



CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER





A Word From Our Pastor...

May... be....

Maybe this May you might choose to be...

More of who you are as a Child of God.

More prayerful as you discover God's presence in your life.

Less worried about what's next (God knows and loves you so much that even God wants to be with you Forever).

Less judgmental of others, after all, they're just trying to find their way through this life like you are.

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You decide.

It's May.... Maybe you will be you!

May it be so....

We like you. God loves you.

May May be the month you may be!

Peace in our Journeys,

Pastor Steve Melde

Sunday Worship

Join others in worship each Sunday morning:
8:30 a.m. in/from the Fellowship Hall
10:45 a.m. in/from the Sanctuary

We hope you will join us in person, but, if not, we are also broadcasting live on-line (and each archives so you can worship anytime you need/can)

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Remember, we welcome children in worship.
Blue activity bags are available.
We do have professional childcare if parents choose.

May 5: Communion

Larry Biehl will be preaching as we celebrate Communion
Janet Rowe will be our liturgist.

May 12: Mother's Day

Scripture: Luke 1:46-55
Sermon: Oh Maria
Liturgist: Bill Wolfe

May 19: Confirmation and Graduation Celebrations

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-10
Sermon: Ah Youth
Liturgist: The Youth

May 26: Memorial Day Weekend

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-2
Sermon: Honoring the Saints
Liturgist: Laura Manning

This day we will give thanks for those who have served in our Military, and those CPC family who have passed since last Memorial Day.

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.



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.

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.

Greetings Saints!

The **Bible Study** group that meets every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Room E/F is about halfway through their in-depth look at Genesis. This class is in-person only and anyone is welcome to attend any time.

Journeys in Faith is tackling two more challenging topics this May. The group meets most Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room E/F or on Zoom (837 1404 2319).

May 5 & 12: Immigration and the Border. We'll welcome a special guest on May 12th who works for Border Patrol and will share his perspectives on this difficult (impossible?) topic.

May 19: War and its Causes. Religion is often blamed for most of the wars fought throughout history but is that actually true?

May 26: No class – Memorial Day weekend.

AND NOW I NEED YOUR HELP.

Journeys in Faith has wrestled with a whole lot of thought-provoking topics since I began teaching over a year ago.

Racism, Addiction, Israel/Palestine, LGBTQ, Mormonism, and much more.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DISCUSS?

Please email me (pastorlesley@gmail.com) with ideas for topics you'd like to see us address. I'm a one-person committee which means I need any help you can give me.

Shalom,
Lesley



CPC Missions CORNER



Military/VA - Wow! CPC went over and above! With your donations from Easter and the help of some able-bodied volunteers, we delivered 2100 bottles of water to the Veterans. We did not stop there - \$2522 was also donated and, as the need arises, this money will buy even more bottles!

Thank you. everyone!



Market on the Move was a great success! We saw a lot of our regulars return and sold out by the end of the morning. Our next event is May 25th and we will start at 7:00 a.m. to beat the heat. Tell your neighbors about the great deal: 60 pounds of food for \$10! If you have any

questions, contact Cheryl Dunafon at cdunafon@gmail.com

Gaslight Theatre Fund Raiser – The Gas Light Theater production of *Curse of the Pirates Gold* was a lot of fun! We raised \$2200 for Montlure!

Casa Maria - Last month we were short 50 sandwiches, so a big shout out to everyone who can help for next month. We need individually wrapped sandwiches (just cheese and meat, no condiments). If you can't provide sandwiches, you can always help to put the lunches together. We meet at 8:00 a.m., May 28th, in Fellowship Hall Kitchen. As usual, all your help is appreciated.

Montlure Camp - Want an opportunity to help get the Montlure Camp ready for campers this summer? Join other CPC folks to make it happen on May 3-5th. All levels of ability and all skill are welcome!

Habitat for Humanity - The event of April 6th was fun and enlightening. Our church members worked with Veterans to help build houses for veterans and others in need. Some CPC volunteers brought snacks for all 100 volunteers present! We hope to schedule a CPC Day at the center that builds the walls before they go to the housing location (inside activity). Watch for sign-up notifications. You can also volunteer online at www.habitat.org/volunteer



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

Care Portal - The Care Portal, through CPC, donated a dresser, kitchen table and 4 chairs, washcloths, and bath towels to a family; a twin bed with bedding for a 5-year-old boy; toddler bed for a one-year-old boy; a twin bed for a little girl; a highchair, and a day bed for a 15-year-old girl. If you have any questions or issues that may need attention from Care Portal, contact Cheryl at cdunafon@gmail.com.

Courtney's Courage - Courtney's Courage will be hosting its annual golf tournament in August to support pediatric cancer patients and cancer research in Tucson. If you have items you would like to donate for a silent auction, it would be most appreciated. If you know any golfers who would like to play, please contact Claudia Howell at brjcts@msn.com. This is a great cause and a lovely tournament. It would be wonderful to fill the course and raise funds that help the local community.

CPC Grief Support News

Tuesday, May 7th, 7p.m. (Tucson Time)

Zoom Meeting ID: 835 3681 1738

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.

Join us from wherever you are.

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

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 May, which means **Secondhand Weekends are back** in full swing in May... but due to Mother's Day landing on the second Sunday of the month we are mixing it up just a bit and moving it to the **third weekend – May 18 & 19**.

Donations can be brought in as usual, with just one-weekend delay for the sorting, cleaning, pricing, and boxing.

In case you didn't hear the exciting and extraordinary 2024 Flea Market sale result: The gross **income came in at \$71,000!** The organizations selected to receive substantial benefits from this year's profits are as follows:

- I Am You 360 - \$25,000
- RIP Medical Debt - \$10,000
- St Luke's Home - \$10,000
- Habitat for Humanity - \$5,000
- Exodus Community Services - \$5,000

Additionally, \$1,500 will be moved into the CPC Mission General Fund account to be used in various other mission projects or ministries as they need it. Woohoo!!!!

In closing this article, here is a Fun Fact to consider: According to the Independent Sector, the Do Good Institute recently announced, "The current estimated national value of each volunteer hour is \$31.80." What?!!!! So, if you don't think the hours you volunteer throughout the year processing donations to sell in the spring are not valuable, think again. For every one of those hours, we say:

Thank you!

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

Your PCUSA Support Per Capita Giving

Each year, we participate in our denominational PCUSA Support (also known as per capita giving. You may have noticed that line on our Estimate of Giving Pledge cards. In 2024, we share \$45 per member of CPC to support the structure of the denomination, especially the Presbyter de Cristo. That gift of mission money is really important to our church and pastor, and to other churches and pastors in the Presbytery and throughout the PCUSA denomination.



In May, pastors of the Presbytery, including our Pastor Melde and Sara Ver Burg, currently working with the Native churches in Sells, Arizona, were able to gather for a retreat at the Canoa Ranch resort just south of Green Valley. There they spent a few days together in study of the Art of the Bible, and in discussion with each other as pastors to support each other in ministry.

Our giving helps to pay for a Presbytery Pastor, Brad Munroe, who helps to guide our churches and pastors.

Thank you for making this possible with that extra \$45 gift to CPC as we pass that along to the Presbytery and PCUSA.

If you have not had a chance to do so, you can make that extra gift to CPC at any time.





Stop and smell the
CPC Roses....

They were pretty
spectacular this year!



Book Club

The Book Club's next meeting is on Tuesday, May 14, 1 p.m. in the Patio Room. *The Women: A Novel* by Kristin Hannah will be discussed.

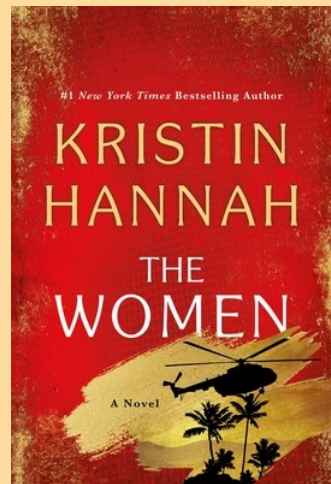
Women can be heroes. When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances "Frankie" McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world is changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path.

The Women is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten. A novel about deep friendships and bold patriotism, *The Women* is a richly drawn story with a memorable heroine whose idealism and courage under fire will come to define an era.

A #1 bestseller on *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Washington Post*, and *Los Angeles Times*!

From the celebrated author of *The Nightingale* and *The Four Winds* comes Kristin Hannah's *The Women*—at once an intimate portrait of coming of age in a dangerous time and an epic tale of a nation divided.

Would you like to join in the discussions? All are welcome to read the book and come to the Patio Room on Tuesday, May 14, 1:00 p.m.



FELLOWSHIP

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, May 7, 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, May 15, 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,

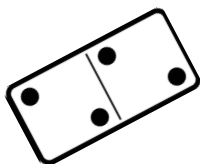
May 1, 15, & 29

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

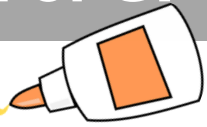
The Casa Maria Lunch Ministry meets the last Tuesday of each month to put together 200 lunches for the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen. If you would like to join them contact Cindy at ridingsc@comcast.net.

The next meeting is May 28, 8 a.m., in Fellowship Hall Kitchen. Drop off your sandwich donations in Fellowship Hall Kitchen.



Presbyterian Women of CPC

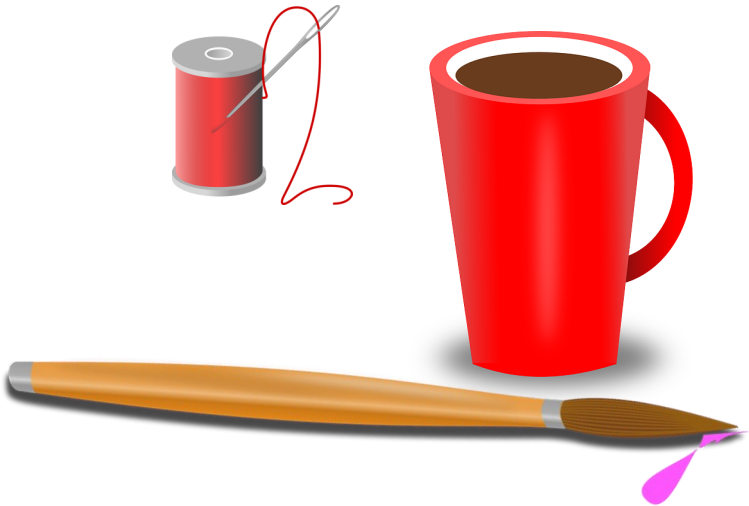
Craft News



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/tea.

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



Our May Birthdays!



1 Lynda Hendrell
3 Judy Hamlet
4 Tracie Couzens
9 Joy Childress
9 Paul Hawkins
11 Chuck Hummel
11 Ann Larrabee
12 Claudia Howell
12 Bob Jones
14 Skip Werner
16 Elaine Murphy
17 Phil Puzzo

18 Stephanie Fernandez
19 Justin Friskey
19 Linda Carpenter
21 Debby Anderson
21 Chris Hagood
22 Lisa Robinson
24 Isaac Harroun
28 Ben Thurston
28 Pamela Hershey
29 Amy Harroun
30 Laura Bradley
30 Jeff Hahn
31 Kathi Rector



If we've missed your birthday, please let us know.



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