

KIVA

NEWSLETTER

October 2026



Sunday Worship

Each Sunday we offer you a chance to worship God. We hope you will be with us in person, but if you cannot, we do offer worship online:

www.cpctucsonaz.org (scroll to the bottom of the homepage)
www.YouTube.com/cpctucsonaz
www.Facebook.com/ChristPresbyterianTucson

8:30 a.m. Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall
10:45 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary

October 4: World Communion Sunday

Scripture: Acts 13:13-43

Sermon: Broken Crayons Still Color (Pastor Melde)

Liturgist: Corinna Molnar

October 11:

Scripture: Matthew 6:7-14

Sermon: The Lord's Prayer (Lesley Abrams)

Liturgist: Karl VerBurg

October 18:

Scripture: Acts 8:26-40

Sermon: Gathering at the Table (Pastor Melde)

Liturgist: Debbie Melde

October 25:

Scripture: Romans 12:1-2

Sermon: The Presbyterian Motto (Pastor Melde)

Liturgist: Lana Rich

Stewardship and Finance News



In October, our CPC congregation takes time to make plans for supporting the General Fund Budget for 2027. We also plan for giving our time and talents in the service of the ministries and mission of our church.

In worship, there will be videos and talks from folks in the congregation about plans for the new year and how we can all support and be connected.

Our theme for 2027: Honoring the Past; Preparing for the Future

While we continue to complete our Estimate of Giving pledges for this year, we are all asked to consider how we will support CPC in the next year.

We will be dedicating our pledges on Sunday, November 1st.

Howdy Y'all

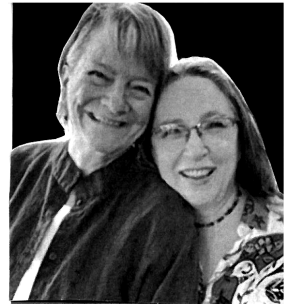
(I guess I'm feeling western today!)

Good things are in store for Adult Education in October.



Ken Friskey

The Adult Bible Study Gang continues their exploration of 1 Corinthians. Ken Friskey leads this chapter-by-chapter and verse-by-verse exploration of Paul's first letter to the people of Corinth. They meet every Sunday – rain or shine – at 9:30 a.m. in classroom A/B. You are welcome to join them anytime – in person only.



Lesley Abrams and
Lhasa Compton

Journeys in Faith looks at the intersection between faith and the secular world.

October 4: Do All Creatures Go to Heaven?
(even our pets?)

October 11: No Journeys in Faith

October 18: Jesus Was a Jew. Why Aren't We?

October 25: Neurotheology: What Does Our Brain Have to Do with Our Faith?

Journeys in Faith meets many Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room E/F, If you can't be there in person, join us via Zoom (ID 881 8821 9880).

Happy Trails,
Pastor Lesley



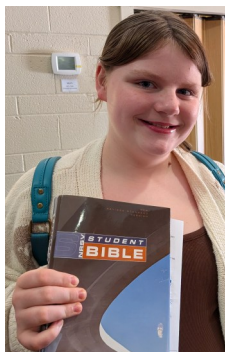
Our 2-4 Youth Fellowship, for grades 6th-12th, continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings of the month, 5 - 6:30 p.m.

October 11: Lesley Abrams and Dean Steeves lead a fun night of group building and Improv Comedy.

October 24: This is a Saturday Night Lock-In! What fun to be together at the church, overnight.

Sunday Funday

Sunday Funday School is off and running. The children are learning about prayer in this rotation. At the end of October, we will be moving on to the Road to Damascus. We hope children K through 5th grade join us as we delve into the Bible in our five-week rotations.



Congratulations to our sixth graders who have moved up to the middle school group. Each was gifted a study Bible to help them dig deeper into their faith.



CPC Missions CORNER

Your Mission Team is volunteering with TIHAN for their monthly POZ Cafe, which is on Thursday, October 15th, from 9:15 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 1200 N.

Campbell Avenue. This is their monthly luncheon for their Care Partners, where monthly Care Packages are distributed, and they have a fun time with BINGO. We are partnering with the Tucson Jewish Museum and Holocaust Center. CPC will need 4-6 volunteers, so we are asking our congregation for help. The tasks that we will need help with are the following:

1. Set up and take down tables and chairs
2. Greet, check in Care Partners, and socialize
3. Distribute Care Packages
4. Serve lunch and beverages
5. Cleanup

We will plan on carpooling from the church as much as possible, so we will meet there at 8:30 a.m. You must wear closed-toed shoes and comfy, nonpartisan, non-proselytizing clothing. CPC logoed shirts are good. There is nowhere to store purses, so plan on leaving them at home or in your locked car trunk. Volunteers will have lunch provided.

Please call or text Jan Marshall, Mission Team Liaison to TIHAN, at 520-404-0313 by October 5th to RSVP to help with this fun and worthwhile event or if you have questions.



Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network

Helping People with HIV to Live Well

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:

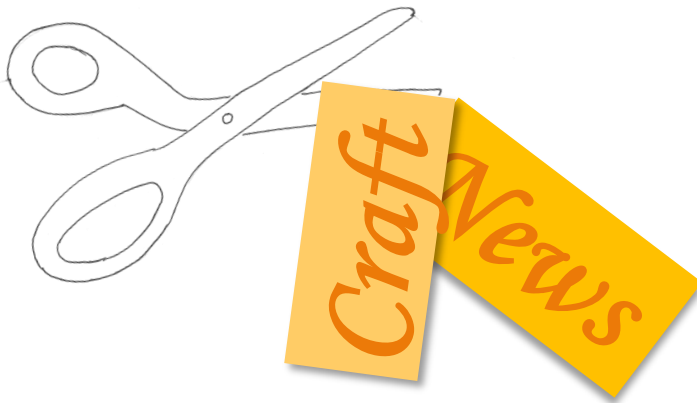
PastorSteveMelde@gmail.com

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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Presbyterian Women of CPC



The Crafty Ladies, as we call ourselves, meet each Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We break around 10:30 for a light snack or to celebrate birthdays. 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 supplies for almost any project. Some people, especially those who sew, do it from home and also attend the Wednesday meeting to enjoy the camaraderie (and snacks). Drop in some day and see if you'd like to stay.

Our crafts may be purchased on Wednesdays during our meeting, or at our seasonal monthly craft sales in Fellowship Hall before and after the first service.

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 sale at Christmas) is used to mostly local organizations that support women and children.

For questions, call or text Jan Marshall: 520-404-0313.



Our October Birthdays!



3 Norma Mentzer

4 Bob Higby

5 Amy Tiggelman

7 Pam Cullop

7 Warren Jafvert

8 Denise Akwar

9 Marilyn Collins

10 Johnny Gonzales

10 Shirley Peat

11 Marge Biehl

11 Midge Bothwell

11 Lillian Murphy

12 Brooklynn Ann Crowder

12 Terry Harroun

13 Scarlett Street

13 Barbara Wright

14 Ellen Bittman

14 Bob Graler

16 Luke Diamond

16 Debbie Melde

17 Brian Hilty

18 Paula Johnson

19 Kim McDonald

21 Chris Bowers

22 Beverly Howell

22 Skeeter Muscato

18 Cristie Street

23 Scott Melde

25 Tommy Cullop

27 Julie Baker

30 Robin Starr



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.

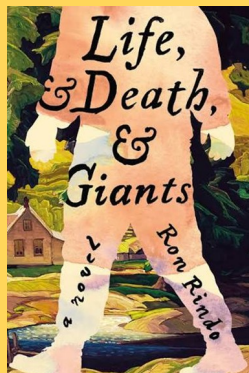
Pima Animal Care Center (PACC): Prescription medicine bottles with caps. The veterinarians need the bottles to send medicine home with animals when needed. Please remove the labels before submitting.

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.

VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, October 20, 1 p.m.

Zoom ID 813 6830 2106



This month the CPC Virtual Book Club will meet to discuss *Life, & Death, & Giants* by Ron Rindo. It's a moving story of faith, family, buried secrets, and everyday miracles.

Gabriel Fisher was born an orphan, weighing eighteen pounds and measuring twenty-seven inches long. He walks at eight months, communicates with animals, and seems to possess extraordinary athletic talent. When the older brother who has been caring for him dies, Gabriel is taken in by his devout Amish grandparents who disapprove of all the attention and hide him away from the English world.

But it's hard to hide forever when you're nearly eight feet tall. At seventeen, Gabriel is spotted working in a hay field by the local football coach. What happens next transforms not only Gabriel's life but the lives of everyone he meets.

Join them each 3rd Tuesday of the month on Zoom

MEXICAN TRAIN

DOMINOES 1 p.m.

Wednesdays, October 7 & 21 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, October 21, 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 27, 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, October 27, 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall Kitchen.



RAINBOW FAITH FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday, October 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



In Preparation for Flea Market 2027

Secondhand Weekend Will Be on October 10 & 11

Our efforts to **collect**, **sort**, and **price** donations continue every month (except December) until we begin the setup process for the following year's event. Save the date: March 11-13, 2027.

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

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

We might need to meet on an additional weekend this month to complete our work since so many volunteers are expected to be unavailable. Should we need to, the dates will be October 24 and 25. Notifications will go into bulletins and an email notice.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

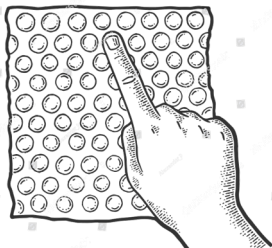
The Flea Market Lead Team
Pam Raines, Claudia Howell, Jan Marshall, & Pam Cullop

Flea Market Donation reminders:

- We no longer pick up donations. See the pink box about Pink Pick Ups Furniture Taxi on page 13
- 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.

P.S. We are looking for a team of two who will help set up the tables and pull donations from the storage area for Secondhand Weekends. If you are free on a Friday evening or early on Saturday morning on those weekends and would like to know more about this, please contact Claudia Howell 520-850-0637.

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 our personal bottles.



The Flea Market Team Wants Your Packing Material!

The packers at the flea market need your leftover bubble wrap, Amazon paper, plastic wrap, bags, or moving paper. No newspapers, please. After all these years, our inventory is running low. Donations must be in good shape. If you can go the extra mile, we would love if you could fold it and put it in a box. You can drop it by the Multi Purpose Room on Secondhand Weekends.

Look at CPC... being green and recycling, protecting our breakable flea market items to earn funds for Mission. What's not to love? Thanks for all you do!

The Flea Market Team and all the Flea Helpers

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The deadline for getting your news in the
November KIVA is Friday,
October 16.

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.





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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 November 2026 articles
due by 12 p.m. on Friday,
October 16, 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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