



LAS NOTICIAS



Holiday blessings from your Presbytery Staff!

May the joy brought by the birth of our Savior be a blessing to you and yours in the coming week.

NOTE: There will be no LAS NOTICIAS next week due to Christmas.

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



[CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION ON AMENDMENTS TO BE VOTED UPON](#)
(Can be found under Presbytery link on website)

[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

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](#)



A new way to support Triennium online!
There is a link on the de Cristo homepage WWW.PRESBYTERYDECRISTO.ORG
along the right-hand edge. Click on the Link "Donate to Triennium 2019" or [CLICK
HERE!](#)

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

[More Information](#)

CHURCH NEWS

THE HOLY WAY

Pop-Up: January 13 following worship: **Us vs Them Why I'm right, you're wrong, and we're afraid of them.** Hidden Tribes: A Study of America's Polarized Landscape provides a survey of a nation divided into warring camps of partisans shouting over each other. We sometimes assume that they would think as we do if they were better informed, but research has found distinctive differences in how liberals and conservatives think about political and moral issues, as is discussed in Emily Faber-Warren's "Unconscious Reactions Separate Liberals and Conservatives." We will use this research to reflect upon how we sometimes harden our stances in ways that make it difficult to listen to others. After reviewing this research, we will discuss how we can develop the spirit of empathy for others discussed in Robert Boisture's "Civic Virtues and the Healing of Partisan Divides."

COMPANEROS EN MISION

Refugee assistance is happening in Nogales. Refugees have arrived at the Dennis Deconcini Port of Entry and are waiting quietly and patiently for their cases to be heard. Compañeros en Misión and its Nogales church, Iglesia Presbiteriana Sol de Justicia (Sun of Justice Presbyterian Church) have joined other humanitarian aid organizations such as Kino Border Initiative, to feed them. Pastor Jorge Pazos writes that they are mostly women and children. Pastor Jorge thanks God for those who make food preparation possible. If you are interested in helping with purchasing food for this mission you can send a check to Compañeros en Misión and mark it "Immigrant Project" at 249 N. Rodriguez, Nogales, Arizona 85628.



Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Christians around the world celebrating the birth of Christ



Calling all Congregations!

HAS YOUR CHURCH PRAYERFULLY
CONSIDERED YOUR CHANCE TO THRIVE? [Click
here for more information](#)

Job OpportunitiesNEW LISTING

Presbyterian Giving Catalog Available Now

IF YOU HAVE A CAUSE THAT'S CLOSE TO YOUR HEART, YOU CAN
FIND A WAY TO HELP IN THE GIVING CATALOG.

Explore a wide variety of gifts that provide real and positive impact around the world—including aid for refugees, access to clean water and helping to end hunger. [Click here](#)



Upcoming Events

JANUARY

25- Ignite the Spark- [Register here](#)
25-26- Combined Presbytery meeting Mesa First- [Register here](#)

[THIS WEEK'S PCUSA NEWS](#)

[Board of Pensions](#)

[Lenten Study- Lighten Up with the Humor of Jesus](#)

Visit our Website

Presbytery de Cristo | 602-468-3820 | Fax- 602-468-3824 | pbyoffice@gmail.com
www.presbyterydecristo