

# KIVA

## NEWSLETTER

July 2026

*Happy  
250<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary  
of USA*



# Sunday Worship

Welcome to Worship in July.

Remember, we are still at one Sunday Morning Worship service at 9:30 a.m.

We rotate between using our Sanctuary and our Fellowship Hall.

All are welcome in worship. Children are encouraged to worship with their families. We have blue activity bags available. For parents who choose, we have a nursery staffed with professionally trained child care workers available.

If you can't be with us in person, join us 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) (here you can leave messages during worship)

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

In the month of July Pastor Steve will focus on Hymns and how they express our Christian Faith.

July 5: Communion in the Sanctuary

Hymn Focus: O Beautiful For Spacious Skies

Liturgist: Ruth McPherson

Ice Cream Celebration following worship! Happy 250 USA

July 12: Fellowship Hall

Hymn Focus: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Liturgist: Laura Cech

July 19: Sanctuary

Hymn Focus: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Liturgist: Nancy Kluge

July 26: Fellowship Hall

Hymn Focus: It Is Well With My Soul

Liturgist: Kenda Parkey

**JULY 2026**  
**WORSHIP THEME**



Sundays 9:30 a.m. Tucson Time

5th: O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

12<sup>th</sup>: Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone

19<sup>th</sup>: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

26<sup>th</sup>: It Is Well With My Soul



# Greetings, Saints!

And Happy Summer!

Journeys in Faith will be taking most of July to address “Poverty.” While there will be no class on July 5<sup>th</sup> (with so many fleeing Tucson for cooler climes), we’ll spend the following three weeks discussing key aspects of poverty: Housing, Health, and Possible Solutions.

Still working with the summer worship schedule, we’ll meet in classroom E/F at 10:30 a.m. in person and online (Zoom ID 881 8821 9880)

Meanwhile, the folks across the hall (a/k/a The Adult Bible Study group), will be tackling various topics and Bible passages in July as they gear up for another extended exploration of a book of the Bible. Coming up later this summer: 1 Corinthians. They meet, in person only, at 8:30 a.m. in classroom A/B (‘cause they are, apparently, early risers!)

# Sunday

# Funday School

2026-2027

Learning. Growing. Loving. Sharing Jesus! ❤️



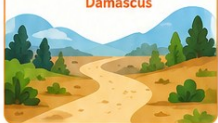
## SEPTEMBER 2026

- Sept. 6 Sunday Funday School Kick-off
- Sept. 13 Regular Sunday Funday School
- Sept. 20 Regular Sunday Funday School
- Sept. 27 ROT 1: The Lord's Prayer



## OCTOBER 2026

- Oct. 4 ROT 1: The Lord's Prayer
- Oct. 11 ROT 1: The Lord's Prayer
- Oct. 18 ROT 2: On the Road to Damascus
- Oct. 25 ROT 2: On the Road to Damascus



## NOVEMBER 2026

- Nov. 1 ROT 2: On the Road to Damascus
- Nov. 8 ROT 2: On the Road to Damascus
- Nov. 15 ROT 2: On the Road to Damascus
- Nov. 22 ROT 3: Birth of Jesus
- Nov. 29 ROT 3: Birth of Jesus



## DECEMBER 2026

- Dec. 6 ROT 3: Birth of Jesus
- Dec. 13 ROT 3: Birth of Jesus
- Dec. 20 Journey to Bethlehem
- Dec. 27 No Sunday Funday School



## JANUARY 2027

- Jan. 3 No Sunday Funday School
- Jan. 10 ROT 4: Parable of the Sower
- Jan. 17 ROT 4: Parable of the Sower
- Jan. 24 ROT 4: Parable of the Sower
- Jan. 31 ROT 4: Parable of the Sower



## FEBRUARY 2027

- Feb. 7 ROT 4: Parable of the Sower
- Feb. 14 ROT 4: Parable of the Sower
- Feb. 21 ROT 4: Parable of the Sower
- Feb. 28 ROT 4: Parable of the Sower



## MARCH 2027

- Mar. 7 ROT 5: The Walk to Emmaus
- Mar. 14 ROT 5: The Walk to Emmaus
- Mar. 21 ROT 5: The Walk to Emmaus
- Mar. 28 ROT 5: The Walk to Emmaus



## APRIL 2027

- Apr. 4 ROT 5: The Walk to Emmaus
- Apr. 11 ROT 5: The Walk to Emmaus
- Apr. 18 ROT 6: Adam, Eve & Creation
- Apr. 25 ROT 6: Adam, Eve & Creation



## MAY 2027

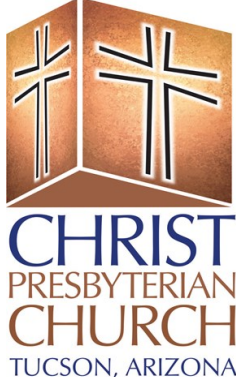
- May 2 ROT 6: Adam, Eve & Creation
- May 9 ROT 6: Adam, Eve & Creation
- May 16 ROT 6: Adam, Eve & Creation
- May 23 Final Sunday Funday School



### OUR PROGRAM THEMES

ROT 1	The Lord's Prayer	Sept. 27 – Oct. 11, 2026
ROT 2	On the Road to Damascus	Oct. 18 – Nov. 15, 2026
ROT 3	Birth of Jesus	Nov. 22 – Dec. 13, 2026
	Journey to Bethlehem	Dec. 20, 2026
	No Sunday Funday School	Dec. 27, 2026 & Jan. 3, 2027
ROT 4	Parable of the Sower	Jan. 10 – Feb. 28, 2027
ROT 5	The Walk to Emmaus	Mar. 7 – Apr. 11, 2027
ROT 6	Adam, Eve & Creation	Apr. 18 – May 16, 2027
	Final Sunday Funday School	May 23, 2027

❤️ + "Let the little children come to me." Mark 10:14 + ❤️



**Providing a Safe Community**  
**Saturday**  
**August 1, 2026**  
**9A.M. - Noon**

**CPC Sexual Conduct & Boundary Training**

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As part of our shared calling to care for one another and to nurture a safe, trustworthy community for all, CPC offers this training in keeping with Arizona employment laws, insurance requirements, and Presbytery recommendations. This training is for Elders and Deacons; Christian Education; children and youth ministry workers and volunteers; the Compassion Connection Team; people serving with children or at-risk adults; and all staff. In this time together, we will review:

- CPC's new Sexual Misconduct Policy
- Respecting Boundaries
- 12 Best Practices
- Reporting Procedures
- Background Checks

There will be break-out sessions for specific areas of ministry, and the congregation will be welcome to attend.

***If you are working with children or vulnerable adults in any capacity, you must take the training. Please RSVP by July 15.***

***We will be distributing copies of the new policy to be read before the class and they will also be available in the church office.***

# Happy 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday, USA!

Did you know???

12 of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence were Presbyterian?

The twelve Presbyterian signers by colony were:

New Hampshire: Matthew Thornton

New York: Philip Livingston, William Floyd

New Jersey: John Witherspoon, Richard Stockton, John Hart, Abraham Clark

Pennsylvania: Benjamin Rush, James Smith, George Taylor, James Wilson

Delaware: Thomas McKean

Of those who signed the document, The Reverend John Witherspoon was the only active Clergyman. And as you can see from above, he was a Presbyterian Pastor in New Jersey.

Did you know?

· 1746: The College of New Jersey (later Princeton University) is founded, initially to train Christian ministers. (It was founded by Presbyterians!)

· 1811/1812: In 1811, the Presbyterian General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church determined the College was becoming too secular. As a result, the church founded Princeton Theological Seminary in 1812 as a separate institution for specialized theological training, placing it in Princeton specifically to be near the College.

· 1920s: Princeton University itself officially ceased being a Presbyterian institution during its transition into a modern, liberal arts university.

· Present Day: Both institutions remain entirely separate administrative and financial entities, though they maintain a cooperative cross-registration and library-sharing agreement.



**CPC Missions**  
**CORNER**



## **Sewing for a Cause**

Friday, July 17th, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in E/F

Join us to sew protective eyeglass cases for InterVol, an organization that ships unused medical supplies and equipment worldwide.

InterVol will be sending 20,000 eyeglasses to 2 hospitals in Ukraine on the first of August. Join us if you sew, can cut fabric, iron, or organize. If you have any fabric to donate, we use soft fabrics like cotton, flannel, or felt. Fabric scraps 10x10 inches or more are greatly appreciated. Contact Claudia Howell at 520-850-0637 with donations or questions prior to the event.

Please RSVP to Claudia by July 10 if you can join us; space is limited.

For more information about InterVol, visit [intervol.org](http://intervol.org)

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

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

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**July 6 - Ice Cream Social**



after the 9:30 a.m. service

**August 15 - Monsoon BBQ 4 - 6 p.m.**

**September 6 - Sunday Funday Open House**

9:30 a.m.

# VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

**Tuesday, July 21, 1 p.m.**

Zoom ID 813 6830 2106

The CPC Virtual Book Club will be reading TJ Klune's

*We Burned So Bright.*

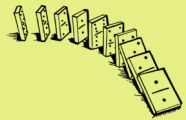


It's a heart-wrenching novel that follows an older married gay couple on an end-of-the-world road trip. Klune has a talent for mixing fantasy, romance, and humor in a manner that is both uniquely individual and remarkably universal. We'll meet on Tuesday, July 21, at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom (ID# 813 6830 2106)

## MEXICAN TRAIN

**DOMINOES 1 p.m.**

**Wednesdays, July 1, 15, 29 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, July 15, 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, July 28, 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, July , 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall Kitchen.

## RAINBOW FAITH FELLOWSHIP

**Wednesday, July 8, 6:30 p.m.** on Zoom (ID 862 3525 0613)

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

## Already Working on Flea Market 2027!

### Secondhand Weekend is on July 11 and 12

Now that many of our winter residents have returned to their summer homes, and many of our year-round residents are scooting out of town for cooler temps, our volunteer force is understandably smaller.

However, we cannot take a break from our task of collecting and processing donations for the 2027 Flea Market. If you can spend even a few hours on Saturday or Sunday (or both) of the summer Secondhand Weekends, that would be a huge help!

Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is when we sort, clean, price, and box donations.

**Donation drop off** hours during Secondhand Weekends are on Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Lunch is provided for volunteers. Hours are flexible...make them work for your personal schedules. Hope to see you there!

**Thank you for your ongoing support!**

The Flea Market Lead Team

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

**P.S. We are looking for people to help set up tables and pull donations from the storage area for Secondhand Weekend pricing. If you are an early riser and can help on Saturday mornings, starting at 7 a.m. to complete set-up before the volunteers arrive at 9 a.m., please call or text Claudia Howell at 520-850-0637 for more information.**

Flea Market Questions? Claudia Howell, 520-850-0637.

## HELP WANTED – Lunch for Secondhand Weekend Volunteers

The Flea Market Team needs people to provide a lunch for 25-30 volunteers each Secondhand Weekend (Saturdays and Sundays). Lunches can be homemade (casseroles, soups, salads, tacos) or purchased (pizza, subs, lasagna, etc.). No beverages or desserts are needed. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m., and clean-up is usually over by 12:30 p.m. And for fun, you can enjoy lunch and conversation with the folks.

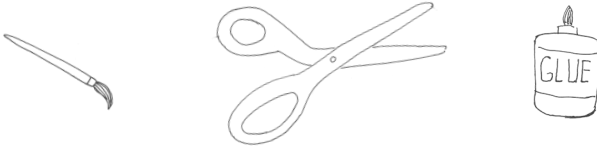
For those who work or will be out of town and still want to help, arrangements can be made with Janis to bring the lunch on Friday; however, these kinds of lunches must be easy to prep and serve.

There is nothing like a tasty bowl of chili or casserole to refresh a person. If you have ever wanted to support the Flea Market but couldn't attend the Secondhand Weekends, please consider this mission opportunity. There are many dates available – June through next February. To sign up, give Janis a call, 520-403-4526, or email [jjparks48ORG@proton.me](mailto:jjparks48ORG@proton.me)

### Flea Market Donation reminders:

- We no longer pick up donations. Call Pink Pick Ups Furniture Taxi at 520-268-5670 for an estimate.
- 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 because they are difficult to store and dispose of.

# Presbyterian Women of CPC



## Craft news

The “Crafty Ladies,” as we call ourselves, meet each Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to noon in classrooms A/B. We break around 10:30 for a light snack or to celebrate birthdays. Feel free to bring a craft or sewing project of your own, or help color the hand-stamped cards, or even create new ones from recycled cards. We have all the supplies needed for almost any project. Some people, 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.

Our crafts may be purchased on Wednesdays during our meetings or on most Communion Sundays, when seasonal crafts are featured.

*The PW Craft group is the fundraising branch of the Presbyterian Women of Christ Presbyterian Church’s mission projects. The money collected from our craft and cookie sales at Christmas time is used to support various (mostly local) organizations that support women and children.*

For questions, call or text Jan Marshall: 520-404-0313.



## 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

# Our July Birthdays!

1 Steve Brownson

1 Kaitlyn Courville

1 Susie Nagele

2 Nancy Kluge

3 Jim Parks

3 Carol Tomlinson

5 Georgia Harding

6 Julie McCrea

7 Robin Gilbert

8 Kathryn Snodgrass

8 Liam Street

9 Sally Brandon

9 Doug Thompson

9 Colleen Webylo

10 Greg Robinson

11 Cyndi Kiblin

12 Sebastian Sturla

13 Sharon Beck

13 Scott McDonald

14 Jo Ann Overs

15 Ryland Koch

16 Doris Griffin

16 Julie Sharp

19 Darrell Dunafon

19 Jackie Faulkner

20 Nicole Crowder

20 Fred Hubbard

21 Beth Price

21 Bonnie Sloan

21 Kaitlyn Valentine

22 Eleanore Robinson

24 Julia Hahn

24 Ron Standring

26 Barbara Bauer

26 Pat Forcier

26 Noreen Linton

27 Dawn Scully

30 Jill O'Rourke

## August KIVA

The deadline for getting your news in  
the August KIVA is Friday, July 17.  
Don't get left out!



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## Church Office Hours

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

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

**Phone: 520-886-5535**

**www.cpctucsonaz.org**

## Deadlines

**KIVA** August 2026 articles due by 12 p.m. on Friday, July , 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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