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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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KIVA NEWSLETTER



A Word From Our Pastor...



Another year in the books. Another year to live.

Goodbye 2021, I don't think I'll miss you. Hello 2022, what are you going to bring?

I suppose most of us say the same thing each year. Every year is filled with challenges, challenges we'd rather just put behind us and hope that the next year will be better. Every year is filled with some wonderful events too, events we'd like to linger in and enjoy more of in the coming year. Maybe next year will be even more extraordinary.

It's always that way. Every year is filled with difficult challenges and wonderful experiences.

That's how people's lives were when Jesus was born into it.

And so, my resolution this year is to remember that into this life God came and not only walked in it, but walked us through it.

And God is still present with us. God's Spirit is always near. And so, as we face the ending of one year and the beginning of a new one, we do so knowing that there will be challenges and wondrous experiences ahead, just as there always have been. And it will be another year with God!

For that, I give thanks.

Peace in our journeys,
Pastor Steve Melde

Sunday Worship

Join us for Worship:

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

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

Join us in-person or on-line:

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)

We worship God together each Sunday in-person or on-line.

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Children are always welcome in worship. We do have a professionally staffed nursery for our youngest kids if you prefer.

January 2nd: Communion and Debby Anderson preaching
John Arbuckle, liturgist

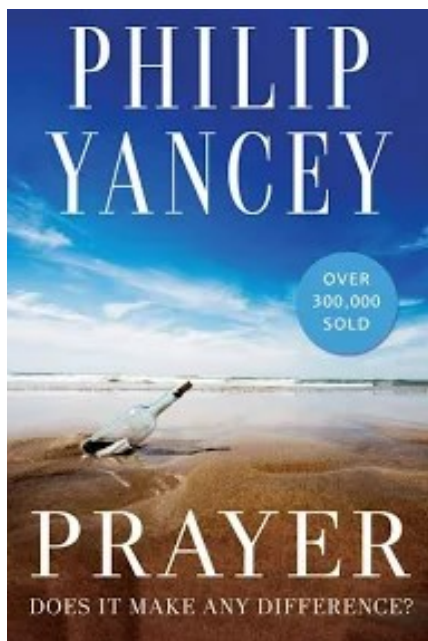
January 9th: A Whole New Year
Laurel Riley, liturgist
Scripture Focus: Isaiah 43:18-19

January 16th: MLK weekend
Sally Brandon, liturgist
Scripture Focus: 1 Peter 2:13-25

January 23rd: Holidays
Lana Rich, liturgist

January 30th: Ask the Pastor Sunday
You get to ask the Pastor (and his panel of guests) any question of faith you have!

Getting Ready For the Season of Lent



Pastor Steve will be leading us in “PRAYER” throughout the season of Lent that begins with Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. He’ll be basing the worship study on Philip Yancey’s book, “Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?” We encourage you to purchase a Participant Study guide so that you can go deeper with this important topic, and so that you can participate in a smaller group study during Lent that Pastor Steve will host in-person/on-line. It and the book itself are both available on Amazon. If you would like CPC to order you a book, please contact Pastor Steve. PastorSteveMelde@gmail.com or through the church office, 520-886-5535.

We encourage you to get these books ahead of time so that you can be ready to begin the study of Prayer in March.

Adult Christian Education

Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

In E/F we will continue with Jonathan Arnpriester's series *Noticing Details* as we continue the stories that follow the birth in Bethlehem.

In A/B we will continue with walk-through Bible study

All are welcome!

First Friday Bible Study

We gather in-person and on-line (Zoom) on the first Friday of the month, at 11 a.m. Tucson time. We are reviewing some of Jesus' ancestors. In January we will look at the stories of Rahab and Ruth. Contact Pastor Steve for the Zoom link to participate on-line: PastorSteveMelde@gmail.com

Sunday Funday

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. We begin in Room 6/7 at the west end of the grass quad.

Welcome back to Sunday Funday School! We start the new year off on January 9th from 9:30-10:30 am with a focus on Psalm 100. Through our rotation style, we stay on one focus for five weeks. We will look at it through story telling, science, writing poetry, music, and photography. Come join us and build your relationship with God.



2-4 Youth Fellowship

Our Youth, Grades 6-12, will gather on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m. for our 2-4 Youth Fellowship.

January 9th: Parent/Youth Gathering

January 23rd: Getting to Know You

Special thanks to Judy Peters who has helped to guide our youth for the last 4 years. She's been such a faithful participant as an adult leader helping our youth learn to fellowship as Christians. Dr. Judy is taking more time to celebrate with her growing family and is stepping away as a youth leader. Be sure to thank her for all the help she has given our youth.

Men of Faith Breakfast

Wednesday, January 19

All the men are welcome to join us at Biscuits every 3rd
Wednesday of the month

7026 E. Broadway
7:30 a.m.—8:30 a.m.

Each of us pays our own way, and Pastor Steve leads us in a
challenging discussion of faith. No preparation or skill level needed.
Just come and join other men in a journey of faith.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the first Tuesday of the month,
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in rooms E/F. Our next meeting will be
January 4. We look forward to seeing all of our members and
would love to see some new faces appear, so if you knit or crochet,
please consider coming to our meeting and see what we do. We
will be following church recommendations of wearing masks and
practicing social distancing.

PCUSA Support a.k.a. per capita



Our congregation is a part of the denomination, Presbyterian Church: USA (PCUSA). Being a part of a denomination gives us the support we need to be involved in mission and the sharing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world in ways we could not on our own.

The denomination “connects” us to other congregations and resources beyond our own. But it needs structure to run it and support all the mission and ministry outreach.

Each congregation shares in what has been called, per capita, (which we call PCUSA support) in our pledging and giving. We find it a humble honor to be a part of something even bigger than CPC in Tucson. And helping to cover the expenses it takes to run an entire denomination is part of our missional outreach.

Each congregation is assessed an amount based on the number of members. That is why it’s been traditionally called, per capita.... Per person. Over the years people have sometimes seen it as a “head tax.” But at CPC we have seen it as a part of mission and have encouraged the celebration of being Presbyterian by inviting members to give that amount above and beyond their annual pledge. Some have been able to do so; some consider it part of their pledge.

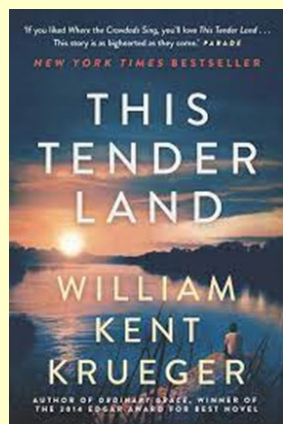
For 2022, the per member PCUSA cost will be \$45. On Sunday, January 30th, we will have a special dedication of our PCUSA support. Pastor Steve will have a friend from seminary who is the Presbytery Executive for Inland Northwest Presbytery in Washington State.

We invite you to make a special donation to CPC in the amount of \$45 that day as we honor our part in the PCUSA. Donations can be given as usual through checks, cash, bill-pay, or our secure online resources (There’s a dropdown item for PCUSA support).

Let’s celebrate being Presbyterian.

Book Club

Our next meeting will be on Jan 11 at 1:00 PM on Zoom only. We will discuss ***This Tender Land*** by William Kent Krueger.



The unforgettable story of four orphans who travel the Mississippi River on a life-changing odyssey during the Great Depression.

In the summer of 1932, on the banks of Minnesota's Gilead River, Odie O'Banion is an orphan confined to the Lincoln Indian Training School, a pitiless place where his lively nature earns him the superintendent's wrath. Forced to flee after committing a terrible crime, he and his brother, Albert, their best friend, Mose, and a brokenhearted little girl named Emmy steal away in a canoe, heading for the mighty Mississippi and a place to call their own.

Over the course of one summer, these four orphans journey into the unknown and cross paths with others who are adrift, from struggling farmers and traveling faith healers to displaced families and lost souls of all kinds. With the feel of a modern classic, *This Tender Land* is an enthralling, big-hearted epic that shows how the magnificent American landscape connects us all, haunts our dreams, and makes us whole.

"If you liked *Where the Crawdads Sing*, you'll love *This Tender Land*... This story is as big-hearted as they come." — *Parade*



Compassion Connections Ministry

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.” Isaiah 43:18-19

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May 2022 bring good health, happiness, and good things to you. Look around and see all those good things we have. They may be small things, or beautiful things, big things...they are all blessings from God. Enjoy them and give thanks to God for them. It's a new year! May we rejoice in it!

It has been a joy and honor to be on staff at CPC. My heart is full of gratitude and thanksgiving for the opportunities you have given me. The privilege of serving God and God's people in all the ways you have made possible for me is awesome! There could not be any greater honor or blessing for me. My time at CPC has grown my faith and broadened my vision enormously and I thank you. The challenges of the Pandemic have been frustrating but have also made us think outside the box in finding other ways to serve and keep our congregation connected not only through online worship, but it stretched our imaginations into brainstorming ways to help ease the pain of isolation and loneliness through printed materials, a special memorial service, expansion of our Compassion Connections Ministry Team, and deepening of our own faith that we may share it with others.

I look forward to a bright new year working with the Compassion Connections Team to bring new experiences, training, faith building, and keeping our connections growing within the congregation. May God continue to bless us all in this coming year.

Please keep us posted on how you are doing and any prayer requests you may have. Call the church office and leave a message, 886-5535, and I will return your call. Call my cell phone (please leave a message, if I don't answer), or send me an email, cpc.congcare@gmail.com.

If you have an emergency or crisis situation, please contact Pastor Melde at the church office 520-886-5535, or on his cell.

Peace be with you,
Debby Anderson

Cookies!

Would you like to bake cookies to be served between Sunday Worship Services? You would? Yay! Drop them off in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen. Label them "For Sunday" so the "mice" don't nibble them.





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Did you know?? All women of the CPC congregation are members of Presbyterian Women and are invited to participate in Bible Study (see page 5) and learn about local, national, and international mission service.

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

Ronald McDonald House: Please hold all pop tabs, disinfectant wipes, and chemo caps until after COVID-19 subsides.

Lions Club Glasses: Lenses, frames and any glasses ARE being accepted.



Casa Maria Lunches

Tuesday, January 25, 8:00 a.m.

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

CPC Casa Maria Sandwich Making Ministry meets every fourth Tuesday of the month to put together two hundred lunches. Each lunch includes two sandwiches, fruit and cookies.

If you would like to provide sandwiches (meat and cheese), please bring them to Fellowship Hall before (they can be kept in the refrigerator) the fourth Tuesday of the month or by 8:00 the morning of. If you would like to help put the lunches together, contact Cindy at ridingsc@comcast.net.

Flea Market News



In March of 2022, the Flea Market 3-day sale will be on 17-18-19 (Thursday-Saturday). Which means....we need to begin recruiting for volunteers to assist with all sorts of Set Up and Staging beginning in mid-February.

You will receive (or may have already) an email sent from Pastor Melde for an opportunity to use SignUpGenius to fill some of the Big Days, in terms of volunteer spots that will be needed over the course of the next two months. Some of our Team Leads will also recruit from the patio on Sundays or perhaps reach out to you personally. Please consider saying yes, whenever your schedule allows, as this undertaking will be bigger than ever after collecting so many items since our last sale in 2019.

The official set up begins on Friday, February 18, in the MPR/Gym. That weekend and the one following will require lots of volunteers to empty pods, unbox and stage setup areas. Future dates will be highlighted in the February Kiva.

We will not have any days off until the sale ends and is cleaned up on March 23. More about the daily activity will be announced in February. For those who have volunteered for daily staging in past years, just come in as you normally do and sign in to help.

A REALLY big ask:

We need a person or a pair of volunteers to take charge the clothing section. If you are interested in learning more about what that entails, please contact one of our Team Leads.

A Gentle Reminder of Donations we can no longer accept:

- Mattresses of any size, condition, or quality.
- Mechanical beds and chairs (medical or lift type).
- Large appliances (stoves, refrigerators, dishwashers, built-in microwaves or ovens, washers, dryers, etc.)
- Plumbing/remodel fixtures (sinks, toilets, kitchen counters, flooring, tiles, similar items)
- Big box TV's

In general, anything that is broken, damaged, dirty beyond a gentle cleaning (includes clothing, furniture, any household items, electrical, machines, tools, etc.). Please toss rather than donate.

Thank you for understanding. The Flea Market Team

Presbyterian Women of CPC Crafts Group Happenings

January 2022

Happy New Year!

2022...Wow!!! Hard to believe, but here we are at the beginning of another year.

As you know, December was our annual Craft and Cookie sale. In a year when the Women's Christmas Brunch was mostly online, we were still pleased that many of you still made the trip to the church to attend this event. As of this article deadline, our total in sales is close to \$4500. When we meet again in January and know our 'final sales total' for the year end, we will begin sending donations to the various organizations and charities that our Presbyterian Women's group supports. We thank you for your ongoing support.

If you'd like to come join us, we meet each Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 12 noon in Rooms A/B. We are looking at a variety of 'group craft projects' in the upcoming months. Of course, our mainstay is our Greeting Cards, both hand-stamped/colored and hand-crafted from recycled or cutout designs. Some of our ladies sew, some craft, some color, some just like to join in the fun. There are projects for all. We enjoy a time of fun fellowship and snacking. Come and go as you are available...no timecards punching, or attendance taking, we promise!

Masks are no longer required for the fully vaccinated, but optional, as you desire.

Contact Pam Cullop – pjcullop@gmail.com or call/text:

520-271-6678 to help with projects or to get into the hallway to look at what we have for sale

Our January Birthdays!

1 Sally Yauch	21 Lee Hall
4 Heather Nordbrock	22 Wayne Cullop
7 Paul Martin	22 John O'Rourke
8 Barbara Dawson	22 Kay Victor
8 Maureen Harding	24 Mark Teece
9 Lana Rich	24 Eb Wilkinson
10 Patty Murphy	25 Dean Friskey
14 Theo Melde	26 Sue Morse
16 Oliver Melde	26 Laura Thompson
16 Cindy Ridings	28 Helen Samoy
16 Arlene Thompson	29 Chris Dye
17 Norma Gwinn	29 Caydence LaPlante
18 Tom Elitharp	30 Betsy Conroy
19 Robi Holmaas	30 Leah McAdams
20 Ken Carpenter	31 Judith Peters
	31 Bob McCleery



*Happy
Birthday*



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



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(Closed for lunch 12 —1 p.m.)

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