

KIVA

NEWSLETTER

August 2026



Sunday Worship

Join us each Sunday in August for one service at 9:30 a.m., as Pastor Melde explores the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15). Each Sunday will look at the story from a different character's perspective, as we discover ourselves in all the characters.

Remember, we have one summer service at 9:30 a.m. throughout August.

Children are always welcome in worship. Blue activity bags are available in each worship space. We also provide professional childcare in our nursery.

We hope you'll join us in person, but if you aren't able, join us online:

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

www.YouTube.com/cpctucsonaz

www.Facebook.com/ChristPresbyterianTucson

Scripture Focus Each Sunday: Luke 15:11-32

August 2: Communion

Focus: The Prodigal

Liturgist: Bonnie Sloan

August 9:

Focus: The Older Brother

Liturgist:

August 16:

Focus: The Father

Liturgist: Andrew Robinson

August 23:

Focus: The Bystanders

Liturgist: Andrea Heck

August 30: (celebration of baptisms)

Focus: The Fatted Calf

Liturgist: Eb Wilkinson

Sunday Worship

August 9:30 a.m.

Each Sunday a different character



August 2: The Prodigal
August 9: The Older Brother
August 16: The Father
August 23: The Bystanders
August 30: The Fatted Calf

Greetings All!



Adult Education has fun plans coming in the months to come. And for the Dog Days of August, here's the plan:

The Adult Bible Study folks will continue to meet at 8:30 a.m. in Room A/B (in person only). By August 2, they will begin a study of 1 Corinthians, led by Ken Friskey.

Journeys in Faith, led by Lesley Abrams and Lhasa Compton, will continue to meet at 9:30 a.m. in Room E/F, both in person and on Zoom (ID 881 8821 9880)

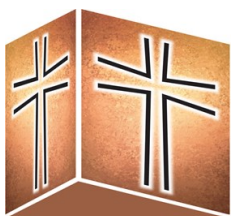


August 2: No Journeys in Faith
August 9: Timshel/Thou Mayest: Free Will and Human Agency
August 16: 6 Words
August 23 and 30: No Journeys Faith

Please keep in mind that the Journeys in Faith schedule is always subject to change based on events in public life.

We'll be back to two services with Adult Sunday school in between on September 6.

Shalom,
Pastor Lesley



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Providing a Safe Community **August 1, 2026** **9 A.M. - Noon**

CPC Sexual Conduct & Boundary Training

As part of our shared calling to care for one another and to nurture a safe, trustworthy community for all, CPC offers this training in keeping with Arizona employment laws, insurance requirements, and Presbytery recommendations. This training is for Elders and Deacons; Christian Education; children and youth ministry workers and volunteers; the Compassion Connection Team; people serving with children or at-risk adults; and all staff.

In this time together, we will review:

- CPC's new Sexual Misconduct Policy
- Respecting Boundaries
- 12 Best Practices
- Reporting Procedures
- Background Checks

There will be break-out sessions for specific areas of ministry, and the congregation will be welcome to attend.

If you are working with children or vulnerable adults in any capacity, you must take the training. Please RSVP asap.

We will be distributing copies of the new policy to be read before the class and they will also be available in the church office.

Sunday Funday School

2026-2027

Learning. Growing. Loving. Sharing Jesus! ❤️

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sept. 6 Sunday Funday School Kick-off

Sept. 13 Regular Sunday Funday School

Sept. 20 Regular Sunday Funday School

Sept. 27 ROT 1: The Lord's Prayer

OCTOBER 2026

Oct. 4 ROT 1: The Lord's Prayer

Oct. 11 ROT 1: The Lord's Prayer

Oct. 18 ROT 2: On the Road to Damascus

Oct. 25 ROT 2: On the Road to Damascus

NOVEMBER 2026

Nov. 1 ROT 2: On the Road to Damascus

Nov. 8 ROT 2: On the Road to Damascus

Nov. 15 ROT 2: On the Road to Damascus

Nov. 22 ROT 3: Birth of Jesus

Nov. 29 ROT 3: Birth of Jesus

DECEMBER 2026

Dec. 6 ROT 3: Birth of Jesus

Dec. 13 ROT 3: Birth of Jesus

Dec. 20 Journey to Bethlehem

Dec. 27 No Sunday Funday School

JANUARY 2027

Jan. 3 No Sunday Funday School

Jan. 10 ROT 4: Parable of the Sower

Jan. 17 ROT 4: Parable of the Sower

Jan. 24 ROT 4: Parable of the Sower

Jan. 31 ROT 4: Parable of the Sower

FEBRUARY 2027

Feb. 7 ROT 4: Parable of the Sower

Feb. 14 ROT 4: Parable of the Sower

Feb. 21 ROT 4: Parable of the Sower

Feb. 28 ROT 4: Parable of the Sower

MARCH 2027

Mar. 7 ROT 5: The Walk to Emmaus

Mar. 14 ROT 5: The Walk to Emmaus

Mar. 21 ROT 5: The Walk to Emmaus

Mar. 28 ROT 5: The Walk to Emmaus

APRIL 2027

Apr. 4 ROT 5: The Walk to Emmaus

Apr. 11 ROT 5: The Walk to Emmaus

Apr. 18 ROT 6: Adam, Eve & Creation

Apr. 25 ROT 6: Adam, Eve & Creation

MAY 2027

May 2 ROT 6: Adam, Eve & Creation

May 9 ROT 6: Adam, Eve & Creation

May 16 ROT 6: Adam, Eve & Creation

May 23 Final Sunday Funday School

OUR PROGRAM THEMES		
ROT 1	The Lord's Prayer	Sept. 27 – Oct. 11, 2026
ROT 2	On the Road to Damascus	Oct. 18 – Nov. 15, 2026
ROT 3	Birth of Jesus	Nov. 22 – Dec. 13, 2026
	Journey to Bethlehem	Dec. 20, 2026
	No Sunday Funday School	Dec. 27, 2026 & Jan. 3, 2027
ROT 4	Parable of the Sower	Jan. 10 – Feb. 28, 2027
ROT 5	The Walk to Emmaus	Mar. 7 – Apr. 11, 2027
ROT 6	Adam, Eve & Creation	Apr. 18 – May 16, 2027
	Final Sunday Funday School	May 23, 2027

❤️ ✝️ "Let the little children come to me." Mark 10:14 ✝️ ❤️



Sunday, August 9th: 5-6:30 p.m. Family Night

Our Youth Fellowship begins a new semester. All youth (grades 6-12) and their families are invited to join us for an opening night of food, fun, fellowship, and signing up for the new season! And yes, there's a lock-in scheduled!

Sunday, August 23rd: 5-6:30 p.m. Pizza and Swim Party at the Elitharps.

This has become a favorite night of fun, swimming, and making our own pizzas!



Saturday, August 22, 4 - 7 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Parents- are you needing some "me" time? Let us help. CPC will be hosting a **Parents' Night Out** from 4-7 p.m. on August 22. While you go out on the town, we will have free childcare for children up to 5th grade. Youth in 6th grade and older are encouraged to volunteer as helpers. The children will enjoy games, dinner, crafts, and a movie in Fellowship Hall. Space is limited, so please sign up at **Sign Up Genius**:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F4EABAD2AABF58-64824267-parents>

Mark your calendars!



Saturday, August 15, 4 - 6 p.m.
Monsoon BBQ

Bring your swimsuit, towel and a change of clothes. We'll be barbecuing hamburgers and hotdogs, and slippin' and a slidin'. We'll have some vegetarian options too!

Sunday, September 6

September will be our return to the full Sunday morning schedule. Be sure to join us in person, or even online.

September 6th: The Return of 2 Services

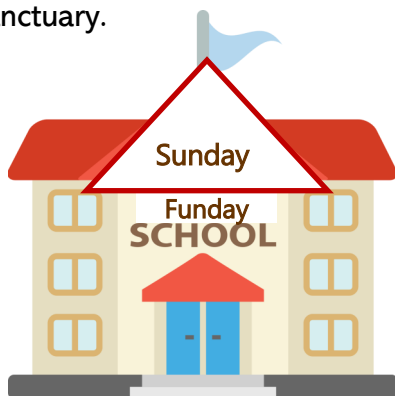
Join us for a morning of Worship, Christian Education, and Fellowship.

8:30 a.m. Worship in the Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Christian Education for all ages.

We'll be having an open house and snacks throughout the campus. Meet the Sunday Funday teachers.

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



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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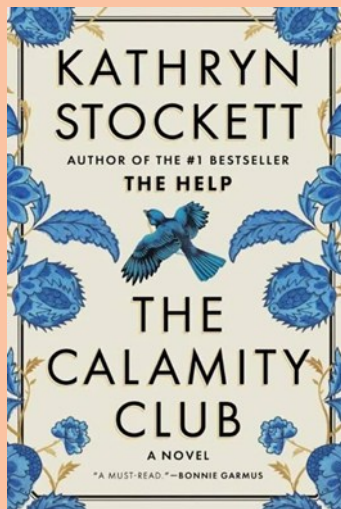
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CPC VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

August 18 at 1:00 pm (Zoom ID 813 6830 2106)

The last book we read and discussed as a group was 160 pages long. Our next book is quite a bit longer, so start reading NOW!

The Calamity Club by Kathryn Stockett (she wrote *The Help*) takes place in Mississippi during the Great Depression. The novel follows an unlikely group of women – including an orphan, a spinster, and a woman with a past – who form a sisterhood to fight for their rights and survival. It's an entertaining take on serious social issues and chock-full of compelling characters. We meet on Zoom each third Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. Our next meeting is on August 18.

**MEXICAN TRAIN****DOMINOES 1 p.m.****Wednesdays, August 5 & 19 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, August 19, 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, August 25, 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, January 27, 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall Kitchen.



RAINBOW FAITH FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, August 12, 6:30 p.m. in Patio Room

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



Working on Flea Market 2027!

Secondhand Weekend is on August 8 and 9

Through gale-force winds, pounding rain, and haboobs, we continue to collect and process our bountiful donations. And all because of your Christian generosity of time and treasure.

Thank you!

If you can spend even a few hours on Saturday or Sunday (or both) of our summer Secondhand Weekends, that would be a huge help! 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. to 2 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Lunch is provided for volunteers. Hours are flexible...make them work for your personal schedules. Hope to see you then!

Cleanliness is Next to Godliness: We would really appreciate all donated items to be reasonably clean, brushed or wiped, and bedding marked for size (K, Q, D, or S). Thanks for your assistance with this request.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support!

The Flea Market Lead Team

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

P.S. We are looking for people to help set up tables and pull donations from the storage area for Secondhand Weekend pricing. If you are an early riser and can help on Saturday mornings, starting at 7 a.m. to complete set-up before the volunteers arrive at 9 a.m., please call or text Claudia Howell at 520-850-0637 for more information or to sign up.

Flea Market Donation reminders:

- We no longer pick up donations. See the pink box about Pink Pick Ups Furniture Taxi
- When donating electronic items, please include and attach all necessary cords, transformers, remotes, and accessories to the item being donated.
- We sell only items that are clean and in good working order. Please wash or dust the donated items before bringing them in.
- Clothes and linens that are stained, ripped, faded, or worn out are not included in the sale.
- We no longer accept non-flat screen TVs, mattresses, large appliances, pianos or organs, items with broken or missing pieces (including furniture), paint, flammable or poisonous items.

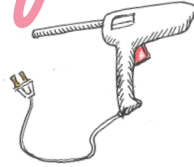


Pink Pick Ups Furniture Taxi

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**. Please plan ahead and allow 2-3 days for a callback.

Presbyterian Women of CPC

August Craft News



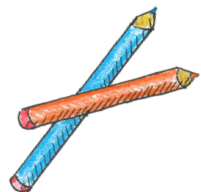
The “Crafty Ladies,” as we call ourselves, meet every other Wednesday, (in August we meet on the 12th and 26th) from 9 a.m. to noon in classrooms A/B. We break around 10:30 for a light snack or to celebrate birthdays. Feel free to bring a craft or sewing project of your own, or help color the hand-stamped cards, or even create new ones from recycled cards. We have all the supplies needed for almost any project. Some people, 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 money collected from our crafts (and cookie sales at Christmas) is used to support various, mostly local organizations that support women and children.



Special notice: The Crafty Ladies will resume their regular weekly schedule on September 9.





Our August Birthdays!

1 Rebecca Martin	15 David McClanahan
2 Ken Ryan	18 Kallie Parkey-Walker
3 Joan Van Loozenoord	20 Lynne Nagele
4 Jemma Cullop	21 Debbie Shoemaker
6 Larry Raines	23 Sharon Holcomb
6 Eve Thorburn	23 Lois Koch
8 Mike Letson	23 Debi Ryan
8 Tom Oliver	24 Sheryl Carlson
8 Rebecca Standifer	24 Heather Radcliffe
10 Demetrios Miller	25 Gavin Hodges
10 Barbara Taylor	27 Suellen Hope
12 Jacob Akwar	28 Ani Ver Burg
12 Peggy Wynkoop	30 Roni Reeves-Voeltner
	31 Bart Kimball

Happy
Birthday



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

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



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Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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Deadlines

KIVA September 2026 articles
due by 12 p.m. on Friday, August
21, 2026

**Weekly Bulletins and Friday
News, requests for flyers or
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Please submit your articles and
requests by **Wednesday at
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