornography negatively affects perceptions on healthy relationships. This workshop examines stereotypes about prostitution and looks toward safety and respect for all God's people.

***Opioid Health Crisis: Equipping our Faith Communities to Respond- Rev. Cathy Witte***

This workshop will provide an overview on the current epidemic facing us locally and nationally with the overuse and misuse of opioids and how our churches can be equipped to respond with compassion, hope and expertise. Participants will be introduced to a toolkit developed by The Partnership Center of the Department of Health and Services, which gives practical ways for faith communities and other organizations to bring hope and healing to those in need. The seven areas covered are titled: Open Your Doors, Increase Awareness, Build Community Capacity, Rebuild and Restore, Get Ahead of the Problem, Connect and Collaborate and Resources.

***Disaster Preparedness Planning: Out of Chaos- Hope- Bonnie Thompson***

Is your congregation willing to prepare themselves and the facilities for the eventuality of a disaster? Join the workshop to learn to create a preparedness team, goals and receive resources to support your congregation in disaster planning. Remember, all disasters are local and that is where the planning begins. Out of Chaos, Hope!

***Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries- Revs. Mike and Sheryl Campbell***

Mike and Sheryl serve Faith Presbyterian Church in Sun City, an age restricted community. Just back from the annual Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Conference held this past June, Mike and Sheryl will share insights learned and hear from participants the challenges and responses for Older Adult Ministries as well as sharing the resources POAM offers through membership. The practical experience, wisdom, attitude and example of older people are valued gifts to the life of the church.

***Tech Tools for Ministry- Rev. Bet Hannon***

Intended for pastors and lay leaders, this workshop will introduce technology tools that can help save time and help ministry be more efficient. Tools will be shared for scheduling, data accessibility, project management, video meetings, password management and more.

***Left Behind Immigration Stories: How can the Church play a proactive role to support families? - Rev. Leslie Vogel***

An exploration of families remaining in Central America when a husband, wife, father, or mother migrates; U.S. citizen families remaining in the U.S. when their non-citizen relative (often care-giver &/or bread-winner) is deported back to his/her country after 20-30 years in the U.S. What happens to the families left behind in Central America when one member migrates? What about the situation of an increasing people being deported back to their home countries now after 5, 10 (even 15-20 years or more) in the U.S.?

***Native American Partnerships- Rev. Norma McCabe and Clyde Parks***

Learn how your congregation can partner with one of the 25 Native Churches in the Presbytery to improve the crumbling infrastructure at these historic mission sites. Share ministry and build friendships between cultures and find a wealth of spiritual gifts together!

***The Transitional Journey - the work of the Church and the Interim Pastor- Rev. Harry Cole***

Congregations like pastoral stability. But what happens when a pastor leaves? Where does the church go from there? Intentional interim ministry has evolved over the past 35 years as a specialized process of self-evaluation to enable transitional congregations to call the most qualified pastoral candidate to lead them in accomplishing their shared mission goals in times of immense cultural change and uncertain futures. This workshop will appeal to all active church members and especially those lay leaders who wish to know more about how congregations function in the absence of an installed pastor. The basic steps will be covered.

***How Do We Lead Our Congregations Towards Christian Anti-Racism? - Dr. Shawn Bawulski***

In America, racism is in the air we breathe. We all take it in and internalize it; we all participate in the culture, institutions, and systems that perpetuate it. Christian discipleship demands that we be actively anti-racist. So what does that look like in our churches? And how can we lead our congregations towards faithfulness in this area?

***Best Skills, Best Churches- Rev. Tully Fletcher and Rev. Megan Trequair***

In 2015, The Episcopal Diocese of Arizona began an innovative and groundbreaking partnership with Arizona State University's Lodestar Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Innovation, creating the highly successful: Best Skills/Best Churches (SM): Nonprofit Management Training Program for Church Leadership. The program is designed to equip Clergy and Lay Leaders with best practices in nonprofit management and focuses on church development and leadership skills. This year, the program was opened and tailored to include leaders from other faith communities: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, The United Methodist Church and The Presbyterian Church of United States of America. Students are instructed in current nonprofit best practices, and graduates earn a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from ASU Lodestar Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Innovation.