



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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December 2021

KIVA NEWSLETTER



A Word From Our Pastor...



“Peace on Earth”

Wouldn't it be nice if the angel message came true!

It doesn't always feel like it, does it?

But for a moment there was peace... in the hearts of the shepherds. After hearing the angel message proclaiming Peace on Earth, the shepherds went to find from where that peace would come. It would come from Jesus. And in the moments they spent with him, even as a newborn baby, they found peace in their hearts. They left rejoicing.

And then they returned to their work, to their families, to their lives. I bet they returned to everything as it had always been. But there was a new peace in their hearts. And I can't help but believe that the new peace within them helped them get through their regular lives in a whole new way.

Maybe the situations don't change, but how we face them does. Every time we remember that this Child of Bethlehem is the Savior of the World we have the opportunity to face our lives differently.... with peace in our hearts.... Peace, knowing that somehow, someday, someday God is making a plan of peace for all in the world, for all time.

And that peace begins in Jesus, born into the everyday world, part of the plan, showing us the way.

Follow Him!

Peace in our journeys,

Pastor Steve Melde

Sunday Worship

Join us for Worship during this Advent Christmas Season.

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

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

Children are always welcome in worship. We do have a professionally staffed nursery for our littler ones, if parents choose.

Masks are not required, but in this season... encouraged.

Dec 5: The celebration of Communion

Dec 12: Strangers at the Manger

Dec 19: Journey to Bethlehem (No 8:30 a.m. worship service)

9-10:30 a.m. Food, fun, fellowship (petting zoo)

10:30 a.m. Get Seated in the Sanctuary

10:45 a.m. Worship Experience in the Sanctuary

Starring the Star

Dec 24: Christmas Eve

5 p.m. Candlelight Service in the Fellowship Hall with the Band

9 p.m. Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary with the Choirs

Dec 26: Larry Biehl Leading Worship

Join us in-person or on-line:

www.cpctucsonaz.org (scroll to the bottom of the homepage)

www.Facebook.com/ChristPresbyterianTucson

www.YouTube.com/cpctucsonaz

Journey to Bethlehem

Sunday, December 19th

9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Fun, Food, Fellowship

Bring your friends and family as we celebrate Jesus' birth. There will be lots of activities, including a petting zoo, a light breakfast, and great music.

10:30 a.m.—10:45 a.m. Get a seat in the Sanctuary

10:45 a.m.—11:45 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

This is a day when we especially invite the Tucson Community to join us in the telling of the story of Jesus' birth. It's a fun celebration and a great time to welcome new folks to our campus and into our church family.

This year we will feature the STAR and how the light of God shines to and through us.

Come and join us for a great celebration.

(There will be only one service at 10:45 a.m.)

The Christian Living Class Sundays

9:30 a.m., Room E/F. and on Zoom



In describing his series Jonathan feels that our time during the pandemic provides a new perspective to hear the depth of the Christmas story. He feels we need to pay attention to the longings of our souls. We need to hear some things we know well from a new vantage point. We need to remember again and acquaint ourselves anew to how God is with us. Rather than settling for the traditional take on the holidays he invites us to dare to notice details we have previously been unable to see.

Having our lives radically changed and even threatened allows us to be engaged by scripture on a deeper level, particularly the stories around the birth of the Messiah. Our focus in this series is paying attention to all of the details told to us in scripture in hope of seeing the whole picture and coming into a new understanding of what Christmas means.

First Friday Bible Study

On the first Friday of the month (December 3) Pastor Steve leads a Bible study in/from Room E/F at 11 a.m. Tucson Time. This season we are studying the women in Jesus' genealogy. Take some time to read Chapter 1 of Matthew's Gospel. This month we will focus on Rahab from Joshua. You can join us in person or via Zoom. Contact Pastor Steve for the Zoom link if you'd like to join on-line PastorSteveMelde@gmail.com

Christ Presbyterian Church

presents the 2021 Virtual

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Your Hosts: Laura Manning & Julie McCrea

Special Guest Speaker: Lesley Abrams

Featuring some JOYFUL noise

and a special appearance by "The Bobs!"

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

10 – 11 AM MST

Join online or host a
home viewing party!

(Limited seating in Fellowship Hall
for those unable to join online.)

Event details and links
to live streaming at
www.cpctucsonaz.org

CPC Craft & Cookie Sale
on the patio

12/4: 8:45 – 9:45 am
& 11:15 am – 12:15 pm

12/5: 9:30 am – Noon

Call 520.237.6304 if wish
to pre-order cookies.



Men of Faith Breakfast

Wednesday, December 15th

All the men are welcome to join us at Biscuits

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.



Introducing the Grinch and a few new Snow Friends

The Crafty Ladies are pleased to announce the annual
Presbyterian Women's Mission Fundraising Craft Sale
Saturday, December 4, 8:45-9:45 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Sunday, December 5, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Discover a vast array of handcrafted and sewn items including
holiday themed items. Pick up annual favorites: Home baked
cookies and wrapped Hershey bars. Place your candy bar order for
quantities over 50 early by calling Pam: 520-271-6678

To pre-order cookies call Lianne, 520-237-6304

Shopping on Saturday is before and after the virtual Women's Christmas
Brunch. Sunday shopping begins after 1st service and will remain open
until after 2nd service is over.

Journey to Bethlehem

December 19

9-10:30 a.m.

Live animals

Snacks & treats for all

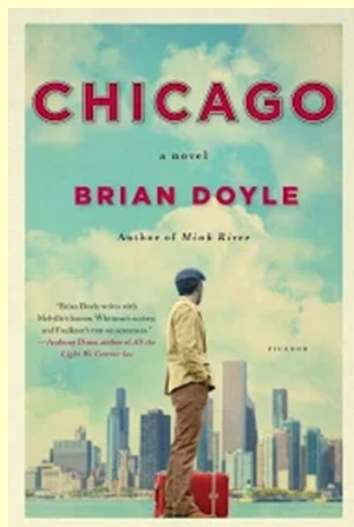
Crafts & activities for the kids

Worship Experience in the Sanctuary



Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Tuesday, December 14, 1 p.m. for a hybrid in-person (Patio Room) and Zoom Meeting to discuss
Chicago: A Novel by Brian Doyle



If you would like to join in-person or on Zoom, please contact Ann, annlarrabee4@gmail.com

On the last day of summer, some years ago, a young college graduate moves to Chicago and rents a small apartment on the north side of the city, by the vast and muscular lake. This is the story of the five seasons he lives there, during which he meets gangsters, gamblers, policemen, a brave and garrulous bus driver, a cricket player, a librettist, his first girlfriend, a shy apartment manager, and many other riveting souls, not to mention a wise and personable dog of indeterminate breed.

A love letter to Chicago, the Great American City, and a wry account of a young man's coming-of-age during the one summer in White Sox history when they had the best outfield in baseball, Brian Doyle's

Chicago is a novel that will plunge you into a city you will never forget, and may well wish to visit for the rest of your days



“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace.**” Isaiah 9:6

It's Advent Season! Praise God!

“Prince of Peace”, “Peace be with you”, “May Grace and Peace be yours.” All throughout scripture we hear messages of peace. Christ the Prince of Peace was born for us! How wonderful is that! What did it mean when Jesus said to his disciples “peace be with you”? John 20:20-22 reads: After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” How blessed we are and how so very grateful we are to God for the gift of His son, Jesus, the gift of peace. No greater gift could there ever be than to receive the Holy Spirit.

The Compassion Connections Ministry Team is doing a great job helping to maintain connections with our VIPP and others in our congregation. Many thanks to each of them for all they do. In these covid times, our roles have changed a bit and many of the team have taken on extra duties. We led worship, hosted a community memorial service, put together a monthly Home Touch Ministry mailing, we helped with the Prayer Shawl Ministry, and many extended their lists of card and letter writing. We do so not out of obligation, but out of love for Christ and one another. Special thanks to our deacons, Kathy Hutchins, Janet Rowe and Sally Brandon. You make my job a joy!

Because of health and safety reasons, we will not be delivering cookie plates to our VIPP this year, but we will be delivering a beautiful gift.

May each of you have a peace-filled Advent season as we await the birth of the Prince of Peace. And may the new year of 2022 bring good health, strength, love, and the awareness of God's presence who makes it all possible. May the beauty of Christmas remain in your hearts all year!

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

Sunday Funday School



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

During December our kids will be hunkering in on the Christmas Story and getting ready to help lead worship on Sunday, December 19th, as we host “Journey to Bethlehem.”

We will not have Sunday Funday School on:

Dec 19 and 26

January 2nd

We will return to our Sunday schedule on January 9, 2022.

2-4 Youth Fellowship

For our Youth in 6th-12th Grades

Sunday, December 12 : 6-7:30 p.m.

Christmas Celebration and “Gingerbread House” contest.

Youth bring all the fun trimmings. CPC will provide the graham crackers, building boards, and “mortar cement.”

Let’s have some fun!!



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.

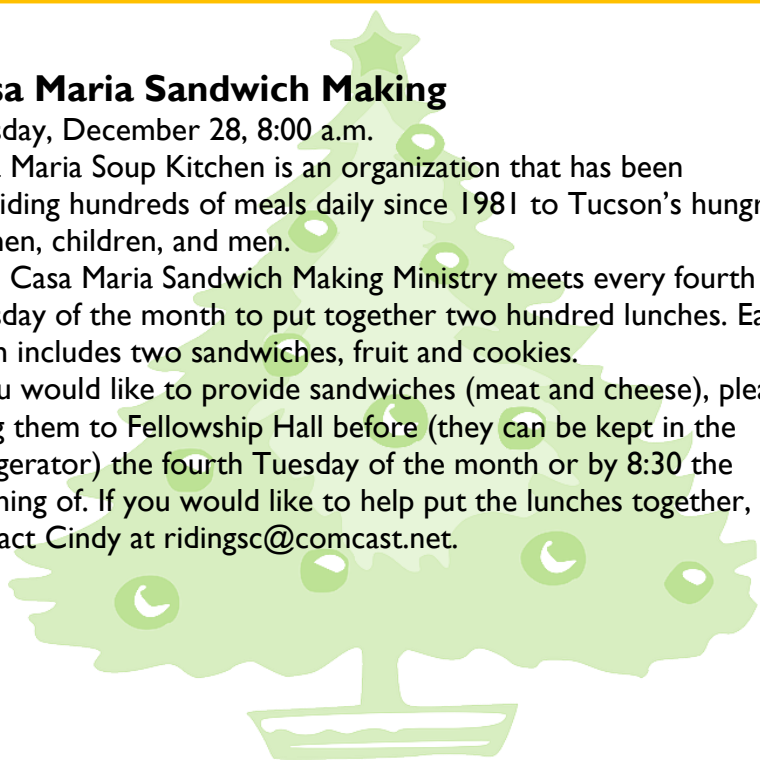
Casa Maria Sandwich Making

Tuesday, December 28, 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 8:30 the morning of. If you would like to help put the lunches together, contact Cindy at ridingsc@comcast.net.



Flea Market News

Flea Market Sale

March 17th, 18th, 19th



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

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 December 7. 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.

Presbyterian Women of CPC Crafts Group Happenings

December dates and hours and events:

Wednesday, December 1, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. (bring a lunch)

Extended Craft Day

Saturday, December 4, 8:45-9:45 a.m. & 11:15-12:15 p.m. Craft Sale

Sunday, December 5, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Craft Sale

Wednesday, December 8, 9:00 a.m. – 12p.m. Regular Craft Day

Wednesday, December 15, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. *Annual Luncheon

*The Crafty Ladies celebrate the end of each year with a luncheon and wrap-up until January. So, no regular 'crafting' will be done on this Wednesday.

The Craft Group will take a break after Dec 15 and will resume a regular Craft Schedule beginning on January 5, 2022. We invite you to join us in making cards and doing a variety of other craft projects for the upcoming year. All craft items benefit several charities of the Presbyterian Women's group.

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 December Birthdays!



4 Conner Cech
4 Susan Hein
4 Janet Rowe
5 Neil Nordbrock
7 Katelyn Murphy
7 Blanche Lenhart
8 Edwin Hopkins
9 Keith Marshall
11 Sagan Friskey
14 Nicole Melde
16 Andrew Compton
17 Peggy Wetzel
19 Bob Mielbeck

20 Joyce Mooney
21 Bill Street
21 Chris Crowder
22 Laura Manning
23 Christine McCleery
23 Vicki Flewelling
24 Dave Koch
26 Kenna Hopkins
27 Donnie Luther
27 Bob Mentzer
29 Carol St. Amant
30 Emily Beck
30 Steve Melde
30 Susan Simpson



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



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Monday—Friday

9 a.m.—3 p.m.

(Closed for lunch 12 —1 p.m.)

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Deadlines

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articles due by 12 p.m. on
Friday, December 12, 2021

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

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



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