



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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December 2019



A Word From Our Pastor...

Pastor Steve Melde

“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

‘Glory to God in the highest heaven,

And on earth peace among those whom he favors!’”

Luke 2:13-14

It's Advent and Christmas time. It's time to tell the part of the story of the birth of Christ, the Savior of the world. It's such good news that everyone who knew the story couldn't help but join in telling it.

How about you?

It's your turn to join the heavenly host and glorify God by telling the story of peace.

Decide now, as you read this, who and how you will tell the story in the month of December.

Peace in our journeys,

Pastor Steve Melde



Sunday Worship

Sunday Morning Worship at #CPCTucsonAZ

Children are always welcome in worship! For those who choose, we do have a professionally staffed nursery from 8 a.m. – Noon.

Blue activity bags are available on the walls of both worship spaces.

8:30 a.m. Worship in Fellowship Hall with the music of the Band

Join worshipers as we sit at tables, dressed in purple for Advent. You are welcome to have your coffees and bring your donuts, as we sway to the sounds of our contemporary band.

10:45 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary with the music of the choirs, organ and piano.

Special Highlights:

Sunday, December 15th 10:45 a.m. Service will feature the choir leading us in portions of Handel's Messiah. Guest instrumentalists and soloists will proclaim the prophecy of the Word in song and music. Invite your friends.

Sunday, December 22: Journey to Bethlehem
(We will not have an 8:30 a.m. service this day)

9:30 a.m. Doors open for the celebration. Petting zoo, activities, food and the band leading us in music of the season will give us the chance to be in "Bethlehem" to celebrate the birth.

10:45 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary will feature singing and praying and the story of "Haste" Remember... the shepherds went with "Haste" when they heard the news of Jesus' birth. So, come and meet Haste and learn to celebrate the birth of Christ in your own life.

Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve

5 p.m. Worship in the Fellowship Hall with the music of the band
This will be a great service to bring kids and friends. We will end in singing Silent Night by Candlelight.

9 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary with the music of the choirs, organ, piano. This service of lessons and carols will walk us through the story of Jesus' birth and will end in singing Silent Night by Candlelight.



Sunday FunDay



9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

Parents, as we enter into December it is important for your child to be in Sunday Funday School every Sunday if they are going to be in this year's Journey to Bethlehem event. Each Sunday we will be looking at the birth of Jesus and practicing for the event.

Thanks!

Robin Gilbert

Children (Pre-K through 5th Grade) begin in Room 6/7 at the west end of the grass quad.

Middle School (6th-8th Grades) begin in Room D of the North Wing

High School (9th-12th Grades) begin in Room C of the North Wing

Youth Ministry News

Sunday Funday School for Middle and High School Youth (6th-12th grades) meets weekly on Sunday mornings, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

In December our youth will take time to study the season of Advent and learn how to prepare to celebrate the birth of the Savior. They will also be helping to prepare for our Journey to Bethlehem Event.

2-4 Youth Fellowship

Usually meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, 6-7:30 p.m. In December, we will only meet on Sunday, December 8 for a Christmas Party and celebration.

2019 Stewardship and Annual Budget

“Always Giving/Giving in All Ways” has been our 2019 theme for supporting our annual budget. Since we are now able to receive financial gifts through cash, checks, bill-pay, credit cards, online giving, and text-to-give, we’ve opened avenues of giving to people around the world.

As the year ends, we remind you that if it’s still possible that you fulfill your pledge, we need you to do so by Sunday, December 29th, so that we can make a bank deposit and give you credit in the 2019 giving year for your donation.

Can’t find that perfect gift for someone? Then, perhaps you could make a special donation in their name to our “Life Celebration Fund.” This fund allows your Session Leadership team to accomplish some special ministries that weren’t in the regular budget for the year.

Vision 2020

As we approach the new year, we encourage you to continue your generous support of the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you haven’t made a pledge to the 2020 annual budget, we encourage you to do so right away. Estimate of Giving pledge cards are available through the church office. Because our new accounting system no longer requires us to assign numbers to givers, we really are not in need of the old style giving envelopes. But many of us still like to use them. So, we’ve created giving envelopes. If you would like envelopes to have at home to prepare your giving, please pick them up on the patio or the church at the beginning of January. We’ll have plenty printed and ready for you to use every Sunday if that’s your preference.

Thank you for your faith-filled giving. 2020 is going to be another year of sharing God’s love in Jesus with the world.

CPC MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH CARE PORTAL

The Mission team thanks the congregation of CPC for the continued support of our Care Portal mission project! Your financial contributions are used with considerable planning and thoughtfulness. Through October of this year, we have spent \$1,926.46 and we have served 42 children with an estimated economic impact of \$14,544!

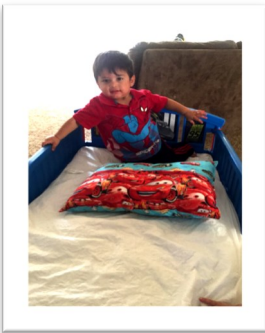
Sue Baird, Care Portal Regional Manager for Pima County writes: "Our Pima County "Economic Impact" is nearly 10% of the national total. What can I say except **YOU ROCK!** The best news of ALL is that every **ONE** of those children served has had the chance to meet Jesus with skin on when you showed up! I pray that all of you are blessed knowing how much your efforts are making a difference"

Here are just a few names of children you've helped and items contributed to make their situations better:



Vinnie, Cameron, Kika, Gretta,

Bodhi, Rory, Isabella Rose, Isaiah, Autumn, Jaiden, Casscena, Sai lym, Roman, Austin, Aniyah, Amhiem, Malik, Rodney, Zavian, Diego, Danica, Kyrie, Kolbie, JJ.



Twin Beds complete with sheets, pillows, mattress protectors and comforters or quilts, cribs, toddler beds, bunkbeds, highchairs, strollers, clothing, tables and chairs, microwaves, towels, baby monitors, baby

bottles, dressers, vacuums, storage cubbies, chest of drawers, car seats, safety packages, carbon monoxide detectors, etc.

Those of us who volunteer with this mission get to see firsthand how CPC is impacting lives in Tucson. We always leave a family knowing that we have made a big difference in their lives and knowing that our lives are better for it!

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.

***Next meeting will be December 5 at 10:00 a.m. in the Patio Room.**

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.

Congregational Care Corner

Compassion Connections Ministry



We have 30 VIPP on our roles who are receiving visits, calls, cards, and communion from the 22 volunteers and staff who make up our Compassion Connections Ministry Team. In the month of November we made 18 phone calls, 23 visits, sent 30 note cards, sent 29 Thanksgiving cards, sent 33 birthday cards to the congregation, and shared communion with 6 of our VIPP. We lost two of our VIPP who passed away, Martha

Chester and Pauline Tibbits. We give thanks for the gifts they shared with us and we will miss them. Blessings and prayers to their families and friends.

We are always looking for more people to join our ministry. We particularly need people who are willing to visit our VIPP in their homes. Orientation/Training is provided. Please contact me if this feels right for you. It is a very rewarding ministry.



Kathy Hutchins visited with VIPP Sue Morris and we had a lovely time. Sue is a joy and sends greetings to her CPC family. She always has a smile, a laugh and plenty to talk about. Every visit with Sue fills my heart with joy and puts a smile on my face.

Kathy Hutchins was nominated to serve as the Deacon for Compassion Connections. Thanks for answering the call, Kathy. We are excited to have you on board!

Please continue to pray for all of our VIPP as well as those who are keeping our folks connected to CPC

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.

Merry Christmas to all,
Debby Anderson



Christmas Cookies



Each year our Compassion Connections Team puts together Christmas Cookie plates to deliver to our VIPP. We will be doing this after worship on December 15th in the Patio Room. You can help send greetings and love to our recipients by donating cookies, and/or helping us make up the plates, or even help deliver. You are welcome to join in the joy of giving. Put your faith in action and share your love with the visited in person members of our church family. Let me know if you would like to help. Please drop off your cookie donations in room A/B on Sunday, December 15th.



Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet in E/F on **Tuesday, December 3, at 1 p.m.** 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 **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.



Haven Totes

Thank you to all who have been so generous with your gifts of time, talents and money. We have had 2-4 volunteers packing and delivering 42 totes to students of Kellond Elementary School every week this school year. We have provided Thanksgiving food boxes and will be making Christmas baskets with treats, books for each Tote child and a food gift card for their Christmas meal.

Next semester we will be looking at more ways we can support these families that are food challenged. We have learned many have more children at home that are not on the weekly Tote program. Haven Totes, Inc does provide a monthly food pantry that is helping, but there may be other ways we can be more effective with our gifts. If you are interested in being involved in the conversation, watch for the notice in the spring or contact Janis Parks.



Thank You

I'm so pleased to be a part of such a loving and caring congregation. Thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls and encouragement during a difficult year. It is my hope that i can pass on the kind of support you have given me to others in their time of need.

Eve Thorburn

Haven Totes Tax Credit and Donation Form

An Arizona Charitable Tax Credit for helping low income residents of Arizona can be taken in addition to tax credits for helping Arizona schools. Report donations on AZ Form 321. Arizona allows until April 15 to qualify for a tax credit for the previous year. An individual may be eligible for a tax credit up to \$400 filing single, or \$800 filing taxes jointly. Your tax credit will be applied to reduce your tax liability, dollar-for-dollar actual credit off the amount you pay in state taxes. Please consult your tax advisor.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

AMOUNT DONATING: _____

Please make checks or money orders payable to Haven Totes, Inc. Send your donation to Haven Totes, Inc. 710–3 S. Kolb Rd., Tucson, AZ 85710 A letter of receipt will be sent to you.

Or if you'd prefer, go to www.haventotes.org and make your contribution online.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Annual CPC Craft and Cookie Sale



Saturday, Dec 7 (during the Women's Christmas Brunch)



Sunday, Dec 8 (before and after services)
Patio Room, Church Patio, and former Nursery

As always, the CPC Craft Group has been sewing, crafting and assembling vast quantities of beautiful and adorable items for you to purchase for everyone on your Christmas list for family, friend and workmates alike.

From our ever-growing and very popular collections of wrapped Hershey bars, we present Gingerbread cutouts this year. Some favorites from previous years will also be available.

Gingerbread-themed items of all sorts will also be available for you to group as a charming set for those who love them.

Many of the hand-sewn creations rival, even outshine, that of commercial mass-produced merchandise. You must come see to appreciate for yourself!

Don't forget to stop by the cookie table and take a pound or two (or more) along for your holiday gatherings or simply to enjoy the delightfully delicious morsels as you hum along to your favorite Christmas songs.

FYI: The Presbyterian Women of CPC donate the profits from the sale of goods and cookies to various PW Mission ministries.

Bring your favorite method of payment: Cash, Checkbook or Credit Card. We accept it all.

*If you love to bake Christmas cookies and would like to contribute some of them to the Cookie Sale, please contact Lianne Puzzo at 520 -237-6304. She is anxious to speak with you about how you can help.



Women's Christmas Brunch ~ 2019

A morning of fellowship and anticipation.

The 8th Annual CPC Women's Christmas Brunch is scheduled for

**Saturday, December 7, 9:30-11:30 a.m.,
in CPC Fellowship Hall.**

It promises to be a beautiful and blessed morning as we gather to prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas.

Brunch and socializing between 9:30-10:30 a.m. and a program of music and an inspirational speaker will occur from 10:30-11:30 a.m.



The CPC Craft & Cookie Sale will be open at 8:30 a.m. as well as after the brunch. Attendees are invited to visit the courtyard and Patio Room to check out the items for sale (cash, check, or credit card).

Wishing you Peace, Love, Hope, and Joy in the season of Advent!

Julie McCrea, WCB Chair, and Pam Cullop, WCB Hostess Coordinator

News from the CPC Crafts Group aka “Crafty Ladies”

The Craft Group will take a quick winter break to refresh and reenergize. Last day to meet in December will be on Wednesday, December 18. We will resume our regular schedule in January on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 (WOW!).

If you would like to check out what we do you will find us in rooms A/B from 9 am until 12 noon on each Wednesday of the month (exceptions will be noted in advance). Crafting hours are flexible, we come and go as our schedules allow. Not all of us are master crafters but there is always something crafty that we can find to do while delighting in some carefree hours of fellowship and snacking (we are Presbyterians, after all). We are anxious to have you join us and get to know you better...stop by and see if you like it.



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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 2019

The 2019 - 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!

NO BIBLE STUDY IN DECEMBER!

Bible Study meets the first Friday of the month.

The next Bible Study will be Friday, January 3, 2020, Room A/B.

Lesson 4: “Words of Love: Honor the Life—Givers.”

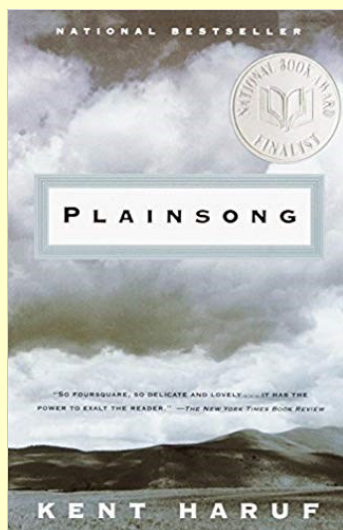
Thank you to all who support the Women’s projects!

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: is continuing to collect the metal tabs and disinfectant wipes and chemo caps.

Book Club



CPC Bookclub will meet again Tuesday, December 10 at 1 P.M. in the Patio Room. We will be discussing **Plainsong** by Kent Haruf. Hope you can join us!

A heartstrong story of family and romance, tribulation and tenacity, set on the High Plains east of Denver. In the small town of Holt, Colorado, a high school teacher is confronted with raising his two boys alone after their mother retreats first to the bedroom, then altogether. A teenage girl—her father long since disappeared, her mother unwilling to have her in the house—is pregnant, alone herself, with nowhere to go. And out in the country, two brothers, elderly bachelors, work the family homestead, the only world they've ever known. From these unsettled lives emerges a vision of life, and of the town and landscape that bind them together—their fates somehow overcoming the powerful circumstances of place and station, their confusion, curiosity, dignity and humor intact and resonant. As the milieu widens to embrace fully four generations, Kent Haruf displays an emotional and aesthetic authority to rival the past masters of a classic American tradition.



Flea Market Donation News

During the month of December, the Flea Market's *Secondhand Weekend* takes a break so everyone can enjoy the holiday season, returning the second Sunday weekend in January, on the 11th and 12th.

If your donations can wait until January for drop off – super. However, if you need to drop off anything sooner, we will gladly accept them all during the remainder of November and in December.

Thank you for your generous flea market donations and for encouraging your friends, relatives, and neighbors to donate as well. Our pods continue to fill to capacity year after year, contributing to our ever-increasing fundraising results, and allowing for more growth in CPC's mission and outreach abilities.

In general, we say we take anything that doesn't require feeding or watering (except for plants during the final set up days before the event). Due to a variety of reasons however, we've had to place some restrictions on a few items.

In the future please DO NOT donate:

- CRT (big box) TV's, unless accompanied by the required \$30 recycling (disposal) fee
- Full-sized pianos and organs (keyboard types excluded), as they are nearly impossible to sell or pass on to other charities
- Paints and other flammable products as they are dangerous to store over the course of a year

Please Remember to Do:

- If available, please tape or fasten Remotes and/or Keys to donated items.

Thank you, Flea Market Volunteers! We wish you all a delightful and a blessed Christmas celebration from the Flea Market Team.

Journey to Bethlehem

FREE INDOOR/OUTDOOR PRODUCTION ... ALL WELCOME

Please join us for:

live animals & authentic scenes

snacks & treats for all

crafts & activities for kids

Christmas Pageant at 10:45 am

more info: www.cpctucson.org/journey

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Sunday Dec. 22nd
9:30 am to 11:30 am

Join Us for Christmas Eve, too!
Services at 5PM and 9PM



Christmas Poinsettias

Help us decorate our worship spaces this Christmas with Poinsettias. Plants may be purchased for \$12.50 in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The names will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. The order deadline is December 15. Fill out the form on the envelope in the Sunday bulletins and return with payment by the deadline.



Gifts of Love Christmas Tree

Look for the Gifts of Love Tree on the Patio on Sunday. Pick an ornament with the name of a child that needs a Christmas gift. Return the wrapped gift to the church by December 8th.

Fellowship and Fun

Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, December 18th at 7:30am. Join us for breakfast at Biscuits (7026 E. Broadway). 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, December 22 at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall Kitchen.

Saturday Morning Men's Fellowship

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



Our December Birthdays!

4 Conner Cech
4 Susan Hein
4 Janet Rowe
5 Neil Nordbrock
7 Blanche Lenhart
7 Katelyn Murphy
9 Keith Marshall
10 Jean Buchman
11 Sagan Friskey
12 Stefani Seul
14 Nicole Melde
17 Peggy Wentzel
19 Bob Mielbeck
20 Sheri Goddard
20 Joyce Mooney
20 Lucy Stretch
21 Bill Street
22 Chris Crowder
22 Laura Manning
23 Vicki Flewelling
23 Christine McCleery
24 Dave Koch
26 Kenna Hopkins
27 Bob Mentzer
27 Donnie Luther
29 Carol St. Amant
30 Emily Beck
30 Steve Melde

*Happy
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Weekly Bulletins and Friday News

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

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