



LAS NOTICIAS

Weekly Missive

A Call for New Ideas Open Space in January



In the middle of Advent, we need to look forward 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 25-26 because we are going to try an experiment.

We will be having an hour on the Friday agenda that is reserved as "open space." Open space scheduling is a time without anything on the agenda except what you bring to the table. Do you have a topic you would like to discuss with other pastors and elders? Tell us about it. Do you think we need to think theologically together? Suggest the conversation. Do you want to hear about best practices for ministry or mission? Put out a call for ideas.

Where do the ideas come from? How do I register?

[Continue reading](#)



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!](#)

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

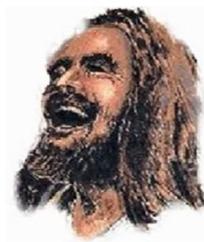
Dr. Bill Brown, is the William Marcellus McPheeters Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary and, more importantly, a member of Presbytery de Cristo. Dr. Brown's most recent book is *Sacred Sense: Discovering the Wonder of God's Word and World*, (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2015). 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](#)

Lighten Up with the Humor of Jesus

Looking for something different for Lent? "Lighten Up with the Humor of Jesus" is a short seminar (or online course) published by Udemy from Gary Kush's Ph.D. It's funny yet scholarly. The course, using multi-media, explores the nature of humor, the types Jesus used, and how His humor influences our understanding of Easter. Normally \$19.95, It's now available to Presbyterian congregations for free. Fourteen have already registered from Grand Canyon and de Cristo. Teach it yourself OR ask Gary to lead it OR offer it as an online, self instructional course. For a preview, click here>> www.webucateu.org Use the code, HOJ2018. Call Rev. Dr. Kush to schedule your seminar 480.209.9592.



Theology Uncorked

"Humanitarian Aid is Never a Crime"

Rev. John Fife is a retired Presbyterian minister, human rights advocate and a founding member of the Sanctuary movement. Between 1982-92, some 15,000 Central American came through his church, Southside Presbyterian Church seeking asylum after fleeing civil war and death squads in their home country. No More Death began in 2004 in the form of a coalition of community and faith groups dedicated to stepping up efforts to stop the deaths of migrants in the desert. This talk will focus on how faith communities can support Scott Warren and the other 9 volunteers who face criminal charges for providing humanitarian aid to migrants and refugees in the Sonoran Desert Borderlands.



Monday, December 10, St. Francis Cabrini Parish Hall, 3201 E Presidio Rd- 6:30 p.m.

CHURCH NEWS

IMMANUEL

is going Christmas Caroling December 16 at 4 p.m. Fa la la la la!

THE HOLY WAY

The Advent Study: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel will meet Wednesday, Dec. 12, & Dec. 19 at 2:00 p.m



YOU'RE INVITED!

Come share holiday cheer with the Tucson Borderlands Young Adult Volunteers. Open House on December 11, 6-8pm, at the YAV house -- 527 E Waverly St. We'd love to see you there!



Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Ron Parker, Immanuel
-



Calling all Congregations!

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

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](#)



**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL FOR
YOUR CONSIDERATION**

Grand Canyon Presbytery Pastor Brad Munroe-
[Click here to download "Time's Up"](#)

Upcoming Events

DECEMBER

10- Theology Uncorked- See above article

JANUARY

25-26- Combined Presbytery meeting Mesa First

[THIS WEEK'S PCUSA NEWS](#)

[Board of Pensions](#)

Visit our Website