



# LAS NOTICIAS

## Weekly Missive

### New Ideas in the New Year Ignite the Spark!



Once again, I am chagrined. Here we are still in the middle of Advent, barreling down on Christmas, and I need us to look forward to the new year. While I prefer to remain focused on the Advent rhythms of preparation, I need to leap ahead to our combined presbyteries' meeting on January 24-25 and to our final *Ignite the Spark!*

Our *Ignite the Spark* workshops have been funded by a grant from the General Assembly and have focused on sparking transformation in our churches. Over the last two years, we have been blessed to hear ideas from luminaries such as Will Willimon and Tom Tewell as well as relatively unknown speakers whose passion and expertise carried their message even beyond these luminaries. We have been blessed with energy, intelligence, imagination and love!

And we may have saved our best for last.

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## Registration is open for the January Presbytery meeting

### HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE PRESBYTERY MEETING

- Worship and Celebration of the Lord's Supper
- Installation of Moderators-Jim Nelson (de Cristo) and Carol Gerlach (Grand Canyon)
- Commissioning of: Triennium participants, CREs, Thrive congregations
- Dedication of Pledges
- Rev. Bill Brown and Rev. Tom Letts- Congregational Renewal
- Annual meetings of the Presbyteries



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**IGNITE THE SPARK! Wonder & Sacrifice Embracing for Ministry**

**Friday, January 25, 2019**

**9 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.**

**First Presbyterian Church, 161 N Mesa Dr., Mesa**



**Dr. Bill Brown**, is the William Marcellus McPheeters Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary and, more importantly, a member of Presbytery de Cristo. Dr. Brown's most recent book is *Sacred Sense: Discovering the Wonder of God's Word and World*, (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2015). He will present on the connection between our theology of wonder and the work of discernment for ministry.

**The Rev. Tom Letts** is a Presbyterian pastor, church consultant, and 1,001 New Worshipping Communities coach. As both a church pastor and church planter, the Rev. Letts seeks to engage parishioners in reality-tested decision-making. He will present on how data and demographics

lead us to define ministry targets and get real about our commitments.

[Click here for more information and to register](#)

## SAVE THE DATE! A TASTE OF CHIAPAS



Friday, FEBRUARY 15, 2019

5-8 p.m.

St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1800 N Camino Decimo,  
Tucson

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[MORE NEWS- POSADA SIN FRONTERA- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18](#)

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## CHURCH NEWS

### FRONTERA DE CRISTO

hosts Posada Sin Frontera, Tuesday, December 18- at the Border - [Click here for details](#)

### NORTHMINSTER

hosts Northminster tradition for our Seniors to come together in the season of Advent to enjoy their Children's annual Christmas Program and then sip soup after the show! 4pm | Children's Christmas Program | Free to attend, in the Sanctuary. 5pm | Seniors Christmas Supper & Carol Sing! A home-cooked soup supper with a side of Christmas carols and fun. Surprise guests in Fellowship Hall. Suggested donation \$6.00



Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



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**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL FOR  
YOUR CONSIDERATION**

**Grand Canyon Presbytery Pastor Brad Munroe-**  
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**Upcoming Events**

**JANUARY**

25- Ignite the Spark  
25-26- Combined Presbytery meeting Mesa First

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