



# LAS NOTICIAS

## Lenten Lovin', Lenten Livin':Lenten Devotional Available Now for Download



Lent is still a long way off – we have a late Easter this year so Ash Wednesday isn't until March 6, for heaven's sake. So, for heaven's sake, why am I writing about Lent?

Even more than Advent and Christmas, Lent is my favorite time in the church year. I love the themes of adventurous discipleship, of courageous encounters with the cross, the pomp and circumstance (not to mention the politics and intrigue) of Palm Sunday and Holy Week. I love it all! While I appreciate Advent's emphasis

on *devotional* practices to draw us closer into intimacy with the Christ Child, I more strongly connect with Lent's emphasis on *transformational* practices that call us deeper into life in Christ as Lord.

Of course, appreciation of Advent and Lent need not be an either/or decision.

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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](#)

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## Final call- Make your reservation for the January Presbytery meeting

### Annual Stated Meeting of Presbytery

Friday, January 25- 3 p.m

Saturday, January 26- 9 a.m.

Materials are available on the Presbytery website for downloading and printing. Please make your reservations so that we have an accurate count for dinner.



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

**[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)**

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## FUNDRAISER FOR TRIENNIUM

**Saturday Feb 16th  
Jazz and Big Band Gala  
to support our youth trip to Triennium  
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
Westminster Hall, NE Campus  
6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Contact Pilar Ruiz for tickets**



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## SAVE THE DATE! A TASTE OF CHIAPAS

**Friday, FEBRUARY 15, 2019**

**5:30-8 p.m.**



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

Dinner tickets and raffle tickets are now available for the 2019 Taste of Chiapas. Tickets will be available through Sunday, February 3rd, by contacting any of the following people: Robin Thomas at The Holy Way Presbyterian Church; Peggy Free, Carol Schurr, or Sue Samoy at Immanuel Presbyterian; Irene Camp or Carol Olson at Mountain Shadows Presbyterian; Sandy Kreamer at St. Andrew's Presbyterian; Gwyn Roske at St. Mark's Presbyterian; or by contacting [vicky@fronteradecristo.org](mailto:vicky@fronteradecristo.org).

Dinner tickets are \$20 each, and tables for 8 are \$150. Dinner tickets must be purchased in advance, but raffle tickets will be available that evening for \$5 each or 5 for \$20. This event supports the expansion of the Café Justo business model in additional cities along the US-Mexico border, and some building projects at the Café Justo y Mas coffee shop in Agua Prieta. We'll have a great Chiapan meal, and we'll hear from leaders who have been with Café Justo from the beginning. There'll be a mariachi band, enticing silent auction items, and lots of raffles. Come support Frontera de Cristo and Café Justo! It's going to be a great evening!

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**A new way to support Triennium online!**

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

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## CHURCH NEWS

### THE HOLY WAY

The Mission Committee and the Congregational Life Committee invite you for dinner and a movie on January 30th! A soup and cornbread dinner will begin in the Ranch House at 5:30pm. Then we'll head into the sanctuary to watch the highly acclaimed documentary, *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* For over thirty years, Fred Rogers, an unassuming minister, puppeteer, writer and producer was beamed daily into homes across America. In his beloved television program, *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, Fred and his cast of puppets and friends spoke directly to young children about some of life's weightiest issues, in a simple, direct fashion. There hadn't been anything like Mr. Rogers on television before and there hasn't been since. Though he may be best known today as a soft-spoken, cardigan-wearing children's television host, in reality, Fred Rogers' career represents a sustained attempt to present a coherent, beneficent view about how we should best speak to children about important matters and how television could be used as a positive force in our society. In *Won't You Be My Neighbor?*, Academy Award-winning filmmaker Morgan Neville looks back on the legacy of Fred Rogers, focusing on his radically kind ideas. While the nation changed around him, Fred Rogers stood firm in his beliefs about the importance of protecting childhood. Neville pays tribute to this legacy with the latest in his series of highly engaging, moving documentary portraits of essential American artists.

## 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.



### Calling all Congregations!

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



### Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Those affected by the government shutdown
- Those helping asylum-seekers in our churches

Job Opportunities

Church Pews for Sale

## Upcoming Events

### JANUARY

25- Ignite the Spark- [Register here](#)

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

### FEBRUARY

15- A Taste of Chiapas- St. Pius X- [Info](#)

22-23- Diana Butler Bass The Good Shepherd UCC in Sahuarita

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## Lenten Devotions by Brad Munroe

### Matthew 5:1-2

Jesus' greatest ethical teaching began with seeing. Jesus saw the crowds – for who they were and what they were, in their beauty and blessing as well as their longing and need and fallen humanity. So Jesus went up on a mountainside, where, in Matthew's Gospel, God-events happen. Jesus sat, taking the posture assumed by a rabbi. Jesus' disciples came to him, and Jesus began to instruct them about living

toward a sacred openness before God.

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