



January 3, 2012

PRAYERS FOR

Harriet Nelson, Chandler
Presbyterian
The family of
Rev. Roland Rosson, who
passed away December 20

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**Interchurch Resource
Center UPDATE**

A task force is working with our ecumenical partners to determine the future of the Interchurch Resource Center following Kate Wilmoth's retirement at the end of the year. Resources are still available for checkout by coming by to check out materials. Because there is currently no one staffing the center, messages left on the voicemail will not be checked regularly. Please return any materials you are not currently using. A decision is expected within the next month.

Thank you !

QUICK LINKS

- [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#)
- [2010 Presbytery of Grand Canyon Annual Report](#)
- [Presbyterian Church \(USA\)](#)



**IMPLEMENTATION TEAM
RELEASES PLAN FOR NEW
PRESBYTERY STRUCTURE**

Council votes to send it to Presbytery for January approval. Click here for plan

**ANNUAL STATED MEETING
OF THE PRESBYTERY**

**January 27-28 at Casa Grande
Presbyterian Church**

**PC(USA) MODERATOR CYNTHIA
BOLBACH TO SPEAK FRIDAY AT
JOINT MEETING WITH DECRISTO
PRESBYTERY**

Friday-

**2:30 p.m. Presbytery Business
Meeting**

**4:00 p.m. Cynthia Bolbach,
219th GA Moderator**

**6:00 p.m. Dinner (Reservations
required of visitors)**

**7:00 p.m. Worship with Mod.
Bolbach preaching**

Saturday-

**9-11a.m. Presbytery Business
meeting**

11 a.m. Joint plenary

Noon Closing Worship

Presbyterian Seminaries

Upcoming Events

MONDAY, January 9

*Social Justice and
Peacemaking Committee
10 a.m. Interchurch Center*

TUESDAY, January 10

No Committee Meetings

WEDNESDAY, January 11

*10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
2:00 p.m. SMCD Meeting
(location TBD)*

THURSDAY, January 12

No committee meetings

FRIDAY, January 13

*Presbytery Call posted to
Web*

*Next Presbytery meeting
January 27-28 at Casa
Grande Presbyterian*

**ATTENTION PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

Moderators, Co-Moderators,
Moderators-Elect and other
interested leaders.

You are invited (and expected!)

Presbyterian Women
of the Presbytery

Coordinating Team Meeting

January 20, 2012, 9:00 a.m.,

Orangewood Presbyterian
Church

7321 N 10th St, Phoenix, AZ

9:00 a.m. Coffee and
conversation

9:30 a.m. CT meeting

Followed by a special program on
the "Meaning of the PW Purpose"

There will be time for news on
community and local
congregations.

We will finish with a potluck
luncheon provided by the PWPCT

Please R.S.V.P. to

Moderator Beverley Lane

at 480-860-5781 or

bnelslane@aol.com

NEW BOOK OF ORDER



**WHAT IS HAPPENING
TO THE GREATER
CHURCH?**

**Presbyteries of Grand
Canyon and deCristo
are hosting**

**Phyllis Tickle, author of *The Great
Emergence*,
Saturday, February 4 at Mission del
Sol.**

"Emergents ...recognize the ubiquity
of paradox and are not afraid of it.
Instead, they see in its operative
presence the tension where vitality
lives. ...

"... The point, in other words, is that
logic is not worth nearly so much as
the last five hundred years would
have had us believe. It is, therefore,
not to be trusted as an absolute, nor
are its conclusions to be taken as
truth just because they depend from
logical thinking. ... That is, logic
suffers from the fact that it is
human, not divine, and suffers all
the limitations of humanity, including
being irrevocably contained in time
and space.

"By extension, meta-narrative is
likewise to be distrusted, being as it
is also a product of humanity's
human thinking and explaining.
Narrative, on the other hand, is the
song of the vibrating network. It is
the spider's web in its trembling, a
single touch on one strand setting
all the others to resonating.

Narrative circumvents logic,
speaking the truth of the people who
have been and of whom we are.

Narrative speaks to the heart in
order that the heart, so tutored, may
direct and inform the mind." [From
The Great Emergence by Phyllis
Tickle, pg. 160.]

How can we be one Church when
there is no longer one story, but
only the many? Can the many
stories convey the Divine in ways
the one story cannot?

Come hear Phyllis Tickle speak to

AVAILABLE ONLINE

The new Form of Government, is available in the 2011/2013 edition of the *Book of Order*. [Click here](#) to download and electronic version.

JOB BULLETIN

See a list of jobs currently listed on the

Presbytery Website
Office Manager, Orangewood
Director of Worship, Eastminster
Presbyterian, Ventura CA
Arizona Korean Presbyterian
Church

Part time Youth & Children
Director (English speaking
okay) Contact Elder Kim,
WSKim@parker.com Cell
phone 623/302-2677

The congregation is nested in
First Presbyterian Church, Sun
City
Leadership Development at
PCUSA

Presbytery of Grand Canyon is now on FACEBOOK!

Become a fan and keep up to date on
events and discussions. If you are already
on Facebook, [click here](#) to be our friend!

Presbytery of Grand Canyon

www.pbyggrandcanyon.org

Carolyn McBurney
602-468-3820

this and more on February 4, 2012,
from 9:30am to 4:00pm at Mission
del Sol Presbyterian Church in
Tempe. Click [HERE for a
registration form](#).

YOUR CONGREGATION IS INVITED!

Come learn about a very special
Mission opportunity
With the Gila Crossing Presbyterian
Church

On the Gila River Indian
Reservation

Sunday afternoon, February 12,
2012

2:00-3:30pm

Central Presbyterian Church of
Phoenix

THE YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEER PROJECT

will place two college graduates
In Gila Crossing for one year
(August 2012 - July 2013)

Working with the Children and
Youth in the Church and
Community!

- Send your Church Members
with an interest in:

Native American Ministries
Children and Youth
College Graduates

- Send your Church Leaders
who can spread the news
about this special project
- Show thls to your church
Mission Committee Chair
today

And to make the afternoon EXTRA
FUN-

Several Indian Choirs will sing
Special Native Snacks will be
served (prickly pear anyone?!

More Information coming!

Call 602-468-3820 with questions

PRAYING IN THE NEW YEAR

This is a time when many of us examine our lives, give thanks for blessings, and consider new resolutions. In the coming year, I invite you to consider renewing your commitment to daily prayer.

Daily prayer doesn't have to be complicated. In its most basic form, the pattern of daily prayer consists of three things:

- * praying (ideally singing) a psalm;
- * reading and reflecting on Scripture; and
- * offering prayers of thanksgiving and intercession.

Moreover, daily prayer is integral to the practice of sacramental life-life in Christ:

- * As we rest each evening and rise each morning, we remember our Baptism (dying and rising with Christ); waking or sleeping, in life and in death we belong to God.
- * As we read and reflect on the Scriptures, we are formed and reformed by the Word of God made flesh in Jesus Christ, and called anew to faithful discipleship.
- * As we offer thanksgivings and intercessions, we practice a form of eucharistic prayer: giving thanks to God for the grace of Christ and calling on the power of the Spirit.

Beyond the rhythms of daily prayer, other simple daily practices can refresh and nourish us in sacramental living. Praying when washing can be a way to remember one's Baptism, the claim and call of God in our everyday lives. Praying at meals can be a way to practice eucharistic gratitude for the blessing of daily bread. You can find simple (one-sentence, scriptural) water prayers and table prayers at our

Invitation to Christ website. All of these are common, concrete ways of "living our lives in Christ" (Colossians 2:6).

As you consider renewing your commitment to daily prayer, remember the word "practice." I'm convinced that perfectionism is the enemy of practice. If you try to begin by praying the entire daily office on January 1, you're bound to end up frustrated or disappointed. If this is new for you, you might start by reading one psalm and lesson from the daily lectionary and praying the Lord's Prayer. This is a life-long commitment, and something we all grow into. Nobody trains for a marathon by running 26.2 miles the first day. Start wherever you are, go slow, and keep it simple. And if you fall down, get back up and keep going.

To borrow words from Paul, who encourages us to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17), I give thanks to God for all of you, remembering your work of faith, labor of love, and steadfastness of hope in Christ (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3).

Grace and peace,
David Gambrell
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PC(USA)

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