

KIVA

NEWSLETTER

August 2025



Sunday Worship

Join us as we return to our Two Service Sunday Schedule
8:30 a.m. Worship in the Fellowship Hall (music by the band)
9:30-10:30 a.m. Sunday Funday School for all ages
10:45 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary (music by the choirs)

If you aren't able to join us in-person, then join us online:
www.cpctucsonaz.org (scroll to the bottom of the homepage)
www.Facebook.com/ChristPresbyterianTucson
www.YouTube.com/cpctucsonaz

We welcome children in worship; it's good for them to experience their parents, grandparents, and others worshipping. We offer professional childcare during worship for those who choose to use it. We have blue activity bags on the walls for kids to use during worship.

August 3rd: Communion, Return to Two Services, Sunday Funday
School Open House, Pancake Breakfast
Place: Emmaus
Liturgist: Darby Cech

August 10th: Bible Presentation to kids
Place: Valley of Elah
Liturgist: Ronan Lainson

August 17th:
Place: Valley of Dry Bones
Liturgist: Liam Street

August 24th:
Place: Jacob's Well
Liturgist: Jemma and Beth Cullop

August 31st: Labor Day Weekend
Place: Goshen
Liturgist: Penni Martinez

Outreach & Communication Team

Led by De-De Chandler, our Outreach team invites you to be an evangelist for Christ, at Christ! We are doing more with our social media and need your help. We hope that you will take some time to not only see our posts, but to comment on them. And then, we challenge you to go two steps further: share those posts to your sites andddd comment on them. "Hey, this is great stuff from my church, come and join me." When you comment on our posts, it helps us be seen more. When you share AND comment about us on your sites, it reallllly helps us be seen.

We plan to share the faith through social media in a way that will inspire others to deepen their faith, and perhaps even become part of our church, whether in person or online. So, you can be of great help:

Comment on our social media posts

Share our posts on your sites, and make an invitational comment

We are on Facebook: ChristPresbyterianTucson
We are on: Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, X: cpctucsonaz

Find us, follow us, comment, and share while making your own invitation for others to follow us.



Greetings!

It's Back-to-School season for our children, so why not the same for the Christ Presbyterian Adults? After all, lifelong learning is an important aspect of our mental health, as well as our Christian faith.

I'm Lesley Abrams, and I'm blessed to oversee all the Adult Education offerings at CPC, which include...

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: If you've ever wanted to dig deep into the Bible, this is the group for you. Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Room A/B these folks meet to study books of the Bible. These studies often take several months, but you need not join at the very beginning. See your weekly bulletin to learn what they're studying in August. And beyond.

JOURNEYS IN FAITH (JIF): The secular world presents challenges for people of faith: How do we reconcile what Jesus teaches with topics in the news? JIF tackles important topics in a group discussion format -- all are welcome. We meet most Sundays at 9:30 in Room E/F -- both in person and via Zoom (Zoom ID 868 3291 1992)

In August, we'll be watching and discussing TED talks on topics we have discussed previously, like Racism, Poverty, and more.

Plus, there's a CPC Virtual Book Cub, movie viewings, and other special events throughout the year. As we kick off a new year in Adult Education offerings, now is your chance to learn more and grow in your faith. All are welcome -- ANYTIME!!

Sunday Funday School 2025-26



Rotation 1



What is the Bible?

Aug. 10-24

Labor Day Aug. 31 - No Sunday Funday School

Rotation 2

The Ten Commandments

Sept. 7- Oct. 5th



Rotation 3



Feeding the 5000

Oct. 12-Nov. 9

Rotation 4

The Birth of Jesus

Nov. 16-Dec. 14

Journey to Bethlehem Christmas Pageant

Dec. 21

No Sunday Funday School Dec. 28 and Jan. 4



Rotation 5



Parable of Good Samaritan

Jan. 11-Feb. 15

Rotation 6

The Last Supper

Feb. 22-March 29



Rotation 7



Joseph and His Brothers

April 5- May 10

End of Year Celebration May 17

Sunday Funday

Welcome back to a new year of Sunday Funday School. Join us each Sunday from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

K-5 graders - Meet in room 6/7 . Our first rotation will be learning about the Bible with Ms. Robin and Ms. Tara.

6-12 graders - Meet in the middle school room to dig into the books of the Bible with Ms. Beth and Ms. Susie.

We are excited to offer a preschool class this year for our littlest learners, age 2-5. Parents are encouraged to join Ms. Emily in room 3 (the nursery) for a time of learning songs, doing a craft, and getting to know each other. We are asking that if your child is under 3 or not potty trained, that you stay with them. All parents are encouraged to stay to learn the songs and stories so that they can share them with their child during the week.

2-4 Youth Fellowship

2-4 Youth Fellowship Returns! Grades 6-12

Each Second and Fourth Sunday of the month, our youth gather for a fun evening of food, fellowship, and faith. (5-6:30 p.m.) Newcomers, grandchildren, neighbors' children, and friends are always welcome. Led by Pastor Steve and Debbie Melde.

August 10th: Family Night

Come and hear about the fall schedule, play some parent-youth challenge games, and have some fun.

August 24th:

Swim Party at the Elitharps. (5-6:30 p.m.)

Enjoy homemade pizza and fun in the pool.

Bring towels, swimwear, a change of clothes, a hunger for pizza (that you make), and a friend.



CPC Missions
CORNER

St. Luke's Home has been dedicated to providing low-income elders with affordable, high-quality assisted living for over 100 years. The Christ Presbyterian Church Mission Team has been approached for support during a financially challenging time in their history. Several mission members have visited St Luke's and truly find it a delightful, well-maintained facility in need of our support. Funding cuts resulted in increased costs, leaving many residents with minimal funds at months end, some as low as \$100.

Your generosity has enabled the mission to deliver \$1,000 worth of personal hygiene items, nutritious snacks, and pet food to their residents. \$1,000 additional funding has been approved for future needs. The Elitharp family (CPC members) facilitated a grant through an Arizona-based foundation. St Luke's home is also restructuring operations.

St Luke's will be hosting a golf event on September 6th at AZ National Golf Club. Special guest, Sean Elliot, U of A basketball and NBA, San Antonio Spurs star, will be attending and playing. If you know golfers, or want to form a 4-Some, register at tournevents.com/slhgolfforetheages or call 520-207-0865 by August 30, 2025.

St Luke's is also kindly asking for support through donations of raffle or auction items. Gift cards, merchandise, services-anything that showcases the generosity and spirit of Tucson businesses. Donation deadline August 30, 2025. Please contact Claudia Howell at 520-850-0637 for further questions.

Several residents and staff expressed their gratitude to CPC as we toured the facility. Your efforts and gifts are greatly appreciated!

Congregational Care Corner



Congregational Care comes in many forms: spiritual, emotional, and physical.

The Coordinator for Congregational Care is Pastor Steve Melde, who is always available to take your call. Here are the variety of ministries that CPC offers to give care and support to its members:

Pastoral Care (visits, calls, and prayers) Pastor Steve Melde visits members in their homes, the hospital, and other care facilities. Pastor Steve can be contacted by calling or texting him on his cell phones, emailing, or by leaving a message at the church office.

The Compassion Connection Team are CPC members with hearts for ministering to those in need. Team members visit church members who can't attend worship and other church functions regularly due to ill health or physical challenges. They also send cards, call church members, and deliver home communion every month. The Compassion Connection Team is always looking for volunteers to join this ministry.

The CPC Prayer Chain is a prayer chain conducted by church deacons via email. You may request prayers for anyone for any reason that you may desire prayer, be it a spiritual, physical, or psychological concern. To request prayer, email cpctucsonprayers@gmail.com or contact Steve Melde.

Helping Hands Meals – There may be a time when you need help with meals following surgery or during an illness. If you would like to have an evening meal delivered to you and your immediate family, contact Pastor Melde. They will put out a request to the congregation for help. While there are no guarantees, this congregation has always been very generous in helping one another this way.

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)

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

www.YouTube.com/cpctucsonaz

www.Facebook.com/ChristPresbyterianTucson

New Social Groups at Christ Presbyterian

Need to get out of your shell and have some fun?

In addition to Christ Presbyterian's other fellowship groups, such as Mexican Train Dominoes, Men of Faith Breakfast, and the Virtual Book Club, which is Zoom only, CPC has 3 new fun ways to socialize:

Table Tennis & Table Talk

Getting to Know You

Rainbow Faith Alliance

See pages 10 and 12 for more information about these exciting opportunities to connect with your church family.

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VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

On August 19:

The CPC Virtual Book Club looks at

Theo of Golden by Allen Levi.

A mysterious stranger arrives in the southern city of Golden — Who is he and Why is he here? This is a

beautifully crafted story about the power of creative generosity, the importance of wonder to a meaningful life, and the far-reaching consequences of anonymous kindness.



Join them on August 19, 1 p.m. on Zoom
(ID 868 6830 2106)



TABLE TENNIS & TABLE TALK

Starting August 13! 10 a.m.—12 p.m. in the Choir Room

Unlike competitive table tennis, where the goal is to score points, we invite you to join us on the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of the month for light-hearted play and friendly table-talk. If the conversation is lively enough, we can continue it at lunch. All equipment is provided — just bring yourself! Contact Monica at 520-234-6721 if you have questions.

We hope to see you at our first session on August 13!

RAINBOW FAITH ALLIANCE

Starts August 14, 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 will begin meeting 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.

FELLOWSHIP



MEN OF FAITH BREAKFAST

Wednesday August 20, 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



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.

The next meeting is Tuesday, August 26, 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall Kitchen. Drop off your sandwich donations in Fellowship Hall.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

What stories from your life do you share with your family? Come share them with your friends in the **Getting to Know You** group that meets on the fourth Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be at 2 p.m. in the Patio Room on August 24.

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES



Join us on Wednesdays, August 6 & 20 in A/B, 1 p.m.

Have fun playing this challenging game of dominoes. We will teach you! We meet on the first, third, and sometimes fifth Wednesday of the month.



Flea Market News

August Secondhand Weekend:

Please consider helping us out on **Saturday, August 9, and Sunday, August 10!** While CPC and schools return to regular schedules, the Arizona summer is still blasting away, keeping many of our “regulars” out of town for at least two more months. The mounting donations (**THANK YOU!!!**) – need processing before more are collected. Any time you can spare to clear July’s haul will be extremely helpful and most appreciated!

Secondhand schedules:

Saturday: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch provided. Donations are accepted until 2 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch provided. Donations accepted until noon.

Donation questions, call or text: Claudia Howell 520-850-0637.

General questions, call or text Pam Cullop at 520-271-6678.

The Flea Market Lead Team

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

A note about September Secondhand Weekend:

Secondhand Weekend is scheduled for Saturday, September 20 and Sunday, September 21.

Flea Market Donation reminders:

- 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 caked-on dirt or dust the donated items before adding them to the donation boxes.
- 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 because they are difficult to store and dispose of.

Thank you for understanding!

Pink Pick Ups Furniture Taxi

Pink Pick Ups Furniture Taxi is an independently owned moving company. The Flea Market Team hires them to store boxes after Secondhand Weekends and to work at the Flea Market each March. Since we don't collect donations, 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

Craft News

In case you didn't know, the purpose of the PW Craft group is to raise money for various (mostly local) organizations that support women and children. We do so by selling a variety of handcrafted items made by our members or donated by others who are unable to attend but support us in this mission. We are the fundraising branch of the Presbyterian Women of Christ Presbyterian Church's mission projects.

The "Crafty Ladies," as we call ourselves, meet regularly each Wednesday, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in classrooms A/B. We break around 10:30 for a light snack or to celebrate a birthday for one (or more) of our group. Come join us. Feel free to bring a craft or sewing project of your own, or help to 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.

Items from our collections may be purchased on Wednesdays while our meetings are in progress. On most Communion Sundays, primarily seasonal items are also available for purchase from the Fellowship Hall. August 3rd is the next monthly sale date.

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



Our August Birthdays!



1 Rebecca Martin	20 Lynne Nagele
1 Ken Ryan	21 Debbie Shoemaker
3 Joan Van Loozenoord	22 Lhasa Compton
4 Jemma Cullop	23 Sharon Holcomb
6 Larry Raines	23 Lois Koch
6 Eve Thorburn	23 Debi Ryan
8 Mike Letson	24 Heather Radcliffe
8 Tom Oliver	24 Marian Rogerson
8 Rebecca Standifer	24 Sheryl Carlson
10 Barbara Taylor	25 Galvin Hodges
12 Peggy Wynkoop	27 Suellen Hope
12 Jacob Akwar	28 Ani Ver Burg
15 David McClanahan	30 Roni Reeves-Voeltner
18 Kallie Parkey-Walker	31 Bart Kimball

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



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.

Banco de Tapitas A.C.: Bottle caps to assist children with cancer who are unable to cover the cost of their treatment. All caps are acceptable as long as they are plastic,.

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.



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

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Deadlines

KIVA September 2025 articles
due by 12 p.m. on Friday, August
15, 2025

**Weekly Bulletins and Friday
News, requests for flyers or
inserts**

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



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