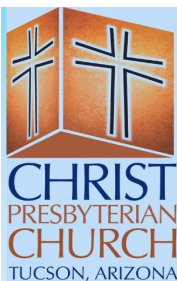


# KIVA NEWSLETTER

June 2024



*Summer*  
2024

## Together

one church family  
one worship service

**June & July**

**9:30 a.m.**

featuring:  
special worship themes  
potlucks  
mission activities



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# Sunday Worship

One service only at 9:30 a.m. in/from the Fellowship Hall

Join us for a grand celebration of worship as we combine both services in June and July so the congregation can really get to know each other.

Children are always welcome in worship. We do have professional child care for those who choose. Blue activity bags are available in the worship space.

June Theme: **The Questions Jesus Asked**

Steve Brownson will lead us in a four-week study of some very important questions that Jesus asked... so we can learn to answer them ourselves.

June 2: 9:30 a.m. Communion

Scripture: Luke 10:29-37

Sermon: Questions and Parables

Liturgist: Karl Ver Burg

Following worship there will be a church potluck. We've invited the African Fellowship to join us. CPC will provide baked chicken. See page 3 for food we asking you to bring.

June 9: 9:30 a.m. Service

Scripture: John 1:35-42

Sermon: What or Who are you looking for?

Liturgist: Tara Luther

June 16: 9:30 a.m. Service Fathers' Day

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon: Who do you say I am?

Liturgist: Penni Martinez

June 23: 9:30 a.m. Service

Scripture: Mark 15:33-41

Sermon: A Question from the Cross

Liturgist: Susie Nagele

June 30: 9:30 a.m. Service

A Special time of worship and mission service. This 90-minute experience will team us with Tucson's Beads of Courage! (see page 6)

CHURCH

# Potluck

BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH OR DESSERT!

After worship on June 2nd

Following the 9:30 a.m. service, CPC will gather for a summer potluck.

**CPC will provide baked chicken**  
(and all the drinks, plates and forks)

You bring: (to feed at least 15 people)

Last Names: A- P Bring a side dish

Last Names: Q-Z Bring a dessert

*Food  
Fellowship*

## Adult Faith Studies on Sunday Mornings



While Journeys in Faith is on hiatus, you might want to check out the Bible Study class, digging deep into Genesis.

Greetings!

What makes *you* happy? What makes God happy?

We'll be exploring those two questions on Saturday, June 29th from 11:30 to 2:30 for HAPPINESS DAY. It's an ALL AGES Journeys in Faith.

It's a chance for us to laugh together as we share our happy places.

Do you have a clean joke you can share with others? We'll give you the chance to try out that joke as we enjoy a catered lunch from EEGEEs.

The kids will watch the delightful animated film, *Inside Out*. The adults will watch the documentary, *Happiness*. After each film, the groups will explore what makes for happiness. The kids will play some games designed to induce lots of laughter.

And the adults will have a discussion on happiness and how God challenges us to live in joy.

When we regather, we'll have a little more fun before we head out, laughing all the way.

Sign-ups for Happiness Day will begin June 9.

Joyfully,  
Lesley Abrams

Journeys in Faith presents

# Happiness Day

Saturday, June 29

11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.



**Join us for a day of fun and laughter — all ages welcome.**

**11:30 - 12:15: Eegees lunch and Joke telling**

**12:15: Kids to the Movie Room to see *Inside Out*. Adults to E/F to see *Happy: The Documentary***

**After the films each group discusses HAPPINESS using games and activities.**

**2:15: All re-gather in Fellowship Hall for some final games**

**Happy are the people whose God is  
the LORD!**

**Psalm 144:15**



On Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, CPC will partner in worship and mission with Tucson's "Beads of Courage." Beads of Courage was started in Tucson and encourages children with life-threatening illnesses, their families, and health care providers. Beads are handmade with all kinds of colors and symbols, a hole is punched through them, and then the beads are given at milestone moments for folks to create strands of reminders of how they have made it through difficult challenges.

On Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, at our 9:30 a.m. service in the Fellowship Hall, we will make beads as we worship. Beads of Courage representatives will be with us to tell us more about this great mission. We will sing, pray, and create in a 90-minute worship/mission experience. We'll bless all the beads we make, which will be sent off to encourage children, youth, and adults as they struggle through difficult health situations.

No experience is necessary. You don't have to even be really creative. We will help you. Every bead made is a chance for us to pray our faith into that bead that the bead will bring encouragement and hope to those in need.

Come and Join us, Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, during our 9:30 a.m. service in the Fellowship Hall.

## SCUBA VBS!



Take a deep dive with us into an undersea adventure!

Brimming with games, music, ocean science, and the ever flowing love of God.

**June 10 - 14, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Kids ages 3rd - 5th grade

\$15

register at: [vbspro.events/p/cf51cf](http://vbspro.events/p/cf51cf)

# FUN!

- Montlure Overnight Camps
- June 2-7 9-12 grades
- June 10-15 6-8 grades
- June 25-29 4-6 grades

Would you like to help a CPC youth attend Montlure Camp? The cost of sending a youth to overnight camp starts at \$500 which can be a challenge to our families. A donation to help offset the cost can help more youth attend. If you would like to help, just add a note to your donation that it is for Montlure Campers.

# SUMMER CAMP

A colorful logo for 'WEIRD ANIMALS'. The word 'WEIRD' is in large, colorful letters (W: red, E: yellow, I: blue, R: green, D: orange). Below it, 'ANIMALS' is in smaller, colorful letters. The logo features several cartoon animals (a bird, a pig, a rabbit, a cat) and a banner that reads 'Where Jesus' Love Is One-of-a-Kind'.

**July 1-3 | 9am-12pm**

Come explore God's amazing animals as we learn all about God's love through crafts, music, games, and more.

**\$25**  
Per Child  
Ages: Kinder-6th

**REGISTER AT:**  
[bit.ly/cpcvbs24](http://bit.ly/cpcvbs24)

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## Finance Team

Thank you to all of you who support CPC... in so many different ways. You give of your time, talents, prayers, and financial resources. Our Stewardship 2024 theme is true: CPC IS A CPC: CPC is a Caring, Passionate Community!

We want you to know a few things that have been accomplished lately:

The water leak was fixed! Tucson Water confirmed there was water running, even when everything was shut off. We hired a leak detection company to find the leak. That cost us \$1,600. Then we hired a plumber and a landscaper to fix the leaks. Those bills have yet to come in.

The playground equipment had some screws protruding. The Buildings and Grounds team got right on it, and Tom Elitharp had it back into safer condition. Note, safer. We are now investigating the cost of a new playset as ours needs replacement overall.

Bob Howell, also a member of the B&G team, volunteered to clean the fellowship Hall windows just before Mother's Day. What a gift to all the women who over the years have had to clean windows. Bob's volunteer time saved the church about \$300, rather than hiring a professional cleaning company.

Our Finance Team is gathering information from all the ministry teams in the church on what big-ticket items might be coming before us. As we investigate creating a Foundation/Endowment for CPC, we know there are some items we need to address in the near future, even as we prepare to help the church in the more distant future.

And yes, the HVAC in the sanctuary is in and running. Through special donations, and a portion of the gift from the Margaret Mockler estate, we have that paid in full. Our next Sanctuary project is the replacement of the organ. That will likely happen in June while we worship in the fellowship hall. Special donations have already made that possible.

With your ongoing giving to the General Fund, and your special giving to certain projects, we can proceed with all the ministry and mission we are called to accomplish. Thank you for your faithful generosity.

CPC IS A CPC.... A Caring, Passionate Community.... Because of you! Thank you.



## 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, 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)

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

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

[www.Facebook.com/ChristPresbyterianTucson](http://www.Facebook.com/ChristPresbyterianTucson)

# Congregational Care Corner



## Compassion Connection Ministry

The Compassion Connection Ministry currently has eighteen active members. Each month, members of this team make contact with the VIPPs (Visited In Person People) members of our congregation who have difficulty attending worship and other functions at the church due to health or other physical challenges. The purpose of this ministry is to let those members know that they are not

forgotten and are still an important part of our church family, even though they are unable to be with us in body, we know they are with us in spirit.

We communicate with the VIPPs through phone calls, texts, emails, greeting cards, and in-person visits. Some VIPPs receive home communion regularly, usually on the first Sunday of each month, which is Communion Sunday at Christ Presbyterian Church.

The Compassion Connection Team currently contacts thirty-five VIPPs. This number is down a bit for a variety of reasons. Some have been called home by God over the past few months. Some people have been taken off our list at their request because their situations have changed from when they were first added to the VIPP list. We have also added some new people whose situations are now making it difficult for them to physically attend worship and participate in other activities at the church.

If you are aware of anyone who is not currently a recipient of the ministry of the Compassion Connection Team, but you think could or should be, please let me know. If you would like to contact me for any other reason, please feel free to call me on my cell phone or through the church office (520-886-5535). You can leave a message with the office staff and I will return your call as soon as I receive your message. You can also send me an email at [sbrownson52@gmail.com](mailto:sbrownson52@gmail.com).

And if you have an emergency or crisis, you can contact Pastor Melde at the church office or on his cell phone. May the peace of our Lord be with you!

Steve Brownson

Coordinator for Congregational Care



## CPC Missions CORNER

**Casa Maria:** We sent out 216 lunches this month in addition to 17 loaves of sandwiches! Thank you all!

**Sister Jose:** Please note that Sister Jose has changed their

donation day to Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from noon to 3:30 p.m.

**Habitat for Humanity:** Funds from CPC were presented to the CEO, Charlie Buchanan, and Bart Smith at the build site where CPC volunteers worked in April. Pastor Steve videotaped the event and will be sharing it with the congregation. A dedication of all 8 homes in June will be announced. All homeowners, volunteers, and CPC congregation are invited to attend. You can still volunteer online at [www.habitat.org/volunteer](http://www.habitat.org/volunteer)

**Montlure Camp:** A team of 13 people from CPC worked hard at the camp helping to re-establish a lot of electricity and other projects to help open some of the cabins for future campers. All had a great time!

**RIP Medical Debt:** RIP helps wipe out mountains of medical debt many people struggle with. RIP was a donation recipient from the Flea Market proceeds. All efforts are being made to ensure the money stays in the Pima County area. If anyone would like to continue to support this organization, contact Leslie Abrams. <https://ripmedicaldebt.org>

**Courtneys Courage:** Will be hosting its annual golf tournament in August to support Pediatric cancer patients and cancer research in Tucson. Donations for a silent auction are being accepted and are appreciated. If you know golfers who want to participate, please contact Claudia Howell at [brjcts@msn.com](mailto:brjcts@msn.com) This is a great cause and a lovely tournament. It would be wonderful to fill the course and raise funds for the local community.

**100+ Women Who Care:** awarded \$22,000 to Candelighters, a nonprofit for cancer patients that CPC also supports. This new organization meets quarterly and votes where funds, collected by membership fees, will be awarded. It is a fun organization and invites all women to join. It is \$100 per meeting. There is an open session being held at La Paloma on July 18<sup>th</sup>. The social meeting starts at 5:30. CPC will organize a group of women who are interested in attending. If you are interested, email Claudia Howell at [brjcts@msn.com](mailto:brjcts@msn.com)

**I Am You 360:** On Sunday, April 7th a blessing of the small homes was held by the folks at **I Am You 360**. Attendees wrote scripture and words of encouragement on the interior walls and framework. We also presented the Flea Market Mission check of \$25,000. Quite a few CPC folks attended! Edwin, a delightful young man who will be the first person to live in the house built by CPC, was videotaped giving his profuse thanks which will be shared with the congregation in the future.



The Book Club meets on the second Tuesday each month at 1 p.m. in the Patio Room and on Zoom. The next meeting will be on June 11. Would you like to join the discussions? All are welcome.

The Book Club's June selection is ***The First Ladies*** by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher.

The daughter of formerly enslaved parents, Mary McLeod Bethune refuses to back down as white supremacists attempt to thwart her work. She marches on as an activist and an educator, and as her reputation grows she becomes a celebrity, revered by titans of business and recognized by U.S. Presidents. Eleanor Roosevelt herself is awestruck and eager to make her acquaintance. Initially drawn together because of their shared belief in women's rights and the power of education, Mary and Eleanor become fast friends confiding their secrets, hopes and dreams—and holding each other's hands through tragedy and triumph.

When Franklin Delano Roosevelt is elected president, the two women begin to collaborate more closely, particularly as Eleanor moves toward her own agenda separate from FDR, a consequence of the devastating discovery of her husband's secret love affair. Eleanor becomes a controversial First Lady for her outspokenness, particularly on civil rights. And when she receives threats because of her strong ties to Mary, it only fuels the women's desire to fight together for justice and equality.

This is the story of two different, yet equally formidable, passionate, and committed women, and the way in which their singular friendship helped form the foundation for the modern civil rights movement.

*A novel about the extraordinary partnership between First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune—an unlikely friendship that changed the world by the NYT bestselling authors of **The Personal Librarian**, the Good Morning America Book Club pick.*

# FELLOWSHIP

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, June 4, 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. Meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month. Attendance is not mandatory, but encouraged.

## Men of Faith Breakfast

**Wednesday, June 19, 7:30 a.m.**

All the men of the church are invited to gather for breakfast. 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

Join them on Wednesday,  
June 5 and 19  
in A/B

Have fun playing this challenging game of dominoes.

We will teach you!

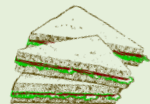
First, third, and sometimes fifth  
Wednesday of the month.



## Casa Maria Lunches

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](mailto:ridingsc@comcast.net).

The next meeting is June 25, 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall Kitchen. Drop off your sandwich donations in Fellowship Hall Kitchen.



# Presbyterian Women of CPC

## Craft News



If you are interested in attending a Craft meeting, you will find us on (most) Wednesdays in Room AB, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Please come and leave at whatever time your schedule allows. Our Crafty Ladies enjoy a variety of crafting, sewing, crocheting, or knitting projects, or simply hanging out with a fun-loving group of women. Everyone is invited. New ideas and suggestions are always welcome. Breaktime is typically around 10:30 when we pause for a light snack and coffee or tea.

See if this group and what we do is a good fit for you!



## Flea Market News

It's June, and Secondhand Weekends are back in full swing.

Donations can be brought in as usual:

Saturday, June 8, 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, June 9, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.



Gently used items such as apparel, housewares, books, CDs, toys, antiques and collectables are gratefully accepted.

Sorry, no mattresses, big box TVs, full size pianos or organs, paints or flammable products.

The Flea Market Teams does not pick up donations. If you have furniture or large donations, consider hiring Pink Ups Furniture Taxi (a company the Flea Market Team uses). Call for a quote: 520-268-5670.

If you have questions about the Flea Market, contact Pam Cullop at 520-271-6678



# Our June Birthdays!

1 Lesley Abrams

1 Skip Custis

3 Katie Lewallen

4 Cheryll Dunafon

4 Janis Parks

5 Gary Samoy

7 Patrick Glover

8 Vera Bare

9 Dorothy Courville

10 Barbara Gruber

10 Logan Gaither

12 Abbey Beck

12 Ashley Koch

14 Taelyn Nordbrock

14 Marilyn Powers

16 Laura Cech

17 Eleanor Livingston

18 Royce Melde

21 Tara Luther

21 Delaney Gaither

22 Ronan Lainson

24 Debbie Luther

24 Tom McConnell

24 Judy Riebe

26 Bob Howell

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.



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## Deadlines

### Church Office Hours

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

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Articles due by 12 p.m. on Friday,  
June 21, 2024

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

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

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