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NEWSLETTER



A Word From Our Pastor...



I never imagined the desk in my office/study looking like this at the church. I now run programs that work better with three monitor screens. So much is happening online, and so much will continue that way, that it made some of what I'm doing much easier to have the three. (kinda Trinitarian, if you think about it)

I suppose that's one thing we take advantage of in pandemics like this, in moments like this. The Church adapts, not the message, but how to proclaim the message.

The grass withers and the flower fades, but the Word of God will stand forever.

(Isaiah 40:7)

I know this stay-at-home and physical/social distancing make it difficult to be the Church, especially in ways that we are used to being the Church. But our calling hasn't changed: To share the Gospel in ways that will invite people to follow Jesus as their Savior as Jesus leads us all into the heart of God.

Thank you for adapting, for worshiping online, for continuing to be amazingly generous to the financial budget of our church that keeps us going in our ministry and mission, for the prayers you send my way and the way of the Church, for still being a part of what God is doing in the Resurrected Christ.

Thank you for making it possible to still be the Church.... With the same message... just in new ways! It's humbling to make this journey together, isn't it?!

Peace in our Journeys,
Pastor Steve Melde

Sunday Worship

We'll continue to worship every Sunday at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

We will do so only online throughout June.

Special Highlights:

June 7th: Communion Be sure to have your elements of bread/ juice ready. Fred Hubbard will share his faith from the Table.

June 21st: Father's Day

Attention All Men of the Church: We'll debut a Men's Wisdom Video see page 4 for details.

Faith-Filled-Fridays

Join Pastor Steve online each Friday at Noon for his "Faith-Filled-Friday" messages. He broadcasts live at noon to our three sites:

www.cpctucsonaz.org

Facebook: Christ Presbyterian Tucson

YouTube: CPCTucsonAZ

Wednesday Message

Are you receiving Pastor Steve's Wednesday Message that he sends out? If not, send him an email and request to be on the list pastorstevemelde@gmail.com



Come On, Men of Faith!

All the guys of the church are asked to text (or email) Pastor Steve a video of your best faith advice. (Remember how the Women did this for us on Mother's Day)

Please make them only about 15 seconds in length so that we can get a whole bunch of men sharing their faith that day. If possible, do the video in "landscape" mode (sideways) so that it fills our screen.

Please have those videos to him no later than Thursday, June 18th, so that he can piece them together. Come on, Men of Faith, it's time to share yours in our Men's Wisdom videos. Tell us your best faith advice. (If you don't have Pastor Steve's cell number, just call the church office and we can get it to you so that you can text him the video).

Update on Summer Bible Camp

CPC Virtual Vacation Bible Camp*
Week of June 8 K-5th Grade

For information and to register, contact Ms. Robin at robbert77@juno.com

Campers will receive a box of items for each day of the week that will help them to explore places Jesus travelled and that will allow them to discover the ways they can travel and share God's love—while staying in their home!

Volunteers with special skills and talents are needed. If you are musical, paint, draw, sculpt or have any other Bible Camp talent, please contact Ms. Robin

**Not to be confused with Montlure Virtual Summer Camp. For information and to register visit montlure.org/virtual-camp.*

Stewardship and Finance Page

Thank you to all of you for your incredibly generous support of our mission and ministry at CPC. Despite not being able to worship together on our beautiful church campus, we have been able to worship together online. Our worship leaders have been doing a great job keeping us connected and growing in our faith, even over the internet. We are blessed to have not only the technology and capability, but also the staff who continue to innovate and proclaim the Word in inspiring and creative ways.

Because of your ongoing giving to the church, we have been able to continue to employ all of our Personnel staff. They are deeply grateful and are working hard to earn our support.

Because of your ongoing giving to the church, we have been able to make our commitments to our Presbytery Mission Partners, and to our CPC Mission Partners: Interfaith Community Services, Presbyterian Campus Ministry, Presbyterian Middle Eastern Fellowship, Casa Maria, Zambian Children's Fund, Care Portal, and Support our Military Veterans with special activities for the Tucson VA Home.

Because of your EXTRA giving to the Needy Family Fund, we were able to help four families in crisis through Kellond Elementary and our Haven Totes Food support. And we have monies set aside for any further special requests as people find themselves in emergency financial need because of the shutdowns from the Coronavirus.

Because of your ongoing support and extra giving, our General Fund continues to be healthy and able to meet our commitments and goals for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ this year.

Thank you! We are blessed to be a church family, together.

Your Stewardship and Finance Team.

The Return to the CPC Campus

Since March we have had to keep our campus “closed” even while worship, ministry, and mission were still happening. It is our hope to be able to return our campus, meeting and worshipping together, when it is safe.

Our Safety Team has set a goal: July

We will continue to ask people to not utilize the church campus even in the month of June as we prepare to open the campus again in July. Please know that these decisions are based on the guidelines of our nation’s CDC, as well as guidance and directives from that state’s governor, Pima county advisors, and Tucson’s Mayor. We have a goal date in mind, but may have to change that. We may open the worship spaces, but then have to worship online only again. That’s going to be the ongoing trend of trying to not overwhelm our health care system as we all strive to be back out fully in the community.

Worship: We are hoping to open our worship spaces for those who wish to come together on Sunday, July 12. We will continue to follow CDC guidelines of safe distancing space, hand sanitizing, and may require masks (though that will be determined in the week prior). We will offer only worship and not offer food for fellowship.

We will also continue our on line broadcasting of worship.

Music in Worship: The prevailing recommendations are that we not sing congregational hymns and not have vocal choirs in worship for a while yet. We will get really creative with music which is such a vital part of our worship experience, but please come prepared NOT to sing as a group for a while. The risk of viral spread increases multifold in groups who are singing and in an enclosed room for an extended period of time. Our choirs will not be meeting until a later date.

Smaller Group Gatherings: In July we will begin to allow smaller groups to gather again, probably groups of about 10 in a room who can continue to follow the CDC guidelines of safe distance. This will include our Bible studies, prayer groups, our Crafty Ladies group, and our Committees/Teams. It might include some of our community folks who use our facility also.

Please know that despite being declared “essential” our Safety Team still feels it’s very important for the people of CPC to proceed with caution as we come back together in groups, both small and large, to provide as much safety for all as possible. So, recommendations may have to change as information and statistics change. Thank you for your patience, perseverance, and help in this whole strange process. We look forward to being together again.



Congregational Care Corner Compassion Connections Ministry

Greetings!

Here we are in the month of June! I hope you can feel the power of the love and prayers pouring out for all of you. Our congregation is awesome and so very faithful. This time of lockdown has been trying at the very least. But it has also provided us some time for reflection and eyes to see the good in others.

It was a joy to watch the Mother's Day video that Pastor Melde produced for our worship time on May 10th. The deep faith of the women of CPC is incredibly inspiring and so deep. The advice that each shared was from the heart and very moving.

Another example of goodness happened just the other day. I made an online grocery order for delivery. And as we have experienced during the pandemic, there are some items that are hard to come by. When the delivery arrived, a very nice young man unloaded my order from his vehicle, and I took advantage of the opportunity of having another human being to talk to. I was explaining that I order online because my elderly mother lives with me and I'm not able to leave her home alone so I am unable to go shopping. We were talking about how there weren't paper towels in stock that day and I mentioned I am running low. We went on and chatted for a few minutes and he thanked me for the order and politely returned to his vehicle and left. The next morning my phone rang and the caller identified himself as my "shopper" from yesterday. He told me he had been shopping at another location and found the paper towels that I had asked for and if I still wanted them, he would bring them right over..... now this was a stranger who actually listened and cared about our wellbeing. He not only remembered that I needed paper towels, he was willing to drive them over to my home! No extra charge, no tip needed, just wanted to do a kind deed. How refreshing!

Congregational Care Corner cont.

So during this very hard time, God has blessed me and enabled me to pause to see, hear, and feel how God is still working in our lives. He is very present, we just need to take the time to be still for awhile. I pray you are experiencing God's presence and love in your life as well.

Please continue to pray for all of our VIPP as well as their families and those who are keeping our folks connected to CPC. We will get back to our regular visitation as soon as we possibly can. You can reach any of us by phone if you would like to visit on the phone. Stay safe and be well!

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.

Be kind, be patient, and know God is always with you!
Blessings,

Debby Anderson

Prayer Shawl Update for June.

We were able to honor our two high school grads with new prayer shawls in May!



Prayer Shawl Ministry will not meet in June. When they resume their regular schedule, you are invited! They 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.

Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.

American Red Cross



**Christ Presbyterian Church
Emergency Blood Drive**

Friday, June 19, 2020

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 22, 2020

8:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

6565 E. Broadway Blvd.

Tucson, AZ 85710

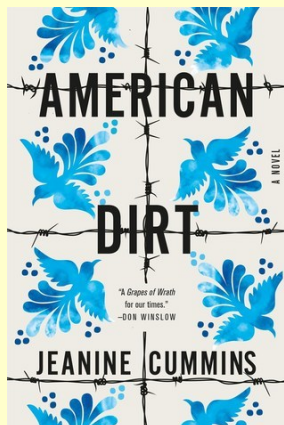
For more information or to make an appointment,
please call the American Red Cross, 1-800-733-2767
or visit redcrossblood.org and use Sponsor Code: CPC

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BOOK CLUB



We have selected **American Dirt** by Jeanine Cummins for our next Book Club meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 1:00 p.m. via Skype. Contact Ann Larrabee for info about joining the meeting.

Lydia Quixano Pérez lives in the Mexican city of Acapulco. She runs a bookstore. She has a son, Luca, the love of her life, and a wonderful husband who is a journalist. And while there are cracks beginning to show in Acapulco because of the drug cartels, her life is, by and large, fairly comfortable.

Even though she knows they'll never sell, Lydia stocks some of her all-time favorite books in her store. And then one day a man enters the shop to browse and comes up to the register with a few books he would like to buy—two of them her favorites. Javier is erudite. He is charming. And, unbeknownst to Lydia, he is the *jefe* of the newest drug cartel that has gruesomely taken over the city. When Lydia's husband's tell-all profile of Javier is published, none of their lives will ever be the same.

Forced to flee, Lydia and eight-year-old Luca soon find themselves miles and worlds away from their comfortable middle-class existence. Instantly transformed into migrants, Lydia and Luca ride *la bestia*—trains that make their way north toward the United States, which is the only place Javier's reach doesn't extend. As they join the countless people trying to reach *el norte*, Lydia soon sees that everyone is running from something. But what exactly are they running to?

American Dirt will leave readers utterly changed. It is a literary achievement filled with poignancy, drama, and humanity on every page. It is one of the most important books for our times.

Already being hailed as "a *Grapes of Wrath* for our times" and "a new American classic," Jeanine Cummins's *American Dirt* is a rare exploration into the inner hearts of people willing to sacrifice everything for a glimmer of hope.

Craft Group Face Masks and More

The Craft Group, for those who do not know, is the fundraising branch of the Presbyterian Women of Christ Presbyterian Church. Everything we offer for sale throughout the year benefits the various missions and ministries of PW of CPC. The Tucson Community Food Bank is one of the organizations which receive a yearly donation from us.

Up till now when someone has been given one of these Craft Group handmade facemasks, we have requested that they make a personal donation in lieu of payment to the TCFB. There are many people in and outside of our congregation who are asking to purchase masks for themselves or others. Because the masks are important for everyone to wear in public, our crafters want to make sure that they are available to all who need them. Sizes will be available S (suitable for children and many ladies) M (most common – regular size) and L (mainly for men). If the CDC recommendation to use masks lasts longer, there may even be various holiday-themed fabrics to choose from.

The price will be a donation of a \$5 minimum. The sale profits (after reimbursing for supplies) will benefit the Tucson Community Food Bank. As you can see, PW of CPC feels feeding hungry families during this time, when so many are struggling, is a very worthy mission project.

Masks are washable and it is suggested that before wearing your mask for the first time that it is laundered. The newer masks have a nose wire for additional comfort. Masks will be ready for sale by June 1. Until we are back in church, **contact Pam Cullop to arrange for a mask. Phone 520-271-6678 or pjcullop@gmail.com**

Disclaimer: These cloth masks are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. The CDC recommends the use of cloth masks in public when social distancing is difficult to maintain. They say it helps to slow the spread of the virus and helps people who may be asymptomatic carriers of the virus from transmitting it to others.

Finally: Like every committee and group at CPC we still do not know when we will resume our regular Craft Group meetings. But when we do, remember we meet each Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. All are welcome and invited!



May Flea Market News

Flea Market Donations and 2nd Hand Weekends

The Flea Market 2nd Hand Weekends and donation collections and are still on hold due to the virus. We will not resume either activity until CPC opens the facility for church groups and committees to begin safely meeting once again. Thank you for understanding (and hanging onto those items until then).

Stay Safe, Be Well

Thanks very much

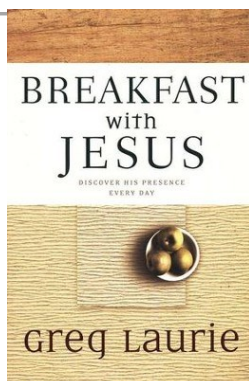
The Flea Market Team

Pam Cullop, Donna Kuehn, Pam Raines, Doug Thompson, Vera Bare

Saturday Morning Men's Fellowship

Note: Saturday Morning Men's Fellowship will not meet until further notice.

When it is safe to meet again we will finish our previous book or we'll start our new book "Breakfast with Jesus" by Greg Laurie. I'm sure you can get this book from Amazon or other sources if you prefer. There doesn't appear to be any discount for quantity. Let me know if anyone has difficulty getting a copy of this book. We still have several weeks till we start, so there is plenty of time to purchase it.



The Saturday Morning Men's Fellowship regularly scheduled time is every Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Join in the joy of fellowship and sharing experiences and beliefs!

Fellowship and Fun

Men's Breakfast

Note: The group will not meet again until further notice.

Men of all ages are usually, in normal circumstances, invited to join us each Third Wednesday Biscuits (7026 E. Broadway Blvd.). We're studying men in the Bible to learn how to be better men of faith.



Saturday Morning Men's Fellowship

Note: Will not meet until further notice

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

Come to

Mexican Train Dominoes!
Stay tuned for next meeting date

1st & 3rd

Tuesday
of the month, 1 p.m.
Room A/B

The graphic shows a cross shape formed by dominoes. A vertical column of four dominoes is in the center. A horizontal row of three dominoes is attached to the middle domino of the vertical column. There are also two diagonal dominoes attached to the middle domino of the vertical column, one pointing up-right and one pointing down-right. The dominoes are black and white with black dots.

Our June Birthdays!

1 Lesley Abrams
1 Skip Custis
3 Katie Lewallen
4 Cheryll Dunafon
4 Janis Parks
5 Gary Samoy
7 Patrick Glover
8 Vera Bare
8 Dascha Letson
9 Dorothy Courville
10 Barbara Gruber
10 Roger Wynkoop
12 Abbey Beck
12 Ashley Koch
14 Taelyn Nordbrock
14 Marilyn Powers
15 Debbie Doubrava
16 Laura Cech
17 Eleanor Livingston
18 Jay Goodspeed
18 Royce Melde
21 Tara Luther
21 Shirley Johnson
22 Ronan Lainson

24 Debbie Luther
24 Tom McConnell
24 Judy Riebe
26 Bob Howell
27 Paige Draper
28 Patricia Courtier





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