



CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TUCSON, ARIZONA

December 2017

Kiva Newsletter

Journey to Bethlehem

Sunday . 12/24/17 . 9:30-11:45am

FREE INDOOR/OUTDOOR PRODUCTION...ALL WELCOME

more info: www.cpctucson.org/journey

Christ Presbyterian Church . 6565 East Broadway Blvd



Pastor Melde's Page

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas... and that's a good thing. I look around our Tucson community and see the preparations. Decorations are going up. Stores began putting out "Christmas stuff" back in September/October. The media is filled with special sales. Christmas movies are in the theaters and on the Hallmark channel. We've been planning our Christmas Eve morning pageant. Characters are recruited, food is being prepared, costumes are being sewn, the news media is being informed, ads are being created, even a parking team is being recruited to help with the getting cars where they need to be. Our musicians are rehearsing for the Christmas Eve Candlelight service that night. Though I don't think all of our preparations are really about getting ready for Jesus' birth, I am grateful that we are in a preparation mode. Getting ready... is important for us Christians. Much of this life is just that.... A time of getting ready... to praise God with Christ, forever in Heaven. Soooooo..... use this month, and this KIVA and all the activities described in it, to get yourself ready..... It's almost time.

Peace in our
journeys,
Pastor Steve
Melde



Sunday Worship

Advent is an amazing season of preparation.

The liturgical color of **purple** reminds us that we await and prepare for the arrival of the Royal, the King of Kings, the Savior of the World. We hope you will wear purple to worship on Sundays.

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Style worship in the Fellowship Hall The band leads us musically. Worshipers gather around tables adorned with purple cloths. Children are welcome in worship

10:45 a.m. Traditional Style worship in the Sanctuary The choirs and organist lead us musically. Worshipers are focused on the Communion Table in the center of the room which is adorned with purple cloths.

December 3 Communion Celebration and a look at the Star of Bethlehem

December 10 Last Minute Preparations

December 17 Our 10:45 a.m. Service will be led by our Choir and special musicians as they sing Vivaldi's Gloria

December 24 Christmas Eve Celebrations 10:45 a.m. Pageant in the Multi-Purpose Room 9:00 p.m. **Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary**



Middle and High School Youth Ministry News

Sunday Funday School for Middle and High School youth meets on Sundays, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. in the North Education Wing. They are currently studying the life of Jesus.

December 3: What Makes Jesus So Great?

December 10: Who do you say I am?

December 17: Party and Christmas Eve Pageant preparations

December 24: Journey to Bethlehem Pageant Celebration

December 31: No Class

2-4 Youth Fellowship for Middle and High School youth meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, usually. 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

December 10: Christmas Party and delivering some cheer to our VIPP's

December 24: No Fellowship gathering

Fellowship and Fun



Men's Breakfast,

Wednesday, Dec 20th
at 7:30am.

Join us for breakfast and Bible Roulette. We'll open the Scripture, and wherever our eyes go is what we'll read and discuss. Men of ALL AGES are invited to join us each Third Wednesday of the month at Biscuits (7026 E. Broadway). We meet in the private dining area and each has a separate check. Bring a friend or two.



Mary's Yoga Class

Yoga returns Jan 10th!!

Women's Breakfast

Not meeting in December, due to busy Christmas preparations. See you at the next Women's Breakfast on January 18th. We look forward to seeing you, and perhaps a friend?

Mexican Train Dominoes

We Play Dominoes Every
Thursday @ 1pm
in Classroom A/B
NO experience is necessary!

Saturday Morning Men's Fellowship

CPC Library 7:30 am—8:30 am.
We're discussing the book Same
Kind of Different As Me by
Ron Hall & Denver
Moore. Taking
December 2nd off.



December Flea Market News



Yes, we will meet for our monthly sorting/pricing/boxing/storing in the month of December. We understand it is a very busy time of the year, but we have a lot of donations to process before January rolls around. Hopefully you will find time, during your Christmas shopping and celebrating, to lend a hand (even for a few hours) on Saturday or Sunday, Dec 9 or 10.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who were on hand in November. That Saturday may have set a record for the largest number of volunteers to turn out for any Second-Hand Weekend! We appreciate your help more than words can say, as donations also rolling in at a faster volume than ever this year. It takes a lot of people-power to tackle this project. Together we can do it!

These and MANY
customers return every
year. We will be ready
for them all!

The 2018 Flea Market
will be held on March
15, 16 and 17.





Women's Christmas Brunch

A morning of fellowship and anticipation

The 6th Annual CPC Women's Christmas Brunch is scheduled for Saturday, December 2, 9:30-11:30 a.m., in CPC Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$10 and there are a few left for purchase. There will be a table on the patio on Sunday!

The CPC Craft Sale will be open both before and after the brunch and, as always, we appreciate our fabulous gentlemen who help serve. Breakfast and socializing will happen in the 9:30-10:30 hour and a program of music and meditation will occur from 10:30-11:30. This year's speaker is Pastor Elizabeth Smith. It promises to be a beautiful and blessed morning as we gather to prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas.



Busy Craft Ladies



Saturday, Dec 2: Women's Christmas Brunch

Sunday Dec 3: Craft Sale

Sunday, Dec 24: Christmas Eve Live Pageant.

These dates share a commonality. The Craft Group will offer uniquely crafted or sewn, a variety of Christmas/Hostess/ Everyday gifts, for purchase at each event. So much to choose from! Hershey Bar collections, Microwave Bowls or Potato Bags, Christmas stockings, table linens, ornaments, cards, dishtowels, Doll clothes, Baby Bibs, and oh...so much more. Stop by, bring a friend, or two. We'll be looking for you. Profits are used by the Presbyterian Women of CPC, in funding the various ministries of that group.

Craft Meeting Dates in December

Weekly meeting day/time/location, for the CPC Crafts Group is Wednesday, from 9 am until 12 noon, in rooms A/B.

In the month of December, the group will meet the first 3 weeks (Dec 6, 13, 20). However, to give us time with family and friends over the holidays, we will not meet on Dec 27 or Jan 3.

Regular craft schedules resume on Jan 10, 2018. Everyone is invited, no expertise required! Join as fits into your schedule.

Drop by, we think you will have enough fun that you will want to return.





Casa Maria Soup Kitchen

CPC has increased our lunch donations to Casa Maria to 200 lunches. Each lunch includes two sandwiches, fruit and cookies.

**Find the Sandwich making
on Christmas Eve!**



Haven Totes Helpers



- Nov 27—Dec 1 Cheryll Dunafon,
and Jeanne Ringgenberg
- Dec 4-8—John & Elizabeth
Arbuckle
- Dec 11-14—Marian Rogerson, Ann
Larrabee, and Mary Ellen Davis

Thank you for continuing to donate
non-perishable and
healthy, kid-friendly foods.

Please call Janis Parks to
be a part of this great team.

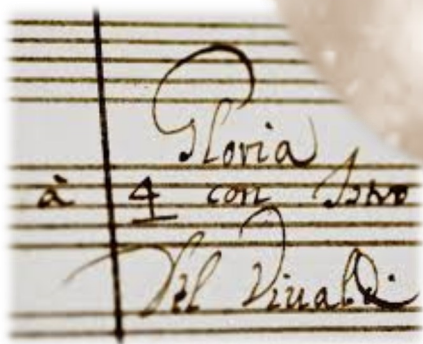
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cell 403-4526.

Please read page 12 for more
Haven Totes and
CPC Mission Team information.

Gloria by Vivaldi Our Annual Cantata *December 17th at 10:45 am*

Our CPC choir, directed by Caleb Nihira, accompanied by Kathryn Snodgrass, as well as a special instrumental ensemble, will lead our December 17th, 10:45 a.m. service with the music of Vivaldi's **Gloria**.

This beautiful musical cantata will fill the room and our souls with the scriptures of hope as we are led to the manger of Christ. Don't worry, though it is sung in Latin, we will have the English words printed for you to have for your meditations during and after worship.



Christmas Eve Pageant Breakfast & Snack Food



Still looking for folks who will sign up to bring food.....

The Food Team is in preparation for the huge crowd that is expected at our Live Nativity on Christmas Eve morning. 500 is the number we've been asked to prepare to feed throughout the morning.

While the Food Team can prepare some of the casseroles, breads and coffee cakes, we cannot do it all.

We will need help with the following:

- 20 - Egg Casseroles prepared in 9x13 disposable aluminum pans. Recipes available upon request, or use one of your personal favorites.
- 10 - Coffee cakes (apple-spice, cranberry, cinnamon crunch, etc.). Please prepare and deliver in disposable aluminum pans, or wrap separately.
- 15 - Quick breads (pumpkin, banana, lemon, etc.). Please prepare and deliver in disposable aluminum bread pans, or wrap separately.

If you can help, please contact Pam Cullop – pjcullop@gmail.com or 520-271-6678. We will need to know specifically what you plan to contribute, to ensure we have enough of everything.

*Freezer tip for keeping baked goods moist after defrosting, provided by one of our team members: wrap warm breads/cakes in plastic wrap, followed by a layer of foil, prior to putting in the freezer.

Many Thanks!





CPC Mission Team Annual Budget

	2017	2018
Military Support	\$400	\$400
Interfaith Community Services	\$2,500	\$2,500
Presbyterian Campus Ministry	\$800	\$1,000
Middle Eastern Presbyterian Fellowship	\$1,000	\$1,500
Presbytery de Cristo	\$1,500	\$1,500
Casa Maria Soup Kitchen	\$350	\$500
Zambia School- 2 Students	\$600	\$600
Care Portal of Tucson		\$1,200

In addition to all of the support listed above, and all of the other giving you will find throughout this brochure, and all of the mission support that doesn't get recorded, CPC donates \$12,000 in the year to the General Mission of denomination, the majority of which supports our Presbytery.

Arizona taxpayers have opportunity to make contributions to three different kinds of organizations. The donation directly reduces the amount of tax owed to the state or increases the amount of the taxpayers refund, dollar for dollar. You need to have a tax liability for at least the amount of your donation to take the tax credit.

Below are listed maximum donations for the Qualifying Charitable Organizations and Foster Care Organizations. For more info for schools, <http://azcredits.org/>

Maximum Credit for any Tax Year

	Qualifying Charitable Organization	Qualifying Foster Care Organization
Single or Head of Household	\$400	\$500
Married filing jointly	\$800	\$1000

Deadline to make donation: April 15 (beginning 2016)

List of Qualifying Charitable and Foster Care Organizations are available at the AZ Tax Credit website, <http://azcredits.org/>.

Donations to Haven Totes, Inc. can be done online at <http://www.haventotes.org/home.html> or send to Haven Totes, Inc. 710-3 S Kolb Road, Tucson, AZ 85710.

Questions – contact Janis Parks or Cheryl Dunafon

Gifts of Love

Returning God's Blessings



One of the traditions CPC has had for several years now is

“The Gifts Of Love” . Our congregation loves sharing the Advent Season with less fortunate families and one of the ways we do this is by sponsoring the children in these families. We have “an Angel Tree”, those who want to participate pick names off the tree, then shop for the item that is written on the tag taken that they took from the tree. Each child receives 7 gifts, 2 of which are toys the child has requested.

This year we will have between 18 and 22 children, mostly from the area codes in which our church and Kellond school are located.

At this time, we plan to help 6 families, and hope to add at least one more.

Often times, Kellond school calls at the last minute to say one or two of their families need help with Christmas and the CPC congregation steps right up.

Your Mission Team thanks you for all your help and support on this Advent project.

We will need families to help us get our gifts delivered to the folks who are receiving them this Christmas. If you can help, please call Donna Kuehn, Pam Raines, 886-5535.

Christmas Eve

Join us and bring your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and families as we honor the birth of Jesus on Sunday, December 24th .

The Christmas Eve Pageant: Journey to Bethlehem 9:30 a.m. The City of Bethlehem comes alive. Attenders can have breakfast, visit the petting zoo, check out the adopt-a-pet centers, make sandwiches for Casa Maria, get their family photo taken, participate in art projects, buy last minute gifts from our Crafty Ladies, and so much more.

10:45 a.m. The Pageant: Journey to Bethlehem Join us in the Multi-Purpose Room as Mary and Joseph arrive for the birth of our Savior. See the shepherds, Magi, sheep and goats, all gather near the manger.



Journey to Bethlehem

#journeytobethlehem CPCTucsonAZ

FREE INDOOR/OUTDOOR PRODUCTION ...ALL WELCOME

- live animals & authentic scenes
- breakfast & treats for all
- crafts & activities for kids

Christmas Pageant at 10:45 am

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Preparations continue! Please come to a costume fitting in Classroom 7 on Sunday December 3rd, or the last fitting date is December 10th.

Would you like to be one of the costumed townspeople? The costume team wants to outfit anyone willing to participate!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

8:45 p.m. Special Music of Christmas by Dr. Kathryn Snodgrass
Come early and let the music carry you to the manger

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service This traditional lessons and carols service will walk us into the story of Jesus' birth, and will lead us beside the manger. The service closes with the singing of Silent Night by Candlelight. Pastor Melde and Caleb Nihira will sing the O Holy Night together.

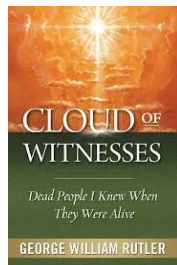


Anthony's Breakfast at Santa Rita Park
will serve on Christmas Morning at 8:00 am this year.
Please call the church office for more details.
Carol Lundberg is the lead on this program.



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 2017

First Friday of each month

For December No Bible Study!

Bible Study resumes on Friday January 5, 2018.

Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ in Hebrews.

CROSS STREET MINISTRY: This is a Men's shower ministry need of men's clothing, personal hygiene items and Large bars of soap.

MENAU SCHOOL: Albuquerque, NM: Please keep saving Educational labels (box tops) and the POINT Labels with the Bar Code attached.

RONALD MC DONALD HOUSE: They need disinfectant wipes, the metal tabs and Chemo caps.

HERMOSILLO, MEXICO CHILDREN'S CANCER HOSPITAL:
Plastic caps of any size please.

Donated items can be placed in the Missions Cabinet in the CPC Library. This cabinet is usually on the patio on Sundays. The bins are labeled. Thank you for your donations!

STUDY THE WORD

Adult Bible Study is offered at the 9:30 am Sunday School hour in Classrooms (A/B). This group studies the Bible chapter by chapter. There is never a wrong time to join this group. They will always welcome you.



**The Christian Living class will be studying
Experience Joy and Meaning Every Day**

Join us in Room E/F at 9:30 am Sunday

Learn how daily interactions can bring you joy and meaning. Plus, go from understanding that life is a gift to discovering that each of our daily interactions can bring us so much profound joy.

Rob Bell is a best selling author, international teacher, and highly sought-after public speaker. At age 28 he founded Mars Hill Bible Church in Michigan, and under his leadership it was one of the fastest-growing churches in America. In 2011 he was profiled in Time Magazine as one of their 100 most influential people.



CPC Annual Meeting and Receiving New Members

Sunday December 3rd, 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall

Our next Congregational Meeting will be held to elect new deacons and elders, as well as approve the Pastor's financial compensation for the year 2018. Please join us for these important congregational decisions.

We will begin our meeting with a special meeting of the Session, so that we may receive several new members! Hooray! If you are interested in making your membership commitments, please talk to Pastor Brownson through the church office 886-5535.



Thank you for giving to the PC(USA) Christmas Joy Offering on December 17th. Your donations help support retired clergy and their families in need.



CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

THREE WAYS TO GIVE



Through your congregation



Text **JOY** to 20222 to give \$10



presbyterianmission.org/give/christmasjoy

Ripples of Caring

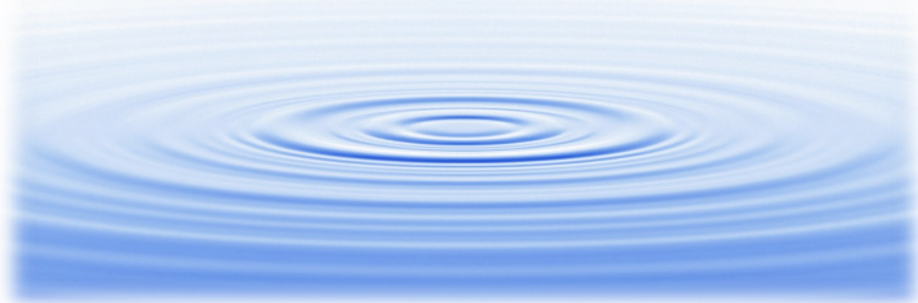
The 2017 annual budget campaign, See What the Water is Doing, is just about wrapped up as the year comes to an end. Thank you for all your generous giving to CPC that has made so much mission and ministry possible this year.

As we are in the final month of December, we need to remind you that all financial giving that needs to be recorded for your 2017 tax donations, must be into the church office no later than December 31st

The 2018 annual budget campaign, Ripples of Caring, is about to begin. With increases in mission and in Personnel budget, we head into a new year of mission and ministry through our congregation. Together, we plan to help making the world a place of God's care and grace by creating Ripples of Caring wherever we can. Thank you to those who have already made a financial Estimate of Giving Pledge. If you have not yet done so, please contact the church office, and we can get you a pledge card.

Some of us are not able to make a pledge. We understand that. As you are able, we invite you to give financially to support the ministries and missions that will be a part of our Ripples of Caring in 2018. Thank you for being such a generous church family .

- Your Stewardship and Finance Team



Upcoming Dates on the 2018 Calendar

- Elder/Deacon Retreat - January 19th and 20th
- Flea Market Training and Dinner - February 15th
- Last Day to make Flea Market Donations - February 28th
- Annual Flea Market BIG Sale - March 15-17
- Easter - April 1
- Walk to Emmaus Weekend - April 5-8
- Walk to Emmaus Weekend - April 12-15

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Book Club



**Tuesday, January 12th, in the
CPC Library from 1:00 pm—2:00 pm.**

The Orchardist by Amanda Coplin

At once intimate and epic, The Orchardist, is historical fiction at its best, in the grand literary tradition of William Faulkner, Marilynne Robinson, Michael Ondaatje, Annie Proulx, and Toni Morrison. In her stunningly original and haunting debut novel, Coplin evokes a powerful sense of place, mixing tenderness and violence as she spins an engrossing tale of a solitary orchardist who provides shelter to two runaway teenage girls in the untamed American West, and the dramatic consequences of his actions.



Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on December 5th at 1 pm. Come check it out. They always 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.

LuAnn Cobb at **ph 721-7338**, would love to answer any questions you have about this ministry.

Also, shawl request forms for someone you love, are available in the office or you may contact LuAnn.

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2017 Session Leadership

Elders

Dean Friskey: Youth Elder	Laura Manning: Vision
Laura Cech: Children's Education	Cheryll Dunafon: Mission
Marian Rogerson: Nominating	Kenda Parkey: Worship Planning
Sharon Beck: Youth Education	Doug Thompson: Personnel
Linda Tillema: Finance	Tom Bradley: Treasurer
Cathy Wade: Buildings/Grounds	Dorothy Courville: Membership Care
Ann Larrabee: Adult Education	Julie McCrea: Clerk

Fred Hubbard: Outreach/ Communications

Deacons

Lois Koch and Kathy Kimball: Cards of Caring
Sally Brandon and Judy Hamlet: Helping Hands
Glee Alberding and Judith Peters: Memorial Receptions
Jonathan Alberding and Diane Denien: Prayer Chain
Kim McDonald and Pam Cullop: Sunday Fellowship
Pat Courtier and Larry Biehl: Compassion Connections

Thank
you

Our December Birthdays

12/4	Conner Cech	12/27	Donnie Luther
12/4	Susan Hein	12/27	Robert Mentzer
12/4	Janet Rowe	12/28	Steve Ede
12/5	Neil Nordbrock	12/29	Kelly Johnston
12/7	Blanche Lenhart	12/29	Carol St. Amant
12/9	Keith Marshall	12/30	Emily Beck
12/10	Jean Buchman	12/30	Steve Melde
12/11	Sagan Friskey		
12/12	Stefani Seul		
12/13	Jodi Ede		
12/14	Nicole Melde		
12/16	Kevin O'Rourke		
12/17	Katelyn Murphy		
12/17	Peggy Wetzal		
12/19	Bob Mielbeck		
12/20	Joyce Mooney		
12/21	Bill Street		
12/22	Chris Crowder		
12/22	Laura Manning		
12/24	David Koch		
12/26	Kenna Hopkins		

Please call the church
office, if we missed your
birthday. We don't want
to omit anyone.
Happy Birthday to All!





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Deadlines

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Weekly Bulletins and Thursday

News Please submit your
articles and requests by
Wednesday at noon