

KIVA

NEWSLETTER

May 2026



Sunday Worship

So many Celebrations in May! Please note the date we change worship times!

Celebrate Worship with us each Sunday, in person is always best, but you can also join us online:

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

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

[www.Youtube.com/cpctucsonaz](https://www.youtube.com/cpctucsonaz)

Children are always welcome in worship. We believe it's important for all generations to worship together. There are blue activity bags available. And, for those who choose, we do have professional childcare in our nursery throughout the morning.

Sunday, May 3: 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Communion Celebrations
Welcome Tony Larson, co-Moderator of the PCUSA's
General Assembly, as he helps Pastor Melde lead worship.

Sunday, May 10: 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Worship Services
Theme: God as Mother?
Liturgist: Susie Nagele

Sunday, May 17: 9:30 a.m. One Worship Service
Celebrating 70 Years!!!! Happy Birthday CPC
Join us as we honor our 70th Birthday with a potluck.
This is a great day to bring friends to worship.

Sunday, May 24: 9:30 a.m. One Worship Service
Honoring Memorial Day
Scripture: Hebrews 11:29-40
Liturgist: Lana Rich

Sunday, May 31: 9:30 a.m. One Worship Service
A special video sermon by Pastor Melde
Liturgist: Laura Manning

Happy Birthday, CPC!

CPC is turning 70 years old this May. **On Sunday, May 17th**, we will celebrate in **ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 a.m.** in the Sanctuary. Following worship, there will be a church potluck. CPC will provide chicken (fried and baked) as well as birthday cake. Please bring a side dish to feed 12-15 people.

In honor of the 70th birthday of the church, your Finance Team and Session Leadership Team are inviting you to give a special birthday gift to CPC. We are beginning the creation of an endowment fund, which will serve to help CPC in its ministry and mission now and in the future. You are encouraged to give in some amount of “70” or “7” or something like that: \$7, 70 cents, \$70, \$490 (70x7), \$7,000.... Or whatever you might be able to give above and beyond your regular giving to the General Fund’s budget.

CPC’s leadership team has seeded the Endowment fund with \$70,000 from the Margaret Mockler Estate and \$70,000 from the June and Bert Scouten estate. Each estate included CPC in their memorial giving at their deaths. What a wonderful way to remain a part of CPC’s impact on faith and community now and into the future.

While details of the Endowment Fund are being finalized, we trust this is a way for each of us to honor and celebrate the gifts our Charter Members gave us as they began this congregation, and to be a part of supporting it now in a special way, and to be a part of it into new generations. You can make a special donation to CPC, just let us know in the notation that it’s for the Endowment Fund. Make checks payable to CPC.

Happy 70th Birthday CPC.
See you all in Worship on May 17th... one service at 9:30 a.m.

Your Finance Team and Session Leadership Teams





Greetings! Saints!

School is (almost) out. Graduation season is around the corner. And along with celebrating Christ Presbyterian Church's 70th anniversary, I'd like to celebrate the many ways that Adult Education creates a safe space for us to dig deeper into scripture, and ask tough questions about how to live as Christians in a secular world.

The Adult Bible Study folks, who meet in person on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room A/B, are looking at Women in the Bible; the known, the unnamed and the misunderstood. Later in the summer, they'll be taking up 1 Corinthians.

*Beginning May 24th, the Adult Bible Study people will meet at 8:30 a.m., **before** the one service schedule for summer.*

Journeys in Faith has a great summer planned. Here's the schedule:

May 3: An Attitude of Gratitude

May 10: Mothers: In and Out of the Bible

May 17: NO CLASS – join in the celebratory potluck.

May 24: Billionaires and the Gap They've Created

May 31: Indigenous Religions (a three-Sunday class)

*Beginning May 24th, Journeys in Faith will meet at 10:30 a.m., **after** the one service schedule for summer.*

Shalom,

Pastor Lesley



You're Invited
Sunday
May 17, 2026

9:30 a.m. One Worship
Service Celebration

Followed by an all-church potluck
You bring side dishes to feed 15 people.
CPC provides chicken and
birthday cake.

Sunday Funday

K - Grade 5

As we finish up another year of rotations, we are ending on the story of Joseph and his brothers. Join us each Sunday, 9:30-10:30 a.m. as we explore the story through crafts, games, and other fun ways. The last day for Sunday Funday School for the school year will be May 10 due to CPC's 70th birthday celebration on May 17th and Memorial Day Weekend on May 24th. Thank you for a wonderful year of growing our faith, and we will see you in August!



70th Birthday Work Day

To honor Christ Presbyterian Church's 70th Birthday, our Buildings and Grounds Team invites you to join us for a church work day.

Saturday, May 16th: 8-11 a.m.



There will be all sorts of things to do to help do a deeper cleaning and protecting of our great campus: window washing, lightbulb changing, closet organization, cobweb clearing, and so much more.



Let's celebrate CPC all weekend as we honor its 70th Birthday.





**CAMP IN
THE CITY**

JUNE 29-JULY 3

HOURS: 9AM-3PM
*EXTENDED CARE OFFERED UNTIL 5PM

AT CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN
6565 E Broadway Blvd
Tucson, AZ 85710

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

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

**SPACE IS LIMITED!
REGISTER TODAY TO HOLD YOUR SPOT!**

(520) 369-2199 **MONTLURE.ORG** camp@montlure.org

**Fellowship Hospitality Hour
Coffee Creamers and Baked Goods**



Greetings from the Fellowship Deacons and volunteers of the Sunday morning Hospitality Hour.

We are asking for ongoing donations of flavored coffee creamers (sugar-free or regular), or Half and Half (non-fat or regular) to keep the supply constantly stocked. Please check in with Nancy Kluge or Julie Sharp (or a Fellowship volunteer) to find out what flavors are needed. Also, homemade or store-bought baked goods (cookies, cakes, muffins), including sugar-free and gluten-free choices. Thank you, it is much appreciated!

Outreach & Communication Team



Save the Dates!



Sunday, May 17th - Birthday Potluck following 9:30 a.m. worship.

Saturday, June 27th, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Bingo with Julie!

Sunday, July 5th - Ice Cream Social following the 9:30 service.

Saturday, August 15th, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Monsoon BBQ

Saturday, September 5th, 1 p.m.– 3 p.m. Movie and Popcorn

We are looking forward to seeing you at these special events!

Please invite your friends and family!

All are welcome at Christ Presbyterian Church.



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 (scroll to the bottom of the homepage)

www.YouTube.com/cpctucsonaz

www.Facebook.com/ChristPresbyterianTucson

New Member Orientation Classes

Join Pastor Melde as he leads folks interested in becoming members, or those just interested in knowing the history and makings of CPC. He'll be leading classes on May 3^d and May 10th, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Patio Room, just off the North Brick Patio. Members will be celebrated in Worship on Sunday, May 17th, as we celebrate the 70th birthday of the church. Call the office to sign up at 520-886-5535.

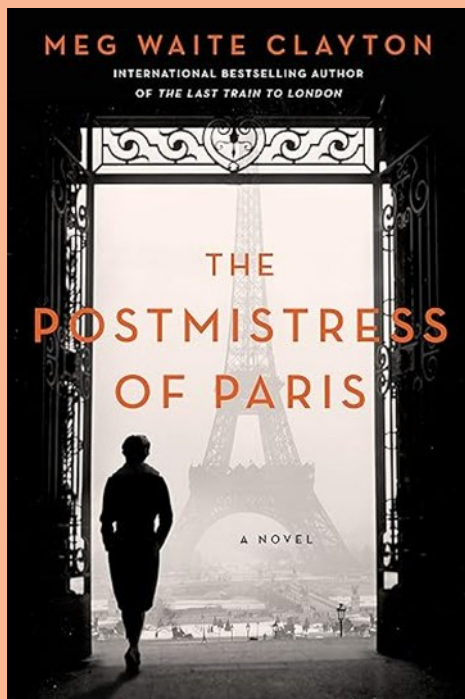
VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, May 19, 1 p.m.

Zoom ID 813 6830 2106

Our next read...

The Postmistress of Paris by Meg Waite Clayton.



The book is a historical fiction novel inspired by the true story of American heiress Mary Jayne Gold, who helped smuggle artists and intellectuals out of Nazi-occupied France during WWII. It's a story of courage, love, and resistance set against the backdrop of the German occupation, blending real historical events with fictional characters and romance.

MEXICAN TRAIN

DOMINOES

1 p.m.

Wednesdays, May 6, & 20 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, May 20, 7:30 a.m.

All the men of the church are invited to gather for breakfast 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, May 26, 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

Drop off your sandwich donations (meat, cheese, no condiments) before the next meeting, Tuesday, May 26, 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall Kitchen.



RAINBOW FAITH FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, May 14, 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

Again: Thank You, Flea Market Volunteers and Donors!

The gross sale receipts are in, and we grossed a record \$105,000+. WOW!!! This huge CPC fundraiser would not have been possible without you. While we suspected that it would be the best-ever based on pre-sales and daily attendance totals, the results caught us by surprise. We are filled with elation and gratitude for all the support provided by year-round volunteers, event-only volunteers, and donors.

After expenses, the main 2026 Flea Market beneficiary, Special Needs Solutions (SNS), was presented a check in the amount of \$75,000. These funds will allow SNS the ability to grow and assist even more children and adults with special needs with their custom-made furniture, clothing, devices, and equipment to progress physically, emotionally, and cognitively. What an honor it is to help this grassroots organization expand the scope of its remarkable service in the community.

An additional \$10,000 was set aside in a community emergency assistance fund from which CPC's Mission Team can draw as needs arise.

It is noteworthy that operational expenses are up because the sheer volume of work and storage required by the sale exceeds the capabilities of our campus and our volunteers. Consequently, the Flea Market Team keeps a certain amount of funds to use for operating and supply expenses.

Secondhand Weekend is on May 2 & 3
(Early due to Mother's Day)

Saturday: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Donation drop-off: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Donation drop-off: 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

This is when we sort, clean, price, and box donations. 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, and Pam Cullop

P.S. We need a couple of people to help us set up the tables and donations for Secondhand Weekend pricing. The tables can be set up on Friday night after the sports teams are finished using the gym, or early Saturday morning before the volunteers arrive to process the donations. Please call or text Pam Cullop at 520-271-6678 if you need more info or to volunteer.

Flea Market Donation reminders:

- We no longer pick up donations. We recommend Pink Pick Ups Furniture Taxi (520-268-5670)
- 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.

Presbyterian Women of CPC

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. Now that we are back to a regular schedule, join us. 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, 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 are used to support various (mostly local) organizations that support women and children.



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

Our May Birthdays!

1 Christi Friskey
1 Lynda Hendrell
2 Lynn Price
3 Judy Hamlet
4 Tracie Couzens
9 Joy Childress
11 Chuck Hummel
12 Bob Jones
14 Skip Werner
16 Elaine Murphy
16 Kenda Parkey
17 Phil Puzzo
18 Stephanie Hernandez
19 Linda Carpenter

19 Justin Friskey
21 George Alford
21 Debby Anderson
21 Craig Hagood
22 Lisa Robinson
24 Isaac Harroun
28 Pamela Hershey
28 Ben Thurston
29 Amy Harroun
30 Laura Bradley
30 Linda Ffolliott
30 Jeff Hahn
31 Kathi Rector



June KIVA

The deadline for getting your news in
the June KIVA is Friday, May 15.
Don't get left out!



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Church Office Hours

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

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

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Deadlines

KIVA June 2026 articles due by
12 p.m. on Friday, May 15, 2026

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

Please submit your
announcements for the bulletin
by **Wednesday at noon.**

