



**CHRIST**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**February 2024**

# KIVA NEWSLETTER





## A Word From Our Pastor...

Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's Day!

How great is that! What a way to honor the gift of love in life....

..... to see that gift of love that comes from God in Jesus the Christ.

It's what Jesus' life was all about.

Love never ends....

How great is God!

Happy February everyone. May love be present in your life in all sorts of ways.

Peace in our journeys,  
Pastor Steve Melde

# Sunday Worship

Join us each Sunday for worship:

8:30 a.m. in/from the Fellowship Hall with music by the band

10:45 a.m. in/from the Sanctuary with music by our choirs

Children are always welcome in worship. There are blue activity bags available. We do have professional child care for any who choose.

Online:

[www.cpctucsonaz.org](http://www.cpctucsonaz.org) (scroll to the bottom of the home page)

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

[www.YouTube.com/cpctucsonaz](https://www.YouTube.com/cpctucsonaz)

February 4: Communion

Scripture: Amos 7:7-15; Mark 6:14-29

Preacher: John Arbuckle

Liturgist: Kenda Parkey

February 11: Mission Celebration

The Young Adult Volunteers from the Presbytery de Cristo will be leading

Wednesday February 14: Ash Wednesday

7 a.m. Noon 7 p.m.

Gather around the Communion Table in the Sanctuary for a 30 minute prayer and reflection time as we begin the season of Lent. Services will also be broadcast as we do on Sunday mornings.

February 18: CPC Celebration (congregational meeting 9:30 a.m.)

Scripture: Matthew 6:1-6

Preacher: Steve Melde

Sermon: The Jesus I Thought I Knew

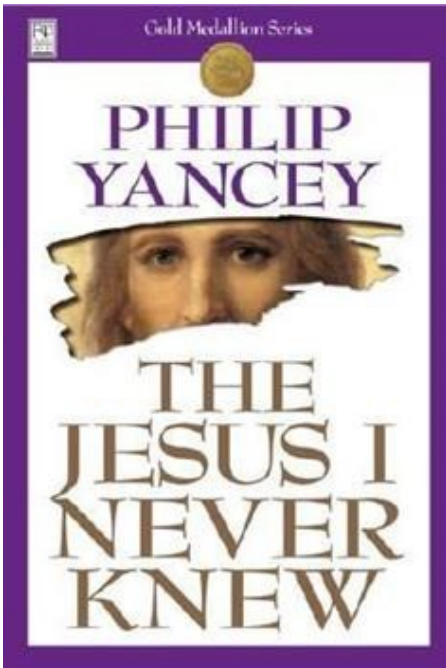
February 25: Second Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-11

Preacher: Steve Melde

Sermon: Jesus & The Sermon on the Mount

## Introducing Our 2024 Lenten Theme



You are invited to purchase this book and read it ahead of time and as we go throughout the Season of Lent (which begins in mid-February)

Yancey explores the stories of Jesus and how they affect the way we relate to Jesus. Yancey gets brave enough to say that sometimes we don't tell the stories quite right, and that Jesus is much more shocking than we realize, and that the call to follow

Jesus as the Savior of the World is a much more challenging call than we think.

**Sundays** February 18 - March 24, 8:30 a.m./10:45 a.m.

### **Discussion Groups:**

**Sunday mornings** at 9:30 a.m. in the Journeys of Faith Class (starting February 25) Zoom ID 837 1404 2319

**Talk About it Tuesdays** Zoom ID 839 0008 2826 (starting February 20)

**Wednesdays**, 7 p.m. Room E/F Zoom ID 849 3457 2047 (starting February 21)

## 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.

Zoom ID 837 1404 2319

Feb 4: Addiction/Drugs/Marijuana

Feb 11: News: Where do you get yours?

Feb 18: No Class due to the Congregational Meeting

Feb 25: Jesus and the Sermon on the Mount

### Annual Congregational Meeting

Join us on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in/from the Fellowship Hall. The congregation will review the financial and statistical report from 2023, approve the compensation package for the Pastor, and affirm the budget the Session Leadership Team has set for 2024.

If you need to be online... Zoom Meeting ID: 857 2967 3347

# Congregational Care Corner



We often think of Congregational Care as the individual care that is provided at special times to members of our church family, such as the visits and calls we make when a member is sick at home or is in the hospital or rehabilitation facilities. There are also the prayers offered up during worship and through the Prayer Chain for our family and friends (a very important part of Congregational Care that everyone can help with at any time of the day and from

anywhere you may be). A lot of the congregational care at CPC is the communication and attention of some church members to other members through organized programs, such as the Compassion Connection Team that sends cards, makes calls and home visits, and serves home communion to our VIPPs. And there is the help that some of our folks are willing to provide to others, just because there is a need. I have highlighted a couple of those situations in past KIVA articles and hope to share more such stories in the months to come.

But let us not forget the care that Pastor Melde provides to the congregation **constantly** through the many activities that he offers. We may not always think of them as “Congregational Care,” but they are ... and they are available to the entire congregation. Events like his weekly “**Talk About It Tuesday**” offered at noon each Tuesday in which you can zoom in (**Zoom Meeting ID: 839 0008 2868**) to ask questions or give your opinion about the sermon from the previous Sunday. These talks offer differing points of view that can produce some interesting discussions.

I, personally, look forward each week to Pastor Melde’s “**Wednesday Message**.” Sometimes, I get a glimpse into what Pastor Melde is going through at that point in time and often I get an uplift during a hectic week. If you don’t receive his weekly message, send him an email at [PastorSteveMelde@gmail.com](mailto:PastorSteveMelde@gmail.com) so he can put you on his email list.

On Friday each week, Pastor Melde puts out a video message called weekly messages: “**Faith Filled Fridays**,” a 5-10 minute message of faith and inspiration to end the week.

Pastor Melde also loves caring for the youth in our congregation and does this by leading the **“2-4 Youth,”** the CPC monthly youth group gathering. Usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of **each month from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.**, our Youth (students, grade 6-12) meet with Pastor Melde at the church (or other pre-arranged location) for Christian Fellowship, food, and fun.

On the first Tuesday of each month, Pastor Melde offers a **“CPC Grief Support News,”** a support group offered through Zoom (**Zoom Meeting ID: 835 3681 1738**). Sometimes, we just need to share our grief, and how we feel, with someone who cares and who can understand.

On the **third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at Biscuits Café on Broadway,** Pastor Melde leads the **Men of Faith Breakfast.** The men of CPC gather for a Bible study, plus good food and great fellowship. (Note: In February, the men will gather on February 21 at 7:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall at Christ Presbyterian Church as member, John Arbuckle, prepares his special breakfast of West Virginia biscuits and gravy.)

While all of these events and activities are set up for the members of CPC, they are all open to non-church members as well. Many of the youth will bring friends to the 2-4 Youth Group meetings. Once in a while, a non-member will join us at the Men of Faith Breakfast, and occasionally someone from outside CPC will zoom in to talk about Sunday’s sermon on Talk About It Tuesday. So, share some Congregational Care (and the love of Jesus Christ) with your family, friends, and neighbors. Invite them to Sunday worship, to one of Pastor Melde’s events listed here, or to one of the many, many other activities offered at CPC.

These are some of the ways that Pastor Melde provides care to his congregation. He shows his loving care for others in so many other ways; performing weddings, leading memorial services, setting up Trunk or Treating, helping at the annual Flea Market, singing The Lord’s Prayer, participating in pageants, and the list goes on. And, of course, if you have an emergency or crisis, we are always able to contact Pastor Melde for help at the church office or on his cell phone.

If you would like to contact me, Steve Brownson, for any reason, (you need a visit, a prayer, or just someone to talk with), please call me on my cell phone or at the church, 520-886-5535. I will return your call. Or you can send me an email to, [sbrownson52@gmail.com](mailto:sbrownson52@gmail.com). Steve Brownson, Coordinator of Congregational Care

## 2-4 YOUTH Fellowship

A gathering of our 6th-12th grade youth to have fun and Christian Fellowship together. We usually meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, 5-6:30 p.m.

February 11: Superbowl Gathering at Pastor Steve and Debbie's house (4 p.m.– half-time)

February 25: SPUD and Game Night (5-6:30 p.m.) at CPC



## Sunday Funday



**Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m., in Room 6  
For children K-5**

We are learning about stories in the Bible by playing games, doing crafts, and even some cooking and science.

The

activities help us learn more about the story and build faith.

Easter is around the corner! This year we are planning a HUGE Easter egg hunt for Easter Sunday. If you want to help, we are looking for donations of filled plastic eggs for the children to hunt. Just buy some plastic eggs, fill them with small toys, stickers, or non-chocolate candy, and drop



## CPC Grief Support News

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.

Tuesday, February 6, 7 p.m. (Tucson Time)  
Zoom Meeting ID: 835 3681 1738

## 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.  
Zoom Meeting ID: 839 0008 2868

## 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](mailto:PastorSteveMelde@gmail.com)

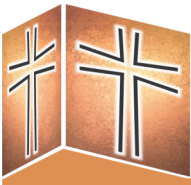
## Faith Filled Fridays

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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## CPC Missions **CORNER**



YOU are a big part of the Mission Team's mission in 2024. We are looking for what the CPC congregation wants to participate in with either monetary support or hands-on contributions. Let us know what direction YOU desire our church to go. Our goal this year is to give you a personal look at what you as a congregation have done! So

be ready and put your thinking caps on! You can submit your ideas to Mission Team members, Pastor Steve, or call the front office to leave a message for Janis Parks.

**Diapers! Diapers! Diapers!** Our Diaper Drive for Christmas was a huge success. We contributed \$2,005 in cash for the purchase of diapers and close to 3,500 diapers! Did you know that the Diaper Bank distributes over 100,000 diapers to individuals and agencies in southern AZ each month? For each \$1 we donate, they can purchase \$3 of diapers. Thanks to Pam and Tom for delivering these gifts of love from CPC.

**Gifts of Love** was a great success! All the tags were taken and turned in. The gifts were delivered, and CPC helped make some children and adults very happy in the Christmas season. Thank you all for stepping up and being so generous to those in need.

**Market on the Move** see page 18.

**Gaslight Theater benefit** for reopening of Montlure Camp, pg. 15

**Haven Totes** is having a fundraiser to help support their food pantry which supplies food to people with food insufficiencies. Head on over and enjoy yummy food at the Fat Tuesday Pancake Meal on Tuesday, February 13, from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at the Fountain of Life Lutheran Church, 710 Kolb Road, Building 10. There will be a 50/50 raffle and some mystery baskets for sale. Suggested donation is \$5.00.

**I Am You 360** will be needing some hands-on volunteers to put on the finishing touches of love to these new little mini homes. So, get your hammers and paintbrushes ready, and make it a fun family affair! If that doesn't float your boat, the workers will need food and moral support! Watch for sign-up sheets after church service or express your interest to one of the Mission Team members. It is awesome to know that all your efforts so far have created these little structures for young adults entering the hard game of life.

**Exodus Community Services** was the organization that benefited from donations from the CPC congregation. Below is a summary of how those funds were used along with a heart-felt thank you from the Exodus Board of Directors.

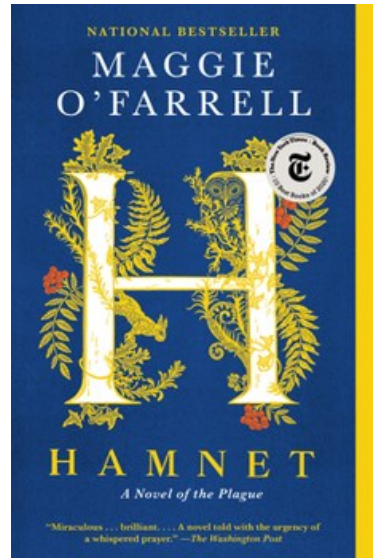
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| 8/25/22  | Insurance                                   | \$ 7,062.35  |             |
| 8/10/22  | Laundry                                     | \$ 396.00    |             |
| 11/19/22 | Thanksgiving                                | \$ 206.23    |             |
| 12/3/22  | Masks-Disinfectant                          | \$ 716.11    |             |
| 9/14/22  | 1" line                                     | \$ 982.00    |             |
| 6/30/22  | Relocate water Line                         | \$ 1,011.50  |             |
| 10/24/22 | Fire Sprinkler Install                      | \$ 10,212.50 |             |
| 8/9/22   | Licensure                                   | \$ 5,306.92  |             |
| 8/17/22  | CASPR                                       | \$ 538.76    |             |
|          |   |              | \$26,432.37 |
| 4/8/23   | Easter dinner                               | \$ 347.56    |             |
| 3/17/23  | Cleaning                                    | \$ 220.69    |             |
| 7/17/23  | State                                       | \$ 4,365.00  |             |
| 8/21/23  | AZRHA                                       | \$ 465.00    |             |
| 7/1/23   | Fire  | \$ 358.00    |             |
| 10/19/23 | COVID supplies                              | \$ 418.00    |             |
| 8/24/23  | Insurance                                   | \$ 7,116.00  |             |
|          |   |              | \$13,290.25 |
| Dec-23   | Complete redo of both Farr bathroom showers | \$ 15,000.00 |             |
| 23-Dec   | Farr roof repairs & Entry refurbish         | \$ 3,500.00  | \$18,500.00 |
|          |   |              | \$58,222.62 |
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## Book Club

We chose *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell for our February choice. Eileen will facilitate the discussion.

We will meet at 1p.m. on Tuesday, **February 13 in the Patio Room and on Zoom**. Our attendance has been down for the last couple of months. Please let me know if you want me to take you off the mailing list. I am hoping that, with the holidays behind us, we will have more people with us in February!

Hope to see you in February. Enjoy Hamnet!



England, 1580: The Black Death creeps across the land, an ever-present threat, infecting the healthy, the sick, the old and the young alike. The end of days is near, but life always goes on.

A young Latin tutor—penniless and bullied by a violent father—falls in love with an extraordinary, eccentric young woman. Agnes is a wild creature who walks her family's land with a falcon on her glove and is known throughout the countryside for her unusual gifts as a healer, understanding plants and potions better than she does people. Once she settles with her husband on Henley Street in Stratford-upon-Avon, she becomes a fiercely protective mother and a steadfast, centrifugal force in the life of her young husband, whose career on the London stage is just taking off when his beloved young son succumbs to sudden fever.

**“Of all the stories that argue and speculate about Shakespeare’s life ... here is a novel ... so gorgeously written that it transports you.”**  
—*The Boston Globe*

# FELLOWSHIP

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry, February 6, 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, February 21, 7:30 a.m.**

All the men of the church are invited to gather for breakfast at CPC this month for John Arbuckle's famous Virginia Biscuits

and gravy.

Usually 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 FEBRUARY 7 AND 21 IN ROOM A/B 1:00 p.m.**

**Have fun playing this challenging  
game of dominoes.**

**We will teach you!**

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



## Presbyterian Women of CPC

This year the Presbyterian Women of CPC are pleased to provide donations to the several agencies (mainly to those who provide various types of support to women and children) from the profits realized throughout the year, but primarily during our annual Christmas Craft and Cookie sale event.

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| Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery de Cristo | \$1058 |
| Interfaith Community Services                  | \$500  |
| Sister Jose                                    | \$750  |
| Frontera de Cristo                             | \$1000 |
| Haven Totes                                    | \$500  |
| Community Food Bank                            | \$500  |
| TMM Family Services                            | \$500  |
| Menaul Historical Library of the SW            | \$150  |
| I Am You 360                                   | \$2000 |
| Angel Heart                                    | \$500  |

As you may know, the Craft Group aka Crafty Ladies of CPC are the primary financial contributor of funds to the PW of CPC. The other fundraiser happens on Mother's Day with the Women's Day Offering. In 2023, a total of \$1058 was collected. All funds collected in this offering go directly to the Presbytery de Cristo and are used for local, regional, and national PW needs.

Thank you for your continued support!

If you are interested in attending a Craft meeting, you will find us on (most) Wednesdays in Room AB, from 9 am to 12 pm. Please come and leave with whatever time your personal schedule allows for. 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 1030 when we pause for a light snack and coffee/tea. Come and see if this group and what we do is a good fit for you!

For questions, call, or text Pam Cullopp: 520-271-6678 or send me an email: [pjcullop@gmail.com](mailto:pjcullop@gmail.com).

**Please Note:** Due to the Flea Market campus needs, the Craft Group will only meet one time during the month of March, which will be the last Wednesday of that month on March 27<sup>th</sup>. From that date forward, we will be back to our usual schedule...same time, same place.



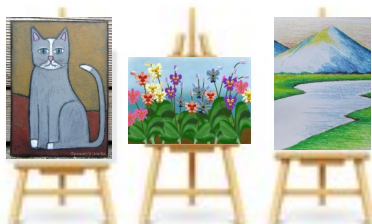
## The Friends of Art

Art Show

in Room E/F

February 23, 6-9 p.m.

February 24, 10 a.m.– 2p.m.



## Flea Market News



Wow! We are one month away from setting up for the 2024 Flea Market sale. This means this is the final Secondhand Weekend (Feb 10 & 11) and the deadline to donate to this year's event. All 2024 Flea Market donations are due by Saturday, February 10, at 2 p.m.

From February 11, until April 1, nothing will be collected to allow time to process final donations, get the pods cleaned and sprayed for bugs, concentrate on setting up and cleaning up the sale, and for us to rest a bit before we begin anew.

**Flea Market Set Up Dates: March 1-12. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.**

**Lunch Hours: 12-1 each day.** *Lunch provided for Big Push & Sale days only.*

Recruiting for the Big Push Days (emptying pods, setting up tables, and such) and for the 3-day sale, are currently in progress using Sign Up Genius; In Person on the Patio; Volunteering; or simply by saying Yes, when asked. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

However, volunteers are needed 7 days per week throughout the entire process. To help everyone understand a bit more about the need to get this super-fundraiser up and running, perhaps the following bullets will provide some insight:

- Big Push Days between 50-100 volunteers are needed most days.
- On the regular staging days (unpacking boxes, staging each room and outdoor space, flattening paper, cutting boxes for shoppers, and so much more), the daily tasks require at least the same number of volunteers as we are staging nearly every campus space simultaneously.



- This year every room on campus, grass quad, MPR (gym) will be set up on the first weekend in March which means:
  - March 1: All areas will be set up with tables, saw-horses, boards, canopies, shelving units and racks assembled, and more. All these supplies must be moved from the Set-Up POD to the areas mentioned before assembling and putting them into place.
  - March 2: All the PODS except furniture, will be emptied and delivered to each area for unboxing, staging, and set up.
  - March 3. The Fellowship Hall transforms after the first service into the Cashier, Jewelry, and Collectible area.
  - March 9-10-11 Water barrels filled, Furniture Tents up, Furniture PODs emptied, placed, and cleaned.

As you can see a lot of volunteers are needed. Please help as often as possible.

The Flea Market Lead Team  
Pam Raines, Claudia Howell, & Pam Cullop





## Fundraiser for Haven Totes Food Pantry

Tuesday, February 13, 3:30– 6:30 p.m.

### **Fat Tuesday Pancake Meal**

**Suggested donation \$5**

50/50 Raffle ★ Mystery Baskets for Sale

At Fountain of Life Lutheran Church  
710 S. Kolb RD

We are raising funds to help support the Haven Totes Food Pantry. The food pantry provides food to people with food insufficiencies.

### **MARKET ON THE MOVE** February 24, 8:00-10 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:

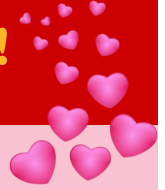
Drive up and make your \$10 donation per order (cash only at this time). Then pop your trunk, pull forward and we'll load your vehicle! Limited contact for you and us!

If you would like to volunteer to help with Market on the Move at CPC, contact Cheryll Dunafon at [cdunafon@gmail.com](mailto:cdunafon@gmail.com), or 520-390-6427





## Our February Birthdays!



3 Gordon Custis  
5 Bob Powers  
5 Tom Workinger  
6 Don Schneider  
7 Steve Bryan  
8 Juanita Garcia  
8 Sheri Hopkins  
9 Lin Giorgi  
9 Kendall Klym  
11 Dawn Custis  
12 Sally Lanyon  
13 Vera Schlichter  
14 Ken Byrum  
14 Andrea Heck  
14 Carolyn Monjoi  
16 Jim Cech  
16 Beverly Workinger  
16 Laurel Reilly

17 JoAnn Bryan  
17 Darby Cech  
18 Dale Stevens  
19 Kean Nordbrock  
19 Julia Potter  
19 Ruth Richards  
19 Doug Wingert  
20 Clint Compton  
21 Mary Jean Koch  
21 John Yauch  
22 Luke Nagele  
22 Tammy Gonzales  
24 Linda Tillema  
25 Kathleen Graler  
25 Marilyn Redding  
26 Dinah Bowers  
27 Sherrie Sink  
28 Cindy McNown-Perry  
28 Nancy Schneider



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



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## Deadlines

### Church Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

(Closed for lunch 12 —1 p.m.)

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**KIVA** The March 2024 Issue articles due by 12 p.m. on Friday, February 16, 2021

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

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