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January 2021 NEWSLETTER

#### A Word From Our Pastor...



So many of us are happy that 2020 is complete and we are on to a new year. With the hope of vaccines that will give us a safer movement out into the world around us, we pray that 2021 is much better.

And yet, we also know that 2021 will filled with its challenges, too. Like every year there are joys and sorrows, failures and successes, health and illness to experience.

I think 2020 exposed a lot for us... our ability to do many things great together, even while apart; our struggle with limiting ourselves for the sake of others and ourselves; our need to be patient (and not being good at being patient); our faith remains our foundation.

2020 was a learning year. And I guess, I pray 2021 is too. Actually, I pray that we learn in every situation, every year, every joy, every challenge. I pray we use every experience to teach us more about our lives and how to live them more faithfully. I pray that we realize more and more how close God is with us and how close we can be with God.

So, whatever 2021 brings us, may it be a year of experiences that deepen our faith in God through Jesus our Christ!

Hallelujah. AMEN.

## **Sunday Worship**

We offer worship on-line and in-person (though we are encouraging folks to worship on-line through the month of January to get us through the post holiday spike in COVID-19 spread).

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Sunday, January 3, 2021 10 a.m. ONE service

Be prepared for communion and an opportunity to see the Magi. Laura Manning and Doug Thompson will be leading worship.

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8:30 a.m. Worship led by the music of our Band 10:45 a.m. Worship led by the music of our Director of Music and accompanist, Virtual choirs

Sunday, January 10: The Baptism of Jesus

Sunday, January 17: The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and

Honoring Dr. King

Sunday, January 24: Jonah 3:1-5 The Power of the Word

Sunday, January 31: Remembering Christmas

#### **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.



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!

### 2-4 Youth Ministry

2-4 Youth Fellowship will wait until February to start its new semester of youth ministry. This will allow us to get beyond the holiday surge of COVID-19 and keep our youth safe.

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, however the next meeting is Friday, January 8, 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 #4 is "Lamenting Death"

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.

#### Flea Market Second Weekend News



Yes, unless we face a shutdown...we are still planning to meet for our Secondhand Weekend (donation processing) on January 9 & 10 – from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. In fact, we have SO much to process that we have added a 2<sup>nd</sup>

Secondhand Weekend to the month and will also meet on January 16 & 17 – same hours.

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

## Announcing the Postponement of the March Flea Market 2021

A decision has been made by the Flea Market Team, in conjunction with feedback from Pastor Melde, to delay the big sale until the first week of October 2021. The sale days will be Oct 7, 8 & 9, as it stands now. So, if you are lucky enough to be able to leave Tucson for cooler climbs when the temps begin to rise, we hope you will consider an earlier return to the Old Pueblo if this change of event date comes to pass.

We are working on a possible early May parking lot sale (much smaller in size) to see if we can clear out some room in the pods of furniture and outdoor items. We will keep you posted on that idea as it progresses.

Thank you for your support!

The Flea Market Team

# Haven Totes - Kellond & Hudlow Schools

We had a team of II masked "Ribbon Wrappers" prepare the gifts for the Haven Tote kids from our two schools and many others. Thanks for all the help!

Thanks to your generous donations to our CPC Haven Totes fund we were able to provide:

470 children's books to 242 children in over 40 schools on the eastside of Tucson for a cost of \$1,370.



Other partner churches and Haven Tote, INC provided shoes, sweatshirts, and school supplies for each child. Families were also given fixings for Christmas dinner and a gift card to purchase meat of their choice.

We have provided emergency family food boxes and a few individual totes to both schools over the last month. The need is rising so more families are coming to the Haven Tote Food Pantry.

Yes your support is still needed as we will continue to provide support to the pantry and family food boxes/individual totes as needed. This is the only way we can reach those in need with school buildings still closed. Monetary donations can be sent to the church office marked for Haven Totes.



Tax Credit donations are also needed to Haven Totes, Inc. The corporation is a 501 (3)(c) organization. These funds will go to the corporation and not CPC's Haven Tote

Fund. Tax Credit donations can be made up to April 15.

Book Club The Book Club will meet on Tuesday January 12, 1:00 p.m. on Skype to talk about the current book selection, *Radium Girls* by Kate Moore.

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The Curries newly discovered element of radium make headlines across the nation as the wonder drug of the medical community. From body lotion to tonic water, the popular new element shines bright in the otherwise dark years of the First World War. Meanwhile, hundreds of girls toil amidst the glowing dust of the radium-dial factories. The glittering chemical covers their bodies from head to toe; they light up the

night like industrious fireflies. With such a coveted job, these "shining girls" are the luckiest alive — until they begin to fall mysteriously ill.

But the factories that once offered golden opportunities are now ignoring all claims of the gruesome side effects, and the women's cries of corruption. And as the fatal poison of the radium takes hold, the brave shining girls find themselves embroiled in one of the biggest scandals of America's early 20th century, and in a groundbreaking battle for workers' rights that will echo for centuries to come.

Written with a sparkling voice and breakneck pace, *The Radium Girls* fully illuminates the inspiring young women exposed to the "wonder" substance of radium, and their awe-inspiring strength in the face of almost impossible circumstances. Their courage and tenacity led to life-changing regulations, research into nuclear bombing, and ultimately saved hundreds of thousands of lives...

New York Times, USA Today, Wall Street Journal, and Amazon Charts Bestseller!

"The glowing ghosts of the radium girls haunt us still."—NPR Books

For fans of **Hidden Figures** comes the incredible true story of the women heroes who were exposed to radium in factories across the U.S. in the early 20th century, and their brave and groundbreaking battle to strengthen workers' rights, even as the fatal poison claimed their own lives.

## **Congregational Care**



# Connections Ministry



#### Revival of the Heart

The High and Exalted One who lives forever, whose name is holy, says this: "I live in a high and holy place, and with the oppressed and lowly of spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and revive the heart of the oppressed." Isaiah 57:15

Father - your presence is all around us – from the heights of the heavens to the bottom of the seas. You celebrate our victories, you comfort us in our losses. Revive us in the year ahead, Lord. Renew our strength for whatever is to come. Heal our wounds from last year's battles, and instill in us a new passion for another year of serving you in the fullness of your joy. In Jesus' name we pray.

Happy New Year! Give thanks to God that we made it through 2020! Some of us more beaten down than others, but we all felt the impact of Covid-19 in some way or another. May God heal our battle wounds and fill us with His love to share with one another. Well done faithful servants! We survived!

Now, with God's help may the vaccine be the beginning of life renewed and stronger than ever!

At the time of this writing we are still in the midst of the pandemic, so still no plans for re-entry into "in person" visitation, but hopefully soon. As soon as it's safe. Our Compassion Connections Team joins me in finding ways to stay in touch with you. And we spend time in prayer asking God to be with you, surround you with his love, and fill your hearts with peace and hope.

#### Congregational Care cont.

If you would like to contact me, please leave a message with the church office, 886-5535 and I will return your call, or call my cell phone, or send me an email, cpc.congcare@gmail.com. Reminder: If you have an emergency or crisis situation, please contact Pastor Melde at the church office or on his cell.

May the Lord be with us all and may we receive with gratitude and passion, his grace and peace as he revives our spirit and heart.

Amen..

Blessings, Debby Anderson

I would love to hear from you, even just to chat. Call me anytime! If you do not have my cell phone number, just call the church office and Stella will give it to you. Keep us posted on how you are doing and any prayer requests you may have.

## **Grief Support Group**

Join Pastor Steve and others in our church for a monthly grief support gathering on the first Tuesday of each month, 7-8:30 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.

## Fellowship and Fun

#### Men's Breakfast

Men of all ages are invited to join us each <u>Third</u> <u>Wednesday</u> in CPC's Fellowship Hall when Pastor Steve will provide breakfast.

We will be studying the Bible to learn how to be better men of faith.

The Men's Breakfast will not meet in January so that we can get safely passed the rise in spread of COVID-19 following the holidays.

Casa Maria Sandwich Making Tuesday, January 26, 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 January Birthdays!**

- I Sally Yauch
- 4 Heather Nordbrock
- 7 Paul Martin
- **5 Neil Nordbrock**
- 7 Judith Rasoumoff
- 8 Barbara Dawson
- 8 Maureen Harding
- 9 Lana Rich
- 10 Patty Murphy
- **II Daphne Stretch**
- 14 Theo Melde
- 16 Oliver Melde
- 16 Cindy Ridings
- 16 Arlene Thompson
- 17 Norma Jean Gwinn
- 18 Tom Elitharp
- 19 Robi Holmaas
- 21 Lee Hall
- 22 Wayne Cullop
- 22 John O'Rourke
- 22 Kay Victor
- 24 Mark Teece
- 24 Eb Wilkinson
- 25 Dean Friskey
- 26 Sue Morse
- 26 Laura Thompson
- 28 Helen Samoy
- 29 Chris Dye
- 29 Caydence LaPlante
- **30 Betsy Conroy**

- 30 Leah McAdams
- 31 Judith Peter
- 31 Bob Cleery







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#### **Deadlines**

#### **Church Office Hours**

Monday—Friday

9 a.m.—3 p.m.

(Closed for lunch 12 — I p.m.)

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