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Weekly Missive

The Great Ends of the Church End #4 – The preservation of the truth

The fourth great end of the church is the preservation of the truth. In today's world, truth is in short supply: fake news in politics, opinion masquerading as fact, actual facts being framed in such a way the message created distorts into parody, debates about science vs. pseudo-science. Is truth a function of power? A function of philosophical idea? A function of scientific empiricism?



The Hebrew people perceived of truth as a lived reality, which may help us understand Jesus' words, "...I am the truth..." (John 14:6). Jesus is not merely an idea (though he is the eternal *Logos*), nor is Jesus' Way merely a set of rules for behavior (though I would argue the Sermon on the Mount is a particularly compelling summary of ethics). Rather, to say Jesus is the truth is to acknowledge an organic interconnection between head and heart and hands, between one's beliefs and one's behaviors, and between the personal and the public, that lead toward the creation of God's *shalom* on earth as in heaven. Truth is a lived reality.

What does it look like in the life of the *individual* Jesus follower to preserve the truth? What does it look like in the life of a *congregation* to preserve the truth?

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Have you registered for the April Stated Meeting of Presbytery?

Saturday, April 6- 9 a.m.
Valley Presbyterian, Green Valley

Highlights for this Meeting are the following:

- Worship and Celebration of the Lord's Supper
- Nominations for new committee members
- Celebration of Ordination Anniversaries



[Please register by clicking here](#)



YAV is Celebrating!

Young Adult Volunteers is celebrating 25 years of service. Come learn more about our long-running program in de Cristo and meet this year's YAVs at Presbytery!

Healthy Congregation Initiative



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.

[Click here for a brochure with more info](#)

SUPPORTING PRESBYTERIAN CAMPUS MINISTRIES IS FUN!

COMING EVENTS

APRIL 5- TRIVIA NIGHT to support Presbyterian Campus Ministry! Join us for a little competitive fun and fellowship, plus snacks and a raffle, Friday, April 5th from 6:00–8:00pm at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church (3809 E. 3rd Street, Tucson, AZ 85716). Registration is \$5 per person, for individuals or teams of up to 6 people. Click here to register: <https://goo.gl/forms/n1M01kczTCescpWW2>



MAY 12- PCM will benefit from ticket sales to Gaslight's late-spring show, BACK TO THE PAST on May 12th at 6pm. Anyone interested in buying a ticket to support Presbyterian Campus Ministry can call and leave a message for Barbara at (520) 624-4690. TICKETS ARE \$35.

CHURCH NEWS

THE HOLY WAY

The Holy Way is celebrating 24 years of fruitful ministry with Rev. Ray Thomas and having many heartfelt goodbyes as Ray and Robin prepare to move to Middle Tennessee Presbytery where they have been called to serve as Co-Executive Presbyters. Ray and Robin's last Sunday at The Holy Way will be April 7.

TRINITY

You are cordially invited to honor and celebrate Pastor Bill Voigt as he retires from Trinity Presbyterian Church Dinner Saturday, April 27, 2019 At 4:00 PM in Trinity Hall. A reception will be held Sunday, April 28, 2019 At 11:45 AM in Fellowship Hall. Please R.S.V.P. by April 22 for the Saturday evening dinner by calling the church office at 623-2579. You do not need to R.S.V.P. for Sunday's reception.



Help for Flood Victims and other disasters

One Great Hour of Sharing

Your gifts to this offering provide core funding for the work of PDA, enabling immediate response to national and international disasters and strengthening ongoing work such as training and development, refugee ministry, and response to disasters that do not receive media attention.

OGHS funds are divided among Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of People (SDOP), and the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP). 32% of the offering goes to SDOP, 32% of the offering goes to PDA and 36% goes to PHP. To designate your OGHS gift to PDA, please use the special account number OG100000 - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Learn more about One Great Hour of Sharing.



Montlure Summer staff and volunteer applications are open for 2019! Applications can be found at Montlure.CampBrainStaff.com

In addition, early registration for Overnight Camp ends on **March 15th**. Save \$25 on Overnight registration fees by entering "EARLY" in the promotional code box.

Register for Overnight and Traveling Day Camps at Montlure.CampBrainRegistration.com

Overnight Camps:
Senior High: June 2-7
Junior High: June 23-28
Juniors: July 7 -11

Day Camps:
Phoenix/Orangewood Presbyterian : June 3-8
Phx East Valley/Gilbert Presbyterian: June 10-14
Casa Grande/First Presbyterian: June 17-21
Green Valley/Valley Presbyterian: June 24-28
More to announce, soon!

More details at: Montlure.org



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!](#)



Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Rev. Ray Thomas and Robin as they leave for Tennessee.

Job Opportunities- New listings

Vintage Grand Piano

Upcoming Events

MARCH

31- [Blood Drive- Trinity-- 9 a.m.-2 p.m.](#)

APRIL

5- [TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER FOR PCM](#)
6- Stated Meeting of Presbytery- Valley PC- [Register](#)

MAY

12- PCM Fundraiser at Gaslight Theatre

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