



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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April 2024

KIVA NEWSLETTER





A Word From Our Pastor...

The first Christians were mystified on how to proceed with their lives after Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven. Now what were they to do without him?

So, they did two main things: They told others about him, and they gathered for worship.

Because Jesus had come out of the Jewish tradition, worship was important. But they felt different now. So, rather than gathering for worship on the usual Sabbath, sundown Friday evening, they began gathering on Sunday morning.

That was the day Jesus was raised from the dead. That was the day they knew for sure God was still in charge! That was the day they would worship. And each Sunday as they gathered they remembered the Resurrection and gave thanks.

Even today, most Christians gather on Sunday mornings, a mini-celebration of the Resurrection.

Because Christ is Risen. He is Risen indeed!

Now it's our turn to continue the tradition. We gather for worship, and then we go out in the world to live the faith, and even to tell others about Jesus!

Here we go!

Peace in our Journeys,
Pastor Steve Melde

Sunday Worship

Join us for worship each Sunday in-person or online.

8:30 a.m. In/from the Fellowship Hall led by our Band.

10:45 a.m. In/from the Sanctuary led by our choirs and accompanist.

Children are always welcome in worship. Blue activity bags are available. We do have professional childcare if parents choose.

Online:

www.cpctucsonaz.org (scroll to the bottom of the homepage)

Facebook: ChristPresbyterianTucson

YouTube: cpctucsonaz

April 7: The Sacrament of Communion

Scripture: Luke 24:13-22

Sermon: Recognizing Jesus

Liturgist: Larry Biehl

April 14:

Scripture: Philippians 3:7-14

Sermon: Where to Look

Liturgist: The Molnar Family

April 21: Lesley Abrams preaching

Scripture: Proverbs 30:18-19

Sermon: Gasping in Wonder

Liturgist: Ann Larrabee, Nathan and Andrew Robinson

April 28:

Scripture: Acts 8:26-40

Sermon: Tell Your Part of the Story

Liturgist: Doug and Laura Thompson

Adult Faith Studies on Sunday Mornings



Join us for some adult Christian Faith classes on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

We have two (one-hour) classes that will give you the chance to grow deeper in your faith.

Greetings Saints!

As we move from winter to spring (and on to summer) we're scheduling some important topics for Journeys in Faith. Of course, there's always the Bible Study group currently digging into Genesis. They meet, in person only, every Sunday at 9:30 in Room A/B. As the psalmist writes: "*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*"

Journeys in Faith (JIF) also meets at 9:30 most Sundays in Room E/F. (Zoom ID 837 1404 2319). The goal of JIF is to explore how Christians can live out their faith in a secular world. As Paul writes in Romans 12:2 "*And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*" To that end, we'll be taking on the following topics in April:

4/7 Jesus and Advertising

4/14 News: Where Do You Get Yours?

4/21 Addiction/Drugs/Marijuana

4/28 Addiction/Drugs/Marijuana

I hope you will join us for Bible Study or Journeys in Faith.

Shalom,
Lesley Abrams



CPC Missions CORNER

We asked and YOU answered! Many of you have come forward to help with the CPC missions and fundraisers. As the Mission Team learns the details of the hands-on fun that CPC will be doing, we will put notices on the bulletin boards, sign-up sheets after services, announcements on the bulletin, and having Mission Moments during services. So, keep your eyes open - 2024 is on the move!

Market on the Move returns on April 27th. See page 7 for more info.

Casa Maria – See page 13.

Gaslight Theatre Fund Raiser – Gas Light's *Curse of the Pirates Gold* tickets sold out! Thanks for your great response and turnout. We all had "ARRG" good time and raised \$2,200 for Montlure.

Habitat for Humanity – We are having a church event on April 6th to help build someone's dream of owning their own home. We will be working from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Volunteers needed are: site "builders," prayer supporters (off-site), snack preppers & servers, and site photographers. Volunteers, aged 16 & up, will be signing a work form. Look for the sign-up sheets on the patio if you are interested in helping. Or call the church office and leave your name and number for Janis Parks.

Montlure – SAVE THE WEEKEND! Want an opportunity to help get the Montlure Camp ready for campers this summer? Join other CPC folks to make it happen on May 3-5th. All levels of ability and all levels of skill are welcome! Watch for sign-up sheets!

ICS Pasta Drive – Thanks to all for participating and donating to the ICS Lotsa Pasta Drive. It was a big success with over 765 pounds of pasta and pasta in cans. That's lotsa pasta for lotsa meals!

RIP Medical Debt – This organization helps wipe out people struggling with a mountain of medical debt. For every \$1 given, \$1000 in debt is taken care of. The State just recently announced a plan to wipe out up to \$2 Billion of Arizona residents' medical debt. If you have interest in helping this organization, let the Mission Team know!



Sunday Funday

We gather each Sunday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in room 6. All children in preschool through 5th grade are welcome.



Save the Date: Summer Camps are coming!

- June 10-14: Scuba Adventure with and at Immanuel Presbyterian Church 9-12 pre-K- 6th grade
- July 1-3: Jungle Adventure at CPC 9-12 k-6 grade
- Montlure Overnight Camps
- June 2-7 9-12 grades
- June 10-15 6-8 grades
- June 25-29 4-6 grades

Would you like to help a CPC youth attend Montlure Camp? The cost of sending a youth to overnight camp starts at \$500 which can be a challenge to our families. A donation to help offset the cost can help more youth attend. If you would like to help, just add a note to your donation that it is for Montlure Campers.

2-4 YOUTH Fellowship

2-4 Youth Fellowship provides a time for teens, 6th-12th grades, to gather and become a deeper part of the church family. We meet, usually, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, 5-6:30 p.m.

2-4 Youth fellowship (for 6th-12th graders) will complete its school year in April.

April 14: Bowling

April 28: End of the season celebration

MARKET ON THE MOVE

SATURDAY, April 27, 7-9 a.m.

For a donation of \$10 you can get up to 60 pounds of fresh produce and food that you can share with your friends, families, neighbors, and people that you know who need nutritional produce. Here's how it works: Drive up and make your \$10 donation per order (cash only at this time). Then pop your trunk, pull forward and we'll load your vehicle! Limited contact for you and us!

If you would like to volunteer to help with Market on the Move at CPC, contact Cheryl Dunafon at cdunafon@gmail.com, or 520-390-6427



CPC Grief Support News

Tuesday, April 2, 7, p.m. (Tucson Time)

Zoom Meeting ID: 835 3681 1738

Join Pastor Steve on the first Tuesday of the month to help each other through the grief we bear. Pastor Steve hosts an online time, via Zoom, for any who would like to share their grief together to help each other through some difficult times.

Join us from wherever you are.

Talk About it Tuesday

Tuesdays at Noon Zoom ID 839 0008 2868

Every Tuesday at Noon (Tucson Time) Pastor Steve hosts a Zoom conversation about the previous Sunday's worship and sermon theme. Join with others as we take our faith deeper.

Wednesday Message

Most Wednesdays Pastor Steve sends out a special email just for a little faith thought and inspiration in the middle of the week. This is a special group mailing, so if you would like to be a part of it, send him an email and request to be put on the Wednesday Message list:

PastorSteveMelde@gmail.com

Faith Filled Fridays

Each Friday at Noon (Tucson time), Pastor Steve broadcasts a few moments of faith and inspiration. Join him on any of our three broadcast sites (Just like Sunday mornings)

www.cpctucsonaz.org (scroll to the bottom of the homepage)

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www.Facebook.com/ChristPresbyterianTucson



Flea Market News

It's April, which means Flea Market March Madness is behind us – **Yay!** - and we can now move back into our monthly Secondhand Weekends as we accumulate, sort, price, and store donations for next year's sale.

Thank you for all the volunteer hours you have provided over the past year during Secondhand Weekend pricing and for the setup, three-day sale and cleanup afterwards. This mega-sale couldn't happen without all of us coming together and combining our individual talents and time for an entire year.

As always, we take the month of April as a breather. Donations can still be made, but we will not meet again for the next Secondhand Weekend until after Mother's Day on May 18 and 19 to begin the preparations for the 2025 Flea Market.
Yours,

The Flea Market Lead Team

Pam Raines, Claudia Howell, Jan Marshall, & Pam Cullop

Congregational Care Corner



As I write this, we have just finished the 2024 CPC Flea Market and we're preparing for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. It's a busy time of year for our church, but then it seems like it's always a busy time for the church.

Compassion Connection Ministry

The Compassion Connection Ministry has also been busy. Over the past year, our members have been ministering in a wide range of ways to our VIPPs (Visited In Person People), those members of our congregation who have difficulties making it to church regularly due to a variety of reasons. We currently have 40 VIPPs listed that we call, write to, and visit every month. I don't know for sure how many calls, cards, and visits each VIPP received each month, but I can safely say that each person is contacted multiple times. We are also taking Home Communion to some of our VIPs each month. The number varies based on the number of people who wish to receive the sacrament and those team members available to make the visits. We hope to increase the number of Home Communion visits that we make in the next few months.

In March, the Compassion Connection Team Members made a special effort to visit each VIPP so that we could personally give them an Easter Card with a small wooden cross to remind them how much God, in Jesus Christ, and their church family loves and cares for them. For those we could not contact in person, the card and cross were mailed.

I can personally attest to how meaningful these visits, calls, and cards are to the VIPPs. Everyone that I speak with tells me how much they appreciate that their church family has not forgotten them.

If you would like to contact me for any reason, please call me on my cell phone or through the church office (520-886-5535). You can leave a message with the office staff and I will return your call as soon as I receive your message, or you can send me an email to sbrownson52@gmail.com.

And if you have an emergency or crisis, you can also contact Pastor Melde at the church office or on his cell phone.

May the peace of Christ be with you always!
Steve Brownson



The poster features a large, stylized '75' in the center, with a map of Arizona integrated into the top curve of the '5'. Above the '75' is a circular emblem containing a profile of a person's head. The text is arranged in a clean, modern font, with the event details and website information at the bottom. The entire poster is framed by a thick orange border.

TUCSON MASTERWORKS CHORALE
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**ANNIVERSARY
CONCERT**

CARMINA BURANA BY CARL ORFF

Sunday, April 21, 2024 • 3 pm

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
7575 N. Paseo Del Norte

General Admission - \$20, Student ticket - \$10
Purchase online or at the door

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Book Club

The Book Club will meet again on Tuesday, April 9, 1 p.m. in the Patio Room and on Zoom to discuss

The Secret Book of Flora Lea by Patti Callahan Henry.

When a woman discovers a rare book that has connections to her past, long-held secrets about her missing sister and their childhood spent in the English countryside during World War II are revealed.

In the war-torn London of 1939, fourteen-year-old Hazel and five-year-old Flora are evacuated to a rural village to escape the horrors of the Second World War, living with the kind Bridie Aberdeen and her teenage son, Harry, in a charming stone cottage along the River Thames.

But the unthinkable happens when young Flora suddenly vanishes while playing near the banks of the river. Shattered, Hazel blames herself for her sister's disappearance, and she carries that guilt into adulthood as a private burden she feels she deserves.

Twenty years later, Hazel embarks on a feverish quest to find her sister - whom she believes is still alive- revisiting long-dormant relationships and bravely opening wounds from her past, her career and future hanging in the balance. An astonishing twist ultimately reveals the truth in this transporting and refreshingly original novel about the bond between sisters, the complications of conflicted love, and the enduring magic of storytelling.



FELLOWSHIP

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, April 2, 1 p.m. in E/F

The Prayer Shawl Ministry knits and crochets prayer shawls for those who are experiencing a life-changing event such as illness, marriage, or the birth or adoption of a child.

If you knit or crochet and would like to join the Prayer Shawl Ministry, new crafters are always welcome. Meeting attendance is not mandatory, but encouraged.

Men of Faith Breakfast

April 21, 7:30 a.m.

All the men of the church are invited to gather for breakfast. We meet monthly on the third Wednesday at Biscuits Café at 7026 E. Broadway Blvd. . We pay our own way and have a lively faith discussion.



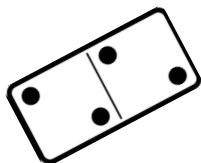
MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Join them on Wednesday,
April 3 & 17.

Have fun playing this challenging game of dominoes.

We will teach you!

First, third, and sometimes fifth Wednesday of the month.



Casa Maria Lunches

The Casa Maria Lunch Ministry meets the last Tuesday of each month to put together 200 lunches for the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen. If you would like to join them contact Cindy at ridingsc@comcast.net. The next meeting is April 27, 8 a.m. Drop off your sandwich donations in Fellowship Hall Kitchen.



Presbyterian Women of CPC

Craft News

If you are interested in attending a Craft meeting, you will find us on (most) Wednesdays in Room AB, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Please come and leave at whatever time your schedule allows. Our Crafty Ladies enjoy a variety of crafting, sewing, crocheting, or knitting projects, or simply like to hang out with a fun-loving group of women. Everyone is invited. New ideas and suggestions are always welcome. Breaktime is typically around 10:30 when we pause for a light snack and coffee/tea.

See if this group and what we do is a good fit for you!

Megan Koch

We thank Megan Koch for all her time serving as one of our professional childcare workers. Megan has stepped away from this position to help more with her family which means we still get to worship with her regularly. Thank you Megan for all you have done for our CPC children.





Our April Birthdays!

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| 1 Josie Gorman | 20 Bob Watkins |
| 3 John Valentine | 21 Carol Gamble |
| 3 Monica Russell | 21 Cathy Wade |
| 4 Ellen Brownson | 22 Debi Black |
| 5 Bill Wolfe | 22 Wilma Caldwell |
| 7 Kreg Gamble | 23 Gwen Hurst |
| 10 Kim Hilty | 24 Jerri Fortunato |
| 11 Mary Ellen Davis | 24 Jim Larrabee |
| 12 Bob Richmond | 25 Dan Nordbrock |
| 14 Lora Stillson | 25 Jerri Standing |
| 14 Sara Ver Burg | 26 Jerry Holmaas |
| 15 Tom Marshall | 27 Mary Cinquemani |
| 15 Get Riebe | 27 Max Crowder |
| 18 Tom Doubrava | 28 Alan Wetzel |
| 20 Paul Dye | 29 Jordan Cullop |
| 20 Adrian Van Loozenoord | 30 Pam Raines |



If we've missed your birthday, please let us know.



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(Closed for lunch 12 - 1 p.m.)

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