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NEWSLETTER



# A Word From Our Pastor...



I wish I knew, everything. Well, OK, not really. Then everyone would turn to me all the time. Can you imagine what that would be like? The responsibility. That burden. The.. everything.

Its' that way with God.

I'm reminded, quite easily lately, how little I know, how helpless I am. And yet, I know the One who knows everything and can do anything. And though I don't understand why God does..... or doesn't....., I trust that God knows. And that just has to be enough for me.

There come moments in our lives when we just have to turn things over to God. Aren't we blessed that God is truly so loving and caring!

I know. This pandemic is dragging us all down. Don't give up. Don't give in. Just give it to God. And trust that God is in it, somehow, someday. Do your part; let God do God's part.

And you'll find some peace in the journey.

Peace in our Journeys, Pastor Steve Melde

# Sunday Worship

Sunday morning Worship Continues....

8:30 a.m. with Music by our Band

10:45 a.m. with Music by our Accompanist and Director of Music.

As of the writing of this newsletter, we still don't know when we will be able to offer in-person worship. Stay tuned to all of our social media for the latest information. Make sure we have your email and you ask us to put you on our directory to get the latest email information.

We will remain online, even after we return:

[www.cpctucsonaz.org](http://www.cpctucsonaz.org)

Facebook: Christ Presbyterian Tucson

YouTube: CPCTucsonAZ

August 2: We will be celebrating communion together. Please be sure to have your elements of bread/juice to join with us from wherever you are.

Faith-Filled-Fridays

Join Pastor Steve on one of our three sites listed above for a few moments of faith inspiration on Fridays at Noon, Tucson time.

# SundayFunDay



Dear families,

With Covid-19 still going strong, the safety team has pushed the start of this year's classes back. We will be starting September 13th. at 9:30 a.m. Instead of having a kick-off, I will be sending out registration forms for you to complete and bring the first day of classes. If we are still seeing spikes in Covid-19 cases, we will start online using Zoom and resume classes in person when it is safe. Please know that the nursery staff and I have been using this time to deep clean all of the classrooms and make plans for social distancing so that we can keep the children of CPC as safe as possible during this difficult time. I will continue to pray for each and every one of you. Stay safe.

Blessings,

Ms. Robin

## CPC Office in August



As we begin a phased re-opening of our campus, we are asking you to help keep our office staff safe. If it's at all possible, please call ahead of time and let us know that you are coming to the office and what help you will need. This way we can take care of some of it ahead of time. We will be asking you to hand sanitize as you come in and to wear a mask. The office space is small, so we are trying to avoid crowds, and still in the month of August keep the office visits to a minimum.

Thank you for understanding and helping to keep your staff safe.

# Stewardship and Finance Page

Wow, CPC Family. Thank you for continuing to be so supportive of all the mission and ministry of our church by giving so generously to our General Fund. Though our pledge receipts dropped a bit in June, we have noticed that most of us are able to continue our commitments to the General Fund. Though we haven't been able to worship or meet in person, our major financial commitments have continued. Our teams have been intentionally spending less, but we still have all the other ongoing bills, payroll, and mission giving that we need to fund.

We've begun to look ahead to 2021. Yes, we're actually planning that there will be another year ahead and that the year will be filled with faithful activities, ministries, and mission. We have heard from our Mission team that we will be adding another elementary school to our care with Haven Totes and school support. We keep expanding!

Pastor Steve has been giving us short updates in worship during a blessing of the offering time to help us see how faithfully our monies are being used. We can assure you that as we study all of our financial reports, CPC is still using every part of your giving in the proclamation of the Word. We thank you for making that possible.

Your Stewardship and Finance Team.

# Nominating Team begins its work

Our Nominating Team will begin its work in August to recruit elders and deacons to lead us in 2021 and beyond. If you would like to be considered, or have a suggestion of someone you would like considered, leave Doug Thompson, our current elder for Nominating Team, a message in the church office.

**Deacons:** oversee six areas of ministry. Each new deacon comes alongside a deacon who has been serving in leadership in the year prior, to assist in the first year, and lead in the second.

Areas of Deacon Ministry:

***Card Sending:*** preparing and sending greeting cards to folks in special need.

***Sunday Fellowship:*** Coordinating our time following our two worship services.

***Email Prayer Chain:*** Receiving and disseminating our prayer requests.

***Helping Hands:*** recruiting people to greet vans that arrive from senior living for worship, recruiting people to give rides to/from worship, recruiting people to take food to those in special need in congregation because of surgery or other special reasons.

***Compassion Connections:*** Coordinating our team that makes connections with our VIPP's of our congregation.

***Memorial Receptions:*** Coordinating our receptions following Memorial and Funeral services.

## *Nominating Team continued*

**Elders:** oversee all the areas of ministry and mission of the church, setting guidance for the direction and maintenance of the church overall.

Areas of Elder Ministry:

***Children's Education:*** Birth through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

***Youth Education:*** 6<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

***Adult Education:*** College age and beyond

***Worship Planning:*** helping pastor plan themes and implement worship

***Personnel:*** working with our paid staff

***Vision:*** setting a forward looking vision for the whole congregation

***Stewardship/Finance:*** guiding our giving and support of the church

***Nominating:*** recruiting leaders

***Buildings & Grounds:*** overseeing the maintenance of the campus

***Mission:*** helping us reach out in the community

***Outreach & Communication:*** Guiding our online and in-house communications

***Membership Care:*** helping the congregation build relationships

***Teens:*** we always elect one teenage/young adult to serve in leadership



## Congregational Care Corner

### Compassion Connections Ministry

Many thanks to our Compassion Connections Team! We continue to call, write, and pray, with our VIPP. We continue our efforts to stay in touch with our VIPP and extended congregation.

We are also meeting as a Team each month on Zoom. In June our guest speaker was Lauryn from ICS (Interfaith Community Services). At our July meeting Mark Clark, CEO of PCOA (Pima Council on Aging) joined us to share his perspective of how we implement care services during the pandemic and what might be our “new normal” in the future. We are grateful for the continuing education opportunities throughout our community.

Our entire congregation is missing the personal contact that we get at church, in person. We are lonely and uncertain of our future. After all, social isolation is not a normal way of life for us social human beings. It is particularly difficult for those who live in retirement communities/assisted living/nursing homes, who are in lockdown and for the families who are unable to visit loved ones. Please hold them all in your thoughts and prayers. Phone calls or note cards are a great way to let them know you care and are thinking of them. Communication is so important and many do not have internet/computer access to be with us online...please take a moment to call or write a note to someone....

God called two of our beloved VIPP home to heaven last month. We give thanks to God for their lives and for the gifts they were to us here on earth. Bob Waldren and George Mosley will truly be missed and forever in our hearts.



George Mosley



Bob Waldren

*Our lives were enriched by  
their presence...*



If you would like to contact me, please leave a message with the church office, 520-886-5525 and I will return your call, or call my phone, or send me an email at [cpc.congcare@gmail.com](mailto:cpc.congcare@gmail.com). Please note change in email address. Reminder: If you have an emergency or crisis situation, please contact Pastor Melde at the church office or on his cell phone.

Blessings,  
Debby Anderson

## **Prayer Shawl Knitters Update for August.**

Prayer Shawl Knitters have decided to delay their reunion until after the COVID numbers subside. When they resume their regular schedule, 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.



*Give blood.*

Every 2 seconds someone  
in the U.S. needs blood.  
**American Red Cross**



**Christ Presbyterian  
Church**

**Saturday, August 22, 2020**  
**8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

**Fellowship Hall**  
6565 E. Broadway Blvd.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App  
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You can sign up to donate online: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
Use the sponsor code: CPC

**Blood Drive Volunteers Needed**

Saturday, August 22, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

We need at least three volunteers for the check in table:

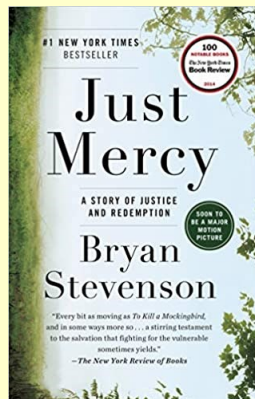
7:45 a.m. – 10 a.m.

9:45 a.m. – Noon

11:45 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Please call the church office, 520-886-5535 if you are interested in volunteering .

# Book CLUB



The CPC Book Club's next selection, ***Just Mercy*** by Bryan Stevenson, will be discussed at the next meeting on August 11, 1:00 p.m. The location of the meeting will be provided closer to the date.

## **Just Mercy** Bryan Stevenson

Bryan Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. One of his first cases was that of Walter McMillian, a young man who was sentenced to die for a notorious murder he insisted he didn't commit. The case drew Bryan into a tangle of conspiracy, political machination, and legal brinksmanship—and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice forever.

*Just Mercy* is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer's coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice.

**#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER from one of the most brilliant and influential lawyers of our time.**

**"[Bryan Stevenson's] dedication to fighting for justice and equality has inspired me and many others and made a lasting impact on our country."—John Legend**

## Craft Group

The Craft Group Aka Crafty Ladies is one of the small groups allowed to begin a CPC Soft Opening. On Wed, July 1, four (masked and sanitized) of the ladies in the group came together and began planning for the Christmas Craft Sale, which we pray will come to pass. At this writing, tomorrow on July 15, we will have met 3 times and hope to be able to continue doing so in these still, very uncertain times. We have been making the handmade cards that are purchased for us by various groups in the church and congregation since the March shutdown. Those cards are available for purchase if you are in search of a great bargain—.50 cents for embossed and \$1.00 for the more elaborately hand-crafted style. The racks with each type are in the hallway area between classrooms AB and EF. In addition to the cards, you can browse a variety of other assorted items which we sell to raise monies for PW mission projects... microwave cozies, hanging dishtowels, aprons, baby, and adult bibs, just to name a few. If you would like to check out all that is offered, we meet between 9 am and 12 noon each Wednesday morning, and would be happy to assist you during that time.

Additionally, we have a nice assortment of cloth masks available in various sizes. The \$5 minimum donation per mask profits are a benefit to the Tucson Community Food Bank. Since the Craft Group has been selling (for a donation amount) these handmade facemasks, we have been able to donate over \$800 from the Presbyterian Women of Christ Presbyterian Church (PW of CPC) to the TCFB. Thank you for supporting this mission and wearing those masks!

Mask orders purchased on every Wednesday between 9 am and 12 noon, or by contacting Pam Cullop, 520-271-6678 or [pjcullop@gmail.com](mailto:pjcullop@gmail.com).

*Disclaimer:* These cloth masks are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. The CDC recommends the use of cloth masks in public when social distancing is difficult to maintain. They say it helps to slow the spread of the virus and helps people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Be safe and be well. We look forward to the day when this New Normal allows us to come together again.



## Flea Market Donations & 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Weekends

Flea Market Donations and 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Weekends began with a Soft Open throughout the month of July. In this instance, Soft Open means that Sorting Tables are far apart. Volunteers bring their own snacks, meals, and coffee, as none are offered (although bottled water is available). Masks are strongly encouraged as is Safe Distancing, even when placing items directly into the outside storage units. Hand sanitizer, disposable gloves and disinfectant spray are available to use and to clean tables and chairs between volunteers. This process will continue until further notice.

*Special Note:* We sincerely appreciate your donations; without them we would not have a successful sale. However, please keep in mind that we cannot sell broken, incomplete, dirty, and damaged items. As a normal part of our process we launder (as needed), wash or wipe sticky or dusty items, clean and check every electrical and mechanical item that comes in to make sure it works. We kindly ask that you toss, instead of donating items that fall into the category of *unsaleable*, as that is ultimately what we end up doing on our end. The CPC Flea Market sale has the reputation of offering only good, clean stuff and it is one we wish to maintain. Thank you for understanding - Oh yes...don't forget to include the remotes, plugs and cords with electrical and mechanical gadgets...especially if they don't work without 'em.

Donations are collected during normal pricing hours, and at other times if coordinated in advance. Large pieces (furniture, large appliances, etc.) are placed directly into one of the outside storage units, all else is brought into the MPR/gym, for processing. Please make every effort to arrange your drop off during regular hours and please do not leave donations outside of the church or storage pods when no one is around. August Second Hand Weekend dates: Saturday, Aug 8 and Sunday, Aug 9. Hours on Saturday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on Sunday 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m..

To coordinate a Donation drop-off, or request a Donation pick-up (large items only, please) call: Vera Bare 520-981-1710 or Doug Thompson 520-975-0795. For general questions: Pam Cullop 520-271-6678

Thanks for your support!  
The Flea Market Team

Vera Bare, Pam Raines, Doug Thompson, Pam Cullop

# Fellowship and Fun

## Men's Breakfast

Men of all ages are usually, in normal circumstances, invited to join us each Third Wednesday at Biscuits Country Café (7026 E. Broadway Blvd.) We will be studying the Bible to learn how to be better men of faith.

**We will resume gathering on August 19th, 7:30 a.m. at CPC. Pastor Steve will provide breakfast.**

## 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!

## Casa Maria Sandwich Making

Tuesday, August 25, 8:30 a.m.

Casa Maria Soup Kitchen is an organization that has been providing hundreds of meals daily to Tucson's hungry women, men, and children since 1981.

CPC Casa Maria Sandwich Making Ministry meets every fourth Tuesday of the month to put together one hundred lunches.

Each lunch includes two sandwiches, fruit and cookies.

If you would like to provide sandwiches (peanut butter and jelly, cheese, or bologna) please bring them to Fellowship Hall before (they can be kept in the freezer) or by 8:30 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month. If you would like to help put the lunches together, contact Cindy at [ridingsc@comcast.net](mailto:ridingsc@comcast.net).

# Our August Birthdays!

1 Lou Potter  
1 Rebecca Martin  
2 Ken Ryan  
3 Joan Van Loozenoord  
4 Jemma Cullop  
4 Steve Hutchins  
5 Jo An Clink  
6 Larry Raines  
6 Eve Thorburn  
8 Ann Byrum  
8 Tom Oliver  
8 Mike Letson  
8 Rebecca Standifer  
11 Eric Gardiner  
12 Peggy Wynkoop  
15 Craig Courville  
15 David McClanahan  
18 Kallie Parkey  
19 Cathy Bioxham  
20 Lynne Nagele  
21 Jim Holcomb  
22 Lhasa Compton  
23 Lois Koch  
23 Debi Ryan  
24 Marian Rogerson  
27 Barbara Bastin  
28 Ani Ver Burg  
29 Jen Stretch  
30 Roni Reeves-Voeltner  
31 Jackson Hamlet  
31 Bart Kimball

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!



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



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## **Deadlines**

### ***Church Office Hours***

Monday—Friday

9 a.m.—3 p.m.

(Closed for lunch 12 —1 p.m.)

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