



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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November 2023

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NEWSLETTER



A Word From Our Pastor...



COLOSSIANS 3:15-17

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Peace in our Journeys this November and the month of Thanksgiving.

Pastor Steve Melde

Sunday Worship

Every Sunday... yes, Every Sunday morning we gather for worship to begin a new week in faith. Join us in person and/or online as we worship God through Christ together.

8:30 a.m. in/from the Fellowship Hall with music from our band
10:45 a.m. in/from the Sanctuary with music from our choirs

We all wriggle and make noises, so children are always welcome in worship. We keep blue activity bags available for their use. If parents desire, we do have professional childcare available.

November 5: Communion

Theme: Dedication of our 2024 Stewardship Pledges

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Brad Munroe

Liturgist: Nancy Kluge, Elder for Finance Team

November 12: Becoming a Witness

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-2

Liturgist: Catherine Botts

November 19: Facing the Enemy

Scripture: Psalm 124

Liturgist: Steve Brownson

November 19: Compassion Connections Memorial Service

4 p.m. Gather in the Sanctuary for a special communion service as we honor the lives of our loved ones who have passed away. This special service gives us a chance in the holiday season to grieve together and celebrate the lives of the saints in all our families whom we miss.

November 26: Christ the King

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6-7

Liturgist: John Arbuckle

2-4 YOUTH

Our vibrant 2-4 Youth Ministry continues to gather on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, 5-6:30 p.m. Youth in Grades 6-12 are welcome to join us.

Sunday, November 12: From A-Z a special clue hunt at CPC.

Sunday, November 26: 10 Commandment Bowling

The youth extend a special thank you to Tom and Pam Elitharp who opened their home and pool for a great party... and we got to make our own pizzas!!! Thank you for supporting youth ministry at CPC.



Sunday Funday

Sunday Funday School for kids K-5 meets on the west end of the campus in rooms 5-7 each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Stewardship and Finance News



Sunday, November 5th: Join us for worship as we dedicate our Estimate of Giving Pledges for the 2024 budget.

CPC IS A CPC is our theme for the coming year:
Christ Presbyterian Church is a Caring, Passionate Community

And indeed we are. In the coming year, we will be doing even more reaching out to the community to extend the love and grace of God in Jesus the Christ. Through mission, we will help folks improve their lives. Through marketing, we will share the Word on social media and invite others to join us in this faith journey.

We invite you to be a part of making all of it happen by blessing an Estimate of Giving pledge card. We don't all know exactly what we will be able to do for the church in the coming year, but this estimate of giving will allow your leadership team to guide us in our plans for 2024.

Thank you for all the ways you are generous with CPC. With your help we are a faithful congregation, growing in our own faith and helping others to grow in faith as well.

Adult Faith Studies on Sunday Mornings



Greetings Saints!

As we head towards the finish line of 2023, Adult Education has much to offer.

The Bible Study group that meets every Sunday at 9:30 in Room A/B continues digging deeply into Genesis. All are welcome – anytime!

Journeys in Faith tackles important topics for Christian living. That class meets most Sundays at 9:30 in Room E/F (Zoom ID 837 1404 2319).

11/4: No Journeys in Faith

11/12: Abortion: What do YOU say? What does the Bible say? What does the government say?

11/19: Unplugging the Christmas Machine

11/26: No Journeys in Faith.

Recently, Pastor Steve spoke about the four ways we can come closer to God: Worship, Prayer, Service and STUDY. Our Sunday morning offerings – as well as our special educational opportunities – are your path to studying more about God, Jesus, the Bible, and how Christians can respond to a complicated world.

I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday mornings.

--Lesley Abrams, Adult Education Chair.

PS: If you have any ideas about future topics or book studies we might use, don't hesitate to contact me: pastorlesley@gmail.com



CPC Missions **CORNER**



Diapers! Diapers! Diapers! What all new babies need. In the spirit of the baby Jesus, instead of Christmas Poinsettias, CPC will ask you to donate diapers in the name or memory of the people you love. What more could a new mother need than an abundance of diapers?

Haven Totes will be doing its annual Christmas event. CPC will donate books to over 200 children and some gift cards to around 20 high school students. They are also asking for any donations of laundry detergent, rather than food i.e., Purex, etc. If anyone is interested contact Pam Elitharp at pteli71@gmail.com

Market on the Move is gearing up for a new (January 2024) season. We are looking for volunteers to hand out pallets of produce. This takes strength, so all you muscled-up early risers look for a sign up sheet outside of the church services! If you are up for the challenge, contact Cheryl Donafon at cdonafon@gmail.com

The **Casa Maria Soup Kitchen** lunch-making in October was another success! Thank you all!! Tuesday, November 28 at 8:00 a.m. is the next date to drop off or help work on sandwiches. We need a total of 400 individual sandwiches a month! ***Individually wrapped sandwiches are appreciated. Bread, deli meat, and cheese slices may be donated if you can't make sandwiches.***

Eagle Wings, an organization that helps empower women by restoring dignity, economic independence, and hope, has moved to a new location at 2925 N. Country Club. ***If you can help in any way, please contact Nancy Schneider, 520-954-5404 or nancyss@cox.net***

Sister Jose, a shelter for homeless women is in desperate need of towels and washcloths. If you have any that you would be able to donate or would like to donate for their purchase, please contact schlichtervera@gmail.com

Congregational Care Corner

CPC All Church Memorial Service

Sunday, November 19, 2023, at 4 PM

Join us in

Remembering

Honoring

Celebrating

Giving Thanks



for our loved ones who have passed from this life to life everlasting.

What better way to start the Thanksgiving Week than by memorializing those who have gone before us. We will pay tribute with a photo display that will run before and during the service. To have your loved ones included, please send a photo with the name of the person and their date of birth and date of death. Digital photos can be sent to Steve Brownson at the following email address:

sbrownson52@gmail.com

If you do not have a digital photo, you can provide a photograph that can be scanned along with name and dates. You may give it to me at church on Sunday or leave it for me in the church office, but, please, be sure to label it so I know the name and dates of the person in the photo and your name so I can be sure to return it to you. Please submit photos prior to November 15, 2023.

A Church in Costa Rica

Part of the funds raised from the 2023 Flea Market (\$12,000) were sent to Your Kingdom's Purpose Ministry which began a new tent church in the hills of Costa Rica. Our monies bought a large tent, chairs, pulpit, sound system.... Things that were needed so folks could come together and Praise the Lord. November 2-8, a delegation from CPC is traveling to Costa Rica to bless the new church and take them a special gift of a cross to help decorate their tent church. What an honor it is to know that we are part of sharing the Word of God in Jesus the Christ around the world. Our 2023 stewardship theme: Where in the World is CPC? ... has certainly been lived out as we reach out not only in our congregation and the Tucson community but throughout the world. Keep our traveling delegation in your prayers.



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

(It's also posted on CPC's website)

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

CPC Grief Support News

November 7, 7:00 p.m. Zoom ID 835 3681 1738

There will not be a monthly Grief Group in November since Pastor Steve is travelling. Set your calendar for Tuesday, December 5th, 7 p.m. Tucson time.

Buildings and Grounds

CPC Sanctuary Air Conditioner/Heater





Well, after more than 20 years, it has been determined that we need to replace the air conditioner/heater in the Sanctuary. This last summer we did a Band-Aid fix but are concerned it won't last long. Ordering a new system takes up to six months. So, we have contracted with a company to put in a whole new system. The total cost will be about \$75,000. Yikes!

You are invited to be a part of helping us afford this new unit if you are able to make a special donation on top of

your ongoing pledge. While we will be using current funding from a gift from the Margaret Mockler Estate, we know that some are able and want to make a special donation to help offset the cost. Thank you for all of your giving, ongoing/regular giving as well as the special gifts. If you are looking for a place to make a year-end gift, then the AC fund is a good one. You can make checks to CPC, transfer stock, and use your RMD. Doug Wingert, our bookkeeper can help you.

Blessings CPC... Your Buildings/Grounds, Finance, and Session Leadership Teams.



The program will be
livestreamed on the
CPC website and Facebook.

CPC Women's ADVENT EVENT

Saturday, December 2, 2023


10:00 am Program in the Sanctuary
Event is open 9:00 am to Noon



Shop the **Craft, Cookie, & Candy Sale** on the Patio
and enjoy a light **Brunch Buffet** in Fellowship Hall
before and/or after the program.


*Sing, laugh, reflect, breathe, connect
as we prepare for Christmas!*

Tickets \$10 ~ available on the patio
Sundays, November 12, 19, 26.



Craft, Cookie & Candy Sale will continue
before/after Worship on Sunday, Dec 3.

Call Pam at 520.271.6678 if questions.






CPC Women's ADVENT EVENT


We are so excited that we have this amazing opportunity to embrace the Christmas spirit as Advent begins. We hope you'll join us and invite your friends as well! Here are a few details we'd like to share:

- The "Event" is **Saturday, December 2**, and runs from 9 a.m. to noon.
- The "Program" will start at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary and include music, laughter, reflection, and inspiration as we prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas. Our speaker is the fabulous Lesley Abrams and, yes, the Steves and the Bobs will also be with us!
- The Craft, Cookie, and Candy Sale will be open on the Patio starting at 9:00 am and will continue after the program until approximately noon. Cash, checks, and credit cards (with \$10 minimum) will all be accepted at the sale. Refer to the Crafty Ladies' Kiva article if you'd like to donate baked goods or preorder Hershey Snow Friends.
- Guests may enjoy a light buffet at their leisure in Fellowship Hall which will be open 9:00-10:00 and again following the program approximately 11:00-noon. It's open seating so folks can eat if/when they want (before or after the program) and sit where desired.
- Tickets are \$10 and will be on sale on the patio before and between services on Sundays, Nov 12, 19, and 26. Payment should be in cash or check made out to CPC with WAE in the memo line. If you're unable to be at worship, folks can also purchase tickets through Monday, Nov 27, by calling Stella in the church office at 520-886-5686. Don't worry if you don't have your physical ticket with you on Dec 2 as we will have a full list of all purchasers and your name tag ready! Upon arrival at the event, please first stop at the Welcome Table to get your pre-printed name tag.
- Men, this event doesn't happen without you! Please sign up to participate as greeters/helpers and as part of the "Bobs" on the patio during ticket sales or by reaching out to Julie at misbehavinswings@yahoo.com. Plan to wear a white (or other solid color) button down shirt and black pants if you have them. Stop to get your red bow tie in room A/B behind the kitchen and meet in the Sanctuary at 8:30 for 'rehearsal' and instructions. We hope a number of you can stay through noon to help with clean up. Paul Dye is leading as "Bob" captain.
- For those of you unable to be with us in person at the Women's Advent Event, the program will be available for viewing on the CPC website and Facebook pages; and the Craft/Cookie/Candy Sale will continue on the patio on Sunday, Dec 3, between worship services.



Let us know if you have any questions!
We look forward to experiencing Advent with you!

Pam Cullopp: 520-271-6678 or pjcullop@gmail.com
Julie McCrea: 520-861-8131 or misbehavinswings@yahoo.com



Flea Market News



November Secondhand dates are Saturday the 11th and Sunday the 12th. This will be the last Secondhand Weekend for 2023, as we take December off to celebrate Christmas and all the activities that occur during that month. Secondhand Weekends resume after the first of the year (January 13 and 14, 2024).

Secondhand Weekend hours: Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Sundays, 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

If you've got donations, you want out of the house by the end of the year, please get them to us by November 11 (9 a.m.-2 p.m.) and November 12 (9:30 a.m. -12 p.m.).

If you can help with the sorting, cleaning, pricing, and boxing, we'd very much welcome any time you can give that fits into your weekend schedule.

The need for volunteers is not limited to Secondhand Weekends, because we also need key positions for the 2024 sale. If you would like to know more about what positions are available to consider what role might be a good fit for you, you may talk to any of the Flea Market Team Leads (info listed below).

Special Note about fundraising proceeds from the upcoming sale: The Flea Market 2024 is in the planning stage, but it is approaching fast...and CPC aspires to stand behind those in its congregation! So, for all CPC members actively participating with any charity and would like that charity to be considered as a recipient of Flea Market profits, please contact Pastor Steve.

Thank you for your support in this important CPC Mission fundraiser! Flea Market Lead Team: Pam Raines, Claudia Howell, Pam Cullop, and Vera Bare.

General Questions: Call or text Pam Cullop: 520-271-6678

Donation Questions or Special Dropoff Appointments: Call or Text: Claudia Howell 520-850-0637, Pam Raines: 520-405-8956, Vera Bare: 520-981-1710

Tucson Masterworks Chorale presents
Songs of Peace

featuring
Dona Nobis Pacem
by Vaughan Williams
and more!

Sunday, November 19, 2023 | 3:00 pm
Grace St. Paul Episcopal Church



TucsonMasterworksChorale.org

The Book Club will meet on Zoom and in the Patio Room on Monday, November 13, 1:00 p.m. to discuss *Go as a River* by Shelly Read.

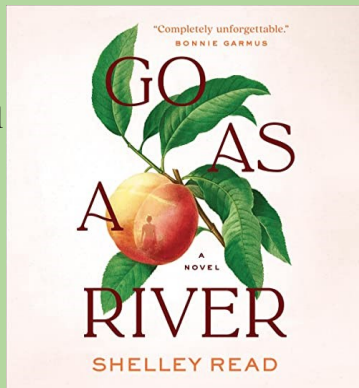
Seventeen-year-old Victoria Nash runs the household on her family's peach farm in the small ranch town of Iola, Colorado—the sole surviving female in a family of troubled men.

Wilson Moon is a young drifter with a mysterious past, displaced family, and tribal land and determined to live as he chooses. Victoria encounters Wil by chance on a street corner, a meeting that profoundly alters both of their young lives, unknowingly igniting as much passion as danger. When tragedy strikes, Victoria leaves the only life she has ever known. She flees into

the surrounding mountains where she struggles to survive in the wilderness with no clear notion of what her future will bring. As the seasons change, she also charts the changes in herself, finding in the beautiful but harsh landscape the meaning and strength to move forward and rebuild all that she has lost, even as the Gunnison River threatens to submerge her homeland—its ranches, farms, and the beloved peach orchard that has been in her family for generations.

Inspired by true events surrounding the destruction of the town of Iola in the 1960s, *Go as a River* is a story of deeply held love in the face of hardship and loss, but also of finding courage, resilience, friendship, and, finally, home—where least expected. This stunning debut explores what it means to lead your life as if it were a river—gathering and flowing, finding a way forward even when a river is dammed.

“Beautiful . . . A striking first novel of love and strength and growth, set against the forests and rivers of Colorado’s high country. Read is a gifted writer, and the book is a literary triumph.”—*Denver Post*



FELLOWSHIP

Men of Faith Breakfast November 15, 7:30a.m.



All the men of the church are invited to gather for breakfast at Biscuits Café at 7026 E. Broadway Blvd. We meet monthly on the third Wednesday. We pay our own way and have a lively faith discussion. discussion, all lasts about an hour.



**MEXICAN TRAIN
DOMINOES
NOVEMBER 1, 15, 29
IN ROOM A/B 1:00 p.m.**

**Have fun playing this challenging
game of dominoes.
Leaders will teach you!
First, third, and sometimes fifth
Wednesday of the month.**

Prayer Shawl Ministry November 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 know someone who is having a challenge or celebration and would like to give them a shawl, contact LuAnn Cobb at 520-721-7338. 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.

Presbyterian Women of CPC

The PW Crafty Ladies typically meet weekly from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in rooms

A/B However, throughout the month of November you will find us in earnest preparation for our annual Christmas Craft and Cookie sale until 2 p.m. each Wednesday (except for Nov 22), which is the day before Thanksgiving...as we take that day off altogether.

This year's annual Christmas craft and cookie sale will be on December 2 & 3, and on Saturday the 2nd, in conjunction with the annual Women's Advent Event (formerly known as the Women's Christmas Brunch). Here's a sneak peek at just a few of the newer items to be offered this year: One-cup-sized microwave cozies for small bowls, 'Frosty' Hershey bars, and Angels made from CPC's former hymnals.



We invite you to join us as we craft, share, enjoy, and exchange delightful moments, stories, and project ideas, for our PW mission projects.

If you are a cookie baker or candy maker and would be willing to contribute delectables to the sale, please contact Lianne Puzzo at 520-237-6304.

The proceeds from PW Craft profits are donated annually to a variety of organizations, with preference given to those who focus on women and children in need.

Drop by some Wednesday to see if you might like to join in the fun!

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



November Birthdays

1 Leslie Courville
 1 Meghan Koch
 1 George Muncrief
 3 Kathy Kimball
 3 Olivia Smith
 3 Melissa Hodges
 4 Jody Watkins
 5 Carole Pyter
 7 Joyce Coon
 7 Jan Marshall
 7 Madelyn Doubrava
 8 Marilyn McConnell
 8 Carolyn Manka
 12 Tina Bentley
 15 Roger Werbylo
 16 Beth Cullop
 20 Phil Mendoza
 21 Ben Koch
 21 Bev Phelps
 22 Jonathan Alberding

22 Chris Courville
 23 Tom Bradley
 23 Murry Short
 23 Bob Sundt
 24 Cole Gardiner
 24 Ava Gardiner
 25 Catherine Botts
 25 Elsie Watkins
 27 Beth Larsen
 28 John Couzens
 29 Katie Gilbert
 30 Cassie Hoke
 30 Dale Rosene



*If we forgot 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.

Empty Prescription Bottles

Donations may be brought in on Sundays.



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Deadlines

Church Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

(Closed for lunch 12 —1 p.m.)

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Issue articles due by 12 p.m. on
Friday, November 10, 2023

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

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



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