



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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February 2021

KIVA NEWSLETTER



A Word From Our Pastor...



February is probably most known for Valentine's Day. That's a day we express our love to others to let them know how much we appreciate them.

What if we were to do that for God? After all, God has done it for us?

I don't think God needs chocolates or pretty flowers. I don't think God needs a card. I think God would appreciate us expressing our love for God... by loving others... by showing the world through our words and actions what it is we really believe about God.

I think the best Valentine's gift you could give God.... Is your self!

All in! All Love!

Happy Valentine's Day, God.
We love you, too.

Peace in our journeys,
Pastor Steve Melde



Sunday Worship

Sunday Morning Worship

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

10:45 a.m. Music led by our Director of Music, Accompanist, Virtual Choirs

In-Person worship is allowed. Hand Sanitizing on the way in, Masks, and physical distance between households is required.

On-Line worship:

www.Facebook.com/ChristPresbyterianTucson

www.CPCTucsonAZ.org

www.YouTube.com/CPCTucsonAZ

Remember we celebrate Communion on the first Sunday of the month (Feb. 7).

The Liturgical Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday, February 17

Drive through imposition of Ashes:

7 – 7:30 a.m.

12:15 – 12:45 p.m.

5:30 – 6 p.m.

Pastor Steve will be by the church marquee in the front drive of the church if you want to stop by and receive the sign of the ashes. Participants will be given a special devotional page to guide them for Ash Wednesday.

Throughout the day we will post to our three on-line platforms some special devotions by members of the church, who will give their thoughts about the importance of Ash Wednesday in their lives. Be sure to tune-in-on-line throughout the day.

Sundays in Lent

Our theme will be: Life in the Word. Worship will highlight some Zoom conversations with Pastor Steve and members of the church talking about difficult scriptures related to Jesus' life. Join us each Sunday as we journey through Jesus' life and story of salvation.

Stewardship and Finance News

Our Stewardship and Finance team has been reviewing our financial report for 2020 and is working on setting a date for our next congregational meeting where together we will review the report. Because some were able to give more than expected and many of our ministry areas worked hard to not spend their full amounts, we will end the year in a good financial position. That will help us as we have now moved into a new year where the COVID pandemic continues to challenge us to be together to accomplish our called ministry and mission.

Our team is working with the Session Leadership Team to develop a budget that stretches us but can be accomplished. The 2021 budget will be a challenge. Some of our members have passed away and some are not able to make an estimate of giving pledge commitment for this year. We will work together to be fiscally and faithfully responsible throughout the year.

Our mission outreach is increasing. We are finding more folks in need of help throughout the Tucson community and through our denominational connections... throughout the world.

Your prayer and financial support of our congregation is vital.

Together we witness to God's love in Jesus Christ.

If you haven't yet made a pledge, we encourage you to do so.



One Day Only Parking Lot Flea Market Sale

Saturday, February 6

8 a.m. thru 4 p.m.

Due to the large quantity of donations on hand and the need for additional space to add future donations until the delayed Flea Market Sale event (Oct 7-9), the Flea Market Team has decided to hold smaller, one day events in the church parking lot. The first of these sales will be on Saturday, Feb 6. Items that will be available include, but may not be limited to the following:

- Reconditioned bicycles
- Large appliances
- Outdoor furniture
- Large exercise equipment
- Rubbermaid-type storage
- Golf bags/carts/other large sports items
- Baby/Toddler toys/strollers/similar items
- Vacuums/Floor cleaners
- Some jewelry

Checks, cash, and credit cards will be accepted. Masks are required and social distancing will be practiced.

We need some help. If you are interested in volunteering, please text or call: Pam Cullop 520-271-6678

The CPC Facebook page will advertise the event, please Share on your FB page to help spread the word.

Flea Market News

We continue to meet for our Secondhand Weekends.

The dates this month will be February 13 and 14.

- Hours for donation processing on Saturday are from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.
- The Sunday donation processing hours are 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.
- Donation Drop-off hours on Saturday are the same as the processing hours: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- NEW: Because we are trying to get the gymnasium cleaned up as soon after 2 p.m. as possible on Sundays we have shortened the donation drop-off time from 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon

We do not share food, so you will need to bring something to eat. We ask that everyone mask and sanitize while there. We place tables at least 6 feet apart and practice safe socializing. If you are comfortable with these practices and have some time to spare either or both weekends, we would love to have your help.

Thank you for your support!

The Flea Market Team



Introducing CPC's new Bookkeeper...

DOUG WINGERT



The Church's new Bookkeeper, Doug Wingert, is originally from Illinois, but has lived in Tucson for many years. Doug first met Judy, (his wife to be), at a summer church camp when they were both in high school. Doug and Judy are both University of Arizona graduates, (Go Wildcats)! They married in 1973 and have three grown children and several grandchildren. Doug's careers have included many years in banking, and additional years working for nonprofits in bookkeeping and human resources. Doug's volunteer work has included more than 20 years with a local Boy Scout troop, about that same amount of time with a local Kiwanis Club, and many years as a church treasurer. Doug is semi-retired and enjoys regular bicycling and hiking. When time allows, Doug also likes to vacation to the ocean to enjoy snorkeling, kayaking and deep sea fishing with friends.

*Doug's office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday,
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Email: bookkeeper@cptucsonaz.org*



Blood Drive Recap

- We had a goal to collect 28 whole bloods and 2 power reds for a total collection of 33 pints of blood.
- We had 32 present to give.
- Of those 32, we were able to collect 27 whole bloods and 3 power reds for a total collection of 33 pints of blood!

We went over goal by 3 and thanks to donors, have helped save a potential 87 lives during a pandemic and a plasma shortage, too!

A big THANK YOU to all the donors!

Blood drives are scheduled for April 25 and August 28, 2021.



Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Tuesday February 9, 1:00 p.m. on Skype to talk about the current book selection,

The Book That Matters Most: A Novel by Ann Hood.

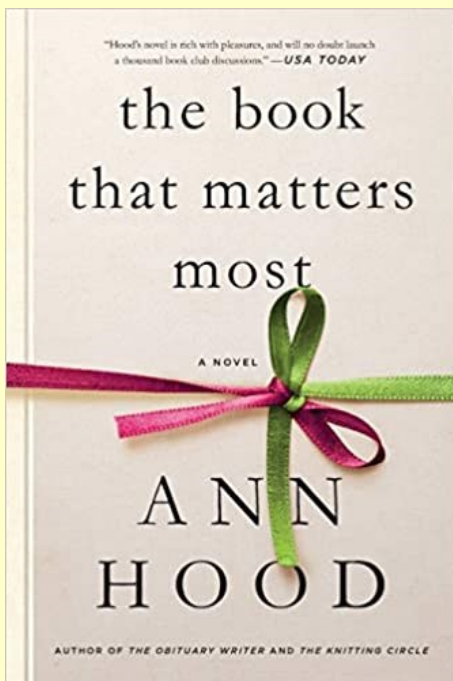
The Book That Matters Most:

A Novel by Ann Hood

An enthralling novel about love, loss, secrets, friendship, and the healing power of literature, by the bestselling author of *The Knitting Circle*.

Ava's twenty-five-year marriage has fallen apart, and her two grown children are pursuing their own lives outside of the country. Ava joins a book group, not only for her love of reading but also out of sheer desperation for companionship. The group's goal throughout the year is for each member to present the book that matters most to them. Ava rediscovers a mysterious book from her childhood—one that helped her through the traumas of the untimely deaths of her sister and mother.

Alternating with Ava's story is that of her troubled daughter Maggie, who, living in Paris, descends into a destructive relationship with an older man. Ava's mission to find that book and its enigmatic author takes her on a quest that unravels the secrets of her past and offers her and Maggie the chance to remake their lives.



SundayFunDay



Thanks for your patience as we and the Safety team figure out when to resume in-person Sunday Funday School. Until then, we will continue to provide it through Zoom on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Contact me if you need the Zoom meeting information.

Thank you for your on-going giving to the children and youth of CPC!

Robin Gilbert, Director of Children's Education

Email: robbert77@juno.com

2-4 Youth Ministry

Our plan at the time of printing this newsletter is to provide a time for our 2-4 Youth Ministry to be able to meet safely in the month of February.

Our hope is to have a special Rodeo BBQ and celebration (outside, masked, and safe) Sunday, February 21st, 4-6 p.m.



If COVID restrictions prevent us from meeting in person, we will let you know.

Grief Support Group

February 2, 7:00 p.m.

Join Pastor Steve and others in our church for a monthly grief support gathering on the first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m. During the Covid-19 restrictions, the monthly meeting will be via Zoom, an on-line meeting space. Please contact Pastor Steve or the Church office to receive the Zoom link so that you can join the gathering. Each month we will discuss a different aspect of the grief process, check in with each other on our own grief process, and pray with and for each other.



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 2021

The 2020 - 2021 Bible Study is ***Into the Light-Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament*** by P. Lynn Miller.

All women are invited to participate. The Bible Study meets on the first Friday of the month. The next meeting is Friday, February 5, 2021, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. in Room E/F. The meeting will also be broadcasted live online.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED.

Lesson #5 is "Lamenting Life"

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.

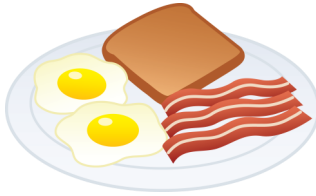
CPC Office Visits

As we continue practicing the safety protocols recommended by the CDC on 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 wear a mask and hand sanitize as you come in. The office space is small, so we are continuing trying to avoid crowds. Thank you for understanding and helping to keep your staff safe.

Fellowship and Fun

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast will not meet in February so that we can get safely past the rise in spread of COVID-19.



Casa Maria Sandwich Making

Tuesday, February 23, 8:30 a.m.



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

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 (meat and cheese) please bring them to Fellowship Hall before (they can be kept in the freezer) 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.

Our February Birthdays!

1 Charlie Stretch
3 Gordon Custis
5 Bob Powers
5 Tom Workinger
6 Don Schneider
7 Steve Bryan
8 Juanita Garcia
8 Bonny Soreck
8 Sheri Hopkins
9 Lin Giorgi
11 Dawn Custis
11 Charlene Hower
12 Sally Lanyon
13 Vera Schlicter
14 Ken Byrum
14 Carolyn Monjoi
14 Andrea Heck
16 Jim Cech
16 Beverly Workinger
17 JoAnn Bryan
17 Darby Cech
18 Dale Stevens
19 Kean Nordbrock
19 Julia Potter
19 Ruth Richards
19 Doug Wingert
20 Clint Compton

21 Mary Jean Koch
21 Lloyd Redding
21 John Yauch
22 Luke Nagele
22 Tammy Gonzales
24 Linda Tillema
25 Joanne Forbes
25 Kathleen Graler
25 Marilyn Redding
26 Pete Cella
27 Sherrie Sink
28 Cindy McNown-Perry
28 Norma Patrick
28 Nancy Schneider
28 Mary Richmond



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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**Weekly Bulletins and Friday
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inserts**

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



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