



LAS NOTICIAS

Weekly Missive

Thrive Project Update...

Robert Frost wrote about two paths diverging in the woods and how taking the road less traveled made all the difference. If I may borrow from Mr. Frost, our Thrive Project for congregational renewal has encountered such a fork in the woods, and the Thrive Project facilitators, in conjunction with the Leadership Team, have suspended our work in order to conduct a 30-day administrative review. To borrow from other literary greats: It is the best of times (to thrive), it is the worst of times (to thrive). To thrive or not to thrive, that is the question.



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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**



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.

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!

[More Information](#)

An Adult Faith Formation Class
Monday, February 18, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church
14240 North Oracle Road at Mountaineer Drive
No pre-registration needed. Just show up, having kindly silenced your phone.

In a 2018 article published in *Presbyterians Today* magazine, Rev. Graham Standish writes, “*lectio divina*, which translates as ‘divine reading’ or ‘spiritual reading’ is a multistep practice of reading and reflection.... A reader slowly reads a small passage of Scripture and then invites listeners to sit in silence as they meditate on the passage and think about what God is saying to them through it. Then they slowly read it again. Listeners pray silently about what they heard. Then they slowly reads it once more, and afterward listeners sit in silent prayer, letting all thoughts fade away as they simply sit with God.”

Mountain Shadows’ guest presenter for the *lectio divina* class will be Sister Katherine Ann Smolik, OSB, a core community member of the Desert House of Prayer and a graduate of the Hesychia School of Spiritual Direction. A longtime practitioner of *lectio divina*, Katherine Ann is a member of the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, a contemplative monastic community whose founder, St. Benedict, encouraged Christians to practice *lectio divina* daily.

Whether you have experience with *lectio divina* or have never practiced it before, you are welcome to gather with kindred spirits on Monday, February 18 at 2:00 p.m. at Mountain Shadows Church www.mountainshadowchurch.org.

Healthy Pastors Healthy Congregation Initiative



THE BOARD OF PENSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

To help PCUSA pastors address the growing financial challenges to ministry, the Board of Pensions has developed Healthy Pastors, Healthy Congregations. This initiative, designed to help ministers and congregations work together for financial stability, provides education and financial resources. This program combines pastor and congregational leader education with grants up to \$10,000 to qualifying pastors.

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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!](#)

CHURCH NEWS

MOUNTAIN SHADOWS

Extraordinary Time, Spiritual Reflections from a Season with Cancer, Death, and Transition by faith leader Laura Dunham MONDAY MARCH 4TH 2-4 PM

Mountain Shadows' Health Ministry invites all to an AUTHOR TALK, BOOK SALE & SIGNING at Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church Sanctuary, 14240 N. Oracle Dr.

SOUTHSIDE

Please join us Saturday, February 23 from 5-9 p.m. at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, as we celebrate The Reverend Alison J. Harrington's 10th Anniversary serving as Pastor of Southside Presbyterian Church. Tickets may be purchased at pastoralison10.eventbrite.com

IMMANUEL

hosts FREE Income Tax Preparation by AARP Wednesdays from 10:00am—3:00pm Towner Hall Rooms 4/5 now through April 10th All tax preparers are trained and certified and all returns are double checked prior to e-filing. WHAT TO BRING: • Picture ID for taxpayer and spouse • Proof of income including W2s and 1099 forms • Social Security cards or documents for all • Deductible expenses documentation • Prior year's tax returns • Bank account and routing numbers (for e-refunds) Just a

HOLY WAY

Pop-Up Sunday School: Meet the Tucson Borderlands YAVs February 10 in the Ranch House Hear about the work and life of the three Tucson Borderlands Young Adult Volunteers (YAVs). We supports these young people through financial contributions to the program, and through our prayers. Come and hear what they are up to!



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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Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Congratulations to Rev. Alison Harrington and the Southside congregation as they celebrate the start of renovations and her 10th year of service to the community

Job Opportunities

Church Pews for Sale

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

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

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

APRIL

6- Stated Meeting of Presbytery- Valley PC

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