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Weekly Missive

Gutenberg Redux: Praying 1 Corinthians

My journey toward living into a post-Gutenberg world has led me to create a personal website. My daughter had to assist me with this, of course, (she would say she did it for me), and if she heard me speak of it with any measure of pride would quip, "Okay Boomer!" I do feel like a fish out of water.

Or perhaps it is that I am like the amphibian learning to breathe on land.

One of my passions is to write, which is the quintessential Gutenberg cultural activity, yet what I am discovering is the opportunity to share devotional writing through electronic means; thus my creating a website is a step of faith for me, trying something that feels awkward, presumptuous, and disconcerting.

Having put my hands to the plow, however, I shall not look back.

If you go to www.BradMunroe.org, you will find some of my experiments in post-Gutenberg ministry. I want to highlight one of these works as an opportunity for personal devotion and/or group formation:

Praying 1 Corinthians. *Praying 1 Corinthians* invites readers to experience God's Word through interpretive paraphrase, poetry and prayer. Here is a link to it:

http://www.bradmunroe.org/store/p16/Praying_1_Corinthians.html#/.

Though we are traveling through Lent, I want to project toward the sunrise, toward Eastertide, and encourage you as an individual or y'all as an adult discipleship group to read *Praying 1 Corinthians* together during Eastertide. The devotional can be used as a six-week study. 1 Corinthians is a compilation of five essays on the Cross, Men and Women in the Family, Christ and Culture, Men and Women in Worship, and Resurrection. I recommend you (or y'all) reflect upon one of these essays each week and reflect upon the whole of Paul's letter on week six.

My journey is not all that significant, actually, but *OUR* journey is essential. How will we move toward the virtual realities that had already begun to express themselves before the pandemic shifted our culture toward virtual community? How will we embrace the opportunities and confront the challenges the pandemic has raised to the level of crisis for our communities? Writing a devotional is nice but only if it leads us to engage our communities as the Body of Christ, both through virtual and with incarnational ministry.

As an amphibian learning to breathe, I find this new environment challenging yet invigorating; the ground is uncertain yet breathing is intoxicating. Having put our hands to the plow, let us not look back.

Ah, the journey is the ride,

Brad Munroe

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be sent to them. The materials are posted the week before the meeting. The call is emailed two weeks prior. All Clerk, Pastors (active, retired, etc) are included.

The Church Officer Training Course...

is now available. It contains short videos and a workbook. The six-hour course includes discussion questions, references, short videos charts, and exercises. The menu allows you to use all or parts of the course. It is available on desktop computers, laptops, smart-phones, and tablets. For people without the Internet, it is available by mail on a DVD with a printed workbook. Use the

course as a resource to train YOUR officers OR send the link to individuals who missed your training. The course was developed by Brad Munroe, Elizabeth Smith, Craig Lindsey, Linda Loyd, Mary Saylor, Kristin Leucht of the BOP, Paul Rooker, Molly Winkler, and Gary Kush. [Click here.](#)



Upcoming Conversations at Frontera de Cristo

Thursday, February 25, at 5 pm MST
(4pm Pacific, 6pm Central, 7pm Eastern)

A Pilgrimage of Remembrance

A Conversation with the
School Sisters of
Notre Dame:
Honoring those
who have died while
crossing the border



IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

There will be a memorial for Jan McCoy, long-time and faithful Clerk of Session at St. Mark's, on Saturday, Feb 27, 2021 (Jan's 76th birthday) at 11 am (Tucson time). Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83630501810> Meeting ID: 836 3050 1810

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