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Weekly Missive

This is Good Friday: (Article originally published in March/April issue of Pinnacle Vistas)

In *A Grace Disguised*, Gerald Sittser describes his personal journey through the heart of darkness after watching his wife, his four-year old daughter and his mother die in a car accident. He tells of a dream he had shortly after the funeral in which he ran frantically west toward the setting sun. He could not catch it, of course, and soon found himself standing in the twilight. He was filled with the darkness of despair as he glanced over his shoulder to the east and saw a vast and terrifying darkness closing in on him. Sittser told his sister about the dream. She listened, and after remaining silent for a time said, "Gerald, the quickest way to reach the sun is not to chase after it in the West, but to plunge into the darkness and through the darkness until one encounters the rising sun. Don't go west, Gerald, go east."



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May God richly bless you in this week's journey to the cross and beyond. Through our struggles, as Easter people, we know of the joy that lies ahead. Peace and sustenance to you from your Presbytery staff!

Faith Floods the Desert

Join people of faith across Southern Arizona on Good Friday, April 19th for a Faith Floods the Desert Liturgical Action. On this day, as Christians around the world remember the crucifixion of Jesus, we are painfully aware of the way in which our current border policies are leading to the ongoing "crucifixion" of migrants in our desert. Join us as we journey to the border fence in Sasabe for a prayer service. Along the way we will stop and offer prayers at the crosses that mark the place where one of our migrant siblings have died in our desert. Meet at 7am on Good Friday at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church at 3809 E 3rd St, Tucson, AZ 85716 for a brief liturgy and press conference at 7am and then will depart for Sasabe at 7:30am — we anticipate returning to Tucson by 1pm. We hope that you will consider standing with us as we stand with those who are most directly impacted by our border policies and with those, like No More Death's volunteer Scott Warren, who are being criminally charged with humanitarian aid. We gather to say the deaths must end and the charges against humanitarian workers must be dropped. You are invited to bring gallons of water with you to St Mark's to support their on going humanitarian work.



ATTENTION CHURCH FINANCE PERSONNEL!

2019 MidCouncil Finance Network Conference

November 20-22, 2019

Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront

5700 Atlantic Avenue

Virginia Beach, VA 23451

(Group Room Rate \$69 + tax)

If making reservations by phone, please call the hotel at (757) 428-7025 and reference the "2019 MCFN Conference of the Presbyterian Church" for the reduced rate.

Online Registration will open in July. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (888) 728-7228, extension 5542.

SUPPORTING PRESBYTERIAN CAMPUS MINISTRIES IS FUN!

COMING EVENT

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

IMMANUEL

will host its Annual Junque Sale– Saturday, May 4th from 7:00am – 1:00pm. A Junque Sale of Biblical Proportions to benefit the Casa Maria Ministry! Shoppers – come for amazing deals! You will find "good stuff" at great prices!

MOUNTAIN SHADOWS

hosts Christian Meditation each Thursday at 2:00 p.m. in Mountain Shadows' chapel (the little room north of the church office), a group gathers for a time of Christian Meditation. You're invited to attend and practice this richly silent way of praying to God, who knows our needs.

New Minimum Effective Salary Approved by de Cristo Commission on Ministry

The COM approved a motion setting the Minimum Effective Salary (salary plus housing) at \$52,000 effective January 1, 2019. This motion applies to all new calls and all revisions of the terms of call for a teaching elder. This new minimum effective salary will apply to all calls effective January 1, 2020. A church may request an exception through COM if it is unable to meet the \$52,000 minimum salary.

[Read more](#)

Healthy Pastors 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](#)



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

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
Tucson/Christ Presbyterian Church: 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:

- Congratulations to Alison Wood, new Accompaniment Coordinator for Presbyterian Peace Fellowship

Job Opportunities- New listings

Upcoming Events

MAY

12- PCM Fundraiser at Gaslight Theatre

OCTOBER

4-6 PWS Fall Gathering- [Registration](#)

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