

KIVA

NEWSLETTER

November 2026



Sunday Worship

Join us each Sunday for Worship! Take time to focus on your relationship with God as we give our praise and thanks to God, and seek guidance in living our faith.

8:30 a.m. Worship (in/from the Fellowship Hall)
Music led by the Band

10:45 a.m. Worship (in/from the Sanctuary)
Music led by the Choirs and Pianist

Children are always welcome in Worship. Activity bags are available in both worship spaces. For those who choose, we do have professional childcare throughout the morning.

We hope you will come in person. We do broadcast online:
www.cpctucsonaz.org (scroll to the bottom of the homepage)
www.facebook.com/ChristPresbyterianTucson (chat with others online)
www.YouTube.com/cpctucsonaz

November 1st: Communion and the Dedication of our
Estimate of Giving Pledges
Scripture: Hebrews 13:1-8
Sermon: Everything changes – Except God (Pastor Melde)

Liturgist: Catherine Botts

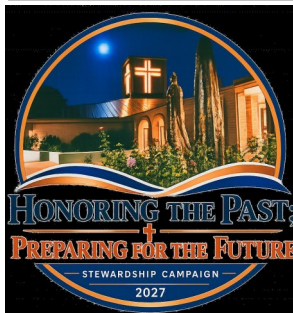
November 8th:
Scripture: Exodus 24:12-18
Sermon: Out of the Clouds (Rev. Diane Christopher)
Liturgist: The Choir

November 15th:
Scripture: Acts 2:43-47
Sermon: Giving of our Selves (Pastor Melde)
Liturgist: Lhasa Compton

November 22nd: Congregational Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Scripture: Luke 17:11-19
Sermon: The Importance of Giving Thanks (Pastor Melde)
Liturgist: Liam Street

November 29th: First Sunday in Advent
Scripture: Isaiah 40:3-5
Sermon: Wait! (Pastor Melde)
Liturgist: Penni Martinez

Stewardship and Finance News



Sunday, November 1st, we will dedicate our Estimate of Giving Pledges for 2027. These will include our financial support as well as our support through time and talents as we volunteer in all the ministries of the church.

We hope you received the information in the mail; our pledge card is below. You can always fill it out, cut it out, and mail it to the church office.

In 2027, we are planning some new and expanded ministries. This means we need to increase our expense budget by about 5%. We are encouraging CPC folks to be part of all we are doing. Yes, we need to support the General Fund Budget that supports all of the expenditures needed. And yes, we need your volunteer support in so many areas. Look for the service ministry brochure for details and contact information.

Together we can do more than each on our own, as we prepare to be

Honoring the Past; Preparing for the Future.

Please return by Sunday, November 1st
for dedication Sunday. In person or by mail:
CPC 6565 E. Broadway Tucson, AZ 85710



**I/We want to support the Annual Stewardship Campaign
for Christ Presbyterian Church's ministries and mission.**

I/We plan to give the following in 2027

\$ _____ per week, OR

\$ _____ per month, OR

\$ _____ per year.

For a total in 2027 of \$ _____

I/We will also donate \$ _____ toward the
\$50 / member giving of the PC(USA) Support (per capita).
(Dedication of this extra giving will be on January 31, 2027)

I/We will also give of our time and talents by volunteering in the following ministries:

Name(s) _____

Best Contact Info: _____



2-4 Youth Fellowship is for those in 6th-12th grades. Meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, usually 5-6:30 p.m., the youth have a great time together learning to be Christians together.

November 8: Escape Room
(Watch texting for details)

November 22: Dinner Together
(we'll make a meal without recipes!)



**DISCOVER THE MEANING
BEHIND THE MOVIES**

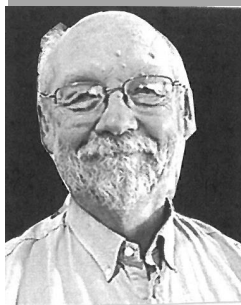
A special series on GOD ON FILM.

We'll meet for Saturday matinees and a chance to discuss how faith is embedded in the cinematic story. Rev. Ed McNulty was the first to dig into movies and how they reflect God – he called them Visual Parables.

Our first film is *Babette's Feast*. Charming and melancholy, *Babette's Feast* is a timeless Scandinavian treat that explores the complex relationships between people, beliefs, and what it means to be an artist.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2:00
in Classroom E/F

Faith Studies on Sunday Mornings

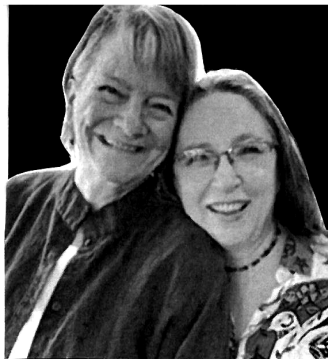


Greetings!

The Adult Education team has something for everyone coming in November: Bible Studies, Topical Conversations and MOVIES!

The Adult Bible Study gang will continue their exploration of 1 Corinthians. Led by Ken Friskey, they go line by line and phrase by phrase, with lots of historical background. You are welcome to join them anytime – they meet every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Classroom A/B (in person only).

Across the hall, in classroom E/F, Journeys in Faith (JIF) takes current events, Bible topics and interesting historical perspectives to launch fascinating discussions – and to help us navigate a secular world. They meet most Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and via Zoom (ID 881 8821 9880). Here's what's coming up:



November 1: Blood Sacrifice in the Old Testament

November 8: Blood Sacrifice in the New Testament: Are You Saved?

November 15: Jesus Was a Jew: Why Aren't We?

November 22: No JIF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

November 29: No JIF



CPC Women's ADVENT EVENT

Saturday, December 5, 2026

We are so excited to once again embrace the Christmas spirit. We hope you'll join us and invite your friends as well! Here are the details:

- The **Craft, Cookie, and Candy Sale** will be open on the Patio 9:00-10:45 a.m. as well as following the program. Cash, checks, and credit cards (with \$10 minimum) will all be accepted at the sale. Refer to the Crafty Ladies' Kiva article to donate baked goods or pre-order Hershey Snow Friends.
- The **Buffet** is open seating in Fellowship Hall between 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. so folks may eat/sit at their leisure. We will have a small number of reserved tables available in Rooms D and E-F for parties of 6 or more. Inquire when buying tickets.
- The **Program** will start at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary and include music, laughter, and inspiration as we prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas. Our speaker is CPC's Debbie Melde and, yes, the Bobs will also be with us!
- **Tickets** continue to be just \$10 and will be on sale on the patio before and between services on Sundays, Nov 15, 22, and 29. Payment should be in cash or check made out to CPC with WAE in the memo line. If unable to be at worship, folks can also purchase tickets through noon Monday, Nov 30, by contacting Julie (see info below). Upon arrival at the event, please first stop at the Welcome Table to get your pre-printed name tag. No need to bring your ticket with you.
- The Women's Advent Event program will also 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 6, between worship services.

Men, this event doesn't happen without you! Please sign up to participate as helpers and part of the "Bobs" on the patio during ticket sales. Plan to wear a white 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 8:00 on Saturday, December 5 for morning rehearsal and instructions. There will be two additional rehearsals on Sundays, Nov 22 and 29, at 11:45 a.m. in the sanctuary.

We look forward to celebrating Advent with you!

Julie McCrea: 520-861-8131
or misbehavinswings@yahoo.com

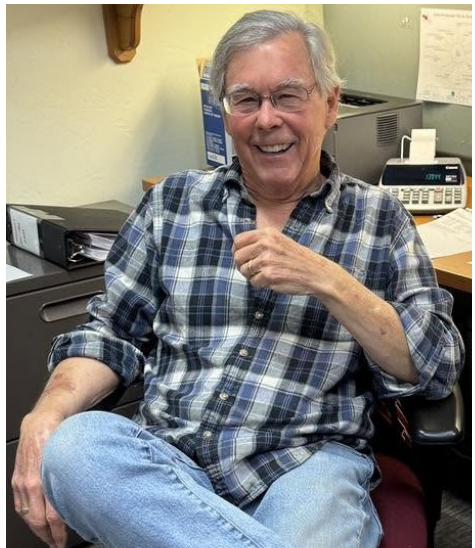




Doug Wingert's Fundraising for TIHAN

Once again, this old man will attempt to ride the 102-mile El Tour de Tucson route to raise funds for my friends at Tucson Interfaith HIV-AIDS Network, (TIHAN). This marks my 7th year riding in the El Tour and, even though my knees (and other body parts) begin to hurt a little more each year, somehow my cycling times are getting better. Last year I got caught in a storm of cold rain and hail, so I'm hoping for better weather this year. But TIHAN is a worthy cause and worth any temporary discomfort I may have during the ride.

TIHAN is a coalition of individuals, businesses, faith communities, and nonprofit groups providing HIV awareness and support services to help people with HIV live as well as possible. TIHAN is a volunteer-based organization that relies on the community for support as it does not receive government funding. TIHAN is the largest volunteer-based HIV service provider in the state of Arizona, and the largest non-government-funded provider as well. TIHAN is a 501(c)(3) organization and does not allow any proselytizing or promotion of any religious beliefs.



Please join me in supporting the compassionate and caring folks who are riding in El Tour de Tucson to support local charitable causes such as TIHAN! If you wish to donate to support my personal fundraising efforts, you can do so by using this link: <https://runsignup.com/dougwingert>



CPC Missions CORNER

The Gifts of Caring Tree will be out on the patio beginning on Sunday, November 15th, and if necessary, also on Sunday, November 22nd.

The organizations that we are supporting with this mission project are:

- Courtney's Courage
- Candlelighters
- TIHAN
- Angel Heart Pajama Project.



Information about these organizations will be available at the sign-out tables.

Each tag will have a gift or gift card request. Presents should be in the \$35.00 price range.

After selecting your tag or tags, please sign the tag out with the volunteer at the table. Please return your UNWRAPPED gift or gift card with the tree tag attached no later than Sunday, November 29th.

If you would like to participate but are unable to shop, we have several people who have volunteered to be “shoppers.” If you want someone to shop for you, please select your tag, bring the tag and cash or check to the sign-out table, and see Pam Raines or Pam Elitharp, and we will be happy to coordinate that for you.

Thank you for your support of this annual mission project. Through your generosity, we are able to provide gifts to 200 recipients, some of whom may not have a gift to open without you.

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Sunday, November 22, Fellowship Hall
and on Zoom ID 850 8926 6121**

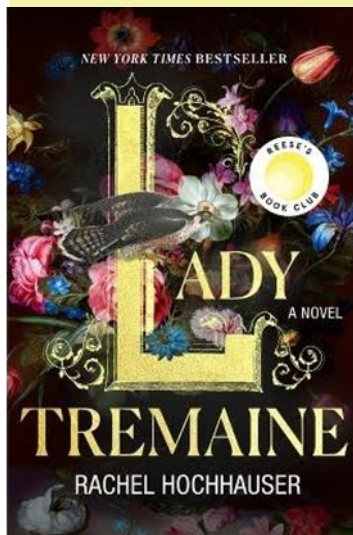
New deacons and elders will be elected and the Pastor's Compensation for 2027 will be submitted for approval.

VIRTUAL
BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, November 17, 1 p.m.

Zoom ID 813 6830 2106

The CPC Virtual Book Club will be reading *Lady Tremaine* by Rachel Hochhauser for our **November 17th** discussion.



The novel is a reimagining of the classic *Cinderella* fairy tale told from the perspective of the "wicked" stepmother.

It explores the pressures placed on women to marry well and how a mother sacrifices and navigates a world with few prospects.

And there's no magic: No fairy godmother or glass slippers!

We meet via Zoom on the 3rd Tuesday of the month
(ID 813 6830 2106)

MEXICAN TRAIN

DOMINOES 1 p.m.

Wednesdays, November 4 & 18 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, November 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, November 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.

Drop off your sandwich donations before the next meeting, Tuesday, November 24, 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall Kitchen.



RAINBOW FAITH FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday, November 11, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

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

Preparation for Flea Market 2027 Secondhand Weekend Will Be on November 7 & 8

We **collect**, **sort**, and **price** donations every month (except December) until we begin the setup process for the Flea Market Sale. Save the date: March 11-13, 2027.

Many volunteers are needed for these tasks, and if you can spend even a few hours on either or both Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Secondhand Weekends, it would be a huge help. Hours are flexible, and lunch will be provided by our team members. We hope you will be able to join us as you can.

Donation drop-off hours during Secondhand Weekends are on Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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

In an effort to decrease the number of discarded plastic water bottles on the planet, we now have a water dispenser set up in the MPR kitchen for refilling personal bottles.

Flea Market Donation reminders:

- We no longer pick up donations. See the pink box about Pink Pick Ups Furniture Taxi
- 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.

Pink Pick Ups Furniture Taxi

The Flea Market Team hires Pink Pick Ups to move boxes after Secondhand Weekends and to work at the Flea Market each March. Consider contacting owner Nathan Heuser for a free estimate. He charges hourly, with a one-hour minimum of \$125-\$150, depending on the volume and distance. He prefers texting at **520-268-5670**. Please plan ahead and allow 2-3 days for a callback.



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 Craft and Cookie Sale will be held at the Women's Advent Event on December 5 from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m., and resumes after the event. Cookies and Crafts will also be sold on Sunday, December 6 between services and after the 10:45 a.m. service.

We need lots of Christmas cookies (special and regular) to sell at the event. One quarter of the total dollars raised at our sale come from cookies. Lianne Puzzo is the coordinator for the cookie sales; please call or text 520-237-6304 or email nanalianne@msn.com.

In November the Crafty Ladies will continue to meet each Wednesday in room AB with extended hours, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., (bring a sack lunch!). On November 25 there will be no meeting because of Thanksgiving.

This year's new Hershey creation is an adorable elf, which will sell for \$2.50. As is our tradition, we will also have old friends, Snowman, The Grinch, Cowboy, Gnome, and Rudolf available for the same price, if you would like to mix it up when buying small gifts for friends, co-workers, teachers, mail carriers, or stocking stuffers. To pre-order 10 or more, contact Jan Marshall at 404-0313.

*The Presbyterian Women Craft group is the fundraising branch of the Presbyterian Women of Christ Presbyterian Church's Mission projects. The money collected from our crafts (and cookie sales at the Women's Advent Event) is donated to local organizations that support women and children. Last year we were able to donate over \$8,000, due to your generosity.

If you have any questions, please call or text Jan Marshall at 520-404-0313.





ur November Birthdays!

1 Leslie Courville
1 Meghan Koch
1 George Muncrief
1 Lynda Sorensen
3 Melissa Hodges
3 Kathy Kimball
3 Olivia Smith
4 Jody Watkins
7 Jan Marshall
8 Carolyn Manka

12 Tina Bentley
15 Roger Werbylo
16 Beth Cullop
20 Phil Mendoza
21 Ben Koch
21 Bev Phelps
23 Tom Bradley
23 Murry Short

HAPPY Birthday



December KIVA

The deadline for getting your news in the
December KIVA is Friday,
November 13.



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Church Office Hours

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

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

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Deadlines

KIVA December 2026 articles
due by 12 p.m. on Friday,
November 13, 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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