



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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March 2024

KIVA NEWSLETTER





A Word From Our Pastor...

As we move through the season of Lent into the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus the Christ, we come to Resurrection Sunday, a day we glorify God, and in our tradition, we honor our loved ones.

Instead of flowers at Easter, this year we are inviting you to give water bottles in honor of or in memory of your loved ones.

These water bottles will be given to the VA hospital/Care Centers, to bless Veterans in need.

In the desert we know how important water is, and in the waters of our baptisms we know how life giving water can be.

So, we invite you to bring water bottles (individual ones that the VA can hand out) or to donate \$20 toward the project. Forms will be provided so that you can give us the names of those you want to honor (those who have died or those who are living).

What a great way to thank God for the gift of the life-giving Resurrection of Jesus, than to give the gift of life in water to our Veterans of military service.

All names need to be submitted by Palm Sunday (March 24) so that we can collate them and get them ready for the printed bulletin on Resurrection Sunday.

Peace in our Journeys,
Pastor Steve Melde

Sunday Worship

Join us each Sunday for Worship:

8:30 a.m. in/from the Fellowship Hall (music led by the Band)

10:45 a.m. in/from the Sanctuary (music led by our choirs and pianist)

We also broadcast live (and it archives to worship later)

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Children are always welcome in worship. Blue activity bags are available. Professional childcare is available if parents/caretakers choose.

March 3: Communion & The Jesus I Never Knew

Scripture: Matthew 9:9-13

Sermon: A Revolution of Grace

Liturgist: The Hodges Family

March 10: The Jesus I Never Knew

Scripture: Luke 4:1-22

Sermon: Jesus' Miracles

Liturgist: Lhasa Compton

March 17: The Jesus I Never Knew

Scripture: Luke 18:31-34

Sermon: Jesus' Death and Resurrection

Liturgist: Robin Gilbert

March 24: Palm Sunday & The Jesus I Never Knew

Scripture: John 14:1-14

Sermon: The Difference Jesus Makes

Liturgist: Lesley Abrams

Thursday, March 28: Maundy Thursday Communion

7 p.m. in/from the Sanctuary

March 31: Resurrection Sunday

6 a.m. Sunrise on the Patio (dress for the weather)

Scripture: Mark 16:1-8

Sermon: Caring for the Dead

9-10:30 a.m. Journey to Jerusalem

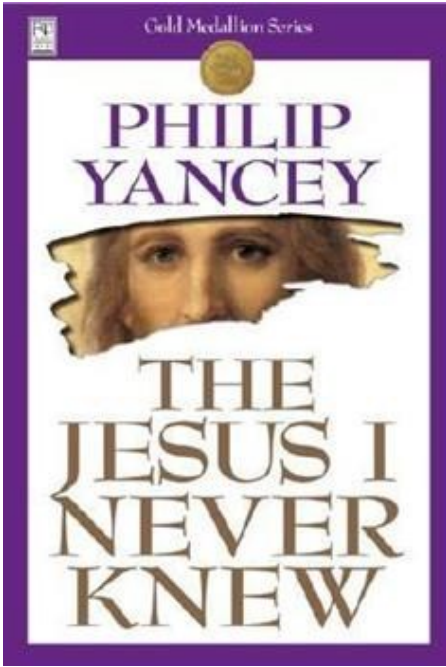
Fun, food, fellowship, games, face painters, egg hunts

10:45 a.m. Worship Celebration in/from the Sanctuary

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

Liturgist: Steve Brownson

Introducing Our 2024 Lenten Theme



You are invited to purchase this book and join our discussion groups and classes throughout the Lenten Season.

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 until 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 Zoom ID 837 1404 2319

Talk About it Tuesdays Zoom ID 839 0008 2826

Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Room E/F Zoom ID 849 3457 2047

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 in Faith Zoom ID 837 1404 2319

Greetings Saints!

During March, our Journeys in Faith program will continue exploring *The Jesus I Never Knew*, every Sunday morning. The Bible Study class continues its in-depth look at the Book of Genesis, at the same time, in Room A/B (in-person only).

I'd like to take this space to thank all the folks who attend our adult education offerings. Those of you studying Genesis -- patiently going through this first book of the Bible line by line -- remind the rest of us that the Bible is a living, breathing document, an account of God's passionate pursuit of a people to love God and help mend the creation. Those of you attending our various Journeys in Faith classes are discovering how our living needs to align with the truth of Scripture while at the same time being culturally relevant.

Both classes are all about learning to live in faith.

While the Bible Study class has a way to go in Genesis, after Easter the Journeys in Faith class will continue to probe contemporary topics that ask us to view the world through the lens of our faith. We'll explore topics like The Border, Addiction, Causes of War (and it may not be what you think), Science and the Bible, and lots more.

We are truly gifted at CPC with a fine preacher. But preaching is a one-way conversation. Why not participate in a two-way manner: ask questions, voice your opinion, share what you know, and learn from others? I urge you to stop by one of our adult education classes in order to grow in your faith.

Shalom,
Lesley Abrams

Sunday Funday

We gather each Sunday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in room 6. All children in preschool through 5th grade are welcome.

Easter is Coming and we need your help!

Easter morning is going to be filled with games, activities, and an Easter egg hunt. You can help by donating filled plastic eggs for children to hunt or sign up to run one of the games or activity. Look for a link coming soon.



Save the Date: Summer Camps are coming!

- June 10-14: Scuba Adventure with and at Immanuel Presbyterian Church 9-12 pre-K- 6th grade
- July 1-3: Jungle Adventure at CPC 9-12 k-6 grade
- 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.

2-4 YOUTH Fellowship

2-4 Youth Fellowship provides a time for teens, 6th-12th grades, to gather and become a deeper part of the church family. We meet, usually, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, 5-6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 10: Help with the Flea Market (12-2 p.m.) special time

Sunday, March 24: Gaslight Theater day (no evening gathering)

MARKET ON THE MOVE

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 8-10 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, or 520-390-6427



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, March 5, 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

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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Flea Market News

It's March and we are in full-blown **Flea Market March Madness** mode. We are excited and ready to spring into action with you to make this event the biggest and best one yet! Many of you have already volunteered to help with a variety of tasks from the setup, through the sale, to the cleanup. **Thank you!** However, **many more volunteers are still needed** for every phase of this mega fundraising event until we deliver the campus back to normality on March 20.

You, your friends, neighbors, relatives, or casual acquaintances are **all invited to participate as often and as much as you are able** by speaking to one of the Lead Team members listed below or online through Sign-Up Genius using the corresponding link available on Facebook and distributed by email. **We'll provide lunch** for all volunteers, but we ask you to sign up in advance so no one will go hungry! In addition to the scheduled volunteer days with specific tasks and objectives that typically fall on weekends, **our crew will also be working weekdays on "General Setup" tasks and you can just show up** and help us as much as you want to and as often as you can between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm. There will be a daily sign-up form, but you need not sign up in advance as we simply want to keep track of our volunteer hours for event reporting purposes. **On General Setup days we'll bring our lunches** and break from 12 – 1. Water is always available, and those who volunteer share snacks from time to time as well.

We're looking forward to the best Flea Market ever!

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

Congregational Care Corner



I asked her what motivates her to do all the things that she does at Christ Presbyterian Church. After all, she is involved in many of the church projects. But I, as the Coordinator of Congregational Care, was more interested in why she spent so much time and energy in helping

individuals – members of the congregation. It's not like people are asking her to do things for them. She just sees a need and takes it upon herself to do something about it. For instance, recently she called a church member, who no longer drives, to see if that member needed a ride to the memorial service of another church member - a friend. Instead of waiting for a call, she took the first step and offered a ride. And, of course, the ride was needed and greatly appreciated. Though it may seem like a small thing, it is just one example of the many things that she does to help others at the church.

"Helping others is not so much a goodwill project," she says, "but because we have been friends for years and years and we are close, so it's only natural." I have to wonder though, how did they become such close friends. As she continues sharing, it seems to me that many of the friends that she helps are people that she works with at the church. Friendships that started, developed, and continue to grow through their time at the church.



She then tells me about all the other people in the church who help others. It might start out with providing a ride to an appointment or church function or taking a meal over in a time of need, but before you know it, they are helping each other move. She calls it “tending” to each other. I like that terminology. It’s not just checking on one another or helping each other, but tending, taking care, and being present for those you care for. We all do that for family and close friends. And when we do it for members of our church, those members become our close friends and our family. And that’s what being part of the church is all about.



I’m sure you have noticed that I haven’t said who “she” is, but if you are part of Christ Presbyterian Church, then I’m sure you recognize who “she” is. That’s because there are many women AND men just like her at CPC. Look around and you’ll recognize them!

If you would like to know how to become more involved in the life of the church at CPC, please contact me. Or if you need a visit, a prayer, or just someone to talk with, you can call me on my cell phone, or at the church 520-886-5535 and leave a message and I will return your call, or send me an email to, sbrownson52@gmail.com.

Steve Brownson
Coordinator of Congregational Care

Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Tuesday, March 5 at 1 p.m. in the Patio Room to discuss *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See.

According to Confucius, “an educated woman is a worthless woman,” but Tan Yunxian—born into an elite family, yet haunted by death, separations, and loneliness—is being raised by her grandparents to be of use. Her grandmother is one of only a handful of female doctors in China, and she teaches Yunxian the pillars of Chinese medicine, the Four Examinations—looking, listening, touching, and asking—something a man can never do with a female patient.



How might a woman like Yunxian break free of these traditions and lead a life of such importance that many of her remedies are still used five centuries later? How might the power of friendship support or complicate these efforts? A captivating story of women helping each other, *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* is a triumphant reimagining of the life of one person who was remarkable in the Ming dynasty and would be considered remarkable today.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER!

From “one of those special writers capable of delivering both poetry and plot” (*The New York Times Book Review*) *an immersive historical novel inspired by the true story of a woman physician in 15th-century China—perfect for fans of Lisa See’s classics Snow Flower and the Secret Fan and Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane.*

FELLOWSHIP

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will not meet in March.

They will resume on April 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 March 20, 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.



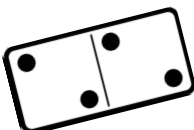
MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Due to the Flea Market Sale, Mexican Train Dominoes will not meet in March. Join them when they resume on Wednesday, April 3.

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 last 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. The next meeting is March 26, 8 a.m. Drop off your sandwich donations in Fellowship Hall Kitchen.



Presbyterian Women of CPC



Craft News

Please note: Due to the Flea Market Sale, the Craft Group will not meet again until Wednesday, March 27.

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 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 10:30 when we pause for a light snack and coffee/tea.

See if this group and what we do is a good fit for you!
For questions, call, or text Pam Cullop: 520-271-6678 or send me an email: pjcullop@gmail.com.





Our March Birthdays!

3 Bill Botts	17 Andrew Robinson
3 Kathy Harris	17 Nathan Robinson
6 Ingrid McKee	18 Ken Friskey
7 Michael Beck	18 Marjorie Letson
8 Pat Werner	21 Nancy Hummel
9 Belinda Courville	21 Bret Lewallen
9 Ruth Jafvert	22 Karl Ver Burg
9 Donna Kuehn	24 Paula Holmes
9 Kris Kluge	25 Tony Manning
11 Emily Bittman	26 Leah Harroun
12 Nancy Cella	26 Ruth McPherson
13 Erin Cech	31 Lianne Puzzo
14 Vickie Forbes	
14 Ron Rice	

My many, many thanks to all who brought me dinners during my recovery from back surgery. Everything was soooo yummy.

I especially want to thank Steve Brownson for organizing the meal deliveries.

I also want to thank those who just stopped by or called to see how I was doing. It meant a lot to me.

Again, thanks so much. I hope as soon as I can drive to be back in church.

Kathi Rector

Thank You



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(Closed for lunch 12 —1 p.m.)

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Weekly Bulletins and Friday News, requests for flyers or inserts

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