



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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January 2020



A Word From Our Pastor...

Happy New Year! May this New Year bring you clear vision. 2020!

The hymn, Be Thou My Vision, states:



***“Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.”***

Whatever your plans or resolutions may be as we turn the calendar into a new year, know that I will be praying for you to have 2020 vision... God-vision, waking or sleeping, may you know the presence of the Light of God leading you deeper into faith.

I invite you to make a deeper commitment to attending worship, joining a faith study, praying more often, and keeping yourself headed into directions that honor and glorify God.

Happy New Year!

Peace in our journeys,

Pastor Steve Melde

Sunday Worship

Make it your resolution to be a part of weekly worship, either in person on our church campus or online:

Website: **cpctucsonaz.org**

(scroll to the bottom of the home page and you'll find worship)

Social Media: **Facebook.com/ChristPresbyterianTucson**
(you can interact live on Sundays)

Children are always welcome in worship. We have blue activity bags hanging on walls in each worship space. For parents who choose, we do have a professionally staffed nursery in Room 3 of the grass quad area.

The first Sunday of the month is always communion Sunday. At #cpctucsonaz all are welcome to participate. We use bread that is gluten/dairy/nut/soy free; and we use grape juice rather than wine. It is our hope that all may fully participate in communion.

Sunday Schedule

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Worship in the Fellowship Hall

This service is led in music by our band with a soft-rock feel. Tables and chairs give worshipers a chance to be in a relaxed atmosphere where coffee and snacks are welcome to be brought to the tables.

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Sunday Funday School for all ages

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

This service is led in music by our organ/piano accompanists and by our choirs (vocal and handbell). Using hymns from the traditions of the church, mixed with some new ones, we praise God in the round. Come and see!

Sunday, January 19 at both services.

The Reverend Dr. Brad Munroe, our Presbytery de Cristo Pastor, will help to lead worship and help us celebrate our connectional Presbyterian Church. In 2020, we have pledged \$47 per member to help support the structure of our denomination which guides us in ministry and mission throughout our country and into the world. We encourage each member to share an extra \$47 that day to honor the denomination of which we are a part.



New Member Class

Our next new member orientation will be Sunday, February 9th, Noon – 3 p.m.

We will have lunch together and be led by members of the church who will share with us the history of CPC, how we work together to accomplish the ministry and mission we do, and guide you into a deeper relationship with our congregation as an active member.

We will celebrate your new membership on Sunday, February 16 during worship.

If you would like to know more about CPC and what it would mean to become a member, please give us a call in the church office (520-886-5535) and we will get you on the list to attend the orientation. If you are unable to attend that day, let the office know and we will have one of our leadership team get in touch with you to schedule time to meet.

Sunday FunDay

Resumes Sunday, January 12, 2020

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

Adult Bible Study *The Old Testament Book of Joshua*

Meets in A/B of the North Wing

Adult Faith Study-Christian Living Class

This class starts January 5!

We are studying: Uppity Women: Song of Songs

Meets in Room E/F of the North Wing

Youth Ministry News

2-4 Youth Fellowship meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays
6-7:30 p.m.

January 12: Parent-Youth Gathering

The whole family is invited to come and join in the beginning celebration of a new semester, hear about our plans, and parents can get signed up to help.

January 26: Celebration Night

Welcome our new Director of Music

Luke Diamond is very excited to work at Christ Presbyterian Church. Before moving to Tucson, AZ, Luke completed a Bachelor of Music in Vocal performance with a focus on choral conducting and composition from West Virginia University. He also worked at Trinity Christian School in West Virginia, where he taught choir, band, and drama for preschool through 12th grades. Currently, Luke is studying at the University of Arizona where he is pursuing a Master's degree in Choral



Conducting, and is also the new music director at the Tucson Barbershop Experience. During his weekends, he enjoys serving as the accompanist for the Murder, Magic and Mystery Dinner Theatre. In 2020, Luke will be serving as the new director of the University of Arizona's Bass Glee and assistant director for the Coro ensemble. When not conducting, he spends time composing. His works include the Opera Ma Grâce te Suffit, and the musicals What Have You Got to Lose, The Trouble with Gold and This Ol' Book.

Luke will begin the new year with us on Wednesday, January 8th, at 6:30 p.m. with a combined meeting of the Handbell and Vocal Choirs. He'd like to spend some time getting to know folks, hear about their hopes for the music program, and share some of his ideas. This is a great time for new folks to join in our 10:45 a.m. service music leadership.

Regular Rehearsals resume on Wednesday, January 15:

6 -7 p.m. Handbell choir in the Sanctuary

7-8:30 p.m. Vocal Choir in the Music Room by the church office

Stewardship and Finance

Vision 2020 is our theme for our annual stewardship campaign to fund our General budget this year. Many of you were able to make a pledge, and we thank you for that. It truly is helping our leadership teams to make specific plans. If you haven't as yet, and are able, we encourage you to make an Estimate of Giving pledge. Cards are available through the church office. Many were able to increase their pledges, so we encourage you to do so as we begin this new year.

We'll be celebrating our Presbyterian denomination on Sunday, January 19, as Brad Munroe, our Presbytery de Cristo Pastor, joins us in worship. We've pledged \$47 per member for this new year to support the connectional system that helps us reach out in mission throughout the world. We encourage you to dedicate an extra \$47 on your behalf in gratitude for the denomination that we are a part of, the PC(USA).

For those who are not able to make a pledge, we encourage you to give as your able throughout the year. All of our support together gives us such a great opportunity to share the Good News of Christ's birth, and Resurrection, in so many ways.

Thank you for your ongoing, generous support of the mission and ministry of our congregation. Together, we are a village with Vision for 2020.

Gratefully and faithfully,

Your Stewardship and Finance Team

Congregational Care Corner

Compassion Connections Ministry



Debby Anderson

We have 30 VIPP on our rolls 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 December we made 20 phone calls, 20 visits, sent 30 note cards, sent 30 Christmas cards, sent 30 birthday cards to the congregation, and shared communion with 9 of our VIPP. We delivered 36 cookie platters to VIPP and some of the folks who have been on our prayer list. It is with deep gratitude that we thank all who contributed by providing cookies, preparing platters, addressing cards, and delivering the plates. The Compassion Connections Team had a very nice time together on Sunday as we shared stories at lunch and then worked together to prepare the cookie platters.

The Compassion Connections ministry is one of the most rewarding ministries in which to participate. You see the results, feel the appreciation, and build loving relationships. 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 truly a vital and meaningful ministry.

On a personal note: It has been a year now that I have served as your Coordinator of Congregational Care. It has been an honor to serve alongside such loving, faithful people. Thank you for allowing me to visit you and share communion and prayer with you.

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.

If you have an emergency or crisis situation, please contact Pastor Melde at the church office or on his cell.

Happy New Year Blessings,

Debby Anderson

Saturday Morning Men's Fellowship

If you are a Christian man who wants to get together for fellowship, stimulating conversation, and discuss books, the Saturday Morning Men's Fellowship invites you to join them every Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m. in the Patio Room starting January 11th. The book we will be reading and discussing is Rick Warren's New York Times bestseller, ***The Purpose Driven Life: What on Earth Am I Here For?***

In this book you will find the answers to three of life's most important questions:

- Why am I alive?
- Does my life matter?
- What on earth am I here for?

We will augment the book with a companion DVD and anticipate completing the book in twelve (12) weeks. We welcome any new participants to join our group



Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet in E/F on **Tuesday, January 7, 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! Merci beaucoup! Gracias!
Dunke dir! Grazie!

Things Haven Totes kids and families are grateful for:

- Weekly totes
- Monthly food pantry
- School supplies, shoes
- Thanksgiving & Christmas meals
- Christmas treats



A note for one family:

"I just wanted to say thank you so much for everything you and everyone involved with Haven Totes do for not only my family, but all the families that need just a little extra help. There have been a few times that I don't know what I would have done without your help. So, from the bottom of our hearts the Green family thanks you and wish you a very happy holiday season."

And a BIG thanks to the special angels that continue to bring in applesauce and juice!

Haven Totes, Inc. would welcome your tax credit donations. These funds help all the Haven Tote children and families. If you haven't used your tax credit donation for charitable organizations, please consider Haven Totes for part of your disbursement. You can make a donation online at haventotes.org

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



Craft Group 2019 Recap

We are pleased to announce that the annual Christmas Crafts & Bake Sale was a roaring success! Between the women who attended the annual Women's Christmas Brunch on Saturday and the members of our congregation who shopped with us on Sunday, over \$4300 in cash and credit card sales was collected!

Thank You, too, to Lianne Puzzo and all the bakers who contributed delightfully delicious, cookies and candy to the Cookie Sale portion of this 2-day event. Sales from this area alone, amounted to just at \$1400!

The Craft Group is thrilled because it means that we can increase our giving to many of the ministries that the PVW supports in 2019. In some cases, by a lot!

I feel blessed to be a part of this talented group of crafters and sewers who make unbelievably beautiful and useful items for us to sell. For those of us who are not as talented but also enjoy "creating," we revel in being a "Crafty Lady!"

As we wrap up 2019 and prepare for the year ahead, we thank you for your continued support to CPC Presbyterian Women's Ministry. Stop by any Wednesday morning from 9-12. We'd love to have you join us!

The following is a list of the local or Presbyterian agencies we currently support (but are not limited to) through this ministry:

Menaul School

ICS (Interfaith Community Services)

Presbytery de Cristo

Community Food Bank

Kellond School

Ronald MacDonald House

Primavera Foundation

Haven Totes, Inc

TMM (Tucson Metropolitan Ministries) Family Services

Sister Jose

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

CPC Youth Missions (Triennium, etc)

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 February 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the Patio Room. (There will be no meeting in January)**

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.

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 2020

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!

The next meeting will be Friday, January 3, 2020

1:00 p.m., in 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:

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Clean plastic caps of any size are accepted.

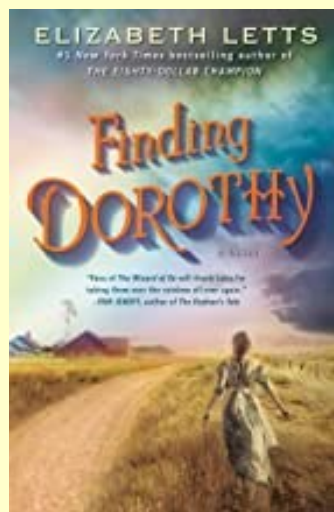
Menaul School, Albuquerque, NM: Educational labels with the with the current expiration date on the bottom are accepted.

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

Lions Club Glasses: Lenses, frames and any glasses are appreciated

Presbyterian Women in de Cristo will have a spring gathering on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at Immanuel Presbyterian Church at 9252 E. 22nd St. Call Julia Potter for further information.

Book Club



We have chosen to read *Finding Dorothy* by Elizabeth Letts for our January meeting. We will meet Tues, Jan 14 at 1 PM in the Patio Room.

As soon as she learns that M-G-M is adapting her late husband's masterpiece for the screen, seventy-seven-year-old Maud Gage Baum sets about trying to finagle her way onto the set. Nineteen years after Frank's passing, Maud is the only person who can help the producers stay true to the spirit of the book—because she's the only one left who knows its secrets. But the moment she hears Judy Garland rehearsing the first notes of "Over the Rainbow," Maud recognizes the yearning that defined her own life story, from her youth as a suffragette's daughter to her coming of age as one of the first women in the Ivy League, from her blossoming romance with Frank to the hardscrabble prairie years that inspired . Judy reminds Maud of a young girl she cared for and tried to help in South Dakota, a dreamer who never got her happy ending. Now, with the young actress under pressure from the studio as well as her ambitious stage mother, Maud resolves to protect her—the way she tried so hard to protect the real Dorothy. The author of two bestselling nonfiction books and Elizabeth Letts is a master at discovering and re-searching a rich historical story and transforming it into a page-turner. is the result of Letts's journey into the amazing lives of Frank and Maud Baum. Written as fiction but based closely on the truth, Elizabeth Letts's new book tells a story of love, loss, inspiration, and perseverance, set in America's heartland.



Flea Market Donation News

Second Hand Weekend returns....

January 11th 9 a.m.—2 p.m.

January 12th 9:30 a.m.—2 p.m.

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.

Flea Market 2020

March 12, 13, 14

Sunday Morning Christian Living Class
Begins January 5 9:30 a.m.—10:30 .m.
North Wing Classroom E/F

Explore the mysterious, beautiful, and alluring Song of Songs, at times referred to as Song of Solomon, in this six-session study led by Rev. Dr. Lisa M. Wolfe. As she navigates this intricate and sometimes puzzling book, Dr. Wolfe combines deep scholarship with a charming enthusiasm for the text. She poses some of the central questions surrounding Song of Songs. Who wrote it? What sort of people are the main characters? Is it based in history, mythology, or both? As you enter into the world of the lovers Rayati and Dodi, you will have plenty of opportunities to laugh and even blush, right along with Dr. Wolfe.

Uppity Women of the Bible: Song of Songs invites you into the adventure of re-reading and re-imagining this powerful and intriguing work of poetry and literature.

Come join this new video-based faith study led by Nancy Hummel.

Joshua

The Old Testament Prophet

The Adult Bible Study in Room A/B continues will continue its study of Joshua for the month of January.

We'll begin a new book in February.

Sundays 9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.
Resumes on January 12th.

Fellowship and Fun

Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, January 15th 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, January 26 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen.

Saturday Morning Men's Fellowship

Saturdays, 7:30 am—8:30 am. Enjoy fellowship and sharing experiences and beliefs! The Saturday Men's Fellowship will be reading Rick Warren's *The Purpose Driven Life*. We begin on January 11th. Join us.

Our January Birthdays!

1 Sally Yauch
4 Heather Nordbrock
7 Paul Martin
7 Judith Rasoumoff
8 Barbara Dawson
8 Maureen Harding
9 Lana Rich
10 Patty Murphy
11 Daphne Stretch
14 Theo Melde
16 Oliver Melde
16 Cindy Ridings
16 Arlene Thompson
18 Tom Elitharp
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 Christine Dye
29 Caydence LaPlante
30 Betsy Conroy
30 Leah McAdams
31 Bob McCleery
31 Judith Peters



We are sorry if we missed your birthday. Just give us a call in the office to let us know the exact date, and we can include you next year.



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Weekly Bulletins and Friday News

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

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