

# KIVA

## NEWSLETTER

March 2026



# Sunday Worship

Join us for worship each Sunday morning:

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

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

Children are always welcome in Worship. Blue activity bags are available in each worship space. For those who choose, we do have professional childcare throughout the morning.

If you can't be in-person, then join us online:

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

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

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

March 1: Communion, Lent Continues

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13

Liturgist: Kenda Parkey

March 8: Lent Continues

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:7-11

Liturgist: Tom Bradley

March 15: Lent Continues

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:3-11

Liturgist: Ingrida Cazers

March 22: Lent Continues

Scripture: John 15:19; 17:14-26

Liturgist: Julie McCrea

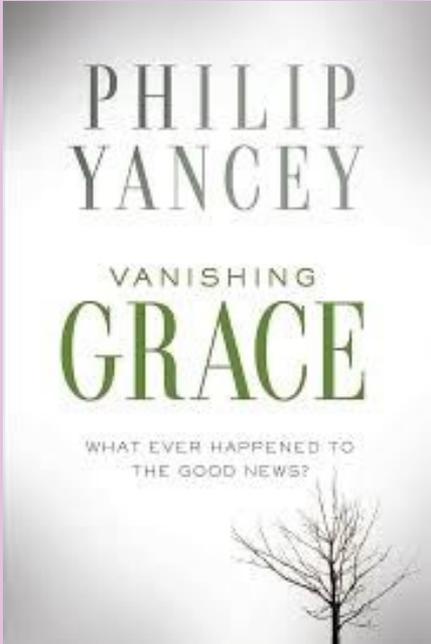
March 29: Palm Sunday

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40

Liturgist: Nancy and Kristian Kluge

# The Liturgical Season Of Lent

The six weeks prior to the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection is known as the liturgical season of Lent. It's a time of



introspection, confession, deeper learning, and focus on the meaning of our faith in our lives. Doing so allows us to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection in a more meaningful way. This year, Pastor Melde will lead us in a worship theme based on the book by Philip Yancey, Vanishing Grace. Yancey takes a deep look at how Christians present their faith, and reminds us that sometimes we get off track in the details of judgment that we need not get in to, rather than expressing the Grace of God in Christ shown to us in

the Resurrection. Each Sunday, Pastor Steve will focus on a section of the book in worship, then follow it up with deeper discussions during the "Talk About It Tuesdays" (Tuesdays at Noon, Tucson Time on Zoom) (Zoom ID: 839 0008 2868).

You are encouraged to get the book (sold on Amazon) and read along as we go deeper into our faith as Christians and learn how we can share the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ with others in respectful and inviting ways.



## Greetings!

Happily, there's a new co-leader of Journeys in Faith: Lhasa Compton! She will bring her love of research and sharing those results with the Journeys in Faith attendees each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Room E/F. (Normally - during March the class will be relocated to the Patio Room) Sometimes she and I will lead a discussion together. Other times, one or the other of us will solo. It gives me a break from teaching and, more importantly, gives our attendees a whole new perspective on how people of faith can live actively and peacefully in our secular society. Here's the schedule for March AND April:

### March

March 1: Thanatology: What Happens When We Die (Patio Rm.)  
March 8: Thanatology: How do we Grieve (Patio Rm.)  
March 15: Sanctuary Cities and the Federal Government (TBD)  
March 22: Turtles All the Way Down: Native American Religions  
March 29: TBA

### April

April 5: Easter – no JIF  
April 12: Universal Healthcare  
April 19: Sin  
April 26: Tool #3 (Lhasa) The Benefits of Talking to Yourself

As always, Journeys in Faith is a hybrid class, available in person or via Zoom (Zoom ID 881 8821 9880). Meanwhile, across the hall, the Adult Bible Study folks are continuing their DVD study of “Suffering and the Sovereignty of God.” But come April, Vickie Forbes will be leading a class on “The Women of the Bible.” The Adult Bible Study folks meet at 9:30 on Sundays, (in Room 1 during the Flea Market Sale) (in person only).

Yours in Christ,  
Lesley Abrams

# Honoring our Loved Ones

In lieu of Easter Flowers in honor and memory of our loved ones, our Mission and Worship Planning Teams invite you to donate \$20 to the Easter Fund. Your Mission Team will then distribute grocery gift cards to several organizations with which we partner with to help people struggling with food budgets. You can fill out the form included on this page and mail it to the church office with your \$20 donation. Forms will also be available in the bulletins in Mid-March. You can also fill out a form online ([www.cpctucsonaz.org](http://www.cpctucsonaz.org)) and complete the registration and use the secure online giving (once in the Giving section, just click on Fund and choose Easter Memorials) Forms must be completed and submitted to the church office by Sunday, March 29, to be included in the Easter Sunday memorial bulletin.

## Easter Memorial

(Please print clearly so I can read it and record it accurately)

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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Donated by \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Amount donated \$ \_\_\_\_\_ check \_\_\_\_ cash \_\_\_\_

# Sunday Funday

For children K-5, 9:30 a.m.



Sunday Funday School just finished a rotation on the Good Samaritan. The children learned how to take care of their neighbors and practiced helping others. We collected items to donate and even learned some simple first aid. We are now starting our next rotation:

**The Last Supper.** Join us every Sunday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. as we delve into the life of Jesus.

## **Journey to Jerusalem is Coming!**

We are asking for donations of filled plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt, cookies for the Cookie Walk, and volunteers to help run the activities. Please let Ms. Robin know if you can help.



# CAMP IN THE CITY

**JUNE 29-JULY 3**

**AT CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN**  
6565 E Broadway Blvd  
Tucson, AZ 85710

**HOURS: 9AM-3PM**

**\*EXTENDED CARE OFFERED UNTIL 5PM**

Join us for a week of fun, friends and faith!

**CAMP GAMES. CAMP CRAFTS. CAMP SONGS. CAMP S'MORES!**

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(520) 369-2199

**MONTLURE.ORG**

[camp@montlure.org](mailto:camp@montlure.org)

# Piano Dedication Recital January 2025



In January, Susan Simpson, Erika Roush, and Eleanor Livingston performed at the dedication recital our the newly-restored grand piano, which Eleanor donated to Christ Presbyterian.



## **Market on the Move (MOM) At CPC on Saturday, March 7 8 - 10 a.m.**

**\$10 donation for up to 60 pounds!**

If you want to help, please contact Cheryll Dunafon at [cdunafon@gmail.com](mailto:cdunafon@gmail.com)

“We envision a world where nothing useful goes to the landfill but is utilized through redirecting, reusing, refurbishing or recycling to benefit the needy in our communities.”



*Lent and  
Resurrection  
Sunday at  
Christ Presbyterian*

**April 2 - Maundy Thursday**

**7 p.m. Communion Service in the Sanctuary**

**April 5 - Resurrection Sunday**

**6 a.m. - Sunrise Service in the Patio**

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

Fun activities for all ages, including a light breakfast and Easter egg hunts. Free and open to all.

**10:45 a.m. - A Resurrection Celebration  
in the Sanctuary**



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

March 8: Paint yourself Faithful  
(led by Lisa Robinson)

March 22: AI and our Faith  
(led by Elaine Murphy)

### **DO YOU WANT TO HELP FEED HUNGRY PEOPLE?**

CPC members are invited to join us again on another Saturday at Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona. While donated money is the greatest need for the food bank, they have come to rely on “Weekend Warriors” to pack boxes and bags for folks in immediate need of food. On March 21, we’ll work at CFB from 9 a.m. to Noon. A sign-up sheet will be available beginning March 1. Or just contact Lesley Abrams at [pastorlesley@gmail.com](mailto:pastorlesley@gmail.com)



# Personnel Team Update

We are so grateful for CPC's Professional Staff. We hope you keep them in your prayers, especially during the Lent and Easter Season. These holidays always bring more to their plates, and we pray they lead us even more faithfully to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus and live in his ways.

The Personnel Team has been working on updating our Personnel Policies and Procedures. We are required to ensure that all paid staff not only receive fair compensation, but also have the appropriate amount of time off, both vacation and earned sick leave. We are doing better at keeping track of the time earned and spent in these areas.

We are also updating our church's Sexual Conduct Policy. Through the work of our Presbytery de Cristo, we are ensuring we are aligned with them and with the requirements of our insurance company and general employment requirements. We are refining the needed documents to fit our church and learning how to do training on harassment and sexual conduct issues.

We have discovered that these policies actually affect all of us, even as volunteers. We know that one of the goals is to keep our children and vulnerable adults safe. So, to that end, we are coming into compliance with requirements that, as volunteers, we are trained on these policies and sign documents of completion of training and compliance. Basically, we will be working to complete these policies and then implement a congregation-wide training program to ensure that we all comply.

It's the faithful thing to do! You'll hear more about this as we progress. Our goal is to be ready to fully implement training and compliance by August, as we begin a new semester of church in September.



Flea Market season is upon us. The dates are March 12, 13 and 14. Many thanks to all who donated items, donated hundreds of volunteer hours, and those who staff the Flea Market. The CPC Mission and Session Teams have chosen the recipients of this year's Flea Market proceeds. The main recipient will be Special Needs Solutions, with emergency funding for our nearby community as the secondary choice, primarily through Kellond and Hudlow Elementary referrals.



In 2018, the AZ Dept. of Disabilities Division cut funding, limiting what it would provide for adults and children living with physical challenges. The mission of Special Needs Solutions is to help individuals with special needs achieve greater independence and participate fully as possible in their lives through custom-made equipment. An estimated 35,000 people in Southern Arizona could potentially benefit from their services. They need a new work facility for their workshop, with plans already underway. SNS is a tax-exempt 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization.

It was started in 2018, headed by Executive Director David Gordon, and staffed by 20 extremely talented volunteers. Essential, custom-made equipment is made for families for the cost of the materials, sometimes completed within a few days of request. Insurance companies could take years, and sometimes never cover the cost of such equipment.

The Mission and Session team members have been visiting the organization and learning more about it for the past 10 months. We are excited to have partnered with such a worthwhile organization and hope you share our enthusiasm.

For more information about SNS, visit their website at [snstucson.org/](http://snstucson.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)

[www.Facebook.com/ChristPresbyterianTucson](http://www.Facebook.com/ChristPresbyterianTucson)

### Join Our Clean Team!

Will you lend a hand and help keep the worship spaces looking their best?

We would like to form a small team to help with one or both of the following weekly tasks to keep our worship spaces clean and organized:

1. Volunteers to launder, at home (on an as-needed basis), the Fellowship Hall tablecloths and toppers.
2. Volunteers to come to Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary once a week, typically at 8 a.m. Friday morning, to straighten tables, chairs, and table toppers and refill Bible box supplies and centerpieces, remove litter, replenish pens and pencils, offering envelopes, and straighten Bibles and hymnals.

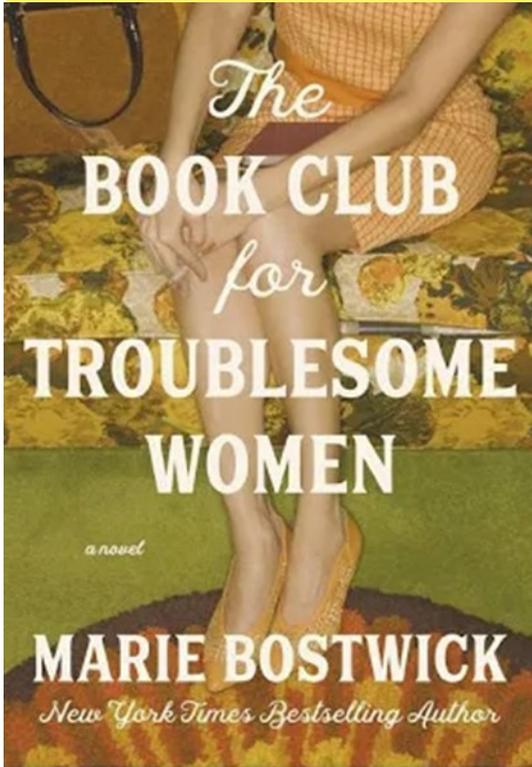
Please contact either Pam Cullopp at 520-271-6678, or  
Laura Manning at 520-275-9264

**Tuesday, March 17, 1 p.m.**

Zoom ID 813 6830 2106

**VIRTUAL  
BOOK  
CLUB**

CPC's Book Club's next read is *The Book Club for Troublesome Women* by Marie Bostwick.



A group of suburban housewives in the 1960s form a book club, and their first read is *The Feminine Mystique* by Betty Friedan. As the women share secrets, cocktails and their honest reactions to Friedan's book, they begin to discover cracks in the American dream they've been sold – and that the secret longing for more is something they share.

**Join them each 3rd Tuesday of the month on Zoom (ID 813 6830 2106)**

**MEXICAN TRAIN**

**DOMINOES 1 p.m.**

**Wednesdays, in A/B**

**No meetings in March!**

We'll meet again after the Flea Market, on April 1.

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, March 18, 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, March 24, 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, March 24, 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall Kitchen.



## RAINBOW FAITH FELLOWSHIP

**Wednesday March, 11, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom  
ID 862 3525 0613**

**Rainbow Faith Fellowship has moved online!** We will still be able to gather in person for special events and field trips, but our monthly meeting will now be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, beginning at 6:30 pm. Please let me know if you have a special request for an in-person event or topic, and we will make it happen!



# Flea Market News

## HERE WE GO! Flea Market March Calendar

**Set up - March 1-11** Every day! We will empty the pods, open boxes and bags, and begin laying out merchandise for display on tables and other display units where they belong.

**Setup volunteers are critical leading up to the sale** from 8 a.m. until at least 3:30 p.m. to stage the campus, ready shopping boxes, prepare bags for the cashiers, and so much more. We'd rather you sign up, but you may just show up for as many hours as your schedule allows, and we'll feed you lunch!

**The Sale days - March 12-13-14** We'll need the most volunteers from **Thursday to Saturday**, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., to properly cover all positions and processes of the sale. There will be two shifts: 6:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. A grab-and-go breakfast will be provided for the 1<sup>st</sup> shift, while lunch will be available for the 10:45-3:15 shift.

**Wednesday, March 11, from 3-5 p.m., for Flea Market volunteers** Volunteers will be exclusively entitled to two special shopping slots: "First dibs" at full price. Yay!!! Then on **Friday from 3:30-4:30 p.m.**, first dibs at half price ahead of the Saturday shoppers. These privileged shopping slots are only for volunteers of Secondhand Weekends, setup, take-down, and the sale itself, not for family and friends of volunteers, unless they want to volunteer

### **Clean up - March 15,16, 17**

Yes, by now we are tired, but we only have three days to restore the campus to its original state, and most of it needs to happen on the first day.

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We will box and bag all leftovers, break down all tables, displays, cardboard boxes, and prepare things for storage. Lunch provided.

**Monday, 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.** Put away all tables and other display items, and haul away leftovers, restore classrooms, Fellowship Hall, gym, both kitchens, grass quad, playground area, and north parking lot. Anything to do with the Flea Market will need to be gone. Lunch provided.

**Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (or as long as it takes).** Final touches, final cleaning, final storage, final day. Lunch provided as needed.

**We'll celebrate - March 22.** Enjoy a piece of Thank You Flea Market Volunteers cake during the Hospitality Hour after the first service in the Fellowship Hall.

**Secondhand Weekends resume on April 11 & 12,**

Thank you for your ongoing support!

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



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

## 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

The Crafty Ladies will not meet in March because of the Flea Market, but will resume in April.

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. Our next regular meeting will be on April 1, 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 March Birthdays!

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Brian Hopkins     | 17 Andrew Robinson |
| 3 Bill Botts        | 17 Nathan Robinson |
| 3 Kathy Harris      | 18 Ken Friskey     |
| 3 Trese Ricke-Kiely | 18 Marjorie Letson |
| 6 Ingrid McKee      | 21 Nancy Hummel    |
| 7 Michael Beck      | 14 Bret Lewallen   |
| 8 Pat Werner        | 22 Karl Ver Burg   |
| 9 Ruth Jafvert      | 23 Michael Walker  |
| 9 Kris Kluge        | 24 Paula Johnson   |
| 9 Donna Kuehn       | 25 Tony Manning    |
| 10 Joey Walker, Jr. | 26 Leah Harroun    |
| 11 Emily Bittman    | 26 Ruth McPherson  |
| 12 Nancy Cella      | 27 Nikki Miller    |
| 13 Erin Cech        | 31 Lianne Puzzo    |
| 14 Vickie Forbes    |                    |
| 14 Ron Rice         |                    |



*Happy*  
**Birthday**

**April**  
**KIVA**

The deadline for getting your news in  
the April KIVA is Friday, March 20 .  
Don't get left out!



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

**Phone: 520-886-5535**

**www.cpctucsonaz.org**

### **Deadlines**

**KIVA** April 2026 articles due by 12 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 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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