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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER



A Word From Our Pastor...



Who could have imagined?

Every one of us on the planet has been affected by the Coronavirus. It has an impact on each person's life, and all of life on the earth. And quickly we re-learned the lesson that we are in this together. Our reactions have been as awful as they have been inspiring. From hoarding toilet paper needlessly while some have gone (literally) without, to people opening up their lives to one another, this pandemic has given us so many opportunities to be the Church.

I think we forgot—the Church wasn't just its building. It is its people. It is the Spirit of God in Christ moving among us, binding us together, even while apart. It is the Word of hope in the midst of despair and of life when facing death.

It is the Easter Story. It is the story of God's grace that always reigns victorious. The tomb of Christ wasn't empty; it was filled with grace that people couldn't see until they surrendered to it, embraced it, and lived it.

It is the Resurrection Story.

May we surrender to it, embrace it, and live it.... More fully now than ever.

Peace in our journeys,

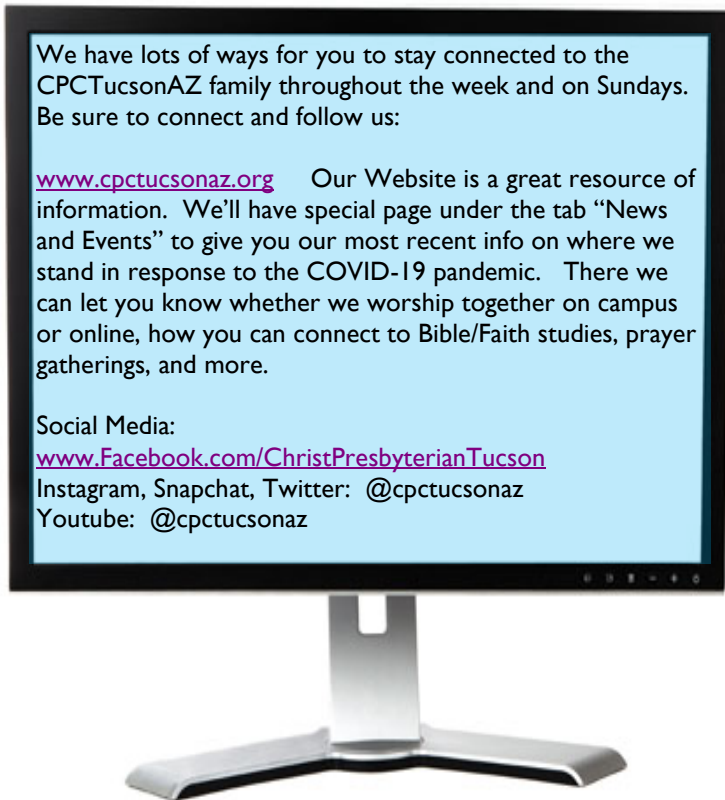
Pastor Steve Melde

www.cpctucsonaz.org

www.facebook.com/ChristPresbyterianTucson

CPC Connects over the Internet

Pastor Melde is trying to push lots of content and information to our social media sites. Be sure to follow, comment, and share to your pages and platforms to help us share the Word.



Sunday Worship

We will always worship! Whether we gather on the campus or on-line, we will always worship. Here's our tentative Schedule:

Remember, you can worship with us LIVE online or later at your convenience.

www.cpctucsonaz.org (scroll to the bottom of the home page to find our worship)

www.youtube.com search: cpctucsonaz (you'll find all of our worship live and archived)

www.facebook.com/ChristPresbyterianTucson (we've been having a trouble with this broadcast, the other two seem to work better)

Sunday, April 5: Palm Sunday On-line ONLY

10 a.m. Special Palm Sunday Celebration

Thursday, April 9: Maundy Thursday Communion On-line ONLY

7 p.m. Communion Service We will invite you to prepare by having bread and juice/wine so that we can partake together from wherever we are. We'll view a video of Debby Anderson sharing with us how much it means to her to be at the Communion Table. It will be a service of Scripture and Music.

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Sunday Worship cont.

Easter Sunday, April 12: Resurrection Celebrations

We don't know where we'll be. Our hope would be to be able to be on campus together, but if not, we will be online together. Stay tuned to announcements through our social media and website.

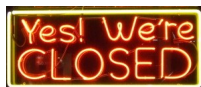
6 a.m. Sunrise Service

10:00 a.m. Worship Celebration

Unfortunately because of all the unknowns, we will not host Easter flowers in memory or honor of our loved ones this year. We also will not be hosting our Journey to Jerusalem activities. But we will still be worshipping and celebrating the Resurrection.

Sunday, April 19 and 26: 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Services as usual.

We still don't know if we will be on the campus or online together. But we'll return to our regular Sunday morning schedule. Watch for info on where we will worship on our social media platforms.



The Church Office is Closed, but Open

In an effort to minimize risk to our office staff, we are encouraging our church family to follow the guidelines of the city, county, and nation: stay home as much as possible. Our office is open; our office staff is working their regular hours. Phone calls and emails are the best and safest way to connect to us right now. We thank you for understanding.



SundayFunDay



We are trying to get some of our Bible/Faith studies for our children, youth, and adults on-line. Watch our Facebook page for details!

Youth Ministry News

We will be hosting some special faith classes through the internet for our youth! We're going to keep growing in our faith.

2-4 Youth fellowship has been meeting online through ZOOM meetings and will continue to do so until we can gather in person again.



Stewardship and Finance Page

Thank you, Christ Presbyterian Church family. What a faithful and generous people!

Our month end financials for February were extraordinary. We had kept spending down and giving was up. That is going to help us move through the coming months together. Our buildings and grounds team had already scheduled some major updates to our campus which are now complete. The parking lot has been repaired, crack-filled and seal-coated. We have a new water heater, and new ADA toilets in the women's restroom in the choir room area. Gutters to save the bricks will be coming soon. Our Worship Team helped us get licenses to be able to broadcast online.

Along with our Session Leadership Team we have opened up some reserve accounts to help those in our congregation (and possibly families through Kellond elementary) who may find themselves in emergency financial need related to the COVID-19 outbreak. If you find that you are in that situation, just give Pastor Steve a call, and we will work with you as best we can.

We were humbled to see so many using our online giving resources in March. We even had some new givers join us in our mission and ministry. Thank you. Here's how you can continue your giving:

Checks can be mailed to the church office.

Bill-Pay can be done through your bank to the church.

Online giving:

Go to our website: www.cpctucsonaz.org In the upper right hand corner, click on the red GIVING button and follow the instructions.

Text-To-Give: 520-729-4665 Text that number and follow instructions to set up giving.

ShelbyNextGiving: There is another app called ShelbyNextGiving Download that from your app store to your mobile device and link it to your ShelbyNextMembership account name and password and set up your giving.

Congregational Care Corner



Compassion Connections Ministry

We have 31 VIPP + 1 Temp on our rolls who are receiving visits, calls, cards, and communion from the 19 volunteers and staff who make up our Compassion Connections Ministry Team. In the month of March we made 50 phone calls, 8 visits, sent 45 note cards and 30 membership anniversary cards. As you can see, we did not do in-person visits once the Coronavirus surfaced. We have kept in touch by writing and calling as much as we can to keep our folks connected, particularly those who live in assisted living and care homes who are on lockdown.

Ways you can help....We invite all of the congregation to help keep one another connected. Through phone calls, notes, email, text, FaceTime...anything you are able to do to check in on each other. And if we are still unable to worship together on campus, be sure to tune in on line and tell your friends and neighbors how to connect as well.

Additional tips:

If you are unable or uncomfortable going to the grocery store, most grocery stores have home delivery and or pick up. Check with your local store for information.

Online shopping for other supplies is still an option to avoid having to go out. If you have access to a computer, you might offer to order for a friend or family member who doesn't have computer access.

Keep busy with positive at home activities. I recently took some time to go through and sort old photos that I haven't looked at for years.

Bible verses are so helpful. Continue to explore the 23rd Psalm and share scripture with others. The Wednesday message is something I look forward to and usually forward it to family members and friends who don't receive it.

Remember that you are not alone! God is with us always!

Please continue to pray for all of our VIPP as well as their families and those who are keeping our folks connected to CPC. We will get back to our regular visitation as soon as we possibly can. You can reach us by phone if you would like to visit on the phone. Stay safe and be well!

If you would like to contact me, please leave a message with the church office, 886-5535 and I will return your call, or send me an email, anderson9575@msn.com.

Reminder: If you have an emergency or crisis situation, please contact Pastor Melde at the church office or on his cell.

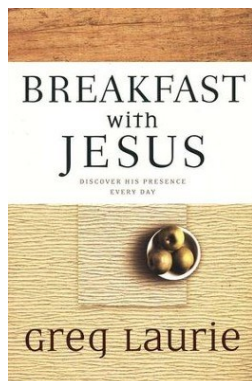
Be kind, be patient, and know God is always with you!
May you have a blessed Easter!

Blessings,
Debby Anderson

Saturday Morning Men's Fellowship

Note: *Saturday Morning Men's Fellowship will not meet until further notice.*

When it is safe to meet again we will finish our previous book or we'll start our new book "Breakfast with Jesus" by Greg Laurie. I'm sure you can get this book from Amazon or other sources if you prefer. There doesn't appear to be any discount for quantity. Let me know if anyone has difficulty getting a copy of this book. We still have several weeks till we start, so there is plenty of time to purchase it.



The Saturday Morning Men's Fellowship regularly scheduled time is every Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Join in the joy of fellowship and sharing experiences and beliefs!

Prayer Shawl Update for April.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will **not** meet on **Tuesday, April 7**. They hope to meet on May 5. You are invited! They have a nice time knitting, crocheting, and visiting. You don't have to attend the monthly meetings to participate. They make shawls that are 18-22 inches wide and about 60 inches long. You may use any pattern or color (blue is the most requested color). Prayer shawls are a blessing to many in our congregation, and other beneficiaries of the missions of the church.





Summer is right around the corner and it's time to sign up for camp! CPC will be hosting the Montlure Traveling Day Camp June 8th-12.

Traveling Day Camp (TDC) is a week long, unique blend of outdoor ministries and congregational ministry. Day Camp is designed for campers who have completed grades K-5th.

Camp will run each day from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. with an optional extended care from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m..

The cost for the week is \$75 for the first child in a family and \$50 for each additional child in the immediate family.

The extended care is an additional \$25 for the week per child. Space is limited, so register early at montlure.org.

Please contact Robin Gilbert, 520-204-6629 if you would like more information.

Montlure also has Overnight Camp for students entering 4th grade through 12 grade. It will be held at Wilderness Ranch in Lakeside, AZ. Registration is also at montlure.org

The dates are:

Senior High: June 7-12
Junior High: June 14-19
Juniors: July 5-9

(Registration is still open; If cancellations are necessary due to COVID-9, all fees, including deposit, will be refunded)



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Did you know??

All women of the CPC congregation are members of Presbyterian Women and are invited to participate in Bible study and learn about local, national and international mission service projects.

Bible Study for 2020

The 2020 Bible Study will be *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments* by Eugenia Gamble. All women are invited to participate!

Will not meet Friday, April 3, 2020.

Next scheduled meeting is May 1, 2020.

Lesson 7: Words of Love: Do Not Steal.

Thank you to all who support the Women's projects!

Hermosillo Mexican Children's Hospital: Clean plastic caps of any size are accepted.

Menaul School, Albuquerque, NM: Educational labels with the with the current expiration date on the bottom are accepted.

Ronald McDonald House: pop tabs, disinfectant wipes and chemo caps are appreciated. March 4, 58.4 pounds of pop tabs were delivered along with 74 chemo caps from Sew & Sew Quilting Bee. The money from the tabs helps pay the utility bills or buy necessary supplies for the house. They raise closely to \$3,000 a year!

Lions Club Glasses: Lenses, frames and any glasses are appreciated.

Cancelled:

Presbyterian Women in de Cristo will **not** have a spring gathering on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at Immanuel Presbyterian Church at 9252 E. 22nd St.

Casa de la Luz Bereavement Support

- Drop-in Bereavement Support Group: First Thursday of each month, Patio Room, 10:00 – 11:30 am; no registration required.

- Individual Counseling: By appointment only; call 520.544.9890



Although it is common to want to find our own way through grief and avoid seeking help, grief support can make a difference. Experiencing the death of a loved one can often overwhelm our ability to cope; some things are simply bigger than we are and require more resources in times of need. Most of us feel strengthened, encouraged, and supported when we learn about grief, understand how grief affects us, identify coping strategies and learn new methods to help ourselves through the grief experience. Casa de la Luz bereavement groups and counseling provide support to the Tucson community, regardless of whether your loved one was cared for by our hospice or not. All groups and counseling are open to the public and are free of charge.

Sessions will be led by Casa de la Luz Bereavement Counselor Christy Noriega, MSW. Christy has a wealth of experience providing resource and therapeutic support for individuals and loved ones during life transitions, including 10 years as a hospice social worker and bereavement counselor.

Following the CDC's recommendation on limiting gatherings, there will be no meeting on April 2. The next meeting is May 7 in the Patio Room at 10:00 a.m., subject to change.

Contact 520.544.9890 for more information.

About Casa de la Luz

Casa de la Luz is the leading provider of end of life care in Southern Arizona. Offering hospice, community palliative care and extensive bereavement services, the breadth of programs at Casa de la Luz extends through every stage at end of life.

CARE PORTAL WILL RESUME DELIVERIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!



The children and families we serve are undergoing major life changes and your mission team at CPC tries to ease the transition. One way we do this is by providing new, and somewhat personalized, bedding for the twin beds, cribs and toddler beds.

When we get a request to help, we contact the family and ask about the child's favorite color and interest. If we don't have anything on hand we shop.

This is how you can be a part of this mission:

A \$10 donation will buy a two pack of pillows from Costco or a twin sheet set from Ross.

\$20 will buy a twin comforter set or three crib sheets.

If you'd like to be a shopper, contact me at cdunafon@gmail.com.

The dollars are modest but the joy is immense!

Thank you CPC for supporting your mission team!

Cheryll

SAVE THE DATE

This is a great way to support the children and families who are food challenged in our neighborhood. You also have an opportunity to bid on some great merchandise, tickets and trips. Tickets will be available for sale on the patio the end of April.



www.haventotes.org

Please join us!

East Meets West

A special Asian-themed dinner benefitting the children served by Haven Totes, Inc.

Saturday, May 9, 2020 • 5pm

FOUNTAIN OF LIFE CHURCH
710 S. Kolb Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85710
Family Life Center

This fun-filled evening will include:

- Large selection of delicious Chinese food • Special Guest Speaker
- Silent Auction featuring trips, gift baskets & much more!

Cost is just \$10 per person!

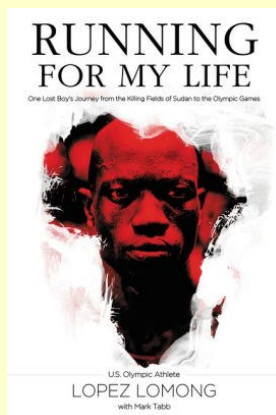
For information and to buy tickets call 520-444-7568

*This is an ADULT ONLY event

Won't you please help us to make a difference in the lives of children suffering from food insecurity (hunger)?

BOOK CLUB

Please note the date below is subject to change.



The Book Club hopes to meet Tuesday,
April 14, 1:00 p.m. in the Patio Room

to discuss the current book selection. Hope you can make it!

Running for My Life: One Lost Boy's Journey from the Killing Fields of Sudan to the Olympic Games

by Lopez Lomong

Running for My Life is not a story about Africa or track and field athletics. It is about outrunning the devil and achieving the impossible faith, diligence, and the desire to give back. It is the American dream come true and a stark reminder that saving one can help to save thousands more.

Lopez Lomong chronicles his inspiring ascent from a barefoot lost boy of the Sudanese Civil War to a Nike sponsored athlete on the US Olympic Team. Though most of us fall somewhere between the catastrophic lows and dizzying highs of Lomong's incredible life, every reader will find in his story the human spark to pursue dreams that might seem unthinkable, even from circumstances that might appear hopeless.

"Lopez Lomong's story is one of true inspiration. His life is a story of courage, hard work, never giving up, and having hope where there is hopelessness all around. Lopez is a true role model."

MICHAEL JOHNSON, Olympic Gold Medalist

"This true story of a Sudanese child refugee who became an Olympic star is powerful proof that God gives hope to the hopeless and shines a light in the darkest places. Don't be surprised if after reading this incredible tale, you find yourself mysteriously drawn to run alongside him." RICHARD STEARNS, president, World Vision US and author of *The Hole in Our Gospel*



Flea Market Wrap Up

What a whirlwind of an adventure this year's Flea Market has been! As we celebrated our 10th annual sale, we had to deal with more rain than ever, COVID-19 restrictions and concerns and unexpected (hefty) expenses. Despite it all...this was the Best Ever in so many ways!

From the beginning on the set-up day on February 7, through the (almost) clean up date of March 19 (delays due to suspended donation pick-ups of our leftovers until late April), thousands (over 3,500) of volunteer hours have been officially logged toward the process of putting this year's sale on. **This number does NOT include those put in from April 2018-Jan 2019 (which is likely the same or higher) ** The resulting gross profit was an outstanding \$55,000! Obviously, expenses which include labor, the purchase of two furniture tents, new aprons, vests, rental fees for a temporary pod for half of the year, and retaining a 2021 budget expense amount, will decrease the net. However, CPC will still be able to provide many organizations and individuals with much needed supplies, services or funds.

Our CPC volunteers are amazing – gracing us not only with their gifts of time, laughter and camaraderie, but also an assortment of interesting and sometimes valuable treasures that contribute to the huge variety of donations to the sale. Thank you, CPC volunteers!

We have also been blessed to have many volunteers from outside of CPC who have helped with the sale and with the process of sorting and storing the donations throughout the year. Students from NHS (National Honor Society), Sahuaro H.S.,

Exodus Community Services (alcohol & drug rehab) and countless family/friends of CPC came alongside us for the 2019-2020 in this exciting endeavor.

It takes an exceptional group of leaders to make an operation such as this function. The flea market's Section and Team Leads are outstanding, to say the least! These leaders have logged countless hours both at church and outside of it, providing contributions seen and unseen, just to ensure that things run as smoothly as possible. Hopefully, those who viewed the new Volunteer Training video, found it as informative as it was entertaining. This is only one example of the extra contributions from our leads. The results were evident to the public, with from the combined efforts from all, as comments were rarely anything short of "glowing". Thank You – Flea Market Leads!!!!

From Chris Dye – Section Lead for Clothing: Thanks to all who donated clothing for this endeavor. Those items that weren't sold were donated through church members to missions CPC supports: Care Portal, The Sister Jose Women's Shelter, Eagles Wings of Grace and Spreading Threads. All the clothing items were used in some way. There was one mother of six boys, who was thankful to find clothing for them and herself. Another was thrilled to find some popular brands for a bargain. One lady was looking for Harley Davidson T-shirts for a friend who makes quilts with them. Pam found one for her! A young woman spent over an hour to find what looked like her wardrobe for the year. She indicated that she is thrilled to come every year. Many shoppers, previous ones and first-time visitors commented on how well organized the flea market items in general as well as clothes were.

From John Arbuckle – Co Team Lead – Feeding Volunteers: "Cheryll and I would like to thank all those people who helped in any way to provide food for the volunteers."

Fellowship and Fun

Men's Breakfast

We hope to meet Wednesday, April 15th at 7:30am. for breakfast at Biscuits (7026 E. Broadway Blvd.). We're studying men in the Bible to learn how to be better men of faith. Men of all ages are invited to join us each Third Wednesday of the month.



Casa Maria Soup Kitchen

CPC has increased our lunch donations to Casa Maria to 200 lunches. Each lunch includes two sandwiches, fruit and cookies. We will make sandwiches on Sunday, April 19th at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen.

Come to

Mexican Train Dominoes!
Stay tuned for next meeting date

1st & 3rd

Tuesday of the month, 1 p.m.
Room A/B

The illustration shows several dominoes arranged in a cross shape. The central domino is horizontal and has six dots on its left face and two dots on its right face. Four other dominoes are attached to the top, bottom, left, and right faces of the central domino, each oriented vertically or horizontally to form a cross.

Saturday Morning Men's Fellowship

Note: Will not meet until further notice

Saturdays, 7:30 am—8:30 am. Enjoy fellowship and sharing experiences and beliefs!

Our April Birthdays!



1 Josie Gorman
1 Kathy Hutchins
2 LuAnn Cobb
3 Monica Russell
4 Ellen Brownson
5 Bill Wolfe
7 Kreg Gamble
8 Jan Wright
10 Kim Hilty
11 Mary Ellen Davis
12 Bob Richmond
13 Frances Sundt
14 CJ DeRees
14 Laura Stillson
14 Sara Ver Burg
15 Laura Cambridge
15 Ashley Doubrava
15 Tom Marshall
15 Get Riebe
15 Bob Waldren
18 Tom Doubrava
19 Barb Thomasson
20 Paul Dye
20 Adrian Van Loozenoord
20 Lea Ward
20 Bob Watkins
21 Carol Gamble

21 Cathy Wade
22 Debi Black
22 Wilma Caldwell
23 Bob DeRees
23 Gwen Hurst
24 Jerri Fortunato
24 Jim Larrabee
25 Jim Conroy
25 George Mosley
25 Dan Nordbrock
27 Mary Cinquemani
27 Max Crowder
27 Kyle Parker
28 Alan Wetzel
29 Jordan Cullop
30 Pam Raines

Save the Date

Sunday, April 19

After the 10:45 a.m. service
Please join us in celebrating

Gwen Hurst's

93rd birthday in Fellowship Hall!

A birthday cake & light
refreshments will be provided.

Please sign her guest book
wishing her a very happy
birthday.

— Jim and Terry Hurst

*Note: This event is subject to change
due to the status of the COVID-9 virus.*



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Please submit your articles and
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