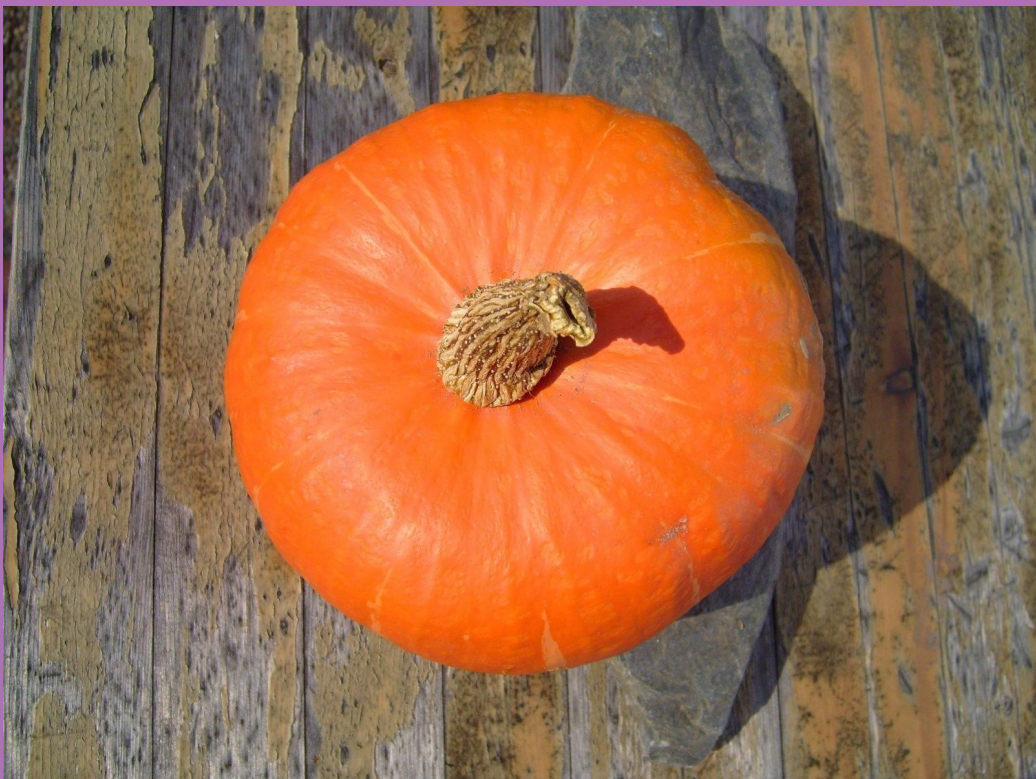


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NEWSLETTER

October 2025



Sunday Worship

Let Worship begin your week and ground you in the Christian Faith. Join us each Sunday morning in person (or online).

8:30 a.m. Worship in/from the Fellowship Hall

A casual setting around tables in comfortable chairs.
Music led by the Band

10:45 a.m. Worship in/from the Sanctuary

In the Round, comfortable pews, and music led by our
Accompanist and Choirs

Children are always welcome in Worship. Blue Activity Bags are available along the walls of the worship space. We offer professional child care in our nursery.

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October 5: Communion

Theme: The Nicene and Apostle's Creeds

Liturgist: Julie McCrea

October 12:

Theme: The Heidelberg and Shorter Catechism

Liturgist: Kenda Parkey

October 19:

Theme: The Confession of 1967

Liturgist: Doug Thompson

October 26:

Theme: The Brief Statement of Faith

Liturgist: Fred Hubbard

Stewardship and Finance News



October is our month for planning the coming year, as our Finance Team and Worship team lead us in our stewardship dedication. Our theme for 2026 is: Celebrating 70 Years. In May of next year, CPC will celebrate 70 years of activity. During October, Pastor Steve and others will explore the history of the church and how it has proclaimed the faith through the generations. Each Sunday, he will help us explore some of the

major confessional statements and how CPC will still be a part of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus.

We thank you for your ongoing financial and personal support of all things CPC. Without you, we could not do all that we are doing in the name of Jesus.

We invite you to consider how you will be a part of CPC's ministries and missions in the coming year also. We will be dedicating our financial Estimate of Giving Pledges to the 2026 General Fund on Sunday, November 2nd. Pledge cards will be available near the end of October.

We hope you will continue to support this year's budget, as we still have ministries and missions to support now.

Thank you for making CPC such a vital part of the Tucson community, the world, and a faithful church.

Your Finance Team



Greetings Saints!

The Adult Bible Study folks will be finishing their study of Song of Solomon sometime this month. After that, they'll embark on a 6-week DVD study about the Holiness of God.

They meet – without fail – on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room A/B (in person only)

Across the hall, in Room E/F, Journeys in Faith continues to probe the intersection of Christian faith and American secular life.

October 5: The Four Agreements

October 12: Conspiracy Theories: What's the Temptation?

October 19: Conspiracy Theories: What's the Temptation?

October 26: What is the Soul?

Journeys in Faith is both in-person and online
(Zoom ID 868 3291 1992)

All are welcome to join these meaningful discussions!

Sunday Funday

9:30-10:30 a.m. every Sunday for ages 2-5 in the nursery, kinder-5th graders in Room 6-7, and youth in the middle school room.

Join us in Sunday Funday School in October as we finish up the 10 commandments and move on to Jesus feeding the 5000.



2-4 Youth Fellowship for youth in grades 6-12 is a fun way to build friendships and faith. We usually meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, 5-6:30 p.m.

October 12: Game Night at CPC

October 26: no meeting since we will be helping with the Halloween Festival

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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HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL



Saturday, October 25th, 6-8 p.m.

We will be hosting our Annual Halloween Festival featuring Trunk-or-Treat, games, and hot dogs, all free and open to the public. Be sure to spread the word and invite folks to join us.



We are going to need you. Watch for orange candy donation bins, or sign-ups to help with games or serving in the kitchen, or even decorating your car trunk and handing out candy for trunk-or-treat.

Last year, we had over 500 folks come! It's a fun crowd and a great way to invite people to join us in the fun and in the mission and ministries of CPC.



Save the Date!

Saturday, December 6, 2025

CPC Women's ADVENT EVENT



CPC Missions **CORNER**

It has been a busy summer for our mission team and partners.

Exodus Community Service had a refrigerator break down in one of their homes during a 115-degree day. It had long been on its last leg. They had 10 hot, thirsty men returning home from work, and CPC was able to come to their rescue within 24 hours, as there was still money budgeted for this year for Exodus. Lowe's was having a great sale, and opening a charge card provided a further discount. A man named Billy at Exodus noted a scratch on the refrigerator, affording us an additional discount! At Exodus they are singing CPC's praises!



Tucson Family Food Project (TFFP) reports: Over the summer, TFFP provided 20 weekly meal kits to Youth on Their Own and 50 weekly kits in June to Team RHJ, a nonprofit basketball camp. TFFP signed a lease with TUSD and moved into two buildings at the former Rogers Elementary School - one now serves as office space and a filming studio, and the other is a meal kit production center. Work is underway with the Pima County Health Department, architects, and engineers to ready the production facility for the Spring 2026 semester. TFFP also purchased a larger delivery van, "Big Frank," which will feature TFFP logo and donor sponsorships. Looking ahead, they plan to hire a full-time Recipe Development Coordinator and scale production to 500 kits per week by the end of the 2025-2026 school year and 1,000 per week by the end of the 2026-2027 school year. As a reminder, they were 1 of 4 mission partners this year that received \$15,000 from CPC!

- Two of our Mission members volunteer for **Eagles Wings of Grace**, sorting, selling, steaming, and preparing clothing and accessories for women who are working hard to get their lives back on track. The women, referred by various agencies, are given a new work wardrobe at no cost to them. The boutique, located at 2925 N. Country Club Rd., is open to the public every Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come volunteer or shop. It is an amazing organization and the finds are top-notch.

- We have continued to support **Courtney's Courage**, a local pediatric cancer organization. On August 22, Courtney's Courage held its annual fundraising golf tournament at the beautiful Ventana Canyon golf course. The tournament was well attended, and these golfers have always been generous to this organization, returning every year. CC was also one of our four mission partners this year, receiving \$15,000 from CPC.



- **St. Luke's Home** is a new partner we have gotten involved with this year. St. Luke's is an assisted living facility for low-income elderly people that has been in Tucson for over 100 years. Due to rising costs, a decrease in philanthropy post-COVID, and other factors, they were facing the possibility of closing the facility. They are working



hard to restructure hiring Susie Huhn, former CEO of Casa de los Niños, as interim CEO. CPC jumped right in to support residents. We have purchased \$2,000 worth of personal care and other items. On September 6th, they will be holding their annual fundraising golf tournament at Arizona National Golf Course. Sean Elliot, former U of A basketball and San Antonio Spurs NBA star, will be attending the event and golfing with some lucky foursome.

Members of the Mission Team and our congregation joined forces with St. Luke's board to collect

auction items and recruit golfers. Thanks to those who rallied at the last minute for this event. It is on the way to being a full playing field at this time.

- The Mission Team also received an urgent request from the **Veterans' Administration** for men's underwear. They quickly received a large supply of underwear and more bottles of water.

The congregation of Christ Presbyterian Church is amazing in what we provide when we work together.

Matthew 25:40 *Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of these 9 brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.*

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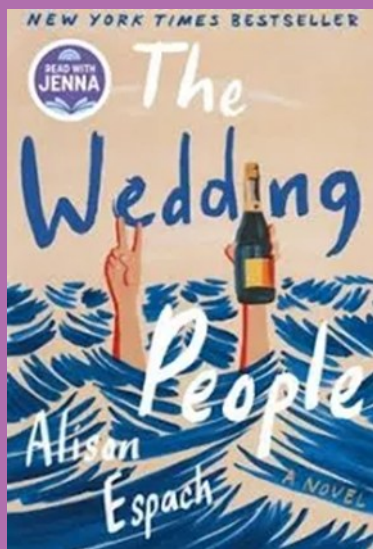
VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

October 21, 1 p.m.

Join them each 3rd Tuesday of the month on Zoom
(ID 868 6830 2106)

The next read of the CPC Virtual book club is
The Wedding People by Alison Espach.

A woman arrives at a luxury hotel in Newport, Rhode Island, intending to die but instead gets swept up in a lavish wedding, forms an unexpected bond with the bride, and discovers new paths to life through a series of chance encounters and connections with the wedding guests. The book blends humor and tenderness to explore themes of loss, love, societal expectations, and the possibility of finding hope and fellowship after a personal crisis.



RAINBOW FAITH FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, October 9, 6:30 p.m. in Patio Room

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.

FELLOWSHIP



MEN OF FAITH BREAKFAST

Wednesday October 17, 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, October 23, 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.

The next meeting is Tuesday, September 23, 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall Kitchen. Drop off your sandwich donations in Fellowship Hall Kitchen.



Sunday, October 26. 2 p.m.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU



What stories from your life do you share with your family? Come share them with your friends in the **Getting to Know You** group that meets on the fourth Sunday of each month.

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

**October 1, 15 & 29,
1 p.m.**



Join us on Wednesdays in A/B, 1 p.m.

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.



Flea Market News

October Secondhand Weekends: Our closet is so full (thank you!) that we added a second unpacking-pricing-organizing weekend to the month of October. **Saturday, October 4 & Sunday, October 5, have been added to the existing weekend of Saturday, October 11 and Sunday, October 12.** We hope you can help us on one or both weekends to get the donations fully processed so we can start fresh in November.

Secondhand schedules:

Saturday Volunteer Hours: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Donations accepted until 2 p.m.

Sunday Volunteer Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Donations accepted until noon

Flea Market Donation reminders:

- We no longer pick up donations. Read below 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 because they are difficult to store and dispose of.

Flea Market Questions? Contact Pam Cullop at 520-271-6678

Donation questions? Claudia Howell, 520-850-0637.

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.

Celebrate with us!

SANDS

Walk for Down Syndrome

25 *years of walking for Down syndrome*

Presented by our Title Sponsor

Special Eats

Saturday, November 15, 2025
10am-2pm

NEW Tucson Convention Center
Grand Ballroom
260 S. Church Ave
Tucson, AZ 85701

New Timeline!
10am - Doors open
11am - Walk Begins
12pm - Entertainment & Food Trucks

ATTENTION PLEASE!

1. No outside food or drinks permitted
2. No Pets. Trained service animals only
3. USE PARKING LOT B

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Resource Fair
Arcade
Dancing
Food Trucks
Face Painting
And More!

REGISTER NOW



Contact us: info@sandsaz.org
NEW SITE: <https://charity.pledgeit.org/SANDSWalk>



Join fellow CPC folks and others from the community at the Annual SANDS Walk for Down Syndrome. This promises to be an event filled with music, dancing, food, an art corner, video arcade (MVP Retro Rentals), and more. All ages welcome. There will even be a toddler play area for the littlest participants!

SANDS – Southern Arizona Network for Down Syndrome – supports families of loved ones with Down syndrome. They help improve, enrich, inspire, and educate individuals with Down syndrome and their families. They provide support, a network of resources and information, and raise public awareness.

Janis and Jim Parks, grandparents of Jacob, will be leading the CPC Team on Saturday, November 15. Join her and her family at 10 a.m. to walk (less than a mile) for individuals with Down syndrome. Sign up table will be on patio Sunday, Oct. 19 and 25 between services. Questions – Janis Parks – azteach2001@gmail.com

Presbyterian Women of CPC

Craft News

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 on hand.

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. We are currently stamping and coloring Christmas cards and working on various other Christmas projects in addition to our regular greeting cards in preparation for the annual PW Christmas sale, which coincides with the annual Women’s Advent Event during the first weekend of December.

Crafts may be purchased on Wednesdays during our meetings or on most Communion Sundays, when mostly seasonal items are on sale in Fellowship Hall. October 5 is the next monthly sale date.

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.



Our October Birthdays!

3 Norma Mentzer
4 Bob Higbee
5 Amy Tiggelman
7 Pam Cullop
7 Warren Jafvert
9 Marilyn Collins
10 Johnny Gonzales II
10 Shirley Peat
11 Marge Biehl
11 Midge Bothwell
11 Lillian Murphy
12 Brooklynn Crowder
12 Terry Harroun
13 Scarlett Street
13 Barbara Wright

14 Ellen Bittman
14 Bob Graler
16 Debbie Melde
17 Brian Hilty
18 Paula Johnson
19 Kim McDonald
21 Chris Bowers
22 Beverly Howell
22 Skeeter Muscato
22 Christie Street
23 Scott Melde
25 Tommy Cullop
27 Julia Baker
30 Robin Starr

*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.

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.

Banco de Tapitas A.C.,: Bottle caps to assist children with cancer who are unable to cover the cost of their treatment. All caps are

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. 15



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Deadlines

KIVA November 2025 articles
due by 12 p.m. on Friday,
October 17, 2025

**Weekly Bulletins and Friday
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Please submit your articles and
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noon!**



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