

# KIVA

## NEWSLETTER

September 2025



# Sunday Worship

Join us each Sunday morning for worship.

**8:30 a.m. in/from our Fellowship Hall.** Music is led by our Band. A casual setting with tables, chairs, with coffee and water available.

**10:45 a.m. in/from our Sanctuary.** Music is led by our pianist and choirs. In-the-Round, worship takes on a bit more of a traditional atmosphere.

Children are always welcome in Worship. Blue activity bags are available. We do have professional child care for those who choose to use it. We love having all the generations worshipping together.

We hope you will join us in person. But you can also join online:

[www.cpctucsonaz.org](http://www.cpctucsonaz.org) (scroll to the bottom of the homepage)  
[www.Facebook.com/ChristPresbyterianTucson](https://www.Facebook.com/ChristPresbyterianTucson)  
[www.Youtube.com/cpctucsonaz](https://www.Youtube.com/cpctucsonaz)

September 7: Communion

Preaching: Lesley Abrams "Taking Faith Seriously"

Scripture: Luke 14:25-33

Liturgist: The Molnar Family

September 14:

Preaching: Lesley Abrams "The Dreaded 'E' Word"

Scripture: Luke 15:1-6

Liturgist: Bill Wolfe

September 21:

Preaching: Lesley Abrams "Being Formed and Reformed"

Scripture: Jeremiah 18:1-11

Liturgist: Lhasa Compton

September 28:

Preaching: Pastor Steve Melde "The View from Broadway"

Scripture: Psalm 146

Liturgist: Laura Cech

# Stewardship and Finance News

It is through your generosity that we have been fulfilling our 2025 Stewardship Theme: **“Making God Known in the World.”** From delivering water bottles and new underwear to the VA Center, filling shelves in the Patriot Pantry, repairing and replacing air conditioning units at CPC, helping a few of our own members during a financial crisis, updating and upgrading our AV systems for worship, fixing irrigation leaks around the campus, advertising and inviting others to join us through Social Media platforms, providing housing for IAMYOU360, buying a new refrigerator for Exodus Community Services, hiring preaching subs so Pastor Steve can take his vacation and study leave, purchasing paper towels and plates and plastic forks and coffee and tissues, hiring a new cleaning company, helping the Presbyterian church in Douglas rebuild after an arson fire, and so much more... **You** have supported the ministry and mission and have been Making God Known in the World.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this year’s General Fund budget. We pray you will continue to do so throughout the rest of the year as we continue forward in our plans.

Your Stewardship and Finance Team.

## Pastor’s Study Leave

Pastor Steve will be away from CPC starting September 1<sup>st</sup>, returning to the church on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. This 3-week study leave will allow him to break from the routine of leading us in ministry and focus on planning themes for our worship gatherings. If you need pastoral care, please call the church office. We have volunteers ready to help. We are grateful that Lesley Abrams, a trained Lay Pastor, will be able to lead us in worship while Pastor Steve is away.



# Greetings All!

The Adult Bible study folks are about to undertake a deep dive into the Old Testament book, Song of Solomon. It's an intoxicating love song, a poem about the way love is meant to be. Song of Solomon shows no embarrassment about lovers enjoying each other's bodies and talking about it.

Consequently, intermittent attempts have been made to rule Song of Solomon out of the Bible or to make it for "Adults Only." Whether you interpret it as an allegory of the love between God and God's people, or a celebration of the love between a newly married couple, its rich, poetic language and imagery will dazzle. The Adult Bible study group meets every Sunday at 9:30 in classrooms A/B (in-person only).

Journeys in Faith continues to explore the ways Christians can navigate the confusing waters of the secular world. This group also meets at 9:30 in Room E/F, either in person or via Zoom (ID 868 3291 1992). Here's the September schedule:

September 7: Men and Boys: The Robbers Cave experiment

September 14: Why Can't We/Don't We Get Along?

September 21: Why Can't We/Don't We Get Along?

September 28: No Journeys in Faith

All are welcome – any Sunday – to participate in our Adult Sunday School classes.

Shalom,  
Pastor Lesley

# Sunday Funday

Join us in Sunday Funday School as we begin a rotation on the 10 Commandments. 9:30-10:30 each Sunday. Hope to see you there.

## 2-4 Youth Fellowship

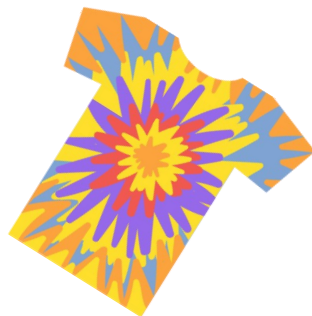
On the Second and Fourth Sundays of the month, our youth, grades 6-12, gather for some faithful fun. Our youth group may be small, but the faith and fun is huge! We meet from 5-6:30 p.m.

### **Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>: Bowling**

5 p.m. Drop/off and pick-up at Tucson Bowl. 7020 E. 21<sup>st</sup> St (85710) behind Ace Hardware. Youth should bring \$10/person to help with the cost. And bring a friend!

### **Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>: Tie-Dye Night**

5 p.m. Bring a clean, washed, white T-shirt that we can tie-dye with the new church youth group logo on it. Bring a friend, too. (and have that friend bring a T-shirt)



## 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](http://www.cpctucsonaz.org) (scroll to the bottom of the homepage)

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None of the events above will take place in September as Pastor Melde takes his sabbatical. They will resume in October.

## Compassion Connections

We have a faithful group of volunteers who are a part of our Compassion Connections Team. They keep in contact with folks in our congregation who are not really able to get to the church campus much anymore. Our volunteers make monthly phone calls, send cards, visit in person, and even take communion to those in need. We are always looking for more church volunteers to be a part of this ministry. Please contact Pastor Melde for more information.

Over the last couple of months, the team has been learning more about how to help people grow in their faith at home, care centers, hospitals, wherever they may be. Pastor Steve gives training to our volunteers (even on how to handle it when someone you are visiting is just having a bad day).

This is a wonderful ministry. Join us!



# Flea Market News

**September Secondhand Weekend:** Please note the date change: **Saturday, September 20 and Sunday, September 21.** We regret any inconvenience, but the change to this weekend was unavoidable.

Secondhand schedules:

Saturday: 9 a.m.—2 p.m. Lunch provided. Donations accepted until 2 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch provided. Donations are accepted until Noon (to allow for processing by the end of the same day).

## **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 adding them to the donation boxes.
- 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.

## **Pink Pick Ups Furniture Taxi**

Pink Pick Ups Furniture Taxi is a moving company that the Flea Market Team hires the day 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 of CPC

## *Craft News*

In case you didn't know, the purpose of the PW Craft group is to raise money for various (mostly local) organizations that support women and children. We achieve this by selling a variety of handcrafted items made by our members or donated by others who, although unable to attend, support our mission. We are the fundraising branch of the Presbyterian Women of Christ Presbyterian Church, supporting its mission projects.

The "Crafty Ladies," as we call ourselves, meet regularly each Wednesday, from 9 a.m.- noon, 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 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 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. We are currently stamping and coloring Christmas cards in addition to our regular greeting cards in preparation for the annual PW Christmas sale, which coincides with The Women's Advent Event, scheduled the first weekend of December.

Items from our collections may be purchased on Wednesdays while our meetings are in progress. On most Communion Sundays, primarily seasonal crafts are also available for purchase from the Fellowship Hall. September 7 is the next monthly sale date.

Questions? call or text Pam Cullop: 520-271-6678 or email: [pjcullop@gmail.com](mailto:pjcullop@gmail.com)

### **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 acceptable as long as they are plastic.





# Our September Birthdays!

2 Debbie Teece

4 Pam Elitharp

4 Lois Letson

6 Dave Ridings

7 Nancy Ward

8 Tom Black

8 Eileen Lamse

8 Ron Morgan

9 John Griffin

9 Jean Rosene

9 Ellie Standifer

9 Genny Standifer



10 Diane Denien

10 Joyce Judah

12 David Kiely

14 Phoebe Hoffman

17 Ingrida Cazers

19 Mike Judah

20 Sophia Miller

22 Barbara Pattengale

27 Dan Tremblay

29 Larry Biehl

If we've missed your birthday, please let us know.

**KALEIDOSCOPE  
COMMUNITY  
SALE**

**SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2025  
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

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**All proceeds benefit:  
Kaleidoscope Humanitarian Aid: [www.khaid.org](http://www.khaid.org)**



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## VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

**On September 16, 1 p.m.**

Join them each 3rd Tuesday of the month on Zoom  
(ID 813 6830 2106) This Month: *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman

The #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *A Man Called Ove* returns with an unforgettably funny, deeply moving tale of four teenagers whose friendship creates a bond so powerful that it changes a complete stranger's life twenty-five years later.



## TABLE TENNIS & TABLE TALK

**September 10**

10 a.m.—12 p.m. in the Choir Room

Unlike competitive table tennis, where the goal is to score points, we invite you to join us on the 2nd Wednesday of the month for light-hearted play and friendly table-talk. If the conversation is lively enough, we can continue it at lunch. All equipment is provided — just bring yourself! Contact Monica at 520-234-6721 if you have questions.

We hope to see you at our next session on September 10!

## RAINBOW FAITH ALLIANCE

**Thursday, September 11, 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 September 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, September 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](mailto:ridingsc@comcast.net).

Drop off your sandwich donations in Fellowship Hall Kitchen.



**Sunday, September 28, 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. Led by Phoebe Hoffman.



## MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

**September 3 & 17, 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.



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## **Church Office Hours**

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

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

**Phone: 520-886-5535**

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## **Deadlines**

**KIVA** October 2025 articles  
due by 12 p.m. on Friday,  
September 19, 2025

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

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



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