



LAS NOTICIAS

Ignite the Spark 2019 Digging the Data!



Fake News! Alternative Facts! Confirmation Bias! Recency Bias! Silos! As the headlines scream with reasons to distrust the information with which we are daily bombarded, it is easy for me, a pastor, to smile smug in my assurance that I have been right all along: intuition and artistic perception are far more powerful indicators of truth than *mere facts*. Certain of my rightness – ne brilliance – I lift my lip and sneer at the bankers and business types, the engineers and educators who populate my churches and who rely on science, numbers, and known quantities in their decision-making. Then again, maybe I've been wrong all along.

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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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(Can be found under Presbytery link on website)

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CALL FOR OPEN SPACE DISCUSSION GROUPS FOR PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

If your church-related group would like to be a part, complete and return an application form by January 15 to be included. Discussion roundtables would take place on Friday afternoon of Presbytery.

[APPLICATION](#)

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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A new way to support Triennium online!

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CHURCH NEWS

IMMANUEL

Rev. Bob Seel is retiring as the Parish Associate and will be celebrated for his 25 years of service at Immanuel with a reception following the 11:00am service Sunday. If you would like to make a gift to Companeros en Mision in honor of Bob, please place it in the offering plate this Sunday. *(Please make your check out to Companeros en Mision and mark it in honor of Bob Seel on the memo line.)*

ST. MARK'S

St. Mark's has new things happening. They will worship as one church at 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings. A new gathering for prayer and discussing the weekly scripture readings, "Midweek Manna," will start up in the chapel on Wednesdays at 8:30 AM. "Hotel San Marcos," their shelter for people from Central America seeking asylum, will reopen January 27.

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:

- Congratulations to Monica Russell as she joins Benson Community Church as their new CRE! A celebration will be held there February 3 at 10 a.m.

Job Opportunities

Church Pews for Sale



Calling all Congregations!

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Upcoming Events

JANUARY

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

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