

# KIVA

## NEWSLETTER

January 2026



# Sunday Worship

Resolve to worship each Sunday in this New Year. Pastor Melde will lead us in a study of prayers from many people and traditions to help us grow our prayer life. We hope you will be here in person, but you can also join us online (live or later).

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Remember, children are fully welcome in worship. We have blue activity bags in each worship space ready for them. For those who choose, we do have professional childcare, as well.

**8:30 a.m.** Worship in/from Fellowship Hall (music by the band)

**10:45 a.m.** Worship in/from the Sanctuary (music by the choirs)

January 4<sup>th</sup>: Communion

Prayers: The Lord's Prayer and some of its Jewish Roots

Liturgist: Darby Cech

January 11<sup>th</sup>:

Prayers: St. Francis, A Buddhist Prayer, Muhammed's

Prayer of Light, Mother Theresa

Liturgist: Juanita Garcia

January 18<sup>th</sup>: MLK, Jr. Weekend, ordain/install deacons and elders

Prayers: Some prayers of Dr. King

Liturgist: Liam Street

January 25<sup>th</sup>:

Prayers: St. Patrick, Thomas Merton, St. Theresa of Avila

Liturgist: Fred Hubbard

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# PRAYERS OF THE WORLD

**JANUARY 2026**

Sunday  
Mornings

EXPLORE VARIOUS  
PRAYERS AS WE GROW IN  
OUR FAITH

**WORSHIP TIMES:**

**8:30 a.m.**

**10:45 a.m.**

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# Greetings!

Happy New Year, and happy new ideas for discussions that resonate for people of faith.

Journeys in Faith continues to draw in folks who want to have respectful conversations about how Christians can lead faith-filled lives in a secular world. Karl Barth famously said: "Take your Bible and take your newspaper, and read both," emphasizing the relevance of faith to the world, with Scripture as the ultimate lens for understanding current events. In January, we'll be tackling the following relevant topics:

January 4: The Myth of Scarcity

January 11: Catholicism

January 18: Artificial Intelligence: Dangerous or Benign?

January 25: Artificial Intelligence: Dangerous or Benign?

As always, I welcome topic ideas for Journeys in Faith; feel free to contact me with your ideas ([pastorlesley@gmail.com](mailto:pastorlesley@gmail.com))  
Meanwhile, the Adult Bible Study folks across the hall are looking at "Suffering and the Sovereignty of God." They'll be following this DVD study at least through February, and you're welcome anytime.

Adult Bible Study: Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room A/B (in person only)

Journeys in Faith: Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room E/F and on Zoom (ID 881 8821 9880)

Maybe this is the year you'll choose to learn more about being a person of faith.



## 2-4 Fellowship Returns to begin a NEW YEAR

Youth, grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, gather on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month, 5-6:30 p.m. for food, fun, and fellowship.

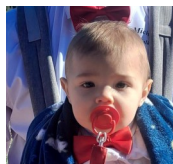
### January 11<sup>th</sup>: Parent/Youth Celebration Night

The whole youth family is encouraged to attend as we begin a new semester. Hear about all the plans, join in a special video-making contest between parents and youth, hear more about the summer mission trip, and Parents sign up as helpers during the semester.

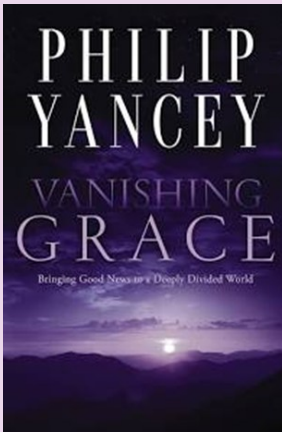
**January 25<sup>th</sup>:** Let's Make a Meal. We will make a meal together (without recipes!) What a gastronomic challenge it will be!

## Sunday Funday

Children of all ages are encouraged to participate in many areas at CPC. Join us each Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for Sunday Funday School as we begin our new rotation on the Good Samaritan.



# Get Ready for Lent



Lent (the six Sundays before the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection) begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Throughout the season of Lent (and the liturgical color is Purple), Pastor Steve will lead a worship and study on Philip Yancey's book: *Vanishing Grace*.

It's a weekly study of how Christians need to reclaim the peaceful grace of Christ as we share our faith with others in the world.

You are encouraged to buy the book, *Vanishing Grace*, and begin reading now so that you can more fully grow in your faith and the conversations we will have during the season of Lent. Pastor Steve will hold online and in-person classes to go deeper in the study in that season.

Piano Recital  
January 25, 2026,  
2 p.m.

A 7-foot Steinway piano has been gifted to our church by Eleanor Livingston. This piano originally belonged to her grandmother. Gabriel Kaiser has been diligently restoring the piano to its former glory. To showcase the instrument, our accompanist, Susan Simpson, has offered to perform a recital for us. A variety of mostly classical pieces will be on the program, including works by Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy & Gershwin, among others. Also included will be a Spanish violin piece with piano accompaniment, and a vocal duet with our benefactor, Eleanor. We hope you'll attend!

# Stewardship and Finance News

Thank you to all of you who have given so generously of your financial resources in 2025. Your Tax Statements will be ready by the end of January and will be emailed to you. If you don't receive them, please first check your spam account, then contact our Bookkeeper (Doug Wingert) through the church office (520-886-5535). He's in on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, but you can always leave a message for him to return your call.

We're on to 2026. We'll be dedicating our PCUSA support (also known as per capita) on Sunday, January 18. The \$45 per member that we encourage you to give above and beyond your pledge to the General Fund helps to support the structure of our PCSUA denomination, enabling us to be a part of ministries and missions throughout the world. You can give online (use the fund dropdown line so that it gets to the correct account) or give a \$45 check per member in your household.

We are beginning to make plans for celebrating CPC's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday (May 13) and will let you know how that will all come together. Your giving in this New Year will help support all the current ministries and missions that we have been called to be a part of in 2026. Thank you for making it all possible.

Your Finance Team





## CPC Missions **CORNER**

**Reid Park Zoo** is partnering with RECYCO, Inc. to recycle Christmas string lights that have stopped glowing. Bring your non-working string lights to Reid Park Zoo's community drop-off bin in the Zoo's Welcome Plaza and help divert waste from the landfill. You can also donate by giving to the Flea Market Team, and they will donate for you. All donations should be complete by the end of January.



### Plastic Grocery Bag Collection

Mat-Makers weave plastic grocery bags into sleeping mats. It takes approximately 600-700 bags to make a mat measuring 30" x 60". They donate the mats to Sister Jose Women's Shelter, who distribute them to the unhoused.

Please bring your plastic grocery bags and place them in the container located in or near the Patio room.

Thank you for caring and repurposing your bags!





## 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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## BOOK CLUB

**Tuesday, January 20, 1 p.m.**

Zoom ID 813 6830 2106

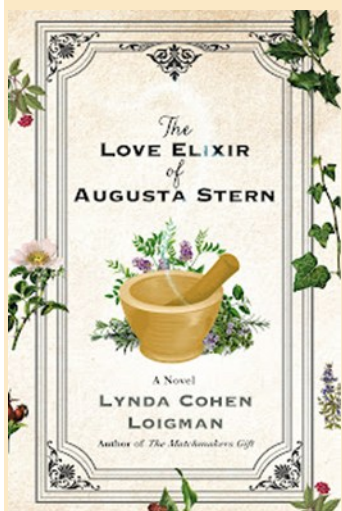
**Are you a reader?**

**Do you enjoy discussing books?**

Then perhaps it's time to join the CPC Virtual Book Club. We're a Zoom-only group that meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m., and we're always hoping for more readers to join us. On January 20 at 1:00 p.m., we'll be discussing something fun:

***"The Love Elixir of Augusta Stern,"* by**

**Lynda Cohen Loigman.**



On the cusp of turning eighty, newly retired pharmacist Augusta Stern is adrift. When she relocates to Rallentando Springs—an active senior community in southern Florida—she unexpectedly crosses paths with Irving Rivkin, the delivery boy from her father's old pharmacy—and the man who broke her heart sixty years earlier.

**A Story with sweetness, charm and an ode to second chances.**

## MEXICAN TRAIN

## DOMINOES

**1 p.m.**

**Wednesdays, January 7 & 21 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, January 21, 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, January 27, 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](mailto: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, January 22, 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

**January Secondhand Weekend** will be Saturday, January 10, and Sunday, January 11. The closets are once again brimming since we took the month of December off to celebrate the holiday season. Now that we are refreshed and ready to start again with our sorting, cleaning & pricing for the upcoming 15<sup>th</sup> annual Flea Market scheduled for March 12, 13 & 14, 2026. If you can help one or both days to prepare for this giant fundraising activity, it would be most appreciated!

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand 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 are accepted only until noon to allow for processing by the end of the same day.

In an effort to decrease the number of discarded plastic water bottles on the planet, we now have a water dispenser set up in the MPR kitchen for refilling our personal bottles.

## 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

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**

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.

# Presbyterian Women of CPC

## Craft News



Happy New Year!

And Thank You for your support of the annual December Craft & Cookie Sale, which runs the same weekend as the annual Women's Advent Event. Because this article is being written just a day after the sale, we do not have a final total to report, but we are ahead of last year's numbers by a good margin. Check out the February KIVA for totals and PW Mission fund recipients selected for this year.

The "Crafty Ladies," as we call ourselves, meet regularly each Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to 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. 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 at 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. We resume our regular meeting on January 7, 2026.

Crafts may be purchased on Wednesdays during our meetings or on most Communion Sundays, when mostly seasonal items are on sale in Fellowship Hall.

\*The PW Craft group is the fundraising branch of the Presbyterian Women of Christ Presbyterian Church's mission projects. The money collected from the sale of our handcrafted items and cookies at the Christmas sale is donated to various (mostly local) organizations that support women and children.

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

# Our January Birthdays!



1 Sally Yauch  
4 Heather Nordbrock  
7 Paul Martin  
8 Maureen Harding  
9 Lana Rich  
10 Linda Demonbreun  
11 Emily Carroll  
14 Theo Melde  
16 Oliver Melde  
16 Cindy Ridings  
16 Arlene Thompson  
17 Norma Jean Gwinn  
18 Tom Eliitharp  
19 Robi Holmaas  
20 Ken Carpenter

21 Lee Hall  
21 Helen Price  
22 Wayne Cullop  
22 John O'Rourke  
24 Mark Teece  
24 Eb Wilkinson  
25 Dean Friskey  
25 Penni Martinez  
26 Laura Thompson  
28 Helen Samoy  
29 Chris Dye



## February KIVA

Deadline for getting your news in the February  
KIVA is Friday, January 16.

Don't get left out!  
Get your news in on time!



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## Church Office Hours

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

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

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## Deadlines

**KIVA** February 2026 articles due by 12 p.m. on Friday, January 16, 2026

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

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



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