



CHRIST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**May 2021**

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## NEWSLETTER



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

Oh my church family....



On April 10 I fell from a ladder incurring a fracture to my upper right shoulder and fracturing (shattering) both of my heels. What a mess!

I'm am so grateful for the many ways you all have contacted me, especially your prayers, both for me and my full-time caregiver, Debbie, my wife! You all have bolstered me through some very difficult moments.

I am totally non-weight bearing to my feet for a minimum of six weeks. Because of my need to focus on healing my heels (and shoulder), I have taken short-term medical leave. I will be away from you until at least June 1<sup>st</sup>. I am working with our Personnel Team and Session Leadership Team to see how I do in the progress of healing to know if I will need to take more time than that.

In my absence our Personnel team has come alongside our paid staff in even closer ways and will continue to be sure they have the support they need. Steve Brownson, Laura Manning, and Debby Anderson have coordinated worship. Debby Anderson continues to coordinate pastoral care needs within the congregation.

I am so humbled to know that you all have volunteered in so many ways to continue our church family's ministry and mission in my absence.

I'll be back. I may not be walking for a while, but I'll be back and we'll follow Jesus Christ as he leads us into the fullness of God's grace... together.

Keep us in your prayers. I keep you in mine.

Bless you all.

Peace in our journeys,  
Pastor Steve Melde

# **Sunday Worship**

During Pastor Melde's recovery, many have stepped up to lead you through the prayers, scripture and music of the worship services.

We worship together every Sunday morning:

8:30 a.m. (MST)- Worship led by the music of our Band

10:45 a.m. (MST)- Worship led by our Director of Music, Luke Diamond, Accompanist Susan Simpson, and the Virtual Choir.

We always broadcast to three platforms:

[www.Facebook.com/ChristPresbyterianTucson](https://www.facebook.com/ChristPresbyterianTucson)

[www.cpctucsonaz.org](http://www.cpctucsonaz.org)

[www.YouTube.com/cpctucsonaz](https://www.youtube.com/cpctucsonaz)

## **In-Person worship is available for those who are able:**

We follow COVID precautions by hand sanitizing on the way in, wearing masks, and keeping a physical distance between households.

If you are in-person for worship you could help by being an usher. Go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B48A4AE2CA4FD0-ushers1>

If you are in-person on communion Sundays, you can help serve communion. Go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B48A4AE2CA4FD0-communion1>



## 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

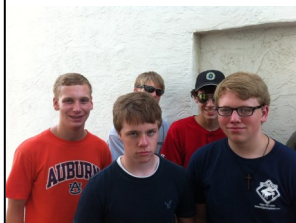
Email: [robbert77@juno.com](mailto:robbert77@juno.com)



CPC will partner with Montlure the week of June 28 through July 2 for Traveling Day Camp. The cost for one week of Day Camp varies, but is typically between \$75-\$100 per camper for the entire week of camp. To find out the specifics about what is included in your week of camp and the cost for one week and other information, please contact Robin Gilbert, Director of Children's Education at [robbert77@juno.com](mailto:robbert77@juno.com)

## 2-4 Youth Ministry

There will not be a meeting of 2-4 Youth Fellowship on May 8.



2-4 Youth will meet for their final gathering of the year on May 16.

(Not actual CPC youth)

## Casa Maria Sandwich Making

Tuesday, May 25, 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, children, and men.

CPC Casa Maria Sandwich Making Ministry meets every fourth Tuesday of the month to put together two 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 refrigerator) 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](mailto:ridingsc@comcast.net).



**Fry's  
Community  
Rewards  
Program**



In case you didn't know yet, our account number for the Community Rewards Program is **MI106**. If you are enrolled, please make sure you have the correct number! If you have not enrolled yet, you can go to Customer Service at any Fry's.



# PRESBYTERIAN 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 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 usually meets on the first Friday of the month, however, there will be no meeting in May, and depending on the progress of Pastor Steve's recovery, perhaps not in June either. We hope to return in the fall!

Please continue reading the last two lessons.

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.



# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

## Birthday Offering

Presbyterian Women's Sunday is on Mother's Day, May 9, 2021. A special offering will be taken on that Sunday to be split between The Thank Offering and The Birthday Offering. Some of the recipients are:

Garden Gate Ranch, Inc.  
Education Center Renovation  
Des Moines, Iowa

Memorial Drive Ministries, Inc.  
Gym Capital Improvements  
Stone Mountain, Georgia

Nkhoma Mission Hospital  
Women's Health Center  
OBGYN  
Nkhoma, Malawi



## 2021 Haven Totes Food Drive



# This Mother's Day **Honor Mom with a donation**



Help fill the Haven Totes Food Pantry for summer by donating food in your mother's name.

Donations can be dropped off at the church office or sanctuary on Sundays (look for the BIG BOX), or order on Amazon or your favorite food store\* and have them deliver it to the church.

*All donations will be blessed on Mother's Day, May 9.*

### Items needed:

- rice, bagged or boxed
- canned meats, canned tuna
- ravioli, spaghetti, meatballs
- canned Ranch Beans
- canned refried beans
- canned diced tomatoes
- instant potatoes-bagged or boxed
- canned spaghetti sauce

\*When having food delivered from a store, please keep the office hours in mind, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. weekdays; closed 12-1p.m. for lunch and closed Saturday and Sunday.

Haven Totes, Inc. is a 501 (3) (c) organization and all monetary donations made can be an AZ tax credit

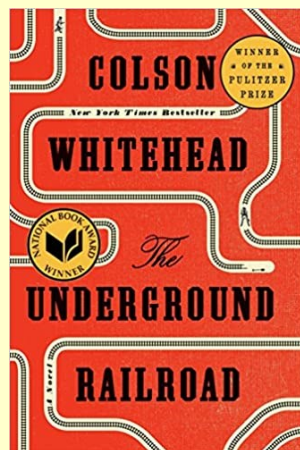


# BookClub

The Book Club will meet via Skype on Tuesday, May 11, 1:00 p.m. to discuss the current selection:

## **The Underground Railroad A Novel by Colson Whitehead**

**Winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award, this #1 New York Times bestseller chronicles a young slave's adventures as she makes a desperate bid for freedom in the antebellum South.**



Cora is a slave on a cotton plantation in Georgia. An outcast even among her fellow Africans, she is on the cusp of womanhood—where greater pain awaits. And so when Caesar, a slave who has recently arrived from Virginia, urges her to join him on the Underground Railroad, she seizes the opportunity and escapes with him.

In Colson Whitehead's ingenious conception, the Underground Railroad is no mere metaphor: engineers and conductors operate a secret network of actual tracks and tunnels beneath the Southern soil. Cora embarks on a harrowing flight from one state to the next, encountering, like Gulliver, strange yet familiar iterations of her own world at each stop.

As Whitehead brilliantly re-creates the terrors of the antebellum era, he weaves in the saga of our nation, from the brutal abduction of Africans to the unfulfilled promises of the present day. *The Underground Railroad* is both the gripping tale of one woman's will to escape the horrors of bondage—and a powerful meditation on the history we all share.



## **Congregational Care Corner**

### **Compassion Connections Ministry**

#### **TRUST IN THE LORD**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; in all your ways know Him, and He will make your paths straight. *Proverbs 3:5-6*

Greetings, Friends!

Your Compassion Connections Ministry Team has been meeting, praying for you, writing, calling, and sending mailings in order to keep you connected to God and Christ Presbyterian Church. We should be able to resume some type of modified visitation pretty soon. Folks are being vaccinated and practicing safety precautions. Even if it's outdoor visits (Pastor Melde calls them porch visits), it will be wonderful to see you. So hang on, there is great hope that we will be able to reunite soon!

We have added several names to our VIPP list and will be making calls and contacts to establish connections with many of you. This would be a good opportunity to remind all of you that if you know someone, or you yourself would like to be contacted by our group, PLEASE let me know. We would be happy to reach out to you. We have three new members of our team and are doing well with our contacts. Perhaps not everyone knows all of our team. They are: Kathy Hutchins (deacon), Janet Rowe (deacon elect), John Arbuckle, Steve Brownson, Tracie Couzens, Christine Dye, Juanita Garcia, Dianne & Jim Kercheval, Laura Manning, Dennis Noonan, Kenda Parkey, Lana & Rada Rich, Kathryn Snodgrass, Ben Thurston, and our three newest angels, Sally Brandon, Laurel Reilly, and Sherrie Sink. Laurel, who lives in Oregon, will be writing notes and cards for us. We thank each and every one of you for your ministry!

Most of you know that Pastor Steve Melde will be out of service for a little while as he recovers from his fall and surgery. Please know that I can be reached and happy to help should you need a prayer, a

call, or even a porch visit. I received my first Covid shot on April 16, and should have my second one at least scheduled by the time you receive this newsletter. Please don't hesitate to call.

Keep us posted on how you are doing and any prayer requests you may have. Call the church office and leave a message, 886-5535, and I will return your call. Call my cell phone, or send me an email, [cpc.congcare@gmail.com](mailto:cpc.congcare@gmail.com).

Blessings,  
Debby Anderson



## **CPC Office Visits**

Until we feel that there is no longer a threat of spreading the COVID virus, please continue to 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 and coordinate the flow of traffic in the small office. We will be asking you to wear a mask and hand sanitize as you come in. We are still trying to avoid crowds.

Thank you for understanding and helping to keep everyone safe.

# **Flea Market News**

## **Secondhand Weekend – CANCELLED This Month, due to Mother's Day!**

Secondhand Weekend – CANCELLED for the Month of May, due to Mother's Day!

Secondhand Weekend will resume on June 12 & 13.

Thank you for your support!

The Flea Market Team



## **Unacceptable Donations**

Due to circumstances that keep us from disposing of or passing along particular unsold items at the end of the 3-day sale, or the lack of storage for unsold items, we can no longer accept the following things:

- Mattresses of any size, condition, or quality.
- Mechanical beds and chairs (medical or lift type).
- Large appliances (stoves, refrigerators, dishwashers, built-in microwaves or ovens, washers, dryers, etc.)
- Plumbing/remodel fixtures (sinks, toilets, kitchen counters, flooring, tiles, similar items)
- Big box TVs

In general: We ask that you do not donate any item that is broken/damaged/dirty beyond a gentle cleaning (this includes clothing, furniture, any household items, electrical and mechanical machines, tools, etc.).

Thank you for understanding.



## **Presbyterian Women of** **CPC** **Crafts Group** **Happenings**



The Crafts Group – aka Crafty Ladies of CPC meet each Wednesday (exceptions will be noted in advance) from 9 a.m. until 12 noon, in Room A/B. We mask, sanitize, and move the tables if needed, to make sure we are at least 6 feet apart. We are not sharing food until we get the “all clear” to do so. The “staple craft” – stamped cards is an ongoing project. Other craft projects include Christmas sale items and other staples, such as microwave cozies and crocheted dishtowels, which are always available for sale. If you would like to join in the crafting fun, we would be thrilled to have you join us.

If you would like to contribute some of your own creations for our fundraising sales or would rather assist with the craft projects we have in progress from the safety of your home, we can make that happen.

Masks and other craft items continue to be available for purchase from the hallway between rooms A/B and E/F.





7 April 2021

Christ Presbyterian Church  
6565 E Broadway Blvd  
Tucson, AZ 85711

Dear Christ Presbyterian Church,

On behalf of our organization, I would like to sincerely thank you for the donation you made on 27 March 2021 to Women Warriors. Your material contribution of an event space is greatly appreciated and will be used to fund our efforts to provide support and resources for our nation's female veterans.

Women Warriors is an organization dedicated to female veterans who suffer from military service-connected issues, such as Military Sexual Trauma, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, substance use disorder, eviction, joblessness, homelessness or just having trouble adjusting to civilian life. Each donation made to Women Warriors helps us succeed in our mission to enhance the lives of and care and support all female veterans. We provide resources they need to regain their self-esteem, trust, honor, and dignity so they can achieve their greatest potential.

Thank you again for making our mission a success.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen L. Kuciver".

Karen L. Kuciver  
Founder/Executive Director  
Women Warriors

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Theriot".

Judy Theriot  
Director of Events  
Women Warriors

*Women Warriors is an exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Tax ID: 82-3848054*

# Our May Birthdays!



1 Christi Friskey  
1 June Scouten  
3 Judy Hamlet  
3 Alice Kichlu  
4 Tracie Couzens  
6 Chloe Gardiner  
9 Joyce Childress  
9 Paul Hawkins  
9 Penny Michael  
11 Chuck Hummel  
11 Ann Larrabee  
12 Claudia Howell  
12 Bob Jones  
14 Skip Werner  
16 Elaine Murphy  
16 Kenda Parkey  
17 John McDonnell  
17 Phil Puzzo  
19 Justin Friskey  
19 Linda Carpenter  
20 Shelly Crosby  
21 Debby Anderson  
21 Craig Hagood  
22 Lisa Robinson  
24 Isaac Harroun



26 Margaret Glover  
28 Ben Thurston  
29 Amy Harroun  
30 Laura Bradley  
30 Jeff Hahn  
31 Gladstone Leotaud  
31 Kathi Rector



HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

If we've missed  
your birthday,  
please let us know.



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9 a.m.—3 p.m.

(Closed for lunch 12 —1 p.m.)

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## Deadlines

**KIVA** June 2021 Issue  
articles due by 12 p.m. on  
Friday May 14, 2021

**Weekly Bulletins and Friday  
News, requests for flyers or  
inserts**

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



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