

KIVA

NEWSLETTER

April 2026



Sunday Worship

Hallelujah it's Easter Time.... Christ is Risen. He is Risen, Indeed!
Join us for worship celebrations:

Thursday, April 2nd: 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Sunday, April 5th: Easter Sunday

6 a.m. Sunrise Service on the North Brick Patio

Light Breakfast following the service.

9-10:30 a.m. Journey to Jerusalem

Full Breakfast (fresh pancakes and more); games in the gym, egg grabs on the grass quad, face painting, balloon artist... fun for all ages

10:45 a.m. Worship Celebration in the Sanctuary

Combined choirs, band, instrumentalists will help us Praise the Lord!

Sunday, April 12: 8:30 a.m. / 10:45 a.m.

Discovering the Invisible God, Pastor Melde

Luke 24:13-35 Lhasa Compton, Liturgist

Sunday, April 19: 8:30 a.m. / 10:45 a.m.

Youth Sunday

The youth will be leading worship.

Sunday, April 26: 8:30 a.m. / 10:45 a.m.

John Arbuckle preaching

We hope you join us in person. We also broadcast online:

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

[www.Facebook.com/christpresbyteriantucson](https://www.facebook.com/christpresbyteriantucson)

[www.Youtube.com/cpctucsonaz](https://www.youtube.com/cpctucsonaz)

MAUNDY THURSDAY

HONORING THE LAST SUPPER

Join us Thursday, April 2, at 7 p.m., for a special service of communion as we commemorate the Last Supper. This service is quiet and reflective, ending in darkness as we honor the difficult time leading to Jesus' crucifixion. Special readings and music will lead worshipers through the story and into a time of deeper reflection.

If you join us online, your screen may be dark most of the time, but you will be able to hear the story told in word and music. Stay with us. Have your own bread/juice ready as we start the service with communion at the very beginning.

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

6 a.m. Sunrise Service on the North Patio

Dress for the weather, light breakfast following

9-10:30 a.m. Journey to Jerusalem

Full breakfast, games, egg hunts for all ages.

10:45 a.m. Worship Celebration in the Sanctuary

Music led by our combined band and choirs



Greetings! Saints!

I've stopped putting up posters with our schedule for **Journeys in Faith (JIF)** because that schedule changes often, based on events in the world. So here is the April schedule as it stands right now.

April 5: No JIF because it's EASTER!

April 12: What is Universal Health Care and Why Are We So Divided About It?

April 19: Sin: Why Do We Sin? How Do We Sin?

April 26: Life Tool #3: The Benefits of Talking to Yourself!

JIF meets most Sundays in Classroom E/F at 9:30, in person and on Zoom (ID: 881 8821 9880)

Meanwhile, the **Adult Bible Study** folks also slipped out of their schedule, so for a few weeks (how vague is that?!?) they will continue with their DVD series, "Suffering and Sovereignty of God." But sometime in April, Vicki Forbes will begin a series on "The Women of the Bible."

Adult Bible Study folks meet in Room A/B, also at 9:30 on Sundays (in person only).

Shalom,
Pastor Lesley



Youth, Grades 6-12, gather on the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings, 5-6:30 p.m. for a time of faith and fellowship.

April 12: Prepping for Youth Sunday
April 28: End of the Season party



70th Birthday Celebration with Potluck

Join us Sunday, May 17th, as we celebrate the 70th Birthday of our congregation.

We'll gather for one service at 9:30 a.m. with a potluck celebration after worship. The church will provide chicken (baked and fried) and the birthday cake. Participants are invited to bring side dishes to feed 12-15 people.



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MONTLURE.ORG

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Stewardship and Finance News



As we prepare to celebrate the church's 70th birthday, your Finance Team and Session Leadership Team invite you to help us create an Endowment Celebration Fund for CPC. We are inviting you to give in increments of 70... cents, dollars.... 7; 70; 7,000; 70,00 Or some fun iteration... \$490 (7x70) \$49 (7x7)... well, you get it.

The Finance Team has begun the process of creating an Endowment Fund for CPC that will allow givers to be a part of supporting CPC for many years to come. We are discovering how to set it up in a way that is most faithful to givers and the future congregation, and we will be bringing the final plan to the congregation later this year.

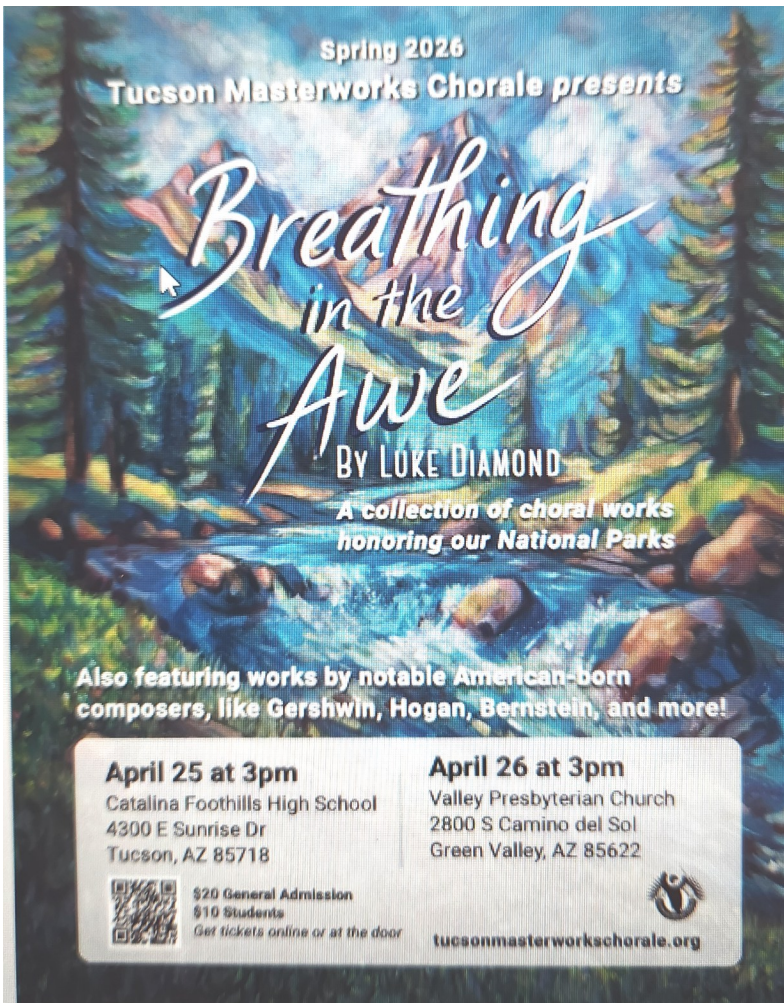
To seed the fund, the Finance Team and Session leadership team will use gifts from two estates the church has received in recent years (monies have been saved in our Life Celebration designated fund). \$70,000 will come from the June and Bert Scouten estate; \$70,000 will come from the Margaret Mockler estate. Get it? 70!!!

Your financial gift can be given to CPC, just earmark it for the 70th birthday fund.

Be sure to join us for the Worship Celebration and Potluck gathering on Sunday, May 17th, one service at 9:30 a.m.

Breathing in the Awe

Join our Luke Diamond as he debuts his MasterWork: *Breathing in the Awe*. Based on his trips through National Parks, Luke and the Tucson Masterworks Chorale will present an original work.



Spring 2026
Tucson Masterworks Chorale presents


Breathing in the Awe


BY LUKE DIAMOND

*A collection of choral works
honoring our National Parks*

Also featuring works by notable American-born
composers, like Gershwin, Hogan, Bernstein, and more!

April 25 at 3pm Catalina Foothills High School 4300 E Sunrise Dr Tucson, AZ 85718	April 26 at 3pm Valley Presbyterian Church 2800 S Camino del Sol Green Valley, AZ 85622
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 \$20 General Admission
\$10 Students
Get tickets online or at the door


tucsonmasterworkschorale.org

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, email him a 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)

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New Member Orientation Classes

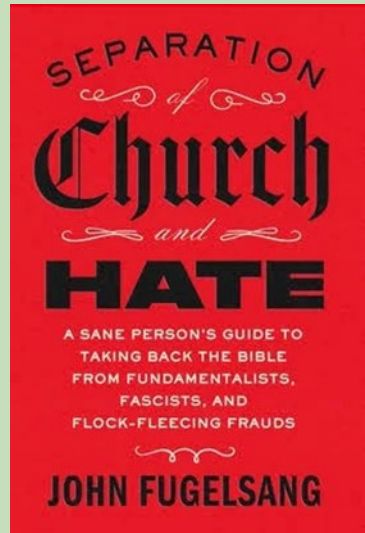
Join Pastor Melde as he leads folks interested in becoming members, or those just interested in knowing the history and makings of CPC. He'll be leading classes on May 3rd and May 10th, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Patio Room, just off the North Brick Patio. Members will be celebrated in Worship on Sunday, May 17th, as we celebrate the 70th birthday of the church.

VIRTUAL

BOOK
CLUB**Tuesday, April 21, 1 p.m.**

Zoom ID 813 6830 2106

Maybe this is the book that will convince you to join us via Zoom on April 21 at 1:00. In a departure from our usual practice of reading fiction, we'll be reading John Fugelsang's *The Separation of Church and Hate*. Its subtitle tells you just about everything you might need to see what the book is about: *A Sane Person's Guide to Taking Back the Bible from Fundamentalists, Fascists, and Flock-Fleecing Frauds*. If you're at all interested in the disturbing rise of Christian Nationalism, this book will help you understand its origins and how we might be able to bridge the gap between Christians.



MEXICAN TRAIN

DOMINOES 1 p.m.

Wednesdays, April 1, 15, & 29 in A/B

Join us on the first, third, and sometimes fifth Wednesday of the month. Have fun playing this challenging game of dominoes. If you don't know how to play, we will teach you!

FELLOWSHIP



MEN OF FAITH BREAKFAST

Wednesday, April 15, 7:30 a.m.

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

CASA MARIA MINISTRY

Tuesday, April 28, 8 a.m.

The Casa Maria Lunch Ministry meets the fourth 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.

Drop off your sandwich donations before the next meeting, Tuesday, April 28, 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall Kitchen.



RAINBOW FAITH FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday April 8, 6:30 p.m.

On Zoom ID 862 3525 0613

Do you consider yourself an Ally? Do you want to know what an Ally is and how to be one? Are you a part of our beloved 2SLGBTQIA+ community and would love to have a brave space to gather in fun and fellowship? We meet monthly to do just that. Together in the Peace of Christ, we will use Biblical and community resources to support and grow together while navigating the world and our lives, knowing that we are never alone. If you are ready for conversation and connection, you know where to find us! Lhasa Compton leads.



Flea Market News

HERE WE GO!

A New Season for the CPC Flea Market

But, first and foremost: Thank You, Flea Market Volunteers!

Without you, this huge CPC fundraiser would not be possible. By the time this article is published, you will know the final totals of the 2026 financial outcome, but as we write this, all we can say is WOW!!! We are anxious to know ourselves and to see how much support we can provide to the main 2026 Flea Market beneficiary, SNS (Special Needs Solutions). But anyone who attended the event on any given day would know it was attended by more people than ever. We must be doing something right!

2027 Schedule for the First Few Secondhand Weekends:

April 11 & 12

May 2 & 3: Early due to Mother's Day

June 13 & 14

Saturdays from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and Sundays from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. This is when we sort, clean, price, and box donations. Donation Drop Off hours during Secondhand Weekends are on Saturday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Lunch is provided for volunteers. Hours are flexible...make them work for your personal schedules. Hope to see you there!

Thank you for your ongoing support!

The Flea Market Lead Team

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

Flea Market Questions? Contact Pam Cullop at 520-271-6678
Donation questions? Claudia Howell, 520-850-0637.

Pink Pick Ups Furniture Taxi

The Flea Market Team hires Pink Pick Ups to move boxes after Secondhand Weekends and to work at the Flea Market each March. Consider contacting owner Nathan Heuser for a free estimate. He charges hourly, with a one-hour minimum of \$125-\$150, depending on the volume and distance. He prefers texting at [520-268-5670](tel:520-268-5670). Please plan ahead and allow 2-3 days for a callback.



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Accepting donations of the following:

Ronald McDonald House: Pop tabs, disinfectant wipes, and chemo caps.

Lions Club Glasses: Lenses, frames and any glasses.

Pima Animal Care Center (PACC): Prescription medicine bottles with caps. The veterinarians need the bottles to send medicine home with animals when needed. Please remove the labels before submitting.

We are no longer collecting plastic bottle caps

Please put donations in the Patio Room (by the Sanctuary) inside the metal collection closet on the north wall. Plastic bins are labeled for each item.

Presbyterian Women of CPC

The “Crafty Ladies,” as we call ourselves, meet each Wednesday, from 9 a.m.- noon in classrooms A/B. We break around 10:30 for a light snack or to celebrate birthdays. Now that we are back to a regular schedule, join us. Feel free to bring a craft or sewing project of your own, or help color the hand-stamped cards, or even create new ones from recycled cards. We have all the supplies needed for almost any project. Some, especially those who sew, do so from home and also attend the Wednesday meeting to enjoy the camaraderie (and snacks). Pop in some day and see if you’d like to stay.

Our crafts may be purchased on Wednesdays during our meetings or on most Communion Sundays, when seasonal crafts are featured.

The PW Craft group is the fundraising branch of the Presbyterian Women of Christ Presbyterian Church’s mission projects. The monies collected from our craft and cookie sales at Christmas time are used to support various (mostly local) organizations that support women and children.

For questions, call or text Pam Cullop: 520-271-6678 or email: pjcullop@gmail.com

Join Our Clean Team!

Will you lend a hand and help keep the worship spaces looking their best?

We would like to form a small team to help with one or both of the following weekly tasks to keep our worship spaces clean and organized:

1. Volunteers to launder, at home (on an as-needed basis), the Fellowship Hall tablecloths and toppers.
2. Volunteers to come to Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary once a week, typically at 8 a.m. Friday morning, to straighten tables, chairs, and table toppers and refill Bible box supplies and centerpieces, remove litter, replenish pens and pencils, offering envelopes, and straighten Bibles and hymnals.

Please contact either Pam Cullop at 520-271-6678, or Laura Manning at 520-275-9264

Our April Birthdays!

3 Monica Russell
3 John Valentine
4 Ellen Brownson
5 Bill Wolfe
7 Kreg Gamble
10 Kim Hilty
10 David Wendland
11 Mary Ellen Davis
12 Bob Richmond
14 Sara Ver Burg
15 Tom Marshall
20 Paul Dye
20 Adrian Van Loozenoord

20 Bob Watkins
21 Carol Gamble
21 Cathy Wade
22 Debi Black
22 Wilma Caldwell
23 Gwen Hurst
24 Jerri Fortunato
24 Jim Larrabee
25 Jerri Standing
26 Jerry Holmaas
27 Mary Cinquemani
27 Max Crowder
28 Alan Wetzel
29 Jordan Cullop
30 Pam Raines



May KIVA

The deadline for getting your news in
the May KIVA is Friday, April 17.
Don't get left out!



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

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Deadlines

KIVA May 2026 articles due by 12 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2026

Weekly Bulletins and Friday News, requests for flyers or inserts

Please submit your articles and requests by **Wednesday at noon!**



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