

# E-FOCUS

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*Prayers Requested  
For*

The family of Rev. David Starr  
Lodge  
who passed away  
September 24

Elder Jack Schuler, Valley  
Presbyterian, who was  
hospitalized for anemia

Desert Hills Presbyterian  
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and Pastoral Care Teams

## QUICK LINKS

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## Upcoming Events

**FRIDAY-SATURDAY, October 8-9-** Fall Women's Gathering  
**SATURDAY, October 9-** FIRST Young Adult Gathering- Mtn View PC  
**SATURDAY, October 19-** Review of Records (RSVP required)  
Interchurch Center [carolynm@pbygc.org](mailto:carolynm@pbygc.org)  
**SUNDAY, October 24-** Annual CROP Walk for Hunger- Crossroads UMC  
**Next Stated Meeting of Presbytery will be November 13 at Bethany, Phoenix**  
*\*Schedules subject to change. Contact committee chair to confirm meeting date, time and location.*

**CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS** of Grand Canyon Presbytery-  
Come to the [FIRST Presbytery-wide meeting Sunday, October 9](#) at 4:45  
p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Mountain View Presbyterian in  
Scottsdale. Questions? Contact [adamlavazza@gmail.com](mailto:adamlavazza@gmail.com) or  
[jena.ashton@me.com](mailto:jena.ashton@me.com)

**ACCOMPANIMENT PROGRAM RENEWED** - Grand Canyon  
Presbytery issued a call encouraging non-Hispanic church members to  
sign up to visit one of their Hispanic sister congregations during the month  
of August. Response has been so positive, both for visitors and the  
hosting congregations, that the program is being extended! Church  
members from across the Presbytery are encouraged to sign up to  
visit one of our 5 hispanic congregations between October 17 through  
November 14. The four congregations in the Phoenix Metro area are:  
Memorial, Betania, Dios Es Amor and Guadalupe. The fifth is at Yuma  
First. Contact [Carolyn McBurney](mailto:Carolyn McBurney) with the date and church you would like  
to visit.

## COME ALL YE PEOPLE, A Day with John Bell

Scotland's finest preacher and leader of the Iona Community, John Bell  
uses music to gather people into one voice, one song. Your church can  
learn from him on Saturday, October 9 at Pinnacle Presbyterian.  
Registration is \$25 per person and includes lunch. Contact [Brent Hylton](mailto:Brent Hylton)  
for more information.

## PRESBYTERY ANNOUNCES PERSONNEL CHANGES-

Stated Clerk Dick Coffelt has announced his retirement, set for March 31,  
2011. Dick has faithfully served the Presbytery of Grand Canyon in this  
demanding position for 17 years. Additionally, Don Swanson the  
Presbytery's Property Manager for the past eight years, has written to

state that he would like to retire in June 30, 2011. Please join us in prayers for these faithful servants as they transition into new phases of their ministries and watch for more information in the coming weeks.

**JOIN THE ANNUAL CROP WALK** , Sunday, October 24 at 2 p.m. at Crossroads UMC. Registration is @ 1:30pm. The CROP Hunger Walk raises money to feed hungry people around the world and in the US. 25% of the funds stay in the Phoenix area. For more info visit [www.crophungerwalks.org/phoenix](http://www.crophungerwalks.org/phoenix). Contact [Rev. Tully Fletcher](#) with questions. FREE ICE CREAM after the walk!

**SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIES -- INCLUDE TEF IN YOUR 2011 BUDGET**

It is vital for the health of our seminaries and the future of the Church that congregations become connected to our seminaries. One way is to include the "Theological Education Fund" in your annual church budget and begin to draw attention to this connection. Startwherever you can -- \$50, \$100, \$500. Establish the connection! For more information go to [Theological Funds](#) or contact [Al Gephart](#) regional representative.

**DR. WALTER BRUGGEMAN TO SPEAK AT LOCAL EVENT- "God is Already Speaking Then"**

This presentation will explore the dynamics of interpretation that take place within the Bible itself. The outcome of such pluralism in interpretation in the Bible witnesses against the absolutism of much current theological contention, liberal and conservative. For more information click the link, [Spirit in the Desert Event](#)

**SYNOD OF THE SOUTHWEST NAMES NEW INTERIM EXEC/STATED CLERK-Elder Conrad M. Rocha**

has been selected to serve as Interim Synod Executive/Stated Clerk until a search is completed for a permanent leader. Conrad, an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of New Mexico, is executive director of Law Access New Mexico, a not-for-profit organization that provides free legal services to New Mexico's poor. He is an elder and member of La Mesa Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque and has served in a variety of capacities in service to the church, most recently as moderator of the Synod of the Southwest. For more information, visit [www.synodsw.org](http://www.synodsw.org).

**PRESBYTERY MISSION YEARBOOK OF PRAYER**

featured next week:Pinnacle Presbyterian Church in Scottsdale. It is not too late for your congregation to be featured. Contact [carolynm@pbygc.org](mailto:carolynm@pbygc.org) for a form.

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