

KIVA

NEWSLETTER

March 2025



Sunday Worship

Join us each Sunday as we celebrate God in worship. Both of our services are in-person (and broadcast online). Children are always welcome in worship. There are blue activity bags for them hanging on the walls in the worship spaces. Professional childcare is also available.

www.cpctucsonaz.org (scroll to the bottom of the homepage)

[www.Facebook.com/ChristPresbyterianTucson](https://www.facebook.com/ChristPresbyterianTucson)

www.YouTube.com/cpctucsonaz

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

10:45 a.m. in/from the Sanctuary with music by the choirs

March 2: Communion

Ask the Pastor Day: Hey, Pastor Steve, what do you think about ???

Ask the pastor any question of faith....

Liturgist: Janet Rowe

March 5th: Ash Wednesday

7 a.m., Noon, 7 p.m.

Prayer services to begin the season of Lent,
Imposition of Ashes

March 9: 1st Sunday in Lent "Forgiving What You Can't Forget"

Scripture: Genesis 4:1-16

Liturgist: Bill Wolfe

March 16: 2nd Sunday in Lent "Forgiving What You Can't Forget"

Scripture: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Liturgist: Laura Cech

March 23: 3rd Sunday in Lent "Forgiving What You Can't Forget"

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-31

Liturgist: The Hopkins Family

March 30: 4th Sunday in Lent "Forgiving What You Can't Forget"

Scripture: Genesis 50:15-21

Liturgist: Andrea Heck

Faith Studies on Sunday Mornings



Greetings Saints!

Is it time to study the Bible? Join the Adult Bible Study folks as they dig deep into the final book of the Bible, Revelation. (every Sunday at 9:30 in Room A/B)

Is it time to learn how to be Christian in a secular world? Join Journeys in Faith as we wrestle with the issues of the day (most Sundays at 9:30 in Room E/F Zoom ID 868 32912 1992)

This month, Journeys in Faith will explore...

3/2 NO CLASS – Come to the congregational meeting instead

3/9 What's the problem with DEI training (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion)?

3/16 Christian Nationalism and how it's shaping politics and religion

3/23 Mass Migrations – why is it happening all over the world?

3/30 The US-Mexico Border and Immigration

Shalom,
Pastor Lesley

Sunday Help Needed

We need some volunteers to help in the AV booth in both worship services. (especially in the 10:45 a.m. service). We'll give you some basic training on how to control the lights, mics (oh that sounds fun!), and the projection system. Until we find a new AV coordinator, Steve Brownson has been covering the booth but needs some help on Sunday. If you're interested in helping on some Sundays, please contact Pastor Melde through the church office or email him. PastorSteveMelde@gmail.com

Sunday Funday

Kids K-6th Grade

Summer Camp at Christ Presbyterian Church!

June 30-July 3rd from 9 a.m.-noon.

Summer camp is coming! We will be looking at the Bible through the lens of science. We are looking for volunteers to help with activities.

Easter is on the way! We will be having face painting, games and crafts in the multipurpose room plus an Easter egg hunt. We are looking for volunteers to run the games and activities. We need donations of filled plastic Easter eggs.

If you can help or if you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Robin at robbert77@juno.com

2-4 Youth Fellowship

2-4 Youth Fellowship, for 6th-12th graders, meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. 5-6:30 p.m.

March 9th: Bowling at Tucson Bowl (meets at Tucson Bowl),

March 23rd: Photo Scavenger Hunt (starts at CPC)



Lent and Easter Theme

During the Season of Lent, Pastor Steve will explore the theme of Forgiveness using Lysa Terkeurst's book *Forgiving What You Can't Forget*. You are encouraged to purchase and read the book and, if you want to really go deep into your own study of the topic, to purchase her study guide that accompanies it.



Pastor Steve will be using the themes from the book each Sunday throughout March and April, and then following them up with discussions:

Talk About It Tuesdays on Zoom: Noon Tucson Time
(online only)
Zoom ID: 839 0008 2868

Wednesday Discussion Group: 7 p.m. (in the Patio Room
at CPC)
This class meets in the patio room next to the Sanctuary
and also online)
Zoom ID 828 4249 3102



Do you feel stuck in your prayer life?

Do you want to discover new ways to pray?

Join us in the CPC sanctuary on March 7, anytime between 4 and 7 p.m., and visit our interactive prayer stations.

Learn to pray for a broken world.

Learn to give thanks in prayer for all you've been given.

Learn how a simple penny can help you focus on God.

Learn how your five fingers can inspire new ways of praying

Learn how to visualize God's forgiveness..

...and more.

There will be prayer warriors present should you wish to be prayed for.

CONGREGATIONAL

MEETING

Sunday, March 2nd 9:30 a.m.

In and from the Fellowship Hall

Join us (just after the first service) for our Annual Congregational Meeting. We will review the financials and the membership report from 2024. We hope you can be in person, but if not, we will be online through Zoom: ID 850 7477 7678

Flea Market News



CPC's biggest fundraiser for mission donations is about to begin, and its success depends on volunteers like you! Every part of the sale requires many volunteers, so please sign up before or after Sunday worship or through the SignUpGenius link provided by Pastor Melde via weekly email.

Special for Volunteers only: Since you'll work it, you deserve it!

All Flea Market Volunteers will be entitled to two exclusive shopping days: Wednesday, March 12, from 3-5 p.m., when our volunteers will get *first dibs* on all full-priced items; and Friday, March 14, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., when items are half price (check out begins at 2:30 p.m.).

Furniture Donations: Furniture donations have been paused until after we empty the storage pods. You may bring your furniture donations to church March 2-8 between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

About our volunteer opportunities and schedules:

Setup: March 1: Empty all storage units except the furniture. March 2-12: Unpack and stage merchandise. March 9: Post advertising sale signs on designated street intersections. March 11: Empty the furniture storage units, clean, and stage the pieces inside and around the large tents in the north parking lot. **Additionally,** we need volunteers for a lot of general setup tasks, for which you may drop in any day after March 3, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with lunch provided from 11:30 a.m. to noon.

Sale: On the sale days, March 13 to 15, choose from a variety of positions, split into two shifts per day. Please select as many as your schedule and abilities allow.

Cleanup: When the fun is over, we'll need to tidy up starting on March 15 in the afternoon, continuing daily until we return the campus to its standard condition, no later than March 18. The task list is long, but many hands make for light work.

We also ask you to **help us share our social media posts and printed flyers** to get the word out and build enthusiasm. Flyers are available at CPC and can be given to friends, neighbors, and relatives, and they can be placed at shops you frequent, gyms, hairdressers, nail salons, grocery stores, the list goes on and on.

Let's all make this the biggest and best Flea Market to date! Oh, the difference we could make in so many lives!

Questions about donations: Claudia Howell, 520-850-0637.

General Flea Market questions: Pam Cullop, 520-271-6678.

Congregational Care Corner



Congregational Care comes in many forms: spiritual, emotional, and physical.

The Coordinator for Congregational Care is Steve Brownson, who is always available to take your call. Here are the variety of ministries that CPC offers to give care and support to its members:

Pastoral Care (visits, calls, and prayers) Pastor Steve Melde and Steve Brownson visit members in their homes, the hospital, and other care facilities. Both Steves can be contacted by calling or texting them on their cell phones, emailing, or calling the church office and leaving a message.

The Compassion Connection Team are CPC members with hearts for ministering to those in need. Team members visit church members who can't attend worship and other church functions regularly due to ill health or physical challenges. They also send cards, call church members, and deliver home communion every month. The Compassion Connection Team is always looking for volunteers to join this ministry.

The CPC Prayer Chain is a prayer chain conducted by church deacons via email. You may request prayers for anyone for any reason that you may desire prayer, be it a spiritual, physical, or psychological concern. To request prayer, email cpctucsonprayers@gmail.com or contact Steve Brownson.

The CPC Prayer Shawl Ministry are church members who knit and crochet prayer shawls (for all ages and sizes), baby blankets, fleece shawls, and other similar items for church members. These knitted and crocheted items are blessed during worship services and presented to church members, their family, and friends of church members who are experiencing life challenges, such as a the loss of a loved one or illness. Prayer shawls may be requested by completing the Prayer Shawl Request form located in the office. Contact Steve Brownson or Pastor Melde if you need assistance requesting a prayer shawl.

Helping Hands Meals – There may be a time when you need help with meals following surgery or during an illness. If you would like to have an evening meal delivered to you and your immediate family, contact Steve Brownson or Pastor Melde. They will put out a request to the congregation for help. While there are no guarantees, this congregation has always been very generous in helping one another this way.

Needy Family Fund – Financial challenges pile up and are overwhelming, especially when we have a financial emergency. When that happens, CPC can provide help through its Needy Family Fund. If you need financial assistance, contact Pastor Melde or Steve Brownson.

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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MARKET ON THE MOVE **SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 8 -10 A.M.**

Produce and other items rescued from large distributors are sold to the public for just \$10!

Come to buy or come to help on Saturday, March 1st as we host another Market on the Move.

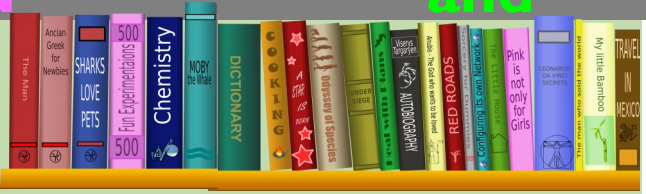
7 a.m. Volunteers arrive in the north parking lot (under the solar structure) to set up and organize the fresh produce that will be distributed for the day.



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BOOK CLUB



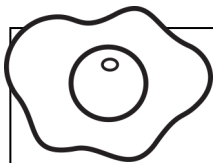
March 11th at 1 p.m.
we will discuss *The River We Remember* by William Kent Krueger.

In 1958, a small Minnesota town is rocked by a shocking murder, pouring fresh fuel on old grievances in this dazzling novel, an instant *New York Times* bestseller and “a work of art” (*The Denver Post*).

On Memorial Day in Jewel, Minnesota, the body of wealthy landowner Jimmy Quinn is found floating in the Alabaster River, dead from a shotgun blast. The investigation falls to Sheriff Brody Dern, a highly decorated war hero who still carries the physical and emotional scars from his military service. Even before Dern has the results of the autopsy, vicious rumors begin to circulate that the killer must be Noah Bluestone, a Native American WWII veteran who has recently returned to Jewel with a Japanese wife. As suspicions and accusations mount and the town teeters on the edge of more violence, Dern struggles not only to find the truth of Quinn’s murder but also put to rest the demons from his past.

Caught up in the torrent of anger that sweeps through Jewel are a war widow and her adolescent son, the intrepid publisher of the local newspaper, an aging deputy, and a crusading female lawyer, all of whom struggle with their tragic histories and harbor secrets that Quinn’s death threatens to expose.

Both a complex, spellbinding mystery and a masterful portrait of mid-century American life that is “a novel to cherish” (*Star Tribune*, Minneapolis), *The River We Remember* offers an unflinching look at the wounds left by the wars we fight abroad and at home, a moving exploration of the ways in which we seek to heal, and a testament to the enduring power of the stories we tell about the places we call home.



MEN OF FAITH BREAKFAST

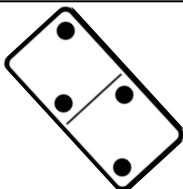
Wednesday March 19, 7:30 a.m.

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 LUNCH MINISTRY

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.

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



MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Join us on Wednesdays, March 5 & 19 in **A/B**

Have fun playing this challenging game of dominoes. We will teach you! We meet on the first, third, and sometimes fifth Wednesday of the month.

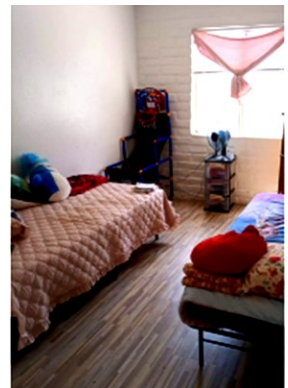


CPC Missions **CORNER**

Haven't filed your taxes yet? Your donation matters to **Exodus Community Services** and is a way to get a state tax break, dollar-for-dollar credit on your state taxes (single filers, \$470; married \$938.) Exodus residents help with the heavy lifting at the Flea Market. Exodus Community Services provides a haven for individuals struggling with addiction. The program requires participants to find work, pay rent, attend 12-step meetings, and get a sponsor. Arizona state funding is being cut, and Exodus Community Services could use our help. The Qualifying Charitable Organization (QCO) code for Exodus is 20079.

Candlelighters' Teen Prom - April 26. Candlelighters, one of CPC's mission partners, is a Tucson-based non-profit organization serving families in Southern Arizona who have a child or teen diagnosed with cancer or other blood disorder. Dream Night Prom is for teens who might not have an opportunity to attend a school prom. The teens are given prom dresses, hair, manicures, tuxedos, etc. This year's theme is SteamPunk Tea Party and includes dinner, refreshments, a chocolate fountain, portrait photos, and a "royal court." Contact Claudia Howell if you could help with centerpieces, door prizes, or cash for other expenses or are interested in volunteering to support the prom.

Care Portal. CPC is part of a community of churches that respond to the real-time needs of Tucson children in crisis. Cheryll Dunafon and Cathy Querequincia monitor Tucson's Care Portal requests in our area and manage the Mission team's response (often going above and beyond). For 2024, CPC's contributions supported 38 children with items worth \$37,053. Thank you, CPC! Examples of items provided were: bedding, storage containers, high chairs, strollers, car seats, and security gates. If you are available to collect, purchase, or deliver items, let Cheryll, Cathy, or a member of the mission team know.



YAV Fundraiser Event. On February 8, seven Mission Team members and friends attended the event at St Mark's Presbyterian Church – De-De Chandler, Pam and Tom Elitharp, Kathy Harris, Janet Rowe, Monica Russell, and Debbie Shoemaker. Entertainment was provided by a talented Mariachi band followed by an authentic Mexican dinner. The Tucson Borderlands YAV is a non-profit organization that places young adults in Tucson, AZ for a year of service.



Easter donations for VA. The session leadership team approved the VA homeless Vet Patriot's Pantry to be the beneficiary of this year's **Easter In Honor or Memory of Memorials**. Veterans benefitting from the donations work with a social worker who determines their eligibility for items from the Patriot Pantry. Bob McCleery, Larry Raines, and Monica Russell toured the facility, which is staffed by a volunteer. CPC will collect peanut butter, cans of meat and beans, instant nonfat dry milk, snacks, and other things, to be delivered after Easter. A list of items to be collected will be available at worship services in March.



Presbyterian Women of CPC

Craft News

Please Note: The Crafty Ladies will not meet on March 5, 12, or 19, due to the annual Flea Market Sale and clean-up to follow. Regular meetings will resume on Wednesday, March 26, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., in classrooms AB of the North Wing of the campus.

Would you like to buy something from our collections? Come during our regular meeting times or find us in the Fellowship Hall on most first Sundays when we have selected holiday or seasonal items for sale.

Consider stopping by during a Wednesday meeting to see if you want to join our group. Breaktime is typically around 10:30 when we pause for a light snack and coffee or tea. This is a relaxed crowd of ladies who enjoy laughter and exchanging funny and heartfelt stories as much as they enjoy a variety of creative projects.

For questions, call, or text Pam Cullop: 520-271-6678 or email: pjcullop@gmail.com

About Pink Pick-Ups Furniture Taxi



They are an independently owned moving company that will move your donations to CPC or your entire household to any location. The Flea Market Team hires them to store boxes after Secondhand Weekends and to do heavy lifting for the Flea Market each March. Since we don't collect donations, we encourage you to call the owner, Nathan Heuser for a free estimate. He charges hourly, with a one-hour minimum of \$125-\$150, depending on the volume and distance.

520-268-5670

Our March Birthdays!

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| 1 Brian Hopkins | 14 Ron Rice |
| 3 Bill Botts | 17 Andrew Robinson |
| 3 Kathy Harris | 17 Nathan Robinson |
| 3 Trese Rick-Kiely | 18 Ken Friskey |
| 6 Ingrid McKee | 18 Marjorie Letson |
| 7 Michael Beck | 21 Nancy Hummel |
| 8 Pat Werner | 21 Bret Lewallen |
| 9 Belinda Courville | 22 Karl Ver Burg |
| 9 Ruth Jafvert | 23 Michael Edward Walker |
| 9 Donna Kuehn | 24 Paula Holmes |
| 9 Kris Kluge | 25 Tony Manning |
| 10 Joey Walker Jr. | 26 Leah Harroun |
| 11 Emily Bittman | 26 Ruth McPherson |
| 12 Nancy Cella | 31 Lianne Puzzo |
| 13 Erin Cech | |
| 14 Vickie Forbes | |



Happy
Birthday

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

KIVA April 2025
Articles due by 12 p.m. on Friday,
March 14, 2025

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

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



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