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**January 2024**

# **KIVA**

## **NEWSLETTER**





## A Word From Our Pastor...

You may not be able to teach an old dog new tricks...  
but God can!

Welcome to a new year. And no matter how long you've been at this journey of life and faith (a nice way of saying... no matter how old you are), God still has a way of teaching us new things, or revealing deeper truths to us, or showing us what we can comprehend when we can actually comprehend it...

I'm grateful that God doesn't expect us to know everything, now! I'm grateful that God is still willing to teach us, everything we need to know, all in right timing.

So, as a new year begins... prepare yourselves...  
God's going to teach you something special this year.



# Sunday Worship

Join us each Sunday in/from our worship spaces:

8:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall with the Band's music

10:45 a.m. Sanctuary with the choirs' and accompanist's music

Children are always welcome throughout worship at CPC. We have blue activity bags available. We do also have professional childcare workers for our young ones, if parents desire.

January 7: Communion

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: Gifts

Liturgist: Laura Cech

January 14: MLK, Jr. Weekend

Scripture: Matthew 10:34-39

Sermon: Swords and Ploughshares

Liturgist: Larry Biehl

January 21: PCUSA Day

Scripture: Exodus 17:8-13

Sermon: Holding Each Other Up

Liturgist: Eb Wilkinson

Special: We will dedicate our PCUSA (per capita) support, as we honor being a part of the Presbyterian Denomination. This extra \$45 gift per member helps support the structure of the church that gives us a greater way to be in mission together.

January 28: Stump the Pastor Day

Scripture: You Choose!

Sermon: In The Moment

Liturgist: Lana Rich

Special: Come ready to write down a scripture reference you would like Pastor Melde to use for a brief sermon. He'll pick from a basket, read the scripture, and have to give us a short sermon (without prep). It's a challenge, but a lot of fun.

We hope you will join us in person, but we do broadcast on-line:

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

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

## 2-4 YOUTH

### 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.

Sunday, January 14: Youth / Parent Gathering

Youth are asked to bring their families as we set out the plan for the new semester. Parents can sign up to be helpers on special nights.

Sunday, January 28: Well, that's still in the works!

## Sunday Funday

Join us January 7th as Sunday Funday School returns after winter break. We will be diving back into the Bible through our rotation model that allows us to learn about the stories by reading the Bible, playing games, doing crafts, and even some cooking and science.

Each of the activities helps us to learn more about the story and build our faith. We gather each Sunday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in room 6. All children preschool through 5th grade are welcome.



# 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.

## **Journeys of Faith: (Room E/F of the North Education Wing)**

Welcome to 2024 and a whole new roster of important topics to discuss. Each week we will have an open/honest discussion of differing topics of faith to help each learn to express their faith and listen to the difference of others of faith.

This class also Zooms: 837 1404 2319

Here's the winter schedule:

January 7: Israel/Hamas/Palestine

January 14: Israel/Hamas/Palestine

January 21: LGBTransgenderQ

January 28: LGBTransgenderQ

(All topics and dates are subject to change.)

## **Basic Bible Study: (Room A/B of the North Education Wing)**

A dive into Genesis. Join us as we continue our journey through this ancient book of the story of the people God chose to carry the Word to the World.

All are welcome.

## Congregational Care Corner



*Kendall Klym  
New member of  
CPC*

***As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.  
1 Peter 4:10 English Standard Version***

As we begin this new year, I thought I would do something different by sharing a brief story of two of our members. The first is Kendall Klym, one of our newest members who joined CPC this past October. Kendall is not only new to CPC, but also new to Tucson.

Originally from Connecticut, Kendall left there after both his parents, for whom he had served as caregiver in their later years, passed away in 2021. After leaving Connecticut, he spent some time living and working in the Midwest, most recently Oklahoma, before moving to Arizona. He chose to move to Tucson for the same reason so many of us do; the weather and the beauty of the desert and surrounding mountains. Professionally,

Kendall is a professor of English Composition and Creative Writing and he is currently looking for a teaching position.

During one of Kendall's first visits to CPC, he met Debby Anderson, Tracie Couzens and Donna Kuehn, all long-time members of CPC, who recognized Kendall as a visitor. They introduced themselves to Kendall and welcomed him to CPC. As they were talking, Debby learned that Kendall was looking for a handyman or someone who could help in putting up window coverings in his new home. Kendall admits that kind of activity is not his forte, so Debby offered to help. Since, Kendall had already obtained a very high estimate from a contractor to install window coverings that was way over his budget, he accepted Debby's offer. Together, they measured and ordered curtains and the rods and then Debby installed the curtains in his new home while Kendall prepared a quiche for their lunch. She then assisted Kendall in hanging paintings on the walls and Debby said he had a story for every piece of art they hung up. By sharing his stories with Debby, Kendall says that she helped him to process some grief for which he has

Debby made him feel welcome on the day they met and through her help, she made him feel a part of the church family.

She also encouraged Kendall to be part of the Women's Advent Event coming up in December, and so, on the first Saturday in December, Kendall became one of the Bobs that helped to serve brunch and danced behind Santa in the sanctuary. When I asked Debby why she did all this for Kendall, she said it was because he was new here, she wanted him to feel welcome, and he needed help. Through it all she really enjoyed helping Kendall and getting to know him. But in case you have any idea about asking Debby for help, she said she is now retired from hanging curtains.



*Debby Anderson*

Well she may be retired from hanging curtains, but I doubt that Debby will ever stop welcoming new people to CPC or helping people in whatever other that way she can. That's the kind of person Debby is. I recently received a message from another church member who wanted me to know what an amazing person Debby is. After sharing with me all the things she knows that Debby does for others, she said, "You probably already know all this, but I wanted someone to know about my good friend."

I know there are many other stories like this at CPC and my hope is to share more of them with you in the coming months, so watch for them. But I am also sure that I don't know all such stories of congregational members helping others. If you have a story you would like to tell, or know of others, please get in touch with me. Meanwhile, the Compassion Connection Team continues to be in contact with our VIPPs (those Very Important People who are Visited In Person People) through the sending of cards and other mailings, through phone calls, with visits and home communion. If you feel God calling you to participate in this ministry, in **any** of the ways described, or if you believe that there is a congregation member who could benefit from this ministry, please contact me. You can call or text me on my cell phone, which most of you have or send me an email to [sbrownson52@gmail.com](mailto:sbrownson52@gmail.com).

May God richly bless you in this new year!

## 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, January 2, 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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## A note about us Presbyterians.....

We belong to the denomination known as..  
Presbyterian Church (USA)

We work together locally and globally to share the Word of God through Christ to help all people come to faith and to live a better life in peace and justice will others.

We share in what is known at “per capita” giving, what we call, “PCUSA support.” Each year we share a special gift with the denomination to help support the structure of our overall church that keeps us connected in many ways. It provide more local leadership that helps our Congregation and provide pastoral support for our pastor so that we can continue to be a vital congregation where we are.

In 2024, we will be sharing **\$45 per member**. We invite you to go above and beyond your pledge to the General Budget of the church, and give this \$45 on or by **Sunday, January 21st**, when we will dedicate this special giving and send it on to the denomination through the Presbytery.

You can write an extra check, or use the drop down menu on our secure online giving sources to make sure your gift gets to the correct account.

We find it a great honor to be a part of a denomination that not only supports its local churches, but gives them the resources to reach out in ways otherwise not possible in the name of Christ.



## CPC Missions **CORNER**

Another year starts, with our Mission Team ready to go forward and represent CPC in helping the Tucson Community. We could not accomplish as much as we do without the full support of our wonderful congregation! May you have a happy and blessed new year.

**Diapers! Diapers! Diapers!** What all new babies need. In the spirit of the baby Jesus, CPC donated diapers to many children in need in honor of our loved ones. It was a heartfelt wonderful event!

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

**Haven Totes** had its annual Christmas event, and it was a great success! CPC donated 289 books to over 300 children and gave gift cards to high school students of families involved with Haven Totes. In addition to the books the families received a meal and groceries from the pantry and the kids received sweat-shirts/t-shirts and socks. Thank you all!





**Market on the Move** is gearing up for a new 2023/2024 season. We have young volunteers lined up to help with the heavy lifting. Our first event will be January 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, contact Cheryl Dunafon at [cdunafon@gmail.com](mailto:cdunafon@gmail.com).

**I Am You 360** is becoming a reality. We are all excited to see the finished product in 2024. Once the structures are to the point of needing finishing touches, we will put out a call to all volunteers to help assist in putting the polishing touches on these micro houses. (Hello to all those who love to paint). They will then be ready to become a home for young blooming adults and assist them in getting ready for life's challenges ahead.



## Book Club

We will meet on Tuesday, January 9, 1 p.m. in the Patio Room to discuss *Horse* by *Geraldine Brooks*

*Kentucky, 1850.* An enslaved groom named Jarret and a bay foal forge a bond of understanding that will carry the horse to record-setting victories across the South. When the nation erupts in civil war, an itinerant young artist who has made his name on paintings of the racehorse takes up arms for the Union. On a perilous night, he reunites with the stallion and his groom, very far from the glamor of any racetrack.

New York City, 1954. Martha Jackson, a gallery owner celebrated for taking risks on edgy contemporary painters, becomes obsessed with a nineteenth-century equestrian oil painting of mysterious provenance.

Washington, DC, 2019. Jess, a Smithsonian scientist from Australia, and Theo, a Nigerian-American art historian, find themselves unexpectedly connected through their shared interest in the horse—one studying the stallion’s bones for clues to his power and endurance, the other uncovering the lost history of the unsung Black horsemen who were critical to his racing success.

Based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred Lexington, *Horse* is a novel of art and science, love and obsession, and our unfinished reckoning with racism.

**“Brooks’ chronological and cross-disciplinary leaps are thrilling.” —  
*The New York Times Book Review***

**“Horse isn’t just an animal story—it’s a moving narrative about race and art.” —*TIME***

# FELLOWSHIP



## **Prayer Shawl Ministry, January 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, January 17, 7:30a.m.**

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



## **MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES JANUARY 3 and 17 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

## CRAFT NEWS



Welcome to 2024!

We start the New Year with heartfelt gratitude and sincerely Thank You! Because of your support throughout the year and especially during the annual PW Craft Christmas & Cookie Sale, we were able to raise over \$6000 making the 2023 fundraiser the most successful one ever! We are ecstatic over the results and what it will allow us to do in the community. At this writing, the decision as to which organizations will benefit from the PW donations has not yet been finalized but will be shared in the February issue of the Kiva. Thank you again for your support!

Special note of sincere thanks to our wonderfully talented and ingenious crafty ladies who continue to set the bar higher and higher in terms of the caliber of sewn and crafted items to offer. What a delight for me, to be a part of this group and among these special women throughout the year.

Meetings begin anew on January 3. Room AB, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. As always, everyone who enjoys any variety of crafting, sewing, or simply likes to be around a fun-loving group of women is invited. Bring your ideas. We are always open to new suggestions; welcome them in fact! Breaktime is typically around 10:30 when we pause for a light snack and coffee/tea. No time cards. Set your own schedule. Come and see if this group and what we do is a good fit for you!

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



# Our January Birthdays!

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| 1 Sally Yauch       | 22 John O'Rourke     |
| 4 Heather Nordbrock | 24 Mark Teece        |
| 7 Paul Martin       | 24 Eb Wilkinson      |
| 8 Barbara Dawson    | 25 Dean Friskey      |
| 8 Maureen Harding   | 25 Penni Martinez    |
| 9 Lana Rich         | 26 Laura Thompson    |
| 10 Linda Demonbreun | 28 Helen Samoy       |
| 10 Patty Murphy     | 29 Chris Dye         |
| 14 Theo Melde       | 29 Caydence LaPlante |
| 16 Oliver Melde     | 31 Judith Peters     |
| 16 Cindy Ridings    | 31 Bob McCleery      |
| 16 Arlene Thompson  |                      |
| 17 Norma Jean Gwinn |                      |
| 18 Tom Elitharp     |                      |
| 19 Robi Holmass     |                      |
| 20 Ken Carpenter    |                      |
| 21 Lee Hall         |                      |
| 22 Wayne Cullop     |                      |

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

# Flea Market News



Only two months remain to collect, sort, and price donations for the 2024 Flea Market which this year is March 14-16.

Secondhand Weekends resume on January 13 and 14, 2024.  
Saturday 9-2, Sunday 930-2.

We have asked you to hang on to your donations until that weekend because the donation closets are filled to the brim and what didn't fit in the MPR – the overflow, had to be put into some of the PODS until we meet. Please come to help if you are able, even if for a partial day. It is going to take both full days of 'All Hands On Deck' to get everything sorted, cleaned, boxed, and stored by the end of that weekend.

The donation deadline for this year's sale is Sunday, February 11 (which falls on the last Secondhand weekend before set up for the sale), at noon. It's a hard deadline. So, if you have stuff to donate, please get it to us as soon as possible.

In the event you are not able to get friends or family to help you deliver large and/or heavy items to CPC you may call Pink Pick-Ups Furniture. This is the company we hire to move things for us after Secondhand Weekends. Call Nathan Heuser (owner) at 805-637-7243 to discuss your needs and to get a quote.

The electronic recruitment for the March sale volunteers will begin in mid-January via Signup Genius and Patio recruitment on the first Sunday in February. It takes many volunteers to set the event up before a single shopper walks in the door. Volunteers are needed for every stage of the event beginning on March 1 until the last day of cleanup on March 19. Please help as often as you are able with this exceptional CPC fundraising project.

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



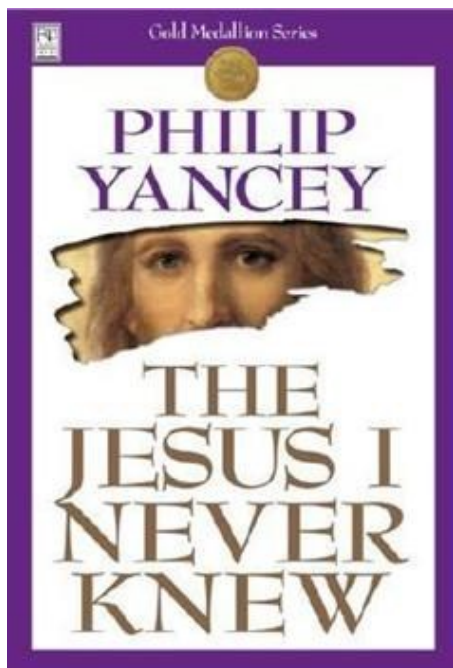


**MARKET ON THE MOVE** begins on January 27, 2024 and that will be here before we know it! This year we have some younger volunteers to help with the heavy lifting so we need help with collecting money, organizing produce and light clean up.

Our schedule will be January, February and March - 8:00-10:00 a.m. and April and May - 7:00-9:00 a.m.

Cheryll Dunafofon will begin filling volunteer slots January 1, 2024. She will be available at the 8:30 a.m. church service or you can reach her by phone at (520) 390-6427 or email at [cdunafon@gmail.com](mailto:cdunafon@gmail.com)

To learn more about Market On the Move and its mission, go to [marketonthemove.org](http://marketonthemove.org)



## **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.

Sunday sermons, Sunday morning discussions, and mid-week discussion group will be held throughout Lent.

# Thank You

Get it? That's a great big Thank You for being such a faithful, generous family of Christian faith.

Amen, CPC. May it be so in 2024!



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